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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!



FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

Hello, all members and friends. The time is getting really close to our last event of the year, the **Julebord**. Don't forget to make your reservation as soon as possible. (See page 3)

Even though it was raining all day, we had a very nice turnout at our **Vikingfest**; thank you to everyone that volunteered to help. It takes many hours of planning, shopping and cooking before we can open the doors for an event like this. I want to point out two brand new members who spent the whole day in the kitchen, in addition to making cookies in advance, **Kathy and John Bennett**.

Thank you to **Ryan O'Brian** and his crew for reinventing the Viking on a stick, always a very popular item. Lefse makers were **Arlene Kozub, Terje Miller, Jeanette Anderson** and myself. Kitchen help,



Judy Hales tending the bake table. Viking Wyatt in background.

NOTE: NO LODGE MEETINGS OR EVENTS IN JANUARY AND PROBABLY NO JANUARY NAVIGATOR. —ED.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER (Continued from page 1)

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sandwich makers, **Carol Francis and DeAnn Smeltzer, and Matt Smeltzer** pitched in wherever he was needed. Cashiers were **Rick Stultz, David Sliper and Kristi Updegraff**. Servicing Roald Amundsen tables were **Pam Brewer, Judy Hales and May Melby**.

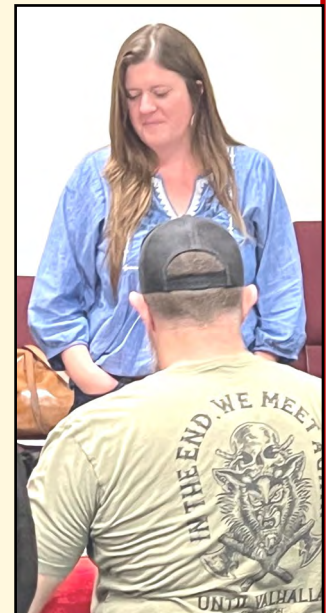
In addition to being our personal Viking, **Wyatt Mattes, Sean and Kristi Mattes** were setting up the tables the day before and cleaning up afterwards. **Steve Rosenthal, Eric Malme and Norm Hales** pitched in wherever needed. I especially want to point out my right hand, **Peggy Hyde**, without you this would not have happened. We shopped, we cooked, we made cookies we loaded and unloaded cars many times. You are so much appreciated.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Great New Year. God jul og godt nytt år.

Mange tusen takk, **Tove-Lise Miller, President Roald Amundsen Lodge.**



Festival Viking Encampment, not a homeless enclave.



Gulldalen Lodge table conducting sales.



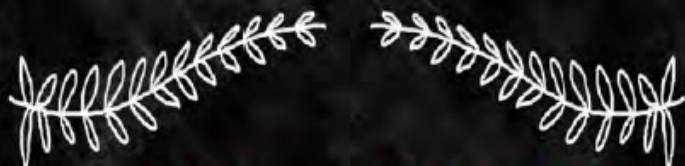
**JOIN FELLOW LODGE MEMBERS
AND GUESTS
FOR ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE'S
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JULEBORD!**

**Dec. 9th, 5:00 pm Start; Dinner at about 5:30 pm
Harding San Juan Masonic Lodge
5944 San Juan Avenue (north of Madison; just
south of Greenback) Citrus Heights, CA 95610**



IT'S THE SEASON

Menu



**Norwegian Delicacies:
Roast Pork, Medisterkaker,
Surkål, Seafood Aspic, Herring,
Smoked Salmon, Norwegian
Cookies for Dessert,
Coffee and Drinks.**

(Some wine will be served and for you may bring your own.)

*Prepaid reservations only.
Reservations are limited
and must be received by
December 4th.*

Adults \$30.00

Children 12 and under \$10.00

Children 5 and under, no charge

*Mail check and reservation
form from Navigator next page*

to:

*Stephen Rosenthal,
Lodge Treasurer
2051 Gunn Road*

Carmichael, CA 95608

*Questions? Call Tove-Lise
916/364-8704*

Questions on day of event: 916-508-5555 or 916-539-5614

Julebord 2023

Saturday December 9th, 5:00 PM Start

Make checks payable to "Sons of Norway"
 Mail to: Treas. Stephen Rosenthal, 2051 Gunn Road, Carmichael, CA 95608
 Questions: 916/364-8704
Reservations will be checked off at the event

Name(s) _____

Phone # & e-mail _____

# of adults _____ @ \$30.00 each	Total \$ _____
# of children 6 thru 12 _____ @ \$10.00 ea.	Total \$ _____
# of children 5 and under _____	\$ (No charge)
Grand Total	\$ _____

NO CASH, PLEASE.

Notes, comments:

LODGE PHOTOS ONLINE—HAPPENINGS EXTRA ON SONS OF NORWAY WEBSITE

The *Viking magazine* is not the only place you will see photos from our lodge as well as from other lodges. Go to the Sons of Norway website (SOFN.org) and use the search icon to find "Happenings Extra." Currently photos of three of our members are exhibited there.

MEMBER DEATHS—"IN LOVING MEMORY"

Member deaths are no longer published in the *Viking magazine*. However recent and past deaths (last two years or so) can be found on the Sons of Norway website. After logging onto the website, use the search icon to find "In loving memory." Here you can check on reported deaths in all of the Sons of Norway lodges.

Search icon looks this:



THIS AND THAT FROM THE EDITOR



STOUGHTON WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS SCHEDULED FOR A LODGE PERFORMANCE IN 2024

This famous troupe of teenage performers of Norwegian folk dances is scheduled to perform at the lodge facility on March 23rd, 2024. More details will be forthcoming.

If you live in Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Carmichael, Rancho Cordova or other area reasonably near to the lodge facility and could house one or more of the troupe members the night of March 23, 2024 please notify the lodge President Tove-Lise or the Treasurer Steve. Their budget is always limited and if they can secure private lodging for the teenagers it saves them some trip expense.

REMAINING 2023 SCHEDULE ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

2023 Schedule:

Dec 9: Julebord. 2024 Officer Installation. Awarding of remaining 2023 Membership Loyalty Pins and Certificates and 2023 Golden Membership Pins and Certificates. See flyer elsewhere in this Navigator. If you would like to come you should sign up now!

See the planned schedule for 2024 elsewhere in this newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: NO MEETINGS OR EVENTS IN JANUARY 2024!

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 6-48
PLANNED SCHEDULE 2024

JANUARY

No meeting

FEBRUARY

Tuesday Feb 13th, meeting



MARCH

Saturday March 23rd, Program (Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers) and Supper.



APRIL

Tuesday, April 9th meeting

Saturday, April 20th Scandinavian Festival, Sacramento Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento, Ca. 95831

MAY

Friday, May 17th, Syttende Mai Celebration



JUNE

No local meeting

District 6 Convention, June 21-23, Las Vegas



JULY

Lodge Picnic, to be scheduled, outside venue



AUGUST

No meeting

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 8th, Camper Recognition BBQ



OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 8th, meeting

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 9th, Viking Festival



DECEMBER

December 7th, Julebord with officer installation.



All meetings and events at the San Juan Masonic Center, Citrus Heights, unless otherwise indicated.

OTHER EVENTS

Memorial Day Weekend Events at Camp Norge, May.

Youth Camps at Camp Norge, June-July.

Kretstevne at Camp Norge, Labor Day Weekend.

Oldfjell Camp at Camp Norge, October.

Rosmaling Class—check District Six website.



Mark the Date for the District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention!

June 20-24, 2024

Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2024 OFFICER INSTALLATION

The 2024 lodge officers will be duly installed at the Julebord celebration on December 9th. Like all organizations these days, we could really use some younger folks volunteering to at least understudy for lodge leadership positions.

POSITION	NAME
President*	Tove-Lise Miller
Vice President and Membership Chairman*	Norman Hales
Secretary*	Arlene Kozub
Treasurer*	Stephen Rosenthal Kathy Bennett
Social Committee*	Peggy Hyde, Norman Hales, Judy Hales
Cultural Director (Tsar)*	Stephen Rosenthal
Scandinavian Festival Committee	Peggy Hyde, Norman Hales
Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Counselor*	Norman Hales
Foundation Director	Tove-Lise Miller
Musician	Lars Gjerde
Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Public Relations	DeAnn Smeltzer
Trustee(s)	Betty Williamson
Youth Director	Eric Malme
Facebook Manager	Arlene Kozub
Website Manager, Zoom Contractor	Terje Miller
Book Club Founder	Noelle Buer
* Board member	

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE MAKES YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

As a Fraternal Benefit Society the Sons of Norway endeavors to contribute to the general benefit of its members, to helping members in need through its Foundation, and to contributing time and resources for the benefit of the general society. Over the years the lodge has consistently contributed time and money to worthy causes.

Accordingly, the lodge board has authorized 2023 contributions to the Foundation, to Camp Norge, and to various local charities during this end of the year giving period. The amounts contributed and the recipient charities are similar to those of 2022.

Any member not already aware of these contributions can ask for further details at any of our monthly Tuesday evening meetings, or by sending a request to the Treasurer (rosen@winfirst.com).

International Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

Sons of Norway Foundation Mission Statement

At the Sons of Norway Foundation, we are driven by a sense of purpose: to celebrate Nordic culture and heritage through scholarships and grants to our members and communities. Since 1966, staying true to this purpose, we have been supporting our members through scholarships and cultural exchange opportunities, providing disaster relief to members in need, and funding community programs that celebrate Norwegian heritage and culture.

A donation to the Sons of Norway Foundation, a **501(c)(3) organization**, is a contribution to the positive impact we make through community, youth, educational, and cultural projects.

Sons of Norway District Six Mission Statement

The mission of the District Six Board of Directors is to inspire the preservation of Norwegian heritage and support District Six lodges and members through communications, program resources, and opportunities.

Fraternal Benefit Society Information

“Fraternal benefit societies are not-for-profit membership groups that unite individuals with a common bond, provide them the ability to secure their families’ financial security through a variety of life insurance and investment products, and form one of the nation’s most effective and efficient volunteer networks, delivering billions of dollars of direct financial aid and community service to those who need it most... Operating through local chapters, fraternal enable their members to carry out charitable, educational, social and other volunteer community initiatives.” *-from Fraternal Benefit Alliance website.*