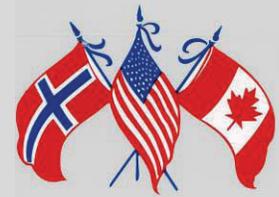


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NORWAY'S OIL FUND TO BUY NORTH DAKOTA

Deal should provide wheat for Norwegian sandbakels, bread and pasta for years to come.

North Dakota Senator Conrad already has submitted necessary secessionist request to the Congress.

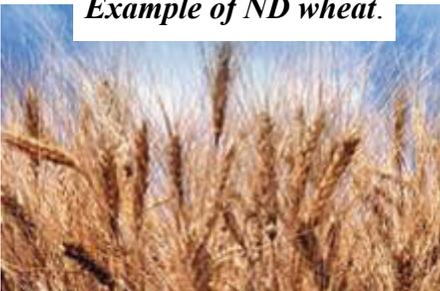
The United States will be reduced in number to 49.

Norway is blessed with beautiful scenery, abundant water, and petroleum – but only marginal farmland. The Government Pension Fund (The "Oil Fund") Board, in a far-sighted move to preserve the long term well-being of the Norwegian people, has voted to use a little of its wealth to purchase one of the greatest grain-producing areas in the world, the American state of North Dakota.

While considered by some to be a surprise move, the Board actually has been researching and pursuing the deal for some time. "After all, there are only 650,000 persons in the whole state," reports Norwegian Finance Minister Kristin Halvorsen. "And over 30% of them are of Norwegian descent. We believe that they will welcome the opportunity to re-affiliate with the mother country." Ms Halvorsen reports that the fund has a plan in place to pay all land owners in the state fair market value for their property – and let them remain on it, as long as they sell the wheat they produce to Norway at market prices. The feeling is that this offer will convince even the stubborn citizens of German descent.

Other deal points already have been negotiated. For instance, Indian casino lands will be allowed to remain sovereign so as not risk any uprisings, but all other federal lands will be assigned to the fund. The US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be hired to manage these former federal lands, as cutting any federal jobs would be politically unpopu-

Example of ND wheat.



lar and could scuttle the transaction. In return, Norway has agreed to send more first class acts to the annual Norsk Høstfest in Minot.

Officially, the former state will become a Norwegian protectorate. Norwegian will be taught in the schools, even to undocumented Canadians who might sneak across the border into "Norgamerica." American presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, when asked about the deal, commented, "Well, it will get rid of a Republican Congressman and two Republican Senators...looks ok to me. And I think they should be allowed to keep their North Dakota driver licenses...or, maybe not."

Reportedly the fund briefly considered making a play for the state of Idaho, since its bountiful potato crops would support Norway's continued production and consumption of lefse. However, it was concluded that the price tag for that state would be just too expensive. Also, it was felt that other Americans would hardly miss North Dakota. In focus group tests in other parts of the USA, when persons were asked about where North Dakota was, the typical answer was "Is there a South Dakota? If so, it must be somewhere north of South Dakota." When asked if they would miss North Dakota, the typical answer from the respondents was "You've got to be kidding."

And so, the final line in this report is, "You've got to be kidding."



*Proposed new map of USA,
featuring "the notch"*

Inside...

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE CONTINUES TO ROCK!
SEE FLYERS OR OTHER INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING PAGES
FOR:

CHRISTMAS PARTY
MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS
2008 OFFICER INSTALLATION

FROM ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 6-48
PRESIDENT JOE HANNON:



Greetings:

The lodge is moving towards the New Year, with **Nancy Ottum** developing a lodge website. Give her your thoughts as to what you would like to see on the website. Officers for 2008 were elected at the November lodge meeting and will be installed on Sunday, January 15th. **Carol Francis** will lead us in the New Year. Refer to the flyers and in-

formation elsewhere in this newsletter. A few key positions are still open, i.e., Vice President and Recording Secretary. Please come forward and accept one of these positions so that the lodge can transition into the New Year.

Don't forget to mark your calendars and make your reservations for the Christmas Dinner on December 8th (see flyer for details) and for the Installation of Officers and Initiation of New Members in January.

Thanks to all those that helped make the Viking Fest a success. **Florence Smith** her crew did a wonderful job and everyone raved about **Ingrid Sceals'** delicious Fish Soup.

I would like to wish you and yours, the best as we approach the holiday season.

Fraternally yours, **Joe Hannon**

(Editor's Note: This is perhaps Joe's final message as president of the lodge. We all should thank him for a job well done over the last two years. His dedication to the position was always evident.)

SONS OF NORWAY 2008
ELECTED OFFICERS

New officers were elected at the November meeting. **Carol Francis** will lead the lodge as president during 2008. All elected officers are listed below.

President	Carol Francis
Vice President	OPEN
Secretary	LaRena Hannon
Recording Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Ingrid Sceals
Membership	Carol Lee Solheim
Counselor	Joe Hannon
Co-Social Director	Mary Santa Ana
Co-Social Director	Open
Marshall	Raye Brown
Ass't Marshall	Blossom Baker
Youth Director	Sharon Mahnken
Greeters	Norman & Helen
Librarian	Pearl Lemkuil
Historian	Dave Sliper
Musicians	Arlene Berg
Ass't. Musician	Bob Dahl
Sports Director	Open
Cultural	Jim Smith
Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Publisher	Bob Dahl
Publicity Director	Nancy Ottum
Foundation Director	Joe Green
Auditors	Ron Jespersen
Trustee 3-years	Ann Sandner
Trustee 2-years	Øystein Solheim
Trustee 1-year	Erwin Bjerke

LODGE'S VIKINGFEST ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

Thanks to work of a dedicated crew, multitudes turn out.

Roald Amundsen Lodge's annual Vikingfest was held on Saturday, November 19th, and the varied activities offered attracted the usual great crowd, estimated by your editor to be about 15,000 persons! Well, ok, maybe not that large – for a moment your editor thought he was writing an article for the Bee.

Baked goods, rosemaling, baked goods, paintings, baked goods, clothing, baked goods, packaged Norwegian foods, baked goods, wood carvings, and – did we mention baked goods? – were all offered at the various tables around the dancing area.

Florence Smith was in overall charge of the event, but many lodge members helped throughout the day. **Jim Smith**, supervisor of the lodge store, wants to especially thank **Ron and Cecelia Byrd** for donating the trees and heart ornaments for the store to sell. Also, he extends a big thank you to **Carol Lee Solheim** for assisting in the store.

Lunch was served in the rooms adjacent to the kitchen, and many went back for second of the fish soup, open faced sandwiches, and Norwegian desserts. The menu below tells you what you missed – don't miss it next year!

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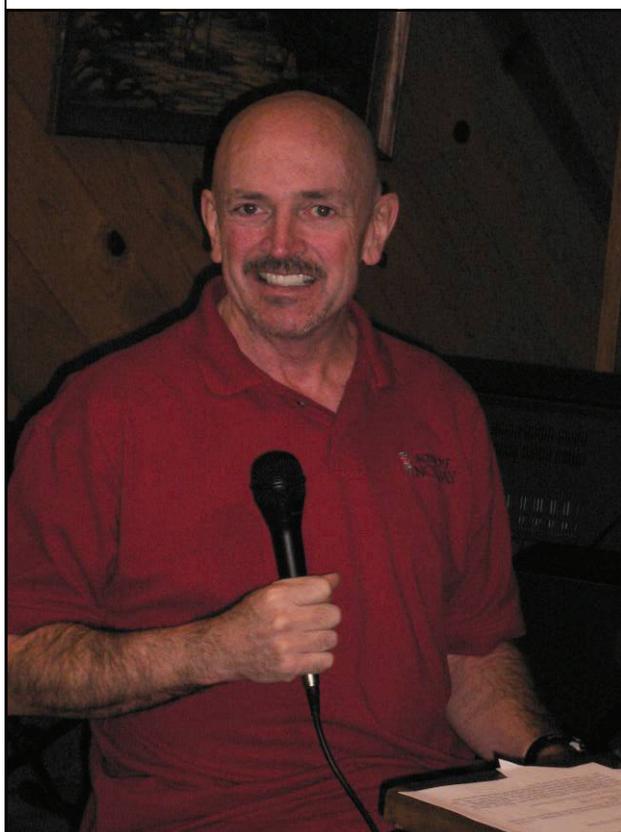
OPEN FACED SANDWICHES

HAM	\$ 2.75
GJETOST	\$ 2.75
EGGS WITH LOX.....	\$ 3.50
PEAS WITH SHRIMP.....	\$ 3.50
FISH SOUP	\$ 2.50
FRUIT SOUP.....	\$ 2.00
SMORGROT	\$ 2.00
VIKINGS ON A STICK	\$ 2.75
WAFFLES	\$ 2.00
LEFSE (2 pcs).....	\$ 1.25
COFFEE (no refills).....	\$.75
CIDER OR JUICE (no refills).....	\$.75



VIKINGFEST PHOTOS:

Pearl Lemkuil bagging the baked goods, and M.C. Ken Habbistad with mike in hand.



CHRISTMAS IN NORWAY CIRCA 1900

(An excerpt from "In Those Days," an autobiography by the late Anders Andresen, grandfather of the editor. Anders sailed the high seas as a youth, entered the United States at Ellis Island, and eventually settled in Milwaukee, where he became an Ore Boat Captain on the Great Lakes. This excerpt is repeated from the December 2005 issue of The Navigator.)

I remember how exhilarated I was waking on a winter morning and seeing the first snow of winter! The highlight though, of this season, was the celebration of Christmas.



At six o'clock on Christmas Eve, the church bells in all the churches started ringing and continued ringing for half an hour. Our parents would decorate the tree in the parlor (storstua). We children were in an adjoining room and were not allowed in before they had finished. I remember my two brothers and sister and myself taking turns peeking through the keyhole. When the door was finally opened we rushed in. What a heavenly sight it was to see the tree all decorated with tinsel, small paper baskets filled with nuts and candies, lighted colored candles, and other ornaments

hanging on the branches! On the top of the tree would be a star or an angel. Under the tree would be our presents, which generally were skis, skates, picture books, games, and a doll or buggy for sister.



After the excitement of looking at the gifts was over, we would all join hands, circle around the tree and sing Christmas carols. Favorite ones were "Jeg er saa Glad hver Julekveld" (I am so Glad each Christmas Night); "Deilig er den Himmel Blaa" (Oh, How Beautiful the Sky); "Her Kommer Dine Arme Smaa" (The Little Ones Dear

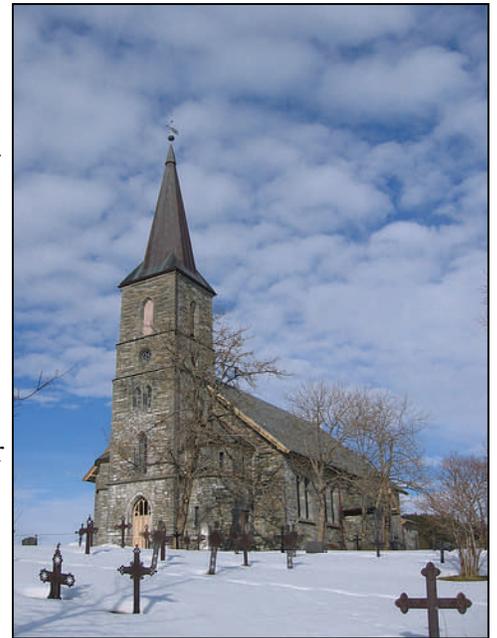
Lord Are We); and many, many more.

Christmas Day meant "church everybody;" one would see people in church who had not been there the whole year past... Nobody was to go hungry during that time. Baskets of food were given to the poor, and even the poor gave baskets to those poorer than they.

dinner: roast beef, boiled potatoes, vegetables and rice pudding, nuts and coffee with Christmas cookies. The next day, called second Christmas Day, was also a holiday with church services.

After that the parties would start. People would invite each other into their homes, and serve fløtegrøt (cream pudding), anchovy and hard-boiled egg sandwiches, gjæstost (goat cheese), and julekake (fruit stollen). These parties would go on for about 20 days sometimes before they tapered off. Nobody was to go hungry during that time. Baskets of food were given to the poor, and even the poor gave baskets to those poorer than they.

Christmas Day meant "church everybody;" one would see people in church who had not been there the whole year past. After church came the dinner:



Rissa kirke in Rissa, Fosen, Sør-Trøndelag, Norway. The church was designed by the architect Carl. J. Bergstrøm, and was built in 1888.

BYRDS FLY TO HOSTFEST**And have a great time.**

The 2007 Norsk Hostfest in Minot, South Dakota, was a big success, according to lodge members **Ron and Cecelia Byrd**, who attended for the first time this year.



Billed as North America's largest Scandinavian-American festival, the four day event attracts up to 70,000 people, mostly from the midwestern states and nearby Canadian provinces. Since it was the 30th annual Hostfest, Princess Astrid from Oslo, Norway, attended as the honored guest.

"The festival is held at the North Dakota State Fair grounds and is spread out over six venues", says Ron. "There is primarily a Norwegian emphasis because the state was settled by Norwegians at the turn of the century. There are, however, many booths sponsored by Danish, Swedish, and Finnish vendors."



The Byrds saw Ann-Margret, but did they see Elvis?

mission fee.

Attendees spend time shopping at hundreds of booths selling all types of crafts, housewares, clothes, art work and Scandinavian foods. Also popular are the five stages with non-stop entertainment throughout the day. Among the big name entertainers this year were Ann-Margret, Tony Orlando, Charlie Pride, Bill Cosby and The Oak Ridge Boys. Most of the shows are included with the daily ad-

Cecelia enjoyed the bunad fashion shows, the jewelry and clothing booths, the cooking demonstrations, and the many folk-dancing groups.

The Byrds also worked as volunteers in a Scandinavian book store a few hours each day and earned free admission to the festival, which saved each of them \$25 a day.

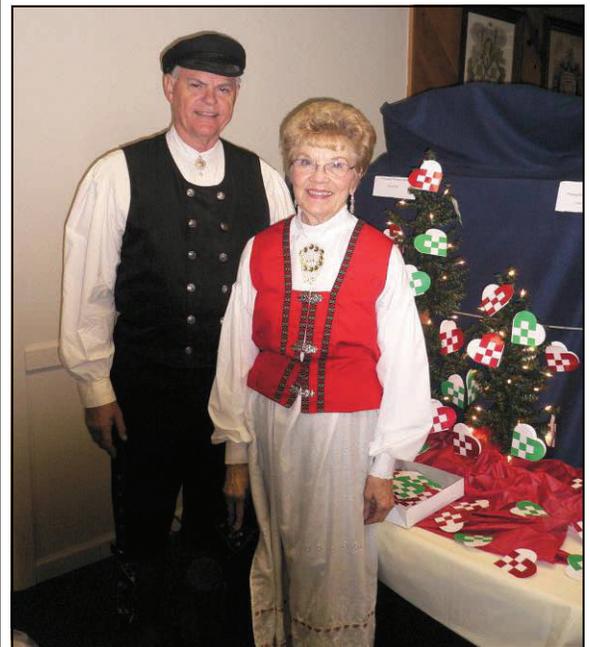
"All in all, it was a fantastic experience," says Ron, "and we recommend all Sons of Norway members try to attend it at least once in their lives. It's fun as well as educational. Many of

CONSIDER SONS OF NORWAY HOLIDAY GIFT MEMBERSHIPS!

Are you looking for a special gift for Christmas or some other occasion? Consider giving the gift of heritage, culture and tradition by giving a gift membership. There's no better way to help a loved one reconnect with their heritage and introduce them to Sons of Norway than by giving them a gift membership.

Gift memberships can be purchased by credit card over the phone by calling (800) 945-8851 or by visiting Sons of Norway on the web at www.sonsofnorway.com. Within two weeks, the new member will receive a personalized "Gift Membership" certificate and their new membership card.

This holiday season, give your loved ones a gift that lasts all year long; give a Sons of Norway membership. From: Jessica Gleason, Advertising/Communications Coordinator, Toll Free: 1-800-945-8851, Direct: 612-821-4636, www.sonsofnorway.com.



Ron and Cecelia Byrd at Vikingfest.

the vendors and items for sale are from Norway, and so it's a great place to shop as well as visit with real Norwegians."

**CARL INGULDSTAD APPOINTED
A FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR**

1455 West Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408-2666



October 29, 2007

Dear Roald Amundsen Lodge Member:

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Carl P. Inguldstad as a Financial Benefits Counselor with Sons of Norway. Carl resides in Hidden Valley Lake, California with his spouse, Mary Beth.

Although Carl has only been in the insurance and financial service business for a half a year, he owns his own agency in Hidden Valley Lake.

Carl is a welcome addition to Sons of Norway, which, as you know, is a Fraternal Benefit Society that offers both cultural and financial benefits. Carl's primary job is to visit with our lodge members about their financial planning needs and see where Sons of Norway financial products might be of help. He will also be recruiting new members for your lodge.

Carl plans to see you at upcoming lodge meetings and will also be available to share with you how Sons of Norway can help you and members of your household accomplish your financial goals. Carl will be calling on you soon to introduce himself.

If you would like to contact Carl, he can be reached by phone at 707-987-2404, or by cell phone at 707-580-8053, or by email at cinguldst@aol.com.

I sincerely hope that you give Carl a warm welcome.

Sincerely,

Leonard S. Carlson, FIC, CLU
Director of Agencies

LSC/pf

SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...

Our **Viking Ship** was not in the downtown Christmas parade this year. The route was changed, and it did not accommodate the height of the ship's mast.

Leif Ove Andsnes, Norwegian pianist, will perform at the Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco, on the evenings of May 8, 9, and 10, and on Sunday afternoon, May 11, 2008. Ticket prices range from \$25 and up. The Davies Symphony Hall is located at 201 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. Mr. Andsnes will be performing Brahms Concertos; the director will be Michael Tilson Thomas. Check the San Francisco Symphony website: www.sfsymphony.org.



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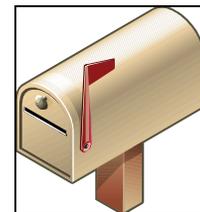
**GERRY REPPE-FISCHER
PASSES AWAY**



Gerry Reppe-Fischer, former member and wife of member and former lodge president **John Reppe-Fischer**, passed away on November 15th. The lodge extends its sincere condolences to John.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Gudrun Thurston reports that her address has changed to 2120 Butano Drive, #25, Sacramento 95825. Also, she has a new telephone number: 916.481.4188.



**INCOMING PRESIDENT CAROL
ASKS OFFICERS TO SAVE THE
DATE...**

Incoming lodge president **Carol Francis** is asking all officers – incoming and outgoing – to save Monday, January 21st for a joint board meeting of old and new officers, for the purpose of brainstorming program ideas, looking at the budget, considering convention issues and selecting delegates, etc. As far as Carol is concerned, anyone who holds an elective position is an "officer for the purpose of this meeting. Time and place will be announced in the next issue of **The Navigator**.

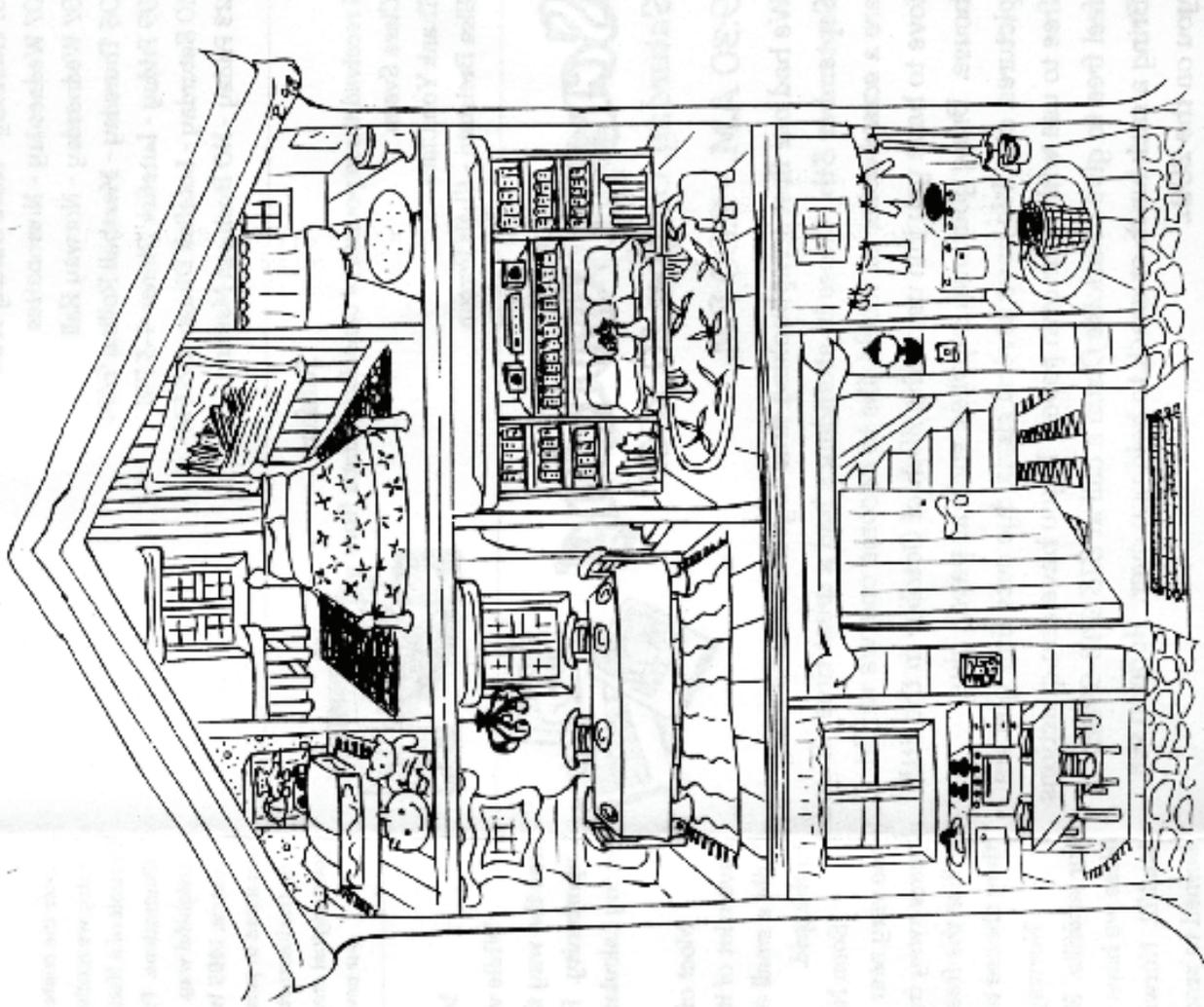
Carol says, "Your input is needed!"



"And should there be a sudden loss of consciousness during this meeting, oxygen masks will drop from the ceiling."

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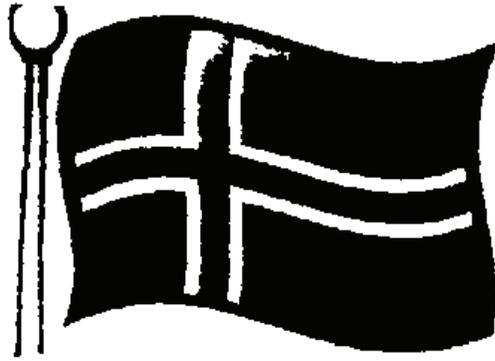
For the Children



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USE THIS KEY TO LABEL THE ITEMS IN THE HOUSE WITH THEIR NORWEGIAN NAMES.

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|-------------|-----------------|
| PUTE | PILLOW |
| SENG | BED |
| VASKEMASKIN | WASHING MACHINE |
| DØR | DOOR |
| VINDU | WINDOW |
| TRAPP | STAIRWAY |
| KLÆR | CLOTHES |
| BØKER | BOOKS |
| SOFA | SOFA |
| STOL | CHAIR |
| BORD | TABLE |
| GULV | FLOOR |
| BAMSE | TEDDY BEAR |
| BADEKAR | BATHTUB |
| BILDE | PICTURE |
| KURV | BASKET |
| BAD | BATHROOM |
| KJØKKEN | KITCHEN |
| SOVEROM | BEDROOM |
| STUE | LIVING ROOM |



**ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 6-48
SONS OF NORWAY
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
AND
INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

DATE: Sunday, January 13, 2008

TIME: 1:30 PM

PLACE: Mills Station Community Hall

**2900 Mather Field Road, Rancho Cordova, Second Floor
(There is an elevator). The building is located at the Light Rail
Station on the corner of Mather Field Road and Folsom Boulevard**

Pot Luck Luncheon free to all members and guests

A through G Bring Salads

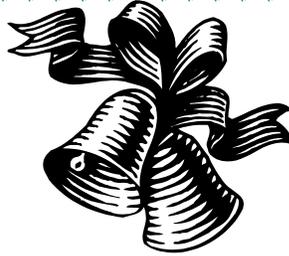
H through R Bring Main Dishes

S through Z Bring Desserts

Coffee, Punch, Plates and Utensils will be furnished

**ALL INCOMING OFFICERS AND NEW MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

For questions and reservations contact LaRena Hannon at 916-451-3853



**ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE SONS OF NORWAY
NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER**

PREPARED BY THE LADIES OF THE LODGE

**Saturday, December 8, 2007
Masonic Center
5944 San Juan Avenue
Citrus Heights, CA
5:30 pm**

Menu:

Norwegian Appetizers	Red Potatoes
Pork Roast	Beet Salads
Meat Balls	Cucumber Salad
Herring	Fish Aspic
Surkål(Sweet and Sour Cabbage)	Desserts
Peas and Carrots	Lefse

**15.00 Sons of Norway members
\$20.00 non-members
\$8 for Children 10 and under**

**Please make reservations by December 1, 2007
Call Pearl Lemkuil at 916-483-4496
Make check payable to Sons of Norway and mail to
Pearl Lemkuil, 3808 French Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95821-3110
No Ticket Sales at Door**

Sidebars, continued...

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The world renowned **St. Olaf College Choir** will perform at the Fremont Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, February 4, 2008. Ticket information becomes available November 1st at this website: http://www.stolaf.edu/music/stolaf_choir/calendar.html or www.stolaftickets.com. Or, call 507.786.3131



Contact lodge member **Nancy Ottum** if you have ideas for the planned website. She can be reached at nancyottum@mac.com.

The Navigator Distribution: If you wish to receive it electronically, contact the editor. If you wish not to receive it in the mail, contact Carol Lee Solheim at solheim2636@earthlink.net.

Submissions to The Navigator. The January issue will go to press sometime after Christmas, but before the New Year's Eve excesses take their toll. Plan your submissions accordingly. Thanks – *the Editor*.

6TH DISTRICT OFFERING GREAT SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The 6th District is offering scholarships to a two-week Concordia Language Camp Summer Session at The Norwegian Village or “Skogfjorden” in the amount of \$1495 each, for two campers over the age of 13 who previously have attended the Camp Norge Language/Heritage Camp. An applicant must be a Heritage or Unge Venner member of a 6th District lodge.

Interested members can get a scholarship application from our lodge secretary (**LaRena Hannon**) or from District 6 Scholarship Committee Chairman **Vern P. Martin**, 16985 Kawai Court, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, (714) 839-2502, vpmartin@dslextreme.com. Applications must be submitted to the

scholarship committee by March 1, 2008. Visit website www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org for information on the Norwegian Village or “Skogfjorden”.



Vikingfest—Karen Nelson at her rosemaling table.

Vikingfest—Roy Myer and Jeanette Braafladt providing the music.



NOTE: FOR DISTRICT 6 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION, REFER TO THE NOVEMBER ISSUE.

HAPPENINGS AT OTHER LODGES:

**GULLDALEN LODGE
JULETREFEST
“CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY”**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6PM



at the Gold Country Community Center/ Senior Center

\$10.00/adult
\$5.00/child, 12 and under
Wear your bunad!

Norwegian-style pork ribs, meatballs, red cabbage (rødkål), potatoes, herring, paté, cheese, lefse. Rice cream and cookies. Lemonade and coffee.

- ♥Installation of 2008 officers
- ♥Review of children’s books
- ♥Sankta Lucia pageant
- ♥Dancing around the tree
- ♥Singing

It is VERY important that you reserve your place in advance. PLEASE call Brenda Shilling (432-5362) or Sylvia Nelson (432-0995) by December 3 at the LATEST!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2008

Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48

San Juan Masonic Center

5944 San Juan Ave., Citrus Heights, CA

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>8TH – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>13th – Installation of Officers & Initiation of New members – Mills Station – 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>22nd – Lodge Social Friday</p>	<p>11th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>8th - Torsk Dinner, 5:00 p.m.</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>8th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>25th - Lodge Social Friday</p>	<p>13th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>18th – 17th of May Social, 1:30 p.m. – Mills Station</p>	<p>10th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>District 6 Convention 26 – 27 - 28</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>NO LODGE MEETING</p> <p>8th – Lodge Board Meeting</p>	<p>12th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m. - Multi Lodge Picnic 22nd – Steak Dinner, Friday -6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>th – Scandi Festival</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>14th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>18th - Lutefisk Dinner, 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>15th – Vikingfest, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9th – Lodge Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>13th – Lodge Social, 5:30 p.m.</p>

CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE; REFER TO THE LODGE NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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KALENDAREN

Dec 8 Lodge Social—Christmas Party
Dec 11 Lodge Meeting
Jan 8 Lodge Meeting
Jan 13 Officer Installation

Call Viking Sisters President for Viking Sisters meeting information. Meetings now held at Denny's, at the southeast corner of Watt Avenue and Auburn Boulevard, just south of Business Route 80 freeway. Generally, they meet the second Saturday of every month at 9:00am.

Monthly lodge meetings are usually held at the Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights (just south of Greenback Lane). Start time is 7:30 pm. A cultural program is usually presented.

The January issue of The Navigator is planned for distribution about December 24th. Materials should be submitted no later than December 19th. Merry Christmas!