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News from Roald Amundsen

Sons of Norway Lodge 6-48 Sacramento

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hilsen til alle—Greetings to you all!

I hope you're enjoying your summer. I was delighted to join eleven Lodge members at the Snowshoe Thompson statue dedication at Squaw Valley. A member of the Norwegian Consulate gave an informative presentation, and the actor who portrayed Thompson was a treat. He stayed in character after the program to provide us with additional information and flavor.



The week after Memorial Day I also returned to Minnesota for a college reunion at Saint Olaf College. One of the programs was the Saint Olaf Alumni Choir Concert with 800 voices, truly a wall of sound.

Please look into visiting us for our August Lodge Meeting. Past-President Carol Francis will talk about Snowshoe Thompson for the cultural program. We have a BBQ Dinner at the lodge planned for the 19th; consider the programs at Camp Norge including the Multi-Lodge Picnic Aug. 7— All of these are described further in the newsletter.

On September 13th, the Lodge meeting will consider a change in the membership approval bylaw and will elect a Nominating Committee (see page 3). I will also be looking for a committee for the Lutefisk Dinner in October. If you have an interest in any of these activities, please give me a call or send me an email (davidsbailey@yahoo.com) in August.

We are saddened by the recent news from Oslo of the bombing and attack upon the youth camp. Our sympathies and condolences are extended to the people of Norway, and we pray that the joyful memories of their lost ones will comfort their sad hearts.

Mange takk.

David Bailey, President

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your lodge officers

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our mission

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.

lodge meetings

Join us at 7:00p.m. on the **second Tuesday** of each **month** to learn about your Norwegian heritage and how the Sons of Norway can benefit you and your family. It costs nothing to visit. See the Sons of Norway Sacramento website for membership information.

www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com

San Juan Masonic Center
5944 San Juan Ave.
Citrus Heights, CA



Make Our Dinners Extra Special for You!

We encourage everyone who comes to our dinners to bring their own place settings. It makes sense on so many levels:

- No trying to cut meat with a plastic knife, then have the fork break
- Wine is just better in a glass
- Saves the lodge money
- Keeps plastic and styrofoam out of the landfill
- Makes all the meals special and festive

We will also be offering the choice to recycle items from dinners so they can be properly disposed of.

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Lodge Bylaw Change Requested (part 2)

As previously reported, the Board has recommended a change in the Lodge Bylaws regarding membership approval. Article II, section 1, presently reads as follows:

“1. To become a member of the Sons of Norway, the applicant must possess requirements outlined in the Constitution. Membership in the lodge is effective upon affirmative vote of the Lodge.”

The proposed change would strike the second sentence and replace it with the following:

“Membership in the lodge is effective upon presentation by the Membership Secretary.”

“THE VOTE ON THIS BYLAW CHANGE WILL BE AT THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011, LODGE MEETING.”

The national rules provide that membership must become effective by one of these two methods. By removing the requirement of an affirmative vote of the lodge, the Board believes that this will allow applicants to become members more easily and more quickly while their interest in membership is active.

The constitution also provides (4.10.1-2) that such a *bylaw change requires a two-thirds vote of members attending a lodge meeting* and that it must be preceded by written notice of the proposal and meeting date for decision (which this is). The vote on this bylaw change will be at the September 13, 2011, Lodge meeting. I look forward to your participation.

David Bailey, Lodge President



June Meeting Review

“The Flying Norseman,” Carl Howelsen

For our June cultural program, LaRena Hannon told us about the amazing Norwegian ski jumper, Carl Howelsen. Howelsen brought skiing and ski jumping to the West in general and Colorado and Steamboat Springs specifically. Olympic Silver Medalist Billy Kidd, writes, “The sport of skiing has a long and interesting history, and Carl Howelsen, ‘The Norseman’, is a fascinating part of it.”

Thank you LaRena for a wonderful presentation.

REMINDERS

We always need help running events. Consider volunteering at your lodge!

Next lodge meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 9th. Snowshoe Thompson will be the topic of the cultural program.

Snowshoe Thompson Statue Dedication

by Nancy Ottum, Editor

Under azure skies, with cool winds and warm sun, the legend of Snowshoe Thompson was brought to life at the dedication of a sculpture honoring his contribution to his adopted country. The plaque at the base of the statue says it perfectly:

“Snowshoe Thompson, a native of Norway, carried the mail on his back 90 miles over the 7,500-foot mountain passes through blizzards with winds up to 80 mph and drifts 50 ft. high. He did this two to four times a month from 1856 to 1876, regardless of the weather. He delivered the mail from Placerville, California to Genoa, Nevada on his homemade 10-ft. long, 25-pound oak skis called snowshoes. He also carried a six-foot long pole that he used

like a tightrope walker for balance, and his mail pack often weighed as much as 100 pounds. For 20 years, Snowshoe Thompson was the sole link between California and the Atlantic states during the long winter months and is also credited with many dramatic Sierra Nevada Mountain rescues. He is often regarded as the pioneer of cross-country skiing in America, energizing interest in a new sport across the nation.”

Over the course of several months, poet, sculptor and performer, Richard Gill created the beautiful 12-ft. tall, bigger-than-life statue. It is made from sheet copper, that was cut into patterns, shaped, then braised. Also inscribed on the plaque is a poem he wrote that tells how he felt about Thompson and his solitary love for the mountains; just he alone doing what he loved.

We had a surprise visit from Snowshoe Thompson himself who told us more of his life story! And what an exciting story it was!



(Photos by Nancy Ottum)



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Sculptor Richard Gill poses with his creation.
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Our intrepid “Thompson” reads accounts of his life from period newspapers.



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Carol Francis leads the Pledge of Allegiance and then the national anthems of both countries accompanied by Phil Walker.

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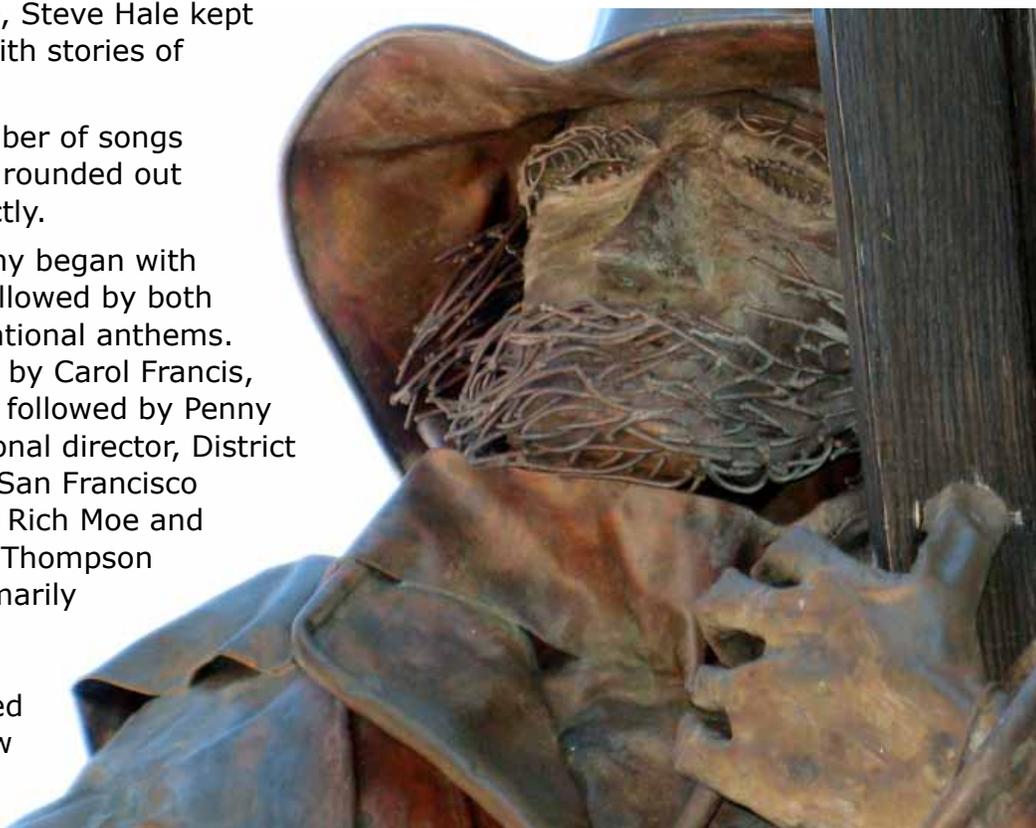
We were visited by dignitaries (clockwise) Sten Arne Rosnes, Penny Joseph Knudsen, and Janie Kelly.



He showed us the heavy oak skis used to cross the Sierra and read firsthand accounts from newspaper articles of his treacherous journeys. Dressed in period costume, Steve Hale kept the audience spellbound with stories of Thompson's life.

Phil Walker sang a number of songs from the period as well. It rounded out the mood of the era perfectly.

The dedication ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by both the U.S. and Norwegian national anthems. A welcome note was given by Carol Francis, Zone 1 director, District 6; followed by Penny Joseph Knudsen, international director, District 6; and Sten Arne Rosnes, San Francisco Norwegian consul general. Rich Moe and Gene Nelson of Snowshoe Thompson Lodge, Yuba City were primarily responsible for ceremony organization. Funding this striking statue was provided by the merchants of Squaw Valley.





Roald Amundsen Lodge Invites Everyone to the
Annual Summer Barbecue Dinner
Friday, August 19, 2011



6:30 p.m.



Masonic Center
5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights

*Enjoy Barbecued Ribs, Sliced Beef, Chicken, Corn on the Cob,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Banana Nut Bread,
and Cold Watermelon*

Adult Lodge Members – \$12.00 & Adult Non-Lodge Members – \$15.00
Children 10 years old and under – \$6.00



Paid reservations are required. Seating is limited.
Reservations are due by Monday, August 15th

**Questions? Call or email Carol Lee Solheim at
(530) 677-2006 or email: solheim2636@earthlink.net**



**Make out check to: Sons of Norway. To make reservations, send check to
Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682**



Cut here and send in form:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Phone number _____

How many Adults who are Lodge Members? _____ at \$12.00 = \$ _____

How many Adults who **not** Lodge Members? _____ at \$15.00 = \$ _____

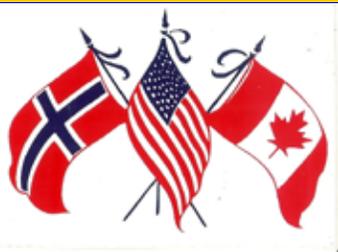
How many children 10 yrs. and under? _____ at \$6.00 = \$ _____



\$ _____ Total



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Sons of Norway
District 6



Zone 1
Multi-lodge Picnic

Sunday, August 7, 2011
starting at 1 PM

at Camp Norge

Bring your own items to grill,
perhaps a side dish or dessert to share,
your own beverages and place setting

The hosts will provide the condiments
and have the barbecue pit ready

Hosted by Snowshoe Thompson Lodge 6-078 of Yuba City
Contact: Gene Nelson 530-673-5366 or email geneorlee@aol.com

Camp Norge's \$3 day use fee applies to each attendee

Northern California Kretsstevne Labor Day Weekend at Camp Norge September 3-5, 2011



The Northern California Kretsstevne Committee invites the members of all Sons of Norway Lodges in Northern California, and surrounding areas, to join them in a weekend of fellowship, friendship and fun. Whether you come in your RV, stay in the dorms or bring tents, we know you will have a great time



- Planned Activities:**
 Good Food—Horseshoe Tournament
 Meadow Faire
 Games for all ages—Swimming
 Dancing—Raffle—Karaoke
 Barbecue

Check out www.campnorge.com for more information



Camp Norge Room Accommodations? The rooms fill up quickly so please call ASAP: 530-389-2508.
 (No reservations required for RV's and Tents.)

Meal Packages **will not** be available at the event. Meal Registration Deadline is **August 26, 2011**.
 Questions? Call: Lillie and Marvin Hanson at 707-279-0974 or email at mnlhanson@att.net

Cut here and return
 Northern California Kretsstevne (NCK) 2011
 Meal Preregistration Form
 Make checks payable to: NCK
 Send to: The Hansons, 5701 Live Oak Drive, Space 26 Kelseyville, CA 95451

Lodge Name & # _____ Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

(Note: Children are kids 12 and under, those 5 and under are **FREE**)



Meals:	
Saturday Breakfast	# of Adults _____ X \$6.00= _____
Saturday Lunch	# of Adults _____ X \$6.00= _____
Saturday Dinner	# of Adults _____ X \$11.00= _____
Sunday <i>Frokost</i>	# of Adults _____ X \$6.00= _____
Sunday Lunch	# of Adults _____ X \$6.00= _____
Sunday Potluck	Donation Requested
Saturday Breakfast	# of Children _____ X \$4.00= _____
Saturday Lunch	# of Children _____ X \$4.00= _____
Saturday Dinner	# of Children _____ X \$7.00= _____
Sunday <i>Frokost</i>	# of Children _____ X \$4.00= _____
Sunday Lunch	# of Children _____ X \$4.00= _____
Sunday Potluck	Donation Requested

Monday Breakfast is a free smorgasbord of leftovers!

Meal Package	# of Adults _____ X \$30.00= _____
“ “	# of Children _____ X \$18.00= _____

Total \$ _____
 Meal Package includes Kretsstevne Pin

From the desk of...

Mary Beth Ingvoldstad
District 6 Vice President

Bunad Making Class

Freya Lodge #6-62, in Santa Rosa, California, is teaming up with **Sue Sutherland** of Bunad Butikken, in Barronett, Wisconsin, to have a bunad making class at Camp Norge. This class is scheduled for May of 2012 following Norway Day in San Francisco (which is the first full weekend in May).

Sue typically teaches bunad making in Ely, MN. This is an excellent opportunity for our district as we will have her right here in our own backyard, so to speak. The class structure is usually five days with the next class a year later. That means learning your embroidery in the first class and have the bunad fitted and constructed the following year. The cost of these classes has been \$400 per five day session when it took place at the Grand Ely Lodge in Minnesota. The cost at Camp Norge is expected to be less due to the lower costs of lodging and food.

The class may or may not follow the exact structure noted above. Sue would like to know the needs of members to determine the structure of the class.

- Do you want to learn embroidery?
- Do you want to learn construction?
- Do you have a bunad that needs fitting, or adjustment, or repair?

There will be limited class space of 12 and the cost has not yet been determined. The structure and exact dates are yet to be determined.

Also, we will need a cook to provide meals to participants (if we model it after the rosemaling weekends).

We expect this class to fill up quickly. Contact Pamela at clothcrafter@sbcglobal.net or 707-778-8120 for more details or to enroll.

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ROSEMALING SEMINAR AT CAMP NORGE

SEPTEMBER 24/25, 2011

It is time to make your reservations for the adult (18 years and over) fall Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge. The teachers are Julie Anne Droivold, Mardella Ivers, and Marley Wright Smith. We will have three classes.

We will be painting on 12-inch heart-shaped plates. Julie Anne is teaching a Valdres design on a black background, teaching a few new flowers and sponging on the edge. Mardella Ivers will teach the intermediates a Telemark design on a medium blue background. Marley will teach the beginner's class. She will be teaching a Telemark flower with scrolls around the border on a Norwegian red and mid-teal or Salem background. This will be good stroke practice.

Visit the Camp Norge Website for pictures of all three projects:
www.Campnorge.com.

For complete information about attendance and a registration form, visit the events page of our website:

www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com

Scandinavian Festival in Oregon?

Ya shur ya betcha! Velkommen to Junction City. Since 1960, the people of Junction City have been celebrating their rich Scandinavian heritage by transforming their town into a charming old-world village. This year's festival will be held Aug. 11-14.

For more information visit their website at

<http://scandinavianfestival.com/index-2.html>

THE TRAGEDY IN OSLO—A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

by Carol Francis, Past-President, Amundsen Lodge

Our hearts and thoughts go out to the people of Norway after the bombing in Oslo and shootings at Utøya on Friday, July 22, 2011. The nation is in shock at the unprecedented violence perpetrated by an ethnic Norwegian taken into custody about an hour after he started killing youth on the island. He aimed his automatic rifle (illegal in Norway) at the upcoming leadership of the Labor Party at their yearly training session on an isolated island, off Highway 16 between Oslo and Hønefoss. The death total for the island shootings currently stands at 86 with some youth not yet located, and others still hospitalized. Earlier he bombed the building housing the prime minister of Norway, who was not there. This bombing made Oslo look like a war zone, and killed seven people, with others hospitalized. The death count for the bombing and shootings combined stands at 93 to date. The suspect in custody is believed to have acted alone, but planned this violent event for months with special attention to wrecking as much havoc as possible. The country is rallying, vowing to keep its openness and democracy intact, and giving support to the victims and their families.

Moments of heroism are surfacing, as in the unarmed watchman who saved his son and died trying to stop the gunman, and the campers at a nearby camping spot who used their own boats to rescue many youth attempting the very cold 300-400 meter swim from the island to the shore. Some youths drowned in their panic or from being shot, but most stayed calm, directing the rescuers to the most injured youths who needed to be taken out of the water first. The death count might have been much higher without civilian intervention, as Utøya is about 25 minutes from Hønefoss and 35 minutes from Oslo, with no bridge to the island. Norway has received calls of condolence from the entire world, and had a minute of silence at noon on Monday, July 25th, shared with all Nordic countries. Many Norwegians spontaneously set candles, flowers, flags, and even toys from small children at selected spots around Norway, including at the Oslo Cathedral, to commemorate the victims. The solidarity of the Norwegian and Nordic peoples has been heartwarming in this moment of deep tragedy.

Editor's update: As of 7/27, the death toll has been downgraded to 68 people from the island and 8 people in Oslo.

EMAIL SCAM ALERT!

You may be aware of a recent letter sent to some members within the organization from a company called "Good News" with a salutation of "Dear Fellow Sons of Norway Member" that solicits members for a \$2.00 payment for "materials".

This e-mail is to inform you that there is no connection between Sons of Norway Headquarters and the aforementioned company. Also, we neither support, nor endorse, their business ventures. We are currently contacting the company to request they stop contacting members in a manner that suggests any relation between our companies.

If you should receive a letter from "Good News" you can either disregard it entirely or, if there are questions or concerns, contact Sons of Norway headquarters by calling (800) 945-8851.

In Remembrance ~ Erwin Berke

Erwin M. Berke, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2011 at the age of 94. Erwin Peters Monroe Bjerke (Berke), son of Helmer and Sophie (Olson) Bjerke, was born on his parent's farm bordering the city of Twin Valley, Minnesota, on January 31, 1917, the third child of a family of 5 children. He was baptized and confirmed by Rev. Aanestad in Zion Lutheran Church, graduated from Twin Valley High School in 1935, and he was very active in sports. He graduated from the American Business Institute.

With the threat of World War II, in 1940, he and brother, Harvey, went to Los Angeles to work in the Vega Aircraft Factory. When his country declared war on Germany, he enlisted and served five years in the Army, one year attending radio communications classes before being assigned to the 3364th Signal Service Battalion as Engineering Draftsman in their Miami, Florida world headquarters.

After the war he came to Sacramento and managed the Architectural Hardware Department of Diamond National Lumber Co. for 2 years before starting his Berco Manufacturing Company to produce a specialty sliding pocket door frame. He expanded into Berke Door & Hardware Inc., furnishing architectural doors and hardware for builders, employing up to 50 people.

In 1949 he married Merna Carson of Sacramento. They have one son, Ward Evan.

For 60 years he was active in many service organizations; The YMCA, The YWCA, The Lutheran Church, The Association for the Retarded and Handicapped, The Architectural Consultants Asso. and the Lumbermens Fraternal Order of 'Hoo Hoo' Clubs, the Protection of Wildlife, the 'Farm Land Trust' to save and preserve farm land for agriculture. He was active for years in the Sacramento Optimist Service Club; their first president to earn a Distinguished and Honor President Award. He contributed generously to support these programs, especially for handicapped people.

In 1988 he joined the Sons of Norway Lodge and served as president for 2 years. He was instrumental in building their 'Viking Ship' for use in parades and for display.

Erwin and his wife Merna were active pioneers in helping develop a state-wide bowling program for handicapped people; with small leagues in every city, culminating in yearly district and state tournaments, complete with banquets.

Their recreation for many years was spending weekends in the Sierra back country with the Jeep Club; camping and following old trails through the mountains.

His parents, 2 sisters, 1 brother preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Merna, his son Ward and brother Harvey of Mantorville, MN.



This is what I remember about Erwin Bjerke

by Carol Francis

Erwin Bjerke had a dream that we would have a Viking Boat for parades. Not only did he help get it built, but he stored it for years. When there was a parade, he would announce that he needed help to get it going, and a group of workers would just show up to help him.

Erwin also had a ready grin and a firm handshake. He was always glad to see people, and made you feel very special as he paid attention to what you said. He and his great nephew Erik, now a member of our lodge, would always pitch in to help with cleanup after lodge dinners. As I recall Erwin made it to all the dinners, and loved the lutefisk. He was our president for two years, and an active enthusiastic supporter of Roald Amundsen Lodge. We will miss him!

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2011 KALENDER

June	July	August
14th: 7pm lodge meeting 25th: 1pm Snowshoe Thompson monument dedication	NO lodge meeting NO newsletter	7th: 1-4pm Zone 1 Picnic, Camp Norge 9th: 7pm lodge meeting 19th: Lodge BBQ
September	October	November
3-5: Kretsstevne 13th: 7pm lodge meeting	11th: 7pm lodge meeting 15th: Scandi-Fest 29th: Lutefisk Dinner	8th: 7pm lodge meeting 19th: VikingFest
December		
13th: 7pm lodge meeting 10th: Julebord 18th: Kids' Christmas Party		

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 KALENDERE**

Sept. 3-5 is the No. Cal. Kretsstevne at Camp Norge

Dec. 10 is the annual Julebord