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FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

February 2025

Hi everyone, looking forward to spring, but in many ways hoping it won't come too fast, as time goes fast enough as it is. Talking about time: it is time to start registering for youth summer camp already.

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, June 29th - July 12th (ages 14 - 17) and Camp Trollfjell, July 13th - 26th (ages 8 – 13). Please go online and register. Roald Amundsen Lodge will again give half scholarships to campers whose parents, grandparents or guardians are members of our lodge.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for your children to experience the joys of summer camp. Activities will include hiking, arts and crafts, swimming, and learning about Norwegian culture and heritage. It's a chance for them to make lasting friendships and memories. We look forward to seeing your children at camp and making this summer unforgettable.

Several of you have been asking about a fish and meatball dinner again since we did not have one last year as the fabulous Norwegian high school dancers from Wisconsin were here. So here it is: Saturday March 22nd. Please sign up as soon as possible as it makes it so much easier for planning purposes. A flier is in this newsletter.

Hope to see you first on February 11 for our first regular meeting of the year and to celebrate Valentine's Day a little early. Hilsen, Tove-Lise



VALENTINES DAY 2025!

(Observed Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 pm at the Masonic Lodge,)

Bring your "Valentine" or your spouse (not both)

Program will include review of Lodge 2024 Financial Report.

Deserts will be served.



MINNESOTA REPORT



Ole and Sven were enjoying a few beers at Lundegaard's Tavern. Ole tells Sven, "My wife, **Lena**, sat me down the other day and told me how really, really important Valentine's Day is to her. She must be planning something really special for me, don't ja think?"

A LITTLE KNOWN NEW IMMIGRATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT...

Our reporter **Dick Tracysen** reports that Norwegian citizens working in the United States with H-1B visas will not have to return to Norway under the new immigrant rules. In fact, they have been forbidden to return to Norway. A member of the White House staff says this is necessary because the United States cannot afford to lose any more of their most intelligent, creative, law-abiding and valuable work force. There are rumors that some are thinking of trying to sneak across the northern border in order to catch a flight home...

Torsk, Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Social Hour 5:00 pm / Dinner at 5:30 pm

Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48, Sons of Norway

San Juan Masonic Center

5944 San Juan Avenue

Citrus Heights

Prepaid reservations only: Adults and Teens \$25; Children 12 and under free.

RESERVATIONS LIMITED—NO AT-THE-DOOR SALES.

For reservations mail form and payment (check to Sons of Norway) to Tove-Lise Miller, 2656 Barbera Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-3742. If you need further information call 916/364-8704 or email to tovelise@aol.com.

MAIL BY MARCH 8th, PLEASE!

T-L-M Dinner. Please reserve for the following.
(No tickets—Reservations will be checked at the door.)

Names: _____

Phone # and e-mail of submitter: _____

Adults , Teens _____ @ \$25 each Total Charge \$ _____

Children 12 and under _____ @ FREE

TOTAL ATTENDEES _____

FOR OUR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE ESTIMATE HOW MANY IN YOUR GROUP MIGHT BE EATING LUTEFISK _____

DETACH AND MAIL WITH CHECK WITH YEAR DATE 2025!





Coming February 26th...

“ZOOM” VESTERHEIM MUSEUM INTO YOUR HOME...

District Six has arranged for two live Zoom presentations from the Vesterheim Museum. The first was previously presented, but the second will be on February 26, 2025, at 6:00 Pacific Time.

You may join this Zoom presentation from your home via computer or smart phone, invite a group of friends for a watch party, or organize a watch party at your Lodge. We are limited by the number of connections (computers), not the number of viewers, so watch parties will allow more participants. If you are not able to attend the live presentation, a recording thereof will be made available.

UPCOMING PRESENTATION

Topic: *In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States.*

Date: February 26 at 6:00 PM Pacific / 7:00 PM Mountain / 8:00 PM Central Time.

Speaker: Jennifer Kovarik, Collection Manager

Program Description: Between 1825 and 1980, nearly one million Norwegians left for new lives in America. Consider the reasons for leaving, what they brought, and where they settled. Explore the immigrant experience through stories associated with artifacts in Vesterheim’s collection.

Request Zoom link here: <https://sofn6.org/vesterheim-trunks-hands-hearts/>



SONS OF NORWAY MISSION STATEMENT

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

Announcing the 2025 Dates for District Six’s Annual Language and Heritage Camps!

We are excited to share the dates for our 2025 youth camps, held at beautiful Camp Norge in the Sierra Mountains:

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule
Dates: June 29 – July 12
Ages: 14 to 17 years old

Camp Trollfjell
Dates: July 13 – July 26
Ages: 8 to 13 years old

Since 1967, our camps have provided youth with a unique opportunity to celebrate and embrace Norwegian heritage. Attendees immerse themselves in cultural experiences, learning the Norwegian language and practicing traditional crafts like rosemaling, tablet weaving, and wire weaving. Campers also enjoy Norwegian folk dancing and making classic treats such as lefse and traditional cookies, while exploring Norwegian history and Nordic mythology.

Join Our Team in 2025!

To make this incredible experience possible, we are seeking enthusiastic volunteers. Family who volunteer are eligible for discounts—up to \$500 off camp fees. Contact the Camp Director for more information.

To apply for any of the following positions, please email us at camp.director@sofn6.org.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwegian Language Instructor • Dance Instructor (for July 8-12) • Rosemaling Instructors • Crafts Instructors • Counselor in Training (16+)* • Counselor (18+)* | <p>Professional Roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifeguard (afternoon shifts) • Open Water Lifeguard (1 day for each camp) • Nurse (to support our current medical staff) | <p>Requirements for Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of a background check • Mandated reporter training • California DMV driving report • First Aid and CPR certification* |
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Help us continue the tradition of celebrating Norwegian culture at Camp Norge!



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Sons of Norway is a financial services organization offering our members financial products that help provide real peace of mind. A portion of the revenues from these products is invested back into the organization and local lodges to support our shared heritage and values.

Members of Sons of Norway receive valuable member benefits, such as *Viking* magazine and access to discounts on a wide spectrum of products and services from local and national retailers.

Member benefits are non-contractual and subject to change without notice.

SONS OF NORWAY PRODUCTS

Life Insurance

- Whole Life Insurance
- Term Life Insurance

Annuities

- Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity (FPDA)
- Single Premium Deferred Annuity (SPDA)
- Single Premium Immediate Annuity (SPIA)
- Multi-Year Guaranteed Annuity (MYGA)

2025

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LANGUAGE/HERITAGE (Camp Troll Fjell or Trollfjell Folkehøgskule)

Name: _____

Which camp are you applying for: _____

Address:

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Who belongs to Roald Amundsen Lodge Sons of Norway in your family? (Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles or Guardians) (Name or Names)

Please write a letter as to why you want to attend, and what you hope to learn at camp. Letter can be written on the back of this application, if you wish. Note: Part of your commitment in accepting this scholarship is to report back to the lodge about your experience at the September BBQ meeting Sunday, the 7th of September. Also, you must apply to the Camp, be accepted, and pay your 1/2 of the fee before the lodge will release the scholarship funds which will be paid directly to the camp. CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE ON THE DISTRICT SIX WEBSITE.

Agreed:

Camper _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Date _____

Please promptly submit this scholarship application and your letter about attending to Tove-Lise Miller. Send to her email tovelise@aol.com, or mail to her at 2656 Barbera Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-3742. Questions: call (916) 364-8704.

Roald Amundsen Lodge

CALENDAR 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>MEETING/</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
January		None	Nein, Nada, Ingen
February Tue, 11th	7:00 pm	Business, Cultural	2024 Lodge Financial Re- port (planned)
March Sat, 22nd	5:00 pm	Fish, Meatball Dinner	Social Event 
April Tue, 8th	7:00 pm	Business	Scintillating Cultural Presentation hoped for
April Sat, 12th	10:00 am	Scandinavian Festival CANCELLED	Multi-Lodge Event
May Sat, 17th	1:00 pm	“Syttende Mai”	Constitution Day Cele- bration 
June		None	
July		Lodge Picnic	In planning 
August		None	
September Sun, 7th	1:00 pm	BBQ	Camper Recognition (Note corrected date) 
October Tue, 14th	7:00 pm	Business, Cultural	
November Sat, 1st	10:00 am	Viking Festival	Food and Vender Festival 
December Sat, 6th	5:00 pm	Julebord	Holiday Dinner; 2026 Officer Install 

Like everything in this world, anything on this chart is subject to change, and especially the start times. Check website for updates, usually in the latest Navigator.

SIDEBARS FROM YOUR EDITOR

PEOPLE OF THE NORTH ON PBS

Your editor thinks this series has aired previously but, nevertheless, it should be interesting and beautiful. Three Scandinavian folks explore wonderful and scenic places in the far north.

The first program has already aired, but the second will be (or has been, depending on when you receive this Navigator) on locally at 4 pm Friday, January 31st, and we think nine Fridays thereafter. We believe the upcoming program (February 7th) features a visit to Faeroerne Islands, with the three travelers visiting an old Norse settlement in the Faeroerne Islands to savor the island's culinary hotspots. The team meets with local artists and singers in Klaksvik followed by a trip to Torshavn, where the visitors prepare a famous regional dish and an ocean-themed beverage.

New book of historical interest...

REALM OF ICE AND SKY

This new book gives historical accounts of early attempts to reach the North Pole by Wellman (American), Nobile (Italian) and Amundsen (Norwegian). Many of us are familiar with the attempts by Nobile and Amundsen, but probably fewer of us have heard of Wellman.

The author is **Buddy Levy**, an historical writer with many previous book credits to his name.



The book was extensively reviewed positively in the Wall Street Journal of January 30th. Quoting from the review:

“Amundsen retired after the Norge voyage, vowing that he was done with Arctic exploration. Nobile planned another expedition, this time to linger over the Arctic and gather more scientific data, possibly even dropping a crew onto the ice. That trip would go horribly wrong, with Nobile and his team crashing partway into their journey. Ironically, the effort to save Nobile would bring Amundsen out of retirement. Asked why he would risk his life for Nobile, despite their falling-out, the Norwegian told an Italian journalist: “There is a sentiment of solidarity which must bind men, especially those who risk their lives in the cause of science.”

“On June 18, 1928, Amundsen and his crew took off from Tromsø, Norway, to embark on their rescue mission. They would never be seen again.”

