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FROM LODGE PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE MILLER:



Time sure flies. As I write this letter, we are already close to Easter, and you may not be reading it until after Easter. This is the time of the year when Norway is "closed," according to tourists. I know that sounds a little odd, but most Norwegians leave their homes in the cities and escape into the mountains to enjoy skiing and relaxing. Most stores are closed since there are a lot of holidays so shopping is very limited. Women (and some men) make sure they have plenty of yarn so they can enjoy knitting by the fire in the evening after spending the day outside.

Talking about knitting, Sons of Norway have several Cultural Skills programs, like knitting, Hardanger embroidery, several types of woodcarving, Norwegian language, cooking and several more. These are all listed on the Sons of Norway website. Let me know if there is something that might be of interest to you and we will try to get some of these programs started in our lodge.

We also have the Sports Medal program, if that is of more interest to you. You can earn pins in swimming, skiing, biking, walking or general fitness.

Don't forget about the two camps that we have at Camp Norge this summer. Camp Trollfjell (age 8 to 13) July 12th to 25th and Folkehogskule (age 14 to 17) July 6th to 11th. Registration and more information can be found on District 6's website.

Hope to see more of you at our meetings and as usual we can always use a helping hand.

Hilsen, Tove-Lise

UPCOMING LODGE SCHEDULE:

- 4/14 Lodge meeting.
- 5/10 Mothers' Day.
- 5/12 Lodge meeting.
- 5/17 17th of May Celebration.
(see flyer inside)
- 5/25 Memorial Day.
- 6/9 Lodge meeting.

SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...

TORSK AND MEATBALL DINNER A WINNER ALL THE WAY AROUND!

About 75 persons enjoyed one of our best (editor's opinion) Torsk dinners of the last several years this past March 28th. All the food was great, but especially the fish from the Roseville Meat Company. (I don't think I have had better.) All the side dishes were excellent, as well.

Joe and LaRena Hannon did all the shopping. Our president **Tove-Lise** managed the whole operation, and dealt with emergencies such as receiving the hall in the afternoon not ready to accommodate tables, but instead set up with chairs for a conference situation. She enlisted the help of her son and daughter-in-law, **Kai and Nicole Miller**, to clear the hall and make it ready. They had to get rid of some of the chairs to make room for serving tables, and the thanks goes to **David Bailey** for stacking them in a storage area.

Tove-Lise expresses thanks to all the cookie bakers; **Ann Sandner, Kristin Updegraff, Donna Gordon and Tove-Lise herself**. And thanks to **Nicole Miller** for helping Tove-Lise make the meatballs.

Other helpers and food servers included **Joe and LaRena Hannon** (you can always count on them to make critical contributions), **David Bailey, and Olivia Siddique**, one of our lodge junior members.

Managing the kitchen were **Kirsten Wyatt** (she cooked the fish) and her daughter, **Katrina**. **Carol Lee Solheim** controlled the reservation process and the collection of reservation monies. Many folks "turned to" to clean up afterwards including, especially, **Leif Erik Bjerke** and several other young men who handled the really heavy chairs. Lodge resident artist **Bill Nilsen** donated one of his paintings as a door-prize.

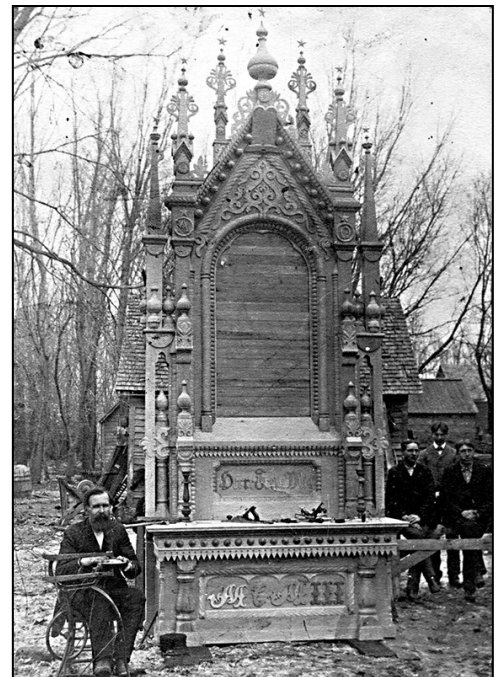


Bill Teie

In addition to a great Norwegian Cod dinner, attendees were treated to a very professionally prepared 30-minute Power Point presentation by member **Bill Teie** about **Osten Halvorson Pladson** and his church altars. Mr. Pladson constructed altars for Norwegian churches throughout the upper Midwest United States during the late 1800s, many of which still exist today. He was Bill's great-grandfather. The presentation features photos of many of these, together with locational maps and historic tidbits.



Server Olivia Siddique



This is a photo of Osten H. Pladson constructing the altar for the Bethania Lutheran Church near Northwood, North Dakota.

MORE TORSK DINNER PHOTOS



Our chef Kirsten Wyatt.



Line crew Joe and LaRena Hannon and David Bailey (above).

Dennis Blegen loading up (left).

Semi-patient Norwegians waiting for dinner.



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SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION



Take note of the flyer for the 17th of May celebration and mark your calendars now (May 17, of course)! There may not be another notification about this before the event. Both last year and the year before this proved to be an enjoyable summer kick-off event. We hope to see many of you for this Sunday afternoon picnic and festivities.



The camp is now open for the season. See www.campnorge.org/.



By the way, there is a **folk dance weekend** at Camp Norge April 17-19! The hosts are planning a great weekend of folk dancing, including dances for the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills program.

Meg Laycock (Nordahl Grieg Lodge 6-62) and **Ginny Lee** (Centennial Lodge 6-161) will teach figure dances, couple dances, and song dances, as well as dance basics.

Live music for teaching sessions and the Saturday

party will be provided by **Bill Likens** of Nordahl Grieg Lodge. You must sign up soon. The flyer is available on line at: <http://www.ngls.net/Alta-Flyer-2015-Spring-Stevne.pdf>. Or, for more information, contact Meg Laycock at 408-255-2111, or Zena Corcoran at 650-355-3752.

Also, there normally are organized events at Camp Norge over the Memorial Day weekend. However, at press time we have received no information. Those interested will have to check the District 6 website in the future.

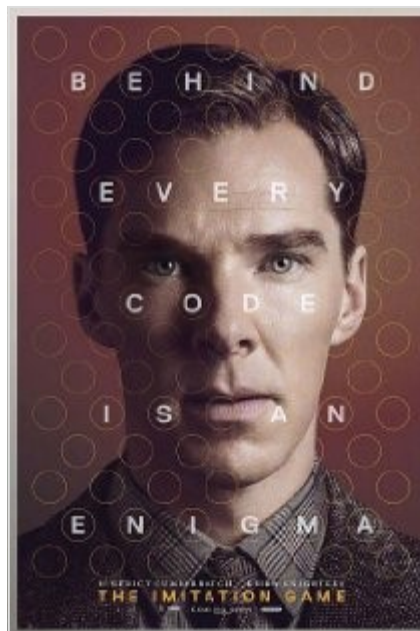
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

(Or, what is so hard to understand about free money?)

Each year District 6 awards up to three \$1,000 college scholarships. The deadline to apply was April 1st. Amazingly, however, we were recently advised that at least one was still available. It wouldn't hurt to check with **Carl Ingvaldstad** at cingvaldst@aol.com to see if you can still apply...



NORWEGIAN DIRECTOR'S FILM NOW AVAILABLE ON iTUNES



The Oscar-nominated British film, *The Imitation Game*, did not win Best Picture, and neither did nominated Norwegian director **Morten Tyldum** win for Best Director. But the film did not go away empty-handed, as it won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay. The film is available on iTunes.

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CAN CAMPER PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS HELP?

Each summer the lodge provides significant financial assistance to our young campers in the form of scholarships. It seems only fitting that the sponsoring parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or whomever, reciprocate a bit by helping at one or more of our social events. We are hopeful that you will serve when called, or better yet, volunteer to help at one of our future events. Our Social Director, **LaRena Hannon** (916/451-3853), can always match you with the proper job at the proper event.

CHILDREN'S CAMPS AT CAMP NORGE



Camp Trollfjell (8-13 years old, July 12-25) and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule (14-17 years old, July 6-11) will be here before you know it. The Folkehøgskule will offer classes in **Rosemaling, Folk Dancing, Heritage, Crafts, and Norwegian Language.**

For more information, check out the new District Six website--- www.sofn6.org. The camper applications can be filled out on the camp website: <http://www.campnorge.org/camp-trollfjell.html>.

Roald Amundsen Lodge will provide one-half of tuition scholarships (\$450) to Camp Trollfjell for qualified lodge children and grandchildren who are properly registered for the camp with their portion of the tuition paid. Similarly, the lodge will provide one, one-half of tuition scholarship to the Folkehøgskule. Contact the lodge Foundation Director, Donna Gordon, for detailed information (justfordonna@surewest.net), and please do it soon!

KING HARALD V TO VISIT U.S. IN MAY

HM King Harald V is scheduled to visit Washington State and Alaska during the period May 21-27. In Seattle he will receive an honorary doctorate from Pacific Lutheran University. The Alaskan portion will include discussions with officials concerning Arctic trade and general ties between Norway and the United States.



The king has respectfully declined an invitation from Navigator reporter **Dick Tracy** to divert to Sacramento to help Dick celebrate his birthday. Neither could he be induced to offer an opinion on the proposed Jeff Koons' blob art piece planned for the entrance area to the Kings arena. Dick nevertheless plans an excellent birthday celebration.

ROSEMALING AT CAMP NORGE April 25/26, 2015



There is room in all three classes! Please go to www.campnorge.org. Then click on events, click on Rosemaling, click on each teacher to see the project, then click on registration to get a copy of the form to mail to register in one of the classes. All levels welcome!

THIS IS NAVIGATOR "SPRING" ISSUE

Unless a compelling need arises to publish again before summer, you will not see another Navigator until about mid-June (the July—August issue). So please take note of all events scheduled for the upcoming period based on information in this issue. Especially, take note of the 17th of May flyer. We may provide updated material on the web site in the interim, if and as necessary, but not likely in a published, mailed format.



REMEMBERING MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is May 25th

This is a speech composed in 2009 by a member of "America's Greatest Generation," Mr. Martin Andrews, then age 90. He delivered this speech to his fellow residents at the Veterans Home in Northport, NY. Mr. Andrews was a POW in WWII, is a former documentary film producer, a son of Norwegian immigrants, and a long-time member of the Sons of Norway. Also, he is the editor's cousin. He still resides in the Veterans Home.

It is common knowledge that the day we call Memorial Day began at the end of the American Civil War. But it entered our holiday calendar very differently than Veterans Day, the other national observance set aside to honor America's servicemen and women.

Veterans Day had a precise military origin. It marked the Armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of eleventh month of 1918 when thousands of guns went silent on the blood-soaked western front of World War One.

Memorial Day entered the National consciousness quietly and fitfully by the actions of many anonymous civilians. It was women who initiated it - the mothers, widows and sisters of the more than 600,000 men who lost their lives in the terrible battles of the Civil War. The women represented the blue and the gray, the North and the South, both the Union and the Confederate armies. They came individually and in groups to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones.

Local newspapers noted this common practice and soon Congress and the U.S. War Department decided to make it an official holiday. And what better time of the year to make a National date for these floral offerings but the month of flowers, the month of May. Because the flowers so decorated the military cemeteries, they called it "Decoration Day."

During my childhood we still called it Decoration Day. Our entire school would walk to the soldiers' home cemetery to place white carnations and small American flags by every veteran's tombstone. This decoration theme still exists today, for now is the time to visit the V.A.'s national cemeteries that are all transformed by thousands and thousands of American flags by each of the tombstones, set there by an army of volunteers, including thousands of boy scouts and



girl scouts. This isn't done on Veterans Day - only on Memorial Day.

Now, it so happened that, 66 years ago, on Memorial Day in 1943, my B-17 bomber crew and I left America to fly across the Atlantic Ocean to England, to join the U.S. 8th Air Force in WWII. We took off from Dow Field in Bangor, Maine. We had some time to kill in the morning so I went to the Post Exchange, bought myself a cup of coffee, went outside and sat on a bench to drink it.

Soon another pilot of a different squadron joined me. I've forgotten his name, but I've always called him Jim Nichols because he looked like a boy I'd known in high school. Right across from us on our bench was a large clump of blooming irises. They looked absolutely gorgeous in the morning sunshine - purple, blue, yellows and white - each flower with velvety, sensuously curved petals with orange throats. As we looked at them, Jim mentioned that the iris was his favorite flower because he'd grown up in northern Michigan where irises bloomed at the end of the school year. I agreed with him totally because I'd grown up in Wisconsin where the blooming irises heralded the coming of summer.

Jim told me that his wife was about to have their first baby. He worried about her. I worried a bit about him because married servicemen going into combat had so much more to lose. I was a single guy. If I got killed I figured that my father and step-mother and four older sisters could handle that since a lot of people were getting killed. But a wife and child meant a much closer bond.

At any rate, we took off that long-ago Memorial Day to fly to England and start our daylight bombing raids

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on Nazi Germany. It wasn't long before we heard that Jim Nichols' wife had successfully delivered a baby daughter. Jim proudly showed the baby's picture to everyone, and again and again and again. Young men, I think, don't see beauty in babies as much as women do. But everyone liked Jim and never stopped telling him he had a pretty baby.

But Jim's luck ran out that summer when his B-17 exploded in a ball of smoke and fire over Germany. Ten KIAs. No one survived. Every Memorial Day ever since I think of Jim. In fact I never see a blooming iris without being reminded of that sunny morning we sat together on a bench across from that glorious mass of flowers.

Sometimes I think of Jim's daughter, too. She's a grown woman, now, probably with children of her own. She has no grave to go to, but I'm sure she thinks of her father on Memorial Day. And I

wish I could tell her how much her father loved her and showed her picture.

When my own daughter was born I came to understand the beauty of babies. About the time that Emily arrived I happened to read a verse by the German poet Heinrich Heine that touched me. It goes like this:

Du bist wie eine blume
So hold und schon und rein,
Ich Schau dich an, Und wehmuth
Schleicht mir herz hinein.

In English, the poem to his daughter sounds like this:
"You are like a flower so sweet, so beautiful and pure,
that I look at you and sadness
creeps into my heart."



The poet reminds us that babyhood, childhood and life itself are ephemeral but the spirit of love never dies. How good, therefore, to express our own love for our fallen ones on this day of flags and flowers that we now call Memorial Day.

Cal Lutheran Scandinavian Festival

April 18 and 19, 2015

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

60 West Olson Road, Thousand Oaks, CA



The Campus of California Lutheran University will be transformed into a microcosmic Scandinavia during the 2-day festival.

This popular event will include cultures of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. Both days are filled with music, folk dance, demonstrations, food, craft, vendors, lectures, Viking Camp and games, so lots of activities for young and old.

Admission:

Adults \$ 10, 00, Teenagers \$ 5, 00, Children FREE

**WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING
NEW LODGE MEMBERS:**

**Trevor Breed
Robin Friedman
Sonia Larsen
Karin Oliveira**

We have met one or two of you, and hope to see others of you at one of our lodge meetings or functions!

IN MEMORIAM

Mary B. Sathre, Life Member, succumbs at 89



Mary Sathre was a long-time resident of Carmichael; she passed this past February 26th. She was born in Saugus. Her husband, Raymond, preceded her, but she is survived by children Ronald, Charles and Vivian, ten grandchildren and 18+ great-grandchildren.

Mary helped Raymond run their family business from its start in 1946. She was well known in the Carmichael community and was extremely active in the Emblem Club, Sons of Norway and the Eastern Star. Florence Smith reports that Mary and Raymond were very active in earlier times and helped Jim Smith get the Reno lodge started. A funeral was held on March 6th. The lodge will make a donation to its Scholarship Fund in her memory, and we offer condolences to her survivors.

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ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 2015 REMAINING CALENDAR

Here is the lodge's calendar of remaining events for 2015. Changes, if any and as they occur, will be posted on the website and in The Navigator.

May 17 – 17th of May Celebration. See Flyer, this issue.

July 6-25—Children's Camps at Camp Norge

August – Summer Social Event, tentative, exact date and venue to be determined.

September 13 – Sunday afternoon meeting/social with camper kids from Trollfjell

October 3 – Scandifest

October 17 – Lutefisk Dinner, Masonic Lodge

November 21 – Vikingfest, Masonic Lodge

December 19 – Julebord, Masonic Lodge

December – Children's Christmas Party, venue and date to be promulgated

Additionally, there will be **regular meetings** on the second Tuesday evening, 7 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, of the following months: **April, May, June, October, and November.**

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY



**“17TH OF MAY”
SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION
and BARNETOG (Children’s Parade)
and PICNIC**

When: SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015, beginning at 1:30 in afternoon,
until about 4:30.

Where: HOME OF STEVE (LODGE MEMBER) AND CELIA
ROSENTHAL AND ADJACENT GLANCY OAKS PARK,
2051 Gunn Road, Carmichael. Ample parking in the drive and on
the street. If you get lost, call 916.539.5614.

Wear: Red-white-blue! Also bring Norwegian flags if you have them.
(National costumes too warm to wear.) Swimming available if
weather permits — wear or bring swim suit.

Featuring: Barnetog (children’s parade—all can participate!) at about
2:30 pm. Potluck picnic, games, swimming if weather permits.
Pool will be heated. Children’s playground equipment in park
adjacent to back yard. Teenagers—there are basketball hoops!

Lodge Will Provide: Grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, plates, cups, napkins,
plastic cutlery, ice, soft drinks, condiments, ice cream dessert and
maybe a cake.

Bring: Potluck dish to share along with serving utensils (salads, beans,
chips, side dishes), adult libations, folding chairs, cameras, Nor-
wegian relatives and friends, other Scandinavians, and indeed any-
one you care to bring.

Cost: FREE. But please call Tove-Lise Miller at 916/364-8704 or email
(PREFERRED) tovelise@aol.com to indicate you are likely coming
(and how many!) so we have an approximate count! By the
Wednesday prior, if possible. We may not be able to accommodate
you if you are not registered.

**WELCOME SUMMER CELEBRATING
THIS NORWEGIAN SPECIAL DAY!**

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MENTS
FOR 2015 MONTHLY
LODGE MEETINGS**

Please sign up at one of our meetings, or call Ron Byrd at 916/293-8142.



Who is this woman?

Ingrid Bolsø Bernal, Norwegian actress, singer and film producer. Born 1980. Winner of Norwegian Film Amanda Award for Cold Prey film.