

THE NAVIGATOR

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! ARE YOU READY?
New and Repeating Officers to be installed January 8th.
Come and Welcome them. See flyer inside.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LODGE PRESIDENT:

Greetings, fellow lodge members.

Well, we embark on another year! This milestone causes me to reflect on what might make our organization more attractive. Over the past years we have been losing members (currently about 55,000 internationally, with well over 90% of them residing in the United States). Periodically the order conducts membership drives, but to me the important parallel effort ought to be devoted to making lodge membership so attractive that we retain the members we have – retaining members through attractive programs and activities begets new members.

One practical aspect of this in our organization is the availability of financial products, which I trust are very competitive with those of other organizations.

What can we do at our local level? I have tried to think outside the box, to use a trite phrase, to muse about a few possibilities:

Children and Teenager Summer Camps. These have been quite successful in recent years, and hopefully the camp participants will one day be contributing members to the lodge. But, we must face up to the fact that as time passes and our young people are third, fourth, or even fifth generation after their ancestors' immigration, they are not as parochial in their outlook. They have friends who are not of Norwegian descent. Perhaps they would like to invite such a friend to attend camp with them, and we could facilitate with some sort of partial "buddy" scholarship. Who



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knows? It might become a good investment – another young person interested in Norwegian culture and a possible future member of our lodge or some other lodge. We certainly have active members in our lodge now who have no Norwegian ancestry.

College age Scholarships. It would certainly be beneficial to the lodge to have more visibility among college-age students. Our order offers scholarships to students to study in Norway. Perhaps we at the lodge level could offer a modest “add-on” scholarship: if a local student qualifies for one of these primary scholarships, we could present them with an add-on stipend to help with expenses not covered by their primary scholarship. The “return” would be to ask them to give or participate in a few programs that tell of their experiences once they return from Norway. We are fortunate to be a reasonably financial endowed lodge.

We have a responsibility, as a fraternal organization, to utilize assets for the good of the order and for the good of society, in general.

Social events. The cadre of lodge members who consistently bear the responsibilities inherent in sponsoring our dinners and other social events are getting older, tired, and indeed there are fewer of them. What should be our response to this? Fewer events? Hired help (not a good solution for a number of reasons)? Catered events? The Board would welcome your ideas.

Enough for one letter. Some ideas prove to be doable, and others not. I and the other Board members would value hearing from you. My best to all our lodge members and families for 2017. **See you at our events!**
Hilsen, Steve

“SIDEBARS” FROM THE EDITOR

ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP PINS

The lodge has been awarding membership pins for 20 years of service, and for five-year increments above that (25 years, 30, 35, etc.). It was suggested to us that we missed a few folks for the year 2016, and so we went back and audited the list developed early in the year 2016 by others. We have determined that the following additional pins should have been awarded:

Kirsten Wyatt, 50 years.

Ruth Amen, 60 years

Don Lewison, 60 years

Carol Lee Solheim, 60 years

These pins will be presented at the January 8th Officer Installation if the recipients are present to receive them. If they are not present, the pins will be mailed.

UPCOMING LODGE CALENDAR

Sunday January 8, 2:00 pm: Annual Installation of Officers. See the flyer in this Navigator.

Hope to see you there.

Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 pm: General monthly meeting with cultural offering.

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Saturday, March 25, time TBD: Torsk Dinner.

All these events will take place at the Masonic Lodge. A more complete, annual schedule of events will be published in the next issue.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 pm in the library of the Masonic Hall.

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IS THERE A YOUTH DIRECTOR OUT THERE?

The following, although written in the third person, is from Carol Francis. Obviously she is concerned, as we all should be, that we do not have a 2017 incoming youth director. Although she cannot continue for a number of reasons, she is willing to assist anyone willing to take this important position.

There was an active Junior Lodge when **Carol Francis** came into the lodge almost 37 years ago. She went in as youth director in the 1980s, and then after she retired in 2004. While she was Vice President and President, she kept the kids going camping and went to Language Camp to take pictures, started the September program by campers to report back to the lodge.

She has never had kids in the lodge. And she is now working in Svalbard north of Norway in summer months, with no internet or cell phone service for up to 15 days at a time. In 2018 she will be going out as a historian about six months of the year. 2017 is the year when she can serve as assistant youth director and mentor a new person to keep our vibrant youth program going.

We have a lot of prior campers who come help us set up for dinners and then serve at the dinners, who help put on programs, who are willing to help the little kids in the lodge. We have a great bunch of 3-9 years olds coming to lodge events who need someone to help them be part of the lodge.



It is not an executive board position. When Carol did the job in the 1980s she did not attend board meetings. Her second and third times taking the position she did go to board meetings when she could.

Would you be willing to work with Carol as Youth Director?

This picture shows "full circle." Carol sang in the Nes Blandede Kor in 1966-67 while living in Norway as an exchange student. In 1982 she got her new Romeriksbunad, and remade this everyday bunad she wore for choir so **Laura Jensen** could be our Maid of Norway, and then Queen of the 6th District Convention. Laura has now remade the same bunad, using the material for a skirt for her daughter **Olivia Siddique**, and adding a new top.

FUN FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

We had a very successful Family Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18, 2016, at the Masonic Lodge. We started with Christmas carols and enthusiastic singing. Outgoing Youth Director **Carol Francis** read "Carpenter Anderson" by Norwegian Alf Prøysen about the carpenter who changed places with Santa Claus.

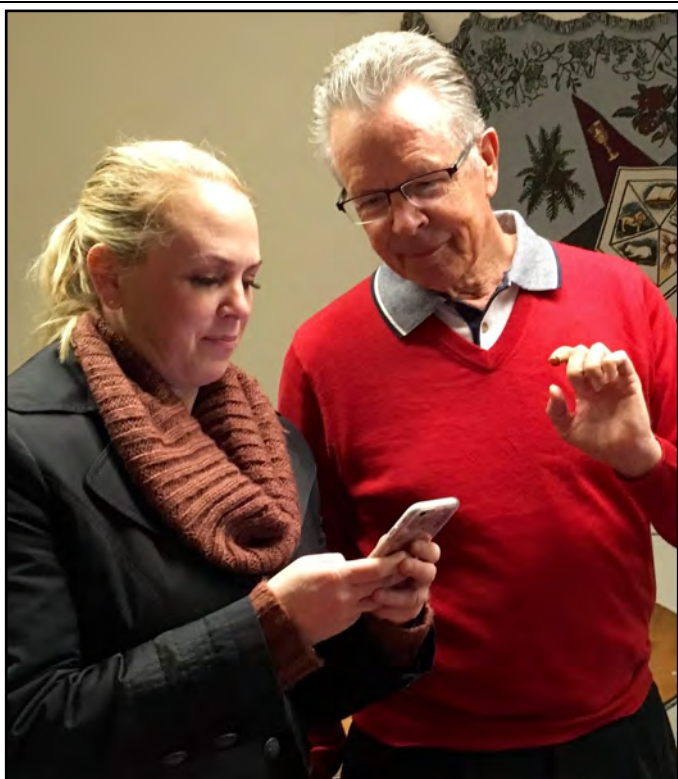
Then we had something very new and successful: Christmas games run by our Language and Heritage campers for the younger children. **Anders Thue** had a moving Christmas train for the kids to shoot at with rubber arrows. **Olivia and Omar Siddique**, assisted by mom **Laura Jensen Siddique**, ran a Christmas bowling game, Fish for Candy Canes game, and Blowing Cotton Balls into Decorated Cups game.

The games were so successful that our young people (and some grandparents) continued to play and adapt the games well into the refreshment period. We will definitely continue this format in future years! Thanks to all who helped, including **Santa Joe!** - **Carol Francis**.

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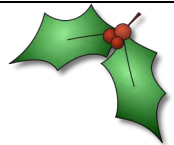


FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY. 1) Jennell Safford with Carol Francis and Singing Dog, 2) Danielle Sliper sets up Super Bowling cups for her grandson Zachary Safford and Wyatt Mattes (Kristi Mattes). 3) Sitting on Santa's lap, Violet Gallo, kneeling beside Santa, Zachary Safford, and left to right: Alexander Safford, Jennell Safford, Olivia Siddique, Sam Gallo, Wyatt Mattes, Carol Francis, Omar Siddique, Anders Thue, Michael Gallo. Families represented: Laura Jensen Siddique, Dave Sliper, Trond Aschehoug, Curt Thue, Kristi Mattes.



MORE FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY:
1) Jill Aschehaug showing Dave Sliper photos taken. 2) Violet Gallo (age 3) and Alexander Gallo (age 4) figured out the technique for getting the cotton ball into the cup. 3) Omar Siddique all smiles after receiving his iPhone 7 from Santa [ok, just kidding]. 4) Wyatt Mattes shows off his great skill at candy cane fishing.

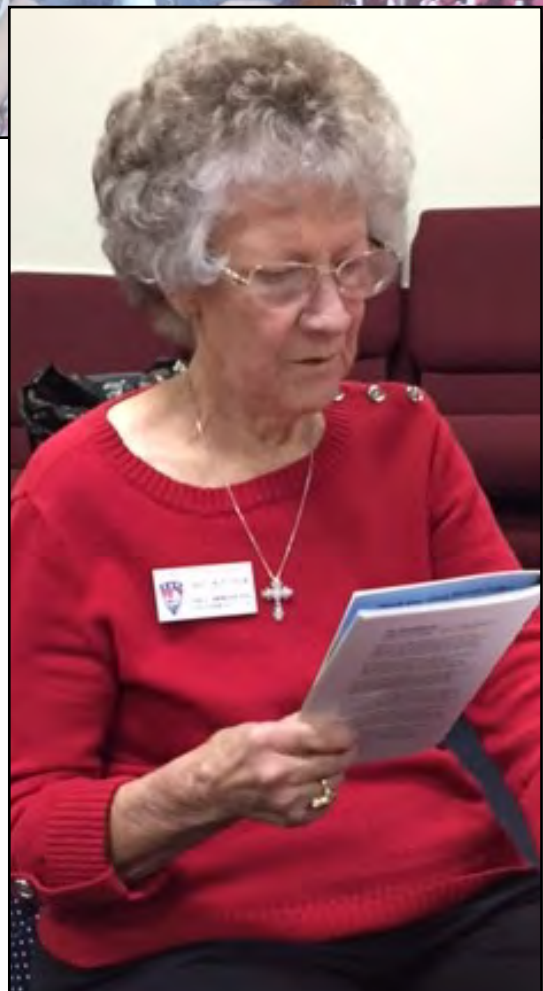
JULEBORD DINNER A HOLIDAY TREAT



Our 2016 Julebord on December 11th was a wonderful, easygoing evening, except maybe for the behind the scenes workers. **Larena Hannon**, ably assisted by her husband Joe, coordinated the event and in general did lots of work to pull it off. Your editor regrets that he cannot name all of the persons that contributed to making it a fine evening, but he can mention a few:

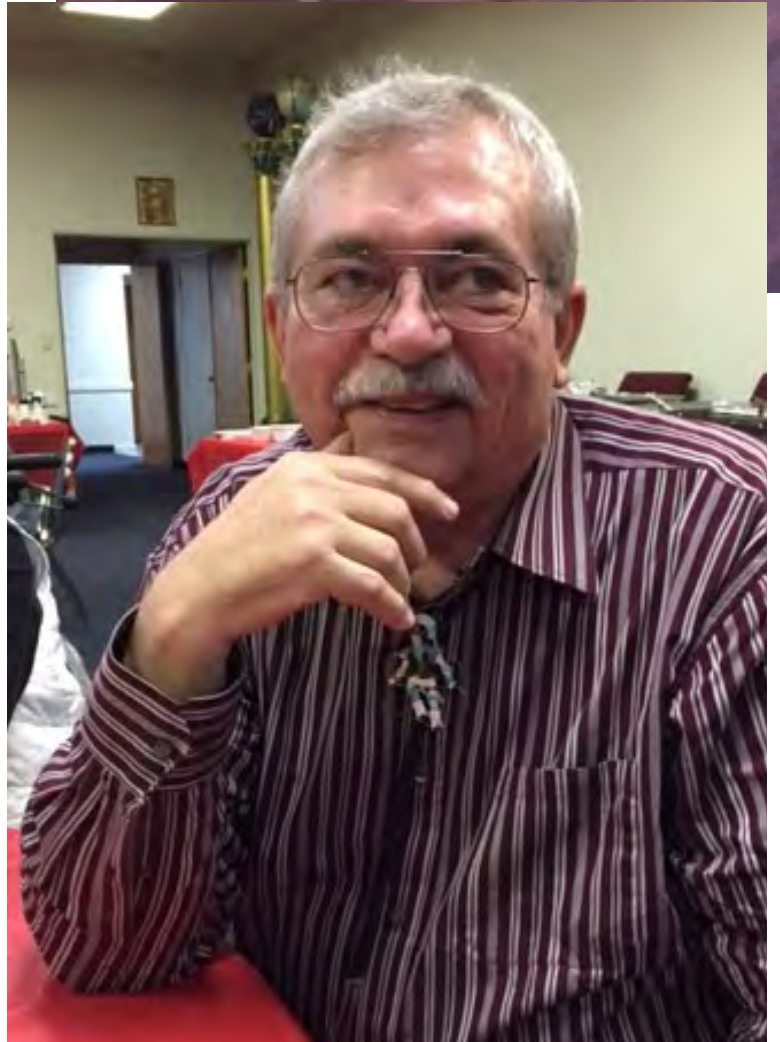
Joe Hannon prepared the delicious pork roast. **Kirstin Wyatt** and her usual crew did their usual fine job in the kitchen. **Donna Gordon, Tove-Lise Miller**, and perhaps others, contributed baked cookies. **Tove-Lise** did a fine job as MC. **Darla and David Moe** and perhaps others contributed door prizes – did anyone not win one? **Carol Lee Solheim** coordinated ticket sales; unfortunately car problems prevented Oystein and her from attending. Many draftees served in the serving line. **Mike Gordon** provide the music.

Larena once again coordinated the attending youth in seasonal Santa Lucia presentation –thanks to all of them that participated. This event is always one of the most grand of our annual events.



Cheznee Hill and Astoria Brown, sisters and guests of Lois MacNeil, warm up the crowd with a rendition of “Jingle Bells.” Carleton Peterson contributing to the music. A portion of Los MacNeil’s usual multi-guest table.

More Julebord photos. Guests, from upper left, member Ingrid Alfstad, our pianist for the evening member Mike Gordon, member David Moe, and guest of member Lois MacNiel whose name not available .



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LODGE DIRECTORIES

Our 2017 Roald Amundsen Lodge Directory will be available sometime later this month (January). The first source document for it will be our early January membership list from Minneapolis, and so if your information is incorrect there, and we do not catch it locally (we are going to try!), your information may be incorrect in our local lodge directory.

Initially the directories will be made available at lodge meetings and events. A wider distribution, by mail or whatever, will be determined at a little later date. The directories are intended for use only by lodge members. If you feel we have some erroneous information concerning your entry, or if we seem to lack certain information (based on the 2016 directory, for example), please send us the correct information, to rosen@winfirst.com. If you do not have email, send it to the editor at his address that appears in the 2016 directory. Better yet, correct your data now at the Minneapolis headquarters office. If for some reason you do not want your information to appear in the directory, please contact the editor at rosen@winfirst.com.

ADVERTISING IN THE NAVIGATOR

We are willing to accept advertising for legitimate businesses or services in the Navigator, as space permits. We would plan to accept advertising from lodge members, other Sons of Norway members, and perhaps some other businesses if there is a compelling reason to do so. We do not intend to charge at this time, unless maybe if the vendor is not affiliated with Sons of Norway.

We would prefer to start with business card ads, or ads of similar size, but we might accept somewhat larger ads. The preferred format is .pdf.

Of course, we reserve the absolute right not to accept an ad, at our sole discretion and without providing a reason and ads will only be printed as space permits.



2017 LODGE OFFICERS

Here again are your 2017 officers. Do you see a vacant position you could fill?

Officers Elected

President	Stephen Rosenthal
Vice President	Donna Gordon
Secretary	Tove Lise Miller
Treasurer	David Bailey
Membership Secretary	Florence Smith
Social Director	Larena Hannon
Cultural Director	(No Nominee)

Officers Appointed

Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Assistant Social Directors	Cliff and Dawn Higbe
Counselor	Joe Hannon
Foundation Director	Kristi Mattes
Greeter	Jim Smith
Historian	(No Nominee)
Label Printing	Carol Lee Solheim
Librarian	(No Nominee)
Lodge Membership Directory	Stephen Rosenthal
Musician	Mike Gordon
Assistant Musician	Bob Dahl
Marshals	Ann Sandner
	Pat Harriman
Newsletter Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Newsletter Publisher	Ray Miller
Publicity Director	DeAnn Smeltzer
Sports Director	(No Nominee)
Trustee	Norman Hales
	3 years
	2 years
	1 year
Website Manager	Stephen Rosenthal
Youth Director	Terje Miller
	(No Nominee)

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Please join us for the Lodge's first event of 2017

**Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48
Sons of Norway
Installation of 2017 Officers
and Complimentary Dessert
Sunday, January 8th, 2017, 2:00 PM
Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights**



Dessert and Coffee Served after the Installation.

Installing Officer Joe Hannon, past Lodge President, presiding.

**Please come and thank outgoing officers for all their hard work in the past year,
and to welcome the new and returning officers for 2017.**



SCHOLARSHIP EXTENSION INFORMATION



From: CKnudson@sofn.com

Date: December 29, 2016 at 2:15:41 PM PST >

Subject: International Scholarship Deadline Extended

Due to students having trouble in getting supporting documentation for their scholarships in time this year, we have extended the international scholarship deadlines out to **January 9th** for this year. If you know of students who are eligible for any of our scholarships, please encourage them to apply!

The link is www.sonsofnorway.com/scholarships

If you have any questions please call me directly (see below).
Happy New Year!

Corrie Maki Knudson, Director, Sons of Norway Foundation

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Santa Lucia procession participants

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Roald Amundsen Lodge Website: <http://www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com>.

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**2018 INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

The 2018 International Convention will be held in Minneapolis.

FOUNDATION THANKS

Roald Amundsen Lodge has received a nice Christmas card from **Corie Maki Knudson, Director, Sons of Norway Foundation**, thanking the lodge for “incredible support of the Foundation.”

DISTRICT SIX WINTER NEWSLETTER

This new newsletter containing good information is available on the D6 website. Recommended reading.

**ON-LINE ADDITION
HAS MORE PAGES**

Our internet addition has two more pages of event photos. It was not possible to include them in the postal version of this Navigator because a print version can only have pages in multiples of 4.

FOUNDERS' DAY JANUARY 16

January 16th marks Founders' Day—the day in 1895 when 18 Norwegian immigrants came together to establish a mutual assistance organization that has grown into the largest Norwegian cultural organization in the world.