

# THE NAVIGATOR

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**SUMMER PICNIC! Saturday, August 3rd, 2024. See page 2**

### FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

Hello Roald Amundsen Members,

No doubt summer is here. Folkehøgskule is in full swing at Camp Norge and Camp Trollfjell will start shortly.

**Our 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Syttende mai celebration was well attended.** Several former Presidents were in attendance, **Ann Sandner, Joe Hannon, Carol Francis, Stephen Rosenthal, Norman Hales and Tove-Lise Miller.** It made me think back at the first time I was President for our lodge, 1991-1992, and how much life has changed since then, and how many of our members that are no longer with us, but also of the many good memories that we left in our lodge building when we sold it.

Looking forward: I am hoping the younger members will step up and take over the responsibilities of running the Lodge and keeping their Norwegian heritage alive.

We had a great convention in Las Vegas; I will report more on that in the next newsletter.

Several events coming up. First, our picnic at Steve Rosenthal's home on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kretsstevne\* on Labor Day weekend, our barbeque lunch with the camper kids on September 8<sup>th</sup> and Camp Oldfjell September 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. More information available on the district website regarding the district events.

Hope you will join us at some of the events.

Continue to enjoy the beautiful "hot" California summer.

Hilsen Tove-Lise



\* more or less means "a gathering", and in this case of Northern California lodges.

# ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE SUMMER PICNIC!



*Picnic in a large shaded area adjacent to private Redwood grove with optional access to a public park with playground equipment. Pool and Spa.*

*Lodge will provide grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, plates, cups, napkins, plastic cutlery, ice, soft drinks, condiments, dessert, etc.*

*Please plan to bring family members, guests, etc.—the more the merrier!*

*There will be no charge for this event.*

***Bring your own adult beverages and suitable chairs if you have some.***

## **When:**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 3rd, 2024 beginning at 4 pm± and lasting until the last dog is hung.\*Meat coming off grill starting at about 5:30 pm.**

## **Where:**

**Rosenthal residence, 2051 Gunn Road, Carmichael. Ample parking in the driveway. (916/539-5614)**

## **Notify:**

**Please send message to [rosen@winfirst.com](mailto:rosen@winfirst.com) or text to 916-539-5614 indicating how many in your attending party. This helps us plan for food, etc. If you decide to attend at the last minute, come anyway. \*Old English saying.**

See Google.





# CAMP OLDFJELL

**September 21 – September 24, 2024**

**Register from July 1 to September 8**

**Full Session, Sat-Tue \$235 Half Session Sat- Sun \$140**

**Visit our web page by visiting:**

**<https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell/>**



CAMP OLDFJELL  
2024



**MORE INFORMATION ON CAMP OLDFJELL**

**Hello from Teri Morken, Solheim Lodge 6-069:**

The Camp Oldfjell committee is thrilled to announce the completion of our 2024 Course Catalog and schedule. Registration opens on **July 1st** and concludes on September 8th.

Join us for an unforgettable experience surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of Camp Norge. You will enjoy new classes, old favorites, great food, and even better people. Whether you're 18 or in your mid-90s, we invite you to explore and celebrate your favorite Norwegian handicrafts. Camp Oldfjell will be held from Saturday, September 21 through Tuesday, September 24. The full session, Saturday to Tuesday will be \$235 and the half session, Saturday and Sunday will be \$140. The course catalog is compiled in advance. Changes in classes, instructors, or fees may occur. To obtain up-to-date information, visit: <https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell/>  
To register for classes visit: [sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell-registration-2024/](https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell-registration-2024/)

**Held at Camp Norge, 250 Canyon Mine Road, Alta, CA**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE**

The fiscal adequacy of current dues was discussed at the recent convention. Sons of Norway dues have not been increased for over five years. As of July 1st, however, there was an increase, as follows (annual rates; their components):

**Individual— \$84**

- International - \$54
- District—\$15
- Lodge - \$15

**Individual Golden—\$54**

- International—\$26
- District—\$15
- Lodge—\$13

**Family—\$144**

- International—\$87
- District—\$27
- Lodge—\$30

Heritage & Lifetime—no change. These are the US rates. In Canada and Norway, the rates are slightly different.

**USUAL LODGE MEETING LOCATION: San Juan Masonic Lodge, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights, 95610. (NEC San Juan Avenue and Northlea Way, north of Madison Ave. and two long blocks south of Greenback Lane. Coordinates: 38.67425° N, 121.29191° W). There is monument-style signage in front of the building.**

**UPCOMING ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE EVENTS**

- Saturday, August 3:** Lodge Picnic (See flyer).
- Sunday Sept. 8th:** Lodge BBQ: Camper presentations.
- Tuesday, October 8th:** Planning Meeting (2025 schedule; officer nominations).
- Saturday, Nov. 9th:** Viking Festival.
- Saturday, Dec. 7th:** Julebord; 2025 Officer Installation (Christmas Dinner).



## RECENT EVENTS

### BIENNIAL DISTRICT SIX CONVENTION WRAPS UP IN LAS VEGAS

The District Six finished up June 23rd in Las Vegas. The theme was “Vegas Vikings” and a little fun was had by the delegates as a Viking “battle” was staged and delegates sported Viking clothing at a dinner featuring Viking food. Fortunately, most of the Vikings there used knives and forks to eat, rather than picking up the pork in their hands and wiping the residual grease off of them on the hair of the begging dogs under the table. Lodge member **Arlene Kozub** has posted photos from the event on the lodge Facebook page.

Many items of business were addressed. The major “takeaway” from the convention is that company procedures have been modified and International Directors will now be elected by members who own a Sons of Norway product, and not by the delegates at district conventions. This change brings Sons of Norway into compliance with the way most other insurance companies elect their Boards.



*Roald Amundsen Lodge's Viking Delegates at the Convention. The old, gnarly, retired Viking on the left is sporting rudimentary spectacles and holding an old cell phone, both found in a recently excavated Viking grave.*

## RECENT EVENTS

### HYGGE HUS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

As of the close of the recent convention the fundraising contributions and pledges were closing in on \$50,000. For information on this project and contribution information see the flyer elsewhere in this Navigator.



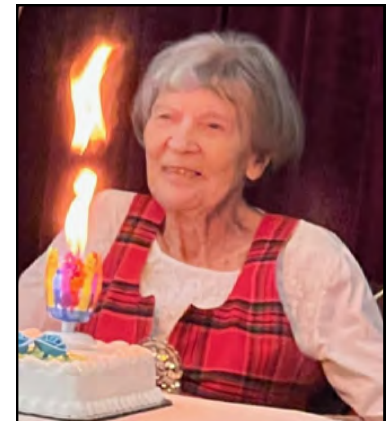
### MEMORIAL DAY AT CAMP NORGE

Good weather and good fun during this weekend at Camp Norge. Your President and your Editor celebrated their same day birthdays while there. Although their birthdays do fall on the same day, your Editor, fearing corporal retribution if he doesn't point it out, is much, much older than your President. *(Tove-Lise Miller conversing with younger guest at Camp Norge.)*



### MEMBER OBSERVES 87th BIRTHDAY!

**Ann Sandner**, a 39-year member of Sons of Norway, recently celebrated her 87th birthday at the Golden Pond Retirement Community in Rancho Cordova, where she is a resident. A number of the ladies in attendance were wearing Bunads in recognition of her years with Sons of Norway and Roald Amundsen Lodge, of which she was president several times.



### SONS OF NORWAY MISSION STATEMENT

Recently the Sons of Norway Mission Statement was modified slightly. It now reads:

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

### KAREN NELSON, 1950—2024

We are saddened to have to report Karen's passing. She was a loyal member of the lodge, a skilled instructor of Rosemaling, and a very pleasant and friendly lady. She passed away on June 23rd.





**LODGE MEMBERS ENJOY SYTTENDE MAI AND ANIVERSARY DINNER**



*Some lodge presidents, although indeed past, were also present.*

Over 30 members and guests observed the lodge's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Styttende mai. Interesting Norway history was presented and some members reminisced about the lodge's own history. The 1929 Charter and artifacts from the lodge's past were displayed. There were aquavit toasts to many lodge memories, and as the evening went on there were aquavit toasts to aquavit toasts.



CHARTER FROM 1929. KETCHUP FROM 2015

**DÉJÀ VU?**

**FROM OUR LODGE'S ARCHIVES: A PARTIAL PAGE FROM NEWS OF NORWAY, JUNE 1941, A PUBLICATION OF THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S PRESS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES.**

NEWS OF NORWAY

June 12, 1941

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"THIS GREAT GIANT OF AMERICA IS AWAKENING....."

"Have courage and renew hope, for at last the liberty-loving people of the United States are awake to their danger and to your plight, and are determined to stop and hurl back the Nazi aggressor!"

With these words U. S. Senator Joseph H. Ball began his special short-wave talk to the people of Norway on Sunday, June 8th, on a regular program of the Norwegian Broadcasting Service from WRUL in Boston. Senator Ball, who came prominently into Norwegian-American affairs by participating in the huge 17th of May Independence Day rally at Minneapolis, continued by saying that the American people are fully aware of the courageous resistance of all classes and professions of Norwegians, "thanks to the work of your lawful government, that of King Haakon."

"America has been like a great slumbering giant, slow to awake to the peril to its liberty in the war across the Atlantic. Like the democratic and peace-loving peoples of Norway before April 9, 1940, we in America have been slow to realize that liberty will not be permitted to survive anywhere in the world if Hitler has his way and establishes his new world order of slavery.

"Like Norway we thought that civilization had outgrown wars for conquest, had outgrown the idea that one nation could conquer and enslave another. But we are at last awake to the realization that either freedom of Hitler's slave system will prevail in our civilized world, and we are determined that liberty shall triumph....

"...You in Norway must have been inspired, as we here in America were inspired, when our President Roosevelt the other night declared to the whole world this nation's firm determination to resist further Nazi aggression and to aid the fight for freedom wherever it is being waged. Soon this great democratic giant that is America will be fully awake, the mighty sinews of its industry straining to the limit in this fight for freedom and against slavery. There can and will be but one outcome in that struggle. Freedom will prevail."





**Special Fall Afternoon Lodge Meeting:**

# **Enjoy a Summer's-End BBQ Afternoon!**

**Learn what some of our youth did at camp!**

**Sunday, September 8th, 1:00 till about 3:30**



**Come and enjoy a meal and camaraderie with fellow lodge members and guests after a short lodge meeting and presentations by our lodge-sponsored youth on their summer activities at our District 6 Camp Norge youth camps. Enjoy a full BBQ dinner prepared in part by a catering service and provided by the lodge at a very modest charge! (Our summer youth campers are invited to demonstrate craft projects and tell about their camp experiences! This is always entertaining and it showcases our members of tomorrow.**

- When:** Sunday, September 8th, 1:00 till about 3:30
- Where:** Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Ave., Citrus Hts.
- Meal plans:** BBQ entrée, salads, desserts and all the related "fixin's" provided by the lodge.
- Reservations:** Required, with payment, by Tuesday, Sept. 5th, please, so that we know how much food is needed. See form below, and see you there!

✂ **BBQ Reservation principal name or names, phone #, and e-mail:**  
**(Only one name necessary)**

**Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Age 12 and under, no charge)**

**(CAMPER YOUTH DEMONSTRATORS-NO CHARGE)**

**Mail to President Tove-Lise Miller, 2656 Barbera Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-3742 (tovelise@aol.com 916-364-8704)**





## Join us for the 2024 Kretsstevne!

Plans are underway for this year's Kretstevne celebration which will be held Labor Day Weekend.

**So, Save the Date: Saturday, August 31-Monday, September 2, 2024**



**Folkehogskule Youth Summer Camp**

June 30-July 13 (ages 14-17)

**Trollfjell Youth Summer Camp**

July 14-27

**Kretsstevne Campout**

August 30-September 2

**Camp Oldfjell**

September 20-25

**Fall Rosemaling Seminar**

September 28-29

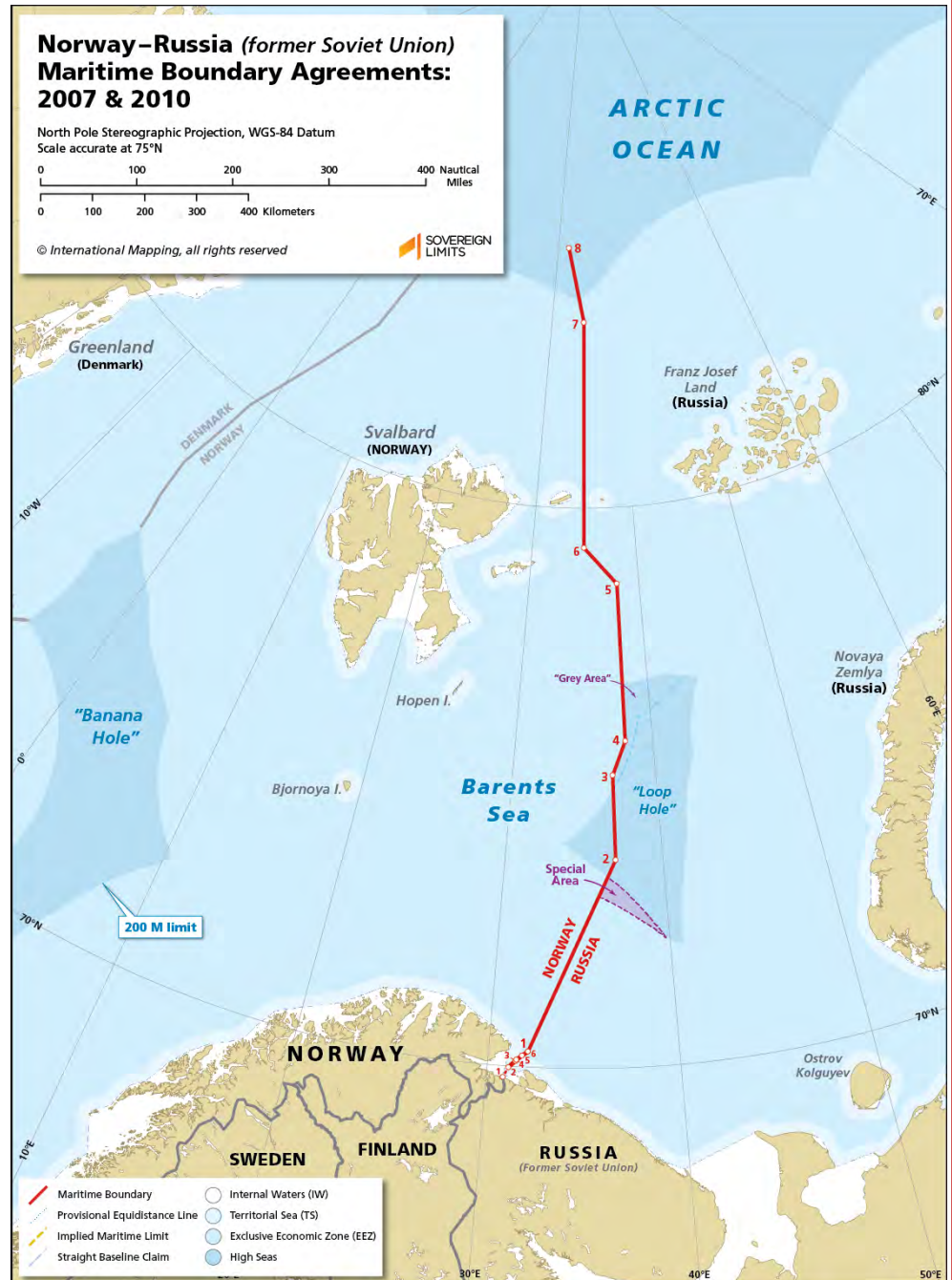
Go to:

<https://www.campnorge.org/site/>

## FINLAND, RUSSIA AND NORWAY SHARE BORDERS

Now that Finland is a part of NATO, the country has armed border guards on skis patrolling their common 830-mile border with Russia. They are also employing helicopters and drones along newly constructed 13-foot high fences along this border – the longest border NATO nations now have with Russia. The Finns reportedly feel the Russians have been provocative in several ways, including pushing waves of immigrants toward Finland in an effort to destabilize the country.

It should be noted that Norway’s much shorter (122 miles\*) border with Russia is simply an extension of the Russian /Finnish border, and Russian maneuvers are of concern to Norway as well.



In a perhaps related matter, a new Russian port facility is being constructed in Murmansk, Russia, a mere 145 miles from Kirkenes, the largest Norwegian town in the area. The project is being financed by Bulgaria. The facility should be operating by 2028 and is expected to handle 25-30 million tons of cargo annually.

Russia, in general, expects to be much more active in this far north area in the coming years. **(Info from articles in the Wall Street Journal.)**

\*Norway and Russia also share a 1000+ mile Maritime Border through the Barents Sea.



## NORWEGIAN COMPANY HEIMDALL POWER INSTALLS “MAGIC ORBS” ON ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINES



**Heimdall Power Inc.** is a grid enhancing technology company dedicated to providing electrical utilities with enhanced electrical transmission over existing transmission lines, which typically carry power at 20% to 40% less than their theoretical capacity. The Heimdall “neurons” monitor the temperature of the line, whether it is sagging, and other data like weather condi-

tions. “Without software and sensors like this showing the actual temperature on the line, it’s like driving without a speedometer,” a representative of the company said. “And when you’re driving critical infrastructure, you do not want to speed, you want to be on the safe side.”

Heimdall has 40 customers in 17 countries, including its largest agreement for 270 neuron installations in Austria. The largest US project involves the Great River transmission system in north-central Minnesota. Great River’s orbs (neurons) will be on a handful of transmission lines spaced through about 150 miles.

Using drones, the company can safely install their neurons on existing power lines. These small spheres contain software that allow these existing lines to carry much more power than previously. Essentially, they “unlock untapped capacity”, which allow the existing lines to carry greater amounts of power at a time when power demand is increasing existentially across power grids. This is critical as power companies cannot install new lines fast enough to keep up with greatly increasing power demands.

Operating power grids well under capacity was appropriate in the past, but now these grids are facing the challenge of handling an influx of renewable energy – far from where consumers use the electricity – and rising demand for electricity due in part to electric vehicles, data centers, and Artificial Intelligence.

A Summit on “Modernizing the Power Grid” recently took place in the White House, with Heimdall Power CEO Jørgen Festervoll, part of the very selective group of stakeholders who were invited to discuss the topic.



## Help build the “Hygge Hus” at Camp Norge!

The Recreation Center Board is excited to announce our 2024 fundraising campaign to build the “Hygge Hus” (Cozy House) cottage adjacent to Heritage Hall at **Camp Norge**. Our dream is to make this a duplex consisting of two cottages, each featuring a bedroom, bathroom and kitchenette. For decades, we've shared the heartache of our aging and disabled guests who, due to terrain and room limitations, are unable to join us at Camp. **So, these fully-accessible units will ensure inclusivity for individuals using wheelchairs and walkers.**

**But we need your help!**

**We're seeking your support** to make the **Hygge Hus** a reality. The campaign runs through the spring, culminating at the District Six Convention in Las Vegas. Let's come together to build the **Hygge Hus** and make **Camp Norge** a haven for all, regardless of age or ability.

**Phase 1** of the campaign is underway **as we endeavor to raise \$50,000** to confirm the feasibility, acquire permits and prepare the site.

**We are well on our way as we've already received over \$16,000** as of late March!

**Make your donation TODAY.**

Go to our Go Fund Me Campaign → [Click HERE](#) or go to <https://gofund.me/62ff9cf7>

For more information, contact any member of the Camp Norge Board, or  
Fred Hymans: fred.hymans@gmail.com