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FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

Dear Roald Amundsen members and friends.

I Just came back from **Camp Oldfjell**. It was a great event with about 50 participants. A lot of fun to meet people from other lodges and share stories and learn from each other in such a beautiful environment. If you haven't been to Camp Norge, you have no idea what you are missing.

I don't know about everyone else, but I have no idea where this year went.

We are in October, but of course you can't tell by walking out your door. It still feels like July.

Viking Festival and Julebord are right around the corner, and so we have a very busy fall coming again. As usual we need help at these events. It might be a lot of work, but it is also a fun time. We need cookies to sell at the Viking Festival, so pull out your recipes and start baking.

Don't forget that our book club is still going strong. We usually meet by zoom about once a month, but occasionally we meet at someone's home. If you are interested, please let me know. Right now, we are reading The Moon is Down, by John Steinbeck. It is about the Nazi occupation of Norway during WW2.

Hope to see you at our Tuesday October 8th meeting. We will be electing officers for the next year, and maybe you have ideas for program changes in 2025?

Hilsen, Tove-Lise

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Reminder: Lodge meeting on Tuesday, October 8th, at the Masonic Lodge location.



ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY

Invites you to attend its annual

VIKING FESTIVAL!

Saturday, November 9th, 2024, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission is Free!



*Masonic Center
5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights
(Between Madison and Greenback)*



*Vendor tables, craft items, demonstrations, clothing, bakery goods,
Scandinavian merchandise, Norwegian calendars, gift items...*

Just in time for holiday shopping!

*Lunch will be available:
Open-face sandwiches, Fish soup, Waffles,
VIKINGS-ON-A-STICK, Bakery goods... and more.*

*Additional information: Call **916-364-8704**
And also the lodge website: sonsofnorwaysacramento.com.
And also Facebook: facebook.com/sonsofnorwaysacramento*

*A great source of holiday foods
and gifts!*



YOUTH SUMMER CAMPERS SHOW THEIR PROJECTS AT SEPTEMBER BBQ MEETING

The eight young persons from our lodge who attended the camps at Camp Norge showed their projects and told of their camp experiences at the lodge September 8th meeting. About 35 members attended the event and enjoyed a delicious catered BBQ dinner in addition to learning about the youth projects. It was clear from the presentation that the young people had very positive experiences at the camp.



Very Important News...

NORWEGIAN BEER COMES TO AMERICA!

Aass Brewery is the oldest continuously operating brewery in Norway and its award-winning Aass Beer is the oldest in Norway. Founded by Poul Loritz Aass in 1834, the brewery originally started as a trade house, with

brewing as a side business, but today it produces more than 30 million liters of beer per year. In its nearly two centuries of existence, Aass Brewery has continually developed and evolved, and even bottled Coca Cola for 40 years.

With roots in Germany and the Czech Republic, the Aass family (*The name "Aass" roughly translates to "hill" in English*) proudly follows the tradition of Norwegian brewing, producing classic styles of beer including fatøl, bayer, Christmas beer and wort beer.

It is estimated (*by whom we don't know*) that there are more than 5 million people of Norwegian descent living across the U.S. and Canada today. When separated from their homeland by oceans, what better way for these Norwegian descendants to reconnect with their roots than to raise a glass of the same beer their ancestors enjoyed centuries ago? Well, thanks to the **Norwegian Beverage Co.**, this impactful experience is now possible! Based in Belgrade, Montana, Norwegian Beverage Co. has a passion for the rare history, tradition and values of Aass Brewery—and is



committed to bringing its one-of-a-kind beer to the North American market.

Norwegian Beverage Co. was founded in 2023 by **Jørn Marki and Duke Johnson**. Marki, who was born and raised in Drammen just a short distance from Aass Brewery, has always recognized Aass as a foundational element of his heritage. After moving to Montana and connecting with Johnson, who owned a café in Belgrade, Marki began researching ways to serve Aass Beer at Johnson's café. The pair got into contact with Lauritz Aass, the fifth-generation majority owner of Aass Brewery.

"I remember him saying, 'So, you want this for Montana?' And our response was very quickly, 'No—we want this for North America,'" recalls Marki.

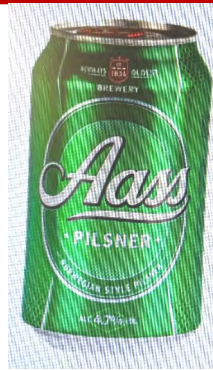
Distributing a variety of canned and bottled Aass beer, including pilsner, lite Norwegian lager, UTEN (a nonalcoholic beer), IPA mango and juleøl premium, Norwegian Beverage Co. is excited to not only bring a taste of home to those with Norwegian roots, but to spread

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the unique and signature taste of Norwegian beer to all beer lovers abroad. You can contact Norwegian Beverage Co.

at norwegianbeverageco.com. Maybe you could become the first California distributor! **(This article was edited, modified and abridged; it was taken from the Sons of Norway Blog and was written by Emma Enebak.)**



Now, if we could only buy the Norwegian “Solo” orange drink at Safeway or Raleys...

Postscript: Jørn Marki advises us that he is looking for an on-line distribution partner—an opportunity for some enterprising person to get involved and bring this golden brew to the California market!

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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE EVENTS

- Tuesday, October 8th: Planning Meeting (2025 schedule; the shanghaing of new officers for 2025).**
- Saturday, Nov. 9th: Viking Festival.**
- Saturday, Dec. 7th: Julebord; 2025 Officer Installation (Christmas Dinner).**
- No meeting or event in January, 2025.**

SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



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In 2023 the Foundation awarded \$160,000 in scholarships. Applications for 2024-2025 scholarships will be accepted **starting October 1st, 2024**. The cutoff date will be sometime in early 2025.

There are lots of scholarships. There are some for domestic college attendance. There are some for attend-

ing schools in Norway. **And there are some for attending Vocational/Technical Schools.**

Go to the Sons of Norway website, click on Foundation on the home page, and you will find all the information you need. **Get started now** – it takes time to fill our applications and to secure transcripts, etc.

The September/October **Viking Magazine** will highlight all scholarship awardees. This should be very interesting.

Camperships. The Foundation also awards Camperships for youth across the United States to attend Norwegian cultural camps.



SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION GRANTS

In 2023 the Foundation awarded \$67,000+ in grants. Grants are awarded/provided for heritage and cultural activities, and also for humanitarian needs. Grant applications will be accepted starting October 1st, and **must be submitted by December 31st, 2024**.

Again, the various grant categories and application information are provided on the Foundation webpages.

What could be grant possibilities for Roald Amundsen Lodge?

Replacing the Viking ship red and white sail that disappeared a while back? Does the trailer for it need any work? Do we need any cooking equipment or whatever for meetings or for supporting the lodge in the festivals that it participates in? Do we want to help some local school or charity with one of their activities? Do we have any members who have been affected by fires or flooding?



NEW GOLDEN MEMBER

A Golden Member is one who meets to metrics: at least 65 years of age and having been a member for at least 30 years. Member **Julia Malone** has met those qualifications this year and will be receiving her pin and certificate soon.



LOYALTY PINS

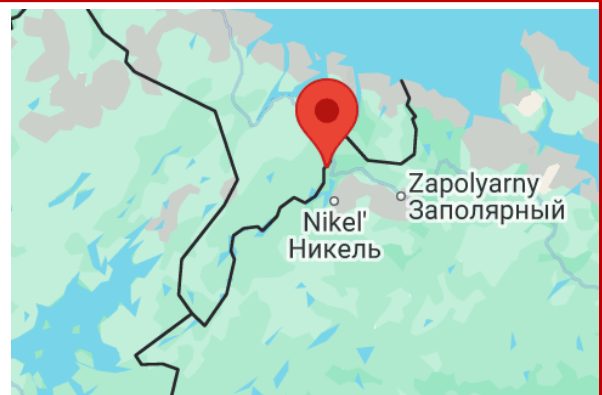


Members receiving loyalty pins for 2024 will be receiving them during upcoming 2024 events. Those not distributed in that manner will be mailed. Pins are awarded for twenty years of membership and for each ensuing five years of membership thereafter. The awardees were listed in the March Navigator, which can be accessed on the lodge website.

NORWAY—RUSSIAN

BORDER TENSION

In past issues we have presented articles on Norway—Russia border relations. **The New Yorker** magazine of September 16th carried an interesting, long article on the subject. Your editor's take-away is that there could be trouble ahead for Norway if Russia prevails in Ukraine. The article is entitled *The Dark Time* and it was researched and written by Ben Taub, an award-winning staff journalist for the magazine. You can probably find it on the internet, but if not we are willing to send a copy of the article by email to any lodge member who requests it by email.



The land border is 195.7 kilometers (121.6 miles) long. There is also a marine border.

Also, within the last few days, Norway has announced that they are considering building a wall along part of their Russian border to increase security, according to the Wall Street Journal. In late 2023 Finland closed all access points along its 830-mile long border with Russia and also is building walls along some sections of it.

QUISLING;THE FINAL DAYS (Quislings siste dager)

This new Norwegian film premiered in August at the **Norwegian Film Festival** and had its international premiere at the **Toronto International Film Festival** in September. Variety magazine called the film a “superb historical drama about the far-right’s threat to democracy.” The film is streaming on **MUBI** and perhaps other services.

LODGE PHOTOS ONLINE—HAPPENINGS EXTRA ON SONS OF NORWAY WEBSITE

The *Viking magazine* is not the only place you will see photos from our lodge as well as from other lodges. Go to the Sons of Norway website (SOFN.org) and use the search icon to find “Happenings Extra.” Currently photos of three of our members are exhibited there. Hopefully more will be added when the next Viking Magazine is published.

A “Happenings” photo? Camp Oldfjell knitting teacher preparing for her class:



MEMBER DEATHS—“IN LOVING MEMORY”

Member deaths are no longer published in the *Viking magazine*. However recent and past deaths (last two years or so) can be found on the Sons of Norway website. After logging onto the website, use the search icon to find “In loving memory.” Here you can check on reported deaths in all of the Sons of Norway lodges.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

October 9 th	Leif Erikson Day
October 13 th	Birthday of US Navy
October 14	Indigenous People’s Day (Columbus Day)
November 3 rd	Daylight Savings Time ends
November 5 th	Election Day
November 10 th	Birthday of US Marine Corps
November 11 th	Veterans Day
November 28 th	Thanksgiving Day