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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE JULEBORD!

FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-



Merry Christmas to all our members.

Thank you to everyone that helped at the Viking Festival. It is so much appreciated. The weather cooperated, but attendance unfortunately was not what we had hoped for. I think we had a lot of competition from other festivals. I am not going to list everyone that helped. I could forget one or two, but I want to thank **Erik Lewis and Jonathan Lewis** for setting up all the tables the night before, even if they had to wait around for a couple of hours until the hall was vacated by another group. I also want to thank **Jason Morken** from Solheim Lodge in Stockton. He was there as a representative for Camp Norge. He, single handedly put all the tables and chairs back where they belonged. These are chores that are not visible, but so very important.

The last event of this year is our julebord this Saturday. We don't have a meeting in January, so next activity will be a meeting on February 11th.

Hope you all have a nice Christmas with your families.

God jul og godt nytt år.

Hilsen Tove-Lise

Hvaldimir the Beluga Whale

RUSSIAN AGENT SPYING ON NORWAY COMES TO TRAGIC END



Back in July of 2023 our crack(ed) reporter **Dick Tracysen** reported on the sightings of **Hvaldimir** swimming around in the Oslofjord, often following American and Norwegian warships. He was strongly suspected of being a Russian spy engaged in espionage since he was wearing a camera harness that read “Equipment St. Petersburg.”

Recently, Hvaldimir approached the animal rights organization known as **OneWhale**, suggesting that he was willing “to come over to the other side”

and tell all to the **Norwegian Intelligence Service (NIS)** as long as OneWhale would relocate him to a wild beluga population in the Arctic, where they are normally found.

But alas, arrangements were not made quickly enough, and Hvaldimir was found, belly up, floating in the sea near Stavanger. He had a partially consumed Halibut in his mouth later found to be laced with Novichok, a favorite poison of Russian Intelligence. Very suspicious.

Side Note: The name Hvaldimir is sort of a contraction formed by the Norwegian word for whale (hval), and Russian President Vladimir Putin’s first name.

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.

UPCOMING ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, Dec. 7th: Julebord; 2025 Officer Installation (Christmas Dinner).

Wednesday, Dec. 25th: Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1st: New Years Day (One quarter of this century will have passed!)

No lodge meeting or event in January, 2025.

NORWAY APOLOGIZES TO SAMI AND OTHER MINORITIES



Not unlike the American, Canadian and Australian historic treatment of native peoples*, Norway for years treated the Sami, Kven and Forest Fin peoples of northern Norway by forcibly suppressing their languages and cultures. Among other misguided practices, Indigenous children were removed from the care of their birth parents in a system of

“Norwegianization” that led to devastating effects that last even to the present time.

Very recently the country’s parliament issued a formal apology to the Sami, Kven and Forest Finn peoples and outlined 17 resolutions to address the discrimination they still face, including protecting minority languages and ensuring that children are taught those languages. The move, which parliament very recently approved, was welcomed by Silje Karine Muotka, a Sami leader, who described the moment as “a day with many emotions.” But she also said it needed to be followed up with concrete and significant action.”

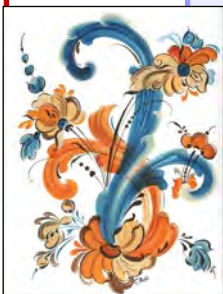
* And current treatment of native peoples by the Chinese.

Loosely quoted from Wikipedia:

The **Sámi** are the traditionally Sámi-speaking Indigenous peoples inhabiting the region of Sápmi, which today encompasses large northern parts of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the Russian Kola Peninsula. The language is in the Uralic language family.

Forest Finns were Finnish migrants from Savonia and Northern Tavastia in Finland who settled in forest areas of Sweden and Norway during the late 16th and early-to-mid-17th centuries, and traditionally pursued slash-and-burn agriculture. Their language is a variety of Savonian Finnish.

Kvens are a Balto-Finnic ethnic group indigenous to the northern regions of Norway, Sweden, Finland and parts of Russia. The Kven language is a Finnic language.



Norwegian Chess Champion...

A Cultural Presentation from your culturally challenged Cultural "Director."

MAGNUS CARLSEN KICKS IT UP A NOTCH!



Magnus Carlsen (left), generally recognized as the No. 1 chess player in the world, and his main competitor, No. 2 rated **Fabiano Caruana**, an American born of Italian parents, are tired of playing the traditional, staid game of conventional chess that relies a lot on memorized moves for various possible situations and often ends in tied games. Rather, at the world chess tournament going on in Singapore, the two have been playing a version of the game called **Fischer Random Chess** (named for the famous chess

player Bobby Fischer), or Freestyle Chess. In this version of the game the back rank of the board are set up in random fashion. For example, a rook might be in the normal knight location, the Queen might be in the normal rook location, etc., etc. Such a version tests the players' abilities to think about moves from the very beginning of the match, as preconceived strategies are probably of limited value.

As of this writing one match in the multi-match tournament has been played, and Carlsen won.

DISTRICT SIX MEMBER ELECTED CHAIR OF SONS OF NORWAY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Sons of Norway has announced that **Luella Grangaard** of Morongo Valley in southern California has been elected as **Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Sons of Norway**. Several of our lodge members know Luella well from having worked with her on the District Six Board. We expect to see a lot of her in 2026 when a District Six convention is planned for the Sacramento area!



SONS OF NORWAY SCHOLARSHIPS!

There are lots of scholarships! There are some for domestic college attendance. There are some for attending 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 cutoff date will be sometime in early 2025.



First presentation is soon—November 12!

“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 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CAN BE ORDERED NOW



This year’s Sons of Norway Christmas ornament features an Old Rogaland-style design. It is packaged in a silver-stamped box containing a Christmas greeting from Sons of Norway and also an informative description of the Old Rogaland style. The price is \$24 plus tax, shipping, and handling. The 2023 ornament is also available. Contact the logo shop , email: info@phusionprint.com or call (612) 386-2619.

You should consider buying lots of things at the same time, as the handling charge is the same no matter the size of your order.

ANNUAL ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE VIKING FESTIVAL 2024

Lodge members: John Bennett preparing fish soup. Judy Hales and Tove-Lise Miller at Bake Table. May Melby preparing sandwiches. Jeanne Lemkuil selling artifacts. Photos by Arlene Kozub—more on Facebook page.



MORE VIKING FESTIVAL PHOTOS



“The Money Changers” (Not by El Greco). Lodge members Steve Rosenthal and Rick Stultz chatting with Karen Daastol-Nichols of Guldalen Lodge.



The Viking reenactment group know as Hrøkr Følk demonstrated Viking everyday living on the front lawn of the lodge. Woodcarver’s table (below).



**41st Annual
Sacramento Scandinavian Festival**



April 12th, 2025
Elk Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA

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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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.

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