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FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

May 2025

Welcome May, welcome Spring. "Hurra for syttende mai". So many beautiful days to look forward to, Memorial Day at Camp Norge, Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule .

Are your kids going to camp this summer? Please sign them up as soon as possible. Remember our lodge will give 50% scholarship to a student whose parent, grandparent or guardian is a member of Roald Amundsen Lodge. **Applications are available in this newsletter. Please send me the application by May 17.**



Looking forward to see you all at our syttende mai celebration on May 17th at 5pm. Please bring your kids and grandkids. We will try to make a small parade around the parking lot. If you have a small musical instrument, bring it along so we can pretend we have a band for the parade. We will also have some games for the kids. Pølser med lompe (hot dogs in a lefse) will be served along with several other extras. No reservations are required, but it would be nice if you gave us a call or email giving us an indication of how many people who might attend. My email: Tovelise@aol.com, or leave a msg at 916-364-8704.

Don't forget about Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Norge. I know they are looking forward to a busy weekend.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on May 17th.

Hilsen Tove-Lise

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.

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

SYTTENDE MAI OBSERVANCE/CELEBRATION!

(SATURDAY, 17th OF MAY, 2025)

Festivities will begin at 5:00 pm at the usual Masonic Lodge venue.

COME CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY IN A NORWEGIAN WAY WITH

PØLSE MED LOMPE AND A FEW EXTRAS!

AND ALSO

CAKE AND ICE CREAM!



***If you care to bring something special, please do, but certainly not required.**

NOTE: Reservations NOT required, but if at all possible call and leave message or email Tove-Lise (916-364-8704 or tove-lise@aol.com) and let her know that you plan on coming and how many persons in your party. No charge for the event. Thanks!

FOLK ART AND MORE...

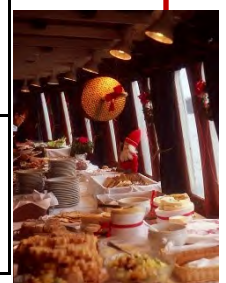
Our District Six Cultural Director, **Bruce Fihe**, reminds that it is time to start working on projects for the **2026 Folk Art Exhibition at the biennial District Six Lodge Meeting & Convention in June, 2026**. An 'Olaf' award will again be presented to a favorite digital/electronic program. So, start (or keep going) on your knitting, stitching, carving, weaving, painting, etc. or get creative with a digital program. **Remember, this District Convention will be here in Sacramento!** You can contact Bruce at culturaldirector@sofn6.org or 831-316-4889.



Roald Amundsen Lodge

CALENDAR 2025

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>START TIME</u> | <u>MEETING/ EVENT</u> | <u>COMMENT</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| January | | None | Nein, Nada, Ingen |
| February Tue, 11th | 7:00 pm | Business, Cultural | 2024 Lodge Financial Re- port |
| March | 5:00 pm | Fish, Meatball | Social Event |
| April | 6:00 pm | Business | Soup Dinner |
| April | 10:00 am | Scandinavian Festival | Multi-Lodge Event CANCELLED |
| May | 5:00 pm | "Syttende Mai" | Constitution Day Cele- bration. Lompe, etc. |
| June | | None | |
| July | | None | |
| August | | Summer Picnic | In planning |
| September | 1:00 pm | BBQ | Camper Recognition (Note corrected date) |
| October | 7:00 pm | Business, | Scintillating Cultural Presentation hoped for. |
| November | 10:00 am | Viking Festival | Food and Vender Festival |
| December | 5:00 pm | Julebord | Holiday Dinner; |



Like everything in this world, anything on this chart is subject to change, and especially the start times. Check website for updates, usually in the latest Navigator.

SIDEBARS FROM YOUR EDITOR

NEWER SCANDINAVIAN TV

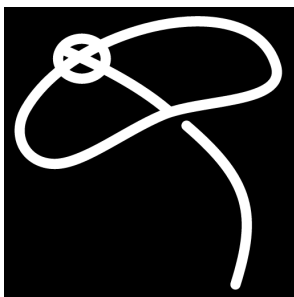
Swedish: The Breakthrough. A four-episode thriller about a double murder that took 16 years to solve. Based on a book about a true event. Riveting. Your editor and president binge-watched all four episodes. On Netflix.



Norwegian: La Palma. A Norwegian family vacationing in the Canary Islands when a young scientist discovers alarming signs of an imminent volcanic eruption. Another four-episode mini-series. Professional reviews mixed. Not yet watched by editor. On Netflix.



NORWAY'S CARBON "CAPTURE"



According the Wall Street Journal, a consortium of tech companies is investing about US\$32 million in a "carbon-capture-and-storage company in

Norway. They expect to be able to remove 100,000 metric tons of carbon from the atmosphere between 2029 and 2030.

The project is being put together by the Norwegian government and Hafslund Celsio—Norway's largest supplier of district heating.

Members wishing to read an article on this project may contact the editor by email: rosen@winfirst.com.

NORDIC COUNTRIES PREPARE

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that the four main Nordic countries (Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark) are pooling their military capabilities for whatever might happen in western Europe. The article points out that the combined economies of these countries equal that of Mexico and almost that of Russia. Each country is now devoting more than 2% of its economy to defense, above NATO's minimum target. The four countries have been major contributors to Ukraine's defense efforts.



A Norwegian Frigate

Each country has certain military specialties. For instance, Finland has a large standing army—perhaps not surprising given their historic problems along their long border with Russia. Norway has "maritime surveillance and fighting capabilities in the Arctic." Sweden has an advanced defense industry.

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Kgl. Norsk Generalkonsulat
San Francisco, Cal.

February 5th, 1948

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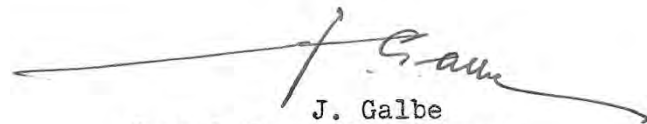
Roald Amundsen Lodge,
"Sons of Norway"
Sacramento, California

Dear Members of the Lodge:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that His Majesty the King Of Norway has instructed me to present to you a Diploma in recognition of your valuable services to Norway during the last war.

I beg to submit herewith the Diploma, and extend to you my heartiest congratulation upon this well merited award.

Sincerely yours,



J. Galbe
Consul General of Norway

JG/eme

Editor's note—See following page for background to this letter.

THE “TREASURE CHESTS” IN THE LODGE SHED

In 2029—less than four years— Roald Amundsen Lodge will be 100 years old! In 1950 the Hall and Park Association was incorporated and so the old lodge building (maybe there was more than one) must have been acquired about that time..

In 2003 the lodge building was sold and all of its records and memorabilia were piled into filing cabinets and boxes and shoved haphazardly into the shed we maintain (?) today on the premises of the Harding Masonic Lodge in Citrus Heights. We also conduct our lodge events there, renting space in sort of a timeshare arrangement.

But in the 22 years the cabinets have been in that shed, few have ever been opened. In fact, some were loaded in there with the drawer pulls facing the wall and cannot be opened unless someone reorients them!

What’s in them? For sure lots of old records that relate to lodge operations when the organization had the building, employees, a bar, and it operated what was, de facto, sort of a going business.

But also, there are surely some records and items of historical interest. For instance, a number of years ago we rescued the original 1929 lodge charter issued by Sons of Norway. Also, the letter shown on the previous page, which apparently alludes to support the lodge provided to the Norwegian WW2 effort. Alas, we have not found the actual diploma that the this cover letter mentions. Is it reasonable to expect that any of

these files will be curated for matters of historical interest, if indeed there are any? Or is it more likely that one day in the future some unforeseen event will precipitate a hurried emptying of the shed and everything in it will end up in the dumpster or the shredder?

Maybe that is okay. After all, matters of historical interest are lost every day in every society in every country of the world. Few among us in Sons of Norway have a clear picture of exactly what, where and why our ancestors came, and what they truly experienced. But the world seems to go on.

Editor’s note—The lodge has not had an historian for a long time. The best record of lodge happenings for the last 20 years or so are copies of the Navigator. If someone wanted to be the historian, they could have the job as fast as (insert political joke of your choice here). He or she could rummage around in the lodge’s “stacks” to their heart’s content. Also, if the person prefers, they can be awarded the title of “Archivist.”



The “Shed.” Who knows what treasure lurks within.

FLASH! You can make your room or site reservations on line! Go to <https://www.campnorge.org/site/reservations/> or go to the Camp Norge website and click on reservations.

MEMORIAL DAY

At Camp Norge

Join us for a fun & relaxing weekend!

MAY 24-26

Swimming | Hiking | Campfire | Axe Throwing | Pickle Ball

STAY

Choose from: Main House, Dorms, or Cabins - or bring your RV or Tent
Call 530-389-2508 to reserve your spot

DETAILS

Come for the day or the whole weekend!
Tons of fun activities to choose from for all skills and abilities.
Meals provided or on your own.
Open to all Sons of Norway & Young Scandinavian Club members and their families & friends

REGISTER FOR MEALS

campnorge.org/site/memorial-day
Deadline to register for meals 5/15/25



CAMP TROLLFJELL & FOLKEHØGSKULE

2025



Sons of Norway
District Six's

Language and Heritage Camp

Hosted at:
Camp Norge
Alta, CA

Folkehøgskule: June 29-July 12
For students 14-17

Camp Trollfjell: July 13-July 26
For campers 8-13

To register or for more
information on registration and
camperships (1/2 scholarships)
visit: sofn6.org/arv/

NOTE: THIS APPLICATION DUE BY MAY 17th!

2025 ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 50% OF TUITION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LANGUAGE/HERITAGE (Camp Troll Fjell or Trollfjell Folkehøgskule)

Name: _____

Which camp are you applying for: _____

Address:

Telephone number: _____ **Email:** _____

Who belongs to Roald Amundsen Lodge Sons of Norway in your family? (Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles or Guardians) (Name or Names)

Please write a letter as to why you want to attend, and what you hope to learn at camp. Letter can be written on the back of this application, if you wish. Note: Part of your commitment in accepting this scholarship is to report back to the lodge about your experience at the September BBQ meeting Sunday, the 7th of September. Also, you must apply to the Camp, be accepted, and pay your 1/2 of the fee before the lodge will release the scholarship funds which will be paid directly to the camp. CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE ON THE DISTRICT SIX WEBSITE.

Agreed:

Camper _____ **Parent/Guardian** _____

Date _____

Date _____

Please promptly submit this scholarship application and your letter about attending to Tove-Lise Miller. Send to her email tovelise@aol.com, or mail to her at 2656 Barbera Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-3742. Questions: call (916) 364-8704.

SOUP SUPPER ENJOYED BY LODGE MEMBERS AND GUESTS

At least 30 folks gathered at the lodge facility in April to enjoy a delicious soup supper. The menu: Pea soup by **Tove-Lise**, tortilla soup by **Peggy Hyde**, and vegetable soup by **John Bennett**. Some other folks contributed side dishes. All were delicious. Regrettably, no photos were taken at this event. The annual meeting of the Hall & Park Association was held.



Correction: at one place in the April Navigator our March Fish / Meatball Dinner was described as a Meatball soup dinner. The meatballs most assuredly were not served in a soup!

MEMBER HAPPENING

Member **Peggy Hyde** was vacationing in Rome and was street-side when the Pope-mobile with the late pope's casket passed by. Yes, she has photos.



What's new at Camp Norge

We have a new day use policy for camp. Details can be found here: campnorge.org/site/reservations-rates/

Stay tuned for online booking, coming this spring!

Stay up to date and follow Camp Norge on social Media

- facebook.com/campnorgeofficial
- [@campnorge](https://instagram.com/campnorge)

Submitted by: Lynn Skrukrud, District Six Recreation Center Vice President

Note: URLs not active here. You will have to type them in.

