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En hilsen fra Presidenten

I hope all of our members and friends are enjoying the summer and holidays and are looking forward to Kretsstevne at Camp Norge over the Labor Day weekend.

Once again thanks are in order to Don Slama for hosting what has turned out to be Nordahl Grieg's annual picnic/soiree. Tusen Takk for alt!!!

Camp Trollfjell has completed another successful year where kids learned some Norwegian, both song and dance, painted rocks, did some incredible rosemaling and weaving while having a wonderful time making lifelong friends. Congratulations are in order to all the staff and volunteers. Alissa, you did a fabulous job!

There is NO meeting or social during the month of August. We will resume our meetings on September 9th. Till then paa gjensyn!

Thoughts about Norway tragedy:

The whole world is stunned and saddened by the events that took place in Norway over the weekend and those of us in the greater Norwegian community find our hearts are broken to learn so many young people were killed and others witnessed the senseless murder of their friends.

The bombing of the downtown building in Oslo shows us that this could happen anywhere. Families have been devastated by these

happenings.

Norwegians are among the most peaceful and tolerant people on the earth and feel these acts are incomprehensible. This occurrence reminds us that we all must be vigilant against those who are led down a path of simmering hatred.

Our sympathy and prayers for all.

Ginny Hansen, President



Update From Oslo

Just a few words on the latest and greatest, 7/27/2011. Many of you have probably been reading, and been in contact with friends and relatives in Norway. I was completely devastated

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August Birthdays

01 Fred Hymans	15 Laverne Elwood
03 Jacqueline Mehus	18 Hali Wilson Hansen
04 Gene Arnold	18 Kristen Hulberg
04 Coy Bratton	20 Paul Nore
05 Betty Zacharisen	20 Joan Kyle
05 Ona Knutson	20 Pam Aakhus
06 Bente Ellis	24 Erik Heuer
07 Paul Petersen	25 Wayne Ellingson
08 Linda Smestad	25 Patricia Nyberg
08 Rhonda Ansok	29 Norman Johnson
12 Bodil Grodum	30 June D Stennes
13 Kenneth Gulbraa	30 Johan Lund

Gratulerer med dagen!

myself, as I'm sure most of you were. My immediate thoughts went back to the devastating day April 9, 1940, and the feeling of fear.

Norway has reacted as only Norway can, with love and solidarity. It angers me that people, especially in US complain about the police "delayed" response. Keep in mind, Norway does not have swat teams, they do not have a fleet of helicopters, only one helicopter and the pilot was on vacation. Police knew who they were looking for, Breivik had rented cars from Avis, and the manager recognized the name and notified the police.

On short notice authorities arranged a rose march, florists quickly sold out roses, then people bought what was available. There was no march, per se, there was so many people, filling streets and open places, approximately 250,000 showed up. The show of love and solidarity made the Chief of

Police cry. During the memorial in the Oslo Cathedral the Royal family was there, openly crying.

The church stayed open long after the ceremonies, people would stand in line just to get into the church and sit for awhile even if nothing special was going on. The grief became personal for Crown Princess Mette Merete, her step-brother, a policeman on the island, was one of the first to be killed, protecting his young son, who survived.

Stories from the survivors are heart wrenching to read.

The whole country stopped for one minute at noon Monday.

Being in the middle of an election, all campaigning was suspended till the middle of August. Prime Minister Stoltenberg said his focus is on the people who lost loved ones and on the wounded who need help and loving comfort. The authorities have stopped listing dead and missing, final count is 76 - 68 on the island and 8 from the explosion in Oslo, only one still remains missing from Utøya. Names of the persons killed are being published as they become available.

I had problems getting oriented to exactly the explosion took place, these buildings and some of the street names are new to me. One of the papers published a map, but that was a day after I finally realized where the explosion took place. They are going to "tent" what they call the "tall building", but they think they may have to tear it down. They are busy finding office places for all the various departments displaced.

Obama expressed: "Little peaceful Norway shows the world how to handle situations like this. Right now I would rank Norway as the largest country in the world. I have never seen anything like it." Stoltenberg stated - "Malice can kill but never defeat a nation".

I will quote King Haakon 7 - ALT FOR NORGE - (Everything for Norway).

*Nyheter fra
Solveig Club*



Welcome to the hot dog days of August! It's time to grab a good book and find a cool shady place and relax.

It is also vacation time, so drive carefully when you are there.

In my childhood we bought "lugs" of fruit and "put it up", preserved in glass jars for our winter. Now we are so fortunate, many of us pluck it off the trees.

Have a great summer!

Our next meeting is in September.

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly



From the Financial Secretary

Good News - Bad News - this seems to be the norm every month.

This is a funny. When I submitted an address change for Coy Bratton to International - she/they moved the whole Bratton family in with him and his new wife. Fortunately I was able to convince them to move everybody back to their respective addresses.

Here is Coy Bratton's new address:

839 W Lincoln Ave, #311,
Woodland, CA 95695-6839

We have one new member:

Gavin Stahl

137 Chestnut St #106
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-7150
831-425-3685
gavin.stahl@gmail.com

Welcome to our lodge, Gavin. I do not know who signed him up, but whomever you are - thank you.

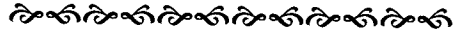
Now to the not so good news:

Dot Arnold cancelled her membership, we do not have any reason?

Linda R. Sparling and Christopher D. Trytten were both suspended

We still have two members on the Past Due List - however, one will soon be paid.

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Congratulations Amanda!

Amanda Sorensen received the Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship for the 3rd time. This is the most prestigious scholarship offered through the Sons of Norway Foundation.

If you do not know who Amanda is - she is the daughter of Victoria Slama, step-daughter of Bob Goodenough (yes he is) and the granddaughter of Don Slama. Bob has worked tirelessly to help securing scholarships for Amanda. She continues to work hard to remain at the top of the Deans List.

Your lodge is proud of you, Amanda!

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. —

Thomas Edison, American Inventor

Update on Chairs

Don Slama has found a source of attractive, cushioned folding chairs to supplement our current stock at a cost of only \$15.00 each! At our July business meeting, several members made donations toward the purchase of these chairs, so we are well on our way to having the number we need to match our hall's stated capacity. And of course, it would be nice to have a few surplus, just in case an older ones break.

The Hall Board would be delighted to accept donations for more chairs. We'll even put your name on the chairs you provide, if you wish, or the name of a loved one, or a favorite pet. (Just imagine--The "Fido" memorial chair.)

If you would like to donate the cost of one or more chairs, please call Don Slama at 408-243-1592.



Reminder

Just because we are not having a meeting in August, its no time to relax.

Nominating Committee election and election of officers are coming up and it's time for everyone to take inventory of how much time

they are willing and able to give to your lodge the coming year.

Next month you will receive the Lutefisk Dinner information with the dates you will be expected to help out with the only fundraising

event of the year. Several dates for October and November, and you're not through yet. Early December you are expected to play cheerful hosts and hostesses to approximately 1200 guests.

Start planning early.

Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt. — Special Olympics Motto

Let's Make a Bunad!

Freya Lodge #6-62, in Santa Rosa, California, is teaming up with Sue Sutherland of Bunad Butikken, in Barronett, Wisconsin, to have a bunad making class at Camp Norge. This class will occur in May of 2012 following Norway Day in San Francisco (which is the first full weekend in May).

Sue typically teaches bunad making in Ely, MN. This is an excellent opportunity for our district as we will have her right here in our own backyard, so to speak. The class structure is normally five days with one year in between! That means learning your embroidery in the first class and returning a year later to have the bunad fitted and constructed. The cost of these classes has been \$400 per five day session when it took place at the Grand Ely Lodge in Minnesota. Cost at camp is expected to be lower due to the lower costs of lodging and food in Camp Norge..

The class may or may not follow the exact structure noted above. Sue would like to know the needs of members to determine the structure of the class. Do you want to learn embroidery? Do you want to learn construction? Do you have a bunad that needs fitting, or adjustment, or repair?

- ◆ There will be limited class space of 12.
- ◆ The cost has not yet been exactly determined.
- ◆ The structure and exact dates have yet been determined.
- ◆ We will need a cook to provide meals to participants (if we model it after the rosemaling weekends).

Please forward this to your membership and ask them to respond. We expect this class to fill up quickly. Contact Pamela at clothcrafter@sbcglobal.net or 707-778-8120.

Mary Beth Ingvaldstad

District 6, Vice President - Sons of Norway

Parents/Grandparents

This is a reminder. If your child or grandchild is a Heritage member and he/she turn 16, you must submit an Application for Membership in Sons of Norway to either myself or Sons of Norway International in Minneapolis. No dues will be required till they turn 23.

This is for Heritage members who do not have Sons of Norway insurance.

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Did you know?

Nordahl Grieg Lodge and Nordahl Hall, Inc., are not the same entity!

The Lodge is part of Sons of Norway, a Fraternal Benefits Society, and we are all members of Sons of Norway and of Nordahl Grieg Lodge. For various complex reasons, lodges are not supposed to own property. As a result, our meeting hall is owned by Nordahl Hall, Inc., which is a separate legal entity from the Lodge. All Lodge members are stockholders in the corporation.

In March of each year, we hold a meeting of the stockholders of Nordahl Hall, Inc., where the Board of Directors of the corporation reports on hall activities (financial and otherwise) for the preceding year.

We hope to see all our stockholders at the next annual meeting!



Harry and Leland Volume 1

Harry and Leland Volume 1 is available for purchase!

For the first time Nordahl Grieg's very own Harry

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lelanders@sbcglobal.net

Don't miss out on this timeless classic to be enjoyed for generations to come.



Norway - The Viking Age

The Viking era marks the termination of the prehistoric period in Norway. No written sources of knowledge exist, so what is known about this period is largely based on archaeological finds. The Sagas also shed some light on this age. Although they were written down later, the Sagas were based on tales passed down orally from one generation to the next. Viewed as a whole they reveal that the Viking Age was undoubtedly the richest of all the prehistoric periods in the north.

Many scholars regard the looting in 793 of the monastery of Lindisfarne, off England's northeast coast, as the beginning of the Viking Age. In parts of west and southwest Europe the Vikings are still regarded today as cruel brigands who wrought havoc on their victims with fire and swords. This is only partially true. The Vikings also came on peaceful errands, to trade and to colonize. Norwegian Vikings settled in the Orkney Isles, the Shetlands, the Hebrides, and on the Isle of Man. The mainland of northern Scotland and Ireland also became their home, and Dublin,

founded by the Vikings in the 840s, was under Nordic rule up to 1171.

On Iceland and Greenland the Norwegian Vikings found uninhabited land. There they settled and built communities. Present-day Iceland descends directly from the Viking colonization. On Greenland, however, the Norse communities died out a few centuries later, for reasons that remain unclear.

The Vikings built swift, easily manoeuvrable vessels for their many expeditions, and were skilled navigators across the open seas. These hardy men repeatedly voyaged to America and back, a feat which bears witness to the seaworthiness of their longships. The Sagas relate that it was Leif Eriksson who discovered "Wineland the Good" in the year 1001, but present-day scholars claim that other Vikings had reached America before him. The Viking Age culminated in 1066, when Norwegian King Harald Hardruler and his men were defeated at the Battle of Stamford Bridge in England.

The Unification of Norway

The regions that later became Norway were not unified up to the 800s. There were, however, early attempts to bring them together. Two main types of community were formed: assemblies, or ting, organized around a central Allting, and petty kingdoms.

There must have been several reasons for this. Not least was the farmers' need for peace and continuity, particularly in the coastal areas. These were repeatedly troubled by robber bands and the harrying of the homecoming Vikings. The coastal areas possessed substantial riches in the form of stolen and traded goods. Safe on their "thrones" sat the petty kings, who, thanks to the kinships created by intermarriage, were a tight-knit group with considerable power.

The petty kings in the Viken – the areas surrounding the Oslo Fjord, played a major role in this

process. Their might increased steadily as district after district was brought under their rule. After a battle at Hafsrfsjord near Stavanger, presumably fought in the year 872, King Harald Fairhair strengthened his position as ruler of large areas of the country. The unifying process, however, continued for several more decades, bringing harsh struggles between warring Norwegian chieftains, and between Norwegian and other peoples of the north. By 1060 the unifying process appears to have been completed.

From: <http://www.norway.org/aboutnorway/history/upto1814/viking/>



Lingonberry Cake

Cake:

- 4 1/2 dl (scant 2 cups) flour
- 1 1/2 dl (2/3 cup) sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 150 g (5 ounces, scant 2/3 cup) unsalted butter
- 1 egg
- 2 dl (3/4 cup) lingonberry preserves

Streusel topping:

- 1 1/2 dl (2/3 cup) oatmeal
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 dl (1/2 cup) sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla sugar (1/2 teaspoon extract)

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees C (400 degrees F).

Combine flour, sugar, and baking powder then cut in the butter with a pastry blender. Add the egg and mix well. Spread into a greased 20x30 (8x12") pan. Spread the preserves over the batter. Bake 25-30 minutes, until golden. Cool in the pan.

Ole, Lena and Sven

Ole was driving home after picking up some lute-fisk & got caught in a really bad hailstorm.

His car, a blue AMC Pacer, was covered with dents, so the next day he took it to a repair shop in Boyceville.

Sven, the shop owner, decided to have some fun...

He told Ole to go home and blow into the tail pipe really hard, & all the dents would pop out.

So, Ole went home, got down on his hands & knees & started blowing into the tailpipe. Nothing happened. So he blew a little harder, & still nothing happened.

Lena saw him & asked, 'Vat are you doing?'

Ole told her how the repairman had instructed him to blow into the tail pipe in order to get all the dents to pop out.

Lena rolled her eyes & said, 'Ole, you need to roll up da windows first.'

Ole and Sven went on an expensive fishing trip and returned with only one fish.

"The way I figger it, dat fish cost us \$400," said Sven.

"Vell," replied Ole, "at dat price it's a good think we didn't catch any more."

What did the Swede say to the Norwegian at the breakfast table? Hurry up and Finnish your Danish!

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