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## En hilsen fra Presidenten

### Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Many of you have heard me rave about the improvements in the appearance of our hall and property over the past year. Regular readers of the Tidende have seen articles (some from me, some from the Hall Board) about repairs and enhancements and new features added to the hall. As our Hall Manager, Janie Kelly has been the official "face" of the improvements, but she has had help from another person who has provided vital labor and energy and ideas during the time Janie has been in charge of Hall rental management. Pat Kelly (Janie's husband) has installed lights in the pantry; stripped old floor wax and applied new and run the giant floor buffer; shampooed the upholstery on every single blue chair; swept debris out of the parking lot; hauled away old paint and chemicals, as well as trash that was illegally dumped behind the hall; painted and scrubbed and polished; and generally been a behind-the-scenes maintenance magician. Pat has put in countless hours helping bring our hall back to tip-top condition, and I give him my heartiest thanks for his time and labor and dedication. I ask all our members, the next time you're at an event at the hall, please thank Pat personally for his contributions to the continually improving condition of our hall.

**Nordahl Grieg**

**News about the Web Site**

Our Lodge has a new domain name: Nordahl-Grieg.org (note the hyphen!). Check out the web site at: **http://www.nordahl-grieg.org/**

A bit of explanation: Once a year we pay to renew our domain name registration. This year the payment was late by one day, and somebody grabbed our domain name in that time. (My apologies for messing up. The domain name renewal unfortunately coincided with my catching the worst cold of the decade.) By adding the hyphen, we have created a new name that's different from the one that got hijacked.

We also have a new ISP (Internet Service Provider) that is much better than the previous one. The new ISP actually answers the phones. Also publishes the phone numbers on its web site. Also posts the current, up-to-the minute wait times for an answer on their support line. If you've tried to get customer support for any kind of computer or network issue, you'll appreciate how novel and wonderful this is.

One more consequence of the change in ISP is that the email lists all need to be rebuilt, and so everyone has received an email asking for a reply to subscribe. Please simply reply – only once.

Mike Block, Meg Laycock, and I are setting up procedures to ensure that this does not happen again! Mike has already established a bank cash card for making small payments, like this one, that happen regularly. The cash card is in the name of the Lodge, not one member, and the Treasurer (Mike) will keep it loaded with a small but adequate balance.

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**June Birthdays 2012**

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| 1 | Gary E Ansok |
| 1 | Melvin R Fadness |
| 4 | Clara E Auker |
| 4 | Shirley J Hansen |
| 5 | Carol E Fadness |
| 5 | Clara E Rodrigues |
| 7 | Amanda Sorensen |
| 8 | Gavin Stahl |
| 10 | Marion A Chaeff |
| 10 | Nora Frost |
| 11 | Sila Maureen Capp |
| 11 | Elmer E Graslie |
| 14 | Violet P Johnson |
| 15 | Pamela S Valentine |
| 18 | Doug Grude |
| 19 | Marla June Berg-Vivit |
| 19 | Jonas Samuel Capp |
| 19 | Marilyn May Wall |
| 20 | Mark A Groethe |
| 21 | Grace Larsen |
| 22 | Kristine A Olsen |
| 23 | Dayna L Bjerkhoel |
| 23 | Donald C Peterson |
| 24 | Don Erickson |
| 26 | Norman C Hulberg |
| 27 | Jody Pedersen |
| 28 | Astrid K Warner |
| 29 | William Arthur Alger III |
| 29 | Eilif J Land |
| 30 | Elise Wilke |

## Gratulerer med dagen!

**OLE AND LENA**

Lena was being interviewed for a job as maid for the very wealthy Mrs. Diamond, who asked her: "Do you have any religious views?"

"No," said Lena, "but I've got some nice pictures of Norway."

NORWEGIAN FLAG FLIES AT HALF-MAST AT NESODDEN CHURCH NEAR OSLO IN JULY, 2011.

**Church of Norway**

Norway is distancing itself from its Christian past. The Storting -- the country's Parliament – will amend the constitution so that the state no longer has an official religion, ending the 1,000-year tradition of the Church of Norway.

The government will no longer have a minister of churches, and the state will no longer be responsible for the appointment of bishops and deans. Instead, Norway will treat all religions and philosophies equally. "The state will no longer engage in religious activities, but support the Norwegian church, national church and other religious and belief communities in line with it," reports NRK. The Church of Norway is evangelical Lutheran and says on its website around 86% of the population are baptized members.

The amendments are expected to have been formally passed Monday, May 21, 2012. (REUTERS/Wolfgang)

**NORWAY WAGE EARNERS SEE WALLETS BULGE**

Already the envy of Europe for their handsome pay packets, Norway's workers saw their wallets swell still further in 2011 as average monthly earnings jumped 3.8 percent to 38,100 kroner ($6,660), up from an average of 36,700 kroner the year before. Figures released by Norway excluded overtime pay, while including part-time workers. Full-time employees earned a cool 39,600 kroner a month, 1,500 kroner more than in 2010, with part-time workers getting paid 31,600 kroner on average, representing an increase of 1,000 kroner or 3.3% over the previous year. Men continued to receive considerably higher wages than women, pocketing a pre-tax average of 40,800 kroner, which was 1,500 kroner, or 3.8 percent more than in 2010. Women in

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**Wages** (Continued from page 2)
Norway were paid an average of 34.800 kroner, a month,up 1,400 kroner, or 4.2 percent, year on year.Workers in the country's vast oil and gas industry saw average annual incomes rise by 4.6 percent, from 665,400 kroner in 2010 to 696,100 kroner in 2011. In the public sector, wages for employees in the municipalities and county municipalities increased by 4 percent to 416,300 kroner, up from 400,200 in 2010.

The Local (news@thelocal.no)

**NORWAY'S MOST DECORATED CITIZEN DIES Norway's most decorated citizen, Gunnar Sønsteby, has died at the age of 94.**

Sønsteby spearheaded some of the most important sabotage missions carried out by resistance fighters during the Nazi occupation of Norway in World War II, targeting train stations, industrial centres and fuel stores. The one-time head of a highly effective sabotage unit known as the Oslo Gang, Sønsteby was also known as Kjakan, Erling Fjeld and Nr. 24. Sønsteby is the only Norwegian ever to have received the War Cross with three swords. In April, he also became the first person to receive the Norwegian Defence Cross of Honour.

NTB/The Local (news@thelocal.no)

**Mailing Lists**

As you may have read in the Tidende, I will continue to do the mailing lists for the hard copy Tidende to be mailed. June and Homer Stennes will continue to do the actual mailing. We will also continue to use Office Depot for the printing. We have used them for the last 8 years, and receive very substantial discounts and an additional Reward Certificate at the end of each quarter. Thank you to our members who notified us of their preference in receiving the Tidende. It will probably take a couple of months to get everything straight. If you would prefer a hard copy in addition to your e-Tidende, please let me know so I can add you back on the mailing list. We aim to please.

**Kari Warner**

**President's Message** (Continued from page 1)

July 29 will be our summer gathering at Don Slama's house. Don and his family will provide barbecued meat. Start thinking now about which delicious dessert, salad, or other side dish you can bring to share.

The Social on October 26 will have a Viking theme. I spoke at Norway Day with the Vikings of Bjornstad, and they might be able to pay us another visit. Kathy Whitesel is a tremendous resource on all things Viking! Kathy has incredible energy, but she is still just one person! Any and all who are interested in helping on a Viking Dinner Social, please contact Kathy!

**Fraternally Yours,**

**John Stubblebine, Lodge President**

**HALL BOARD NEWS**

Don Slama and Randy Olsen are leaving the Hall Board after many years of service and deserve special thanks. They've kept things running through some difficult times. Most recently, Don saw to it that all the old metal folding chairs were replaced with something more comfortable, which we all appreciate. Earl Rosebraugh and Mark Hunsbedt have agreed to fill the last two remaining positions, and we look forward to their participation.

Board members are working hard to improve the Hall for everyone's benefit. If you have suggestions, we'd like to hear them. In particular, we'd like your commitment to help. Let us know if you're available for work parties, have special skills, or are willing to make a financial contribution. Rents are up and finances are improved since Janie Kelly took over as the Hall Manager just over a year ago. But we have lots to do and need everyone's help. Contact any of the Board members with your thoughts. We're working on a list of projects and priorities and your contributions are welcome. The next meeting is June 18 at 7:00 pm in the Solveig Room and open to all members.

**Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President**

## Heritage Dinner in April "marvelous!"

April 27 was the occasion of our annual Heritage Dinner, this year focusing on the various regions that our members and their ancestors came from. Pat Nyberg and her trusty kitchen helpers, Harriet Candelaria and Joyce Cosce, served up a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres, followed by fish soup with freshly made rolls. Dessert was berry crumble and Tilsloerte Bondepike (veiled peasant girls), a deceptively simple and yummy concoction of cooked apples, spiced breadcrumbs, and whipped cream.

About 40 members brought items from their regions in Norway to display and tell us about. A large outline map of Norway was set up so we could point out where our objects came from. What a marvelous variety of things there were to look at and hear about—old farm tools, modern toys, photos, rosemaled objects, a very old family Bible, linens, knives, photos and other old family documents, and a Hardanger fiddle. It was truly an interesting evening.

Duane Overby and his wife, Marjorie, reported that they especially enjoyed a variety of the Norwegian artifacts, such as the 450 year old bible and the beautifully restored Hardanger fiddle. "The items themselves were fascinating, but the stories that went with them made them dramatically more interesting. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Norwegian culture and to get to know more about other Lodge members, including those whose ancestors lived in the same area as ours."

Thanks to Vicki Everly, Larry Hulberg, Kathy Whitesel, John Stubblebine, the Fadness family, the Smestads, the Haabergs, and all the other members and friends who helped set up the hall, arrange the displays, and clean up afterwards.

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## June Business Meeting and Potluck now scheduled for June 15, 6:30 PM

Instead of holding a separate Social in June, we will have a special start-of-summer potluck before the June 15 meeting. The Lodge will provide hot dog buns. Social Director Kathy Whitesel, **408-258-2562,** is looking for a few volunteers who can contribute hot dogs or other forms of pølse. Please call her if you want to make this your contribution to the evening. Everyone else, please bring your favorite Jello salad or dessert. We know you have exotic recipes tucked away that add fruit or chopped celery or cottage cheese to the Jello, or stack layers of different-colored Jello, or stir in sour cream or Cool Whip. or . . . This is your chance to showcase your most special Jello concoction. Other salads or summery desserts will also be welcome, but we especially want to showcase Lodge members' Jello creativity!) Bring your offerings to the hall at 6 :30. We'll eat at 7:00, and conduct the business meeting after dinner.

## 17 of Mai Lodge Celebration Colorful

Approximately 40 members and friends gathered on May 17 at Nordahl Grieg to celebrate Syttende Mai. We marched around our building and inside our building, waving our flags, to the music provided by Bill Likens, Birgit Calhoun and Dave Bogdanoff, all members of the Nordahl Grieg Spelemannslag. The tables were arrayed with red, white and blue tablecloths, viking ships and flowers. Following our "march" we enjoyed the many and varied and absolutely delicious open-face sandwiches brought by everyone, while still enjoying the lovely music being played.

After dining, Mary Schlink, President of Anna Grimdalen Daughters of Norway and a Lodge member, described the return of Crown Prince Olav to Norway following the liberation of Norway.
Accompanying Crown Prince Olav were several honored military personnel and among those was Sydney Offthun Mygatt's father. Colonel Offthun, was awarded several medals, the Haakon Medal of Norway and United States Bronze Star. Mary read his interesting letters covering this event and displayed the certificates and medals as well. Krumkake, Strawberry Cream Pie and Coffee were then enjoyed by all attendees. Thanks to the many who helped make this evening such a success.
Hip, Hip, Hurrah! Meg Laycock and Ginny Hansen.

**NAME BADGES**

I have finally tracked down Recognition Experts who make our lodge name badges. I have "chased" them from Walnut Creek to Martinez to finally locating them at Alta, CA. These name badges are now available to order, the first one is free. If you break it or lose it, the replacement will cost you $5.00. Please let me know if you would like a lodge name badge, and I will put in an order.

**Kari Warner, 408-248-5046**
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**Norway Day "Fantastic" at Fort Mason in San Francisco**

Marking its twentieth year, the Norway Day festival provided two fantastic days of good food, interesting exhibits, and engaging entertainment.

This year's opening ceremonies were particularly special, because Nordahl Grieg Lodge member Marv Bertelson sang his song "I Want to Go Back to Norway"! Although the Tabitha Café from the Norwegian Seamen's Church was not present this year, the Tabitha ladies had their usual bazaar, with Norwegian candies and packaged food, jewelry, decorative items, Solo orange soda, and lovely sweaters. (Our own Ginny Hansen succumbed to one especially gorgeous sweater—Ask her about it!)

Other exhibits and entertainment included curling demonstrations, indoor ice skating on synthetic ice, and, of course, the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring on Saturday and the Barneleikarring on Sunday. The very special treat this year was Tom Løvli from Telemark, Norway, showing several traditional dance forms and finishing with a demonstration of the Halling. Tom had brought his 10-year-old son Vetle with him, and Vetle had as much skill and stage presence as his father. Clearly, this is a young man to watch in future national competitions.

Many Nordahl Grieg Lodge members were spotted at the festival, helping at vendors' booths, performing with the Leikarring, helping with the Barneleikarring, or simply seeing the sights. Among others, we saw … Mary Schlink at a Daughters of Norway booth … Egil and Gracie Larsen … Don Schilling sitting in the food court while wife Jenevieve shopped … Kristen Hulberg and Mark Hunsbedt in the Bunad Show … Shirley Shoup with grandchildren, Raymond and Kathleen (Kathleen performed with the Barnelaikarring) … Liv Braaten … Sharee Frost with her daughter, Nora … Vicki and Elderid Everly … Vidar Dallokken and his wife … Kalia Iglesias … Lars-Erik Haug Ginny Hansen (ably managing the Barneleikarring members before and during their performance) … Janie Kelly … Ruth Likens playing music with the Spelemannslag … The hall was full of people having a good time, so undoubtedly I missed a few!

Several authors were at the festival speaking about their books, ranging from nonfiction about Norway under German occupation to crime fiction and a historical novel set in the time of the separation from Sweden.

Even without the Tabitha Café, options for good food were plentiful. Chef Pelle from the Norwegian Club of San Francisco served a tasty array of dishes that included scrumptious pulled pork sliders with surkål. (Trust me, they were yummy).

**Barneleikarring Getting Ready for Show Time**

One Daughters of Norway lodge served delicious salmon fiskeboller with potatoes and peas, another Daughters lodge had their annual Bakeri with lots of delicious cookie varieties, and the pølse stand provided hot dogs. For many festival-goers, Norway Day means vaffler, and Henrik Ibsen Lodge made sure these hungry folks wouldn't be disappointed.

Thank you so much to the folks who helped staff the Nordahl Grieg Lodge booth: Kathy Whitesel, Elizebeth and Jessica Hansen, Linda and Ron Smestad, Fred Hymans, and Mette and Michael Goldeen (former members now affiliated with Vigeland Lodge).

Mark your calendars for next year—Let's plan some carpools so even more members can enjoy the festival!

**Meg Laycock**

**Nyheter fra Solveig Club**

The Solveig Club met on April 11 with 7 members in attendance. Vicki Everly was our hostess and served a delicious red velvet cake; much conversation followed. On May 11 at our meeting we had 8 attending; Shirley Shoup was our hostess and strawberry shortcake was enjoyed with our coffee. We extend an invitation to you, also, to join us for coffee and dessert along with conversation. June 14 is Flag Day – fly your Norwegian flag along with our Stars and Stripes. On June 17 we honor all fathers – give him an extra hug that day! Congratulations to all graduates this month and much luck as you begin your next goal. June 13 the Solveig Club will meet at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant for our annual luncheon, and this will be our last meeting until September 12. Always remember to drive carefully! Have a good summer.
**Ha det bra,**
**Elderid Everly**

**MEMBER NEWS**
I have combined a couple of reports. We receive an Activity Report from Sons of Norway International at the end of each month. Unfortunately, that report arrives after our newsletter is published. This report covers the last three months.

We welcome two new members:
#9447457 Julie K. Rose, 1428 W. Hedding St., San Jose, CA 95126 408-243-7826 juliekrose@gmail.com

#9447752 Donald A. Schallock, P.O Box 33103, Los Gatos, CA 95031 408-395-2720 donaschallock.com

Don, you are added to the e-mail version of our monthly newsletter, Tidende. We were able to welcome Don at our 17 Mai celebration.

Two of our Heritage members have turned 16 and are now eligible for lodge membership. There are no dues 'till age 21 or 23. You must, however, fill out an application form and submit it to Sons of Norway International.
One member, Judith Nicolaysen Campbell, has transferred out of our lodge to District 4.
Unfortunately, we have also lost the following members who were suspended by SofN International for nonpayment of dues:
Amanda & Katrine Heuer, San Jose, CA,
Erik & Stephanie Heuer, San Jose, CA, and
Sandra Peters, Hollister.
We will be happy to re-instate you as members if you submit your dues to Sons of Norway International, Minneapolis, MN.

**TUSEN TAKK**
Before Gene Arnold moved to NC – he donated a Viking Ship to the lodge. Thank you very much Gene. When I first brought it to the Lodge – Kathy Whitesel commented, "Oh, I can use that for all my little trolls and Vikings." Somebody else said we could fill it with flowers and use it for a table centerpiece. To our members who have yet to see this Viking Ship, be aware that it is at the lodge and can and should be used at some of our functions. Thank you Gene, you are missed by many, and we will never forget you, dear longtime friend.

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**CONDOLENCES**
Two of our members have passed away, and were both memorialized at the lodge. Alice Ink apparently died several months ago. She had not been able to attend the lodge for some time. Borghild Regan left us in April. She had not attended our functions either, especially after her husband passed away. She did attend the Lutefisk Dinner every year with her caretaker.

**DUES**
I have noticed that there has been a small increase in dues from SofN International:

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| Primary member | $55.50 |
| Spouse | $48.50 |

As per SofN International, the lodge has 288 members including Juvenile members with active insurance.
Please members, sign up your relatives and friends to join our lodge, we would like nothing more than to increase our membership.

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**Recipe of the Month**

**Vannbakkels** (Choux pastry)
Preheat oven to 450f/
1 cup water
1/2 cup butter
Bring to a rolling boil the water & the butter.
Remove from the heat & add all at once:
1 cup flour
Beat until it pulls away from pan side & balls up.
4 eggs
Beat in the eggs one at a time to make a smooth paste. Either drop by spoonfuls or put in a pastry bag and pipe out on baking paper on a cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes and reduce heat to 350f and bake another 25 minutes. Cool

**Variations on Vannbakkels:**

***Savory appetizers***-- Cut caps off small individual shells and fill with a mixture of 2 cups tuna or crab or other shellfish, (drained canned chicken breast, ham, etc.), 3 Tbsp fine chopped celery, 1 Tbsp fine chopped green onion, 1/4 cup mayonnaise, juice of 1 lemon, fresh ground pepper.

***Eclairs***-- Form pastry into loaf shapes & bake. Cut tops off and fill with custard or whipped cream. Top with some melted chocolate.

***Giant shell***-- Make a big ring of the dough on the baking paper on a cookie sheet. Bake the same as above, but test the sides to see if they are ready (maybe 30 minutes at 350f). Fill with whipped cream or ice cream & top with melted chocolate. Or, for savory fill with chicken, tuna, lobster, turkey salad.Great for a luncheon or a summer party. Cut with a serrated knife into portions.
***Pat Nyberg***

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## *Save These Dates*

June 15, Fri Business Meeting and Pootluck

June 18, Mon Hall Board Meeting

June 27, Fri NO SOCIAL

July 13, Fri Business Meeting

July 29, Sun Summer Party at Don Slama's

Additional dates to be added as they become available.