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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

Someone, I don't know who, said "The third time is the charm." You have probably heard this adage and maybe used it yourself. Well, this will be my third consecutive year as Lodge President, but I don't know about "the charm."

I am not sure what the person who coined this phrase really meant; but, I have given it some thought. I believe he/she thought that if it was your third time doing something "you had it made." Like if you married for the third time, it would be a "piece of cake" – SURE? Or parenting a third child would be a breeze – you have got to be kidding! Or, serving as Nordahl Grieg Lodge President for a third time would be as "easy as falling off a log" – no way!

I have no illusions about having everything "down pat" this third time around. I certainly have learned a lot these past two years and will continue to learn this year. I have learned about Sons of Norway – its history, its mission, its organization – and about our Lodge and its place in the universe. I have learned a lot about my Norwegian heritage and why I am who I am. I have connected with many Lodge members from whom I have learned many things for which I am most grateful. And I have touched base with many long-time members and become acquainted with our newer members and have valued those contacts. It is the best part of being President!

But, I don't have everything "down pat." So, in this third year as your President, I will continue to learn, do some things differently, try to stay on top of issues, and attempt to do the best job possible at leading this Lodge and staying the course.

However, I need you with me, and invite you as officers and members to help make 2015 a successful, productive year. The strength of the Lodge is in its members, and I value each of you and your connection to this Lodge. Let's hope the "third time around is the charm" for Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Your President Again

AGENDA ALERT

Business Meeting
Friday,
February the 13th
at 7:30 PM…
but there will
be NO bad luck!
Refreshments
provided by Shirley Shoup.
We will celebrate Valentine's Day
… so pick a Lodge Friend and bring
a Valentine for that friend!

Nordahl Grieg Lodge's 69th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday, February 21
Social Hour at 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM
Membership Pins and Special Awards will be presented immediately following dinner.
See details elsewhere in this *Tidende* issue.
Reservation deadline is February 18!

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Membership Update

We have one new member and one re-instated member as follows:

(Grace) Andi Sparks
14840 Holden Way, San Jose, CA 95124-4515
Phone (408) 649-0185 gsparksinterios@gmail.com

(Conlin) Cory Smyth
569 Hawthorne Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008-2116
cpslim2000@gmail.com

One more membership application has been submitted to International and will be reported in next month's *Tidende*. We do, however, have five members on the Past Due List. They have been contacted and encouraged to pay their dues.

Please note the following new addresses:

Mona B. Madson
6732 Positano Lane, San Jose, CA 95138-1319

Clara Auker c/o M. McLaren
721 Briercliff Land, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

As of December 31, 2014, we had 273 members including Juvenile members with active insurance.

Fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
408-248-5046 *karia107@earthlink.net*

February Birthdays

5	Turid Sinagra
9	Mikkel Thompson
10	Sonja Flanagin
11	Richard Bondelie
12	Erik Werner
14	Orland Larson
16	Harold Shellum
18	James Marlowe
20	Elaine Edwards
21	Clara Graslie
23	Sylvia Stevens
23	Eileen Sargent

Gratulerer med dagen!

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

I wonder if February will come in like a lion or a lamb on Ground Hog Day. Usually, we have a very great month.

February is our Lodge Anniversary and as usual, we will have our Nordic Boutique at the dinner. Here's a chance to find a treasure as you browse through our book section or look over our Scandinavian themed items. If you plan to shop, please remember to bring your cash or checkbooks… we do not accept credit cards.

Solveig Club will also host a very special raffle at the Anniversary Dinner to benefit the "Love Your Lodge" fund. The prize is a beautiful Nordic-design afghan, hand knit by **Linda Garcia** in memory of her father **Elmer Graslie**. At our December meeting, **Clara Graslie** presented the afghan and told us it was her daughter's wish that the afghan would be used as a Lodge fund-raiser. The Solveig Club members agreed that Elmer would be proud that donations in his memory would benefit the Lodge. A photo of this beautiful afghan is on page 5 of this *Tidende*.

February is also the month we celebrate Valentine's Day. Did you ever make your own valentines? My twin sisters and I always made most of ours, but we would also buy one small package which we would share between us. We gave the store-bought ones to our teachers. I hope you have a fun-filled Valentine's Day.

At the Solveig Club meeting in January, **Gracie Larsen** and **Anna Likens** were hostesses treating us to homemade apple pie and biscotti, fresh fruit salad, and spinach dip. It was delicious! The next Solveig Club meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18 at 10:30 AM in the Solveig Room, and **Vicki Everly** will be our hostess. Please join us.

Remember to drive carefully!

Ha det bra,
Elderid Everly, Solveig Club President

News about Members

HAPPY NEWS!

There is another little Viking on its way! **Sharon Bratton** will have a new grandbaby in the spring when her son, Bill, and his wife, Joy, welcome the arrival. The little one will have a big brother, **Coy**, and a big sister, **Stephanie**, and a large extended family in the Bratton/Everly clan. Congratulations to all!

The **Candelarias** enjoyed their cruise to Tahiti. They visited three different islands and found the scenery beautiful but the villages primitive. They are planning a summer trip to London and back on the Queen Mary. Happy Traveling!

Carol and Mel Fadness are very excited that their grandson, **Manuel Romero**, will be appearing on the San Francisco audition show of "American Idol." Manuel performed at two of the seatings of our 2013 Lutefisk Dinner and was very impressive. Good luck, Manuel, and congratulations, Mel and Carol, on Manuel's achievement.

Linnea Williams' granddaughter, **Bella**, at age 13, received a special invitation from the White House to attend President Obama's recent speech in Boise, Idaho. As a school assignment last year, Bella sent a letter to Michelle Obama inviting the First Family to Boise. During his speech, the President acknowledged Bella and her letter of invitation. She then got to meet the President, and her "selfie" with him made it to the front page of the Boise newspaper. Bella then spent a few days as a local celebrity juggling media interviews. It was all very exciting! Way to go, Bella! Bella is also the great-granddaughter of **Elderid Everly**.

Sharon Mellott, our past president and sometime Musician, is retiring, and at the end of February is moving to Gresham, Oregon where she will be close to family. This… after living "temporarily" in California for half a century. She states, "Of course, I will have fond memories of many happy years in Sons of Norway, and cherish the friendships I have made." **Kari Warner** will really miss Sharon; they spent many fun and "giggly" times together attending various Sons of Norway functions.

Congratulations are in order for our own **Janie Kelly**. She is the newly elected President of Campbell Chamber of Commerce. Best wishes, Janie, for a successful year!

Please contact Shirley if you have news to share about a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member: **408-264-0912**
shoupshirley@yahoo.com

HEALTH NEWS

Clara Graslie lost the vision in her right eye and then a few days later had to have a pacemaker implanted. She looks well and is doing fine with Home Health Care assistance. Take good care of yourself, Clara!

Duane Overby was scheduled for a knee replacement in December, but it was cancelled when he got a respiratory infection. The surgery is supposed to be rescheduled for another day soon. He is ready! Keep us posted, Duane.

We were sorry to hear that **Lucille Basso** recently broke her leg. Our thoughts are with you, Lucille, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

IN MEMORIAM

Again, we have lost a long-time member. **Ken Gulbraa** died recently at age 90. He was a Golden Member of our Lodge, having joined in December 1973, and received his 40-year membership pin and certificate in 2014. Ken, although not active in the Lodge the past several years, is remembered for helping out with Lutefisk dinners – in the kitchen, as well as parking cars. He was a pleasant fellow with a warm welcoming smile. His wife, **Delores**, also a Lodge member, predeceased him. Our sincere condolences are sent to his son and daughter. The Memorial Service for Ken will be held on Saturday, February 21, at 2 PM at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Camden Avenue.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chairperson

SOUR CREAM DESSERT OMELET

1 cup (2 1/2 dl) whipping cream
1 cup (2 1/2 dl) sour heavy cream
2 T sugar
6 eggs, separated
2/3 cup (1 3/4 dl) flour

Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Whip the cream and sour cream with half the sugar. Beat the egg yolks with the remaining sugar until light and lemon-colored. Fold into the cream.

Fold in the flour. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold into the cream mixture. Pour into a greased ovenproof dish and bake until puffed, golden, and set; about 15-20 minutes.

From The Norwegian Kitchen

Hall Board Update

We faced two major challenges during the first few weeks of the New Year.

First, the refrigerator in the storage room next to the kitchen failed and we had to dispose of perishable items. Thanks to **Vicki Everly**, **Dave Melius** and **John Stubblebine** for getting that handled.

Then, we had a major plumbing leak just outside the women's restroom. Thanks to **Craig Slama** for shutting off the water and to **Janie Kelly** for managing the repair process. Fortunately, the leak was outside the building and the interior remained dry. The problem was a galvanized nipple that failed after many years, perhaps due to electrolysis. The supply lines are galvanized pipe and the line into the building is copper. But the new valves are brass and, hopefully, the repair will last a long time. There's a new shutoff above ground and backflow prevention valve. The repair cost $6,800 which was an unexpected expense.

Fortunately, we'll have just enough to get by for now but still have the refrigerator to repair. We're trying hard to get ahead but there always seem to be challenges along the way. The good news is that there's always something to be thankful for.

Larry Hulberg, Hall Board President

Annual Shareholders Meeting
Nordahl Hall, Inc.

Friday ▪ March 13 at 7:30 PM

All members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge are shareholders in the corporation that owns Nordahl Hall. Each March, on the evening of the regular Lodge business meeting, the President of the Nordahl Hall Board of Directors presents an annual report and the Treasurer presents a financial statement.

Shareholders (that's you!) will have the opportunity to inquire about any concerns or make suggestions for improvement. At this meeting, we also elect new directors to fill expired terms or vacant seats on the Board.

Additional details about this meeting will be provided in the March *Tidende*. Please plan to attend!

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Karl and Agot Heistein
Gunnar and Gloria Heistein (donation, Mar 2014)

Kato Andersen (donation, Oct 2013)

Gold Level

Donald Slama (donation, June 2014)

Silver Level

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Anne Herbert (donation, Oct 2013)

Bronze Level

Richard Grindeland (donation, Nov 2014)

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donation, Nov 2014)

In Memory of Hank (Elmer) Graslie
Sharon and Daniel Fisher (donation, Oct 2014)

Shirley J. Hansen (donation, June 2014)

Kate Slama (donation, June 2014)

In Memory of Hank (Elmer) Graslie
Sharon and Daniel Fisher (donation, Mar 2014)

Donald Peterson Family Living Trust
(donation, Dec 2013)

Eileen and Richard Grindeland (donation, Dec 2013)

In Memory of John A. Hansen
Virginia Hansen (donation, Nov 2013)

In Memory of Maybelle Jacobsen
Virginia Hansen (donation, Nov 2013)

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donation, Oct 2013)

Shelley Smith Curtis (donation, Oct 2013)

Meg Laycock and **John Stubblebine**
(donation, Oct 2013)

In Memory of Robert Hansen
Shirley Hansen (donation, July 2013)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made before June 2013 are not listed. Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see the donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

Member Anniversaries

The following Lodge members will receive longevity awards at the 2015 Anniversary Dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone and THANK YOU for your continued membership and support of Nordahl Grieg Lodge!

5 Years *(joined in 2009)*
Roberta Heimark
Lori A. Elwood
Carol E. Fadness
Melvin R. Fadness
Fred Hymans
Marilyn May Wall
Sally Mercado
Jessica L. Siler
Kenneth C. Leventon
Mary Olson Schlink

10 Years *(joined in 2004)*
Kalia Iglesia
Brian O. Kjellesvig
Janet M. Pankratz
Karen L. Harris
Jamie L. Bjerkhoel
Larry C. Olsen
Maria June Berg-Vivit

15 Years *(joined in 1999)*
Diane R. Bromstead
Marian A. Chaeff

20 Years *(joined in 1994)*
Kathleen A. Moe
Noel Tebo
Ruth Tebo
Patrick R. Kelly
Sharee E. Frost
Clara E. Auker

25 Years *(joined in 1989)*
Anne L. Herbert
Jacqueline A. Mehus
Paul Mehus

30 years *(joined in 1984)*
Joyce C. Cosce
Diane C. Christianson

Golden Members
Joyce C. Cosce
John A. Ecklund
Tor Hanssen
Judy Lund

35 years *(joined in 1979)*
John E. Mattson
Julius Ray Vannatta

40 years *(joined in 1974)*
Richard Grindeland
Johan Lund
Judith Lund

45 Years *(joined in 1969)*
Turid S. Sinagra
Donald F. Hardy
Lavonne W. Hardy
Rickey L. Pixley

50 Years *(joined in 1964)*
Liv O. Braaten

65 years *(joined in 1949)*
Mary Lou Dundas

Solveig Club President **Elderid Everly** (left), Nordahl Grieg President **Shirley Shoup**, and **Clara Graslie** (right) proudly display the afghan designed and hand knit by Clara's daughter **Linda Garcia** (not pictured) and donated in honor of Linda's late father and Nordahl Grieg Past President, **Elmer Graslie**.

Anniversary Dinner Raffle

Sponsored by the Solveig Club

All proceeds to benefit the "Love Your Lodge" Fund in honor of Elmer Graslie, Past President of Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

This one-of-a-kind beautifully hand knit afghan features various Nordic designs.

Tickets $1 each or 6 for $5

Tickets can be purchased at the Anniversary Dinner (cash and checks only, please)

Nordahl Grieg
69th Anniversary Dinner

Plan to attend our celebration!

Saturday ▪ February 21
Social Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM

Shop the Solveig Club
Nordic Boutique
for Gifts and Books
(cash and checks only, please)

Menu…

- Stuffed Loin of Pork
- Roasted Potatoes and Carrots
- Apple Sauce and Cranberry Sauce
- Salad
- Rolls and Lefse
- Cake, Cookies, and Coffee

Prepared by Russ Behel, chef extraordinaire

Program Immediately After Dinner Will Include…

- Presentation of 2015 Presidential Awards and Membership Longevity Awards
- Special raffle sponsored by the Solveig Club to benefit the Love Your Lodge Campaign *(see details about the raffle elsewhere in this Tidende issue)*

Cost: $20 adult

No charge for children age 12 and under

RSVP and payment MUST be received by Wednesday, February 18

Please make checks payable to **"Nordahl Grieg Lodge"** and mail to:
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
1000 El Camino Real, Apt. 107 ▪ Santa Clara, CA 95050-4284
Phone (408) 248-5046

If you can help, please contact Social Director Claire Smyth at 408-244-4497 or by email at 653alison@gmail.com MANGE TUSEN TAKK!

Camp Norge News

Camp Norge has been closed for the winter with only the Main House available for use by members. Now, it is time to get ready for the summer season when the Camp opens on April 1. A work party is planned for March 21 and 22 to get the Camp spiffed up. People who enjoy yard work are especially needed to clean up around the Main House and other buildings. A plan for more drought resistant landscape is in the works.

The *stabbur* is under construction and on budget. It will be great to have this addition to the Camp!

Placer County has determined that *"Camp Norge, as a non-profit fraternal organization open only to members, is not required to pay county permit fees for use of spring water, Social Hall, Heritage Hall, and pool."* This is a savings in the Camp budget.

The roof on the Main House at the Camp needs replacement. This is a costly project (around $25,000), so Lodge donations will be needed and requested. A temporary patch to protect the building over the winter was planned.

Planning for Memorial Day at Camp Norge is underway. Mini-workshops in quilting, knitting, and wood carving are planned, as well as a silent auction and a surprise unveiling (perhaps the *stabbur*?). Gourmet food will be prepared by Chef **John Syrdahl**. There will be more information forthcoming.

Remember Camp Norge!

Fraternally.
Shirley Shoup, Camp Norge Ambassador

Camp Trollfjell is in need of filling the following staff positions:

- ✓ ***Nurse***
- ✓ ***Rosemaling Instructor***
- ✓ ***Folk Dance Instructor***
- ✓ ***Chef and Assistant Chef***

If you are interested, please contact Executive Director Erik Peters at:
erik.peters@me.com

Scholarship Announcement

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule & Camp Trollfjell

Summer is just around the corner, and it is time to take action if your children or grandchildren plan to attend the Sixth District Language and Heritage Camp at Camp Norge in Alta, California. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Sons of Norway District Six members in good standing are eligible to attend camp.

This year there are two separate camps:

- ***Trollfjell Folkehøgskule*** for 14-17 year olds – July 6 to 11
- ***Camp Trollfjell*** for 8-13 year olds – July 12 to 25

Check out the "youth" tab at *www.sofn6.org* for additional info.

As in years past, Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club will award campership scholarships. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Nordahl Grieg members in good standing are eligible to apply for a campership.

To apply, campers must write a letter that includes the following:

- Camper's name and age
- Name of sponsoring Nordahl Grieg member
- Reasons camper wants to attend camp.

Letters must be postmarked no later than Friday, May 1, 2015, and mailed to:
Elderid Everly, Scholarship Chair
1596 Spring Street
Mountain View, CA 94043

Fraternally,
Elderid Everly, Scholarship Chair

Planning a Party or Special Event?

Welcome to Nordahl Hall Banquet & Meeting Center

Perfect for weddings, parties, meetings & more!
Convenient Campbell–Los Gatos Location
Please contact: Viking Property Management (408) 909-9055

Nordahl Grieg Calendar
Save the Dates

Dates and events are subject to change.
Details will be announced in *Tidende* and on the Nordahl-Grieg web site as they become available.

2015

January 4 ..... Officer Installation
January 23..... Business Meeting
February 13 ..... Business Meeting
February 21 ..... 69th Anniversary Dinner and Membership Recognition Night
March 13..... Business Meeting and Annual Meeting of Nordahl Hall, Inc.
March 27 ..... Social – *theme TBD*
April 10..... Business Meeting
April 24..... Social – *theme TBD*
May 17 ..... Syttende Mai Celebration
May 23-25..... Memorial Day at Camp Norge
May 31 ..... Cultural Skills Class – Lefse Making
June 12 ..... Business Meeting
June 26 ..... Social – *theme TBD*
July 6-11..... Trollfjell Folkehøgskule at Camp Norge
July 12-25 ..... Camp Trollfjell at Camp Norge
August 15..... Bay Area Lodge Picnic at Ibsen Park
Sept 5-7..... Kretsstevne at Camp Norge
September 11 ..... Business Meeting
September 25..... Social – *theme TBD*
October 9 ..... Business Meeting
October 18..... Cultural Skills Class – *topic TBD*
October 25..... Cultural Skills Class – *topic TBD*
November 1 ..... Lutefisk Prep – Meatball Making
November 13..... Business Meeting and Wine and Cheese Party
November 14-15..... Lutefisk Prep – Lefse Making
Nov 29-30 ..... Lutefisk Prep – Cookie Making
December 2-3..... Lutefisk Set-up
December 4-5..... Lutefisk Dinner
December 6 ..... Lutefisk Clean-up

2016

January 10..... Officer Installation
January 22..... Business Meeting
February 12 ..... Business Meeting
February 20 ..... 70th Lodge Anniversary Dinner

It is not too early to plan to help out at the 2015 Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner… please note the activities and dates above and mark your calendar! Many hands make light work and we appreciate your participation.

Nordahl Hall – Love Your Lodge Fund Drive

Become a supporter of the "Nordahl Hall Capital Fund"

Help us repair and upgrade Nordahl Hall.
All donations will be used for improvement projects.

Your donation*–*at any of the following support levels*– will be listed in *Tidende* each month. Donations may be designated as *"In Memory of…"* or *"In Honor of…"*
Donations can be made at any time.

Love Your Lodge Support Levels

Platinum $1,000
Gold $500
Silver $250
Bronze $100

Please make checks payable to: *Nordahl Grieg Lodge*
Write *"Hall Capital Fund"* on the memo line.
Then mail to:
Mike Block, Treasurer
110 Flintlock Lane
Ben Lomond, CA 95005

For more info, ask any Hall Board Member, or contact Larry Hulberg at 408-813-2615 or *lwhulberg@gmail.com*

* Donations are not tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional.

2015 Lodge Goals

The following four goals were established during the officers' meeting held on January 14:

1. ***Review Lodge bylaws and standing rules and update as necessary.***
2. ***Participate in Norway Day and share a booth with Language Heritage Camp and the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring.*** *(Note: since establishing this goal, we have received word that Norway Day 2015 has been cancelled)*
3. ***Develop a membership promotion program using articles in local newspapers.***
4. ***Develop and implement at least two cultural skills classes to help people earn cultural skills pins.***

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Rosemaling Workshop – March 7 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM – Sponsored by The Scandinavian Cultural Center of Santa Cruz (SCCSC) at Viking Hall, 240 Plymouth Street, Santa Cruz. **Cost:** $45 if received by February 27; $50 after that date. An additional $22 materials fee is to be paid to the instructor in class ($2 discount if you bring you own paints.); $5 discount for current SCCSC members. Visit ***www.scc-santacruz.org*** under the *Events* tab for a list of supplies to bring, or call 831-464-3310.

Camp Norge Work Party – March 21 and 22 – Help get Camp ready for the season… there are jobs for persons of all ages and all skills.

Folk Dance Weekend at Camp Norge – April 17-19. Come to beautiful Camp Norge for a fun weekend of folk dancing, including dances for the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills program. **Meg Laycock** and **Ginny Lee** will teach figure dances, couple dances, and song dances, as well as dance basics. Live music for teaching sessions and the Saturday party will be provided by **Bill Likens**. For more information, check the *Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag* website at ***ngls.net***, or call Meg Laycock at 408-255-2111.

DISTRICT SIX NEWS FLASH… If you have not heard the BIG NEWS yet, here it is! We will have two Camps in 2015 at Camp Norge:

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule for 14-17 year olds will be July 6-11. This Camp will have classes in *handverk* (handwork), culinary arts and carpentry. There is a limit of 18 campers.

Camp Trollfjell for 8-13 year olds will run from July 12-25. Classes will again be in *Rosemaling*, Folk Dancing, Heritage, Crafts, and Norwegian Language. This year campers will learn money management with bank books, *Norske Krone*, and a daily *kanteen* for purchasing special treats. They will also enjoy much more authentic Norwegian food at mealtimes.

Executive Director, **Erik Peters** and Assistant Director, **Clayton Davis** are hard at work preparing fantastic experiences for our Heritage Members. For more information, check out the new District Six website: ***www.sofn6.org***

Norway DNA Project. If you have Norwegian ancestry, join Norway's national DNA project that collaborates with Norway's two largest genealogy associations: *DIS-Norge* and *Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening*. For more information visit: ***www.norwaydna.no/norway-dna-project/***

For info about Norwegian Culture, check out the "Thor News" web site at ***http://thornews.com***

Tell us about activities and ideas to CONNECT with our Norwegian Heritage!

Activity Snaps... can be viewed at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org*** and at ***www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg.***

A Little Dose of Laughter

Ole and Lena were getting on in years. Ole was 92 and Lena was 89. One evening they were sitting on the porch in their rockers. Ole reached over and patted Lena on her knee. "Lena, vat ever happened tew our sex relations?" he asked. "Vell, Ole, I yust don't know," replied Lena. "I don't tink ve even got a card from dem last Christmas."

Meeting Highlights

(condensed from minutes approved in January 2015)

November 14, 2014 Business Meeting

- The meeting began with a talk by **Bruce Fihe** on stamp collecting and the Cultural Skills Program.
- **Don Shallock** introduced his guest, **Andi Sparks**. There were 28 Lodge members in attendance.
- In honor of Veterans Day, those present who had served in the military were acknowledged: **Bruce Fihe**, **Paul Nore**, **Don Shallock**, **Mike Block**, and **Marv Bertelson**.
- Minutes from 10/10/2014 meeting were approved.
- Newsletters from Bjornson Lodge and Ski for Light were shared, and a note from **Sharon Fisher** along with her contribution to "Love Your Lodge."
- A new language heritage camp at Camp Norge for 14-17 year olds was announced.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** stated that dues were received from International for September and October.
- Treasurer **Mike Block** provided a financial report.
- Social Director **Claire Smyth** reported on activity for the Lutefisk Dinner. Those who contributed to tonight's Lutefisk Kickoff Party were thanked.
- Cultural Director **Elaine Edwards** stated she is organizing Cultural Skills programs.
- Counselor **John Stubblebine** announced the 2015 officer installation on Sunday, January 4; outgoing and incoming officers were asked to bring open-faced sandwiches.
- Web Master **Bruce Fihe** announced he is serving as Chair of a District Six Social Media Support Committee responsible for the District Six and Language Heritage Camp websites.
- Lutefisk Committee Co-Chair **Larry Hulberg** gave an update on the dinner and gave special thanks to **Harry and Jo Ann Bjerkhoel**.
- Hall Board President **Larry Hulberg** stated a lot of work was accomplished during a recent work day.
- A motion was passed to make a $50 donation for Ski for Light, Inc.
- Motions were passed to accept the slate of officers for 2015 presented by the Nominating Committee with the addition of **Bruce Fihe** as Assistant Cultural Director.
- Greetings were extended to members present with November birthdays; and to **Vidar and Lian Dalløkken** celebrating a November wedding anniversary.

January 4, 2015 Officer Installation Highlights

- Special guests were introduced by President Shoup:
  - ✓ **Karl Eikeberg**, **Nancy Eikeberg**, and **Randi Cruze** from Oakland's Bjornsen Lodge.
  - ✓ **Kari Warner**, past District Secretary (and current Nordahl Grieg Financial Secretary).
  - ✓ **Duane Adams**, a new Nordahl Grieg member, who will be installed as Co-Secretary
- **Past Presidents of Nordahl Grieg Lodge** were acknowledged and thanked for their continued participation and support.
- Motion passed to fill the balance of the 2015 slate of officers with the election of Co-Secretary **Duane Adams**, 1st Year Trustee **Meg Laycock**, and 2nd Year Trustee **Elderid Everly**.
- **Karl Eikeberg** served as Installing Officer and Installing Marshalls were **Nancy Eikeberg** and **Randi Cruze**. All 2015 officers present were duly installed. Music throughout the installation ceremony was provided by **Bill Likens**.
- **John Stubblebine** and **Meg Laycock** were thanked for their work in planning today's installation.
- Members of the **Leikarring** presented a brief dance performance and led Lodge members in an easy dance.

January 14, 2015 Officers' Meeting Highlights

(Please note: minutes from this meeting were shared with the members at the January business meeting but a formal vote of approval was not required)

- A proposed Lodge Budget was presented by Treasurer **Mike Block** and, with some revisions, was approved for submission to the Lodge members.
- A proposed calendar of activities for 2015 was presented by President **Shirley Shoup** and, with some additions, was approved for submission to the Lodge members.
- Motion was passed to update the membership directory and mail it with a future *Tidende* and to provide an online link to a PDF version.
- Motion passed to migrate use of "Lodge Officer" email addresses which will automatically forward to officer's personal email addresses; when officers change, emails will be re-addressed to new officers.
- It was agreed that the following community service projects will continue for 2015:
  - ✓ the canned food collection program, and
  - ✓ Veterans' Hospital paperback book donations.
- Future uses for donated calendars will be explored by **Kathy Whitesel**; the VA has too many calendar donations and will no longer accept them.

Lodge Ideas for 2015

A list of improvement ideas for consideration during 2015 was generated during the Officers' Meeting in January. Please contact President **Shirley Shoup** if you have anything to add or if you would like to volunteer for a project. *Tusen Takk!*

Leadership:

- *Develop a strong candidate for President.*
- *Explore "8 ways to bring members together and make your lodge fly."*
- *Review and revise (as needed) Lodge bylaws and standing rules.*
- *Find a "goal achievement" volunteer chair to oversee lodge goals and report to the President.*

Membership and Recruitment:

- *Begin a Junior Lodge.*
- *Create a mentorship program for new members – to help them learn about the organization and meeting protocol.*
- *Develop a "welcome flyer" for new or first-time attendees explaining the meeting process.*
- *Submit articles to "neighborhood" newsletters about Nordahl Grieg and Sons of Norway.*
- *Create interest in our Facebook page.*
- *Look at our "process" for recruiting, integrating, and retaining members.*
- *Organize a team to participate in a local Relay for Life cancer walk as a recruiting opportunity.*

Meetings and Social Activities:

- *Call and invite members to meetings and socials.*
- *Have someone lead songs in Norwegian to help members learn words and pronunciation.*
- *Have entertainment at meetings and/or socials.*
- *Make business meetings more interesting and shorter.*
- *Establish a reservation policy for socials when there is a charge to minimize "no shows."*
- *Hold a potluck initiation for new members.*
- *Arrange car pools for older members and for distant members.*
- *Keep a box of kid's toys to be used in meetings to encourage families to attend.*

Cultural Heritage:

- *Revamp the Lodge library.*
- *Hold classes on topics of cultural interest that encourage participation by youngsters.*
- *Incorporate Cultural Skills Program criteria into volunteer tasks such as lutefisk dinner prep.*
- *Schedule cultural skills programs for the hour before business meetings.*

Revenue Generation:

- *Develop an advertising policy for the Tidende.*
- *Create a Pay Pal donation button on web site.*
- *Consider a "Yard Sale" table at lodge events.*

A Stroke Screening is Coming to Nordahl Hall

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 ▪ Pre-registration is required

To register for an appointment and to receive a special $10 discount, please call ***1-888-653-6450*** or visit ***www.lifelinescreening.com/communitypartners***. There are package discounts available for multiple tests.

Life Line Screening has partnered with over 150 hospitals across the country and has screened nearly 8 million participants using ultrasound for the following:

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- *Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening*
- *Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening*
- *Osteoporosis Risk Assessment*

Note: Life Line Screening has rented Nordahl Hall to conduct this event; event details are provided only as a service to our Lodge members.

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Feb 13, Fri	Business Meeting
Feb 18, Wed	Solveig Club Meeting
Feb 21, Sat	Lodge Anniversary Dinner
March 13, Fri	Business Meeting & Nordahl Hall Annual Shareholder's Meeting
May 1, Fri	Deadline to mail Campership applications
May 17, Sun	Syttende Mai
July 6-11	Trollfjell Folkehøgskule
July 12-25	Camp Trollfjell

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