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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

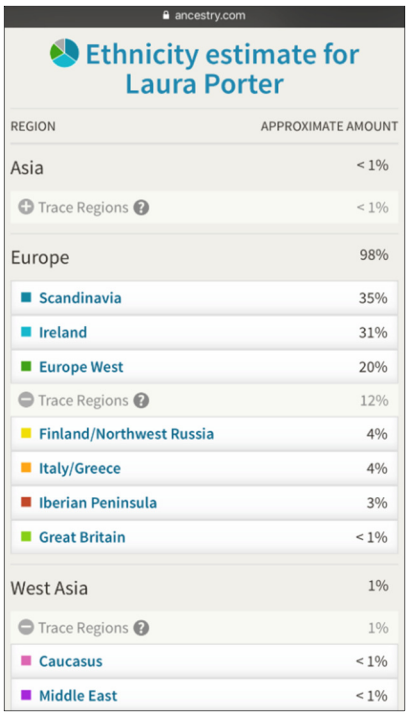
Well it's official… I'm a Viking! How do I know? I got my DNA tested. After being inspired by conversations with a number of you at various Lodge events, I finally ordered two different DNA ancestry tests. The overall results didn't surprise me that much but I did find them very interesting.

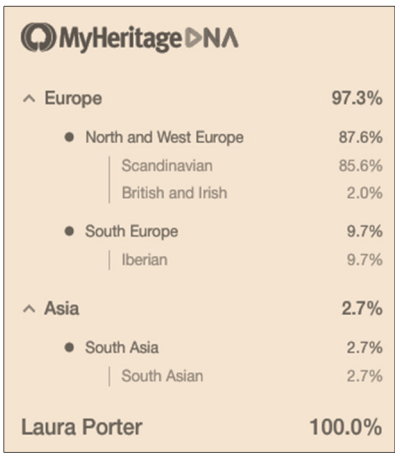
It was very nice to have my Scandinavian heritage validated with one result coming back at 85.6% and the other that broke up the Scandinavian region at a combined 90%. The one thing that was a bit of a shock was the amount of Asian DNA that was found. One result had 2.7% of South Asian while the other had South Asian and West Asian combined for 2%. Those results were quickly justified by looking at a map of Viking trade routes in a book that my son **Kai** has.

With similar results from two different companies, I'm confident that the results aren't just a lie. I encourage all members who are interested to have your DNA tested. Keep your eye out for some of the deals that the different companies offer… like the deal I found on "Black Friday."

I look forward to hearing about the DNA results from other Lodge members. Continuing these conversations is a vital way for us to enjoy the fellowship of our Lodge.

Fraternally,
Laura Porter,
President





AGENDA ALERT

Sunday, April 23 ▪ Lodge Social

Viking Extravaganza

Featuring The Vikings of Bjornstad

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A brief business meeting will be held in conjunction with this event.

Blood Donors Wanted

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 10am - 3pm

Blood Donation Olympics at Nordahl Hall in conjunction with Stanford Blood Center. Hot food & prizes! To schedule an appt:

www.sbcdonor.org (use sponsor code 2432)

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Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

In remembrance of what happened 77 years ago in the month of April, we thought you might enjoy the story of the sweater pictured here.

On the night of April 9, 1940, three-year-old Crown Prince Harald of Norway and his two sisters left their home. Told they were going on a ski trip, they actually were fleeing the Nazi invasion. The future King Harald wore this sweater during his flight. It is also pictured in his passport from that time.

You're invited to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 19 at 10:30 AM, hosted by **Sonja Flanagin**. Hope to see you then!

Beste hilsen,
Duane Adams, Solveig Club President

Membership Update

We welcome new members to our lodge!

Jeannie E. Thomson,
38159 Eggers Court, Fremont, CA 94536
510-656-3549 ***jeannie352@aol.com***
Jeannie has transferred her membership from Snorre Lodge in Hayward.

Mary C. Estensen *Mary's phone:* 916-715-9929
Richard H. Estensen *Richard's phone:* 530-908-2894
849 Ridgeview Drive, Woodland, CA 96595
rickandmary03@gmail.com or ***rick23@re@g.mail.com***

And, we welcome back a reinstated member:

Lee Ron Michael
P O Box 321043, Los Gatos, CA 95032
510-750-7394

Lori Elwood and **Kevin Pinson** have cancelled their membership.

We have 6 (six) members on the Past Due List.
We have 268 members including Juvenile Members with active insurance.

To all our new members: We hope to meet you soon, and we encourage you to participate in our activities. You may view the color issue of our monthly newsletter online, or receive a black and white copy in the mail; please let me know your preference. Also, if you would like a Membership Badge, please let me know; we only order them upon request. The first badge for a new member is free; and replacement badges cost $5 each.

Fraternally,
Kari Warner, Financial Secretary
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April Birthdays

1	Hans Skogheim
4	Ken Peterson
4	Donald Schilling
6	David Melius
7	Marsha Owen
8	Anstein Hunsbedt
9	Eric Olson
11	Kay Broadway
13	Blake Lebeck
14	Rebecca Bennett
14	Karen Harris
18	Alissa Hansen
18	Raymond Howard
19	Kato Andersen
19	Sharon Bratton
19	Alissa Bjerkhoel
21	Lois Lindseth
21	Timothy Evjenth
21	Kenneth Leventon
22	Homer Stennes
25	Tor Hanssen
26	John Stubblebine
26	Linda Larsen
27	Beverly Smestad
28	Timothy Knutson
28	Kristine Estensen-Goldberg
29	Kathy Whitesel
29	Anna Likens
29	Kenneth Yamanoto

Heritage Member

6	Trever Siler

Gratulerer med dagen!

News About Members

We send our best wishes to **Kalia Iglesia** on her recent marriage. The wedding was a happy family gathering. May your joy and happiness continue in the years ahead.

There are some changes in the **Likens** household. Daughter **Ruth** has passed her State nursing boards and is now employed at the Regional Medical Center in San Jose in the trauma unit. Our congratulations, Ruth! Meanwhile, **Anna and Bill** have moved to The Forum in Cupertino, while Ruth will stay in their mobile home.

We send our CONDOLENCES to **Ginny Hansen and Family** at the loss of Ginny's sister, **Pat Fogerty**. A former member of our Lodge, Pat had been in a nursing facility for the past couple of years and most recently under hospice care. Ginny was a devoted advocate and companion to Pat, spending much time at her bedside and taking her out to lunch and to the movies. Our thoughts are with all of you at this sad time.

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chairperson

50 Years and Counting!

It was 50 years ago this month, on April 28, 1967, that the Nordahl Grieg Lodge membership voted to purchase what is now **Nordahl Hall**. Led by then-president **Don Ansok**, the vote to make the purchase was 39 "yes," 18 "no," and one "abstention." Back then, the building was owned by the Knights of Columbus and the purchase price was a whopping $76,000! Part of the purchase price was financed by the sale of the Lodge's White Oaks property and the balance was financed with a mortgage from SON International… which was paid off in a mere 20 years.

A Building Committee was formed to handle all the details of the purchase, and a subsidiary corporation of the Lodge, Nordahl Hall, Inc., was formed to hold the building's title and manage the property, with **E.O. Wilson** serving as the Hall Board's first president.

Many Lodge members devoted their time and expertise during this period. The **Solveig Club** also sprang into action, holding numerous rummage and bake sales to raise much-needed money for various capital improvement projects necessary to get the Hall shipshape.

1967 was a busy and momentous year for our Lodge, and we owe a debt to those who came before us for their foresight, diligence, commitment, hard work, and financial contributions.

College Scholarships

Applications and a full list of eligibility criteria are available at ***www.nordahl-grieg.org.***

Solveig Club College Scholarship

Any daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter of a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member in good standing is eligible. Applicant must have completed at least one year of college or university work and be no older than 30 years of age. ***Deadline to apply: June 1***

Submit applications to:
Duane Adams, Solveig Club President
3415 Winkle Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95065-1640

Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship

Any child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a Nordahl Grieg Lodge member in good standing is eligible. Applicant must have completed at least one year of college or university work, be no older than 30 years of age, be a full-time student, and have a cumulative minimum 2.75 GPA. ***Deadline to apply: June 30***

Submit applications to:
Barbara Shoup, Scholarship Chair
814 Maryann Drive, Apt. 2, Santa Clara, CA 95050-5057

Spring Cleaning a Big Success!

We had a great show of volunteers to help spruce up Nordahl Hall on Sunday March 12. Thank you so much to everyone who helped; we got a lot done, and it shows!

Volunteers included: **Shelley Curtis**, **Janie Kelly**, **Leslie Jones**, **Marlin Jones**, **Larry Hulberg**, **Victoria Slama**, **Bob Goodenough**, **Claire Smyth**, **Dave Melius**, **Russ Behel**, **Paul Nore**, **Earl Rosebraugh**, and **Karen Aaker**.

Completed Tasks:

- hung the projector screen (Marlin)
- replaced burned out stage spotlights (Marlin)
- cleaned the floor/wall juncture in the toilet rooms and cleaned bathrooms (Shelley)
- cleaned kitchen sinks and counters (Shelley)
- cleaned the refrigerator and stove, and polished the kitchen stainless steel (Victoria, Bob)
- cleaned the dishwasher (Janie)
- replaced bulbs in EXIT signs and organized the janitor's closet (Janie)
- replaced the four bar wall sconces with new dimmable LED sconces (Dave)
- replaced ballasts for the fluorescent lights in the Solveig Room (Earl)
- replaced track lights by President wall (Russ)
- cleaned the bar area (Claire)
- arranged for professional carpet cleaners to clean Solveig Room carpet (Claire)
- swept cobwebs in the entire hall and Solveig Room (Bob)
- blew out the parking lot and picked up trash after the Saturday rental (Larry)
- swept up debris from trees in parking lot (Paul, Larry)
- fixed damaged white vinyl fence (Larry)
- replaced the five HVAC filters (Larry)
- washed all windows in main hall and kitchen inside and out (Paul)
- severely cut back rosemary bushes and removed the geraniums (Russ, Leslie)

Craig Slama has agreed to install the electrical switch to operate the projector screen in the near future and **Leslie Jones** will spearhead new landscaping at the front entrance this spring.

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In Memory of Elmer Graslie
Clara Graslie (donation, Jan 2016)

In Memory of Ann Smestad
Linda & Ron Smestad (donation, Aug 2015)

In Memory of Greg Ansok
Don Ansok (donation, June 2015)

Solveig Club (donation, Mar 2015)

In Memory of Harold Everly
5 Generations of the Everly Family (donation, Feb 2015)

Gold Level

In memory of Minnie Munson
Jane & Tom Marshburn & Laura Porter
(donation, Oct 2016)

Silver Level

In honor of their many friends at Nordahl Grieg Lodge
Glenn and Peggy Riddervold (donation, Nov 2016)

Bronze Level

In Memory of John Hansen
Virginia Hansen (donation, Mar 2017)

Shelley Curtis (donation, April 2016)

In memory of Shirley Hansen
Solveig Club (donation, April 2016)

Don Slama (donation, April 2016)

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Anne Herbert (donation, Feb 2016)

In Memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donations, Jan 2017, Nov 2015)

In memory of Noel Whaley
Sydney Whaley (donation, April 2015)

Duane Adams (donation, Feb 2015)

Bob Goodenough (donation, Feb 2015)

Victoria Slama (donation, Feb 2015)

Special Raffle Donation

In Memory of Elmer Graslie
Linda Garcia & friends & family (donation, Mar 2015)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made before January 2015 are not listed. Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see the donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

Lodge Social

Sunday, April 23 • 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Bring the whole family to our

Viking Extravaganza

Featuring

The Vikings of Bjornstad

Presentation on the latest Viking archaeological findings

Arts, crafts, and weaponry displays. Lots of opportunities for Q&A

Refreshments

Kids' *Viking Raid* - with shields, helmets, and swords

Kids' Crafts

Paint a Viking Shield and make a *Peeps* Viking Ship to take home

The Vikings of Bjornstad **is a living history and educational group concentrating on the Viking Age. The group strives for authentic presentations of the culture, weapons, and crafts from a thousand years ago.** ***Bjornstad*** **has been filmed twice for History Channel productions and has provided extras, weaponry, clothing, and props for several independent film projects.**

Please bring donations of non-perishable food and used paperback books for the Lodge's community outreach programs.

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Bjørnson Lodge 107th Anniversary Dinner – Sunday, April 23 with Social Hour at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Cost is $50. Contact **Nancy Eikeberg** at 510-530-3721 to make reservations or for more information.

Folk Dance Weekend in the Sierras – April 21 – 23. **Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag** present a weekend of Norwegian folk dance and music featuring **Meg Laycock** and **Tom Sears** teaching *Springleik* from Vågå, plus old-time dances and figure dances from all around Norway. Come to beautiful Sierra Friends Center (see ***www.woolman.org***) for a relaxing weekend of dancing and socializing. (Camp Norge is closed pending repairs to the roadways.) All are welcome! Dances will include plenty for beginning dancers as well as those with more experience. No partners are necessary. Cost: $175 per adult dancer. For more information and the flyer, go to ***http://ngls.net/folkedans-stevne/,*** or contact Meg Laycock (phone 408-255-2111, email ***meg@jstub.com***).

New Scandinavian Cooking on PBS

- **Saturday, April 1 at 8:30 AM on KQED** – Very Local Stews… visits Oppdal.
- **Sunday, April 2 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus** – A Modest but Generous Spud… visits the Southern inland region.
- **Saturday, April 22 at 8:30 AM on KQED** – Innovative and Old Fashioned… visits Roros.
- **Sunday, April 30 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus** – Western Norway: A World of Apples… visits Hardanger.

Vesterheim Museum Tour – Join a District 6 sponsored tour to this renowned museum in Decorah, Iowa. Tour dates are September 20-24, 2017, and details are available at ***http://sofn6.org/newsletters/***.

Norwegian Folk Dancing – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall, 890 Church Street (one block off Castro), Mountain View. Everyone is welcome, whatever your experience level. Enjoy live music, friendly folks, and lots of fun! For info, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111 or ***meg@jstub.com***.

Save the Date

Syttende Mai Celebration

Sunday, May 21

2:00 – 4:00 PM

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Presentation by Randy Hicks on the Bunads of Norway

Wear Your Bunad

More information in next month's Tidende

Tell us About Activities and Ideas to CONNECT with our Norwegian Heritage!

View Nordahl Grieg Activity Photos

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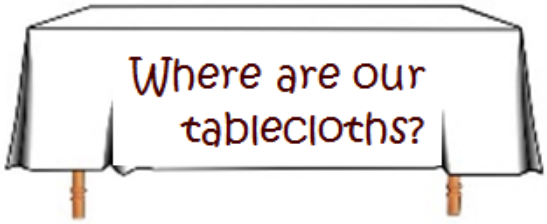

We're missing five white tablecloths and several red and blue ones. If you took them home to launder and forgot to return them, please bring them back! Thank you.

Blood Donation Olympics

Sponsored by
Stanford Blood Center & Nordahl Grieg Lodge

When

Saturday, April 8, 2017
10:00am - 3:00pm
(Note: you must check-in by 3:00pm)

Where

Nordahl Hall
580 W. Parr Ave., Los Gatos, CA

To Schedule an Appointment: www.sbcdonor.org (use sponsor code 2432)

"Olympic" game rules:
Guess on the time it will take you to donate 1 unit of blood.
The closer you guess, the better your score!
The first 8 donors who guess within 10 seconds of their actual time **win a $25 Amazon Gift Card!***

For More information:
Stanford Blood Center
(650) 723-7831
Make sure to reference the Olympics!

Hot Food & Beverages will be served all day!

* At the last event 7 people joined the 10 Second Club!

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NORDAHL HALL, INC.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Presented March 10, 2017

The following individuals served on the Board of Directors in 2016:

2014 – 2016 Term: **Larry Hulberg**, **Mark Hunsbedt/Leslie Jones**, **Earl Rosebraugh**
2015 – 2017 Term: **Don Schallock/Clare Smyth**, **Virginia Hansen**, **Victoria Slama**
2016 – 2018 Term: **Fred Hymans**, **Vicki Everly**, **Dave Melius**
Lodge President: **Laura Porter**
Lodge Vice-President: **Karen Aaker**

Hall Board Officers: President **Larry Hulberg**
Treasurer **Victoria Slama**
Co-Secretaries **Vicki Everly** and **Dave Melius**.

Two new Board members joined in late 2016 replacing individuals who could not continue their terms for personal reasons. **Leslie Jones** has stepped in for **Mark Hunsbedt** and **Clare Smyth** has stepped in for **Don Schallock**. Leslie and Clare will finish out these board members' respective terms. In addition, **Ginny Hansen** has decided to step down from the board at this time. We thank Ginny, Mark and Don for their service on the Board and appreciate all their contributions.

Terms expiring this year include **Larry Hulberg**, **Leslie Jones**, **Earl Rosebraugh.** All three have agreed to serve another term subject to election by Lodge members. **Janie Kelly**, operating through her business Viking Property Management (VPM), has been our Rental Manager since March 2011. Rental income had been steadily increasing with an all-time high in 2015. However, this year rental income was slightly lower. In addition, **Janie**, along with our janitor, **Bryce Hymans**, keep up with the routine maintenance tasks that keep our lodge clean and functioning smoothly. On this topic, our Zamboni is very old and needs to be replaced.

Special recognition also goes to **Dave Melius** who has done an outstanding job managing the bar and steadily increasing lutefisk bar sales.

Leslie Jones has agreed to serve as the new President of the Hall Board. She began her term in January 2017. We owe **Larry Hulberg** a huge debt of gratitude for his outstanding job as Hall Board President these past four years. Through Larry's dedication and leadership we have accomplished several large capital expense projects, such as three new HVAC units, a new refrigerator, constructing the new roof overhang by the kitchen, renovating the Solveig Room, and painting the interior main hall and exterior of the building. In addition, Larry spent countless hours on small projects from gardening and construction to sweeping the parking lot. All of these things are taken for granted and may go unnoticed, but without his efforts the Hall would begin to decline and look shabby.

Significant projects completed during the past year include the following:

- Painted the main hall, including ceiling, baseboards, and trim
- Replaced the entrance sign that was demolished by a car
- Replaced the damaged kitchen door
- Sanded the butcher block counter and gave it several coats of oil
- Added vinyl liners to the island trash can area and the shelves
- Replaced the ladies room vanity shelf and mirror, and painted the walls
- Installed new toilets in both restrooms (thanks to Solveig Club donation)
- Added two shelves in the kitchen pantry cabinet and replaced sagging ones
- Searched for our water leak in the main hall (currently working with AAA Furnace and Air Conditioning)

We continue to take advantage of the Love Your Lodge Fund to help us make improvements. We deeply appreciate each member's donation; many of you have donated multiple times.

We're working hard on behalf of the Lodge, but need your support in order to make significant progress. Please contribute in whatever way you can.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Jones, Hall Board President

a little in English...

Having a Sibling Makes You Wealthier

Having a sister or a brother can contribute to better income when you become an adult. Your parents' divorce will have no financial impact on you.

"Having one sibling can be a boon for your finances as an adult. But having more siblings, on the contrary, is negative, at least if the family is poor," says Swedish sociologist Frida Skog. Using records with data on Swedes born in 1973, Skog has studied what happened to them financially later in life. Most surprising is that it does not seem to provide any economic advantage to grow up as an only child, as many might imagine. Especially for children from poorer families, it appears to be an advantage to have one sibling. It is particularly advantageous to be the older of two siblings.

More than two siblings result in poorer finances

If the family has more than two siblings, it turns out to be a disadvantage. It not only means tighter conditions for the family during childhood, but the children also earn less as adults. The disadvantage of having more than two siblings is reduced if the age difference between the children is small. "It may be that siblings who are close in age can give each other more support in school. But it may also be that moms have more career opportunities if children aren't born as far apart," says Frida Skog in a press release from Umeå University.

Divorce has no effect on finances

The researcher also finds that parental divorce does not affect children negatively financially in the long term. This is somewhat surprising, says the researcher, in an interview with the Swedish newspaper Västerbottens-Kuriren. Children who grow up in divorced families are also no worse off financially as adults than children who grow up with both parents. The researcher adjusted this finding to the size of the family and the family's finances; however, she finds no difference between children of divorced and non-divorced parents. If mother finds a new partner, it also doesn't affect the child's income as an adult, assuming that the child does not get more than one half-sibling.

Frida Skog has used figures and information from databases. She can therefore conclude how things have gone financially during adulthood for an only child born in 1973. However, this type of study cannot reveal anything about why only children do not have a financial advantage. Many elements may play a role. Other types of studies may be able to answer this.

litt på norsk...

Du kan bli rikere av å ha et søsken

Å ha en søster eller en bror kan bidra til at du får bedre inntekt når du blir voksen. At foreldrene dine skiller seg får ingen økonomisk betydning for deg.

– Å ha ett søsken kan bli en fordel for økonomien din som voksen.

– Men flere søsken er derimot negativt, iallfall om familien er fattig, sier den svenske sosiologen Frida Skog. Fra registre med data over svensker født i 1973 har hun studert hvordan det gikk med dem økonomisk senere i livet. Mest overraskende er at det ikke ser ut til å gi noen økonomiske fordel å vokse opp som enebarn, slik mange nok tenker seg. Spesielt for barn fra familier med dårlig økonomi, later det til å være en fordel å ha ett søsken. Spesielt fordelaktig er det å være eldst av to søsken.

Flere enn to søsken gir dårligere økonomi

Består søskenflokken av flere enn to søsken, snur det imidlertid til å bli en ulempe. Det blir ikke bare trangere kår for familien i barneårene, men barna tjener også mindre som voksne. Ulempen ved å være flere enn to søsken reduseres om aldersforskjellen på barna er liten. – Det kan skyldes at søsken som er nær hverandre i alder kan gi hverandre mer støtte i skolealder. Men det kan også skyldes at mammaene har større muligheter i yrkeslivet om barna ikke kommer så spredt, sier Frida Skog i en pressemelding fra Umeå universitet.

Skilsmisse betyr ingenting for økonomien

Forskeren finner også at foreldres skilsmisse på lang sikt ikke påvirker barna negativt økonomisk. Dette er noe overraskende, sier forskeren i et intervju med den svenske avisa Västerbottens-Kuriren. Barna som har vokst opp i skilsmissefamilier, har altså ikke fått dårligere økonomi som voksne enn barna som har vokst opp sammen med begge foreldrene. Forskeren har justert dette funnet for størrelse på familien og familienes økonomi, likevel finner hun ikke noen forskjell på barn av skilte og ikke-skilte foreldre. Om mor finner seg en ny partner, slår heller ikke det ut på barnets inntekt som voksen. Forutsatt at du ikke får flere enn ett halvsøsken. Frida Skog har brukt tall og opplysninger fra dataregistre. Hun kan derfor slå fast at hvordan det har gått økonomisk i voksen alder med for eksempel enebarn født i 1973. Men denne type studie kan ikke si noe om hvorfor enebarn ikke får økonomisk gevinst. Mange ting kan spille inn. Det vil andre typer studier kunne svare på.

http://forskning.no/2016/12/du-blir-ikke-rikere-av-vaere-enebarn

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Apr 8	Blood Drive at Nordahl Hall
Apr 16	Easter Sunday… *God Påske!*
Apr 19	Solveig Club Meeting
Apr 23	Viking Extravaganza Social Event at Nordahl Hall and Business Meeting
May 21	17th of May Celebration at Nordahl Hall
Jun 1	Solveig Club College Scholarship Deadline
Jun 30	Nordahl Grieg College Scholarship Deadline

See *"Connections"* for other important events.
Dates will be added as they become available.

Remember to bring community service donations to Lodge events… non-perishable food for a local food bank and used paperback books for the VA Hospital. Tusen Takk!

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