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En hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

How do you grow a Lodge? How do we keep our membership active? What will happen to our Lodge in the future? These are just a few of the questions that need to be answered. Our Lodge has such a rich history and I hope that we can continue to add to that history for years and generations in the future.

I truly enjoy all the time that I get to spend with members of our lodge. But, far too often we have the same group of dedicated members at our meetings and events. There are many reasons why our members aren't active and no one is blaming anyone for not participating more. Life gets in the way or other events are more exciting and compelling to attend. But how do we get members to be more active?

I'm not sure we can ever find just one answer to that question and others that go along with it. But I know that we as a lodge can come together and try our hardest to keep going. Being your President is an honor and sometimes an overwhelming task. I know I might not always do things in the correct way, or how others want me to, but I'm willing to try. As a Lodge, we all should be willing to try new things and understand that we are all in this together.

I look forward to our future and the growth that is going to be a part of it.

Fraternally,
Laura Porter, President

MAY AGENDA ALERT

Friday, May 12 ▪ Business Meeting

Sunday, May 21 ▪ Lodge Social

17th of May Celebration

2-4 PM at Nordahl Hall

Featuring a Bunad presentation

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College Scholarships… deadlines almost here!

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 Ave., 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 Dr., Apt. 2, Santa Clara, CA 95050-5057

Nyheter Fra Solveig Club

During this time of year the Solveig Club focuses on charitable giving to help support those in need in our community. For several years we've donated to a woman's shelter, and this year we're looking to add a gift to a youth shelter as well. It's our way of expressing our heartfelt gratitude for all the good friends and fellowship we enjoy with members of the Solveig Club and throughout Nordahl Grieg Lodge.

Of course, our primary goal right now is our annual college scholarship awarded to young women affiliated with our lodge. The June 1 application deadline is fast approaching, so, if interested, look for more information elsewhere in this *Tidende*.

Our next meeting will be on the 17th of May, beginning at 10:30 AM in the Solveig Room. Our hostesses for that special day are **Gracie Larsen**, **Anna Likens**, and **Shirley Shoup**. Bring a sandwich and join us.

Beste hilsen,
Duane Adams,
Solveig Club President

Hurra! for May 17

Brazilians have carnival and the Irish have Saint Patrick's Day. Norway's answer? Well, the closest thing is the 17th of May, commemorating the signing of the constitution on that date in 1814. In Norway, the Constitution Day is *huge*.

While many countries celebrate their national day with a military parade, the 17th of May is more of a party for everyone, and especially the children. Before heading out in the streets, many have a "17th of May breakfast" – often a potluck with friends and neighbors – with freshly baked bread, scrambled eggs, smoked salmon, and, for the grown-ups, champagne.

Children's parades then take place across the country, and led by marching bands, they walk through their communities. The largest of the traditional parades attracts tens of thousands of people waving flags and shouting *"Hurra!"* In Oslo, the parade is greeted by the royal family waving to the crowd.

Nationalistic? Perhaps, but the non-militaristic and generally joyous atmosphere, in addition to the children's special place in the celebrations, makes the day a largely uncontroversial affair. The day is also an opportunity for men and women to show off their "bunad," Norway's traditional costumes. There are hundreds of different ones, with colors and styles indicating where in Norway the owner's ancestry lies.

Significantly less colorful are the red or blue jumpsuits of the *"russ,"* soon-to-be-graduates celebrating the end of 13 years of school. Most of them look extremely tired by May 17, and the tiredness usually doesn't stem from staying up all night studying for exams. The *russ* have their own parades, with buses and vans with expensive and rather loud sound systems. Ask them for a card, called a *"russekort,"* and you will get their personal calling card, with personal info, and more or less funny jokes on it.

Ice cream and hot dogs are traditionally the not-so-nutritious diet during the celebration, while games are played and speeches are held during the afternoon in the local communities. This is a truly special time to be in Norway.

…condensed from ***www.VisitNorway.com***

May Birthdays

2	Sydney Whaley
3	Frank Palinkas
3	Paul Kennelly
4	Elderid Everly
7	Kris Owen
9	Lisa Anne Vane
9	Julie Alkire
9	Lars-Erik Haug
10	Minuett Bratton
11	Ginger Guglielmo
12	Richard Owen
14	Duane Overby
16	Walter Larsen
21	Knut Owen
26	Sharee Frost
26	Shirlee Smith
28	Erik Bertelson
29	Linnea Williams
30	Donald Hardy
31	Erik Hansen

Heritage Member

26	Gergorio Guglielmo

Gratulerer med dagen!

News About Members

FUN NEWS

Duane Adams is busy planning a trip to Norway this summer. Two nieces and four great-nephews will be going with her, and they will meet up during their visit with a cousin who lives in Norway. Duane lived in Norway in the early 1980's, but has not been back to visit for a while, so she is very excited about her plans.

Mary Schlink recently returned from Hawaii, where she visited with family and had a "wonderful time."

HEALTH NEWS

Lucille Basso fractured her spine and has been laid up and in pain. She recently had a procedure to help stabilize the fracture and is hopeful that will help her to be more mobile again. **Jim** has been providing TLC. We hope you feel better very soon, Lucille.

Jo Ann Bjerkhoel fractured her right wrist recently and is in a cast, but is improving. **Harry** has been busy doing all the things that Jo Ann usually does, which has been keeping him out of mischief. Take care, guys!

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chairperson

Norway Tops 2017 Global Happiness Rankings

According to this year's World Happiness Report, Norway has jumped from 4th place in 2016 to 1st place this year, followed by Denmark, Iceland, and Switzerland in a tightly packed bunch.

All of the top four countries rank highly on all the main factors found to support happiness: caring, freedom, generosity, honesty, health, income, and good governance. Their averages are so close that small changes can re-order the rankings from year to year. Norway moves to the top of the ranking despite weaker oil prices. It is sometimes said that Norway achieves and maintains its high happiness not because of its oil wealth, but in spite of it. By choosing to produce its oil slowly, and investing the proceeds for the future rather than spending them in the present, Norway has insulated itself from the boom and bust cycle of many other resource-rich economies. To do this successfully requires high levels of mutual trust, shared purpose, generosity, and good governance, all factors that help to keep Norway and other top countries where they are in the happiness rankings.

All of the other countries in the top 10 also have high values in all six of the key variables used to explain happiness differences among countries and through time – income, healthy life expectancy, having someone to count on in times of trouble, generosity, freedom, and trust, with the latter measured by the absence of corruption in business and government. Here too there has been some shuffling of ranks among closely grouped countries; with this year's rankings placing Finland in 5th place, followed by the Netherlands, Canada, and New Zealand; and Australia and Sweden tied for the 9th position, having the same 2014-2016 score to three decimals.

The USA is a story of reduced happiness according to the report. In 2007 the USA ranked 3rd; in 2016 it came in 19th.

Reference- Helliwell, J., Layard, R., & Sachs, J. (2017). World Happiness Report 2017, New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Membership Update

A special WELCOME to our new member:

Mary Aasgaard Williamson
455 Liquidambar Way Sunnyvale, CA 94086
408-739-297

Mary actually turned in her application and membership dues at the Lodge Anniversary Dinner, but we only recently received confirmation of her membership from International.

We have nine members on the Past Due List; some of you are active members. Please pay your dues. I do not have confirmation yet, but there is a possibility that at least one member has moved out of the area.

I have LOST one member, **Miles Mac Diarmid**, whose mail has been returned to me. He is a young man, has Sons of Norway Insurance, and has actually been a member since he was a year old. He may be picking up *Tidende* on line? Miles… please get in touch.

Last month I especially asked if any of the new members would like a membership badge. Only one member took advantage of that, and a badge has been ordered.

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

Today's Recruitment Goals Fuel Future Success

Sons of Norway Headquarters is pleased to announce the launch of its 2017 recruitment campaign – a revamped and expanded Founders Day Awards. With our 125th anniversary fast approaching, the new campaign reinforces the vision of Sons of Norway's founders for an organization that celebrates its roots while continuing to look toward the future.

With the new Founders Day Award, lodges that reach their target recruitment goal are rewarded with a number of prizes. These include a $200 cash card the lodge may use toward a celebration of reaching its goal, exclusive access to a new program for lodge members, and more.

Lodge Vice Presidents recently received additional information about the 2017 Founders Day contest as well as individualized goals for recruitment. These goals were developed to align with Sons of Norway's overall goal of welcoming 3,500 new members in 2017, just one of the ambitious organizational goals developed by Sons of Norway's International Board of Directors.

The 2017 Founders Day campaign is an opportunity for all members to get involved and support not only their lodges, but help grow the organization. Keep up with the Sons of Norway blog and e-Post throughout the year for ways you can help Sons of Norway and find lodge success stories.

Join the conversation about growing Sons of Norway into the future – find us on Twitter ***@SonsofNorway*** or on our Facebook page. Better yet – share how you or your lodge is working toward the future by using ***#Growingto2020***.

…. from SON Newsletter Service

LARS: "Ole, stand in fronna my car and tell me if da turn signals are vorking."

OLE: "Ya, No, Ya, No, Ya, No, Ya, No, Ya."

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!*

Hurra for Syttende Mai

Lodge Social

Sunday, May 21 • 2 – 4 pm

Come celebrate Norway's Constitution Day and enjoy an engaging program about Bunads, presented by Randy Hicks of Snorre Lodge. Randy's slide show will take us on a tour of the country's regional costumes, showing their distinctive designs, fabrics, and decorations. We'll also learn the history of the widespread use of bunads in Norway, a national tradition unique in Europe.

Please wear or bring your Bunad.

You'll be invited to show it off and share its story during the presentation.

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Sons of Norway, Nordahl Grieg Lodge
580 W. Parr, Los Gatos, CA

Please bring a plate of open-faced sandwiches or a dessert to share.

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Coffee, punch, and cake will be provided by the lodge.

Donations of non-perishable food and used paperback books for our community outreach activities will be gladly accepted.

Connections ...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

Enjoy a culinary journey with "New Scandinavian Cooking" on PBS – recipes available at ***newscancook.com***

- **Saturday, May 6 at 8:30 AM on KQED:** Plenty of Foods… investigates the variety of inland Norway, the most productive farmland in the country.
- **Sunday, May 7 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus:** Northern Norway… explores the rugged coastline of Vesteralen.
- **Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 AM on KQED:** Arctic Food… visits Spitsbergen, the Norwegian settlement at 78 degrees north, home to some of the world's richest fisheries.
- **Sunday, May 14 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus:** Southern Norway… travels to Vestfold at the peak of the brisling sardine season.
- **Saturday, May 20 at 8:30 AM on KQED:** Historical Garden… visits a farm at Norway's largest lake, Mjosa.
- **Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 AM on KQED Plus:** Rich Farmland… visits the county of Hedmark in Eastern Norway, a region known for big farms and abundance of produce.

Vesterheim Museum Tour – Join a District Six sponsored tour to Decorah, Iowa: September 20-24, 2017. 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***.

Job Application for Lutefisk Inspector

Salary Range: $200 monthly, plus food stamps

The Puget Sound Fishing Association is seeking qualified inspectors for the lutefisk industry. Scandinavians are preferred because of their uncertainty about expectations.

Please answer the following questions:

Last Name (complete one):
_____-son _____-sen

First Name (check one):
☐ Ole ☐ Sven ☐ Lars ☐ Arne

Age (if known):
_____ 18-45 _____ 45-65 _____ senile

Highest Grade Completed in School (circle one):
1 2 3 4 5

How many years were needed to complete the highest grade level? (circle one)
6 7 8 9

Work Experience (check one):
☐ deck hand ☐ fish monger
☐ herring checker ☐ boat puller
☐ boat identifier ☐ never on a boat

TELL US ABOUT ACTIVITIES AND IDEAS TO CONNECT WITH OUR NORWEGIAN HERITAGE!

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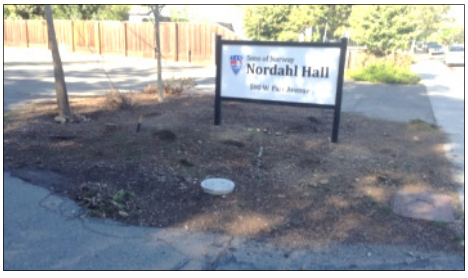
Hall Board News



Improvements at our front entrance: The garden area around the front entrance sign has been newly landscaped *(before photo on top right; after photo on bottom right)*. **Larry Hulberg** and **Leslie Jones** spent many hours in the garden planting plants, adding drip lines, and spreading mulch. All the plants are low water use, easy to maintain, and freeze hardy. They are small now, but in a few months it will look much better. By next year you won't believe the difference!

Damaged wall update: Since our insurance did not cover the damage wall, the responsibility lay with the property manager for Villa Capri. I have noticed that the wall was repaired in some way. The section was not replaced, instead it was shored up. I have not seen the Villa Capri side, but there are large bolts coming through on our side. It's not especially pretty, but I'm sure it was much more affordable than the estimate of $9000 to replace the section.

60 years...

A history of Camp Norge...

District Six came into being in Santa Barbara with the charter convention in 1952. The first biennial convention was held in Santa Cruz in 1954. At that convention, delegates began talking about a camp for members and enthusiasm was very high to pursue such an acquisition. At the convention in Eureka in 1956, a resolution was passed to proceed with the acquisition of a camp facility. Donations started to flow in from lodges and totaled $5,000.

The three great men who composed the acquisition committee, and who had such vision and foresight, were **Walter Lee** of Garborg 56 in Modesto, **Henry Gunderson** of Nordahl Grieg 52 in San Jose, and **Mel Nore** of Noronna 50 in Van Nuys. Interestingly enough, none of the three had children. They did, however, have the interest and generous hearts necessary to see the benefit of having a place where members with families might have a safe place to vacation or gather together for events such as a *Kretsstevne*. There was great thought given to the location: it should be centrally located so that all members of District Six would be able to use it. At that time we didn't have lodges outside of California, but other states were designated to eventually become part of District Six.

In 1957, the committee determined that property at Alta, California would be centrally located when the District expanded to its designated borders of California, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Hawaii. After ascertaining that water rights to a spring, which supplied water to the property, would be deeded with the land, the committee negotiated a sale at an agreed upon price of $13,000. They put up the District's $5,000 in donations plus $8,000 of their own money until the District could pay them back. The original 40 acres was increased to 46 acres when the State of California built Highway 80 and traded some state land for land owned by the District.

The transformation from a private retreat to a recreation center was a tremendous job. In addition to overseeing our District, which was adding new lodges at a rapid rate, District officers were also administering the new camp. It was decided that there should be a Recreation Center Board of Directors to oversee the conversion and to administer the camp. The Articles of Incorporation of the District Six Recreation Center were filed with the State of California on June 1, 1959.

Conversion to an operating camp took time because the existing buildings were very old and the septic tank was too small for our use. So, there were work parties… and more work parties. Eventually, the existing swimming pool was converted to a septic tank which we still use today. The County required an outside stairway from the upstairs sleeping rooms at the main house, so the back stairs were constructed and lasted until **Harry Bjerkhoel** replaced them in 2006. Larger water storage facilities were installed. And, the upper bathhouse with three showers and toilets was built.

The District still didn't have any money, but fortunately in those days, International had a program to administer mortgages for lodge facilities. The 1962 convention delegates authorized such a loan, and a $15,000 loan was granted at 6% interest to be paid back within 10 years. The money was to be used to pay off the personal notes for the initial purchase and for improvements. In 1964, **Henry Gunderson** offered to take over the mortgage for a lower interest rate and the Board accepted the offer. That loan was finally repaid on September 8, 1969 and the Recreation Center was now ours!

Improvements continued with the completion of the social hall and the upper bathhouse. An old barn was refurbished and made into a dormitory. Over the years, sleeping capacity expanded when dorms were added along with two cabins and a *stabbur*. In the late 1970s to early 1980s, the managers' living quarters were remodeled and enlarged. And, with the growing popularity of RVs, a meadow bathhouse was completed in 1985.

The need for a second social hall was apparent for some time and a building fund was established. After many years of trying, we finally received the required building permits and the new Heritage Hall was completed with handicap restrooms and parking, and a modern kitchen.

This is your Recreation Center. Please use it, love it, and support it.

*…adapted from an article written by **Penny Joseph Knudsen** for the Camp's Golden Anniversary in 2007*

Facts about Norway's Constitution

Most of us know that the Constitution was signed on May 17, 1814, a day that Norway celebrates today with massive parades and parties annually. But there are plenty more interesting facts surrounding this event, arguably Norway's greatest event in history.

- Did you know… that the Constitution that was signed and adopted is the second oldest written Constitution in the world still in existence today? At the time it was also considered to be the most forward thinking and radically democratic Constitution ever written.
- Did you know… that the Constitution underwent a linguistic revision in 1903? The overall language of the Constitution has basically remained unaltered, and the 1903 language is still used when proposed changes are made to the Constitution.
- Did you know… that the document was inspired by the United States and French constitutions? The main difference was the text that referred to Norway as a Constitutional Monarchy.
- Did you know… that within the famous portrait of the Constituent Assembly at Eidsvoll, about 70 of the 112 delegates present were painted well enough to be identified?
- Did you know… that the representatives who put the Constitution together were under great pressure to finish the document? The Constitution was written and signed in five weeks. The January 14, 1814 Kiel Treaty said that Denmark would relinquish control over Norway to Sweden. During that transition of power Norway was considered an independent kingdom. In taking full advantage of that control, a Constituent Assembly was put together, a King was appointed, and a Constitution was written.

…. from SON Newsletter Service

a little in English...

Kids Will Now Have Time to Eat

Schoolchildren should not have to gobble their lunches. The [Norwegian] government wants kids to have 20 minutes to eat.

"Now the children will have time to eat their lunches. It is important to set aside time for this. Both for diet and health," says Torbjørn Røe Isaksen to news agency NTB. He is [Norway's] Minister of Education.

The government and Norwegian Directorate for Health and Social Affairs want children to have more time to eat. They advise about 20 minutes for lunchtime. For everyone.

"We know that mealtimes at many schools disappear into many other things. Some students in Norway receive five or ten minutes to devour their lunch. No more," says Isaksen.

This advice is part of a plan for a better diet. It applies to all of Norway. Only half of the primary schools in Norway have a lunch break of 20 minutes.

Schools and municipalities get to decide how the school day goes. And how long students will have for breaks.

"Kids get very little time to eat. Many parents will recognize this. It creates bad attitudes towards having a good lunch break," says Isaksen.

"The government does not want to control municipalities. They're calling it a request. But that could change if schools don't follow suit," he said.

litt på norsk...

Nå skal barna få tid til maten

Skolebarn skal slippe å sluke matpakka. Regjeringen vil at barna skal få 20 minutter til å spise på.

– Nå må barna få tid til å spise matpakka si. Det er viktig å få satt av tid til dette. Både for kosthold og helse, sier Torbjørn Røe Isaksen til nyhetsbyrået NTB. Han er kunnskapsminister.

Regjeringen og Helse-direktoratet vil at barn skal få mer tid til å spise. De kommer med et råd om 20 minutter spisetid. For alle.

– Vi vet at spisetiden på mange skoler forsvinner i masse annet. En del elever i Norge får fem eller ti minutter til å sluke en matpakke. Ikke noe mer, sier Isaksen.

Rådet står i en plan for et bedre kosthold. Den gjelder for hele Norge. Bare halvparten av grunnskolene i Norge har matpause på 20 minutter.

Skolene og kommunene kan bestemme hvordan skoledagen skal være. Og hvor lange pauser elevene får.

– Barna får veldig kort tid til å spise. Mange foreldre vil kjenne seg igjen i dette. Det skaper dårlige holdninger til både det å ha en god matpause, sier Isaksen.

Regjeringen ønsker ikke styre kommunene. De kaller det en oppfordring. Men det kan endre seg om ikke skolene følger etter, sier han.

…. from SON Newsletter Service

It's been awhile since we've published highlights of lodge business meetings… these notes will bring you up to date.

Highlights of 02/10/2017 Business Meeting Minutes *(approved 03/10/2017)*

- Treasurer **Mike Block** provided a written January report available for review.
- Camp Norge Ambassador **Shirley Shoup** announced that Placer County has approved a 3-million dollar repair for Morton Road leading to Camp Norge. A bridge will be built over the washed out area; events scheduled prior to completion will need to find alternative facilities.
- **Don Slama** was elected and installed to fill the vacant Counselor position for 2017.

Highlights of 01/27/2017 Business Meeting Minutes *(approved 02/10/2017)*

- The charter was draped and a moment of silence was held in honor of **Solveig Haller**.
- Co-Secretary **Duane Adams** shared receipts from West Valley Community Services for 170 pounds of foods donated by lodge members.
- President **Laura Porter** reminded members how much residents at the Palo Alto VA Hospital appreciate our donated paperback books and that they look forward to new arrivals.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** stated that a dues check was received from SON International.
- Treasurer **Mike Block** provided a verbal financial report for 2016 and a draft budget for 2017; motion passed to approve the 2017 budget as presented.
- Scholarship Chair **Barbara Shoup** announced various scholarship opportunities; announcements and deadline dates will be posted in upcoming issues of *Tidende*.
- Officers absent from the 01/08/2017 installation ceremony were installed.
- President Porter announced Lodge goals for 2017 as drafted at a recent officers' meeting:
  1. *Complete the review of Lodge Bylaws and Standing Rules, and update as necessary.*
  2. *Expand our membership development program to include promotion and retention.*
  3. *Develop and implement at least two cultural skills activities to help members earn Cultural Skills Pins, with a focus on using existing events such as the 17th of May Celebration and Lutefisk Dinner preparation days.*
  4. *Explore a lodge privacy policy to assure protection of officers' and members' personal information on social media, newsletters, and other communications.*
- **Lois Bertelson** thanked everyone for contributing used stamps for *Tubfrim*; a total of 51 pounds of stamps were collected and donated by our lodge in 2016.
- Webmaster **Bruce Fihe** stated that a printed 2017 member directory will be mailed with the February *Tidende* and will be posted online.

Highlights of 11/11/2016 Business Meeting Minutes *(approved 01/27/2017)*

- Evening began with the Wine and Cheese Lutefisk Dinner Kick-Off followed by a cultural presentation by **Marsha Owen** about genealogy research.
- Guest **Sandra Newell Pleski** was welcomed.
- President **Laura Porter** acknowledged all our veterans and thanked them for their service; those present included **Marv Bertelson**, **Paul Nore**, and **Mike Block**.
- Vice President **Karen Aaker** recommended sharing Viking magazines with medical offices or hospitals.
- Financial Secretary **Kari Warner** stated that a dues check was received from International.
- Treasurer **Mike Block** shared a current financial report.
- Motion passed to approve the slate of officers presented by Nominations Committee Chair **Judy Purrington**; full list of 2017 officers will be published in the *Tidende*.
- Motion passed to donate $50 to Ski for Light.

Highlights of 01/08/2017 Officer's Installation Minutes *(approved 01/27/2017)*

- The following were nominated and elected to help complete the 2017 list of officers:
  - ✓ **Cassie Leventon** as 3rd Year Trustee, and
  - ✓ **Ken Leventon** as Marshall.
- All 2017 officers present were installed by Installing Officer **Janie Kelly**; **Carol Campbell** from Vigeland Lodge served as Installing Musician. President **Laura Porter** presented thank you gifts to Janie and Carol.

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May 12	Business Meeting
May 14	Happy Mother's Day!
May 17	Celebrate *Syttende Mai* – Norway's Constitution Day!
May 17	Solveig Club 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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