SONS of NORWAY

Nordahl's Tidende

NORDAHL GRIEG LODGE 6-52 • FOUNDED FEBRUARY 16, 1946

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

On Sunday, January 10, we had the installation of our officers for 2021, via Zoom of course. Thank you to **Janie Kelly** for being our Installing Officer. Thanks to all who agreed to serve our Lodge as officers for this year. And thanks to all the members of Nordahl Grieg Lodge for the support you have given us in the past and will continue to give in this coming year.

2020 was a strange year for everyone and every organization. Our lodge is no exception. We had many plans for new and continuing activities that had to be canceled or totally reimagined. My hope is that many of those activities will happen in 2021. It's clear that the Covid-19 vaccination schedule will drive our ability to once again have in-person events. While the initial vaccine rollout is going slower than desired, I have faith that it will improve. I anticipate that things will be different by May or June. Please join us for a Zoom Lodge business meeting and social hour on Sunday, February 14 starting at 5:00 PM. During the business meeting, we will begin planning events for the rest of the year. During the social hour, please be ready to share what you have been doing during the stay-at-home period. If you have been working on any Cultural Skills projects, please share your work with us.

It is still my vision that our delayed 75th Anniversary Dinner will be the first post-Covid event for our Lodge. While we cannot yet set the date, planning is underway. I want to make this event special and will share details as they come into focus. You will not want to miss this event.

Finally, a special thank you to all who have donated to the hall fundraiser. We have nearly met our goal and now have funds to cover the fixed expenses for the Hall for the next six months. This should carry us until we can resume renting the hall. *Mange tusen takk* to all.

Fraternally, *Bruce Tihe, President*

Upcoming Zoom Business Meeting

Sunday, February 14
5:00 PM

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 847 2872 0445
Passcode: 863834
Or by phone: (669) 900-6833

Annual Shareholders' Meeting Nordahl Hall, Inc.

Sunday, March 14, 5:00 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 the meeting, we also elect new directors to fill expired terms or vacant seats on the board. This meeting will be held on Zoom like our other recent meetings. The link will be listed in the next issue of the *Tidende*. Please plan to attend.

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

What Keeps Members from Following Through to Achieve a Cultural Skills Pin?

I asked myself this question. Then I realized how long it took me to make the small commitment to earn my pins. I am glad I followed through, as I have also achieved a certain feeling of pride working on items connected to my Norwegian heritage. I actually wish my parents had known what I have since learned.

After postponing it for about 2 years, I recently made a vow to again follow through and earn the Norwegian food cultural skills pin, because I am staying home now with plenty of time. As your new vice president, I offer encouragement and help to get those members started who also now have plenty of time and would like to learn more about this rewarding activity.

Please contact me at ***elainemedwards90@gmail.com***.

Fraternally,
Elaine Edwards, Vice President

February Birthdays

2 Ananth Jasty
5 Turid Sinagra
7 Marina Emstedt
9 Mikkel Thompson
10 Sonja Flanagin
12 Erik Werner
14 Orland Larson
14 Robert Weisse
18 James Marlowe
19 Laszlo Gunderud
20 Elaine Edwards
21 Clara Graslie
23 Sylvia Stevens

Camp Norge Playground Restoration Project

Many of us have children and grandchildren who have enjoyed the playground at Camp Norge. Visitors have become concerned about the current playset that resides there as it is over twenty years old and is showing signs of wear and tear.

Two Camp Trollfjell counselors, Baylee McKenney from Vikings of Lake #6-166 and Jason Morken from Solheim #6-69, are spearheading a district-wide fundraiser to purchase a new playset. They spoke at our last Lodge meeting to discuss their project and ask for our support. The District Six Recreation Center Board has approved the project and provided a grant that will match all donations up to $1000.

Baylee and Jason are hoping to have the new playset in place before camp starts this summer. If you would like to contribute to this project, please visit their GoFundMe page at ***https://gofund.me/bad7b0c8***.

Alternatively, you can send a check directly to Camp Norge with "playground restoration" in the memo. The address is PO Box 622, Alta, CA 95701.

How to Access Recipes on the Sons of Norway Website

Through your browser, such as Google, Mozilla, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, or Safari, type in ***https://www.sofn.com*** to visit the Sons of Norway website. The home page of Sons of Norway will come up on the screen.

To open Norwegian recipes, scroll about halfway down the page to the box that says "View Recipes" and click. The Recipe Box contains recipes in categories including appetizers, baked goods, breads and desserts, main dishes, sandwiches, soups, salads, and vegetables and grain dishes.

It says, "The Sons of Norway online recipe database contains nearly 100 dishes to make, enjoy and share with friends and family – and we're always adding more."

This collection of recipes can give you ideas to try if you want to pursue a cooking cultural skills pin.

Nordahl Hall Fundraiser

Help us reach our goal by the 75th Anniversary of the Lodge
February 16, 2021

Goal $25,000

Thank You

Donors as of January 17, 2021

Adams, Duane
Alkire, Bill
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Ansok, Gary
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Bertelson, Lois & Marv
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(in memory of Harry)
Bjerkhoel, Alissa
Bjerkhoel, Leland
Bratton, Sharon
Brekke Family
Curtis, Shelley
Deppong, Genevieve
Edwards, Elaine
Everly, Vicki
Fadness, Carol & Melvin
(in honor of Jake Romaro)
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Larsen, Egil
(in memory of Gracie)
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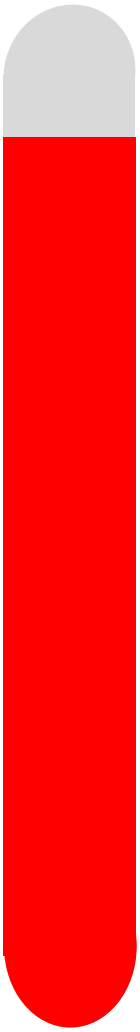


- $25,000
- $22,500
- $20,000
- $17,500
- $15,000*
- $12,500*
- $10,000*
- $7,500*
- $5,000*
- $2,500*

*Includes donor contributions plus dollar-for-dollar Lodge match

Donate online at http://nordahl-grieg.org/site/2020-fundraiser/ OR mail your check, payable to Nordahl Grieg Lodge, to Duane Adams, 3415 Winkle Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95065 (831-479-4376; duane@startmail.com)

Camp Announcement

Although it's difficult to make predictions about the future, District Six is anticipating that it will get the go-ahead to hold its youth summer camp programs again this year. If the situation changes, a notification will be sent out as soon as possible. In the meantime, save these dates, and get ready to have some much-needed summer fun!

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule (ages 14-17) - June 27 to July 10

Camp Trollfjell (ages 8-13) - July 11 to July 24

Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Sons of Norway District Six members in good standing are eligible to attend the District Six Language and Heritage Camp at Camp Norge in Alta, California. Check out the "Youth" tab at ***www.sofn6.org*** for additional information.

Camperships

The Solveig Club once again will award 50% cost of tuition camperships for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Nordahl Grieg members in good standing. 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

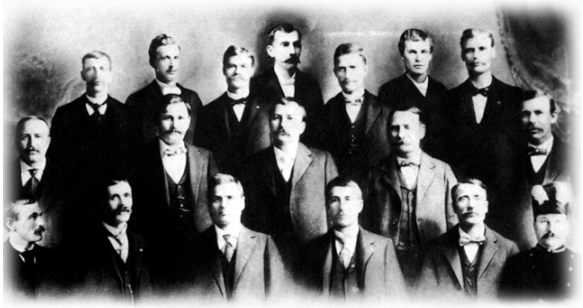
Letters must be postmarked by **May 1, 2021** and mailed to:

Duane Adams, Solveig Club President
3415 Winkle Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95065

District Six also offers camperships for Trollfjell Folkehøgskule and Camp Trollfjell as well as other scholarships. Check out the "Youth" tab at ***www.sofn6.org*** for additional information.

Please note that campers are eligible to receive only one campership award from either Nordahl Grieg Lodge or District 6, but not both.

The Origins of Sons of Norway



On January 16, 2021, Sons of Norway celebrated its 126th anniversary. The organization was started in 1895 by a group of Norwegian immigrants living in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They gathered together in the midst of a deep economic depression to create an organization for their fellow Norwegian-Americans to support one another and to maintain their ties to "the old country."

One thing that the founding members focused on at their first meetings back in 1895 was what to call their new organization. After briefly considering "Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson," after the Norwegian nationalist author, it came down to a vote between "Sønner av Norge" (Sons of Norway) and "Brødre av Norge" (Brothers of Norway). By a vote of 14 to 2, the name we use today won.

The name was inspired by a line from a famous song by Eskild Pedersen: *Sønner av Norge, det eldgamle rike, Synger til harpens den festlige klang.* This translates to: Sons of Norway, the ancient kingdom, Sing to the harps with festive sound.

...from SON Newsletter Service

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **We're on YouTube!** Did you know Sons of Norway is on YouTube? You can learn more about our history, take a tour of the new SON headquarters, hear a Norwegian choir, and much more. Visit ***https://www.youtube.com/sonsofnorwayhq*** to check it out.
- **Get Your SON Logo Gear** – Go online to ***https://sofn.logoshop.com*** for a selection of Sons of Norway themed items to help you show off your Nordic pride, including T-shirts, socks, bags, and other great selections!
- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – We have canceled our usual Wednesday meetings for the time being. It's just too hard to practice social distancing in a polka! Watch here for information about when we'll start up again. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at ***meg@jstub.com***.
- **Do you like to sing?** The **Zaida Singers**, dedicated to the preservation of Scandinavian vocal music, are looking for new members. The group sings mostly Swedish folk songs, a cappella in 4-part harmony, but also enjoys mixing things up with new pieces. If interested, please contact choir director **Zaida Binetti** at 408-621-8959 or ***zaidasingers@gmail.com.*** Website: ***zaidasingers.org***.
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage! View Nordahl Grieg Activity Photos ***www.nordahl-grieg.org*** ***www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg***
- **Seeking Tidende Submissions** – Do you have a special Norwegian heirloom? Send stories and photos to ***editor@nordahl-grieg.org***.

Peace of Mind in Volatile Times

In times like these, it may feel like nothing is certain and that volatility is just a way of life for your finances. Give yourself the peace of mind of a fixed rate of return, and rest easy knowing that a portion of your assets is protected. Reach out to your Sons of Norway Insurance Professional to see if putting some of your assets in a fixed annuity is right for you and your family.

Our Financial Benefits Counselor, **Fred Hymans**, can be reached at 916-486-4429 or ***fred@fredhymans.com***.

Nordahl Hall – Love Your Lodge

Support 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	Silver	$250
Gold	$500	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 a Hall Board member, or contact **Dave Melius** at (408) 244-4497 or ***dmelius@hotmail.com***

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

Planning a Party or Special Event?

Welcome to Nordahl Hall Banquet & Meeting Center

Perfect for weddings, parties, meetings, and more! Convenient Campbell-Los Gatos location

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Viking Property Management at 408-915-7755

Forbidden Love Kept Secret for Nine Years

This year marks 53 years since King Harald and Queen Sonja were engaged. In recent decades, other royals have married "commoners," but in the 1950s, this was quite taboo.

Friends introduced them at a party; she was 21, he 22. It would take almost a decade—and the government's approval—before the determined Harald could propose.

Sonja's family's house in Oslo's Vinderen neighborhood became a refuge for the couple, and her mother agreed to keep quiet about their relationship. In time, word got out, and the press began keeping tabs on the Crown Prince's frequent visits.

The public was worried the monarchy would be in danger, but the heir to the throne was prepared to stake it all for love. He dramatically announced to King Olav that he would never marry another if he could not marry Sonja. Olav V approached the prime minister, who reluctantly approved.

In March 1968, they became engaged, and five months later, Harald and Sonja were married at Oslo Cathedral.

...from SON Newsletter Service

Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In memory of his loving wife, Peggy Riddervold
Glenn Riddervold (donation, Sept 2020)

In memory of Ovald & Lorraine Norgaard
Elaine Edwards (donation, July 2020)
Solveig Club (donation, June 2019)

In memory of Elderid Everly
Solveig Club (donation, April 2018)

In memory of Grace Larsen
Solveig Club (donation, April 2018)

Gold Level

In memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donations Oct 2018 and Dec 2019)

Silver Level

In memory of Elderid Everly
Laurette Kennelly (donation, May 2018)
The families of Elderid's sisters Eva & Rachel (donation, May 2018)

Bronze Level

In memory of Mike Stennes
Shaun and Nicole Stennes (donation, January 2021)

In memory of Elderid Everly
Priscilla & Daniel Mark, Suzanne Lew, Danielle Low (donation, Nov 2019)
Rebecca Ng (donation, May 2018)
Alan Pintacura, Winifred Doty, Kathy Jones (donation, May 2018)

In memory of JoAnne Ansok
Jack and Virginia Jolly (donation, Oct 2019)

In memory of Harry Bjerkhoel
Jack and Virginia Jolly (donation, Oct 2019)

In memory of Greg Ansok
Jack and Virginia Jolly (donation, Oct 2019)

In memory of Noel Whaley
Jack and Virginia Jolly (donation, Oct 2019)

In honor of Paul Nore
Solveig Club (donation, June 2019)
Campbell Chamber of Commerce (donations Nov 2018 and Dec 2019)
Shelley Curtis (donation, Jan 2018)

In memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donations, Nov 2017 and Jan 2017)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made prior to April 2017 are not listed.
Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

Remember when?

Since the pandemic is making it difficult to make new memories together, we'd like to take this opportunity to share some of our old memories. Please enjoy these photos from previous Lutefisk and Anniversary Dinner celebrations.

Kari Warner and JoAnn Ansok (2004)

Harry Bjerkhoel (2004)

Bill and Shirley Shoup (2006)

John Hansen and Egil Larsen (2006)

Vicki Everly, Sharon Bratton, and Paul Kennelly (2006)

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Norwegian Poet,
Novelist, Patriot

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Feb 14	Zoom Lodge Meeting
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 16	Nordahl Grieg Lodge Anniversary

In this time of disruption, many more families need food assistance. Since we can't bring food donations to lodge events, please consider making a cash donation directly to Second Harvest at ***https://www.shfb.org****.*

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