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Nordahl's Tidende

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

We recently held our November lodge meeting on Zoom. I'm pleased to announce the election of the following officers for 2022:

President – Bruce Fihe
Vice President – Elaine Edwards
Co-Secretary – Duane Adams
Co-Secretary – Meg Laycock
Treasurer – Mike Block
Co-Social Director – Duane Adams
Co-Social Director – Karen Aaker
Co-Cultural Director – Judy Purrington
Co-Cultural Director – Kathy Whitesel
One-Year Trustee – Meg Laycock
Two-Year Trustee – Elaine Edwards
Three-Year Trustee – Karen Aaker
Greeter – Barbara Shoup
Tidende Editor – Kristen Hunsbedt
Webmaster - Bruce Fihe

Thank you all for continuing to serve our lodge! Your leadership and expertise are valuable assets to our organization.

We also discussed several events coming up in 2022. Mark your calendars, and be sure to note whether the event is virtual or in person.

Fraternally, *Bruce Fihe, President*

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 9, 1:30 PM
Installation of Officers (Zoom)

Saturday, January 15 (time TBD)
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (in person)

Friday, January 21, 7:00 PM
Lodge Business Meeting to elect 2022 Convention Delegates (Zoom)

Saturday, February 12 (time TBD)
Lodge 75th +1 Anniversary Dinner – "Party Like a Viking" (in person)

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Virtual Party

Saturday, December 4

7:00 PM

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 889 9663 7319

Passcode: 468268

Or by phone: 669-900-6833

Join us on Zoom for a welcome from our Lodge President **Bruce Fihe** and jokes by **Fred Hymans**, our Financial Benefits Counselor. Enjoy your lutefisk and meatball dinner kits from the comfort of your own home while sharing a special evening with your fellow lodge members.

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Sunshine Report

Another New Viking On the Way

Morgan (Frost) and Albin Karlsson are adding to their family come April. The new baby will join big sister, **Lilly**, who is going on two. The whole family is visiting from Sweden for seven weeks over the holidays, and everyone in the **Bratton** and **Everly** families is excited to be together.

Retirement Time

Pat Kelly has retired and is appreciating more free time to enjoy his favorite pursuits. He has been playing more golf, reading, and cycling. Enjoy yourself, Pat. You deserve it after taking care of others for many years.

Health News

Harriet Candelaria has recently been hospitalized with congestive heart failure and is receiving treatment to relieve the symptoms. Harriet is now living at the new Atria assisted living facility located on Almaden Expressway and Branham. We are thinking of you, Harriet and hope you feel better really soon.

Hope all of you stay healthy over the holidays, are able to spend time with your family, and enjoy lots of goodies!

Fraternally,
Shirley Shoup, Sunshineperson

December Birthdays

5	Marilyn Nelson
6	Sally Mercado
9	Kevin Pinson
9	Kris Brekke
10	Shirley Shoup
11	Judith Lund
13	Marilyn Haaberg
14	Robert Lindblom
17	Steven Hawes
20	Barbara Shoup
23	Lois Bertelson
25	Jesusa Bjerkhoel
27	William Alkire
28	Gunnar Heistein
29	Kristina Davidson
31	Vidar Dallokken
31	Donald Slama

Heritage Members

9	Cavanaugh Larson
15	Alec Magiera
24	Savannah Kramer

When you come to pick up your meal kits on Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4, you'll be able to shop at the Solveig Club Bazaar for some fun Norwegian items for your holiday! And if you'd like, you can stop by the Nordahl Grieg Bar and purchase a soft drink or one of the special holiday drinks!

Solveig Club Christmas Bazaar!

at Nordahl Hall

Friday, December 3
Noon to 7pm

Saturday, December 4
9am to 1pm

Nordic gifts, decorations, and much, much more!

Please Verify Your Contact Information

The District Six Secretary, **Nancy Madson**, is requesting that lodge members verify their contact information on the Sons of Norway website, ***www.sofn.com.***

Have you moved in the last year? Did you eliminate a landline or change your email address? This is particularly important for lodge officers. The "2022 District Directory & Resource" is based on information in the Headquarters' database. Lodges will be electing new officers shortly, and up-to-date information is desired. Please contact customer service at ***csb@sofn.com*** if you need assistance updating your contact information.

The recent drought has been very hard on CAMP NORGE.

During this past season, the camp literally ***ran out of water four times***. **But there is a solution to the problem!** We need to replace the **20-year-old** back-up well pump and bring the Camp into the 21st century. That's where ***you*** come in.

We need $15,000 to bring the system up to date.

Add Camp Norge to your holiday gift list.

Contact **Fred Hymans** TODAY for details on how you can help.

916-412-3797 or ***fred.hymans@campnorge.org***

Serinakaker (Norwegian Butter Cookies) - *makes about 12 dozen*

Photo Credit: Ellen Silverman

Ingredients
2 large eggs
1 cup sugar
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
3 sticks salted butter, softened
½ cup pearl sugar or coarsely crushed sugar cubes

Step 1
Preheat oven to 350° F. Beat together 1 egg and sugar with an electric mixer until thick and pale. Sift in flour and baking powder, and add butter. Beat on low speed until mixture forms a dough. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill until firm, at least 1 hour.

Step 2
Lightly beat remaining egg. Roll level teaspoons of dough into balls and arrange 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Press thumb into center of each ball to flatten, leaving a depression, and brush lightly with egg.

Step 3
Sprinkle crushed sugar in centers, and bake in batches in center of oven until golden, 12 to 18 minutes. Transfer to racks to cool completely.

....from epicurious.com

Did you know...Norwegians traditionally serve seven different kinds of cookies at Christmas? What will you bake this year?

Thank You!

We are so appreciative of all of the volunteers who made our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner possible. Even though the dinner is to-go style, our members still put in hours and hours of work to make it all possible. We will have a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for all who helped making meatballs, lefse, and cookies as well as those who help with the Christmas Bazaar, hall setup, cleanup, and making and distributing dinner kits. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 15**.

(More pictures on page 5)

Meatball makers on a roll

Craig Slama crafts Bloody Marys for the meatball crew

Larry Hulberg and Liv Braaten make lefse

Laura Hulberg's lefse is up to Vicki's standards!

Editor's note: At the time of publication, lutefisk and meatball prep was ongoing. We don't have pictures of all of the work that went into making this to-go dinner possible, but we appreciate *everyone*!

Volunteer pictures continued from page 4

Sheryl Hawes is the mix master!

Ellen Haugen expertly scoops cookie dough

Animal Census Tallies Wildlife Populace in Norway

Rovdata, part of the Norwegian Institute for Natural History (NINA), takes an annual census of the country's largest predators. Data is gathered on young born to the "the big four," brown bears, wolves, lynxes, and wolverines.

150 unique adult bears were detected in 2020. There were eight bear litters, an increase from the previous year. The goal is to see an increase to 13 annual litters.

Wolverine dens are also monitored and checked for puppies. 63 litters were registered in 2020. This populace is exceeding the target of 39 annual litters born to the estimated population of 400 adults.

Wolf numbers are increasing and much of them roam across the Norwegian-Swedish border, so the census considers about half of 114 Norway's wolves "dual citizens." The annual goal for litters is only four to six.

Lynxes are tallied in early summer, within "family groups." In 2020 there were 66 groups detected, hitting their target population for the first time in nearly a decade. The adult population was around 400 lynxes.

Find an interactive map at ***https://rovbase.no/*** to see where the "big four" live and roam.

....from SON Newsletter Service

Don't forget!

The *Tidende* deadline is the 15th of every month. Send submissions to ***editor@nordahl-grieg.org***.

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **Julebasar/Christmas Bazaar** – The Norwegian Seaman's Church in San Francisco is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar. The last date is Saturday, December 6. Visit ***www.sjomannskirken.no/kirke/san-francisco*** for details and directions.
- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – Norwegian folk dancing, live (!) at the Masonic Hall in Mountain View. Since we meet indoors, we require mask-wearing and proof of vaccination for all participants. The class is very informal. For the first few weeks, we'll focus on individual step work and non-partner dancing—perfect for new dancers, as well as dancers returning from enforced idleness. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111, or ***meg@jstub.com***.
- **Folk Art School at Vesterheim** – Vesterheim Folk Art School registration for January through March 2022 is open with new online and in-person classes in rosemaling, woodworking, metalworking, jewelry, cooking, fiber arts, weaving, and heritage and language, plus special youth and family programming. Registration is available at ***https://folkartschool.vesterheim.org***.
- **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!
- **Do you like to sing?** The **Zaida Singers**, dedicated to the preservation of Scandinavian vocal music, are always 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***

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
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For more info, ask a Hall Board member, or contact **Dave Melius** at (408) 244-4497 or ***dmelius@hotmail.com***

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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

For rental information, contact:
Viking Property Management at 408-915-7755

Celebrate a Merry Norwegian Jul!

Many people have fond memories of *jul* customs and traditional holiday dishes. Do you have a friend or family member who would enjoy celebrating Norway's Christmas traditions? We can help them re-connect to their heritage. Please invite them to learn more by joining Sons of Norway!

Christmas Baskets Were Used for Gifts

Today, woven Christmas baskets are just used for decorating the tree. But originally they were meant to be used.

Years ago, Christmas presents hung in baskets on the Christmas tree. We still hang up the woven decorations. The history of the Christmas basket begins with the Christmas tree, says Beate Lindseth. She has written the book *Julekurver* (Christmas Baskets).

"The Christmas tree is a German tradition from the 15th century. In the beginning, the tree was a gift tree. Unwrapped cakes, sweets, and gifts were hung on the tree. Eventually, cakes and sweets were placed in paper coronets and baskets," she tells Klar Tale. There are still many who do this.

In the 19th century, the Christmas tree came to Norway. Eventually, it became common to place the gifts under the tree instead. But we have kept the Christmas baskets as ornaments.

"Especially in Scandinavia, we have a tradition of making homemade Christmas tree decorations. In other countries, people started buying ornaments instead," Lindseth says.

"Today, the heart-shaped Christmas basket with a chess pattern is the best known. But the earliest we have in our care are from the 1860s," says Lindseth.

"Earlier, they had other types of baskets. They've almost died off now. In Denmark, they have always had many different patterns in their baskets. They use a lot of symbols at Christmas. Like stars and angels," she says.

Do you want to learn how to make Christmas baskets? This YouTube video shows you how: ***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5Jc0fXBJac***

Written instructions: ***http://www.stavanger-web.com/baskets.php***

....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
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In memory of Elderid Everly
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Tusen Takk for your support!

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Social events are announced in the *Tidende* and via email.

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Dec 3-4	Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Kit Pick-up
Dec 25	*God Jul!* | Merry Christmas!
Jan 1	*Godt Nyttår!* | Happy New Year!
Jan 9	Installation of Officers (via Zoom)
Jan 15	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Jan 21	Lodge Business Meeting (via Zoom)
Feb 12	Anniversary Dinner

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