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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

As we enter a post-COVID era, or as close as we are going to come to one, it is time to start planning a more normal year for our Lodge. I look forward to more social events, and yes, even more normal business meetings. How would you like to join an enthusiastic team to help make this happen? Some of our current officers have already indicated that they are willing to continue in their current positions. However, some others have expressed their desires to do something different in the coming year. Please consider what you might be willing to do the make 2023 an exciting year for Nordahl Grieg Lodge. You may contact **Judy Purrington** or myself if you have questions about the needed positions or to express your intent to run for office. On November 11, at 6:30 PM, we will have a Lodge Meeting via Zoom to elect our leadership team for next year.

Speaking of more normal social events, I'm looking forward to the axe throwing event in downtown San Jose on October 22 starting at 11:00 AM. We will have 90 minutes of fun throwing action, including instructions. Viking outfits are encouraged. But a warning, anyone who shows up with horned helmets (Vikings did not have these) will be used as targets! Reservations for this event may be made online or via paper registration form and must be received by October 8. Don't miss out on this fun event.

Following the axe throwing, we will move on to the San Pedro Square Market, where you will find many choices for food and liquid refreshments. We will gather outside in the large patio area.

November is the month for all the preparation work for our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. After two years of take-out kits and virtual dinner gathering, we will be back in person for one day only. I trust that there are still many of us who remember how to make meatballs, lefse, and cookies. We will also need setup, serving, kitchen, and clean-up crews. It takes an all-hands turnout to make this a successful event. Please join your fellow lodge members in the activities you are most comfortable with.

Fraternally, *Bruce Fihe, President*

Our lodge is as living and vibrant as our members!

There are many ways to volunteer within our lodge. Do you have a lot of time to give or just a little? Are you looking for a long-term commitment or something for just one afternoon?

In order to have a successful Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, we need help in many different areas. We make the meatballs, cookies, and lefse ourselves. Members help with cooking and serving the food as well as hall set-up and clean-up. See page 4 for more details if this is something that appeals to you.

We also need officers to guide our lodge and put on events for our members. Curious about officers' duties? **Judy Purrington** would be happy to discuss that with you. See page 10 for contact information.

Remember...you get out of it what you put into it! Share your time and talents for the benefit of all.

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Nordahl Grieg Lodge Social

October 22, 2022 • 11 am – 2:30 pm

GROUP AXE THROWING

Axe-Men Throw House
14 South Second Street, San Jose, CA

Followed by optional

LUNCH AND LIBATIONS

San Pedro Square Market
87 North San Pedro Street, San Jose, CA

Cost:

Axe Throwing - $50 per person (must reserve and pay by October 8)

1 ½ hour session with dedicated coaches who will show us how to safely handle an axe and give tips on how to capture that illustrious Bullseye. After practice we'll play axe throwing games. Closed toe shoes required. Non-restrictive clothing recommended. Please arrive at 10:50 am for our 11:00 am start time.

Lunch and Libations - San Pedro Square Market offers something for every taste bud and budget. Purchase your food and drink, then dine with our group in the courtyard.

Parking - There are plenty of pay lots as well as metered and free street parking near both locations. It's a 10-minute walk (.4 mile) between Axe-Men Throw House and San Pedro Square Market.

Two ways to pay:

Mail your check, payable to Nordahl Grieg Lodge, to:
Bruce Fihe
2435 Felt Street, Spc. 57
Santa Cruz, CA 95062-4201

OR

Click here to reserve online or use: *tinyurl.com/5n96wauz*
You can then either pay online or pay by mail.

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Sunshine Report

Summer flew by! Hope each of you had some enjoyable moments to store in your memory bank. Fall is on its way and the opportunity to get together with our Lodge friends whom we haven't seen for awhile. In the meantime, here is some news about some of our members.

Russ Behel had a growth (benign) removed from his right hand this summer. The surgery was more complicated than he expected with a skin graft and a cast. He has recuperated nicely and is back to his usual activities.

Marv Bertelson celebrated his 97th birthday with his family and seems to be doing well. We have missed seeing him and his musical contributions to our Lodge get-togethers. Many happy returns, Marv!

JoAnn Bjerkhoel reports that Kretsstevne (the first since 2019) was hot but enjoyable with our Lodge well represented. Both the playground and stabbur were dedicated. It was great to be with members from other lodges after all this time apart.

Karen Mueller has moved into an assisted living facility after selling her house in Fremont and is adjusting to her new surroundings.

Jeannie Thomson had her second knee replacement in August and is now rehabbing. She is doing well but is ready to get back to her many activities.

In Memoriam

Our Lodge has lost another long-time member. **Don Erickson** passed away this summer at the age of 86. He joined our Lodge in 1996 along with his wife, **Pat**, and received his 25 year membership pin at our Anniversary Dinner in May. Don was very proud of his Scandinavian heritage and especially enjoyed the cultural events of the Lodge. He was an affable person who liked sharing experiences with others and had a delightful sense of humor. We send our condolences to Pat and family.

Fraternally,

Shirley Shoup, Sunshine Chair

Reminder: if you want to buy extra bread and lefse from our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, you MUST pre-order, as it will not be available for sale at the Solveig Club Bazaar. See page 5 or *nordahl-grieg.org* to place your order.

Upcoming Lodge Meeting

Join us for our next lodge meeting on Friday, November 11 at 6:30 PM. The primary order of business will be to elect our officers for 2023, and we will meet via Zoom.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88996637319?pwd=RHRFa3BEYnFSSEkxQ0xQUVRLVzJSdz09

Meeting ID: 889 9663 7319

Passcode: 468268

October Birthdays

2 Stephanie Bratton
2 Beverly Horner
2 John Mattson
5 John Ecklund
6 Mark Hunsbedt
16 Lee Ann Visnapuu
17 Mike Block
18 Howard Young
20 Lavonne Hardy
20 Anne Herbert
21 Donald Hansen
21 Sue Ellen Laurie
23 Martin Alkire
23 Bob Goodenough
24 Leland Bjerkhoel
27 Paul Crawford
31 Jessyca Bratton

Heritage Members

12 Camille Beaudry
18 Cameron Hunsbedt
25 Andrew Hunsbedt

We're online!

This year's Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner tickets may be purchased online. Be sure to order via our website by **October 31**!

Visit *nordahl-grieg.org* or see page 5 for more details.

2022 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Preparations

The Lutefisk is Coming! We're back and ready to start planning our first in-person Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner since 2019. This is a great tradition for our lodge and an important fundraiser, but we need your help to make it happen. This year's dinner will be for **one night only**. We're also happy to offer online reservations at ***http://nordahl-grieg.org/site/lutefisk-2022***.

Please contact the chairpersons listed below to let them know you're willing to help. Calling or e-mailing in advance makes it easier to plan. **If you don't know where you're needed, contact one of our general chairpersons.**
Many thanks!!

General Chairpersons

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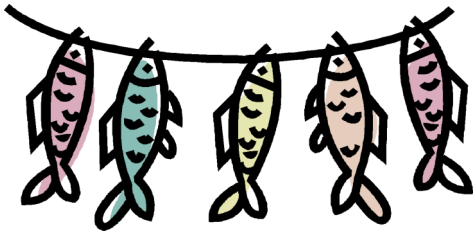

Mark your Calendar!

November 6 (Sunday), 8 AM – Meatball Making
November 12 & 13 (Sat/Sun), 9 AM – Lefse Making
November 19 & 20 (Sat/Sun), 9 AM – Cookie Making
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 (Wed/Thurs) – Hall Setup
December 2 (Friday) – Table Setting
December 3 (Saturday) – Lutefisk Dinner
December 4 (Sunday) – Hall Clean-up

Please see Committee Chairs listed below for contact information. Thanks!

Help make meatballs, cookies, and lefse and work towards a SON Cultural Skills pin in "Traditional Norwegian Cooking." Details will be available at each preparation day.

Student Volunteers! We can provide community service hours – students just need to bring paperwork with them and the committee chair will verify the student's hours and sign their paperwork that day.

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Parking	*vacant*		
Hall Setup & Clean-up	*vacant*		

If you are able to fill one of our vacant positions, please contact one of the general chairpersons.

2022 Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Nordahl Hall – 580 W. Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA

*Saturday, December 3—**one night only!***

1st Seating	3:30 PM
2nd Seating	5:30 PM
3rd Seating	7:30 PM

Nordahl Grieg Members—$25.00
Non-members—$30.00

Special reduced children's prices:
Children 6-12 years – $10.00
Under 6 years – free

Invitation to Dance – Diners from all seatings are invited to participate in the entertainment and dancing beginning at approximately 9:00 PM.

Visit the Solveig Club Bazaar – The Solveig Club will host its bazaar again this year. Stop by and see their unique selection of Scandinavian items and Christmas decorations. Doors open at 2:00 PM and close promptly at 9:00 PM. **Please bring cash or checks for the bazaar...sorry, no credit cards are accepted.**

Participate in Nordahl Grieg's Community Outreach – Please bring non-perishable food donations to benefit a local food bank. We are also happy to collect extra 2023 calendars and paperback books for veterans at the Palo Alto VA Hospital.

Join Now and Enjoy Member Prices – Join Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52 to get member prices for Lutefisk Dinner tickets and have fun all year! **Call Elaine Edwards, Nordahl Grieg Vice President, at 408-600-4522 for membership information.**

RESERVATIONS – We are now offering ONLINE reservations at ***http://nordahl-grieg.org/site/lutefisk-2022***. Mailed-in reservations will still be accepted for those who are unable to reserve via the website. Please be sure to indicate your first and second choice of seating times.

Reservations will be accepted beginning October 1 through October 31. Reserve early! Space will be limited as this is a one-night only event.

If you opt for a paper reservation, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your receipt. Mail your reservation form together with your check or money order PAYABLE TO: Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52
Bruce Fihe, 2435 Felt Street, Spc. 57, Santa Cruz, CA 95062-4201

QUESTIONS? Please call Bruce at (831) 316-4889.

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Blood Donors Wanted

Save the Date—You Are Needed.

Saturday, October 29, 2022 | 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Blood Drive Olympics at Nordahl Hall in conjunction with the Red Cross.

Appointments are required and will fill up quickly. Visit *https://www.redcrossblood.org/give* and search for our blood drive on October 29 and zip code 95032.

Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne *October 21-23, 2022*

Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag (NGLS) present a weekend of Dances from Eastern Norway, featuring Mikkel Thompson as our dance teacher.

Welcome back!

The Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag (NGLS) is pleased to resume hosting a weekend of Norwegian dance music and folk dances for dancers of all levels, featuring Mikkel Thompson. Dances will include Pols fra Finnskog, and turdans and sangdans to be announced.

Mikkel is a founding director and lifetime member of Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag (NGLS). Now living in Sweden, he regularly returns to North America to teach workshops and perform at Scandinavian festivals.

This is a weekend for both novice and experienced dancers. The weekend parties will offer plenty of mixers and other easy dances, as well as pols and other favorites of Stevne alumni. Experienced dancers can focus on refining “authentic” Norwegian dance style and on dancing with the musician as well as with their partner.

Come join us for the camaraderie and celebration of Norwegian folk dance!

Important COVID information: All participants will have to sign the NCS Covid waiver. Must be fully vaccinated and boosted. Must wear a mask when indoors, including for dancing. Must have a negative Covid test on Friday.

Note: "Unrelated/single" registrants will not be sharing dorm accommodations. If you want to share a room with someone, please indicate in the Special Request section of the Registration form.

Space is limited. Please register ASAP.

Cost: $230 per adult dancer or musician; $250 per adult after **October 7 , 2022.**

For complete details and a registration form, please contact Zena Corcoran at zmcorcoran@gmail.com, phone (650) 355-3752 or (415) 308-5761.

Foundation Scholarships

Did you know Sons of Norway can help you pay for school? In addition to scholarships available through our lodge and District 6, there are fifteen different scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation. Applications open **October 1**. Deadlines and qualifying criteria vary. Visit ***https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships*** for more details and to apply.

Kretsstevne 2022 Was a Big Hit!

By Fred Hymans

Every year, Sons of Norway members gather together at Camp Norge for Kretsstevne. And, as usual, Nordahl Grieg was well represented this year. About 50 of those attending represented our Lodge. I was told "If it wasn't for Nordahl Grieg, there wouldn't be a Kretsstevne."

Many of our members contributed to the enjoyment of the weekend, which was pretty warm (hot)—thank goodness for the pool! **JoAnn Bjerkhoel** registered campers in RV's and tents, as well as day trippers. "Bjerkhoel-village" was as busy as ever with several of their extended families on hand. The "Kelly Clan" was there again in their campsite area.

The Horseshoe Tournament and Sunday's children's games also involved Nordahl Grieg attendees. The most fun for many of us had to be the Saturday evening Karaoke and dance party, with music and song books provided by our own **Leland and Susan Bjerkhoel**. This was not the first year that Leland ran the event since the passing of his dad **Harry**, but it had to be the best attended!

Here are some other highlights: **Fred Hymans**, President of the Camp board also made sure we had plenty of participation in the silent auction, which offered many lovely items from the **Penny Joseph Knudsen** collection. The auction raised over $700 for camp. Penny was a friend to many of us, and she was instrumental in the formation of Camp Norge, as well as the semi-annual Rosemaling seminars at Camp. Our **Janie Kelly** presented a beautiful plaque to remember Penny, which will be mounted inside the Stabbur for all to see. There was also a dedication of the new children's play structure, to which Nordahl Grieg and the Solveig Club were donors. In the end, the event raised over $2,000 for Camp thanks to our Sons of Norway families.

One of the major highlights this year was the announcement of a donor gift from a member from Southern California. The trustee of the estate of **Frances Quick**, a former member of the Edvard Grieg Lodge in Glendale, was on hand to present Camp Norge with a big check worth over $115,000!

Much like our "Love Your Lodge" fund, the camp will use those much-needed funds as part of their special Buildings & Grounds Improvement Fund to help rebuild old structures and repair the aging water system, the pool area, and many other much needed repairs.

It was great to be at Camp Norge and to connect with Sons of Norway brothers and sisters at another fun and successful Kretsstevne. Be sure to plan your calendar for Labor Day Weekend 2023!

Leif Erikson Day is October 9

Leif Erikson was the first European to reach North America – nearly five centuries before Christopher Columbus arrived in 1492. He was born circa 970 A.D. in Iceland, and is believed to have died circa 1020 A.D.

Leif moved from his birthplace of Iceland to the new Norse settlement of Greenland, founded by his father, Erik the Red. After that, reports vary. Leif's life story is recorded in several sagas, all of which differ greatly, but most believe one of two popular tales.

In the first, Leif is thought to have traveled around the year 1000 to Norway, where King Olaf I Tryggvason converted him to Christianity. The king gave Leif the mission to introduce the religion to the people of Greenland, which he set out to do. But on his return voyage, he sailed off course and discovered a new land that he named Vinland ("wineland"), which some historians believe to be what is now Newfoundland.

In the second saga, Leif and his Viking crew set sail with the hopes of finding land that an Icelandic trader, Bjarni Herjulfsson, had spotted 14 years earlier when his ship blew off course while en route to Greenland. No matter which story is actually true, the rest seems to be undisputed. After wintering in Vinland, Leif returned to Greenland. He didn't colonize the land he discovered, and he never returned to North America again.

...from SON Blog

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)

Gold Level

In loving memory of Clarian Pintacura
Alan Pintacura (donation, December 2021)

In memory of Virginia Jolly
Don Ansok (donation, May 2021)

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

Silver Level

In memory of Garrett & John Hansen
Virginia Hansen (donation, March 2021)

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)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made prior to April 2018 are not listed.
Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – Norwegian folk dancing on Wednesday nights starting on October 5. We include change-partner dances, couple dances, and no-partner dances, with teaching reminders and step practice sprinkled throughout the evening. Everyone has many opportunities to dance! Proof of vaccination is required, and all dancers must wear masks except when eating or drinking. NEW Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd. Palo Alto CA 94306. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111, or ***meg@jstub.com***.
- **Share Your Heritage** – Free Heritage Membership in Sons of Norway is an easy way to share your heritage. Sign up your children or grandchildren (age 15 and under) for FREE Heritage membership. They'll receive a member welcome kit with their own member ID Card. Visit ***https://www.sofn.com/join_or_renew*** for more details and to sign up.
- **Sacramento Scandinavian Festival** – Coming to Granite Bay on October 15. The festival features Scandinavian food, baked goods, and merchandise for sale. Viking reenactors will be present with interactive activities for the whole family, and there will be crafts for the young ones (and the young at heart). Come gather information about the Nordic countries and enjoy music, entertainment, and door prizes! Additional information will be available at ***www.facebook.com/SacramentoScandinavianFestival.***
- 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***

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

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

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Oct 22	Lodge Social - Axe Throwing
Oct 29	Blood Drive
Oct 31	Last day to order Lutefisk & Meatball Tickets
Oct 31	Happy Halloween!
Nov 6	Meatball Making
Nov 11	Lodge Meeting
Nov 12-13	Lefse Making
Nov 19-20	Cookie Making
Nov 24	Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec 3	Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

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