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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner (Dear Friends),

It was about this time last year, after all our planned trips to Camp Norge were over, that we decided to replace the cat we had lost a year before. We have a particular fondness for orange tabbies, and we made a visit to our local animal shelter looking for our next one. We had had some issues with adopting older cats in the past so decided we wanted a young kitten this time.

At the shelter, we saw two orange tabbies sharing a single cage. We were told by the attendant that this was only done when the cats were litter mates. So, we decided to adopt them both. However, when we were doing the adoption paperwork, we learned that they were not littermates and in fact one was a month older than the other. We took them both anyway. We have named one Thorris (Karen's dad's middle name), and that is close enough to Thor, that it was obvious that the other had to be Loki. Loki is the older one and has more pronounced markings. He was a little bigger than Thorris when we adopted them, but he is a picky eater, and now Thorris is bigger.

Adopting two cats together turned out to be a good thing. They are great buddies and entertain themselves and us a lot. They get into everything but make us smile a lot, too. We are happy we have them.

Oh, while I have your attention, we still need to fill a couple of lodge officer positions. Our Lodge Meeting to elect officers for next year will be via Zoom on November 11. See page 3 for our current slate of officers. If you have any interest in working with a great team to guide the Lodge in 2023, please contact **Judy Purrington** or myself.

Fraternally, *Bruce Fihe, President*

Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

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How will you help our lodge?

Our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner is possible because of the help of many, *many* helpers. We need you! Our prep and cleanup days are vital to the success of this event. All of these events take place at Nordahl Hall. See below for details and how you can help.

Meatballs

Sunday, November 6 at 8:00 AM

Roll 'em, roll 'em, roll 'em! Join the meatball crew to transform hundreds of pounds of meat into beautiful meatballs for hungry Norwegians. No experience necessary. We have a great time once we get rolling. Meatball puns are optional but always appreciated!

Coffee, pastries, and lunch will be provided.

Contact Janie Kelly at (408) 834-9414 or ***janiekelly6@aol.com***.

Lefse

Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13 at 9:00 AM

Lefse-making is an art form, but don't be intimidated! There is room for everyone to learn new skills or to improve their lefse technique. If you have your own equipment (griddle, rolling pin, lefse sticks, etc.), please bring them. If not, please come anyway! We'd love your help wherever possible. Volunteers can arrive whenever they're available.

Coffee, pastries, and lunch will be provided.

Contact Vick Everly at (510) 501-0417 or ***vicki.everly2@gmail.com***.

Cookies

Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 at 9:00 AM

Cookie making is creative and fun; sampling the freshly made traditional cookies is even better! We are making Krumkake and Serinakaker. Serinakaker is a traditional Norwegian holiday butter cookie, with sparkling sugar and chopped almonds on top.

We will serve coffee/ pastries/fruit for breakfast and provide everyone made to order Subway sandwiches for lunch.

Contact Sheryl Hawes at (925) 997-1698 or ***sheryl.hawes@att.net***. We would love to have you!

Setup

Wednesday, November 30 at 9:00 AM

Many hands make light work, and boy, do we need it! We will put up the cook tent, set up tables and chairs, and get supplies out of storage in order to prepare for the hungry throngs. If you are willing to help set up but can't make it at that time, please let us know.

Cleanup

Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 AM

All good things must come to an end. The morning after our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, we need to pack it all away for the year. We appreciate anyone who can help with this important task.

Contact Janie Kelly at (408) 834-9414 or ***janiekelly6@aol.com*** or Kristen Hunsbedt at (408) 828-3503 or ***kristenhunsbedt@gmail.com***.

2023 Nordahl Grieg Lodge Officers

President - open

Vice President - Elaine Edwards

Co-Secretaries - Duane Adams & Meg Laycock

Treasurer - Mike Block

Editor - Kristen Hunsbedt

Co-Editor and Webmaster - Bruce Fihe

Co-Social Directors - Duane Adams & Barbara Shoup

Co-Cultural Directors - Judy Purrington & Kathy Whitesel

Counselor - Bruce Fihe

Thank you to all who have agreed to be officers! And a special thank you to our nominating committee for your work in creating this list.

As you can see, we still have a very important position that needs to be filled. We also have other positions within the lodge that are not listed here that can be a great way to dip your toe into leadership within our organization. If this is something that interests you, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

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Judy Purrington ***judypurrington@aol.com***

Barbara Shoup ***bshoup33@gmail.com***

November Birthdays

1 Russ Behel
1 Kristin Jones
1 H Wayne Stavang
3 Bjorn Haaberg
5 Stephanie Egger
10 Christine Kramer
11 Jorunn Allersma
13 Eric Fung
15 Tom Marshburn
16 Cassie Leventon
21 Jane Marshburn
21 Terry Sturtevant
22 Ellen Haugen
23 Christine Hemiup
26 Vicki Everly
26 Virginia Unruh
28 Lilli-Anne Price
29 Toni Grace
29 Meg Laycock
30 Graham Hansen

Heritage Members

7 Cory Panttaja
14 Giuliana Guglielmo

Sunshine Report

Members News

In mid-October, **Shirley Shoup** fell due to low blood sugar and ended up in the hospital. After a few days there, she was moved to a rehab facility in Saratoga. **Barbara Shoup** reports that she is on the mend and hopes to return home soon. Take care of yourself, Shirley! We hope you have a speedy recovery.

John Stubblebine recently underwent a laparoscopic procedure to remove an abscess that apparently developed after his gall bladder surgery in April. His doctor found the abscess in a CT scan of the abdomen, when she became concerned that he was taking so long to really recover from the April surgery. Although this recent surgery went well, he did need to go back to the hospital for a longer course of antibiotics. He's been pretty weak through the whole period, but he and **Meg Laycock** are hopeful that finally he can get strong again and come back dancing.

A New Addition!

Bill and Anna Likens are proud to welcome another grandchild to the family. Daughter **Ruth** and son-in-law Peter welcomed baby #2 on June 10. Baby Olivia joined big brother Peter Jr., and all are doing well.

We hope all of our members stay safe and healthy and can join us next month at our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner!

2022 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Preparations

The Lutefisk is Coming! We're back and working hard 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**.

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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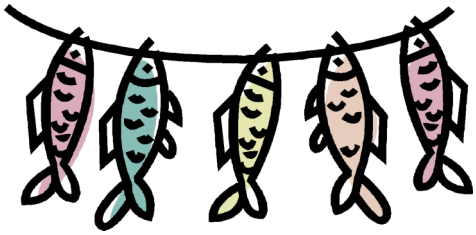

Mark your Calendar!

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.

Committee	Chairperson	Telephone	E-mail Address
Tickets	Bruce Fihe	(831) 316-4889	bruce@aftonranch.net
Bar Manager	Dave Melius	(408) 244-4497	dmelius@hotmail.com
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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

Ticket sales are closed as of October 31. Here is some additional information about the event.

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.

Foundation Update

High school seniors and current college students - it's time to start thinking about 2023!

If you are a member of Sons of Norway or have a parent or grandparent who is a member, you can apply for a scholarship from the Sons of Norway Foundation.

There are a variety of scholarships available for college, trade schools, and study abroad, from $1,500 to $20,000+.

Go to the Sons of Norway Foundation website at ***https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships*** to find out if you are eligible to apply. When you find one or more scholarships for which you qualify, read the Overview, Who Can Apply, and View Guidelines.

Here are a few suggestions for your scholarship application:

1. Treat the application as if it is a job application. Be thorough in completing all of the requirements.
2. Make a list of all the application requirements and check them off when completed. Then, double-check before submitting to be sure that it is complete.
3. Read and study the Criteria section of the application. In your essay, you are asked to address six key points. Use specific, experiential examples when answering these key points, especially your connection to Sons of Norway.
4. How did you find out about the Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship and/or what do you know about the Sons of Norway Foundation? Demonstrate that you've done research beyond a simple Google search.
5. Emphasize your involvement in community or school volunteer work.

We are excited to bring these opportunities to you! We believe you have the potential to be an excellent candidate. Applications are due in several months, and we hope you get started now to create a compelling application!

...from SON Newsletter Service

Leadership 411

Want to learn more about Sons of Norway leadership roles? Visit the Sons of Norway website and go to "Member Resources" then "Lodge Leadership Resources," or click ***https://tinyurl.com/3n6bt33p***. Under "Leadership Roles and Guidelines," you will find lots of information about the officers' responsibilities as well as tips for success. Click the title of each officer to learn more.

Alternatively, you can contact a member of the Nominating Committee (see page 3) with any questions or to volunteer your time and talents.

Happy Father's Day! Wait...What?

No, you didn't enter a time warp. We're talking about Norwegian Father's Day! It's celebrated every year on the second Sunday in November.

Originally in the 1930's, Norway celebrated in June like the United States. However, in 1949, the government changed the date to early November. This was done purely for economic reasons: it boosted sagging sales in shops in the runup to the Christmas shopping season. Other neighboring countries followed suit. Estonia, Finland, Iceland, and Sweden also celebrate their fathers on the same day.

So how can you celebrate your father, Norwegian-style? With gifts, of course! Common presents in Norway include hand-knitted items, coffee mugs, socks, ties, and gloves. Traditionally gifts are not extravagant, but rather are subtle tributes to a cherished parent. You can also make the day all about dad by making him breakfast in bed or any favorite meal. Special desserts are, of course, always a favorite!

November 13th is coming up. Don't forget to wish your father a *God Farsdag!*

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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)

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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. 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.
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage! View Nordahl Grieg Activity Photos
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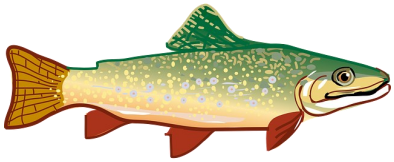
Rakfisk: Fermented Trout Draws a Crowd



One would think a fermented fish would not draw too much attention as it sounds like something of an acquired taste. Right? Wrong! Norway is yet again testing our assumptions as fermented trout, known as *rakfisk*, entices quite the crowd to the city of Fagernes.

For the past 30 years, Fagernes has held the "Norsk Rakfisk Festival," drawing more than 25,000 people each year. The festival celebrates food traditions and features local products/handmade items. Of course, one of the main events at the festival is the rakfisk competition where a panel of judges assess the taste, smell, and texture of rakfisk brought by several rakfisk producers.

This year will surely be an exciting one as it is the 30th anniversary of the festival; the celebration goes from November 3rd to 5th. To feel like part of the festival from afar, pair some fermented fish with lefse, sour cream, and onion. You may not draw quite the crowd as does Fagernes, but you will have experienced yet another Norwegian food tradition.

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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.

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Dec 4	Lutefisk Cleanup

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