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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Dear Members,

As the end of the year approaches, a President has to start thinking about next year…and the upcoming Anniversary Dinner…and the awards to be given out.

Achievements to be recognized. Efforts to be acknowledged. Even just that little bit of validation that tells a member "all those thankless things you do have not gone unnoticed after all; we see you, and we appreciate you!"

But my eyes can't be everywhere, and not everything reaches my ears. Awards that seem arbitrarily given may leave some feeling justifiably overlooked.

So in that grand Hollywood tradition, I'd like to not only thank the Academy, I'd like to enlist it. You, the members of this Lodge, are that Academy, and I ask YOU to nominate the recipients of the following special awards:

The Tusen Takk Award: "a thousand thanks," for the people who do a thousand little things that may often seem like insignificant drops in a bucket, but add up to a lot.

The Hjertelig Takk Award: "a heartfelt thanks," for the people who have taken on a big thing and really put their heart into it.

The King Olaf Service Award: a Lifetime Achievement Award, for those whose service to the Lodge, the Order, and the community really ought to earn them a knighthood.

Nomination guidelines are as follows:

1) You can't nominate yourself.
1a) You can nominate someone living or recently deceased, with next of kin to accept the award.
2) All nominees are going to be announced. Because even if I can only give one award and have to choose between, say, three people, I want all three of those people to know that someone felt their individual contribution was worthy of recognition.
3) Nominations must include mention of their activities that deserve recognition.

Here's a nomination, that's not necessarily a sample:

"I nominate Michael Block to receive the King Olaf Service Medal, for the dedication with which he has served as Lodge Treasurer for so many years."

Nominations may be emailed to me at ***president@nordahl-grieg.org***. As you roll up your sleeves and get ready to roll meatballs and lefse, keep an eye on your fellow members. Notice the things they do to keep this Lodge going — the great things and the small things. And drop me a note about them. Because it would be fun to make a web poll function where members could vote, and it would be empowering for the people who always seem to lose out against someone else to know that their efforts are not wasted.

Let's put a new spin on an honored tradition!

Fraternally,

Kathy Whitesel, President

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Sunshine Report

A New Baby

Alissa (Hansen), Kevin, and Coy Barlow are now a family of 4. Please welcome their little princess, **Elianna Jane Barlow**, who was born in early October and weighed 6 lb 11 oz and measured 19.5 inches long. She loves to be held and always wants to be eating. Her big brother Coy is so happy she is here and very attentive to his new little sister. They are tired but in love with God's new blessing to their lives. They are thankful to grandparents **Elizebeth and Erik Hansen**. Elianna's great-grandmother is **Virginia Hansen**.

A New Job

Congratulations to **Alissa Bjerkhoel** on her appointment as a Judge in the Nevada County Superior Court! It is a much-deserved honor. She and her family have been living in San Diego and will be relocating to Nevada County to begin this new role at the end of the month. Please visit ***https://tinyurl.com/56kax8bz*** to read the announcement in full.

November Birthdays

1	Russ Behel
1	Kristin Jones
1	H Wayne Stavang
3	Bjørn Haaberg
5	Stephanie Egger
7	Cory Panttaja
10	Christine Kramer
11	Jorunn Allersma
13	Erik Fung
15	Tom Marshburn
16	Cassie Leventon
21	Jane Marshburn
21	Terry Sturtevant
23	Christine Hemiup
26	Vicki Everly
26	Virginia Unruh
28	Lilli-Anne Price
29	Chase Ansok
29	Meg Laycock
30	Graham Hansen

Heritage Members

14 Giuliana Guglielmo

Rich Pierson - Awesome Guy & Volunteer Extraordinaire!

Rich Pierson deserves a huge THANK YOU! Rich was on the Nordahl Hall roof for five days in a row in early October, applying a professional sealant to all the ductwork on the roof. Lichen had eroded the ductwork causing leaks. Rich meticulously applied two coats of a high-end polymer sealant to all the areas that had eroded. He was up and down the ladder for five days to accomplish that!

Additionally, after that, Rich inspected the roof and found many roof cracks, too many to count, that would leak when the rain starts. Rich spent another four days applying roof sealant to patch all the cracks and potential areas for roof leaks. By doing all of this work, Rich has extended the life of our roof by 5-7 years! Way to go, Rich!

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.

Meatballs

Sunday, November 5 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 11 and
Sunday, November 12 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 18 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday, November 19 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Cookie making is creative, and volunteering is a great way to build your skills with baking cookies! We are making Krumkake, Norwegian Dalesman cookies, and a surprise NEW cookie!

We will have coffee, pastries, and fruit for breakfast, and provide ingredients for sandwiches for lunch. We would love to have you!

Contact Sheryl Hawes at (925) 997-1698 or ***sheryl.hawes@att.net***.

Setup

Wednesday, November 29 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 3 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***.

Have extra coats in your closet?

Donate them!

We especially need men's jackets and outerwear.

The Solveig Club is collecting clean, gently worn, and new coats, along with outerwear such as sweatshirts, sweaters, hats, gloves, and scarves, during our One Warm Coat® drive. Donations will be delivered to *Opening Doors 2020*, a nonprofit organization providing vital services to homeless and low-income populations in Santa Clara County.

Donations will be accepted at all Lodge events at Nordahl Hall through December 2, on the following dates:

Nov. 5 (Sunday), 8 am – Meatball Making
Nov. 11 & 12 (Sat & Sun), 9 am – Lefse Making
Nov. 18 & 19 (Sat & Sun), 9 am – Cookie Making
Dec. 2 (Saturday), 2 pm to 9 pm – Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Please make sure your donated items are clean, stain-free, and in good condition.

One Warm Coat® is a national cloud-based nonprofit organization that facilitates coat drives across the country to provide free coats to children and adults in need while promoting volunteerism and environmental sustainability.

One Warm Coat®

Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarships

Attention high school seniors and current college students: time to apply for scholarships! 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.

The Sons of Norway Foundation awards approximately 25 scholarships to promising students each year and promotes cultural exchange and supports education to help students prepare the next generation of workers. There are a variety of scholarships available for college, trade schools, and study abroad, from $1,500 to $20,000+.

Visit ***https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships*** for more details and to apply.

Notification - Photos

Nordahl Grieg Lodge, Nordahl Hall, and Sons of Norway representatives or employees occasionally take photos at Lodge- or Hall-sponsored functions and events for use in our publications and other media. This disclosure is to alert members and guests that Sons of Norway, Nordahl Grieg Lodge, or Nordahl Hall may use such photographs for any lawful purpose, including, for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, Web content, online review sites, newsletters, flyers, or directories.

2023 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Preparations

The Lutefisk is Coming! We're back again this year and ready to start planning another fabulous Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. 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**. Reservations are closed at this time, and we're ready to get preparations under way..

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.**

Tusen takk!

General Chairpersons

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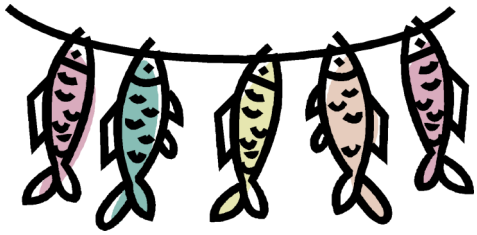

Mark your Calendar!

November 5 (Sunday), 8 AM – Meatball Making
November 11 & 12 (Sat/Sun), 9 AM – Lefse Making
November 18 & 19 (Sat/Sun), 9 AM – Cookie Making
November 29 & 30 (Wed/Thurs) – Hall Setup
December 1 (Friday) – Table Setting
December 2 (Saturday) – Lutefisk Dinner
December 3 (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.

2023 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.

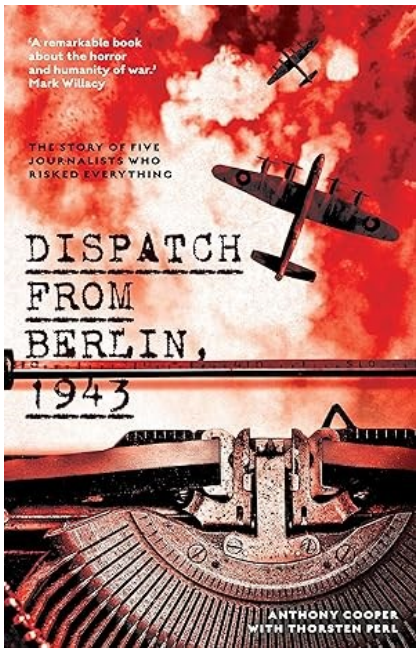
Invitation to Dance – Diners from all seatings are invited to participate in the entertainment and dancing beginning at approximately 9:00 PM.

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 coats for our coat drive (see page 4). We are also happy to collect non-perishable food donations to benefit a local food bank.

Dispatch from Berlin, 1943

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the death of our lodge's namesake, Nordahl Grieg. A new military history book tells the true tale of five journalists (including Grieg) in an air raid on Berlin. *Dispatch from Berlin, 1943: The Story of Five Journalists Who Risked Everything* is now available for purchase on Amazon.



Love Your Lodge Donations

Platinum Level

In memory of Homer Stennes
June Stennes (donation, June 2023)

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

In memory of Ovald & Lorraine Norgaard
Elaine Edwards (donation, July 2020)

Gold Level

In memory of Michael Stennes
June Stennes (donation, June 2023)

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 Homer Stennes, Shirley Shoup, Anne Herbert, Kari Warner, and Don Slama
JoAnn Bjerkhoel (donation, September 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Sheryl Hawes (donation, June 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Andy Hunsbedt (donation, May 2023)

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

Bronze Level

In memory of Don Slama & Kari Warner
Randi Cruze (donation, July 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Lois Bertelson (donation, March 2023)

In memory of Joan D. Johnson
Shelley Curtis (donation, January 2023)

Shirley Shoup (donation, January 2023)

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

In memory of JoAnne Ansok
Campbell Chamber of Commerce (donations, Nov 2018 and Dec 2019)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made prior to November 2019 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** – Join us on Wednesday nights to learn everything you need to know to get your Cultural Skills pin in Norwegian Folk Dancing, plus much more. We include change-partner dances, couple dances, and no-partner dances, with teaching reminders and step practice sprinkled throughout the evening. Everyone has plenty of opportunities to dance! Live music makes the evening even more special. Meetings are Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto CA 94306. We ask participants to wear masks while dancing and chatting. If possible, please bring shoes that are not used for outdoor wear. 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

  www.nordahl-grieg.org

  www.facebook.com/Nordahl.Grieg

Viking Soul Food

Check out that meatball wrap! *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives'* Guy Fieri visits Viking Soul Food in Portland, Oregon. Viking Soul Food operated as a successful food cart for over a decade before opening a full restaurant last year. Their famous meatball wrap includes homemade meatballs, green cabbage, *surkål* (fermented red cabbage), and *geitost* (brown goat cheese) gravy all wrapped up inside a big piece of lefse. This unique twist on some Norwegian classics has made their restaurant very successful.

Watch the video here:
https://tinyurl.com/2vwbdy73

Visit the restaurant's website here:
https://www.vikingsoulfood.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.

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

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

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1902 – 1943
Norwegian Poet,
Novelist, Patriot

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Advertise in the *Tidende* – information and rates are available at *www.nordahl-grieg.org*.
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Social events are announced in the *Tidende* and via email.

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Nov 5	Meatball Making
Nov 11-12	Lefse Making
Nov 15	Solveig Club Meeting
Nov 18-19	Cookie Making
Nov 23	Happy Thanksgiving!
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