

Sons of Norway

Fridtjof Nansen Lodge #6-009 Long Beach, California

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Ord Fra Presidenten...

A large Thank You to all Members and Visitors that came to our December/ Christmas Meeting. We all did enjoy the good lunch with food, for every taste, and the cakes and cookies. Background piano music was really nice. The Christmas-theme language class was brief, and pronunciations from the "class" were excellent. Then it was time to celebrate, and with the many members and visitors there, two circles were made to walk around the Christmas tree and sing the favorite Christmas songs. Really nice. And then a "real" Norwegian Julenisse arrived and handed out gifts to everybody. After that, the lights were turned off, drapes pulled over the windows, the piano playing softly "Silent Night, Holy Night". We all had the real feelings of a Norwegian Jul while sitting there with only the lights on the Christmas tree shining in the darkness. A meeting to remember. A large Thank You to all.

Regards, Johan



Our next meeting is on Saturday,
January 14, 2016 at **12:30 pm** at:

Christ Lutheran Church
6500 Stearns Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90815

Ample parking is available.

Our telephone number is (714) 928-5975.

Note: We do not meet in July or August.

We welcome everyone of all ages. You do not have to be Norwegian!

New officers' installation with Potluck Lunch

A to H - Dessert, I to P- Salad, Q to Z- Main Dish



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 to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

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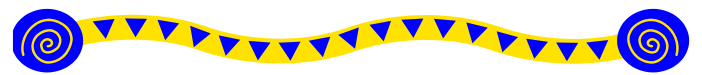
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***“A little bit of Norway in the
Sierra Mountains at Alta, CA”***

Camp Norge is a great place for family reunions, big or small church retreats, youth camp outings and snow trips. Camp Norge leaves plenty of space for individual and family use.

Remember! We are collecting our pennies for Camp Norge. Bring your pennies to the next lodge meeting. The Holts will be collecting your pennies every month.

Minutes from our Lodge Meeting Fridtjof Nansen Lodge #6-009

Sons of Norway Lodge Meeting 12/10/16

- **GOD JUL TO ALL**
- We sang the Norwegian Table prayer. And as always we are grateful for the wonderful JUL lunch including Pork, Norwegian sausages, potatoes, Lefsa, & salads. Our wonderful bakers provided traditional Norwegian cookies & Krumkake.
- **Welcome back Tanya! Tanya will be playing the Piano throughout today's meeting.** This is her 5th year entertaining our lodge. We are so lucky to have her!!!
- **Today's announcements**
 - o 2017 Calendars are available for \$10. Please give your order to Terry.
 - o Today we will have a silent auction, raffle, and our traditional 50/50 drawing.
 - o The Oslo Temple Band will be in Pasadena 12/30/16 @ 7:00. Amazingly, this is a full and free concert. There will be free childcare, refreshments, and amazing music.
 - o Hardinger Fiddle classes are available for those interested.
 - o Bunad camp will be held in 2018 @ Camp Norge.
 - o The Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa is the largest National Norwegian-American Museum in the USA. What a wonderful place to visit, along with finding valuable information regarding our heritage.
- **Officer Promotions for 2017**

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- Our language lesson today was focused on Christmas. Thank You John!
- We sang the National Norwegian & American Anthems, and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.
- New faces were introduced. (We had a super turn out for Nisse.)
- We sang Christmas Carols & songs.
- We pranced around the Christmas tree singing the Mulberry Bush song.
- Nisse came to wish us a God Jul and gave presents to all.
- Judy Immel won the 50/50 drawing of \$32. The lodge keeps \$33.
- We closed the meeting with Holy Night.
- Our next meeting is January 14th 2017.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Lord – Secretary

A Bit of Humor:

Sven, a young Minnesotan, came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Ole, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!" Ole replied, "Did you see who it was?" Sven answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

Ole and Lena had never been camping and they heard about a nice camp near Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Lena was worried about the toilet facilities, but she didn't want to use the word "toilet," so she wrote a letter to the campground owner. She remembered that around Minot, North Dakota where they lived, they used to call it an L.C. or Lavatory Commode. But she was so prim that she didn't want to say toilet or Lavatory Commode, so she simply asked in her letter if the camp has an L.C. The campground owner read Lena's letter and was puzzled about the initials L.C. He finally decided it meant LUTHERAN CHURCH. So he wrote back to Lena the following letter: "I am happy to inform you there is a local L.C. located nine miles north of the camp ground. I realize this is kind of far if you are used to going regular. It is really a nice one...it seats 250 people. The last time my wife and I went was 6 years ago and it was so crowded we had to wait 20 minutes to be seated. Some people like it so much that they bring their lunch and make a day of it. There is going to be a fund raising dinner in the basement of the L.C. and they're going to use the money to buy more seats. It pains me that I can't go more often like I know I should, but it gets more difficult when you get older, especially in the winter. So, you come down and stay at our camp, and maybe we can go with you the first time to the L.C. and sit with you and I'll introduce you to all the nice folks around here, because, after all, this is a very friendly community."

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Check out our website. . .

We have a website for the Lodge.

Tusen Takk to Roni Lion for keeping our website running.

Kalendaren – Calendar



January

- 1 – New Year's Day
- 2 – New Year's Day Observed
- 14 – Lodge Meeting
- 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

- 11 – Lodge Meeting
- 14 – Valentine's Day
- 20 – President's Day

This Month's Birthdays. . . Gratulerer Med Dagen

January

- 10 – Erin Flair
- 14 – Aggy Smith
- 16 – Valerie Sparr
- 18 – Reg Johansen

Welcome to our new member:

Valerie Sparr
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Celebrate Founders' Day January 16 marks Founders' Day – the day in 1895 when 18 Norwegian immigrants came together to establish a mutual assistance organization that has grown into the largest Norwegian cultural organization in the world. Driven to find a solution to financial hardships that many Norwegian-American families faced due to the onset of the economic depression, the founders naturally looked to Norway for ideas. Borrowing from an assistance plan in Trondheim, where for a weekly fee families could receive “free” medical care, the founders cultivated an organization that would provide assistance in times of financial crisis as well as celebrate the customs and traditions of Norway. Eleven of the original 18 members were elected to serve as officers and Sons of Norway grew rapidly, incorporating in 1898. By the end of 1900 there were 12 lodges in Minnesota, and the Sons of Norway concept traveled with Norwegian immigrants across the Upper Midwest. Today, there are nearly 380 lodges with 53,000 members across the U.S., Canada and Norway. Founders' Day is an opportunity to celebrate your membership and recognize the contributions and foresight of the 18 founders. Take this day to share with friends, family members and other acquaintances all of the great things that Sons of Norway and your local lodge do for you and your community. Get people motivated to learn more about Sons of Norway this Founders' Day by inviting prospective members to a lodge event or your next lodge meeting. On January 16 – Founders' Day – be sure to wear your pins, vests or other Sons of Norway regalia with pride.

Norwegian Couple Serves Pizza and Coffee to Burglar Retired couple Arne and Kari Solli were awakened in the middle of the night by sounds coming from their kitchen at home in Skien, Telemark. Someone had broken in, so Kari (68) went to investigate. Catching the intruder red-handed, Kari made it to the kitchen first and shouted for Arne (70) to come to her aid. He ran into the room to find an incoherent man standing in just a t-shirt and underwear. Without hesitation, Arne angrily threw him out into the cold night. Within moments, however, he realized that the intruder seemed to have problems and that he felt sorry for him. That is when the Sollis decided to invite the burglar back in. Kari brewed some coffee and they gave the man pizza and some warm socks. Arne offered to drive him home or call the man's friends, but the man couldn't remember where he lived and barely knew who he was. Arne then called the police to have the burglar picked up. Arne Solli says that it was an odd situation. Though the intruder had rifled through drawers and taken a few things, they decided not to prosecute. As they sat in the kitchen for about an hour, Arne had to reassure the man that it was safe to stay. The Sollis felt at ease with the man, but the burglar was a bit nervous. When asked whether he'd take in an intruder again, Arne said, “We can't have all kinds of people running through the door—we have more coffee, but we're out of pizza,” he said, chuckling.

Krumkake is a crispy, traditional Norwegian Christmas cookie. It is so delicious and it will melt in your mouth.

In order to make these unusual Norske cookies you will need a special krumkake iron to bake them in. You will find pictures of the irons below.

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 5 ounces (150 gram) sugar
- 5 ounces (150 gram) butter
- 5 ounces (150 gram) flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cardamom



Preparation:

Whip eggs and sugar until pale yellow. Add melted, cooled butter. Add flour with cardamom mixed in. Let the batter rest in refrigerator 1 hour.

Place 1 teaspoon batter into warm iron and bake until light golden. Remove immediately and make desired shape.



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