

# Sons of Norway

Fridtjof Nansen Lodge #6-009 Long Beach, California

## NANSEN NEWS



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### *Ord Fra Presidenten...*

*Well what unusual times we are in now. I hope you are being safe and staying healthy. As you know our May Lodge meeting will be canceled.*

*I would encourage you to remember Syttende Mai on May 17, 2020. Get your Norwegian flags out; and give a big HIP, HIP, HOORAY!*

*We are planning on having a June Lodge meeting on June 13 th. Johan Olsen will present his program about the day the Germans invaded Norway 4/9/1940. You will not want to miss that. We want everyone to feel safe We will serve catered food and only sit 4 at a table. I am excited to see all of you again.*

*Med vennlig hilsen, Best Regard, Phebe*

*Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers.*



## SONS OF NORWAY

Our next meeting is on Saturday  
at **12:00 pm** at:

Christ Lutheran Church  
6500 East 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!*

**NO MEETING IN MAY!  
STAY HOME STAY SAFE.**



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.

**2020  
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**Bring your box tops to the meeting.**

**We are supporting Christ Lutheran Church's Preschool.**

***CAMP NORGE IS CLOSED TO ANY EVENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!***

***Camp Norge. . .***

Sons of Norway Recreation Center  
2560 Canyon Mine Road (P.O. Box 622)  
Alta, CA 95701  
Telephone: 530-389-2508  
campnorge@yahoo.com

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

**Remember! We are collecting our pennies for Camp Norge. Bring your pennies to the next lodge meeting. Jeanne and Phil will be collecting your pennies every month.**

***Ask Pat Kelly:***

I have wonderful news for our members. Our investment products just increased their interest rates. The difference with investing your money with Sons of Norway are:

- 1) Guaranteed Safety of Principal
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## ***Minutes from our Lodge Meeting***

**Fridtjof Nansen Lodge #6-009**

**YOUR EDITOR FORGOT TO PUT THESE MINUTES IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER.**

### **Minutes 2/8/2020**

The meeting opened with all being welcomed and guests and visitors introduced. Following the Norwegian prayer we all enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch. Special Norwegian bread from the Seaman's Church was provided.

Phebe opened the meeting and we all recited our Pledge of Allegiance.

February birthdays were recognized: Phillip Knudsen, Jeanne Paige Peterson and Alfred Dimas. They were rewarded by all singing Happy Birthday and candy bars

Ginnie Wilcox presented our program on the origin of the Stars Spangled Banner and our American flag. The flag has quite a history of traveling to many places and the stars increasing as our country grew. Sadly, some tried to destroy or deface the flag and that still happens today. However, it still flies proudly and we patriots still honor and respect it. In 1931 the Stars Spangled Banner became our official national anthem. The presentation concluded with all of us singing the Stars Spangled Banner.

John followed with his presentation of notable American Norwegians. At the time they migrated here they were not allowed dual citizenship but now they can maintain that. Some changed their names voluntarily while others had them changed for them. Some notables are: Cleng Peerson, Knute Rockne, Ole C. Johnson, Bernt Balchen, Sigrid Gunie Haukelid, Stein Eriksen and Per Iverson.

Phebe asked for volunteers to attend the convention in Meza, AZ from June 18 - 21. Theresa, Phebe and Martha all volunteered to attend on behalf of our lodge. Doreen Wendell is the alternate. All were unanimously approved.

John presented our language lesson which pertained to flags. Some of the words were quite difficult but we managed to impress him and pass the class.

We all sang Ja Vi Elsker

Phebe asked how many of us would like to participate in providing a dinner for the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach on 3/31/20. Arrival time is 4:30 and dinner is served at 6:00. This is a very worthwhile outreach for our lodge to take part in.

Darlene won the 50/50 and donated her winnings back to the lodge.

Counselor Troann closed the meeting asking for peace and harmony throughout the lodge.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Shepard - Secretary



## A Bit of Humor:

"Ole?" "Yes, Lena." "I chust returned from the store and I tink ve're going to be OK during the pandemic." "Vy is dat? The shelves are all empty." "Not in de lutefisk aisle!

Ole and Lena were planning to build a new house and they were going over the house plans with the architect.

"*Vat is disting here going tew be?*" asked Lena. "*Daat is the Italian staircase, Mrs. Olson.*" Replied Sven, the architect. "*Yust a vaste of money,*" exclaimed Lena. "*leave it out. Ve probably von't have any Italians coming to visit anyvay!*"

"*Vat gas mileage dew yew get vit yer new car?*" Sven asked his friend Ole. "*Vell, I get four miles to da gallon. My son gets da udder tventy.*" Ole replied.



[www.nansenlodgelongbeach.com](http://www.nansenlodgelongbeach.com)

**Check out our website. . .**

We have a website for the Lodge.

Tusen Takk to Roni Lion for keeping our website running.

## Kalendaren – Calendar



MAY

9 – NO LOG MEETING

10 – Mother's Day



16 – Armed Forces Day

25 – Memorial Day

## This Month's Birthdays. . . Gratulerer Med Dagen



MAY

9 – Phebe Fricioni

22 – Anna Vallefuoco



### **Tillie Baldwin; Viking Bronc Rider (Part 1) By Michael Amundsen**

In the second decade of the early 1900's, there were few cowgirls competing in professional rodeo who were greater than Tillie Baldwin. Tall and blond, she became a dominant competitor in trick riding, bronc riding, fancy roping and roman racing. She was the first woman bulldogger, leaping from her horse on to a running steer, grabbing that steer by the horns and dragging it to the ground.

Most cowgirls at the time were ranch-raised western women. They learned their craft growing up on ranches in the west and southwest.

But Tillie was born in Norway as Anna Matilda Winger. Emigrating to America around 1909, she lived with her aunt in New York City, barely spoke any English and became a hairdresser. An accomplished skier and skater back in the old country, Tillie came upon some female stunt riders in Staten Island and found her new calling.

Tillie had never ridden a horse before but learned riding the bridal paths in Central Park. She developed her trick riding and roping skills quick enough

to be hired by the famous 101 Wild West Show of Oklahoma, sharing the spotlight with Tom Mix and Bill Pickett.

Her first rodeo was at the first Los Angeles Rodeo held at Santa Anita Raceway, where she won the relay and trick riding titles. In 1913, she beat two well-known rodeo cowboys at the Roman Racing competition at the Winniepeg Stampede. (Watch for Part 2 in the May edition of Peer Gynt News)



### **Message from SON International**

Dear Member,

Amid growing concerns over the COVID19/coronavirus, we want to let you know that we recognize the seriousness of the situation and we understand that this is a stressful and difficult time for many of you. To protect our employees and mitigate potential spread of the virus, we are implementing social distancing recommendations from the CDC, including having minimal staff onsite and equipping our employees to work from home. We appreciate your patience as we work to make these changes. Your well-being is of the utmost importance to us, and we encourage you to make your health and well-being a top priority as we continue to navigate these challenging circumstances together.

## Info shared with us:

While we wait for the world to recover . . . here are some ideas for you and your lodge members to keep from going stir-crazy . . . (with appreciation to the Daily Sentinel in Grand Junction CO):

Missing baseball or sad about the cancellation of the Alpine Bank Junior College World Series? Baseball, the incredible Ken Burns documentary, is **streaming on PBS.**  
<https://www.pbs.org/show/baseball/>

Gold's Gym is offering free access to **more than 600 video and audio workouts.** Find it on the **app, Goldsmp.**  
[https://www.goldsgym.com/anywhere/?fbclid=IwAR3MNCgHmDH4EFz\\_NIeK6TKdq3IhwtXAepVceSqTqNtVaZjbtul92P3DheY](https://www.goldsgym.com/anywhere/?fbclid=IwAR3MNCgHmDH4EFz_NIeK6TKdq3IhwtXAepVceSqTqNtVaZjbtul92P3DheY)

For those fans of Broadway shows, **the Metropolitan Opera** is live-streaming free performances from its Live in HD series.

<https://www.metopera.org/>

**Scholastic** launched a **comprehensive learn-from-home program** with content for all age groups.  
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

**The Kennedy Space Center** is **live-streaming lessons** on the challenges of space travel.

<https://www.facebook.com/KennedySpaceCenterVisitorComplex/>

A group of major libraries around the world have created **a database of coloring book pages** available to download for free.

<http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/2020-participating-institutions/>

Are you a Trekkie? The new **Star Trek** show "**Picard**" is **streaming for free online.**

Our [#StarTrekPicard](#) season finale is Thursday, and starting today until 4/23, you can watch for free on

[@CBSAllAccess](#)

in the US with the code: GIFT. [.bit.ly/PicardGift](https://bit.ly/PicardGift)

Sending smiles and well-being wishes to you and yours . . .

Kaye, your District Six PRO





Join Sons of Norway Join Sons of Norway and enjoy the benefits of being a member. Visit the Sons of Norway website and explore what we have to offer. You can sign up or renew your membership. Go to [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)

## UPDATED:

**Save the Date September 19 - 22, 2020** Camp Norge Camp Oldfjell  
Folkehogskule for Voksne (**Folk School for Adults**) Cultural Skills classes  
and more E.g. music, literature, hardanger, Vikings, etc

We want to reach out and help another charity. As a Sons of Norway member we have a mission to help others. In this case the Ronald McDonald's house. They collect soda can pop tabs. Collecting pop tabs is a great way to raise funds to help children and their families at the same time.  
Bring you pop tabs to the Greeting table at the lodge meeting.



The mission of District Six is to support Sons of Norway through communication, resources and opportunities.



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