

Sons of Norway

Fridtjof Nansen Lodge #6-009 Long Beach, California

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"2021 Sixth District Small Lodge of the Year"

Ord Fra Presidenten...

January was a great meeting; thank you to Nancy Madson for sharing her knowledge of Hardanger.

Please bring items for St. Lukes shower program; so we can make shower packages. We gave packages last year that were really appreciated.

We are going to start a new program "Recycle" your bottles and cans. Bring your bottles and cans to each meeting; I will take them in to get the rebates.

I will not be able to be at the meeting in February. I am leaving you in good hands with Troann.

Med vennlig hilsen, Best Regards,



Phebe



**SONS of
NORWAY**

Our next meeting is on
Saturday February 8, 2025

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!*

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*February meeting is a Potluck,
Program will be provided by Judy Immel.
She was the District 6 Cultural Director.
She will teach us how to make a wool felted heart.
Join her it will be a lot of fun.*



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2025
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**We will need to finalize
the roster of officers for
the 2005 and 2026
season.**

**We will have a vote.
Share all the volunteer
positions.**



We are sad to say Martha Green our
member has passed away.
She was a member of our lodge since 2013.
She was a delegate to the 2018 convention.
Her positive attitude and smile will be
missed.



**We want to give a big
Congratulations to
Luella Grandaard.
The 2025 Board of
Governors has elected
Luella International Chair
for the Sons of Norway
Foundation**

#6-009 - Fridtjof Nansen Lodge
Sons of Norway Lodge Meeting 1/11/25

A few came before 11:00 / most gathered before 12:00 / started @ 12:15 / called to order @ 12:55 / concluded @ 2:25 / 26 strong



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Norwegians don't settle for basic wreaths on their doors. Instead, they hang ribboned oat bundles that serve as bird treats. The birds have few food options during the winter. It's the season of giving, and every living thing is included! In many homes, families also use traditional Norwegian straw ornaments (julepynt), which symbolize peace and good fortune for the year ahead. Put your straw up! 😊

Velkommen Special Guests

A HUGE warm and inviting welcome to our District Secretary and member of Solskinn Lodge – Nancy Madson, along with Vice President and Cultural Director - Judy Immel of the Solbakken Lodge!!! We are over the moon you are celebrating with us today.

Blessing & Lunch

- After our Norwegian blessing, our lunch today was a potluck boasting meatballs & gravy, ham, potatoes, broccoli salad, fruit salads, grapes, beets, rolls, red cabbage & apples, egg souffle, southern beans, and roasted chicken. The dessert table hosted an array of cookies, tapioca, brownies, kumquats, Norwegian apple cake along with 3 other wonderful cakes.

Deliciousssss

Opening of Meeting



- The meeting was opened with the Norwegian National Anthem, Oh Canada, Star Spangled Banner and our Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays for January – GRATULERER MED DAGEN - HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Valerie Sparr, Teresa Broadhead, and Eric Flair! Miss Susan A taught us a shortened version of the Norwegian Happy Birthday song. So Fun!

Language Lesson – hosted by John Olsen - THANK YOU JOHN for your unwavering support to our Lodge 😊

- Today's language lesson was focused on the New Year - like Nytt År (a New Year), Møter (meetings), Måned (month), Januar (January), Nisse (Santa Claus), Gaver (gifts), and Hvordan var Julen? (How was Christmas?).

Today's program was Hardanger lace / embroidery - Hosted by Nancy Madson

- In the period between 1650-1850 Hardangersom (meaning: *work from Hardanger area*) flourished in Norway. Flax was grown, carded, spun and woven into white fabric and thread which was used to make and decorate traditional Norwegian bunads as well as other items of clothing and household linens such as mats, curtains and bedspreads. It is also found on the cuffs, collar and front yoke of the shirt, apron, and sometimes on a band around the pleated headdress. Nancy shared several gorgeous pieces she and her family have made over the years. I can't tell you how amazing, beautiful, and intricate they are. Nancy also teaches the class at Camp Norge! Hope to see you there!!!!



Today's announcements

- **Miss Phebe & Susan Ansgore** went to **Scarlett's pre-K class**, and shared Scarlett's Norwegian heritage. They explained that Norway was far away, and you have to take an airplane to get there. The class later went outside, stretched their arms and pretended to fly to Norway. **How cute is that?**
- **Today's 50/50** pot of **\$51** will be shared with **Doreen Wendell. Congratulations Doreen!!**
- Our next meeting is **2/8/25**. Our program is **"Wool Felt Hearts"** hosted by **Judy Immel – Vice President & Cultural Director of the Solbakken Lodge in Anaheim**. You don't want to miss this meeting as the hearts are just in time for Valentine's. **Woo hoo!**
- Our lodge will be hosting a dinner at **Ronald McDonald's House 3/21/25**. We need to be there at 3:00 for preparations.
- **SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 14, 2025 from 12:00 to 3:00** – we will be celebrating our **95TH Anniversary!!!** A catered lunch will be served for **\$25.00 p.p.** Please **R.S.V.P. by May 31st** as no tickets will be sold at the door. We will also have a silent auction & 50/50 drawing. **Ginnie & Loyd Wilcox have graciously offered to pay \$200 toward our entertainment. WOW!!!! THANK YOU SOOO MUCH!**

Please reserve your seat by giving your money to Troann or call 714.963.4830.

Troann closed the meeting with "May Peace and Harmony prevail throughout the lodge".

Respectfully submitted: Terry Lord – Secretary

A Bit of Humor:

"vhy are yew eating dinner standing on vun foot, Lena?" asked Ole. "Because da doctor told me tow eat a balanced diet!" replied Lena.

Hilda and Lena were visiting over coffee one morning. "My daughter and her boyfriend are having a slight disagreement over their vedding!" Lena said. "Oh really?" commented Hilda. "How come?" "Vell, yust because she yants a big shurch wedding and he vants tew stay single!!" was Lena's reply.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Single Membership is \$84.00

Family Membership is \$144.00

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



February

1 – National Freedom Day

8 - Lodge Meeting

12 – Lincoln's Birthday

14 – Valentine's Day

17 – Washington's Birthday

Observed

March

8 – Lodge Meeting

This Month's Birthdays. . . Gratulerer Med Dagen



FEBRAURY

5 – PHILLIP KNUDSEN

13 – JEANNE PAIGE PETERSON

21 – AL DIMAS

28 – HEIDI ANSORGE

Camp Norge. . .

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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. Jeanne and Phil will be collecting your pennies every month.

Viking Swords in Oslo Airport

In early September, a new exhibition was installed at Oslo's Gardermoen Airport. This display consists of seven Viking Age swords that have been unearthed in various places in Norway. The project was a joint effort between the Historical Museum and Gardermoen. Each sword has additional information with it and there is a QR code that travelers can scan to visit the museum's homepage.

The hope is that the exhibition will promote cultural experiences in Norway since nearly four million people will likely pass by the display within the year. The director of the airport, Stine Ramstad Westby, is very pleased that they now have an Edvard Munch and Viking Age exhibition as those are two things that Norway is well-known for. A couple of the first passengers to see the display were asked their opinion on it and they shared the same sentiment; they immediately felt the culture of Norway when they saw it.

The Digitization of Norway

Norway has its sights set on becoming the world's most digitized country by 2030. While that date seems far away, the work has already begun. This initiative is part of a new national digitization strategy that was created to set clear goals to achieve the digital Norway of the future. Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre points to three main benefits that will result from this strategy: a simpler and safer everyday life, a more competitive business sector, and a more modern public sector.

The digitization initiative is a response in part to other factors, including a growing elderly population with a shrinking work force. Despite this, work tasks will continue to grow and the need to remain competitive in the global market will continue.

The strategy contains five core measures that planners say are vital to its success. Included in these measures are offering high-speed broadband services, education and training, building infrastructure around AI, faster processing, and safeguards in digital marketing and use.

The collaboration of Norwegian government leaders, private sector business, social, and research communities all know that this is an ambitious endeavor but are confident that the foundation that is now laid will result in success.

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