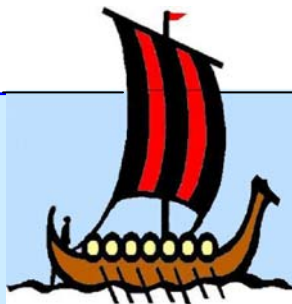


Valhall



Viking

March 2007

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**VALHALL
LODGE**

Meetings at 7:30 pm
first Monday of the month
at the
**East San Diego
Masonic Temple
7849 Tommy Drive
San Diego, CA
92119-1799**

www.lodgeofvalhall.com
www.sofn.com

**Next Business
Meeting:
March 5**

**Social:
Anniversary Dinner
March 17**

**Newsletter
deadline:
March 15**

Beskjed fra Presidenten

February has been an active month and we are fortunate to have enjoyed some great events. Following our regular business meeting on Feb 5th, we were treated to a presentation on Henrik Ibsen by Dr. Anne-Charlotte Harvey. Then, on Feb 17th we enjoyed another great Lutefisk Dinner, thanks to Karin Brevig and her hard working committee. This annual event has become welcomed by both members and many non-member friends who return year after year. I was reminded this year that we have a number of members, although they can't make every meeting, come to special occasions, and this was one of those occasions. At this year's dinner, I was privileged to meet and chat with a 30 year member, Petra O. McGeary. She has attended most of our Lutefisk dinners in the last 30 years but has not been to many of our other functions recently. One of our goals this year is to reach out to some of these members like Petra so they may attend more often. In any case, we look forward to seeing them at any time.

As your new President, I thought I should know more about Valhall Lodge and Sons of Norway, so I have begun to review the history of the lodge. Thanks to Lorraine Tucker, the History of Valhall has been well recorded and is available in the Library and in past issues of Valhall Viking. We should be proud of our past leaders who have built this lodge from the founding in 1912 to what it is today, one of the oldest and largest Lodges in Sons of Norway. We will celebrate our 95th Anniversary in March.

March will be a busy month. Starting with our regular business meeting on March 5, we will be conducting the initiation of all our new members. Please come and welcome our newest members. Then, we will celebrate our anniversary at our social event on March 17. Yes, I know – it's St. Patrick's Day but there will be no corned beef and cabbage. Instead, we will celebrate our anniversary with a great evening embracing our Norwegian culture and heritage. Thanks to Helga Moore and her committee, we will have an impressive program, including a Scandinavian Buffet catered by Healthy Decadence, and ending the evening with a fifteen member band for dancing or listening. There will be great entertainment before, during and after dinner – check the details in this Newsletter. Our special honored guests for the evening will be President Jane Kelly and other Board members of Sons of Norway District VI.

Also in March, under the guidance of Anne Hoidal and Lizzie Riiber, we will be participating in a number of other events in the San Diego area along with other Norwegian organizations in celebration of Norway: A Polar Nation. On March 29, Norway is featured as part of the Tower After Hours program presented by San Diego Museum of Man in an ongoing series of events celebrating San Diego's diverse ethnic communities. A presentation will be made by Sigval Tveit, composer and Professor of Music at the University of Oslo. Additional presentations will be made by Professor Tveit on April 1 at the Museum of Man, and at our General Meeting on April 2. See further details in this Newsletter.

Jurolf





Valhall Lodge 6-025, Sons of Norway
 East San Diego Masonic Temple
 7849 Tommy Drive, San Diego, 92119



Join the Celebration!

Valhall's 95th Anniversary Dinner

March 17, 2007



Happy Hour:
 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
Dinner at 6:15 p.m.



Come and celebrate 95 years of embracing our Norwegian heritage and culture with fabulous food, great entertainment, and a short stroll down memory lane. We're honored to have President Jane Kelley and the District VI Board joining us for this historic event.

Program:

The Olsen Sisters (a.k.a. Dr. Anne-Charlotte Harvey, Professor Emeritus at San Diego State University)
 Musical performance by Shirley Pearson and Ragnhild Amble

Scandinavian Buffet

catered by **Healthy Decadence**. Featuring:
 Sautéed salmon filets on wilted lettuce with béchamel sauce and
 Carved roast pork
 with sides of lingonberry and mustard sauces
 Salads, vegetables, etc.
 Anniversary cake, petit fours and other decadent desserts
 Full coffee service with appropriate condiment liquors

After Dinner Music

Immediately following dinner, the Brass Key and Wind Ensemble will play for dancing and/or entertainment. This fifteen member band comes highly recommended and if you don't want to dance, you'll enjoy just listening to their tunes.

Reservations By March 14, 2007

\$ 25.00 per person
At door: \$28.00



Please submit check to:

Wilma Springer 2334 Manion Street El Cajon, CA 92020-1022 619-258-0135
 or
 Helga Moore 2429 Marilouise Way San Diego, CA 92103-1013 619-298-0390

We hope to see you there!

The next big anniversary celebration will be the 100th in 2012!!

Norwegian Programs in San Diego March-April 2007

With the support of all Norwegian organizations in San Diego, Lizzie Riiber and Anne Kløvnes Høidal are working with the San Diego Museum of Man (1350 El Prado) in Balboa Park on a Norwegian program for March and April 2007. Since Norway this year is emphasizing its Arctic geographic location, and considers itself a polar nation, we are introducing programs that deal with the Arctic region.

Tower After Hours is presented by San Diego Museum of Man in an ongoing series of evening events celebrating San Diego's diverse ethnic communities, with food tasting, beverages, music, and dance. A small exhibit of Norwegian Sami items will be on display for the month of March.

Norway: A Polar Nation

is presented on Thursday, March 29 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) as part of the San Diego Museum of Man's Tower After Hours series. Norwegian food and wine (included in the price of admission) will be served. We plan on entertaining you with a Norwegian fashion show, children dancing, music and a presentation by Sigvald Tveit, Norwegian composer, musician and Professor of Music at the University of Oslo. His topic is Music Traditions of the Arctic. Recordings from Alaska, Greenland and Norway. Professor Tveit will give us illustrations from some of his recordings. Tickets are \$20.00 for non-members, \$10.00 for members of the Museum, and \$15.00 for students. Join us for the fun!

Connecting People Through Music

A Presentation of Musical Traditions from Around the World

The well known composer and musician Sigvald Tveit will provide a presentation and play the piano, demonstrating different musical traditions from around the world on Sunday, April 1, 5:00 p.m. at the San Diego Museum of Man. The event is open to the public. Admission: \$5.00, refreshments included. Join us for the music and the fun!

For information, please contact : Anne Kløvnes Høidal at (619) 286-8641 or Lizzie E. Riiber at (619) 523-8822

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Welcome New Members!

Gratulerer Med Dagen!

Fodselsdag Hilsen

March Birthdays

- 1 Wilma Springer
- 5 Eldon Andersen
- 5 Jennifer Seiger
- 7 Linda Mabin
- 8 Petra McGearly
- 8 Hans Petersen
- 9 George Luther
- 9 Manning Merriken
- 11 Kristine Davis
- 11 Ingrid Lindgren
- 15 Vernon Lintvedt
- 15 Robert Orvick
- 16 Karin Brevig
- 17 Jon Rem
- 19 Lou Coover
- 20 Kay Wolner
- 21 Joyce Oen
- 23 George Babilot
- 23 Oswald Gilbertson

Happy Anniversary!

3/18 Kennet & Rhonda Brevig

3/22 Jim & Jacquelyn Adams

**Martin (Duke) S. Johnson
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8510 Sugarman Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037-2227
858/459-8818
duke@lajollaweath.com

*Recommended by Oddvar
Hoidal*

**Merritt Lars Hougen
Linne' Hougen**
3916 Riviera Drive #302
SD, CA 92109-5858
858/274-0749
seamlh@aol.com

Recommended by Karin Brevig

New Member Directories

The new 2007 Directories have been printed and mailed. You should have received one by now.

For reasons I cannot figure out, some members disappeared from the directory! I did not intentionally delete them, maybe I dozed off with my hand resting on the delete key! It's a mystery to me. I taped a correction page on page 17 of the directory with the missing members. My apologies to Vincent Jangard, Lillian Jansen, Glenn Jerpseth, Allen & Thelma Johannesen, Karin Johannesen, Bjorn Johanson, and Raymond Johnsen for this error.

If you do not have a correction page on page 17, let me know and I will send you the information.

Norway and the Arctic Region

Sigvald Tveit, a composer, musician and professor at the University of Oslo, will give a presentation at the business meeting on April 2, 2007. Sigvald Tveit has studied music recorded by Helge Ingstad among the Inuits of Alaska in the 1930's and will be in San Diego where he will give presentations at the "Towers After Hours" at the Museum of Man. Please plan to come to the meeting and enjoy an outstanding cultural program.

**Don't miss it!
Bring your friends!**

If you find any other omissions or errors, or if you haven't received the directory, please contact me at 858/271-8709 or email: alabree@san.rr.com. Thanks!

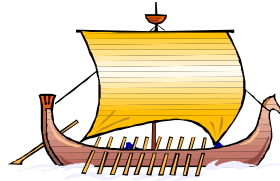
Arlene LaBree, Editor



Change of Address

Dorothy Nygard
3737 Utah Street, Apt. 1
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619/281-0652

Ladies of Valhall LOV notes..



Next meeting: March 3, 2007, at Denny's Restaurant in Fletcher Hills.

Hostesses: Ragnhild Amble and Dale Roybal.

My apologies for the missing LOV notes in the February Valhall Viking. Torfin and I were frequent visitors to Sharp Hospital Emergency room during the month of January, so I had no time to write the article. Everything is on the mend now, fortunately, and thank you for all the lovely cards, flowers, and caring thoughts from LOV and Valhall friends. It means so much!

Our vice president, Mary Rem, called the February meeting to order. The president was present, but still recuperating. Mary de Nino and Jane Halleland, the hostesses, had decorated the tables with red flowers and hearts and presented the president with a Valentine-inspired headgear. Thank you!

27 members were present. We love a crowd! We already have a chairperson for this year's Christmas-luncheon, which will be on December 8, 2007. Millie Wright, the new treasurer, agreed to be the chairperson, and Joyce Oen her assistant. Everyone else is also encouraged to pitch in. We have already been out looking at a possible venue, Carlton Oaks Countryclub. Lovely, but not the right size room for us. We need to find a suitable place soon. Any ideas?

By the way, last December's luncheon at Trattoria Firenze was enjoyed by everyone that attended. It was new for us to be in a restaurant, rather than a hotel. Most of us really enjoyed the food, and the program, featuring Diane Carlson, and fashions from the Lillehammer Olympics, was interesting and exciting.

If you missed seeing LOV members model these wonderful costumes, you may have a second chance! Rumors are that Diane will bring the same program and models to one of the "Tower after hours" events. We are pleased that Kay Pepper wants to take care of the children's Christmas stockings again next

year. However, we are still looking for a chairperson for the "Lille Butikken"..

Mary Fry is a hard act to follow, for sure, but "Butikken" is a very interesting and worthwhile project for us. It was very successful last year, and I'm sure someone in our group can make it a success again. Maybe it is frightening to take on a chairmanship, but there is always help and good advice from others that have done it before.

On a sad note, many LOV members attended the lovely memorial service for Peg Jacobsen, who was a long time LOV member and served as our treasurer for several years.

We shall always remember and miss Peg.

LOV president Ingrid Lindgren.



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Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Business Meeting February 5, 2007

President Jerry Oen called the meeting to order at 7: P.M.

President Oen reported that Ellen Spitzer would not be attending the meeting but wanted to convey her thanks to the committee for the Christmas party.

The Charter was draped in memory of:

- Vivian Dillahunt
- Joan Marie Johnson
- Margaret (Peg) Jacobson

Visitors:

- Angela Hardy
- Anne Chelling

Applications for membership:

Aprill Waymire announced two applications for membership:

- Kyle and Stephanie Hammerness
- Jennifer Sieger, recommended by Marlene Lesney

President Jerry Oen announced that an initiation would be held next meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes were approved as printed in "Valhall Viking."

Correspondence:

Secretary Kay Wolner read a thank you message to Valhall Lodge from Helen Sorensen for the lovely plant she received. She is recovering from surgery and doing great.

Social Committee:

Karin Brevig reminded members that more help was needed to staff the Lutefisk Dinner scheduled for

February 17th. A sign-up sheet was distributed.



On Saturday, February 10th, at 9:A.M., Karin Brevig will give a class on making lefse in the kitchen at the Lodge.

Cultural Committee: Anne Hoidal reported on the up-coming "Tower after Hours" series of evening events celebrating San Diego's diverse ethnic communities. On Thursday, March 29, 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Sigvald Tveit, internationally acclaimed composer and musician, and Professor of Music at University of Oslo, will talk about his collaboration with Polar explorer, Helge Ingstad. Ingstad was responsible for collecting native Nanamiut songs in Alaska in 1949. Professor Tveit will present renditions from some of his recordings.

Sven Olson reported that Mr. Tveit would attend the April 2nd Valhall Lodge business meeting.

Publicity:

Mary De Nino reported on efforts to publicize the Lutefisk Dinner by posting notices in several Lutheran Churches. She also requested that members forward pictures to her from the Installation ceremony.

Sunshine Committee

No report

Youth:

No report

Corporation:

Formal election of Ola Brevig for the office of president was held. Other officers were announced: Allen Johannesen, Vice President; Everett Shogren, Secretary; Jerry Oen, Treasurer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Helga Moore reported that all committees tasked with the International Convention are making admirable progress. She described the very positive observations made by Ted Fosberg, International President.

NEW BUSINESS

None offered.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Aprill Waymire and Don Lesney presented their respective reports.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Earling Nyhamer reported that Norwegian language classes would be starting again on

Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

The evening continued with a presentation on Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen by Dr. Anne-Charlotte Harvey

Prepared by Jim Wolner, Assistant Secretary



Happy St.
Patrick's Day
March 17th



Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Corporation Meeting February 5, 2007

February 5, 2007 board meeting of Valhall Sons of Norway Inc.

The meeting was held at the Masonic temple prior to the February business meeting of Valhall Lodge. Valhall Corporation President Ola Brevig called the meeting to order 6:32 P.M.

Present were President Ola Brevig, Vice President Allen Johannesen, Secretary Everett Shogren, Treasurer and Lodge President Jurolf Oen and Directors Aprell Waymire, Sigurd Stautland and Don Lesney. There were no absences.

The minutes of the October 2, 2006 board meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer Oen presented his report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. The total assets of the Corporation have increased approximately nineteen thousand dollars during 2006. The Treasurer's report was reviewed discussed and accepted. No change in investment strategy was recommended.

As director Jurolf Oen is now the Lodge president and is on the board in that capacity a board member vacancy was created. Lodge President Oen appointed Ola Brevig to fill that vacancy.

Election of officers for 2007 was conducted and the following officers were elected:
President Ola Brevig

Vice President Allen Johannesen
Secretary Everett Shogren
Treasurer Jurolf Oen

Charitable donations for 2007 were discussed. In view of our good financial situation the allocation of 3000 to 4000 dollars for charitable donations for 2007 is likely.

The donation of \$500 to the Home of the Guiding hands was not delivered in 2006 due to confusion of the agencies possible new name and location.

This has now been clarified and it was moved, seconded and passed to send a 2007 donation of \$500 along with the 2006 donation at this time.

A request from Anne Hoidal outlining the plans for a "Tower After Hours" program at the Museum of Man featuring Norway in March. It was moved seconded and passed to donate \$500 toward the costs of that event.


Additional donations for 2007 are to be considered at future Valhall Corporation board meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be in conjunction with the Valhall lodge business meeting on May 7, 2006.

Respectfully submitted
Everett Shogren, Secretary

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Deliver stamps to any lodge meeting.

Ellie Balmer,
Tubfrim Chairman

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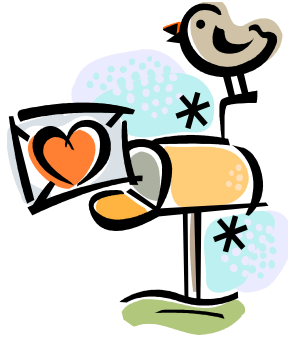
Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve, and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members.

Sons of Norways misjon er å fremme, ivareta og på lang sikt verne om norske og andre nordiske kulturtradisjoner, samtidig som organisasjonen får vokse og utvikle seg som en broderskapsforening med maksimal hjelp og støtte til alle medlemmer.

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PLEASE NOTE: Stamps that are not canceled can not be used and neither can the stamps that are used by businesses on their envelopes - they are printed with words like "non-profit" or "pre-sorted" and they are never canceled. They are of no worth.

Remember that stamps from other countries in the world can be used. TUBFRIM is happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes with stamps intact (40-50 years old) and postcards. The collective sum earned by TUBFRIM since it was founded in 1928 reached 12 million kroner in the year 2000.

Not many Christmas stamps have been turned in yet at Valhall so please do so. Between 14-15 lbs of stamps are now ready to take to San Pedro. It would surprise you if you could see how many stamps it takes to make 1 lb.

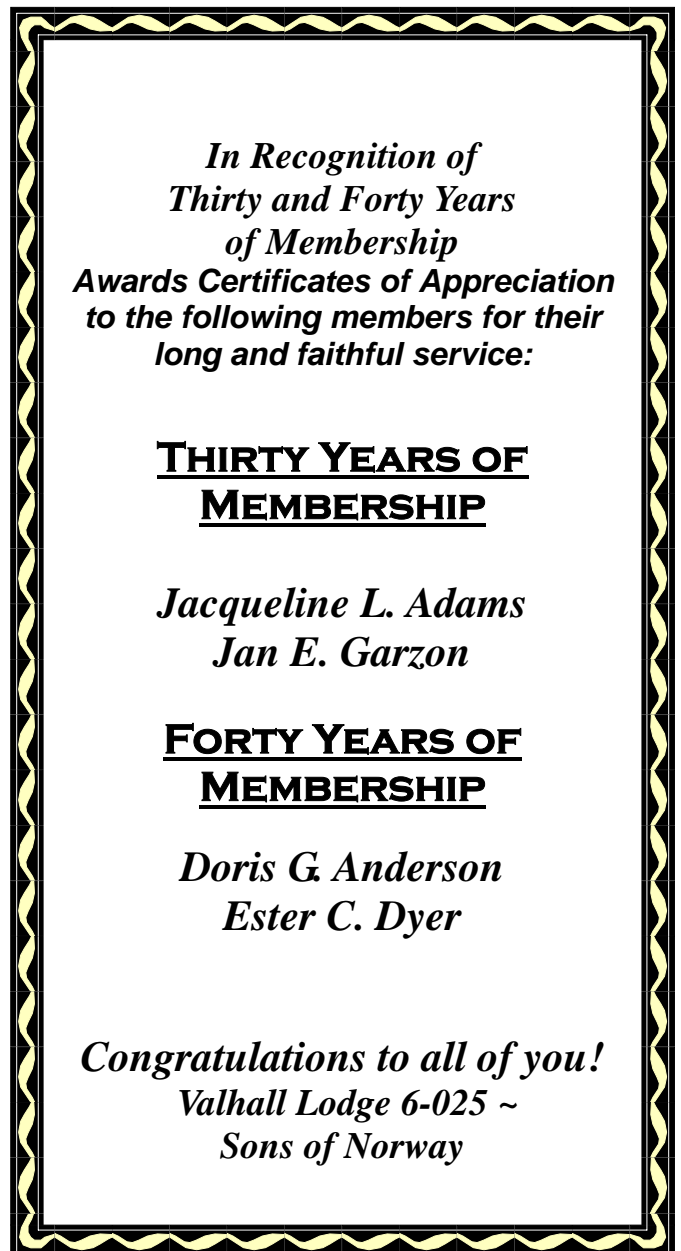
ALL STAMPS ARE RECEIVED WITH THANKS!

Ellie Balmer, TUBFRIM Chairman



Don't miss Valhall's
95th Anniversary
Celebration!
March 17th

See page 2 for details!



Social Committee for March

MARCH

Business Meeting and Anniversary Dinner

Chair: Helga and James Moore

Ragnhild Amble

Philip and Mary Hinshaw

Marianne Halversen

Lillian Jansen

Fred and Lucy Leon

Kay Pepper

John and Mary Rem

Gale and Edward Schaffroth

Wilma Springer

Lorraine Tucker



*In Recognition
of*

Golden Membership

*Awards a Certificate of Appreciation
to the following member for her long
and faithful service:*

Golden Membership

Betty A. Luther

*Congratulations to you!
Valhall Lodge 6-025
Sons of Norway*

Accusing bunadworld.com

Norges Husflidlag is reporting the company Bunadworld.com which sells bunads on the internet.

Bunadworld.com, a Norwegian company, works with a Chinese factory and offers customers bunads for lower prices than those offered by Norges Husflidlag. Norges Husflidlag says that Bunadworld.com is using pictures from Husflidens website.

“We think bunadworld.com is doing misleading marketing when they use our pictures on their websites. Bunadworld.com has never asked to use our pictures,” says Tove Gulsvik, CEO of Norges Husflidlag.

Norges Husflidlag has retained a lawyer in the case and the accusation will be filed shortly.

By Jonas Mjaaland



Just For Fun

Ole & Lena

Ole and Lena went to breakfast at a restaurant where the “senior special” was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast—all for \$1.99

“Sounds good,” says Lena, “but I don’t want the eggs.”

“Then I’ll have to charge you \$2.49 because you’re ordering a la carte.” the waitress warned her.

“You mean I have to pay for not taking the eggs?” asked Lena incredulously. “Then I’ll take the special.”

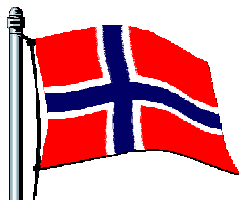
“How do you want your eggs?” asked the waitress.

“Raw and in the shell.” Lena replied. She took the two eggs home.

The moral of the story: Don’t mess with seniors—especially if they are Norwegian!

Valhall Cultural Classes

The next meeting of the Norwegian Genealogy Group will be on March 22. We will continue to meet on the last Thursday of every month except for July and December at the Family History Center, 4195 Camino Del Rio South from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each meeting will include a class or presentation on some aspect of Norwegian Genealogy, followed by individual family history sharing, story telling or problem solving.



We are currently holding a series of programs that focus on the emigration of our family and ancestors from Norway to North America. In February, Oswald Gilbertson, author of recently released book, "Visions", has led off this series with Emigration from Norway. Following in subsequent months will be presentations of Immigration to North America, Finding our Immigrant Ancestors and Scandinavian Settlements in this Country.

We will also be discussing the methods of documenting our family history, including submittals for the Sons of Norway Skills Program.

Everyone interested in finding their family roots - especially in Norway - is invited to attend our meetings. For more information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Jerry Oen at juroolf@aol.com, or 858 549 1530.

Rosemaling Classes

Informal *rosemaling* classes meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at the lodge in the room downstairs, from 9am to 1. Come visit and learn about rosemaling and have fun learning how to *rose-mal*. Classes are free for SON members, \$5 for non-members. No prior experience necessary. Everyone is welcome.

Contact instructor Carmen Cleary for more information at 619-442-0064.

Woodcarving

The woodcarving group meets on the every Tuesday

of the month, from 9am to Noon. The class is being held at the *House of Norway* in Balboa Park. Everyone is welcome to join the group and enjoy conversation and carving. Call Lou Coover for more information at 619-264-9486.

Vacation Destination: America

According to a study by the analyst company Visendi, carried out for Dagbladet, four of ten Norwegians dream of being able to travel to the United States. After the US, Australia, Italy and Thailand follow as the most popular.

A good deal more men than women dream of traveling to the US and / or Brazil. Italy and France are more popular with women. Most young people want to go the States, but if one is over 55 years old, Italy is the destination of choice over the US. Among those with higher education and income, there are many that dream of China, while more with lower or average educated dream of traveling to the US.

Strong Ties

Professor Ole O. Moen with the University of Oslo specializes in North America, and is not surprised that so many Norwegians dream of traveling to the US. The ties between the two countries have long been strong: "It is certainly in many ways the "dreamland" in pop culture, and the American lifestyle is deeply rooted in many here at home also, even among those who are critical of the regime."

He also points to language as a reason why the USA is so popular. "When teenagers are no longer learning German and French at school, it becomes even more popular to travel to English-speaking countries. Young people first and foremost travel to New York or the big entertainment places in California, while the older ones travel to the Midwest to visit relatives" says Moen.

Sissel Fantoft, Dagbladet

–“Everyone in the Nordic Region Should Speak Swedish”

Jógvan vid Keldu, Nordic Council representative for the Faroe Islands, presented a controversial proposal during the Council’s meeting in Copenhagen.

“Swedish is the biggest of all the Nordic languages. Therefore it is most logical that everyone learn Swedish,” he said, according to the Swedish daily Aftonbladet. He does not expect the other countries’ governments will be calling him in excitement over the proposal.

“I will probably be burdened with contacting the different governments to get an answer,” says the Faroe Islander, who belongs to the nationalist Folkaflokkurin party. Jógvan vid Keldu thinks that the switch to Swedish is necessary to stop Anglicization.

“If we are going to succeed in resisting the dominating position of English, we must do this. Otherwise we north-dwellers are going to end up speaking English to each other in twenty years. The common Nordic identity would thereby be lost.”

”This is of course a classic bleak picture of the future. But the threat is real enough, we shouldn’t minimize it” says language-celebrity Petter Schjerven, from the NRK TV program Typisk Norsk. He explains that this was also a major theme in the first season of Typisk Norsk, and expresses great sympathy for the proposal from the Faroe Islands. But he doesn’t believe it’s going to go through.

“I have my doubts” about switching to Swedish, he says, and adds:

“But it would be easier than it was to introduce driving on the right side of the road.” [Sweden switched to the right side in 1967]

Norwegian-Swedish Elisabeth Andreassen was born in Sweden but lives in Norway and speaks both languages. She doesn’t think the idea is good.

“I think one should hold on to their individuality, it is important to know one’s roots and traditions,” she told Aftonbladet.

-Anne Marte Bundeheim and Even Tei Mansen.

Lodge Name Badges

All members are encouraged to purchase and wear name badges so that we can get to know you and you can get to know everyone else.

Order your name badge directly from **Awards of Tahoe**. These are the same hard white plastic name badges with the lodge name in white and the Sons of Norway shield in red, white & blue that many members already have. Your name and Valhall #6-025 will be in blue.

The cost for the badge is \$ 8.50 (includes tax and shipping).

To obtain your name badge send this form and a check for \$8.50 to the address shown below. Make the check payable to “**Awards of Tahoe**”.

AWARDS OF TAHOE
3053 HARRISON AVE., #206
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA 96150

Please send a Sons of Norway name tag for:

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Valhall Lodge No. 25
San Diego, CA

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The Norwegian Fish Club Odin Celebrates

Dining Areas

Main Hall
Viking Lounge
Outside Canopies

The Sixteenth Year of Odin
&
Fresh, New Programs

Inductions

Brave new members
are coming aboard!
Let's Skaal!

The Norwegian Fish Club Odin will celebrate four sammenkomster (gatherings) throughout this 16th year-don't miss them!

Viking Encampment
Axe Throwing &
Flaming Axe Throwing

- 🚪 Odin Sammenkomst (Mar 10)
- 🚪 Balder Sammenkomst (Jun 23)
- 🚪 Tor Sammenkomst (Sep 8)
- 🚪 Vidar Sammenkomst (Dec 1)

Cocktails & Appetizers
6:00
Dinner & Program
7:00

Come & Celebrate

The Odin Sammenkomst on March 10, 2007

🎵 Live Music 🎵

Upbeat, Frolicking
Scottish Music
provided by the
Clachan Boys

🍴 Dinner Menu 🍴

Seafood Pasta
Caesar Salad
Sourdough Garlic Bread
Linie Aquavit
Coffee & Dessert

🍷 Dinner Cost 🍷

\$20 Paid Reservation
\$25 At The Door
Members enjoy
a discount price of \$15
with paid reservation

🍷 Admission Only 🍷

(without dinner)
\$7

Make Checks Payable to:

Norwegian Fish Club Odin
&

Mail To:

Verdande
740 El Caminito Road
Fallbrook, CA 92028
Checks must be postmarked by
March 5.

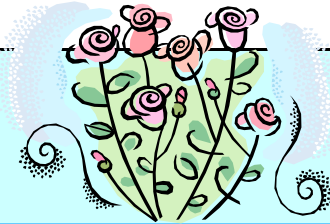
**Food will be ordered based upon
the number of reservations.**



Directions

Norway Hall is located at **2006 East Vista Way**, Vista, CA 92084. From **Freeway 78**, exit at **Escondido Avenue** and go **north**. Turn right on **East Vista Way**. Go approx. 6 lights. After Arcadia Ave. (lighted intersection), look for the **Norway Hall** sign near **D'Elegantes Restaurant** on the left. Turn left here and follow the easement down to Norway Hall.

March 2007



SØNDAG	MANDAG	TIRSDAG	ONSDAG	TORSDAG	FREDAG	LØRDAG
				1	2	3 LOV meeting At Denny's in Fletcher Pkwy 9am
4	5 Business Meet- ing at 7:30 pm	6 Woodworking At House of Norway 9-noon	7	8	9	10 Rosemaling At Lodge 9am-1pm
11	12	13 Woodworking At House of Norway 9-noon	14	15	16	17 Anniversary Dinner at Lodge 5:15pm—?
18	19	20 Woodworking At House of Norway 9-noon	21	22	23	24 Rosemaling At Lodge 9am-1pm
25	26	27 Woodworking At House of Norway 9-noon	28	29 Genealogy Group 11-1pm	30	31



The winners of the national Tubfrim yearly contest were selected at Valhall Lodge, during our Installation Dinner in January. The Tubfrim chairman asked Jurolf Oen, Valhall President, and Ted Fosberg, SON International President, to draw names for the lucky Tubfrim contributors who won trips to Norway.

Valhall Viking
MARCH 2007

CALENDAR

MARCH

- 3 Sat Ladies of Valhall meeting
- 5 Mon Business Meeting—Initiations
- 10 Sat Rosemaling
- 17 Sat 95th Anniversary Dinner
- 24 Sat Rosemaling
- 29 Thur Genealogy
- Tuesdays Woodcarving class

APRIL

- 2 Mon Business meeting
- 7 Sat Ladies of Valhall
- 14 Sat Rosemaling
- 17 Tue Board Meeting
- 21 Sat Social
- 26 Thur Genealogy
- 28 Sat Rosemaling
- Tuesdays Woodcarving class



Celebrate Valhall's 25th Anniversary March 17th!

Next Deadline for the
April
Valhall Viking is
March 15

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