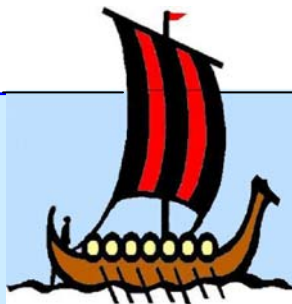


Valhall



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May 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:
May 7th @ 7:30pm
Corporation Meeting
Before business meeting at
6:30**

**Social:
May 19th**

**Newsletter
deadline:
May 15**

Beskjed fra Presidenten—Hurra for Syttende Mai!

It's that time of the year to celebrate the most significant and unique holiday for Norwegians – the celebration of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution on 17 May 1814. It is celebrated world wide wherever Norwegians and their friends gather. Here in San Diego, we are fortunate to have a number of opportunities to celebrate this holiday under the sponsorship of the many Norwegian organizations. The celebrations start on the day itself, 17 May, with the Norwegian Flag Raising at Balboa Park, followed by a continental breakfast at Hall of Nations, sponsored by the House of Norway. Then, on Saturday, 19 May, we will celebrate at Valhall with a traditional Norwegian dinner and program – get your reservations in and invite your friends. The weekend wraps up on Sunday, 20 May at Balboa Park with the traditional children's parade and program. See the details of these events on pages 2 and 3 of this issue.

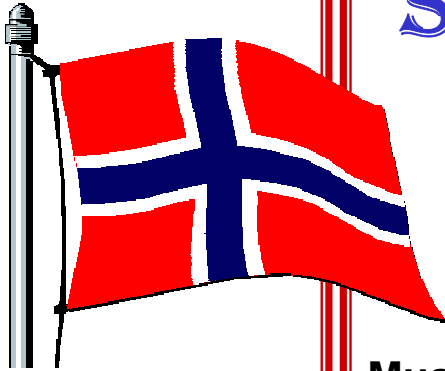
This year, we may have some special guests at the celebrations of Syttende Mai in San Diego. The Royal Norwegian Navy Frigate Fritjof Nansen, will be docking in San Diego during the days of our celebrations. The Officers and Crew have been invited to join in our celebrations, but arrangements are preliminary as of this writing. Stay tuned for updates.

In April, we had a busy but enjoyable month, starting on April 2 where, after a short business meeting, we were entertained by Sigvald Tveit, well known musical composer from University of Oslo. Then, on 21 April, under the guidance of Ingrid Lindgren, the Ladies of Valhall (LOV) served as the committee for our Spring lunch social. A very tasty luncheon was served amid the pleasant music provided by Tor Amble. The program featured special guest Geir Ness, the designer of a unique perfume from Norway. Tusen takk to all.

Although not sponsored by Valhall directly, we must thank the many contributors to a special raffle held for the benefit of one of our members who has encountered some unfortunate circumstances recently. This member had been a very active member in the past and has many friends in Valhall. Special thanks to Helen Seiler who donated a number of CD's of her acclaimed Centennial concert for sale for this benefit.



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SYTTENDE MAI

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH
VALHALL LODGE # 6-25 SON**

SATURDAY MAY 19, 2007

**Music by San Diego Mannskor, Thelma Johanne-
sen, Joyce Olsen & Ragnhild Amble. Greetings
by Consul Gordon Kovtun**

MENU

Poached Salmon, Meatballs w Gravy
Fish Balls w Shrimp White Sauce
Green Salad, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Cucumber Salad
Red Potatoes, Eggs
Cold Cuts, Bread
Cream Cake and Coffee

SOCIAL HOUR 5:00 PM

DINNER 6:00 PM

Program following Dinner

Adults \$17.50

**Reservations made after May 15-----
or at the Door \$20.00**

**Children and Grandchildren of Valhall Members 12 and
under FREE**

Students who are Members of Valhall Under 25 FREE

VALHALL LODGE
SON 6-25
East San Diego
Masonic Lodge
7849 Tommy Drive
San Diego, CA 92119

SEND RESERVATIONS TO JUDY SAWYER-
5443 Forbes Ave San Diego, CA 92120
(619-583-0859)

DEADLINE MAY 15, 2007

Come to Balboa Park and join in the celebration of Norway's Constitution Day hosted by House of Norway



Thursday - May 17, 2007

Sefton Plaza, west of the viaduct entrance to
Balboa Park

09:00 a.m.

- Norwegian flag is raised by the Park Ranger.
- United States and Norway national anthems by Thelma Johannesen.
- Remarks by Consul Gordon Kovtun.
- Remarks by Consul General Are-Jostein Norheim.
- Remarks by Lizzie Riiber, House of Norway President.
- Audience is invited to Hall of Nations for continental breakfast. House of Norway will be open for visitors.

Representatives of the Royal Norwegian Navy frigate *Fritjof Nansen* will attend.

Chairman – Consul Emeritus of Norway Oswald Gilbertson.



Sunday - May 20, 2007

Outdoor stage between
the International Cottages.

1:30 p.m.

- The formation of the children's parade starts behind House of Norway.

01:45 p.m.

- The parade marches around the square in the outer streets, ending up with the flags secured on the stage. Participation encouraged. Wear bunads. Bring flags and noise makers.

02:00 p.m.

- Greeting by VP HPR, Meenashi Jain, House of India
- Greeting by President Lizzie Riiber, House of Norway.
- Pledge of Allegiance by House of Norway Queen, Kaarina Koskinen.
- United States and Norway national anthems by Thelma Johannesen.
- Remarks by Consul Gordon Kovtun.
- Remarks by Consul General Are-Jostein Norheim.
- Scandinavian Children's Folk Dance Group directed by Oda Audish.
- Ragnhild Amble reads a famous Norwegian fairy-tale.
- The Polka Dots.
- House of Norway will serve refreshments following the program.

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Gratulerer Med Dagen!

May Birthdays

- 1 Juanita Griebel
- 1 Edward Schaffroth
- 4 Susan Hansen
- 4 Dale Roybal
- 6 John Steen
- 7 Louis Amundson
- 9 Karin Johannesen
- 13 Debra Hausvik
- 14 Ameila Seeto
- 15 Cynthia May
- 16 Arlene LaBree
- 16 William Stedham
- 22 Mary Fry
- 22 Marie Olson-Weir
- 24 Centes Wheeler
- 25 Mary Conklin
- 29 Marvin Holm
- 30 Magnild Gilbertson
- 31 Rhona Gorder

May Anniversaries

- 23 Adolf & Mary Jacobsen
- 27 Erling & Lydia Nyhammer



Happy Mother's Day

Culture at Valhall

Here is a summary of the cultural events scheduled at Valhall on a continuing basis:

Rosemaling; 2nd and 4th Saturday downstairs at the lodge. Contact person: Carmen Cleary 619.442.0064

Woodcarving; Every Tuesday at the House of Norway. Contact person: Lou Coover 619.264.9486

Genealogy; Monthly at the Family Center in Mission Valley. Contact person: Jerry Oen 858.549.1530

We have a strong program of cultural entertainment and information ongoing during our monthly meeting and socials. If there is a desire of the membership to learn how to make and bake Norwegian traditional dishes, etc. we want to organize cooking/baking classes at the lodge on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. We have had classes in how to make lefse, fiskesuppe (fish soup) and rømmegrøt (sour cream porridge). However, if you have a special Norwegian recipe you would like to share and have people learn, please let your Cultural Directors, Karin Brevig and Sven Olsen know and we will organize it. You may have something really special from you family that the rest of us would want to learn. Also, do you know of someone who has a certain talent or presentation that would be interesting and educational for the membership to know, please let us know about that as well.

Karin Brevig and Sven Olsen

Editor's Note: For more information on the Rosemaling, Genealogy and Woodcarving classes, see page 8 of this issue. This information is updated monthly.

Change of Address

Please correct the Zip Code in the Valhall Directory 2007 Of Karin and Ola Brevig. It should be 92019-4282

Presenting Jim Adams

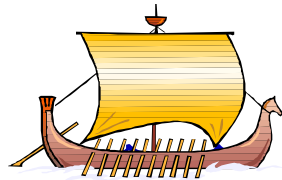
On May 7th

Jim Adams, past President of Valhall, will give a presentation of his experiences in Iraq during the business meeting on May 7th.

Please come and enjoy hearing from Jim.

Bring a friend!

Ladies of Valhall LOV notes..



**Next Meeting: May 5, 2007 at 9:am at Denny's Restaurant in Fletcher Hills.
Hostesses: Mari Rem and Eldbjorg Backous**

The April meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant. There were 16 members present and 1 guest and prospective member, Christine Tuttle.

The LOV ladies have been busy and involved in several activities since last month. We participated in the program at the Museum of Man called "Norway: A Polar Nation". Some of us were modeling, some gave out valuable facts from the information table, while others demonstrated embroidery and knitting or showed off their beautiful rosemaling.

We are indeed a talented and versatile group, and we do have a lot of fun. Jean Shogren has collected and made an interesting album of photos from different activities we have been involved in through the years. It sure brings back good memories!

Valhall's business meeting and social for the month of April were chaired by LOV. We were serving two different kinds of soup, salad, and ice cream with fruit topping for dessert. As usual, the ladies were out in full force and did everything from cooking the soup, decorating the tables, manning the bar and cleaning up afterwards.

It was a pleasant afternoon - we just wish that more people had come out to enjoy it with us. Geir Ness of Laila perfume fame was there with his new "spring purse" filled with tempting products, and he took time to massage many of our worn hands, and to eat soup with us. I think he genuinely likes to come down to visit us, and he is a very charming person.

We also raffled off several wonderful donated items with the proceedings going to one of our members who can really need some help right now. Thank you, Tam, for suggesting the raffle and making it a success.

Thank you also to Tor Amble, Ragnhild's son, who entertained us while we were eating. His guitar music was beautiful and just right. We enjoyed it so much!

Let me close by saying thank you to all the LOV ladies. Thank you for saying yes when you probably would rather say no and stay home and rest. There will be other challenges in the future, and there is always work involved. I think we have come a long way, and by looking back in the picture album we have had many good times getting there, but there has also always been work involved. See you in May!

LOV President.
Ingrid Lindgren.



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Erik Nilsen
(858) 292-9417



Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Business Meeting April 2, 2007

President Jerry Oen convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Visitors : Jerry Oen gave thanks to Barbara Hemmingsen who chauffeured Dr. Sigvald Tveit.

MEMBERSHIP

No applications received at this time.

MINUTES

The minutes were approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Kay Wolner presented two items of correspondence: The District Six Sons of Norway Recreation Center minutes and financial report from February 22, 2007 meeting of the Board. The District Six Board Meeting Minutes March 17th, 2007 in San Diego, Ca.

AUDIT

Allen Johannesen reported that the audit has been completed and things are "in fine shape."

COMMITTEES:

SOCIAL

Judy Sawyer reported that the Anniversary Dinner was a great success. She requested that all committee members present be thanked with applause. Ingrid Lindgren urged everyone to attend the Spring Luncheon

SUNSHINE

Lavonne Coover reported the following:



Condolences sent to sister of Inez Kettenbach, a former member

Get well card to Lydia Nyhammer

"Thinking of You" card to

Kim Bardin

Get well card to Becky Bourdage; Ellen Holk delivered a plant.

Get Well card to Carmen Synnes

Get Well card to Jake Hovland

BLOODBANK

Ten loyal donors donated blood at San Diego Blood Bank during the last quarter.

CULTURAL

Sven Olsen reminded members of the effort to create a new musical group. Members that have volunteered will be getting called. He and Joyce hope to have group prepared for September special program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Aprill Waymire and Don Lesney gave their respective reports.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lorraine Tucker asked for assistance in moving some furniture to an assisted living facility for Carmen Synnes. Carmen was injured in a fall and is moving to a comfortable facility in Point Loma. Susan Cody reported that Camp Norge applications are now available. Camp will held July 8-21.

Attendance: 57

Adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

CULTURAL PROGRAM:

The evening was continued with a poetry reading by Anne Hoidal. Dr. Sigvald Tveit presented a program of his studies of Inuit Indian of Alaska recorded in the 1930's by Helge Ingstad.

Prepared by:

Kay Wolner
Secretary



Sons of Norway 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.

*In Recognition
of
Golden Membership*

**Awards Certificate
of Appreciation to
the following members for their
long and faithful service:**

Golden Membership

*Billie J. Crohn
Marilyn P. Rem*

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

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Save the Date

**Olsok Celebration
July 28th, 2007
4:00pm
House of Norway**

Scrumptious Buffet "Koldtbold"
Wine
Entertainment.

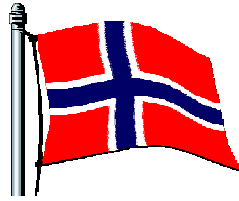
Organized by Norsk Fest
at the House of Norway .
More details next newsletter.

Valhall Cultural Classes

Norwegian Genealogy

May

The meeting date of the Norwegian Genealogy Group has been changed from the fourth Thursday to the second 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. This month's meeting will be May 10. Each meeting includes a class or presentation on some aspect of Norwegian Genealogy, followed by individual family history sharing, story telling or problem solving.



On March 29th Jean Shogren presented an overview of the Norwegian-American Bygdelag, organizations of descendants of immigrants from Norway to America. The Bygdelag is one example of the unique advantages we have in the search of our Norwegian ancestors. Another advantage are the many individual Bygdebøker, which provide local information and family history in a particular area of Norway. We are currently exploring how we can effectively extract information from these books, with the help of two tutorial power point presentations, provided to us by the special recently initiated LDS project to extract data from the Norwegian Bygdebøker. This project is looking for volunteers who share a common interest in Norwegian Genealogy.

In the next few months, we will continue to explore sources of data, language translation and documentation of our family histories.

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 jurolf@aol.com, or call 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 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.

Social Committees

MAY

Business Meeting and 17th of Mai Dinner.

Chairman:Open

Larry Collins.
Barbara Evje
Charles & Rhona Gorder
Susan & Chuck Hansen
Chris Lelevier
Don Lesney
Barbara & Ken Paulovich
Kay-Ann Pepper
Millie Wright

JUNE

Business Meeting and Social

Chairman: Open

George Babilot
Carmen Cleary
John & Janet Erickson
Carol Hillestad
Ellen Holk
Kjell Holmes
Alan & Thelma Johanessen
Lizzie Riiber
Arthur & Lisa Skola
Wilma Springer
June Wheeler



Norwegian Choir SKRUK Visiting California

This Norwegian choir is with its unique sound and repertoire, recognized as one of the leading choirs in Scandinavia. During the past 33 years its members have toured Norway regularly, giving concerts in hundreds of churches throughout the country, and performed at Norway's most important music festivals. The choir has frequently appeared on national TV, and its recordings are regularly played on all Scandinavian radio stations. SKRUK has also been on tours in other Scandinavian countries, the USA, Ecuador and Azerbaijan.

SKRUK is well known for its many cultural exchange projects, and is constantly taking on new and exciting challenges. So far, their 21 albums have been released on several continents which in 2003 lead to SKRUK receiving the exclusive Bektas Ozen folk music award in Turkey for their record "Landet vi kommer fra." In addition, the choir has on several occasions been nominated for the Norwegian Grammy, Spellemannsprisen.

The Director Per Oddvar Hildre is often referred to as "a choir magician." Since 1980 he has been working as a full time choir conductor, continuously inspiring choirs and conductors in Scandinavia through seminars and master classes. His biography was published in December 2006 in Norway.

Remarkably SKRUK has been able to maintain its characteristic sound from the first recording in 1977 until today, despite the fact that more than half of the choir members have been replaced during the past 10 years. This is above all thanks to the conductor's focus on selecting and mixing the right voices for the ensemble, and to his interpretation skills. Today SKRUK numbers 50 voices.

As well as working closely with respected Norwegian musicians the choir has always presented a broad *capella* repertoire, specially arranged for them by contemporary composers.

See them in San Diego at:

Fri, 5/25 @7:30pm St. Marks United Methodist
3502 Clairmont Dr, SD 92117
619-275-2245

Sun, 5/27 @3:30pm Rncho Bernardo Presbyterian
17010 Pomerado Rd, SD 92128
858-487-0811

For list of performances in CA, go to our website
www.lodgeofvalhall.com

Celebrate Memorial Day at Camp Norge

May 26, 27 & 28

Sponsored by the District 6
Recreation Center Board



Enjoy RV Camping, Tenting, or get a room in a dormitory. Call 530-389-2805 for room reservations.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday will be prepared for you at nominal cost, as well as breakfast on Monday morning.

Saturday: Craft fair, Bingo and site seeing at Donnoer Museum and the Snowshoe Thompson Monument.

Sunday: Church in Dutch Flat or Alta if you wish and horseshoes and games in the meadow..

Call 530-389-2805

All proceeds benefit Camp Norge.

Cultural Presentation at April's Business Meeting

On April 2, after a short business meeting, Valhall was privileged to be entertained by Sigvald Tveit, well known music composer from Norway. He is also a professor in the music department of the University of Oslo, and has been a guest professor/speaker at many universities, in the US.



Sigvald Tveit

He talked about the music he has composed and conducted, and shared tapes demonstrating the many different musical styles with which he has worked. He is known all over the world.. He has been hired by many different groups to compose music for them—from church music to children's music, such as for the Norwegian Sesame Street television show.

At the end of the presentation, he played a handmade flute.. He also sang and played the piano for us with his wife accompanying him. Our lodge was quite privileged to have the Tveits share their music with us at the meeting. during their busy stay in San Diego.

In the preceding week, Dr. Tveit had given presentations at the Museum of Man in Balboa Park for the "Towers After Hours" series. His presentation was on "Music Traditions of the Arctic" which featured recordings from Alaska, Greenland and Norway.

He also gave a piano performance at the Museum of Man that demonstrated musical styles in his "Musical Traditions Around the World" presentation.

**Corporation Meeting on May 7th
At 6:30 pm**

Before the Business Meeting

Valhall's Website

Valhall's website has recently had some changes!

There is a Member's section that has:

- Valhall's Library's Book List
 - Member's Birthdays for the year
 - Past Valhall Viking Newsletters
 - Current Valhall Viking Newsletter
 - 2007 Officers List
 - Name Badge Order Information
 - LOV Information
 - Services List
 - Member's Web Sites
- Now available: a page for links to member's websites. If you have a website you would like to share with Valhall members, send the address to valhall625@hotmail.com.

There is also a section on **Membership**—designed to let potential members know more about our lodge and the Son's of Norway in general. If you know a potential member, send them to our website so they can learn more about us.

The website address is:
www.lodgeofvalhall.com



**Newsletter Deadline for
June is May 15th**

**Please email your articles to
valhall625@hotmail.com.**

**Please note the change in
email address.**

Southland Past Presidents Club Announces Deadlines for Scholarships

SPPC President Larry Ashim has announced that the deadline for applying for four half scholarships to Camp Norge for the summer of 2007 (July 8-July 21) is May 15, 2007.

Applicants must be a child or grandchild of a Sons of Norway member from District 6's Zone 5 or 6. Applicants must be between the ages of 8 to 13, inclusive and have already applied to Camp Norge according to their application process. If accepted at Camp Norge, the up-front fee of \$300.00 will be refunded to the applicant's parent or grandparent. Transportation is at the expense of the applicant. The applicant cannot be the recipient of any other scholarship to Camp Norge for the year 2007. The fee for camp is the same as it was last year.

Applications must be made on a post card only, stating the applicant's name, age and birth date, the reason for wanting to attend camp, and his or her telephone number including area code. The post card must be postmarked no later than May 17, 2007. The post card must be mailed to SO. G. Swenson, 9731 Bellder Dr., Downey, CA 90240-3333. Winners will be determined by lottery (drawing) at a later date, but only after confirming that the child has been accepted by the L&H Registrar at Camp Norge.

Just For Fun

Sven and Ole were standing at the base of a flagpole. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Ole, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her packet, took a measurement, announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

Sven shook his head and laughed, "Ain't that just like a dumb blonde. We ask for the height, and she gives us the length!"

District 6 Scholarships

Language Camp—deadline May 5

The 6th District is offering scholarships to Concordia Language Camp Summer Session "Skogfjorden" in the amount of \$1445.00 each, for two campers over the age of 13 who have attended Camp Norge Language/Heritage Camp. For information on "Skogfjorden, visit website: www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org

College Scholarships—deadline May 5

The 6th District will award three \$1,000.00 scholarships to members in good standing, their children or grandchildren in any lodge in the 6th District, who attends an accredited college or university in the USA as a fulltime undergraduate in their sophomore, junior or senior year and have a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a scale wherein A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0.

These scholarships can also be awarded to those students in their sophomore, junior or senior year of any accredited four-year program at a community college in the USA. When an applicant is deemed worthy of a scholarship (recommended by the 6th District Scholarship Committee and approved by the 6th District Board) the funds will be paid directly to the student.

Interested members can get a scholarship application from your lodge secretary or District 6 Scholarship Committee Members:

Vern P. Martin, Chairman,
16985 Kawai Court, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
PH: (714) 839-2502,
e-mail, vpmartin@dslextreme.com

Marilyn Iversen, member,
47944 Klamath Ave. Coursegold, CA 93614
PH: (559)-683-7751,
e-mail, marilynm@sierratel.com

Patricia E. Jokela, member,
10101 Dewey Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92840
PH: (714) 539-2312,
e-mail, patricejoke@aol.com

Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by **May 5, 2007**.

History of the Sons of Norway Logo

Recently we here at the Culture Desk had some questions about the Sons of Norway shield – that familiar symbol found on stickers, patches, websites and those stylish vests throughout the organization. So we did some research, looking at history books and old copies of the *Viking*. Here’s what we found.

In 1901 Sons of Norway’s board of directors voted to approve an emblem to represent the fastgrowing organization. This logo consisted of a tricolor shield that’s more rotund than later shields (like a sheriff’s badge). In the top red stripe there was a symbol representing the midnight sun, while the bottom blue stripe contained the North Star. The center white stripe was reserved for the abbreviation “S. af N.” for “Sønner af Norge” as the organization was then known.

That shield remained in use until a 1922 committee selected a new design. The new emblem, created by Martin J Grindheim (then president of Nordkap 1-008) in many ways resembles the current one; a narrow shield with a Viking ship, and the North Star. However the Viking ship is shown from a side view, and the North Star is found at the bottom of the shield, where it had been in the pervious design. Other differences include the letters “FBF” (Frihed, Broderkjærlighed, Fremskritt – Freedom, Brotherly Love, and Progress, in the Norwegian of the time) over the ship and an American eagle perched over the top of the shield.

As early as 1914, a movement was started to include Canadian symbolism in the shield, and in 1929 another revised version of the logo was presented. The 1929 emblem is a circle, containing a shield with a forward-facing Viking ship with the midnight sun behind it. Above the shield a banner appears, with the initials “SN” separated by a star. On the left of the shield is an American eagle; on the right, the Canadian maple leaf.

This symbol was used in the masthead of the organization’s newsletter, and later the *Viking*, for many years afterward. At least as early as 1948 a slimmed-down version of the shield (integrating the

“S N” into the top of the shield and omitting the eagle and flag) appears on the cover of a Sons of Norway songbook. This leaner logo also appears in the *Viking* as early as 1951, and was in widespread use by the time the current Headquarters building was built in 1962. At what point this symbol came into official use, we are unable to say.

The current Sons of Norway logo includes both the shield and the words “Sons of Norway.” For more information about usage of the logo, contact Jessica at jgleason@sofn.com



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Exchange Students Need Host Families

This year AFS, a non-profit organization, hosted Tor Hexeberg and is still hosting Linda Landboe in San Diego County. Both are high school students from Norway.

We are hosting these fine students and many others from around the world because we believe that cultural exchanges among the countries of the world will inevitably bring us all closer together and thereby create a better and more peaceful world.

Now is the time that we are again looking for open-minded people in our county that will consider hosting a student from another country.

AFS Student Intercultural Exchange, the oldest and largest foreign exchange programs for high school students in the USA, is seeking families to host high school students from abroad. Students will have their own spending money for personal needs but depend on the host family for food, shelter, and transportation.

They will arrive in mid-August 2007 and spend the school year or semester attending local high schools and immersing themselves in our culture. AFS also offers summer exchanges. Liaisons are assigned to the students to assist with any issues that may arise.

For further information please call 1-800-AFS-INFO or go to www.usa.afs.org/usa_en/home.

Nick Felfe
Chair, San Diego Area Team
AFS Intercultural Exchange Programs
619-284-5195



Police Round up Poker Players

Armed police raided a building in an industrial area of Strømmen, northeast of Oslo, in March and arrested 32 persons for what the authorities claimed was illegal organized poker playing. The poker club had been under investigation and was believed to violate laws against organized gaming.

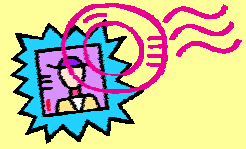


Most of those arrested were fined and allowed to go home. Police continued to hold those believed to be the organizers of the poker club. Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) reported that those arrested ranged from ordinary fathers of small children to gang members. "It was difficult to determine any connections among them," said prosecutor Nicolas Nyhus of the Romerike Police District. "They most probably were just individuals who meet in the club to play poker."

Norway's poker association (Norges Pokerforbund) criticized the police raid, contending it was an over-reaction. *From Aftenposten.no*

TUBFRIM

Save stamps for TUBFRIM.



Cut stamps off envelopes leaving 1/4 to 1/2 inch around the edges.

Deliver stamps to any lodge meeting.

Ellie Balmer,
Tubfrim Chairman

The Norwegian Flag

The Norwegian flag is a prominent symbol during syttende mai celebrations. On May 17th, Norwegians of all ages will be carrying flags of all sizes, and/or wearing the three colors – red, white and blue - in a ribbon attached to their clothing. Nearly every house and apartment will be flying a flag that day. It seems everyone in town is out to march in parades or to watch them, rain or shine.



17th Mai, 2006 in Larvik, Norway.

Norwegians honor their country by respecting the flag and treating it properly. There are many rules about how to use the flag – when to fly it, how to raise it, when to lower it and on what days it should be flown.

The flag was presented in 1821 by Frederik Meltzer, a member of the constitutional assembly. He based the flag on the Danish red and white flag, with a blue cross in the middle to symbolize liberty.

At that time, Norway had its own national flag while still in political union with Sweden. The colors are the same as the tricolor, the symbol of freedom and revolution in France.



Accident at Sea in Norway

The Norwegian supply ship m.s. "BOURBON DOLPHIN" capsized on Thursday April 12th. off the coast of Shetland Islands. The ship was in the process of adjusting anchors to the oil-rig 'Transocean Rother' owned by Chevron. It is presumed that it's own anchor chain shifted as the vessel was turning and came alongside and suddenly pulled her down. Ten crewmen were picked up from the sea, of whom 3 were dead. Five crewmen went down with the Bourbon Dolphin but are presumed dead unless they're in an air pocket inside the ship.

The British salvage ship "ROBOT" has sent down to the ship an ROV (Remote operated vehicle) which has cameras and can give the rescue ship personnel a picture of the situation beneath in order to determine what chances they have of sending 4 experienced divers (trained to remove unexploded mines from the 2nd. World War).

The spokesman for the Royal Navy expressed the mission to be very difficult and the risk of the ship shifting below so they were taking extreme measures for the safety of the divers as well. There were also strong currents in the area.

Also 72 persons out of a personnel of 99 were taken off the oil-rig for safety measures, though they didn't foresee any immediate danger to it.

Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg of Norway expressed his sadness due to the loss of life. "Both the Government and the Norwegian people are sharing in the sorrow on the loss of life and on the dubious chances of saving the men in the ship", Stoltenberg expressed to NRK

A Norwegian commission will be formed to work with the British Navy on the arrangements about moving the sunken ship which is lying in a precarious position (and possibly too close to the oil-rig) or to sink her. Det Norske Veritas (ship's classification society) is closely examining the circumstances and will be meeting with the shipyard or constructors of the vessel, the anchor mechanisms, etc..

Story translation and extract from "Stavanger Aftenblad" (www.Aftenbladet.no) 4/13/2007.

Sensational Viking Find



The grave of a wealthy Viking farmer, buried with his horse, sword, spear and shield, has been found in Orkdal. Archeologists from Trondheim made a sensational discovery - a complete Viking grave at Kvam Farm at Fannrem in South-Trøndelag County.

The preliminary investigation only revealed cooking pits and scattered postholes, so finding a funeral pyre at the site proved to be an enormous surprise, the Science Museum reported on its website.

The farmer was found buried with a double-edged sword, a large spearhead, a shield stud, a bell and a whetstone. Animal teeth were also found at the spot, most likely horse teeth. The bell was most likely hung on the horse, and it still sounded, a thousand years after its interment with horse and farmer.

The remains of pelvic bone in the ashes indicate that the man was cremated before being placed in the grave and archeologist Preben Rønne from the Science Museum told Aftenposten.no that this appears to have been a wealthy man.

"It indicates that the man we have found had quite high status. If one can afford to bury the man, slaughter his horse and bury it with the owner and all his possessions, then he was a man of means," Rønne said.

"This is a sensational find in local terms. It isn't the Oseberg Ship, but it tells what a local chieftain took with him to his burial. Norway is rich with finds from Viking times but in central Norway such a find is very unusual," Rønne said.

The artifacts are now undergoing preservation and Rønne estimates that it will be several years before they are ready.

District Happenings Pages Wants Your Submissions!

Understanding Digital Photos

Do you have digital photos that you would like to submit to Viking Magazine but don't know if your files are large enough? One good rule is to shoot your photos at large size. Most digital cameras have a few different file sizes to choose from. Before taking photos of a special lodge event, familiarize yourself with this particular setting.

Most digital cameras save photos at 72 dpi (dots per inch). Cameras also have different size settings that are saved in pixel format. For instance, a file size of 2048 pixels by 1536 pixels at 72 dpi is a fairly large setting. This setting is perfect for photo submissions to your district publicity director.

We would love to see vibrant and active photos of lodge events, cultural skills and performances. Photos with small groups of people work better than large groups of people. If you notice that the quality of the photo is questionable because of blurred images or other concerns, ask another lodge member if they've taken any photos of the same event

If you have further questions about digital photo submissions or digital camera settings, please contact your district publicity director or call Jessica Gleason at Sons of Norway Headquarters at 1-800-945-8851.

Contact our Lodge Publicity Director, Mary DeNino, if you have any submissions you'd like to make. Mary DeNino's phone number is 858-271-8884





AN OPEN LETTER OF THANKS

Many, many thanks to the members of Valhall Lodge and the Ladies of Valhall for their kindness and generosity in behalf of Carmen Synnes, our 15-year member and former musician, who has had some difficult times due to two severe falls.

Cards can be sent to her at: Duke Royale/Golden Living Guest Home, 3223 Duke St., Rm. 5, San Diego, CA 92110.

As I have been the one that has had to be responsible for her care and placement, I, too, wish to thank you for reaching out to her through me when I asked for your assistance.

Bless you all.

Lorraine Tucker

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CALENDAR

MAY

- 5 Sat Ladies of Valhall
- 7 Mon Business Meeting
- 7 Mon Corporation Meeting before business meeting
- 10 Thu Genealogy Group
- 12 Sat Rosemaling
- 19 Sat Social 17th of Mai
- 26 Sat Rosemaling
- EveryTuesday Woodcarving class

JUNE

- 2 Sat Ladies of Valhall
- 4 Mon Combined Business & Social
- 9 Sat Rosemaling
- 14 Thu Genealogy Group
- 23 Sat Rosemaling
- EveryTuesday Woodcarving class



17th of May

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