

Valhall



Viking

November 2007

Phone: 619/469-9779

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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:
Nov. 5 Monday**

**Social:
Salmon Dinner &
Lille Butikken
Nov. 17**

**Newsletter
deadline:
November 15th**

Beskjed fra Presidenten – We're in this together

Life presents us great joys but also great challenges. But through it all, we are reminded that we are all in this together – our family, our friends, our brothers and sisters at Valhall. As I write this, it is Sunday evening, and we have just returned from this years' Kretsstevne fun weekend at Thousand Trails Pio Pico campgrounds near Jamul. We had a great time at Kretsstevne but when we returned home we realized the campground was in the path of the Harris fire and our mood has changed to one of concern. Having had to evacuate during the Cedar fire in 2003, we have a real sense of déjà vu and are closely monitoring the path of these current fires. By the time you read this, we all will know how extensive these fires are and how you may be affected by them. We wish you all a safe weathering through the storm.

Update - It is now two days later and we have just returned home after again having to evacuate – but fortunately, just as in 2003, our home has been spared. But our Son's family has not yet been allowed to return to their home and they are staying with us, anxiously waiting for the chance to get back to their own home.

The fire situation described above is just one example of the mixed highs and lows we have experienced so far during the month of October. The month started sadly for me with the loss of my brother. Thank you to so many of you for your expressed words of sympathy and condolences. Your concerns and thoughts were very much appreciated.

Kretsstevne 2007 was an enjoyable time during the three days from Friday evening until Sunday morning. We had a good turnout from Valhall, at least part of the time, and we enjoyed the opportunity to meet many members from other lodges of Sons of Norway in Southern California and Las Vegas. There was good food, great entertainment led by Sven and Joyce Olsen, and lots of games for all ages. I wasn't a very fast horse in the horse race, but it was fun. Many thanks to Sven, Ellen and Susan for again leading the participation of Valhall to make the event successful and fun.

November promises to be another eventful month, starting with our business meeting and the election of officers for 2008. See the list of nominees in this newsletter. On November 17, the always popular Salmon dinner will be held, along with the Ladies of Valhall (LOV) Lille Butikken, with Norwegian crafts and tasty baked goods for sale.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jurolf



Valhall Lodge 6-25 Sons Of Norway
East San Diego Masonic Temple
7849 Tommy Drive SD CA 92119

Annual Salmon Dinner

Saturday November 17, 2007



Two seatings for Dinner – 4pm and 6pm
Bar will be open from 3:30 until closing



MENU

Fiskesuppe (Fish Soup)
LaskeFilet Eller Bakt Skinke (Salmon Fillet or Baked Ham)
Poteter med Persille (Potatoes with Parsley)
Norsk Agurksalat (Norwegian Cucumber Salad)
Cream Puffs Kaffe eler Te (coffee-tea)

**ADULTS- \$17.50 (pre-reservation)
20.00 at the door**

**MEMBERS' CHILDREN/ GRANDCHILDREN 15 AND UNDER- FREE!
FULL TIME STUDENT MEMBERS OF VALHALL UNDER 25-FREE!**

**Ladies of Valhall LILLE BUTIKKEN items for sale in Denton Hall
(Auditorium)- Sale starting from 3:30 pm
Come and enjoy your Norwegian Heritage**

Cut off date for Reservations: November 13, 2007

Make checks payable to: VALHALL LODGE # 6-25

Name _____ Seating time _____ 4:pm _____ 6pm

Guest's names _____

I need reservations for: _____ Adults _____ Children/Student members

Amount Check Enclosed _____

How many for _____ Salmon _____ Baked Ham

Mail this Form and Check to:

Judy Sawyer

5443 Forbes Ave. SD CA 92120

619-583-0859

You may pay at the Door, but PLEASE PHONE RESERVATION AHEAD!

Proposed Slate of Officers Valhall Lodge for 2008

Note: Names in bold are new volunteers to position, others are incumbents.

President	Jurolf (Jerry) Oen
Vice President	Rick Hausvik
Counselor	Helga Moore
Secretary	Amelia Seeto
Asst. Secretary	Judith Johnson
Financial Secretary	Aprrell Waymire
Treasurer	Don Lesney
Social Director	Judy Sawyer
Asst. Social Dir	LaVonne Coover (New Position)
Cultural Director	Sven Olson
Marshal	Don Balmer
Asst. Marshal	Ron Thomas
Greeter	Lou Coover
Greeter	Raymond Johnson
Historian	Lorraine Tucker
Librarian	Lorraine Tucker
Editor	Arlene LaBree
Circulation Editors	Roger McCollough Patricia McCollough
Foundation Director	Charles Gorder
Publicity Director	Jean Shogren
Trustee	Ingrid Lindgren
Youth Director	Ellen Spitzer
Auditors	Allen Johannesen Thelma Johannesen
Corporation Directors	Allen Johannesen Ola Brevig

Grieg Concert at Valhall Nov. 5th

2007 has been designated 'Grieg Year' in Norway. In order to end the year on a proper note, Helen Seiler is going to perform some lesser known Grieg music on the piano at the Lodge Meeting on Monday, **November 5th.**

Please come and enjoy this exciting cultural feature that has been planned for you. Bring your friends!"

Lodge Officers for 2007

President	Jurolf (Jerry) Oen	858-549-1530
Vice-President	Allen Johannesen	858-452-1797
Counselor	Helga Moore	619-298-0390
Secretary	Kay Wolner	619-692-9584
Assist. Secretary	James Wolner	619-692-9584
Financial Secretary	Aprrell Waymire	619-276-3809
Treasurer	Don Lesney	619-465-3686
Social Director	Judy Sawyer	619-583-0859
Cultural Dir.	Karin Brevig	858-755-9444
Asst. Cultural Dir.	Sven Olsen	760-735-6171
Marshal	Richard Hausvik	619-579-5447
Asst. Marshal	Douglas Swenson	858-488-7347
Greeter	Don Balmer	619-466-2179
Greeter	Raymond Johnsen	858-459-5430
Historian	Lorraine Tucker	760-233-5034
Librarian	Lorraine Tucker	760-233-5034
Musician	Joyce Olsen	760-735-6171
Editor	Arlene LaBree	858-271-8709
Circulation Editors	Bonita Holsbo	619-562-3049
Foundation Director	Charles Gorder	619-287-3559
Publicity Director	Mary DeNino	858-271-8884
Trustee (1 years)	Ingrid Lindgren	858-277-3376
Trustee (2 years)	Everett Shogren	619-287-6056
Trustee (3 years)	Ola Brevig	858-755-9444
Youth Director	Ellen Spitzer	619-444-9077
Sports Director	vacant	
Auditors	Allen Johannesen	858-452-1797
	Thelma Johannesen	858-452-1797
	Sven Olsen	760-735-6171
Corporation Directors		
	Don Lesney	619-465-3686
	Sigurd Stautland	619-299-9237
Corporation Officers		
President	Ola Brevig	858-755-9444
Vice President	Allen Johannesen	858-452-1797
Secretary	Everett Shogren	619-287-6056
Treasurer	Jurolf (Jerry) Oen	858-549-1530





Gratulerer Med Dagen!

November Birthdays

- 1 Lorraine Hurst
- 2 Kristine Thrailkill
- 7 Mildred Wright
- 8 Ruby Johnson
- 9 Charles Gorder, Sr
- 10 Graydon Anderson
- 11 Laurel Litchfield
- 12 Carmen Cleary
- 13 Rhonda Brevig
- 14 Philip Hinshaw
- 15 Rebecca Bourdage
- 15 Frank Burstrom
- 15 Arline Haugen-Hales
- 16 Merritt Lars Hougen
- 16 Richard Massa
- 17 Della Newman
- 21 Agnar Eike
- 23 Matthew McMillan
- 24 J. Helen Sorensen
- 25 Joyce Olsen
- 25 Kristen Winterhouse
- 27 Margaret Bly
- 27 Laura Wendling
- 29 Mary Embertson



Happy Anniversary

11/2 Jacob & Mary Hovland
11/30 Louis & Virginia Amundson

Welcome New Members

Flora L. Olsen
2323 Calle Corta
La Jolla, CA 92037
858-459-1122
Recommended by Jurolf Oen

Amelia G. Seeto
5213 Mt. Alifan Drive
San Diego, CA 92111
ameliaseeto@hotmail.com
Recommended by Lorraine Tucker

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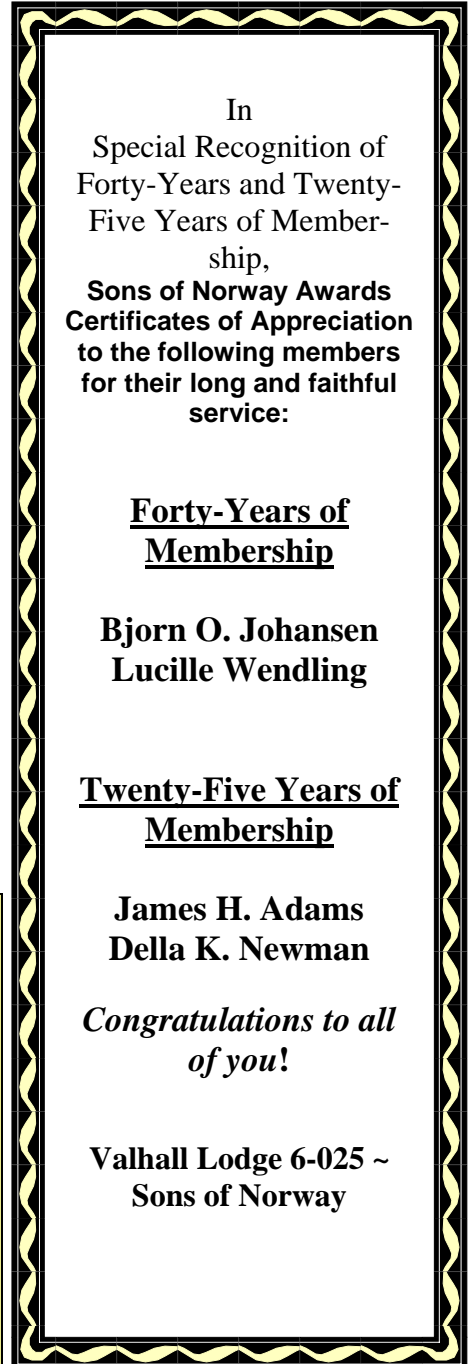
The next Valhall Viking newsletter is a combined December/January issue.

**There will be no separate
January newsletter**

**Deadline for the newsletter is
November 15th**

Please send announcements/articles for December and January at that time.

Thanks,
Arlene LaBree
valhallnews@san.rr.com



In
Special Recognition of
Forty-Years and Twenty-
Five Years of Member-
ship,
**Sons of Norway Awards
Certificates of Appreciation**
to the following members
for their long and faithful
service:

Forty-Years of Membership

**Bjorn O. Johansen
Lucille Wendling**

Twenty-Five Years of Membership

**James H. Adams
Della K. Newman**

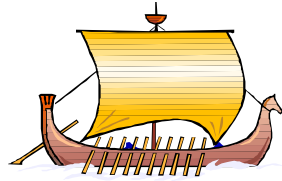
*Congratulations to all
of you!*

**Valhall Lodge 6-025 ~
Sons of Norway**



Happy Thanksgiving!

Ladies of Valhall LOV notes..



Next meeting November 3, 2007, 9 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant in Fletcher Hills.
Hostesses: Joyce Oen and Millie Wright.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the president. Twenty-six members were present at the October meeting plus 2 guests, namely Juanita Griebel and Carol Amundsen.

Carol came with her mother, Virginia Amundsen, member of LOV for many years. Everyone loved to see Virginia again, since she has not been able to join us for quite some time. Actually, it is very heartwarming to have such a good turnout at our meetings. It is great to see every one of you!

The hostesses had decorated the tables with Halloween scarecrows that were raffled off at the end of the meeting. There were 7 lucky winners. Thank you for a great job, hostesses!

Anne Hoidal announced the slate of officers for 2008. Election will be at the November meeting. By the time you read this newsletter there will be only a couple of weeks before "Lille Butikken", which the lodge graciously lets us set up in connection with the salmon dinner. The ladies will be busy from now on baking and ordering food items that will appeal to the Norwegian palate. Also on display and for sale will be several Norwegian items that have been donated to us. Joyce Oen, the chairperson for "Butikken", and her co chairperson, Millie Wright, are working very hard to make this year's event a success, and I know it will be! Please stop by and see what we have to offer this year.

The same two ladies, Joyce and Millie, are responsible for the Christmas luncheon, which will be on Sunday December 2. There will be a flyer in this newsletter about the luncheon, place, price, etc. If you have joined us previous years you know how much fun we have, so please come again!

The person "behind the scene" for this year's luncheon is Marlene Lesney. We asked Marlene early on

if she would come up with a program for us, and she has. She has worked on this since early summer, and we know it is going to be great, because we have experienced Marlene's programs before, and we know that they are enjoyable and unique. Thank you for doing this for us, Marlene. I hope it has not worn you out completely.

Millie and Joyce are also hostesses for the November meeting. These ladies do not know how to say no!! Hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving!

LOV President Ingrid Lindgren.



SERVICES DIRECTORY

Financial Benefits Counselor

Vickie Woodruff
(858) 232-0247

Language Instructor

Erling Nyhammer
(619) 448-4217

Telephone Committee

Helen Seiler
(858) 453-3175

Sunshine Committee:

Chairperson, LaVonne Coover
(619) 264-9486

Blood Bank Representative

LaVonne Coover
(619) 264-9486

Video Presentations:

Language Club

Erik Nilsen
(858) 292-9417



Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Business Meeting October 1, 2007

Meeting opened at 7:35 P.M.
Allen Johannesen presided over the business meeting in the absence of Jerry Oen.
Sig Stautland served as temporary Vice President.
Everett Shogren presided as Financial Officer.

VISITORS

Amelia Seeto.

MEMBERSHIP

Aprell Waymire presented applications for two new members:

Amelia Seeto, recommended by Lorraine Tucker

Flora L Olson, recommended by Jerry Oen

Both applications were approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved as printed in the *Valhall Viking*.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence for the month.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Ingrid Lindgren (serving for Judy Sawyer) reported on the Heritage Dinner; she reported that the event was a great success.

Sven Olson expressed gratitude for all those who displayed Norwegian crafts and art works at the dinner.

NEWS LETTER

No report

LIBRARY

No report

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

LaVonne Coover sent get-well cards to the following people:

- Ivan Jensen
- Carmen Cleary
- Becky Bourdage

Condolences were sent the families of:

Judge John Rhodes
Helen Tubb

BLOOD BANK

LaVonne again reminded everyone of the benefits of donating blood at the Blood Bank

YOUTH

Ellen Spitzer reminded members that the Krestevenne would have many activities geared toward children, games, prizes etc.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Helga Moore outlined the progress being made by the committees preparing for the 2008 International Convention. She believes everything is progressing on schedule.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The slate of prospective officers for 2008 as read by Everett Shogren, Nominating Committee Chairman:

:
President- Jerry Oen (Incumbent)
Vice-President- Richard Hausvik

Counselor- Helga Moore (Incumbent)

Secretary- Amelia Seeto

Asst. Secretary- Judith Johnson

Financial Secretary –Aprell Waymire (Incumbent)

Treasurer –Don Lesney (Incumbent)

Social Director- Judy Sawyer (Incumbent)

Asst. Social Directory –LaVonne Coover

Cultural Director –Sven Olsen (Incumbent)

Marshal – Don Balmer

Asst. Marshal- Ron Thomas

Greeter – Lou Coover

Greeter- Raymond Johnson (Incumbent)

Historian –Lorraine Tucker (Incumbent)

Librarian – Lorraine Tucker (Incumbent)

Editor- Arlene La Brie (Incumbent)

Circulation- OPEN

Foundation Director- Charles Gorder (Incumbent)

Publicity Director –Jean Shogren (Incumbent)

Trustee – Ingrid Lindgren (Incumbent)

Youth Director – Ellen Spitzer (Incumbent)

Auditors –Allen Johannesen

Auditor- Thelma Johannesen
Sven Olsen

Corporation Director- Allen Johannesen

Corporation Director- Ola Brevig

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Aprell Waymire and Everett Shogren (serving for Don Lesney) gave their respective reports.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sven Olson reported that Jerry Oen was in Wisconsin due to the death of his brother.

Joyce Olson reported a good turnout for the women's vocal group. All women interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend the next meeting at 5:00 p.m. prior to the November 5 meeting.

Next meeting, November 5, 2007 at 7:30 P.M.

A board meeting will be held on November 13, at 7:00 P. M.

Number in attendance, 44
Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

CULTURE PROGRAM

Sven Olsen presented a slide show of churches in Norway that he has visited over the years. He emphasized the remarkable diversity of the various architectural styles.

Kay Wolner
Secretary

New Membership Directory 2008

Help make our 2008 Membership Directory accurate. Please send me your latest address, phone number and email if they have changed over the year.

We would really appreciate having an email address for all members. If we don't have yours yet, would you please send it to the editor?

Thanks for your help

Arlene LaBree
valhallnews@san.rr.com



Valhall's Newsletters

Are you missing your newsletter?
Or you got one and its lost?

You can always see the latest newsletter on Valhall's Website:
Www.lodgeofvalhall.com

There are also flyers for the latest socials and Norwegian events happening around San Diego.

There is a section for members to list their own websites, although I have only one entry there now. Email me your website address and I will put it in.

Please let me know if there is anything else you would like to see on the website.

Thanks, Arlene
valhallnews@san.rr.com

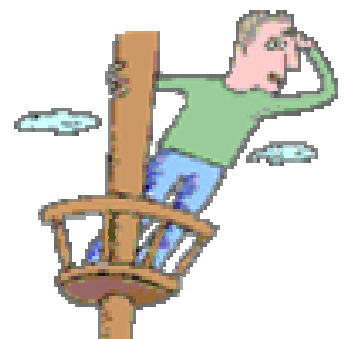
Norway—Popular Cruise Destination

In the last seven years, the number of tourists visiting Norway via cruise ship has more than doubled. By the end of this year, around 370,000 guest will have visited the country. The Nordic Sea is considered to be one of the safest places to vacation, attracting more tourists each year. The increase in traffic is spurring calls for improved terminals in Oslo, as it is becoming an increasingly popular cruise starting point.

Other Norwegian cities have also become popular ports of call, including the west coast city of Alesund. Alesund alone received 68 cruise ship calls this past summer and fall, with a total of 60,000 pas-

sengers. That's up 35 percent from last year. Cruises in northern Norway around Lofoten, Tromso, and Svalbard also have been expanded.

*Fra Norwegian American Weekly,
Sept. 28, 2007*



Don't miss it!

Holiday shop at the

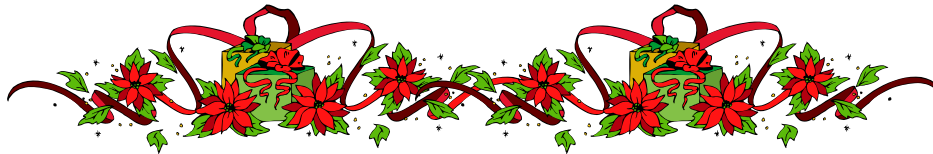
Ladies of Valhall

Annual Lille Butikken

Our ladies have been very busy putting together Norwegian items, as well as fresh baked Norwegian cookies and breads.

Date: November 17, 2007, starts at 3:00 pm

Location: The Lille Butikken will be held at the Lodge on the evening of the Salmon Dinner.



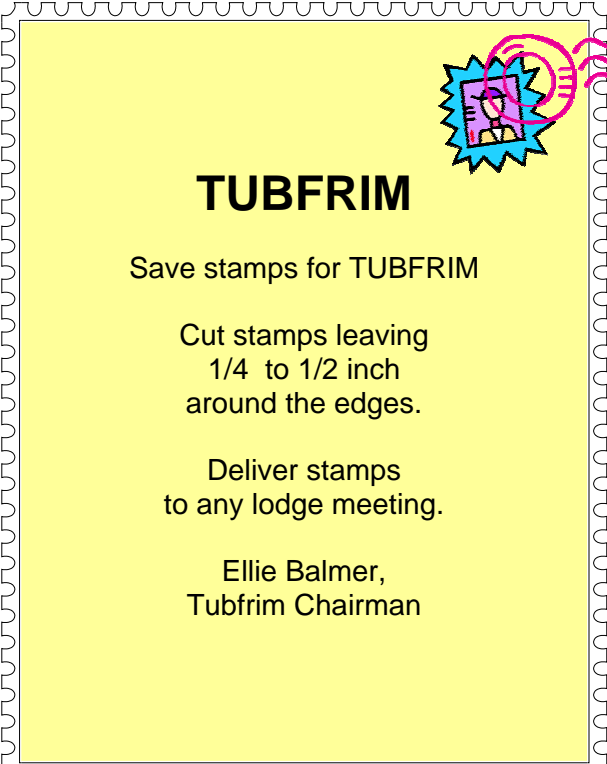
HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

FREE for children / grandchildren age 15 and younger who have at least one parent / grandparent that is a Sons of Norway member.

Heritage Members receive a quarterly newsletter "Viking for kids" with lots of fun activities and information on Norway, past and present, and their very own membership card. "Viking for kids" also includes a Pen Pal Club, brief language lessons, and features such as what's "cool/hot/not" among Norwegian kids.

Please sign up your children / grandchildren today so they can begin enjoying the benefits of this FREE membership and start learning about their Norwegian heritage.

Contact Aprell Waymire via e-mail at aprellw@aol.com to receive an heritage membership application.



TUBFRIM

Save stamps for TUBFRIM

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

Deliver stamps
to any lodge meeting.

Ellie Balmer,
Tubfrim Chairman



Ladies of Valhall
Cordially invite all ladies to their
Annual Christmas Luncheon & Program
“Jingle All The Way”

Sunday, December 2, 2007 Registration: 12 noon Seating: by 12:30 p.m.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA

LOV members: \$25.00 Guests: \$27.00

Advance reservations with remittance required before November 23, 2007

Please send this section with your remittance

Please make checks payable to LOV and mail to:
Millie Wright, 14215 Pecan Park Lane, Space 5A, El Cajon, CA 92021

I Plan to attend the luncheon and there will be a total number of _____ people in my party.

I am enclosing a check for the amount of \$ _____

My Name _____ Menu Preference _____

Guest Name _____ Menu Preference _____

Guest Name _____ Menu Preference _____

Guest Name _____ Menu Preference _____

Valhall Cultural Classes

Norwegian Genealogy

November 8, 2007

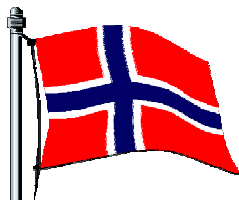
The Norwegian Genealogy Group will continue to meet on the second Thursday of every month (except for July and December) at the Family History Center, 4195 Camino Del Rio South from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each meeting includes a class or presentation on some aspect of Norwegian Genealogy or History,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

In October, we started the discussion on how our Norwegian Ancestor Emigrants became American Immigrants. A major part of this discussion is the long journey across the Atlantic Ocean aboard the many ships in service. At the October meeting, Susan Cody provided us with an overview of these ships. In our November 08 meeting, Jack Thompson will discuss how to find our ancestor immigrants on Individual Passenger Lists.

Everyone interested in Norwegian genealogy and history is welcome to attend our meetings. (No charge) For more information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Jerry Oen at jurolf@aol.com, or call 858 549 1530.

Also in November, you may be interested in a presentation of "The Black Death and Norway: Biology and History" by Barbara Hemmingsen, Professor of Microbiology, Emerita, San Diego State University and Oddvar K Hoidal, Professor of History, Emeritus, San Diego State University. The presentation will be on Friday, November 16, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at The Hall of Nations, House of Pacific Relations, Balboa Park. Suggested Donation \$10.00. Refreshments served. For additional information contact Lizzie E. Riiber (619) 523-8822.

Vennlig Hilsen,
Jurolf "Jerry" Oen
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.

Norwegian Classes

If you would like to learn how to speak Norwegian—classes will be starting soon with instructor Erling Nyhammer.

They will start September 11, 2007 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in North Park. The classes will start at 6:30 PM. We will go in 8 weeks sessions. If we have enough people show up, we might have classes on Wednesday also. If there is any questions call Erling Nyhammer at 619-448-4217 or Email at Enyhammer@cox.net



Sons of Norway Mission Statement

..The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

SON Fall Frenzy

Let this fall mark your commitment to membership by participating in Sons of Norway's Fall Frenzy! For every three qualifying members you recruit from September 1st, 2007 through December 31st, 2007, you'll receive a chocolate surprise for your efforts.



Take advantage of the socials, classes and other activities the lodge puts on in the autumn to attract new members. Be on site and ask newcomers to join on the spot. We need your help to reach our goal with membership.

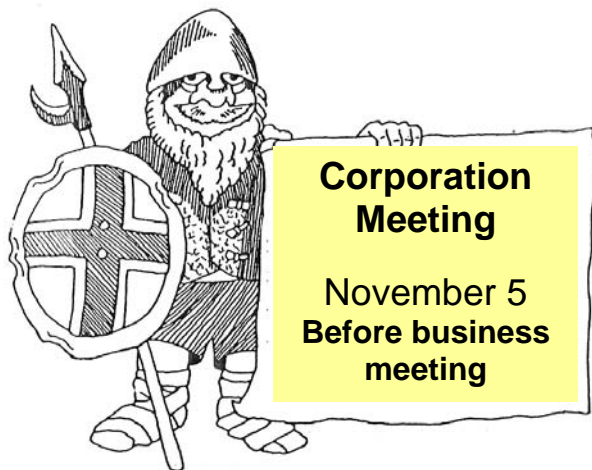
Remember: every member you sign up during the Fall Frenzy also qualifies you for an entry into the Norwegian Experience contest, as well! A full description of what qualifies a newly recruited member for this contest is below.

Take part in the Fall Frenzy. Remember, recruiting members is as easy as just asking!

Contest Guidelines

- Recruiters must be current members of Sons of Norway
- New members must be dues-paying members.
- To qualify for entry, membership applications for new members, with the recruiter's member number indicated, must be received at Sons of Norway Headquarters by December 31, 2007.

For more information visit
www.sonsofnorway.com



Norway in Red, White and Yellow?

Imagine children dressed for Syttende Mai in black, white and gold. or a victorious Norwegian skier crossing the finish line waving a pirate flag with a red cross on a black field. These scenes could have been reality if the Norwegian parliament had not chosen the flag we know today from the 20 proposals brought forward in 1821. Most of the rejected flags are kept in the parliament's archives.

It was Fredrik Meltzer, a member of parliament for Bergen, who proposed a cross flag with something red from Denmark, something blue from Sweden and freedom's white color. Another politician also proposed a cross flag, but wanted a white cross on a dark blue field with gold edging. Captain Lundh, a government official, proposed a square flag with dark blue and yellow patches and the national coat of arms placed in the middle. The people of Grimstad sent in a design in red and white, also with the coat of arms in the middle – not unlike today's flag for the Fredrikstad soccer team.

Meltzer's design was approved by a strong majority. The Swedish king, then regent of Norway, approved the decision, but later decided that the new flag could only be used in waters north of Cape Finisterre in Spain. Everywhere else, the king declared, Norwegian ships must bear a version of the new flag with Swedish colors incorporated in the upper left corner. This was meant to protect Norwegian ships from North African pirates, with whom the Swedish crown had a treaty. This amended flag became known as sildesalaten ("the herring salad") because of the mix of colors. Once Norway ended the union with Sweden in 1905, the original three color flag was hoisted once again. You can see more rejected flags here:

<http://www.dagbladet.no/magasinet/2007/05/14/500608.html>

Adapted from Dagbladet.no



THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER OF THE NORSE FEDERATION

Presents

THE BLACK DEATH AND NORWAY: BIOLOGY AND HISTORY

**Barbara Hemmingsen, Professor of Microbiology, Emerita
San Diego State University**

Oddvar K. Hoidal, Professor of History, Emeritus

San Diego

State University



Theodor Kittelsen, "The Pest in the Stairs" ("Pesta i trappen")

The bubonic plague epidemic of 1349 had a lasting impact on Norwegian society. Professor Hemmingsen will discuss how the disease was spread and how it affected its victims biologically. Professor Hoidal will discuss how Norway's history was changed as a result of the Black Death.

DATE: Friday, November 16, 2007

Location: The Hall of Nations, House of Pacific Relations, Balboa Park

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Donation: \$10.00

Supported by the House of Norway, House of Pacific Relations

For Additional information please contact Lizzie E. Riiber, (619) 523-8822

Refreshments will be served

San Diego Fire Storm 2007

Hope this newsletter reaches you in your own home, safe and sound. For many people in San Diego, the recent fires have turned their world upside down

Our own lodge president, Jurolf Oen. and his wife Joyce had to be evacuated from their Scripps Ranch home shortly after returning from the Kretsstevne — lucky for them the fire did not reach their area.

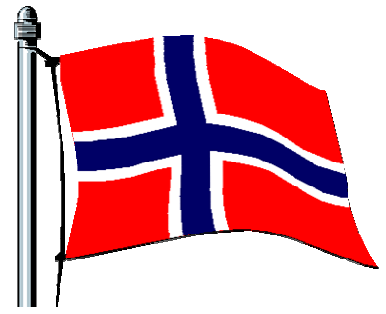
This newsletter was delayed with all the problems brought on by closing businesses, road closures, etc. Your editor provided a home for a family that got evacuated because of the fire, and they were lucky to have a home to return to also. The wife was very pregnant and indeed had a healthy baby on October 27, shortly after returning home.

The District 6 president, and Valhall Lodge, would like to know if you or your family has been affected by the fire. If you know of a member who has been affected by the fire, please let us know. Email your story or just a short note, to the editor at valhallnews@san.rr.com or mail it to:
Arlene LaBree, 11128 Blythe Rd. San Diego, CA 92126
Below is a picture of San Miguel Mountain, taken by a resident during the recent fire.



Learn to Read Norwegian

Sons of Norway is proud to announce a brand-new member benefit, **Norwegian for Reading Comprehension**. This unique online course focuses on reading Norwegian for general understanding.



The program covers the many historical forms of the Norwegian language, and teaches innovative reading strategies for understanding anything from modern web pages to old immigrant letters.

The lessons can be accessed online, by going to the Sons of Norway website: www.softn.com. You need to sign in as a member, then click on **Member Resources** and then **Norwegian Language**. Norwegian for Reading Comprehension is best viewed using Firefox, or the most recent version of your web browser.

Norwegian for Reading Comprehension was written by Louis Janus of the Center for Advanced Research in Language Acquisition at the University of Minnesota and Sons of Norway Cultural Advisor Colin Keith Thomsen.

Don't Drink the Water in Oslo!

The Oslo Water Authority has asked all living in the capital city to boil tap water before drinking it. A small amount of dangerous parasites have been found in water test samples.

So far, no one has become sick from the parasites. It is still unclear how serious the parasite find is, and for how long a period the restrictions will be in force.

Fra NRK, Oct. 17, 2007

A Little in English...

Father's Day, second Sunday in November

Father's Day is a day of honor for fathers, a parallel to Mother's Day on the second Sunday in February. It is celebrated in Norway on the second Sunday in November, often by the father in the family receiving a little present.

It's an American "invention" that first hit the Nordic countries and Norway after World War 2. It is marked mostly by the commercial world which advertises for gifts for dad, ties, socks and underwear.

Litt på norsk...

Farsdag. Andre søndag i november

Farsdagen er en hedersdag for fedre, en parallell til morsdagen andre søndag i februar. Den feires i Norge den 2. søndagen I november, ofte ved at far i familien får en liten presang.

Farsdag er en amerikansk "oppfinnelse" som først slo gjennom i Norden og Norge etter 2. verdenskrig. Den markeres mest av handelsnæringen som reklamerer for gaver til far, slips, sokker og underbukser.



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".

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San Diego, CA

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Social Committees

NOVEMBER

Business Meeting
Salmon Dinner

Chair: Judy Sawyer

Asst: Karin Johannesen

Elka Adams—soup chef
Ellen Spitzer—soup chef
Don Amundson
Rebecca & Tom Bourdage
Thelma Hankins
Richard & Debra Hausvik
Ray Johnson
Larry Nelson
Jason & K'Lene Oen
Jerry & Joyce Oen
Larry & Helen Peterson
Charles Sundry
Kay & Jay Wolner

DECEMBER

Business Meeting
Christmas Party

Chair: Ellen Spitzer

Jackie & Jim Adams
Kirsten Anderson
Helen Andrewson
Kim & Bob Bardin
Don Bigler
Aprell Waymire
Maury, Graciela & Erica Lee
Ken & Lynn Lindebrekke
Matthew McMillan Spitzer
Laura Sutton



Moose Shenanigans

8/17/2007

Thousands of people in northern Norway were left without telephone and internet connections earlier this week after a clumsy moose destroyed a switching station.

A month before moose-hunting season started, one of the so-called “kings of the forest” launched a coincidental pre-emptive attack, hitting man where it hurts the most and disrupting his tools of communication.

The moose apparently ravaged the outdoor box containing key switching equipment on Tuesday, cutting telecommunications service to thousands of people in the district of Sør-Helgeland.

The “accident” cut telephone and broadband connections over a wide area, reported **Norwegian Broadcasting** (NRK). The switching station was quickly repaired, however, and all the telephone and broadband customers had their connections back in a short time, according to telecom company **Telenor**.

Fra Aftenposten, 8/17/07

Norway: Women Rule!

As a result of a cabinet reshuffle, there are now more women who are ministers than men in the Norwegian government, for the first time in history.

“This is a mile-stone in the history of women vs men in Norway”, said Norway’s Equality and Anti-discrimination ombudsman, Beate Gangås. Norway has been a pioneer country in regards to gender equality in politics and society in general.

Fra Norwegian American Weekly, 10/5/07.



Scenery in Norway

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CALENDAR

Woodcarving meets every Tuesday
See page 10 for details on classes

November

- 3 Sat Ladies of Valhall
- 5 Mon Business Meeting
Election of Officers
- 5 Mon Corporation Meeting before business mtg
- 8 Thu Genealogy
- 10 Sat Rosemaling
- 13 Tue Board Meeting
- 17 Sat Annual Salmon Dinner & Lille Butikken

December

- 1 Sat No Ladies of Valhall meeting
- 3 Mon Business Meeting
- 8 Sat Rosemaling
- 15 Sat Annual Christmas Party

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November 15

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