



1912—2015



**VALHALL
LODGE**

Meetings
at the
**East San Diego
Masonic Temple
7849 Tommy Drive
San Diego, CA
92119-1799**

www.lodgeofvalhall.com

www.sofn.com

Next Lodge Meeting
Mon June 1, 2015
7:00 pm

Syttende Mai Dinner
May 16, 2015

Newsletter Deadline:
May 23, 2015

Message from the President

Gratulerer med dagen is the phrase for May. Norwegian Constitution Day is celebrated by Norwegians worldwide. San Diego's Syttende Mai celebration in Balboa Park has even been on Norsk TV!!! Once again, there is a lot to do over the weekend of May 16th and 17th.

House of Norway will be open on Saturday, May 16th, and will be having a brief lawn program. The Seaman's Church from San Pedro will have their butikken there as well. On Saturday evening, Valhall Lodge will host their Syttende Mai Social, headed up by Marc Schaefer. On Sunday, the annual flag raising will be held at 9:00 AM in Sefton Plaza, followed by a reception at the House of Norway. And then at about 1:30, there will be a parade with music, and the lawn program, with lompe and American hot dogs, and ice cream, of course.

Hey, don't forget those Trollfjell camperships! They are available through District 6 and through Valhall Lodge. Get your applications in via the District 6 website. You can also use that application form for Valhall by printing out the form and submitting it to me via snail mail. Send your application, and we will "Show you the money!!!".

As you may have noted, our lodge membership is declining. When I first transferred to Valhall in the early 2000's, our membership was well above 300. We are currently numbered at about 250. It is our hope that our members can invite new members, so that our lodge will remain a vital and important part of the San Diego community. Fraternal organizations nationwide are having a difficult time thriving because of declining membership. At Sons of Norway conventions, across the board, lodges report that their membership numbers are declining, too. This is not a phenomenon exclusive to San Diego. It is so important that Valhall families encourage their children to become more active in the lodge, and that our members will involve others in our heritage and cultural endeavors, so that they will also become members of our lodge, and keep it strong.

Vennlig hilsen, *Susan Cody*



SONS OF NORWAY
VALHALL LODGE 6-25



SYTTENDE MAI DINNER

Saturday, May 16th 2015

East San Diego Masonic Temple
7849 Tommy Drive, San Diego CA 92119

Social Hour & Barnas Klubb 5:00 PM
Norwegian Woven Hearts



Dinner 6:00 PM

Menu

Pølse og Boller, Rømmegrøt og Spekemat,
Røkelakssmørbrød-Kyllingsalatsmørbrød ~ Skinkesmørbrød,
Rødkål, Grønn Salat, Bløtkake, Kransekake, og Iskrem

*Hot Dogs & Buns, Sour Cream Porridge & Cured Meat,
Smoked Salmon, Chicken Salad, & Ham Open Face Sandwiches,
Red Cabbage & Green Salad, Cream Cake, Wreath Cake, & Ice Cream*

After Dinner Entertainment by the



San Diego Mannskor



\$20 after May 10th and at the door

Children 12 and under Free

Early bird Special – \$18 received before May 10th

Wear a Bunad or “Rødt, Hvitt og Blått” (Red, White & Blue)!

*****PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 10th*****

Make checks payable to: VALHALL LODGE #6-25
GUEST NAMES(S) _____

Adults (\$20) _____

Children (\$) _____

Amount Check Enclosed \$ _____

Mail this FORM and check to Marc Schaefer at 6682 Del Cerro Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92120
or RSVP to Marc Schaefer marcpschaefer@gmail.com or (858) 880-5653

Women in Norway Have 3rd Best Ranking in World

In 2014, Norway fared well in the rankings for the Global Gender Gap Report, as determined by the World Economic Forum in Geneva, taking third place out of 142 countries. Scoring is based on five categories: economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival and political empowerment. In the category of educational attainment, Norwegian females were rated as having total equality at primary, secondary and tertiary education levels. Earned income, literacy and life expectancy rates were also deemed equal to that of men or better.

Norway's high ranking is a result of grassroots campaigns, government initiatives and quota systems. In 1978, Eva Kolstad was appointed the world's first Gender Equality Omsbud in Norway, whose responsibility was to work toward equality between women and men, specifically in regard to hiring.

Another tactic was to increase the presence of women in positions of power by making it a requirement as of 2006 for all publicly-held companies to have a minimum of 40% women on their board of directors, or face closure. State-owned firms were already required to have at least 45% female board representation. Norwegian equality minister at the time, Karita Bekkemellem, said that "More than half of the people who have business education today are women. It is wrong for companies not to use them. They should be represented." She added that she didn't want to wait 20 to 30 years for society to catch up. Currently state panels, committees and boards have only 38% female representation. Norway's largest company, Statoil, meets the 40% requirement. Six European countries have followed Norway's example and the European Union's parliament plans to require a 40% quota by 2020.

Gender Equality Rankings from the World Economic Forum: 1-Iceland 2-Finland

3-Norway 4-Sweden 5-Denmark

The United States ranked 20th on the list.

Lodge Officers for 2015

President	Susan Cody	619-303-5220
Vice-President	Marc Schaefer	858-880-5653
Counselor	Rick Hausvik	619-579-5447
Secretary	Janet Weber	858-484-3996
Assist. Secretary	VACANT	
Financial Secretary	Aprill Bigler	619-284-6221
Treasurer	Millie Wright	619-443-0942
Social Director	Judy Sawyer	619-993-9113
Assist. Social Director	Joyce Oen	858-271-6229
Cultural Director	Sven Olsen	760-735-6171
Assistant Marshal	Steve Rawlinson	619-275-1934
Assistant Marshal	Patrick Kearney	
Greeter	Lou Coover	610-264-9486
Historian	Jean Shogren	619-287-6056
Librarian	Else Ottesen	858-569-5960
Musician	Ragnhild Amble	619-465-7425
Editor	Arlene LaBree	858-271-8709
Assistant Editor	Amelia Seeto-Murguia	619-988-2452
Foundation Director	Rick Hausvik	619-579-5447
Publicity Director	Sven Olsen	760-735-6171
Youth Director	Ellen Spitzer	619-444-9077
Sports Director	Ellen Spitzer	619-444-9077
Trustee (3 years)	Raymond Johnsen	858-459-5430
Trustee (1 year)	Joyce Oen	858-217-6229
Trustee (2 years)	Judy Sawyer	619-993-9113
Auditors:	Allen Johannesen	858-452-1797
	Thelma Johannesen	858-452-1797
	Sig Stautland	619-299-9237
Corporation Directors		
	Andy Ueland	619-226-1946
	Don Balmer	619-466-2179
	Susan Cody	619-303-5220
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Happy Birthday
Gratulerer Med Dagen!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

4	Susan Hansen
4	Dale Roybal
10	Andrea Hale
13	Debra Hausvik
14	Amelia Murguia
15	Cynthia May
16	Arlene LaBree
16	William Stedham
18	Karina Maloney
22	Marie Olson-Weir
25	Mary Conklin
29	Marvin Holm
30	Magnhild Gilbertson
31	Rhona Gorder

In Memory Marvin Wig

It is with great sadness that I share with you the passing of Marvin Wig. Marvin's daughter, Beth Crizer, notified us that Marvin passed away on Sunday evening, April 19th, 2015. He was 90 years old.

Marvin was a long and faithful member of Sons of Norway and Valhall Lodge having joined in 1977. He had many friends at the lodge and attended many meetings and socials.

Marvin will be greatly missed by all his Valhall friends. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family. There is no obituary at this time, but if one becomes available it will be in the next newsletter.

Memorial Service:

Celebration of Marvin's life will be on June 6, 2015 at 10 am
Mount Miguel Covenant Village
325 Kempion St
Spring Valley, Ca

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the MMCV benevolence fund and sent to the above listed address in his honor.

Coming in 2015...



Barnas Klubb
Crafts, Cooking, & Culture
Valhall Lodge Kids Activities at Socials

**Free classes in Rosemaling
for Valhall members.**

Thursdays at 11:00am to 2:00pm
May 14 and May 28

MEETING AT CARMEN'S.FOR NOW.

Contact Instructor Carmen Cleary by phone at 619- 922-6071 or email carmencleary@gmail.com for more information.

Genealogy Explorers

3rd Saturday of Month at 10:30 to 12:00
June 20

The Genealogy group is moving its meetings to the Family History Library at 4195 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego 92108.

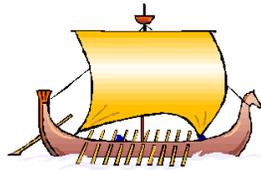
Because of all the activities for the Syttende Mai, there will not be a meeting on May 16. The next meeting will be June 20th.

For more information contact Linda Rawlinson at lcrawlinson@gmail.com or call (619) 275-1934



LOV NOTES

April 2015



Next Meeting: May 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant in Fletcher Hills.

Hostesses: Barbara Evje & Anita Reith

The Easter Bunny made an early visit to Denny's on Saturday. She left several potted flowers on the tables with Easter eggs in them. At each of the ladies' place setting they found a strawberry dipped in orange chocolate to resemble a carrot. The Easter Bunny also left white chocolate stirring spoons for us. We soon found out that Eldbjørg's daughter was responsible for making all of the Easter treats including a cupcake tree that held bunny decorated cupcakes for us. All were very tasty!

During the business meeting we discussed reviewing LOV's Standing Rules; and plans to celebrate LOV's 25th Anniversary next year. Tam Stautland reported that Dale had agreed to provide the program at our May meeting. I hope to inspire our members to do deeper genealogical research beyond the names, birth, marriage and death dates of their ancestor.

After lunch Anne introduced, her husband Oddvar Høidal, our guest speaker. May of this year is the 70th Anniversary of Quisling's death. Oddvar spent seventeen years researching Quisling that resulted in a nine-hundred page book that was more recently



*Dale Roybal, 2015
LOV President*

translated into English. His presentation gave us a shorter version on Quisling's life and insight into his effect on Norwegian history before, during and after World War II.

Our hostesses this month were Ragnhild Amble & Eldbjørg Backous. Lucky winners to take home the Easter flowers were: Else Ottesen, Chris Lelevier, Robin Lelevier, Jean Shogren, Joyce Oen, Anne Høidal, Tam Stautland and Malla Gilbertson.

Dale Roybal, LOV President



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Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: President Susan Cody called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

DRAPED IN HONOR: The Charter was draped in honor of David Weim (age 73) and Johan Ronningen, (age 100). Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the March newsletter were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Janet Weber reported that she received a note from the Foundation thanking Valhall Lodge for the donation from the Piggy Bank. Janet read a note from Vinland Lodge President Caronne Van Nyhuis, congratulating Valhall on its 103rd anniversary. It contained a check for \$25.

COMMITTEE and DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Aprell Bigler, Membership, reported that two members have joined online, they are JoAnn Khaleel and Myla Coleman.

Judy Sawyer, Social Director, reported that the Salmon Dinner social went very well, attended by 75, and Rachel and Sean, the Summer Januaries provided great music.

Judy reported that Marc Schaefer is the organizer of the 17th May Social. Else Ottesen added that Marc Schaefer needs more volunteers for planning and working on the 17th May social. Some who should be on the committee are not available to help. Let him or Judy know if you can help out.

The June lodge meeting will have ice cream and pie following the meeting.

Judy received a thank you note from Wendy Hovland-Henry for the March social. She will give the note to the secretary.

Ellen Spitzer, Sports Director, awarded two "Gangemerke" (walking) med-

als: bronze to Aprell Bigler and silver to Erik Nilsen. Erling Nyhammer earned 3 medals, but he wasn't at the meeting to receive them.

They will be presented to him at the next meeting. Rick Hausvik, Foundation, reminded us to feed the Piggy Bank which will be in the coffee area after the meeting. He informed us that "Priscilla and Porky" got married on February 14. There were 40 attendees and \$1200 was raised for the Foundation.

Allen Johannesen reported that the Corporation would hold a meeting following the lodge meeting.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORTS: Financial Secretary Aprell Bigler and Treasurer Millie Wright presented their respective reports. Millie reported that financial audits for the lodge and LOV have been finalized.

AWARDS:

President Susan Cody presented the following awards:

-Golden Membership (50 years) pin to Everett Shogren

-25 year membership pin to Kjell Holmes

She thanked them for their long and loyal service to Valhall Lodge. Raymond Johnson and Ingrid Lindgren have also earned 40 year membership pins.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rick Hausvik reminded the lodge that there are three half camperships available for Camp Norge this summer. So far, Lizzie Riiber's granddaughter has expressed interest in going and was given the information to apply for the campership. The 3 camperships includes 2 from Valhall Lodge and 1 from the Embertson Fund. Camperships are also available from Southern CA Past Presidents Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan Cody reported that we need some additional Marshall assistance. Steve Rawlinson was nominated to be an additional Marshall by Rick Hausvik. It was seconded by Erik Nilsen, and approved by the members.

Susan would also like to have a third Marshall as backup. If anyone is interested please let the board know and they can be trained.

Ellen Spitzer reported that her class won a "Smoothie Party" for having the most BoxTops for Education.

Funds from the BoxTops were used to purchase playground equipment for the students. Rick Hausvik reminded us to continue to give him BoxTops for Education.

Susan Cody reported that as Tubfrim Chairperson she will be giving several boxes of stamps to a representative of the Seaman's Church who will be in San Diego on May 16th at Balboa Park.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Erik Nilsen had 2 items to talk about, (a) He wondered if the new system of meetings is working out. Susan said there are many reminders of the schedule in the newsletter, but she was disappointed at the low turnout for the meeting. (b) He wondered if someone could mentor or further reach out to new members. Aprell added that a letter and welcome packet is sent to new members with lots of information. It was discussed that maybe the membership committee could explore new avenues to help membership.

Steve Rawlinson added that the website has a lot of information about the lodge and other district activities.

Arlene LaBree reminded members that the Genealogy group is meeting on the 3rd Saturday of April at 10:30AM.

Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2015

Lodge Minutes, cont.

Dale Roybal will be giving a talk at this meeting. She strongly encourages more members to attend.

Karin Brevig suggested that the lodge might consider having more potluck dinners at socials. It is much more reasonable and that might encourage more people to attend. Arlene added that the Lapskaus Social at Vinland Lodge had all the food cooked potluck style and it was very good and reasonably priced. Five members from our lodge attended. Judy added that this was a good idea and might work out for our September Heritage Social. Rick added that it can be discussed at the board meeting.

Aprell Bigler mentioned that Tamara Stautland met someone at a meeting who wants to donate an antique waffle iron. She has contact information for interested parties.

ADJOURNMENT: The next board meeting is the April 15 at 6:30 PM. The next social is May 16. On Sunday, May 17, The House of Norway will have a flag raising ceremony in the morning and the parade at 1:30. The next lodge meeting will be June 1 at 7PM.

There were 27 members present and the lodge meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janet Weber
Secretary
Valhall Lodge #6-25

Minutes of Valhall Corporation

Monday, April 6, 2015

The regular April meeting of Valhall Sons of Norway Inc. board was held after the April meeting of Valhall lodge No 6-025. It was called to order by President Allen Johannesen at 8:00pm.

Present: President Allen Johannesen, Treasurer Rick Hausvik, Secretary Aprell Bigler and Directors Don Balmer, Susan Cody and Andy Ueland. Vice President Sigurd Stautland was absent.

The minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 20, 2014 were read and approved.

The "2014 Fourth Quarter" treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1).The elections of Corporation Officers for 2015 were held and the results are as

follows:

President: Allen Johannesen
Vice President: Sigurd Stautland
Treasurer: Rick Hausvik
Secretary: Aprell Bigler

2).The recommendations for the 2015 charitable contributions were discussed and are as follows:

Mannskor	\$ 500
Sons of Norway Foundation	\$ 500
Grand Total	\$1000

Good of the Order: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next regular meeting of the Valhall Sons of Norway Inc. board will be on October 5th, 2015 at 6:30PM, just prior to the October Valhall lodge meeting.

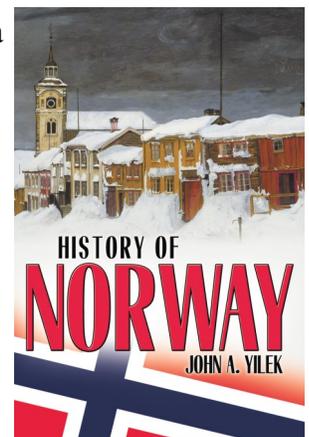
Respectfully submitted,
Aprell Bigler, Secretary, Valhall Sons of Norway Inc.

Norwegian History

American author John A. Yilek has written a new book called History of Norway, which clearly describes Norway's history from the Stone Age to the present day.

It is the first comprehensive history of Norway by an author from an English-speaking country in over 50 years. The book is filled with stories of Vikings, the sami, kings and queens, farmers and fishermen, the Black Death, the Reformation, Norwegian independence, emigration from Norway to America, polar explorers, World War II in Norway, and much more. It is available in paperback or ebook at bookstores, gift shops, and online booksellers.

The author teaches Norwegian history in the Mindekirken Norwegian Language & Culture Program in Minnesota.



The House of Norway, Balboa Park, International Cottages



May 16th Fete!

Come down and enjoy the fun!

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The Seaman's Church is bringing their store of special Norwegian products for sale:

Cheese, porridge, soups, candy, pickled fish, sauces, crackers, bread, souvenirs and more!

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Queen, Laura Williamson and Jr. Princess, Astrid Lunde will be representing The House of Norway.

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Doors will open at noon and our 1 hour lawn program with Norwegian entertainment will begin at 2pm.

Pastor Sverre Tofte from the Norwegian Seaman's Church-Los Angeles will start the program with a greeting and a song.



Syttende Mai * May 17th

Join us for flag raising and celebration of the Norwegian Constitution

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At Sefton Plaza, starting at 9am greetings will be given by Honorary Consul Gordon Kovtum, after which the flag will be raised as the National Anthems are sung.

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(Sefton Plaza is the west side of Laurel Street bridge, Balboa Park)
Directions: Take President's Way to Park Blvd. to A Street to 6th Ave
The bridge is open to pedestrian traffic and it is also possible to walk to the flag pole from the House of Norway.

Around 10am (conclusion of the ceremony) there will be refreshments on the lawn outside of The House of Norway.

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At 1:45p we will have a parade starting on the lawn, followed by entertainment from 2p-3p.

Minutes of the Valhall Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Call to Order:

Susan Cody called the meeting to order at 6:49 PM.

There were 13 board members present: they are listed at the end of the minutes.

Approval of Minutes:

The board meeting minutes from January, 2015 were approved as printed in the Valhall Viking, February 2015, Number 1.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: no report

Vice President: absent

Secretary: no report

Counselor: no report

Treasurer: Millie Wright reported the status of the lodge's expenditures and income. Millie reported that she has a \$25 check from Vinland Lodge, a gift for our anniversary, and she will deposit it in our account.

Social Director:

(1) Judy Sawyer reported that Marc Schaefer is in need

of more committee members for the May social and is looking for a few volunteers. Millie, Susan, and Janet said they could help out. Tickets will be \$18 if prepaid, and \$22 at the door. Sven Olsen is organizing the Mannskor for entertainment.

(2) Judy Sawyer will get a few helpers for the June meeting refreshments.

(3) Judy liked the idea Karin Brevig had at the last meeting about having a potluck, and that will be done for the Heritage Social in September. Members will be encouraged to bring Norwegian dishes. Joyce Oen suggested there be a \$5 charge for the social to cover the paper goods, etc that will be needed. Rick Hausvik added that he received a flyer from the Cultural Director of District 6 called "The Sweet Side of Norwegian Dessert" and this

might be interesting to look at. He gave the flyer to Judy.

(4) Rick reminded us that we need to invite Mr. Kelly to the Heritage Dinner.

Cultural Director:

(1) Sven Olsen reported that he is working on the cultural program for May and it will include the Mannskor and possibly a clarinet player. He is planning to start placing free postings in the publication 'Norwegian-American Weekly' about lodge events.

(2) Sven is working on the cultural program for the Heritage Dinner in September, and is considering having tables with displays and participation of some Norwegian crafts. This could include woodcarving and the basics of rosemaling. Rick mentioned that the Vice President of District 6 does woodchipping, possibly we could get her to visit and give a demonstration.

(3) Aprell discussed the rules about potential new members receiving a free meal at the Heritage Social if they are interested in joining the lodge and share personal information. Reimbursement requirements from Minneapolis were also discussed.

(4) Judy reported that Marc has some ideas about a membership drive, this will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Newsletter/website:

(1) Arlene reported that it is difficult to get members to submit their articles before the newsletter deadline each month.

(2) Steve Rawlinson reported that our website is looking good and the right sidebar has a lot of information about upcoming activities. The Sons of Norway website has been redesigned but is difficult to navigate, now they want web design advice from us!

Publicity: Sven Olsen mentioned again that he plans to submit free ads to the Norwegian-American Weekly publication for the Heritage Dinner. He will also submit something to the Viking.

Librarian: no report

Historian: absent

Sports Director: absent

Foundation: Rick Hausvik reported that we need to encourage more participation in the Foundation College Scholarship program. There were no applicants from Valhall and only 5 in the district. The District can provide three \$1000 scholarships. Information about this program is shared each year in the Valhall Viking.

Corporation:

Allen Johannesen reported that the Corporation held their meeting and elected officers, they are the same officers as last year.

Trustees: Joyce Oen reported that an inventory at the lodge needs to be done soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Rick and Aprell need to set a date to meet and review the Bylaws.

(2) There was general discussion about the poor attendance at the Monday evening lodge meetings. When we tried the Saturday meeting/social people thought it was too long of a day. There was discussion about how many annual meetings we are required to have, and the possibility of combining a very brief meeting within a social. Rick reminded us that our bylaws state that there must be a lodge meeting only when voting is required. Aprell will try sending out more reminders just before the Monday meetings. Susan added that this year is again a test year to try out this format.

Arlene thought the meeting might be

Board Minutes, cont.

more interesting with some type of cultural event. Judy added that there is a shortage of men to help with setting up and breaking down the tables. Rick thought we could have a little more food following the meetings to encourage fellowship after the meeting. Arlene added that many fraternal organizations are having membership problems like ours, and we need to look at the successful ones and learn from what they are doing. It is especially hard for young families and the elderly to attend evening meetings.

(3) Rick reported that the building manager at the Mason's Lodge wants our group to stay here, and the manager will discuss a reduced rate since we are using the lodge less frequently. For 2016 we will have to keep the same dates for our socials as the Lodge will be used for other events on the other Saturdays. We do not need to search for a new venue.

(4) We need to find out the deadline to apply for grants next year for equipment. We missed the deadline this year.

(5) There is no update on the tax status 501C3.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Millie asked if we voted yet on sending a check to the Century Club. This has not been done and Millie will take care of it. Our lodge is signed up as a Century Club member.

(2) Aprell said that the 990N form has been filed with the IRS for the Lodge and the Corporation. The D17 form has been filled out and sent to the home office. She thanked everyone for signatures on the document.

The following members were present at this board meeting: Susan Cody, Janet Weber, Rick Hausvik, Judy Sawyer, Arlene La Bree, Else Ottesen, Aprell Bigler, Millie Wright, Steve Rawlinson, Sven Olsen, Joyce Oen, Patrick Kearney and Allen Johannesen.

Adjournment:

The board meeting adjourned at 8:04PM. The next board meeting will be on July 15. The next lodge meeting will be on June 1 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janet Weber
Secretary
Valhall #6-25



At the April Lodge meeting, Susan Cody awards a certificate to Valhall member Everett Shogren for his new Golden Member status in Sons of Norway. Congratulations, Everett!



President Susan Cody at the April Lodge meeting awards a 25 year membership pin and certificate to Kjell Holmes. Congratulations, Kjell!!

Save the Date:

June 1 at 7:00pm at the lodge

Lodge Meeting followed by Pie and Ice Cream Social

DISTRICT SIX NEWS



If you have not heard the **BIG NEWS** yet,
here it is!

Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskole

Can you believe it? We will have two Camps in 2015 at Camp Norge. **Trollfjell Folkhøgskule** for 14-17 year olds will be July 6-11. This Camp will have classes in handverk (handwork), culinary arts and carpentry. There is a limit of only 18 campers. **Camp Trollfjell** for 8-13 year olds will run from July 12-25. Classes will again be in Rosemaling, Folk Dancing, Heritage, Crafts, and Norwegian Language. This year campers will learn money management with bank books, Norwegian Krone, a daily Kanteen for purchasing special treats, and much more authentic Norwegian food at mealtimes.

Executive Director, Erik Peters and Assistant Director, Clayton Davis are hard at work preparing fantastic experiences for our Heritage Members. For more information, check out the new District Six website-- www.sofn6.org

Camp Trollfjell, July 12-26, is in need of filling the following staff positions: Nurse, Rosemaling Instructor, Folk Dance Instructor, Chef and Assistant Chef. If you are interested in a position, please contact Erik at erik.peters@me.com.



Aprrell Bigler received a Bronze Walking Medal from Sports Director Ellen Spitzer at the April Lodge meeting. Congratulations Aprrell!



Erik Nilsen received a Gold Walking medal from Sports Director Ellen Spitzer at the April Lodge meeting. Congratulations, Erik!

TUBFRIM

Save stamps for
TUBFRIM

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

Deliver stamps
to any lodge meeting or
To Susan Cody



Celebrate Memorial Day at Camp Norge

May 23, 24 and 25th, 2015



The Recreation Center Board invites you to **Camp Norge** for a fun and relaxing three –day camping experience at your own recreation center, our “**Paradise in the Sierras.**”

Come Celebrate this true American Holiday with us. We have **exciting plans** for the weekend you won't want to miss!

- ◇ Beginning with an awesome museum field trip on Saturday
- ◇ A Craft Fair together with hosted Cocktail Party and Silent Auction on Saturday afternoon (please contact Penny to donate your silent auction items ASAP at pennykudsen@sbcglobal.net)
- ◇ An exciting hike to the river on Sunday
- ◇ But best of all come for the Big Surprise on Saturday!
- ◇

What could it be???
If you LOVE your camp
you will NOT want to
miss this!

Bring your tent or RV or call Sandy to reserve a room
at **(530)389-2508.**

Not familiar with the rooms or want to reserve a room on
Go to the website at www.campnorge.com

Delicious meals will be provided for he weekend and served
in the **Heritage Hall**. The usual amenities will be available:
swimming pool, horseshoe pit and the hiking trail and more!

We expect a big crowd so call and reserve early!!

See the lodgeofvalhall.com website for registration form.

Deadline for Registration is May 13, 2015



Sugar Cookie Dessert Pizza

Adapted from *allrecipes.com*

Crust

1/2 cup butter
 2 egg
 1 tsp. sugar
 1-1/4 cup flour
 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
 Cream butter and sugar. Add egg and mix well.
 Combine dry ingredients, then add to creamed mixture. Press cookie dough onto ungreased pizza pan.
 Bake 8-10 minutes.

Topping

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 8 oz. container Cool Whip, thawed
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 For topping, blend cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla.
 Fold in Cool Whip. Spread cream cheese mixture over cooled crust. Arrange fruit over cream cheese mixture. Chill and store in refrigerator.

Tips: Double recipe for 9 x 13 inch pan.
 Arrange red and blue berries on pie to make flag for 17th of mai.
 Shortcut: use prepackaged sugar cookie dough.



Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Social Committees

May 16 Syttende Mai Celebration

Chair: Marc Shaefer	Don Lesney
Else Ottesen	Barb Paulovich
Barbara Evje	Anne & Oddvar Høidal
Susan & Chuck Hansen	Eldbjørg Backous
Chris & Robin Lelevier	Collette Burgess

June 1 Ice Cream Social—follows lodge meeting

Thelma & Alan Johannesen	
Kaarina Koskinen	Kari Koskinen
Lillian Jansen	others may be added

July and August—no events

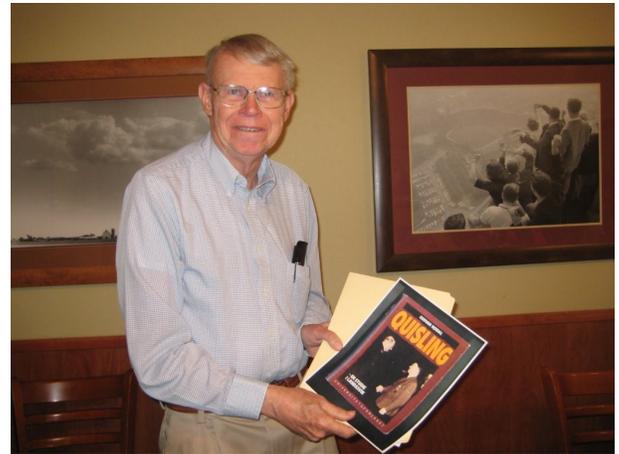


Pictured above is our hardworking Social Director Judy Sawyer and her hardworking assistant, Joyce Oen. They plan and organize events and supplies to make sure socials go smoothly. Tusen takk for doing such a great job!

All Around Valhall



Hostesses Eldbjorg Backous and Ragnhild Amble show the goodies they brought and served at the April LOV meeting. Strawberry carrots and bunny cupcakes. mmm



Author Oddvar Hoidal shared some history and insights on the life of Quisling at the April LOV meeting. He's holding a copy of the book Quisling that he wrote.



At the April meeting, Kjell Holmes, Everett Shogren and Valhall Secretary Janet Weber enjoy some social time after the meeting. .



At the April meeting, it was a pleasure to see long time members Karin and Ola Brevig.



Steve Rawlinson

The Marshal Team Valhall has two new Assistant Marshals this year, Steve Rawlinson and Patrick Kearney.

Patrick was elected in December and Steve was elected in April.

Thanks for volunteering!
Good luck and have fun.



Patrick Kearney

Three Stave Churches Facing Possible Closure

Stave churches are an iconic part of Norway's cultural identity. A surviving testament into Medieval European architecture. Norway's most popular stave churches receive thousands of visitors each year. Yet, three of the countries lesser known churches may be facing closure or sale this year due to financial hardship.

A Norwegian volunteer association called the Society for the Preservation of Norwegian Ancient Monuments operates the stave churches at Torpo, Nore and Uvdal—in addition to five others. The organization, which was founded in 1844 with the goal of preserving Norway's heritage, owns more than 40 properties and over the years has counted among its membership distinguished artists, historians and members of the monarchy.

Although the care of eight churches is entrusted to the society, the churches themselves are privately owned and no public sector funding is given to the society to maintain them. In an interview with Aftenposten, the society's Secretary General Ola H. Fjeldheim stressed the critical nature of the churches operations saying, "We need funds to operate reasonably and responsibly. Therefore we're evaluating the closure of Nore, Uvdal and Torpo stave churches this summer, all of them in Buskerud County. They're the churches that have operated with the biggest losses."

Outfitted with some of the finest and well-preserved interiors the Nore, Uvdal and Torpo churches lie some distance from typical tourists destinations in Norway and visitation to the sites is significantly lower than that of their counterparts. In addition, the churches have also required significant funds to protect them against fire.

While earlier attempts to secure additional support through the state's Ministry of Culture have been denied, members of Norway's Parliament have since pledged to investigate sources of state and local support for the churches over the course of the year.

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CALENDAR

MAY

2	Sat 9am	Ladies of Valhall
14	Thur 11	Rosemaling
16	Sat 1030	Genealogy
16	Sat 5pm	17th of Mai Social
28	Thur 11	Rosemaling

JUNE

1	Mon	Lodge Meetig
6	Sat	Ladies of Valhall
11	Thu	Rosemaling
20	Sat	Genealogy
25	Thu	Rosemaling



Hurrah! Syttende Mai!

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