

Valhall Viking

VALHALL LODGE 6-25

SAN DIEGO, CA

February 2018, #1

Message from the President

Happy February to all of you. I hope that your holidays were joyful, and that at least some of the “busy-ness” is over for a bit.

Many members have been expressing concern regarding the increase in membership dues. I have gotten more information, and would like to share it here.

Historically, dues have been different for every lodge. Here is an example: If a prospective member at Høstfest in North Dakota was interested in what the dues were for a particular lodge near them, the Sons of Norway representative would need to search through a large book, find the pertinent lodge and tell the person what the dues were for that lodge. Now, the rates will be the same across the USA. This issue was presented at the 2014 International Convention in Florida, and approved at the 2016 International Convention in Tacoma, WA.



Single dues for our lodge have been \$47.50. When your membership comes due for renewal, the fee will be \$60.00. Sons of Norway realizes that this is quite a jump, but the lodges and the districts will benefit from the increase. Currently, Valhall Lodge receives \$5.00 per member in dues rebate from Minneapolis. With the dues increase, our lodge will now receive \$14.00 per member. Dues from Minneapolis to the District are also increasing, which benefits Camp Norge, as well as the district. Family dues are increasing to \$95.00, with \$28.00 coming back to Valhall, as well as an increase to the District. Another great thing about the new dues structure is that we are able to make monthly automatic payments of \$5.00 for single membership, and \$8.00 for family membership, with automatic renewal each year. So, as you see, even though our dues are increasing, they will also benefit our Lodge, District 6, and Camp Norge.

Please go to https://www.sofn.com/simplified_dues_structure/ for complete information about the new dues structure. It is my express hope that all of our members will continue to participate in our Lodge, and help us continue to bring Norwegian culture and heritage to San Diego. Please let me, or any of the board members, know if you have any questions.

Vennlig hilsen,

Susan Cody



1912—2018

**VALHALL LODGE
6-25**

Meetings and Socials
at
**Ascension Lutheran
Church
5106 Zion Ave.
San Diego, CA 92120**

Upcoming Lodge Events

Lodge Meeting
Mon. Feb. 12, 2018
7 pm

Lodge Social
Lapskaus
Feb. 17, 2018

Newsletter Deadline:
Feb. 23rd, 2018

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Valhall Lodge 6-25
Ascension Lutheran Church
5106 Zion Ave.
San Diego, CA 92120

Lapskaus Dinner

Saturday
February 17, 2018

5-6 Social Hour

6:00 Dinner

Menu

Beef Lapskaus Stew
Cole Slaw
Bread
Dessert
Coffee

\$ 18.00 by Feb 13, 2018

\$ 20.00 after deadline or at door

Deadline: Feb 13, 2018

Member's Children/Grandchildren 15 and under Free
Please let Millie know if bringing children

Send -Email or call Reservations to:

Millie Wright

619-443-0942

Grandmom2DaCh@gmail.com

14215 Pecan Park Lane # 5A
El Cajon, CA 92921-2760

Valhall Calendar for 2018

Jan 8	Mon	Meeting/NO social
Feb 12	Mon	Meeting
Feb 17	Sat	Lapskaus Social
Mar 12	Mon	Meeting
Mar 17	Sat	Anniversary social Salmon Dinner
Apr 9	Mon	Meeting
Apr 21	Sat	Catered Dinner Social
May 14	Mon	Meeting
May 19	Sat	Syttende Mai Social
June 11	Mon	Meeting and Ice Cream/ No Social
July		No Meeting/No Social
Aug		No Meeting/ No Social
Sept 10	Mon	Meeting
Sept 15	Sat	Får i kål Social
Oct	Wkend	Kretsstevne, Social
Nov 12	Mon	Meeting
Nov 17	Sat	Lutefisk Dinner / Lille Butikken
Dec 10	Mon	Meeting
Dec	Sat	Jultrefest Christmas Party
Jan 14, 2019	Mon	Meeting
Jan 19 2019	Sat	Installation Social

Lodge Officers for 2017-2018

President	Susan Cody	619-303-5220
Vice-President	Vacant	
Counselor	Rick Hausvik	619-579-5447
Secretary	Janet Weber	858-484-3996
Assist. Secretary	Janet Coulon	619-319-0824
Financial Secretary	Aprell 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
Marshal	Maury Lee	619-476-1837
Assistant Marshal	Steve Rawlinson	619-275-1934
Greeter	Lou Coover	610-264-9486
Historian	Janet Coulon	619-319-0824
Librarian	Vacant	
Musician	Ragnhild Amble	619-465-7425
Musician	Joyce Olsen	760-735-8171
Editor	Arlene LaBree	858-271-8709
Assistant Editor	Steve Rawlinson	619-275-1934
Foundation Director	Rick Hausvik	619-579-5447
Publicity Director	Sven Olsen	760-735-6171
Youth Director	Myla Coleman	619-588-5783
Sports Director	Ellen Spitzer	619-444-9077
Webmaster	Steve Rawlinson	619-275-1934
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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President	Allen Johannesen	858-452-1797
Vice President	Sigurd Stautland	619-299-9237
Secretary	Aprell Bigler	619-284-6221
Treasurer	Rick Hausvik	619-579-5447





Happy Birthday
Gratulerer Med Dagen!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Anne K Høidal
6 Sue Fouquette
10 Sven Olsen
10 Donald Bigler
13 Margit Mena
14 Lizzie Riiber
16 James Adams
19 Kimberly Bardin
21 Bernt Erik Nilsen
22 Duane Haugen
25 Linda Diane Hess O'Dell
27 Victoria Cleveland
28 Lewis Johnson

New Member

Valhall welcomes new member Jacob Landers who joined online. Jacob lives in Imperial Beach. We hope to see Jacob at our upcoming events.

Scholarship Award

Heritage member Garrett Weir attended the January Lodge meeting with his mother, member Marie Weir. Garrett is the recipient of the Astrid G. Cates Educational Scholarship from Sons of Norway. He is attending Texas Christian University and was very appreciative of this award. Congratulations Garrett!



*Rick Hausvik, Garrett Weir and Susan Cody
at the January 2018 Lodge meeting*



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

Viking T-shirts by the Barnas Klubb



Logan and Dylan Colby

At Valhall's Jultrefest on December 9th, one of the fun activities for the Barnas Klubb was a t-shirt with a Viking design for the children to paint. The t-shirts were designed by Myla Coleman, Barnas Klubb Director. Due to facility limitations, this project was painted at home by the budding artists.

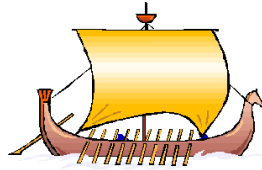
Dylan and Logan Colby (great nephews of Janet Weber) proudly model their finished t-shirts.

We hope others who have finished their t-shirts send pictures of them to Myla at mycokapi@yahoo.com so we can share them in the next newsletter.

Great job, Logan and Dylan

LOV NOTES

January 2018



Next meeting February 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Denny’s on Fletcher Parkway
Hostesses: Helen Johnson, Jean Shogren and Letty Cotta

Happy New Year!
There is a slight chill in the air as I write but we have also had some very warm days. I know our families in Norway and in other parts of the US would truly appreciate our balmy January weather.

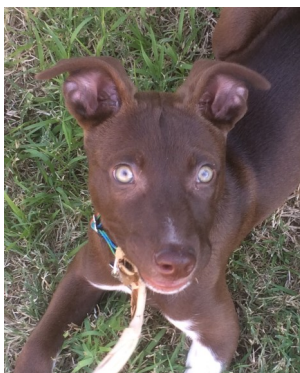
Wow, what a great Jultrefest in conjunction with the House of Norway; the room was packed, and the potluck was sensational. Our members can COOK! The youthful Santa was so kind to all the children who received their stockings (donated by the Ladies of Valhall), and the children enjoyed decorating cookies and foam ornaments.

I was a bit disappointed that the room set-up made us change the plan of having the kids paint at the event; we decided that we didn’t want to risk any paint spills on the church carpet so the kids took a t-shirt, paint and paintbrush to complete at home. Janet Weber sent a photo of her nephews with their unique creations. We’d love to see more so please feel free to email our newsletter editor or even better, bring your youthful artist to one of the upcoming lodge dinners.

I hope the New Year will bring new adventures for all of our members and their families. My husband and I adopted a puppy a few days before Christmas so we are now facing the challenges and joys of puppy parenthood.

Best wishes,

Myla



Thelma Johannesen shared a beautiful quilt she appliqued with the image of her dog at January’s LOV meeting. Amazing!



LOV guest Pat Ingram was brought to the January meeting by Janet Michka and Wilma Springer.



Anne Høidal and Tam Stautland hold up Norwegian weaving from Anne’s collection at January’s LOV meeting.



Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: President Susan Cody called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM. This was a later start than usual as the Mannskor entertained us with a lovely Christmas concert before the meeting.

DRAPED IN HONOR: The charter was draped in honor of Chuck Gorder. He passed away at the age of 92, and his Memorial Service will be on January 5, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church. We extend our deepest condolences to the Gorder family.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The November lodge meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the December Valhall Viking #10.

VISITORS: Ben Trovatn, a singer with the Mannskor, stayed for our meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Danny Keiller joined online.

COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Social: Susan, reporting for Judy Sawyer, thanked everyone for their help with the November's Salmon Dinner, and Juletreffest in December, both of which went very well. There is still a little lutefisk for sale to anyone who wants it.

Newsletter: Arlene reported that she had a difficult time with the last newsletter as her computer crashed/died last month. She now has a new computer and is back up and running. She informed us that this will be her last year as editor of the newsletter. She wanted to let us know early, and will help train the replacement editor. Susan added that she wants to establish a nominating committee in January so there will be plenty of time to find replacements for lodge positions.

Website: Steve reported that the website fee is up for renewal. Google suggests that we use a more secure system which would cost \$1/month more than the current plan, with a 36 month

agreement and certificate. We are on the cheapest plan, and should consider an upgrade. This will be discussed further at the January board meeting. Meanwhile, Steve is researching the matter.

Youth: Myla reported that the Youth T-shirts were well received at the Juletreffest Social. She ordered 24 youth shirts, and has only one Youth XL shirt remaining! Since space was limited, and the nave area was carpeted, she sent each child home with shirt, paints and brushes so they could decorate them at home. She used the T-shirt Mart in El Cajon and was pleased with the product. She is currently taking orders for Adult T-shirts. Red seems to be a popular color, and she is still deciding on the design, some folks have expressed preference for the kids design.

Sports: Ellen reported that she will present medals at the next meeting.

Sunshine: Wendy reported that she sent a condolence card to Charles Gorder's family.

OLD BUSINESS:

Susan reported that after the meeting with the pastor and council members of the church, no agreement could be made to lower the monthly rate increase. They will charge us \$250 for January, than \$600/month starting in February 2018. They felt the reduced January rate will cover as payment for the cabinets that we co-purchased with the church. Marc Schaeffer is actively searching other meeting place options. St. Andrews Church, among others, are being investigated.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

(1) Millie Wright presented both the Financial and Treasurer's Reports.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

(1) Steve Rawlinson shared that Patrick Kearny sends his regards from Alaska. Patrick currently attends Sons of Norway at the Juneau Lodge near where he lives.

(2) Judy reported that she has a small amount of frozen Lutefisk for sale. Sven was immediately interested, and a deal was made on the spot!

(3) Millie reported that very few people have been using PayPal for reservations. The board will discuss in January if it is worthwhile to continue this service.

(4) Susan Cody expressed her appreciation of the support of Valhall members, and shared wishes for a good 2018!

ADJOURNMENT: The next lodge meeting will be January 8, the next board meeting will be January 17 and the next social will in February.

There were 21 members present and the lodge meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Janet Weber
Secretary
Valhall Lodge #6-25



The Mannskor created Christmas spirit with some music before the December Lodge meeting



Joyce Oen, Sig Stautland and Joyce Olsen at the Jultrefest.



President Susan Cody presented Certificate of Recognition to Lauren Sutton.



Myla Coleman preparing crafts and t-shirts for Barnas Klubb



Judy Sawyer and her grandchildren, Gia and Jody



Jean Shogren and Sandra Yeaman adding Norwegian flare in their bunads at the Jultrefest.



Fresh faces Courtney Rose and Cameron Spitzer were bartenders at the Jultrefest.



Minutes of the Valhall Lodge Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018

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

VISITORS: Heritage member Garrett Weir attended the meeting with his mother, Marie Weir. Garrett is the recipient of the Astrid G. Cates Educational Scholarship. He is attending Texas Christian University and was very appreciative of this award. Congratulations Garrett!

MEMBERSHIP: (1) Aprell reported that Linne Hougen has joined our lodge via online membership. (2) Our current membership is 201, which is a decrease from last year. Marc Schaefer offered to contact members who might be thinking of withdrawing from the lodge.

COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Social: Judy Sawyer reviewed the socials that are planned for 2018 and said the committees will remain the same as last year. Susan Cody will cook the Lapskaus for the February social, and Judy will happily accept help from anyone who wishes to help with the committee.

Youth: (1) Myla reported that she received cute photos of Janet Weber's great nephews Dylan and Logan, with their creatively painted Viking T-shirts. She will submit them to Arlene for the newsletter.

(2) Myla is still taking orders for the adult T-shirts and shared the final image that will be used. It features a white design on either a red or blue shirt.

(3) LOV still has 2018 calendars for sale. There are 2 options, the rosemailed or scenic photo style. The scenic calendar includes "name days".

Foundation: (1) Rick Hausvik reported that we have signed the new lease at the church, the rate is \$250 for January, then \$600/month.

(2) Rick and Marc have been looking at other meeting locations, but so far none are a perfect fit. It is hard to find locations that have storage and a li-

brary. A member added that our current library is usually locked and inaccessible. We will try to keep that room unlocked in the future so members can borrow books. Janet mentioned that Glen Larsen offered the Community Church of Poway as an option, but that is a bit far away for many members. Marc added that the ideal location would be south of route 52 and near the 805 corridor. More information on this search will be coming soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Susan reported that Camp Norge is still accepting tax deductible donations for the roof replacement project on the main building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janet Weber asked members to please send her their volunteer hours in the next 2 weeks. The annual report is due on February 1. Aprell will send a reminder email to all.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

(1) Millie Wright presented the financial report and Aprell Waymire presented the Treasurer's report.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

(1) Marc Schaefer reported that the Padres are planning to have a "Nordic Night" theme at a game in August. All Scandinavian Groups in the county will be encouraged to attend. He thinks there will be a special commemorative hat. More details will follow.

(2) Marc Schaefer reported that he is hopeful that there will be a Norway proclamation event in May at City Hall. If so, date and time will be announced, and members will be invited to attend in their traditional bunads.

(3) Janet Weber shared a recipe book that a friend brought her from rural Alaska. It was produced by Fre-drelandet Lodge 23 in Petersburg, Alaska. She invited all to take a look, as it has interesting Viking recipes on such things as how to make Head Cheese and prepare Venison.

ADJOURNMENT: The next board meeting will be January 17, next lodge meeting will be February 12, and the next social will February 17.

There were 15 members present and the lodge meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Janet Weber
Secretary
Valhall Lodge #6-25

*In Recognition
of
Forty Years of Membership,
Sons of Norway awards a
Certificate of Appreciation
and Pin*

*to the following member for
his long and faithful service:*

*Forty Years
of Membership*

Tordis Kostic

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

Bunad Camp

The Bunad Camp is returning to Camp Norge this summer on May 4 through May 7. There are still 7 spaces available in this workshop, but we need to fill at least 5 of these to meet the requirements of the instructor.

To find out more, go to the District Six website: <http://sofn6.org/7th-annual-bunad-camp/>



Ragnhild Amble with her son Tor at Jultrefest.



Joyce Oen and Pat Becker at Jultrefest



Heidi and Olav with their dad Frank Steensnaes at the Jutrefest in December.

IN MEMORY

CHARLES FRANKLIN GORDER, SR 1925–2017

Charles F. Gorder passed away on November 19, 2017 at age 92. He was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota on November 9, 1925. He was known as "Chuck". He was a dedicated family man, a proud Navy veteran, and a practicing lawyer for 50 years. Chuck graduated from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and received his commission as an Ensign..

He met his future wife Bonnie Brunner while teaching at the Naval Academy in Newport, Rhode Island. They married in 1951. They had 3 sons and a daughter: Charles, Jr, Bruce, Matthew and Janet. Chuck retired from the Navy in 1967 with the rank of Commander. The family then moved to San Diego and he began his second career as a lawyer.

Bonnie died in 1995 after 44 years of marriage, and in 1997 Chuck remarried to Rhona. The couple was very involved in community and church activities. Charles was active in promoting cancer research, as his son Bruce died from melanoma. Chuck and Bonnie (and later Rhona) and Bruce's widow started the "5K Bruce Gorder Walk for the Cure" to raise money for melanoma research. This year was the 24th year, to date they have raised over \$1.92 million.

Chuck was a proud Norwegian and loved being a member of the Sons of Norway although his health has not allowed him to attend events in the recent years. Chuck was a long and faithful member of Sons of Norway of Valhall Lodge having joined in 2005. Chuck will be greatly missed by all his Valhall friends.

Chuck is survived by his wife Rhona, his daughter Janet Gorder Dabbet, sons Charles and Matthew Gorder, seven grandsons and granddaughters.

Our sympathies go out to his family and many friends, he will be missed.

Minutes of the LOV Meeting

Saturday, January 6, 2018

Denny's Restaurant, Fletcher Hills
Hostesses: Dale Roybal and Janet Michka

18 people attended.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by President Myla Coleman. Myla asked our one guest, Pat Ingram, to introduce herself. Wilma Springer and Janet brought Pat to the meeting.

Secretary Sandra Yeaman asked if anyone needed her to read the minutes from the November 4 meeting since they were printed in the December issue of *Valhall Viking*. Because so much time had passed, Jean Shogren requested the minutes be read. Susan Cody moved and Anita Reith seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected (the date of the next meeting was erroneously listed as 2017 vice 2018). The motion carried.

Treasurer Amelia Seeto-Murguia presented the Treasurer's Report for October and November as well as a special report for Lille Butikken. Peggy Gere moved and Susan seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Lille Butikken: Myla reported she has a few items leftover from Lille Butikken at her home. Among those are 3 packages of gjetost (Anne Hoidal requested 2 and Arlene LeBree requested the 3rd) and both styles of calendars (Susan and Arlene requested on each). The leftover lefse went to House of Norway where Myla and Sandra served it on Saturday, December 30.

Discussion regarding the event raised the issue that some people may expect items for sale to be at garage sale prices, while some items are of higher value. Tam Stautland suggested we consider having a "premium items" area for items such as Norwegian sweaters and the like to make clear the greater value these items hold.

Juletreff: All the children's T-shirts are gone. Instead of having the children paint them that evening, Myla avoided the potential problem of paint staining the carpet by giving out the T-shirts and small amounts of paint for the children to use at home.

In addition to the T-shirts, Karen Wisner had cookies for children to decorate and Ellen Spitzer had craft foam shapes for Christmas tree ornaments. Myla reported all the stockings were given out.

Adult T-shirts: Myla circulated again the sheet for us to sign up for adult T-shirts. The shirts will be ladies sizes with a V-neck or men's regular T-shirts.

NEW BUSINESS

Myla recirculated the hosting schedule for 2018.

Sunshine Committee: Barb Evje said she hoped that anyone who was sick during the preceding two months received a card from her.

Susan Cody asked if it were possible for LOV to give some of the significant amount of funds in our bank account to the Sons of Norway Corporation. The sense of the group is that we need to explore the appropriateness of such a donation before considering it. Sandra read a card from the House of Norway thanking LOV for our donation last year.

Myla reported that a Budget Committee needs to be formed to report at the February meeting. The committee will consist of Myla (President), Amelia (Treasurer), and Anne (member).

Cultural Committee

Tam reminded us that the next LOV to Read meeting would be the last Saturday in January, the 27th, when we will discuss Linn Ullmann's book *Before You Sleep*.

Anne provided a short biography of the poet Olav Hauge, before she read his

poem, "*Teppet*," "The Carpet," in Norwegian. Tam read the same poem in English. Anne and Tam read a second poem by the same poet, "The Dream."

Sandra reviewed the two remaining pieces of information members think others don't know about them. While we were unable to identify the authors of either of the two, we learned from reading the remainder of Ragnhild Amble's biography that she is the member who received her University degree when she was 61.

Sandra provided the prompt for members to consider writing about for the next meeting: Describe you memories of summer. The memories may be from childhood or from adulthood, of typical summers or an extraordinary summer.

Thelma Johannesen showed us the quilt she made by hand-appliquing pieces to form the image of her dog, Duffy.

For the Good of the Order

Myla announced that Dale left picture postcards on the back table, available to anyone who wishes to take them. We marked the January birthdays Barb Evje, Thelma, and Tam by singing Happy Birthday. There were no anniversaries to observe.

Myla thanked Dale for hosting and Janet who agreed to assist with serving coffee.

Myla also handed out thank-you cards to a number of members who helped her regularly in the past year.

Myla adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting at Denny's: February 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be Helen Johnson, Jean Shogren, and Letty Cotta.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Yeaman,
Secretary



Help Raise the Roof

The “Raise the Roof!” Fundraising Campaign for Camp Norge nearing its goal.

Camp Norge’s fund raising campaign has raised over \$34,000 in the few short months since it started. Our goal is \$50,000 which will help us make sure we have enough to pay for a complete rebuild of our roof structure. We’re almost 70% to our goal!

Contractors are already submitting final bids and it ain’t getting any cheaper folks!

Remember, your tax-deductible donations will be put to good use. We need to tear off the old roof, repair all the broken and rotten rafters and eaves (and there’s a ton of them!) Then nail down a fresh layer of plywood and water proofing; all BEFORE the beautiful new metal roof is attached. It’s going to look great!

Go to www.sofn.com/campnorge and make your donation. Just in time for Valentine’s day, why not make a donation to the “Raise the Roof!” campaign and dedicate it to your special Valentine. What says I love you better than a new roof at Camp Norge?!

If you prefer to contribute the old fashioned way, by writing a check and putting it in the mail, write your check payable to “Sons of Norway Foundation” and write “Camp Norge” in the memo section on your check. Mail the check to Sons of Norway Foundation, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408-2666. Be sure to write “Camp Norge” in the memo section!

For more information about the fund raising campaign, contact Board President, Fred Hymans at (916) 486-4429 or email to: fred.hymans@campnorge.com.



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.*



IN MEMORY

**KJELL HOLMES
1931–2017**

Kjell Holmes passed away on December 25th, 2017 from chronic pneumonia at the age of 86. He was born in Billings, Montana on April 31, 1931 to recent Norwegian immigrants Elias and Gudrun Holmes. He was their first child, but he soon was joined by two brothers, John and Leif, and a sister Gudveig. The family moved to Washington where they got a dairy farm. Kjell loved to work on the farm and in his spare time he became interested in music, especially in playing the accordion.

Kjell enlisted in the U.S Airforce during the Korean war, where he specialized in repairing airplane electrical systems. After an honorable discharge, he met and married Lora Burdett. He then got a B.A degree in Engineering from the University of Washington, and spent the bulk of his career working on freeway construction in Southern California. Kjell and Lora had two children, Eric Holmes and Julie Holmes-Capps.

Kjell enjoyed his heritage with participation in Norwegian/Scandinavian events. He provided entertainment with his accordion and entertained our lodge at socials many times. He was a long time active member of Valhall lodge having joined in 1989. He also belonged to San Diego Fiskeklubben and was president of the Accordion Club of San Diego.

Our sympathy goes out to his family and many friends. He will be missed and remembered by all who knew him and enjoyed his music.

His friends invite members of Valhall and others to a Celebration of his Life. There will be accordion music and folk dancing. See page 13 in this issue for details.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: President Susan Cody called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. There were 9 board members present: they are listed at the end of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A correction was made to the October Board meeting minutes printed in the November 2017 newsletter. The February social will feature Lapskaus, March Anniversary social will have the Salmon dinner and November will be the Lutefisk social.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Counselor: Rick suggested that we utilize this location as efficiently as possible given the increase in monthly rent. We should try to plan to use the facility twice each month. With that in mind it was decided to cancel the October 2018 lodge meeting, as we have no social in October due to Krettstevne. We can save on rent for the month.

Treasurer: Millie passed out copies of proposed budget to each board member so we could go over each item. Members assessed actual vs proposed expenditures from last year, using that information to better predict this year's expenses. Several changes were suggested, and Millie will present the revised budget at the February lodge meeting. Changes include budgeting for the upcoming District 6 Convention in June.

COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Social: (1) Judy Sawyer reported that she will be giving Arlene a flyer for the February social to print in the newsletter.

(2) Judy thought she might need a few more volunteers for the committee for February and for the other upcoming socials. With the declining membership, advancing infirmities of our aging members, and many members residing out of this area, there are fewer available volunteers for each social. Our current available pool for volun-

teers now stands at about 50!

(3) April was scheduled as a meeting only month. Judy is thinking of adding a social, something fun, possibly a western themed catered social.

Newsletter: (1) Arlene announced that Steve Rawlinson has volunteered to take over the newsletter when she "retires" after 18 years as our Editor! Thank you Arlene!

(2) Arlene is working on the directory and appreciates input of members to keep it updated.

Corporation: Allen reported that there will be a corporation meeting in February. The three year terms that members serve are expiring. The Corporation needs to have an election and could use more directors.

Website: Steve was not able to attend the meeting, but he had shared with Rick that our lodge does not need the more expensive and secure website.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Rick reported that the Standing Rules were approved by the membership. There was discussion about the rule stating that affiliate membership is \$5. Board members thought this should be raised to \$10. Rick Hausvik made a motion to raise the Affiliate Dues to \$10, Millie Wright seconded and the motion was passed.

(2) Janet Weber reported that she hasn't finished the By-Laws revisions due to being busy with the end of year Sons of Norway reports. She will have them finished soon.

(3) A possible alternative meeting location is the Masonic Lodge in La Mesa. Susan Cody visited the site earlier today and Judy Sawyer has an appointment to visit tomorrow. Details of meeting dates and cost are still unknown. Marc is checking other places. (4) There was a brief discussion about resuming language and cooking classes, as well as rosemaking classes. Susan Cody will look into bringing these events back this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Susan reported that the Sons of Norway has simplified the dues structure so that it is standardized across all lodges. While the cost per member will increase slightly for Valhall, SON will also be distributing more dues to each lodge and district. For a single membership of \$60, \$14 will come back to the lodge and \$14 to the District. For family membership of \$95, \$28 comes back to the lodge and \$25 to the District. Members will also be able to set up auto-pay for their dues on a \$5-a-month basis. This streamlined dues structure was voted on and passed at the 2016 International Convention.

(2) Susan reported that the next District 6 Convention will be held in Rohnert Park, CA from June 10-14, 2018. Our lodge plans to send 4 delegates, this will include President Susan Cody and 3 others.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

(1) Maury Lee reported that Carl England of the House of Sweden is working on setting up a memorial service for Kjell Holmes to be held on the stage near the House of Norway. He hopes to have musicians and others perform and share remembrances of the musical influence of Kjell.

(2) Allen added that Carl has also expressed interest in founding a Nordic Museum in San Diego.

The board meeting was attended by: Susan Cody, Maury Lee, Aprell Bigler, Rick Hausvik, Judy Sawyer, Millie Wright, Arlene LaBree, Allen Johannesen and Janet Weber.

Adjournment:

The board meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next lodge meeting will be February 12, the next social will be February 17, and the next board meeting will be April 18.

Respectfully submitted by:
Janet Weber
Secretary
Valhall #6-25



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The District President annually appoints a Scholarship committee to evaluate the applicants and determine the recipients. **Note: effective 2018, the District Six Scholarships are now open to high school graduates who have been accepted for enrollment in any accredited program of higher learning based upon high school performance/grades.** Also of note, application of the online District Six web site must now be postmarked on or before May 1, 2018 (vice April 1st as in years past).

District Six also offers a \$1,000 scholarship for a Heritage or Unge Venner member to attend Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Camp. The information can be found at www.concordialanguagevillages.org where you click on Norwegian village. This is operated by Concordia College and is situated in Bemidji, MN. Life at Skogfjorden is immersion in the Norwegian language and culture from the moment you wake up – participating in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, dance, and song – until the close of the day. Scholarship Committee Chair: Carl P. Ingvaldstad at cingvaldst@aol.com or 707-987-2404

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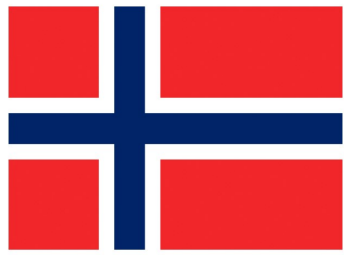
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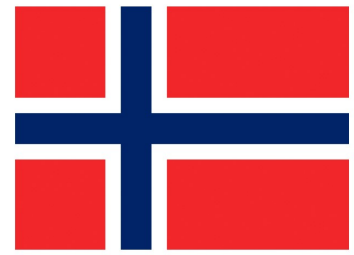
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of Norway
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Festival of Fastelavn

(A Norwegian tradition
marking the start of lent.)

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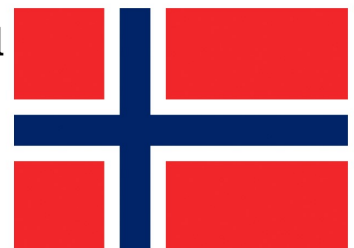
**Kids activities include joining us in making
traditional Fastelavnsris and we will be
serving Fastelavnsbuns!**



**The Queen and Princess of the House will be
hostesses and all donations go to
Rady Children's Hospital!**



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17 Sat Salmon Dinner -
Valhall Anniversary



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