Calendar of Events:

March
- 17 St Patrick’s Day
- 20 Social via Zoom

April
- 4 Easter Day
- 17 Social

Meetings and Events are being held virtually on Zoom or in a park as weather permits

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

They keep saying there is a light at the end of the tunnel so it must be a really loonnnnnng tunnel. Many of our members have gotten both shots and some their first shot. It’s good to see many of our members are getting protective and now there is a third vaccine that will help move the vaccinations along.

For those of you who haven’t gotten the first shot yet go to the Solano County WEB site to register for an appointment and I just got an email from Kaiser they are just now making appointments for vaccinations. You can even get an appointment through the CVS and Walgreens Web-sites.

Unfortunately, our next social will still be through Zoom again. So, I am thinking maybe in April we can go meet out at a park like we did last year. It also depends on the weather you know what it is said “April showers bring May flowers”. The church is still in renovation mode so I am not sure when we can meet there.

Hope to see you all at our next Zoom Social.

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EDITOR’S CORNER
Continue to keep in contact with family and friends.  
If you want to receive the Tiden in color, earlier, and by email, just send me your preferred email address.  
I would like to invite you all to share a favorite Easter recipe— an appetizer, main dish, side dish, or dessert.  
Please send me your items for the Tiden by email or US Mail by March 22nd for the April 2021 Tiden.  
Wishing you all the best.  Stay safe!  
Tusen takk for your support.  
Lotte

VICTORY ROSEMALERS
Our Rosemalers are not able to meet in person on Mondays at the church, so we are meeting Mondays on Zoom.  
Contact Lotte to be included in the Zoom gatherings.  
Please call Karen 707 342-9044 with questions.

GRATELERER MED DAGEN
March Birthdays
17 Linda Reed  
23 Greg Anderson  
24 Donna Lee Lawrence

No March Anniversaries

SUNSHINE
If you know of a member who is ill or has lost a loved one, please contact Bob or Lotte Sather at 707 374-1384 or email to rgransather@aol.com.  A card will be sent from Victory Lodge.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Don’t forget to spring forward to Daylight Savings time on March 14th!  Many of our digital devices change automatically.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE
Good evening Lodge Members,  
Saturday we all enjoyed our social via Zoom.  
We enjoyed our lunch and fellowship time together.  
Our President Ron Dill had a slide presentation of several of our past socials, and announced membership pin winners.  
(The actual pins will be mailed to you). Lotte Sather and Evelyn Sammons celebrated 55 years in Victory Lodge #43, they both joined in 1965.  
A list of all the members that received pins will be listed in the Tiden.  Congratulations to all the members and all your years of dedication to our lodge.

We had a short business meeting, and Heard some updates on church and their remodeling progress.  
We still do not have a date when the church will open.  
Hopefully by fall or winter we can meet again in person at the church, and depending on the status of shelter in place.  
Next month is March already, we will most likely be having a Zoom social.  
So let’s all cook some corned beef and have lunch together.  Saturday March 20th, will be our next social.  
Hope to see you all, please wear your green show your spirit.  
Have a great day, talk to you real soon.  
Donna

MINUTES OF LODGE MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2021
Meeting was opened by President Ron at 12:25 P.M.  
Meeting was held via Zoom  
Nine Officers were present: Ron Dill, Shirley Albertson, Don Simon, Karen Hansen, Lotte Sather, Donna Severson, Linda Reed, Craig Dill, and Bob Sather.

Meeting was to discuss use of money sent to the Lodge from District Six  
Lotte Sather presented the letter, which gave the lodge $200.00 to be used for retention, recruitment and communication with members and prospective members.

Bob Sather moved to spend $100.00 of the amount to reimburse Ron Dill for his purchase of the Zoom license Ron has been using for our gatherings.  The motion was seconded by Linda Reed and passed.

Karen Hansen gave an update on the renovation at the church.  
No date has been given as to when we can return to our meetings at United in Grace Lutheran Church.

Bob Sather made a motion to apply the second $100.00 from the District to the cost of printing and mailing the monthly Tiden newsletter.  The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen and passed.

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For the Good of the order:
Donna Severson announced that her daughter Haley’s wedding is being planned for March 15, 2022, in Sacramento.

Lotte Sather Announced Camp Oldfjell (heritage camp for adults) at Camp Norge is being planned for September 18-21, 2021.  Watch for details.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.
Respectfully Submitted by Lotte Sather  
Acting Secretary.
MEMBERSHIP LONGEVITY PINS 2020
Membership pins are awarded for every 5 years achieved in membership as of December 31st the previous year. The pins are normally presented at our annual Birthday Lunch in February. President Ron Dill shared a list of winners at our February 20th gathering on Zoom. The following have earned pins that will be mailed to them:

5 Years joining in 2015
  John Costa
  Donna Lee Lawrence
10 Years joining in 2010
  Ronald Dill
  Patrick Johannessen
20 Years joining in 2000
  Ruth Costa
25 Years joining in 1995
  Lowell Tennyson
30 Years joining in 1990
  Coleen Goodwin
40 Years joining in 1980
  David Loberg
  Gale Loberg
55 Years joining in 1965
  Evelyn Sammons
  Lotte Sather

We hope these pins will be worn with pride.

CULTURAL SKILLS LITERATURE
Below is the introduction to the Cultural Skills Program for Literature:

“Introduction Norway’s literary tradition spans centuries, from the poems and sagas of the Viking Age, to the explosion of the romantic era, to 20th century Nobel Prize winners to the hugely popular crime literature of today and beyond. The vast corpus of Norwegian literature documents the country’s complex progression through time. Along with the works of native-born Norwegian writers we can also include those of Norwegians who left Norway for the New World and their descendants in the US and Canada. As times have changed in Norway literature has borne witness to—and at times influenced—this unique, dynamic people. In this unit of the Cultural Skills Program we invite you to read and reflect on the wide array of Norwegian and Norwegian-North American literature. In Part 1, you’ll sample your choice of books from any genre, while in Part 2 you’ll focus on fiction, and in Part 3 you’ll focus on nonfiction. Parts 1, 2 and 3 may be completed in any order."

I have completed my first part of the skill and would be glad to help others or to just form a club that could meet to discuss books by Norwegian authors or American–Norwegian authors. I have participated in the Vesterheim book club “Bokprat” and enjoyed talking to other people about the books.

If you are interested in forming a book club, please contact me, Lotte Sather.

KEEP OUR SONS OF NORWAY FAMILY GROWING IN 2021
How? By welcoming more family, friends and neighbors to join us, either virtually or in person! One member described membership as an “amazing way to connect to Nordic heritage, tradition, and community.” Who wouldn’t want to be part of an amazing organization like Sons of Norway?

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We received notification of two new members who have joined our lodge. Welcome to:
  Mark Porter
  Ruth Tjon
We hope you will join us at our Zoom gatherings. Or when we can finally meet in person.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS OF NORWEGIAN DESCENT
Henrik Ibsen Lodge #7, Sons of Norway, has scholarships available for full time undergraduate and graduate students of Norwegian descent. Please encourage students to apply.

Students who live in Northern California and have demonstrated involvement in the Norwegian-American community are encouraged to apply. A minimum grade point average of 2.7 is required. Applications are available now and must be submitted no later than April 1, 2021.

If you know someone who would be interested in applying, please make your requests to:
Karen Rogenes Rende, Administrator
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Home Phone: 650-592-1857

DISTRICT SIX SCHOLARSHIPS AND CAMPERSHIPS
Information and applications for the District Scholarships and Camperships are on the District Six website “sofn6.org”. Deadlines for applications are April 15, 2021!

District Six offers up to three $1000 Academic Scholarships each year to deserving Unge Venner members who are attending any accredited post-secondary schooling or training institution.

District Six offers a $1,000 scholarship for a Heritage or Unge Venner member to attend Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Camp operated by Concordia College in Bemidji, MN.

Two 50% cost of tuition Camperships to Trollfjell Folkehøgskule and two 50% cost of tuition Camperships to Camp Trollfjell are available District wide for attendance at Camp Norge’s summer camps.
(Note: contact Lotte Sather, if you need assistance in locating information)
FEBRUARY EVENT VIA ZOOM

Twelve of us gathered on Zoom February 20th. Ron shared pictures of lodge events prior to the pandemic. He also read and shared a listing of all the longevity membership pin winners for 2020. We had a short business meeting to discuss use of $200.00 we received from the District Six Board to help us with retention, recruitment and communications with our members and prospective members. Every lodge in the District received this financial assistance.

We hope to have a picnic or outside event in April. Until then, we will continue to meet via Zoom. Let Ron know if you want the Zoom link to join us on your computer, tablet or cellphone.
FRIDAY MARCH 26 AT 7 PM. VIA ZOOM
"THE SLOOPERS OF 1825 – AND THE VOYAGE OF THE RESTAURATION"

On July 5, 1825, the sloop Restaurasjonen left from Stavanger with 52 people aboard. This is considered to be the first organized emigration party to leave from Norway. The passengers came from the southwestern part of Norway, many from Tysvær. Our speaker, Dale Goodman, is a direct descendent of both great-grandparents and 3 great-great-aunts who were passengers on the Restaurasjonen. He will talk about the events leading up to the voyage, why it took until October 9 for them to reach America, what happened in the new colony they established in upstate New York, and ultimately how they ended up in what is now Norway, Illinois.

The sloop was built in 1801, in Hardanger, Norway and became a symbol of Norwegian American immigration. It set sail from Stavanger on July 4, 1825, overly crowded with 52 people aboard, many of them Norwegian Quakers, and landed in New York City on October 9, 1825, after a three-month voyage. The people who made this voyage, who are sometimes referred to as the “Sloopers,” moved onward to their first settlement in Kendall, Orleans County, New York.

Dale has a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry and Conservation and a Master’s degree in Wildland Resource Economics from the University of California, Berkeley. He was able to study Forestry in Norway for one year at the Norwegian College of Agriculture. After thirteen years in commercial construction, the family moved to Dubuque, where he was enrolled at Wartburg Theological Seminary. After graduation in 1993, he served in Lutheran Outdoor Ministries until his retirement in 2012. He has a keen interest in Norwegian heritage and “all things Norwegian.” Dale also currently serves on the Board of Director of the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum and Heritage Center in Decorah, Iowa.

This presentation is given in conjunction with Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School.

To register and receive a link for the presentation, please send request to vesterheim.lodge@gmail.com.

This is a special presentation our lodge is giving and inviting the public to. Please print this in your newsletters. It will be on Zoom so everyone can easily attend.

Thanks, Cathy Allen bouldercathy46@gmail.com Vesterheim #118, Boulder, Colorado

(Note: A “Slooper” is buried in Tulocay Cemetery in Napa. Ask Bob or Lotte about the grave marker.)
FASTELAVNSBOLLER (Shrove tide Buns)

As the season of Lent approaches, these cloudlike, cardamom-scented buns start appearing in bakeries across Scandinavia. Fastelavnsvoller are traditionally enjoyed during the period of pre-Lenten indulgences. With her recipe, Nevada Berg posts some of the background on Fastelavn.

From a simple dusting of powdered sugar to jam-filled with sky-high cream, there are many ways to decorate your #fastelavnsboller.

(Makes 18-20 buns)

**Ingredients:**

- 500 ml (2 cups plus 1 Tbsp.) milk
- 850 g (7 cups plus 1 Tbsp.) all-purpose flour
- 150 g (2/3 cup) butter, melted
- 150 g (3/4 cup) sugar
- 50 g (2 oz) fresh yeast or 17 g (1/2 ounce plus 1/8 oz) dry yeast
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. cardamom
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 egg for brushing

Hand-whipped cream (5 dl or 2 cups whipping cream, adding sugar to taste)

To make the buns:

Preheat the oven to 200°C / 400°F.

Warm the milk in a small saucepan over medium-low heat, until lukewarm. Pour into a mixing bowl and combine with the melted butter. Add in the yeast, sugar, egg, cardamom and salt and mix well. Slowly add the flour and mix with a wooden spoon. Start with 800 g (about 6 1/2 cups) of flour, adding more as necessary to create a soft and workable dough.

Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead until elastic. Place in a greased bowl, cover with a cloth and let the dough rise until doubled, 45 minutes.

Knead the dough lightly on the floured surface and divide into 18-20 portions, rolling into smooth balls. Prepare two baking sheets and divide the buns on the prepared sheets. Cover loosely with plastic or a cloth, and let rise until doubled, about 45 minutes.

Beat the egg with a fork and add 1 teaspoon water.

Brush the buns with the egg wash. Bake in the middle of the oven, 1 sheet at a time, for 15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Once the buns are cooled, slice them in half, horizontally, and cover the bottom of the bun with whipped cream (and jam if you like). Replace the top and sprinkle generously with powdered sugar.

Source: Nevada Berg, North Wild Kitchen

“GRAVE LOOTER” REVEALED

Earlier this week, local authorities, newspapers and enthusiasts sounded the alarm. Unauthorized persons had allegedly entered the famous Viking grave field at Vang in Oppdal and drilled deep holes in 17 of the Viking graves.

Several feared the worst on behalf of the grassy national treasure in Sør-Trøndelag: grave looting.

Terrible

NTB [Norsk Telegrambyrå: The Norwegian News Agency] reported via the local newspaper OPP, which first mentioned the case, that there were varying depths in the holes, which “appeared to have been dug with a special drill.” Furthermore, it was said that except in one case in 2014, there has been no looting in the large Viking burial ground since the 19th century.

“It’s awful! Many organic finds have been lost, and objects can be ruined when air enters the graves,” said Thora Nyborg, curator at Vitenskapsmuseet [the Science Museum].

“It is incredible that we should experience this,” added county archaeologist Kristin Prestvold.

Badger suspected

On Friday morning, however, the police closed the case, according to the newspaper. The suspected criminal turns out to be difficult to reach.

“It seems to be a badger behind it,” said a smiling cultural consultant in Oppdal municipality, Sjur Vammervold, to Dagbladet [newspaper].

“It’s good that it wasn’t done by people. The badger is quite innocent and probably has completely different purposes than a grave robber,” he adds.

Probably badger holes

Vammervold says that it has not been 100 percent confirmed that it is the characteristic black and white marten that has ravaged Norwegian cultural heritage, but the suspicion is strong enough to go ahead and rule out that two-legged miscreants are behind it.

“Based on how badgers dig holes, this may be an explanation,” he says.

The municipality’s website informs that most of the burials in Vang are from the Late Iron Age or Viking Age. That is, between the years 750-1000 A.D. Many valuable discoveries have been made in the area.

DISTRICT SIX CULTURAL NEWSLETTER

The Cultural Newsletter was delivered to all District Six members last week who have email addresses. The newsletter has a lot of information on cultural items. If you do not have email and want a copy, contact me and I’ll send a copy to you.

ST PATRICK’S DAY 2019—ABBY AND MADDY
Victory Tiden

NORWAY 1945
WWII had just ended and the Norwegians were ready to celebrate. The above book is paperback about 10 by 14 inches and full of pictures. This is from the collection of Bob Sather and he will share when we can meet in person.

ICELAND OFFERS LONG-TERM VISAS FOR REMOTE WORKERS
With tourism taking a major downturn during the Covid era, and many more people working from home, some countries have tried to recoup their losses by offering temporary visas for remote workers. Tropical destinations like Barbados and Bermuda were among the first to make headlines with this creative approach to tourism, and now there is a new option for those who prefer a cooler climate: Iceland. Under the newly expanded Work in Iceland program, certain remote workers will be able to stay in Iceland for up to six months at a time. The long-term telework visas are only available to people who are employed by non-Icelandic companies and plan to work remotely while living temporarily in Iceland. It is also open to self-employed individuals who meet income requirements. Remote workers who meet eligibility guidelines can apply to bring their families with them for their stay. However, the program is not available to those seeking employment in Iceland or planning to relocate there permanently.

QUEEN OF NORWAY?
When Princess Märtha Louise of Norway was born in 1971, women were barred from ascending the throne of Norway. Her brother, Crown Prince Haakon, was born 2 years later and would eventually become next in line to the throne. Eventually, in 1990, the law was changed so that women could become queen. But it only applies to those born after the law was put into place.

The Princess recently shared that she was given the option to change the law. “When I was 15, the Prime Minister at the time was a woman, and she suddenly came up with the idea that [the law] was wrong. I remember she came home to us, with granddad [King Olav V], and we had a discussion about whether we should change the whole system and I should be queen.” “They said, ‘What do you want, Märtha?’ And I’m like, ‘I’m 15, I don’t know about these things,’” she added. Ultimately, the laws remained unchanged for a few years, but it started the discussion about updating the rules.

Now, Norway is set to have a female monarch in the future. Crown Prince Haakon’s first-born child is Princess Ingrid Alexandra, and is second in line to the throne.

Photo: Lise Aserud, NTB scanpix

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF CHILDREN
I was eating breakfast with my 9-year-old granddaughter on Valentine’s Day and asked, “What day is tomorrow?” I thought she would say, “The day after Valentine’s.” But without a pause, she replied, “It’s Presidents’ Day!” She’s very smart, so I asked her, “What does Presidents’ Day mean?” I thought she might say something about Washington and Lincoln, or maybe Bush, Obama, Trump, etc.

She said, “Presidents’ Day is when the President steps out of the White House, onto the lawn. And if he sees his shadow, we have another year of bullshit!” You know, it hurts when hot coffee spurts out your nose.

From Karen Greitzer Katzman
BRING A NEW MEMBER TO VICTORY LODGE  Plan to bring a new member to join us in preserving all that is good in our Norwegian heritage. Our membership dues for one year will be $60 per one member or $95 for a Family, which includes spouse and children living at home. A full year of dues must be submitted with an application for membership. Please contact an officer of the lodge or Lotte at (707) 374-1384 for membership applications or go to the Sons of Norway website.

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