



VICTORY TIDEN

VICTORY LODGE 6-43, SONS OF NORWAY

June 2025
Published 12 Times Annually

Vol. LX No. 6
Victory Lodge No. 6-43

Calendar of Events:

June 14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day
21 Social

July 4 Independence Day
19 Merger Celebration

Meetings and Events are being held virtually and/or in person watch Tiden

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We accomplished quite a bit at our Business/Social Meeting. We have tentative plans for our monthly socials for the rest of the year. We also created a committee for the "Sloopier Celebration" at the Tulocay Cemetery in Napa in October. If you want to get on the committee let brother Craig know as he needs help. Meri & Cecil Rider are in Norway, and they were able to see the Restauration read the attached message from them. They also sent a few pictures.

We caught up with the "sloop" on the island of Mosteroy near Stavanger. It was a funny coincidence that a relative's work colleague stepfather's brother is part of the group working to restore the Restauration and sail to America. We were able to view the boat and talk to the crew about the plans. We had a 2-hour interview with Chelsey Larvik who lives on the farm Cleng Pedersen lived on. We have lots of info to share. (See pictures on page 3)
Greetings, Meri & Cecil Rider

Before we know it, October will be here so there is a lot to do to prepare for the "Sloopier Celebration".

Ron



EDITOR: Lotte Sather
(707) 374-1384
rgransather@aol.com

PRESIDENT: Ronald Dill
(707) 980-0857
rondill47@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT Craig Dill
(707) 319-1980
cragar38@sbcglobal.net

SECRETARY: Lotte Sather
(707) 374-1384 or 707 246-7888
rgransather@aol.com

SONS OF NORWAY INTERNATIONAL: sof6n.com
SEE OUR WEBSITE: "victory.sof6n.org"
SEE US ON FACEBOOK: "Victory Lodge"
DISTRICT SIX: www.sof6n.org
DISTRICT SIX ZONE 2 DIRECTOR: Craig Dill
SONS OF NORWAY INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL
800 945-8851 Headquarters
CAMP NORGE: Call (530) 389-2508
www.campnorge.org , canorge2@gmail.com
CAMP NORGE AMBASSADOR: Lotte Sather

EDITOR'S CORNER

I am working on a membership list to include all after our merger. If you no longer have your house phone and are using only a cell phone, please give me the number you prefer. Our membership list only goes to our members.

Please share your stories or recipes. Send by email or U.S. Mail. The deadline for the July Tiden will be June 24th.

Hope to see you June 21st at Shephard of the Hills.

Thank you for your support.

Lotte

VICTORY ROSEMALERS

Our Rosemalers continue to meet on Mondays on Zoom. Contact Lotte 707 374-1384 to join painting or to have coffee with the group.

GRATELERER MED DAGEN

June Birthdays - Victory

15 Alexis Sather
27 Stephen Borlaug
27 Leif Sather

Anniversaries

26 Lance & Mary Johannessen

May Birthdays—Centennial

2 Shirley Gibson
4 William Don Rose
17 Debbie Haugen
23 Pamela Jever



SUNSHINE

If you know of a member who is ill, has lost a loved one or has passed away, please contact Lotte by calling 707 374-1384 or by email to rgransather@aol.com. Cards will be sent.

SOCIAL MESSAGE

Saturday May 10th we had a nice gathering at the social hall in Vacaville. The weather was hot ☀️ but it was nice and cool inside. We had a great potluck lunch, from open face sandwiches, salads, and chips. Linda Reed made some mixed berry shortcakes for dessert. They were delicious♥️

Thank you all. We had great food and fellowship.

We ended the day with a meeting and planned the rest of the year's social calendar.

Our next social will be held on Saturday June 21st at 12:00 noon at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 580 Trinity Drive. Vacaville. Please bring your own Lunch, table set up; and drink. Bottled water will be provided. Linda Reed and I will be providing desserts.

Hope everyone enjoys the start of Summer.

Happy early Father's Day. Hope to see you all in a few weeks.

Blessings

Donna

MIDSUMMER IN NORWAY: HOW NORWEGIANS CELEBRATE MIDSUMMER EVE

April 5, 2023 by Nicklas Iversen

Midsummer is a highly celebrated festivity around the world, celebrating the solstice where the sun is the longest in the year. Some countries make a big deal out of celebrating midsummer and solstice, but what's the midsummer celebration in Norway like?

Norwegians celebrate midsummer under the name "Saint John's Eve" (*Sankthansaften* in Norwegian) by gathering for huge public bonfires in the evening. Some people also use this day to party after the bonfire, but this is mostly for younger adults, and not families.

Norwegians generally don't take midsummer celebration very seriously, and it's mostly a celebration where you spend an hour or two looking at the bonfires, but not much more than that. It's not a public holiday.

Midsummer in Norway is celebrated with huge bonfires.

With that said, there are still some things to keep in mind if you want to celebrate midsummer in Norway.

From the Norway Guide online

DISTRICT SIX SCHOLARSHIPS AND CAMPERSHIPS

I had the privilege of serving on the District Six Scholarship Committee with Lis Barca, District Six President, and Diane Molter, Zone 8 Director from Colorado. We had the pleasure of reviewing applications and were able to award three college scholarships of \$1,500 each. Five half camperships to the District Six Language Heritage camps for children were awarded at \$500 each.

Please let your children and grandchildren know of these scholarships and camperships when announced.

Lotte Sather

CAMP NORGE - MEMORIAL WEEKEND

Here are a few pictures, I'll show more at our next social.

The Dill clan was present at Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Norge, there were about 75 attending the camp, many youngsters. The weather was perfect, and we had a good time and were well fed. Craig, Ric, and I went up Thursday to work many jobs that needed to be done and set up. Fred wanted to re-paint the Pickle Ball court which we did on Friday.

Ron



Cecil and Meri on tour of the Restauration

RESTAURATION REPLICA - PICTURES BY CECIL AND MERI RIDER

Restoring of the Restauration sloop and the materials and time needed have all been donated by passionate individuals in Norway. It is not being funded by the Norwegian government in any way. Website for donations by PayPal is post@restauration.no.

If you wish to know more, please contact us.

Cecil and Meri Rider

**VICTORY AND CENTENNIAL LODGES JOINT BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 10, 2025 - MINUTES**

Meeting was held in person with 12 members present.

The following officers were present:

Victory Lodge: Ron Dill, President; Craig Dill, Vice President; Lotte Sather, Secretary; Shirley Albertson, Assistant Secretary; Donna Severson, Social Director; Linda Reed, Assistant Social Director.

Centennial Lodge: Marilee Mortenson, President, Linda Huber, Vice President

Ron Dill called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Ron reported on Camp Norge Clean Up Day May 3rd. Ron, Craig and Ric Dill from Victory participated. A total of 12 members from area lodges participated.

Ron reported that Treasurer Karen Hansen said all the bills were paid.

Marilee reported that Centennial was waiting for International to approve their proposed distribution of their funds. This is the last item to be completed to finalize our merger.

Discussion and finalization of the lodge calendar for the balance of 2025.

Marilee wanted thoughts on the merger celebration to be held July 19th.

Something to commemorate merger. Magnets, coffee cups and drinking glasses were suggested. More planning discussion will be held at the June 21st meeting.

Craig said he, Ron and Ric and families would be cooking a meal at Kretsstevne at Camp Norge and asked if the lodge could provide money for the food. The matter was dropped until it could be discussed with Karen, our Treasurer.

Craig brought up the Sloop Project to celebrate 200 years since the sailing of the sloop Restoration from Norway to the United States. An event is being planned for October 18th in Napa. One of the original Sloopers is buried there in Tulocay. Discussion was held. Craig made a motion to form a committee. Donna seconded, and the motion passed. Discussion was held and several assignments were made.

Discussion was held and consensus reached to change the date of the December social to December 13 instead of December 20. The change was because everyone would be busy that close to Christmas.

Marilee told of a cultural event held in Vacaville in May and suggested we consider participating in 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lotte Sather, Secretary

CAMP OLDFJELL – SEPTEMBER 20 - 23

Greetings All,

Camp Oldfjell, the District Six adult craft camp, will be held September 20 through September 23 at Camp Norge. Camp Oldfjell is open to age 18 and older.

The year we are introducing some new classes, including Dyeing Like a Viking (natural dyeing), Pine Needle Basket Making, and Swedish Huck Weaving.

We will also be participating in a Zoom webinar presented by Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School (<https://vesterheim.org/>) about Norwegian Bandweaving. This webinar is the second in a series. The subject of the first is Sami Bandweaving offered on June 8 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm Central Time. This webinar is free and open to all. Go to sofn6.org to find more information about and register for the June 8 webinar.

We are still working on the class catalog for 2025. It will become available, and registration will open, on **July 1, 2025**. The 2024 class catalog is here as reference only. Visit <https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell/> after July 1 for the new catalog or to register for Camp Oldfjell 2025.

Regards,

Bruce Fihe, Cultural Director – District Six, Sons of Norway
culturaldirector@sofn6.org

TRENDING TOPIC: NOCTOURISM

According to Booking.com, “noctourism” – short for nocturnal tourism – is on the rise. Nocturnal tourism is the concept of planning a holiday around experiences that occur after the sun goes down. Booking.com is so confident in “noctourism” that they predict it will be among 2025’s most sought-after travel experiences. It provides a whole new world of opportunity that the regular tourist likely has not partaken in.

The trend is already evident with the Northern Lights in Norway. Searches for places in Tromsø, Norway, doubled in the months leading up to the end of October 2024, compared with the same timeframe the year prior. People are excited about the chance to see the Northern Lights and are flocking to Norway to make their dreams a reality. Norway is just one example of the gems for noctourism; there are a plethora of places around the world that hold intriguing stories after dark, just waiting to be heard.

From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO GET A DRIVING LICENSE IN NORWAY?

If you are going to get a driving license for a passenger car, it is important to know that prices vary between driving schools and where you live [in Norway]. It may be worth doing some research before you decide.

Practice driving privately as much as you can

How much you pay for a driver's license in the end depends on...

Practice driving privately as much as you can

How much you pay for a driver's license in the end depends on...

How many driving hours you need
Whether you choose to follow a theory
course or study on your own
Which driving school you choose

The more hours you practice driving privately, the fewer school hours you need.

Ask friends and acquaintances who have gotten their license where you live. Which driving school did they use? How much did it cost in total? And last but not least, were they satisfied with the driving school?

At vegvesen.no you can search and find an approved traffic school near where you live.

On the prislappen.no service you can compare driving schools where you live and read reviews of the different offers.

Getting a license costs 30,000 [kroner, or US\$ 2865] on average

Estimating how much it costs to get your license is difficult, but the website "All about the driving license" has calculated that we spend an average of 30,000 kroner to get a driver's license for a passenger car (class B).

Fixed prices at testing locations

Prices for the written test, practical driving test, issuance of a driver's license and photo are fixed amounts regardless of where in the country you get your license. You can find the current prices on the pages of the Norwegian Public Roads Administration.

These prices are valid as of January 1, 2025:

Written test: 390,- [\$37]

Driver's test: 1290,- (1250,- online) [\$123/\$119]

Photo: 70,- [\$7]

Issuance of driving license: 230,- (90,- online) [\$22 / \$9]

Remember that car rental, practice lessons and any tolls are additional if you rent a car from a driving school.

Source: ung.no

From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

2025 VICTORY AND CENTENNIAL JOINT CALENDAR

JULY 19 Merger Celebration	AUGUST 16 Social/ Picnic Vacaville Hot dogs, etc. \$5 per person at Shephard of the Hills Vacaville	SEPTEMBER No Lodge Social – members are encouraged to participating in on of the following: Kretsstevne Labor Day Camp Norge 20—23 Camp Oldfjell Camp Norge 27 Viking Fest in Santa Rose 27 - 28 Rosemaling Camp Norge
OCTOBER 18 Social - Slooper Project in Napa	NOVEMBER 15 Social -Soup lunch at Shephard of the Hills, Vacaville	DECEMBER 13 Social, Christmas potluck at Shephard of the Hills, Vacaville

VICTORY AND CENTENNIAL LODGE LUNCH SOCIAL

JUNE 21 AT 12 NOON

**Shephard of the Hills Lutheran Church
580 Trinity Drive, Vacaville**



Bring your own lunch, plate, table service, and drink.

Water will be provided. Social Directors will provide dessert.

Midsummer is celebrated in Norway June 23, 2025

**We can't have a bonfire on the beach, but we can hear about
Memorial Weekend at Camp Norge and the Sloop Restoration celebration
Come join the fun and bring a friend**

Please RSVP no later than June 18th by calling

Donna 707 815-8698, Linda 707 255-8620 or Marilee 707 718-5979

AD IN TIDEN

A business card size ad

\$4.00 per month or

\$35.00 per year for 11 issues

Contact the Editor



SONS OF NORWAY MISSION STATEMENT

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

Revised 2024

DISTRICT SIX MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of District Six Board of Directors is to inspire the preservation of Norwegian heritage; provide information on the Financial Fraternal, and Foundation programs of Sons of Norway, and to support District Six lodges and members through communications programs resources and opportunities.

Revised 2024



**SONS of
NORWAY**