



Ord fra Presidenten

Luella Grangaard

Things have opened up!!!

I attended my first in-person lodge event at Vinland Lodge in Temecula, CA, for Syttende Mai. Members social distanced and wore masks. Most members in attendance were discussing their vaccinations. It wasn't a huge turnout but it was a beginning, and I had a chance to wear my bunad, although it was in the high eighties.

I attended another small get-together at Solskinn Lodge in Palm Desert with about 10 members in person and 2 members on ZOOM. It was a small event with a program from Viking Magazine. Our most recent event was a picnic at my house. What

I noted from all of these events is that members were cautious but so happy to see each other in person.....finally!!!. Everyone was talking a lot trying to get caught up.

Many lodges are proceeding with in-person meetings and mixing it up with virtual and in person. This would be a great time for your lodge to send members a questionnaire to take the "temperature" of your members. As a member, please reach out to your lodge and provide feedback about what you would like to see at your local lodge. I think everyone has a different level of what is comfortable, so let members tell you where they are. There is an example of a member satisfaction questionnaire on the Sons Norway website.

Camp Norge opened up on Memorial Day Weekend. Some members took advantage of the long weekend and headed to camp. The Camp Norge Board made and sold over 50 meals. The new play structure arrived and the kids had a great time.

Camp Trollfjell met in person this year. Precautions were made to assure that all the youth and staff would be safe, with great attendance for both camps. Camp Oldfjell has the class catalog out and is ready for members to sign up. Please take a look at attending that event.

Life is returning. I don't expect huge events will be planned. Move forward with what is comfortable for you

Fraternally,

Luella





Zone 1 Director
Tove-Lise Miller

Greetings from Zone 1. I have spent 4 weeks at Camp Norge teaching our future members about Norway and the Norwegian language. I had a great time; the kids can be so much fun. The Folkehøgskule students impressed me, and actually made me cry, when they sang "La oss leve for hverandre" at the closing of their camp. It showed me that something I had taught them actually stuck. Camp Trollfjell has 17 campers this year, and they seem to have a lot of fun.

I have talked to several of my lodges via Zoom and was able to visit Vikings of Lake in June for their Midsummer event. Enjoyed seeing some of our members face to face again. Keep hoping to visit more of you before the end of the year.

Several members of Gulldalen Lodge came to Trollfjell Folkehøgskule and served dinner. They served pølse med lompe which was a hit with the kids. The members came back to do the same thing for Camp Trollfjell. Thank you so very much for your participation and interest in the Camp.



Ønsker dere fortsatt god sommer, håper vi sees snart!
Wish you continued good summer, we hope to see you soon!

Hilsen Tove-Lise

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Zone 5 Director
Troann Loy

Here we are in summer and from what I can tell it is going to be way too hot for all of us this summer. I know I will be looking for ways to stay cool. I hope you can too!

I am so happy the Zone 5 Lodges are finding ways to meet outside and in parks. It is so nice to see everyone.

I got to see members from Solbakken #6-064 at their picnic.

I went to Ivar Aasen #6-045 in Santa Barbara to their Syttende Mai celebration in one of the member's backyard. It was well attended and great fun.

Then went to Thousand Oaks to Norseman #6-091 for their Syttende Mai celebration in a park. To be with my Norwegian brothers and sisters again was great fun.

I hope to get to all 7 of my lodges by October whether they are meeting inside or outside.

Please remember to be safe and take precautions. That darn Covid is still around. A dear friend of mine lost her son to Covid.

Stay in touch with all your members if you have not seen them or talked to them for a while. We need to stay in contact with our Norwegian family.

Always,
Troann Loy
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Zone 8 Director
Bev Moe

Our Colorado Lodges are gearing up for our safe return to activities!

Walleye dinners and the very important lutefisk dinners are back on schedule.

Summer picnic activities have brought us back together along with all the excitement of being together. All the happy faces of being together are priceless!

On November 5-6, we will be returning to our Christmas Fair at Trollheim Lodge. I have 16 vendors with Scandinavian themed crafts and the Trollheim Butikken for the best shopping around. We will not be serving lunch this year, but you can count on a fun day of shopping!



Bev Moe
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Camp Trollfjell - Our youth are back at Camp!

This year we had 11 students for Trollfjell Folkehøgskule and 17 campers for Camp Trollfjell. The students and campers enjoyed learning about their heritage. Staff provided cooking, language, craft, dance and outdoor activities. The students at the Trollfjell Folkehøgskule participated in a parade dressed as Vikings, installed a tether ball for camp and did some cooking among the other activities. The Trollfjell campers swam, checked out the new play structure, hiked, did crafts and learned some Norwegian.

Thank you to our Camp Director Bruce Fihe, Program Director Rebekah Strand, fantastic Camp Cook Kirby Aasen, along with the counselors, counselors in training, volunteer teachers, and a team of nurses to make this all happen for our District Six youth.



NEWS RELEASE

Century Club News!

Have you been waiting for your annual Century Club membership reminder? Well wait no more. After a brief hiatus while we are once again ready to receive your donations.

As always, your much needed donations to the Century Club will provide the support Camp Norge needs to keep up with urgent maintenance needs; things like painting buildings, repairing leaky water lines, and mending fences. Your support is vital to maintaining the beauty and durability of our “Gem in the Sierras.” Annual membership in the Century Club remains \$100.

Please make your checks out to the Century Club and send to:

Century Club
c/o Camp Norge
P.O. Box 622
Alta, CA 95701

The members of District Six Sons of Norway thank the founding and continuing members of the Century Club for all they have done over the last 25 years to support Camp Norge

History of the Century Club

In 1996, after touring Camp Norge as part of the District 6 Convention in Sacramento, delegates and officers were inspired to create an enduring fund-raising vehicle for the much-needed maintenance at the Camp. The Century Club was born! The name “Century” was chosen based on the goal of having at least 100 members per year donate \$100.00. One half of each year’s funds raised went directly to the Recreation Center Board and the other half was invested for future needs. Over the years Century Club board members have come and gone, but the mission of the club has never changed.

Open for New Committee Members

By the way, the Century Club Committee, which is now a component of the Camp Norge Board, has a few openings. If you or someone you know might be interested, we would love to hear from you.

For more information on how you can join and support the Century Club, contact Fred Hymans, fred.hymans@campnorge.org or (916) 333-2086.



Nominations for 2022 District Six Board

Nominations are open for District Six Officers and Board Directors.

Positions open are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Cultural Director and Directors for all Zones. In addition the Alternate International Director position is open.

Please consider running for a position or making a recommendation to a member of the District Six Nominating Committee. All of these positions require that the member own a Sons of Norway Financial Product. Skill sets include: Accounting, Investment, Corporate Governance, Marketing, Communications, Strategic Planning, Technology Skills (Internet/Social Media), Fraternal Benefit System and Cultural Skills.

Members of the District Six Nominating Committee are:

Chair and Zone 8—Mike Johaneson mjohaneson@gmail.com,

Zone 1—Donna Gordon justfordonna@surewest.net

Zone 2- Michele Edler michele.dawn.edler@gmail.com,

Zone 3-- is open but you may contact Mike Johaneson or any of the members of the committee

Zone 5—Olav Hassel velomadness@aol.com

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Zone 7 Sissel Espland sissel.liknes@gmail.com

In less than a year, many of us will be heading to Arizona for the District Six Convention. Among other things, we will be electing officers to lead District Six.

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, I am asking for your help to find nominees for these positions or consider nominating yourself. If you have held a local lodge leadership position, you probably have the skills and experience to help lead District Six and frankly, we need you.

The relevant information to apply can be found at the District Six website: sofn6.org. Go to Resources where you will find Duties of District Officers and Directors and District Candidate Application Form. The committee would appreciate applications as soon as possible, certainly by early next year.

We have wonderful lodges in District Six. That is because of the work of people like you. Please consider sharing your skills and experience with the rest of District Six and become a candidate for one of the offices.

Thank you.

Mike Johaneson, Fjellheim Lodge

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Convention Delegates

Every lodge within the district shall be entitled to two delegates for the lodge and one for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, based of the last semi-annual report prior to the election. All members in good standing, with at least three months membership in a lodge, are eligible as delegates. In lodges not in existence for three months at the time of election, all members are eligible, regardless of length of membership.

Paragraph 12 of District Six bylaws

Up to 25 members	2 delegates
26 – 75 members	3 delegates
76 – 125 members	4 delegates
126 – 175 members	5 delegates
Etc.	

The 2021 year-end membership numbers will be used to determine the number of delegates to the 2022 District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention. If the current lodge membership is at or close to the upper number in a range, you might want to increase your recruiting efforts to obtain another delegate.

Delegate responsibility extends beyond the actual meeting dates in June. The delegates remain a District Six Lodge member for a biennium (2022 – 2024). The delegates for the 2018 District Lodge Meeting and Convention are still the current District Six Lodge members due to the postponement of the 2020 District Lodge Meeting. Those delegates (District Lodge members) have been called upon to vote (web-based voting) on a referendum.

The District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention will be held at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5, 2022. Board and committees meet on Thursday, June 2 as well as an offering of cultural programs. Opening ceremonies are Friday afternoon, June 3. Grand Banquet with awards is Sunday evening, June 5. The newly elected board will meet with the outgoing board members Monday morning, June 6.

Nancy Madson
District Six Secretary

District Six Lodge Meeting Business

A referendum that was presented to the District Lodge members (the 2018 – 2022 delegates) passed with 65 approving and 2 disapproving. A quorum was reached with a majority of delegates casting their vote. The referendum is a bylaw change requiring 2/3 of votes cast to approve the change.

As the International Lodge has adopted a referendum policy allowing electronic communications for District Lodges (convention bodies), this referendum makes our District Six bylaws in synch with the International policy. We thank the 2018 – 2022 delegates who voted. The bylaw change is pending review and approval of headquarters.

Please note that crossed out words are to be removed, and underlined words are to be added. All other wording is exactly as it appears in the current (June 2018) District Bylaws.

~~Referendum~~ Referenda for District Board and District Lodge

Par. 23

The President shall, whenever possible, use the system of referendum during the period between Board meetings and have members of the Board vote by email on questions of importance. Whenever time does not permit a referendum, the Executive ~~Board~~ Committee shall have to make decisions.

Par. 24

The President shall oversee a referendum of the District Lodge on questions of importance during the period between District Lodge meetings. The Secretary, or other designee, shall send each member of the District Lodge via mail, electronic communications, or other methods of internet-based communication, a copy of the District Board of Directors' resolution directing the referendum, a summary of the referendum presented for consideration, and instructions for casting a vote, including the timeline in which the vote must be cast. Each District Lodge member is entitled to cast one vote, and the results of the referendum shall be binding provided a quorum (a majority) of the District Lodge members casts a vote.

It takes two-thirds approval of votes cast by District Lodge members (delegates) to change district bylaws, and it takes a majority of votes cast by District Lodge members (delegates) to change District Policies.

[Bylaw changes shall become effective upon approval of the Sons of Norway CEO and legal counsel.](#) District Policies shall become effective upon verification of the majority vote approving the referendum. Results of any referenda shall be published in the next District Six board meeting minutes or in the next District Six Lodge Meeting minutes.

Nancy Madson

District Six Secretary

Membership

Our Sons of Norway family is growing this year, and we see lodges adding more and more members as they get back to in-person activities and meetings. The trend looks terrific—we are up about 44% in members joining local and 999 lodges in June vs the end of January. Our total membership has reached 58,072. Through June 30, we have reached 115% of our 2021 goal of 8,200 new social and financial benefit members. We've added 9,423 new members—with 22 lodges meeting their 2021 goals. You can log in at [Sofn.com](https://sofn.com) to view the latest results for each lodge.

There are many Sons of Norway members who live their heritage as they create and sell Nordic-related goods. We frequently receive inquiries about featuring their information or business in headquarters publications and social media. Other members enjoy buying products that reflect their heritage and may also want to do business with fellow members. For those members who sell goods AND those members who may want to buy them, we have arranged for current members to receive an exclusive new advertiser discount for member ads placed in the November and December 2021 issues of Viking.

- The discounts will be promoted to members in Viking magazine.
- This is a new advertiser discount available by contacting our magazine ad representative Karin Miller at MSP-C. Discounts range from \$72.00 off the smallest ad size, up to \$458.00 off a full-page ad. Ads will be billed by MSP-C directly to the member.

Doris Kamstra, Membership Manager
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Sons of Norway Members

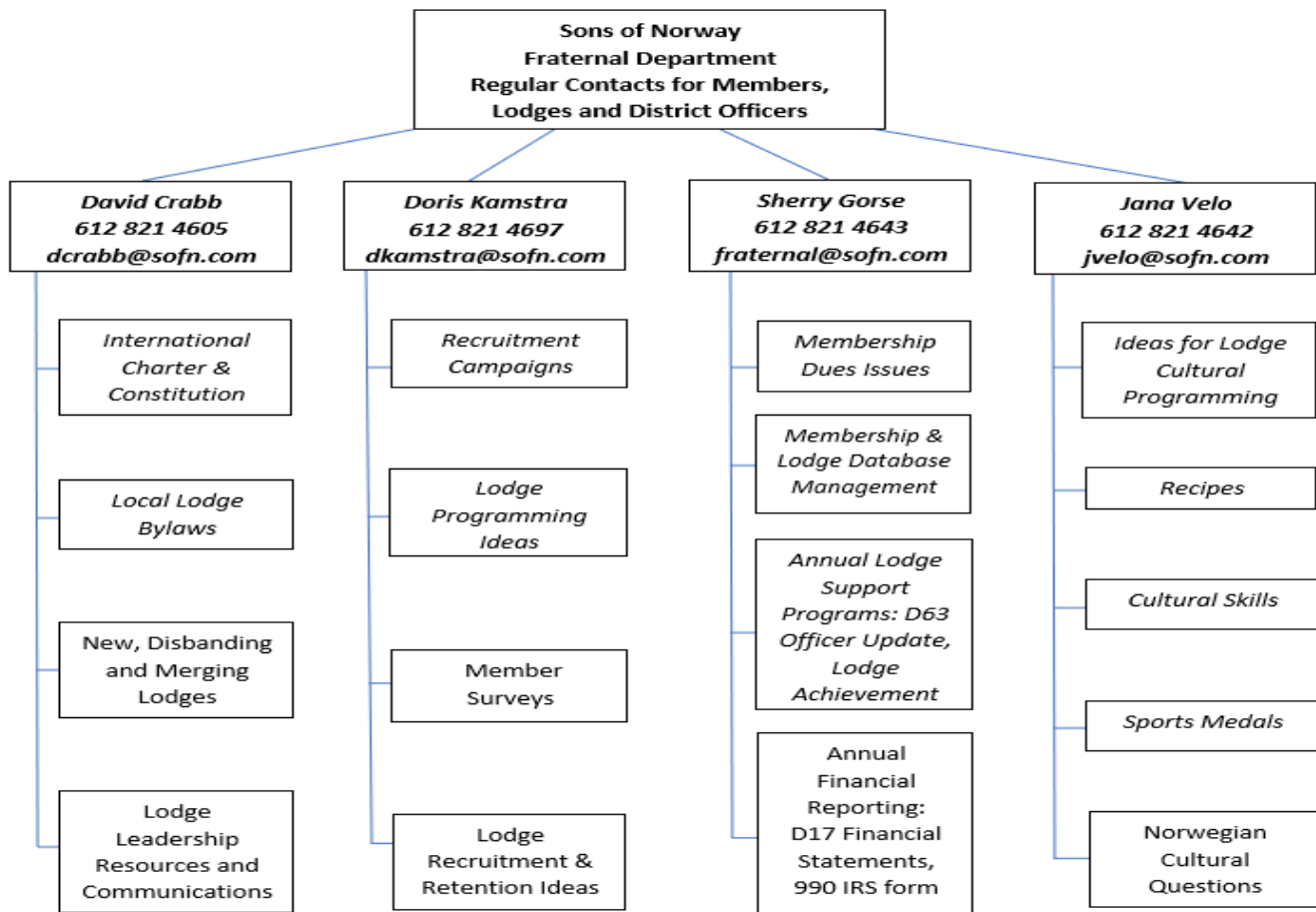


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The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.