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October 2024

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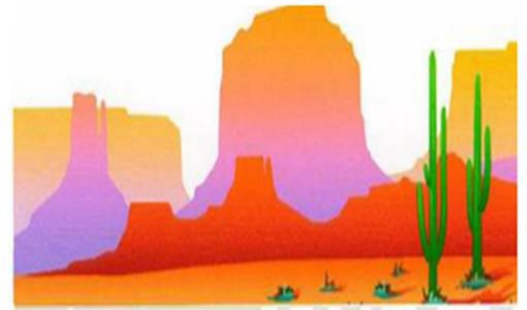
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

This month Desert Fjord is celebrating 40 years spent sharing our Norwegian culture and heritage in Arizona. We have a proud history, thanks to the investment of time and energy by our members. How many more years can we continue this tradition? I dare say it's up to you, the members!

How are we celebrating 40 years? We have a very special program coming in October—Lori Ann Reinhall, Editor-in-Chief of ***The Norwegian American***, will talk about the history of the newspaper. Also, she'll share with us plans for 2025 celebrating 200 years of Norwegian immigration. Along with that we'll have a piece of some 40th Anniversary cake with ice cream, coffee and champagne. We hope all of this leaves you wanting to join us! *Please make your reservation from information on the next page.*

Some of you may be aware already of the membership dues increase that went into effect recently. We have no control over that, but we want to give you a chance to get your dues paid for a year. Desert Fjord is having a first-ever Attendance Contest. *Learn more about this on page 5.*

I didn't forget about sharing something with you from the Las Vegas Sons of Norway District 6 Convention this past June. This is still being worked on and will appear in this newsletter when ready.

Don't forget to celebrate next week the discovery of America by Leif Erikson—all by itself, that's something to be proud of! Having Viking ancestry is great!



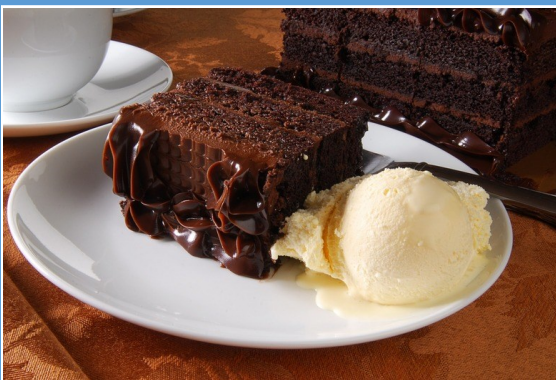
Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

October 13th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Program: Lori Ann Reinhall, editor-in-chief of *The Norwegian American*, North America's oldest and only Norwegian newspaper, will talk about the history of the publication. Also, she'll share about plans to celebrate 200 years of Norwegian immigration in 2025.



Our anniversary cake will be served with coffee, ice cream and champagne.
Cost: no charge but we'll have a basket for your free-will donation.

- Click [here](#) to register **by October 11th** or RSVP to Janet Peterson (480) 209-0684

Membership Matters by Lois Ripley, Membership Secretary

You never know what interesting and delightful people you'll meet when you come to Sons of Norway!



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If your contact information changes, please let me know! Your current phone number and your email address are how we stay connected.

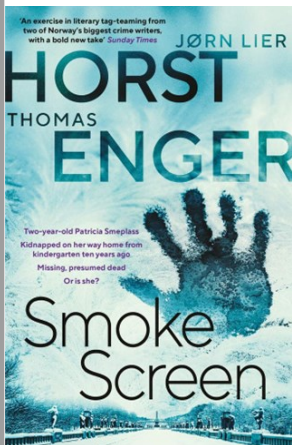
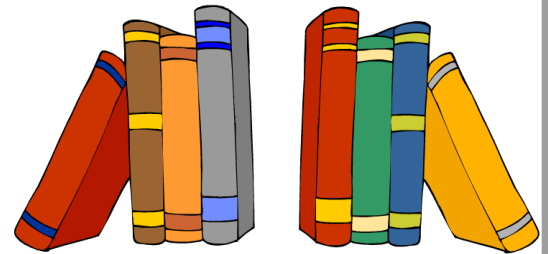
I can be reached at: (480) 521-8693 or my email address: lc Ripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)

LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

Smokescreen

By Jørn Lier Horst & Thomas Enger



Oslo, New Year's Eve. The annual firework celebration is rocked by an explosion, and the city is put on terrorist alert.

Police officer Alexander Blix and blogger Emma Ramm are on the scene, and when a severely injured survivor is pulled from the icy harbour, she is identified as the mother of two-year-old Patricia Semplass, who was kidnapped on her way home from kindergarten ten years earlier ... and never found.

Blix and Ramm join forces to investigate the unsolved case, as public interest heightens, the terror threat is raised, and it becomes clear that Patricia's disappearance is not all that it seems...

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Jørn Lier Horst is one of Norway's most experienced police investigators, but also one of Scandinavia's most successful crime writers. He writes engaging and intelligent crime novels that offer an uncommonly detailed and realistic insight into the way serious crimes are investigated, as well as how both police and press work.

Thomas Enger is a former journalist. He made his debut with the crime novel *Burned (Skinndød)* in 2010, which became an international sensation before publication. *Burned* is the first in a series of five books about the journalist Henning Juul, which delves into the depths of Oslo's underbelly, skewering the corridors of dirty politics and nailing the fast-moving world of 24-hour news. Rights to the series have been sold to 28 countries to date. Enger also composes music, and he lives in Oslo.

Desert Fjord Leadership Meeting

2531N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ
4 pm on September 15, 2024

Attendees: Berit M., Janis J., Jonathan W, Phyllis B, Ed B., and Lois R.

Secretary: Written reports are not currently available for the past months. Ed is working with headquarters to update 2024 report information.

Treasurer: Bank reports will be used to track and report this information going forward. Checking account totals \$863.48; Savings account totals \$50. SON savings account in Minneapolis totals \$18,367.84; the Agnes Steiler Endowment Fund account is estimated to total \$50,247 as of March 2024. One thousand dollars will be transferred from SON savings to Checking to provide more flexibility to meet our current financial obligations.

Membership: Two new members attended the September monthly meeting. Our lodge totals 85 members, of which we might expect only about 26 to attend any monthly meeting. Phyllis and Lois are updating our call lists.

October meeting – 40th Anniversary celebration: We plan to serve cake and ice cream. The programming committee has something special planned. There will be no charge, but there will be a drawing or free will offering. We discussed possibly offering two free memberships in a drawing.

November 9 will be a social and sales event. This will be a Christmas Jul Bazaar held at the Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix. Ali said that she will stock additional books for our Boutique which will be open there. Any Desert Fjord members attending – we plan to eat lunch together that day.

December: We will encourage members to attend AZ Norsemen's Jultrefest.

May 17, 2025 Syttende Mai event preparation: We need to reserve our Scottsdale shelter location by November 17. Janis will do that.

Programming: planning for 2025 is taking place.

Submitted by Ed Bergo, Secretary

Reasons to attend the Desert Fjord lodge meeting.....

Besides interesting programs, good food and
wonderful fellowship with friends,
now there is another reason to attend.

~Attendance Contest~

For everyone who attends four out of the regular lodge meetings their name will be entered into the Attendance Contest. (during months when lodge

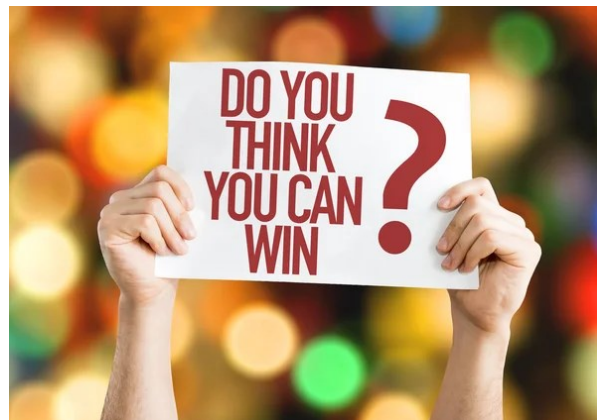


meetings aren't held, other contest-qualifying events will be announced in the Posten)

At the April meeting, two names will be drawn and those 2 lucky individuals will have their Sons of

Norway membership paid for one year.

(Membership dues have gone up to \$84 for individuals, so this is a great deal. If a winner is part of a family membership, the \$84 will go towards the family membership total.)



District Six President: Lis Barca

District Six is made up of the following states:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii - Website: **www.sofn6.org**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377019032437840/>

Zone Seven Director: Jonathan Walters

Zone Seven is made up of lodges in the following states:

Arizona: Scottsdale #133-Desert Fjord; Sun City #134-Sol Byer; Mesa #153-Overtro Fjell; Flagstaff #167- Nordic Pines; and Yuma #168-Sola

Utah: Salt Lake City #83-Leif Erikson

OTHER SONS OF NORWAY LODGES IN ARIZONA

Overtro Fjell 6-153 - 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

625 S Ellsworth, Mesa, AZ

Sola 6-168 - 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm,

Faith Lutheran Church,

2215 S. 8th Ave., Yuma, AZi

Sol Byer 6-134 - 3rd Saturday at 11:00 am

Sun City West Foundation

14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd, Sun City West, AZ

LODGES IN OTHER STATES

Go to: <https://members.sofn.com/lodgeDirectory/>

Most post their monthly newsletter

on their lodge website.

OTHER CONTACTS

Honorary Norwegian Consul:

Alex Boemark



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Control+ Left Click on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Desert-Fjord-Lodge-6-133-Sons-of-Norway-563052183744742/>

October Birthdays

Sada Jean Reed	1st
Mary Jane Gordon	3rd
Logan Ronalds	15th
Barbara B Richey	19th



James O'Connor	20th
Erik C Bakken	21st
Richard G Erickson	24th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



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Celebrating **125** Years

**Do you have that nest
egg sitting in your
local bank savings account?**

Why not take advantage of the newest Lodge Exclusive member benefit and purchase a multi-year guaranteed annuity? You can enjoy tax-deferred growth while protecting your inheritance from market fluctuations; select your guarantee period of 3, 5 or 7 years.

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Please give me a call at (651) 253-1943.

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Desert Fjord's Scandinavian Noir

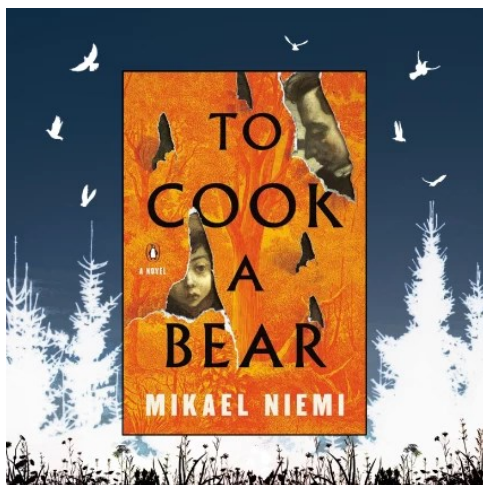
(aka Viking Book and Wine Club)

October 12th at 4 pm

Jana Peterson's Home:

5901 E Hummingbird Lane, Paradise Valley, AZ

RSVP (480) 326-2927



This month we're reading a great novel by Swedish author, Mikael Niemi. Please come and join us!

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Bringing snacks is optional

Desert Fjord Resources

- *Looking for information on future meetings, events and Posters?*
Desert Fjord website: <https://desertfjord.org/>
- *If you are looking for some wonderful Scandinavian recipes, check out:*
Sons of Norway website: <https://www.sofn.com>
- *As members, we have access to a free, in-depth genealogy club that meets monthly via zoom – **Genealogy Club (District 6):***

Anthony G (Tony) Hjelmstad, Slektforskningklubb / Genealogy Club



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Genealogy@Fjelldalen.com <https://www.fjelldalen.com/>

- *Our Desert Fjord Lodge (**Scandinavian Noir Book Club ...** previously known as **Viking Book and Wine Club**) hosts a monthly Book Club meeting in Jana Peterson's home. Members gather to read and review Scandinavian books with an emphasis on murder mysteries. For more information call Jana Peterson at 480-326-2927.*
- *As members of Sons of Norway, we are invited to join the free, national book club that meets monthly via Zoom:*
Sons of Norway Book Club:
Bill Browning
Sons of Norway Book Club Coordinator
SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com
[404-953-2525](tel:404-953-2525)
- *As members of Sons of Norway, District 6, we have access to Camp Norge in California. Check out the camp information:*
Camp Norge: <https://www.campnorge.org/site/>

Remember to celebrate Leif Erikson Day October 9th



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Sunshine: Open

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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 Scandinavian countries.

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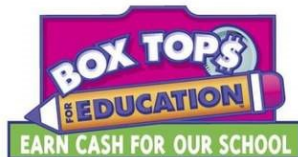
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