

# The Posten

January 2020

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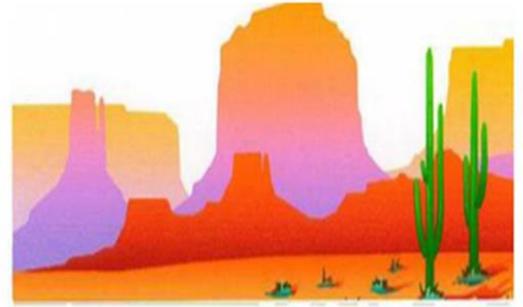
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## SONS OF NORWAY

### Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



## President's Column

The new year gives us pause to consider the past as we chart a course for the year ahead. We have just celebrated 35 years as a lodge; now we celebrate with Sons of Norway their 125th anniversary. As we mark milestones like these, we have an opportunity to reconnect with our past achievements. It's also a time to see ourselves in some way carrying out Sons of Norway's mission: **promoting and preserving the heritage and culture of Norway; celebrating our relationship with other Nordic Countries; and providing quality insurance and financial products for our members.**



This month we have a great program about a remarkable Norwegian, Sonja Henie—a world class athlete. And our menu is an old favorite, lapskaus—perfect for the winter season. Come and enjoy both our program and menu! Also, at our meeting we'll have an installation for our lodge leaders.

I have included information about the big annual Icelandic event, **Thorrablot**. David Hill presented a program on Iceland for us awhile back. Please see page 7 for details if you have any interest to attend ... to see what the Icelanders do during the bleak midwinter.

Coming up in March is our second **Scandinavian Viking Festival**. We need volunteers to help make this happen. Please see page 4 to learn more— we need you to be willing to play a part in what's sure to be another exciting occasion to make our presence known here in the Phoenix metro area.

Happy New Year! Let's work together to make this a memorable year for Desert Fjord Lodge.

*Velkommen*

**Business Meeting at 4 pm, Sunday, January 12th**

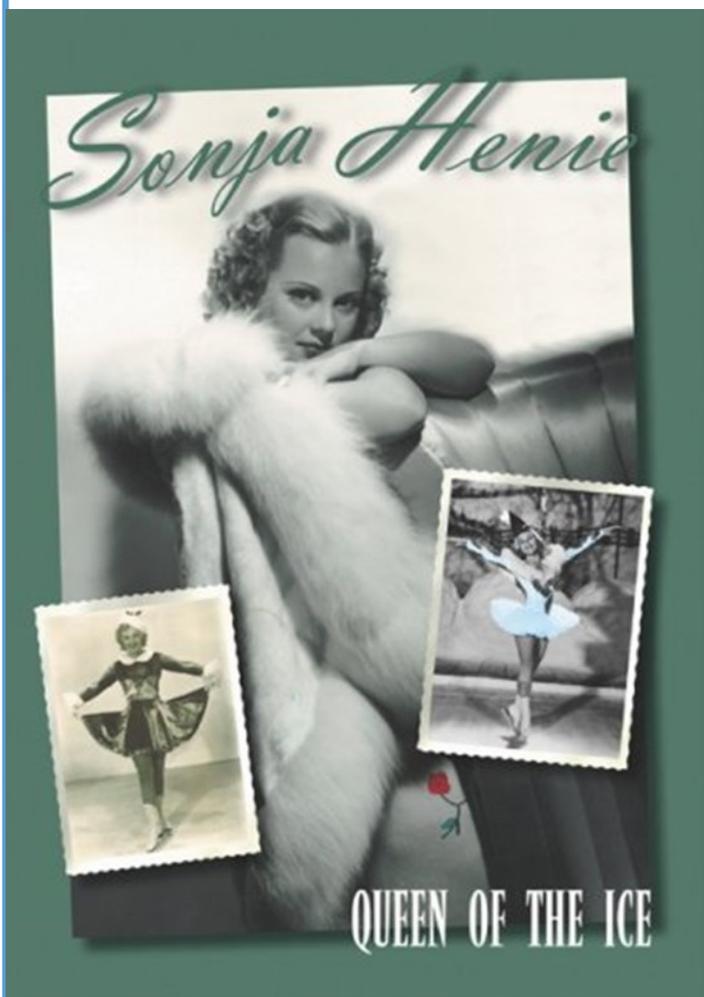
Scottsdale Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Heritage and Cultural Meeting—January 12th at 2 PM  
Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

## Program:

# SONJA HENIE

The daughter of a fur wholesaler, Sonja Henie got her first pair of ice skates when she was six. Eight years later, she was Norway's Skating Champion. At 15, she would win the gold medal in Skating at the 1928 Olympics, thus becoming the youngest Olympic skating champion -- a record that stood for 70 years. She repeated as champion in 1932 and 1936. A ten-time World Champion Women's Figure Skater, she was the first skater to parlay athletic success into a lucrative career. In 1936 she turned professional, began touring with her own ice show and soon caught the attention of Hollywood. She signed with 20th Century Fox and played an ice skater in *One in a Million* (1936). The film was a great success, and Sonja was now a movie star.



Sonja's popularity suffered briefly when a photograph was published showing her shaking hands with Adolf Hitler at the 1936 Olympic Winter Games in Berlin. She continued to make a series of light romantic comedies throughout the late 30s and early 40s. More a testament to her skating skills and physical attributes, the films were profitable and her popularity soared. Films like *One in a Million*, *Thin Ice*, and *Wintertime* helped bring financial success for the Hollywood Ice Revues that she produced and starred in every year and which drew huge crowds across the United States. Sonja became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1941. In the mid-40s her movie career tapered off, but she continued skating until her retirement in 1960. An astute businesswoman, Sonja was one of the ten wealthiest women in the world when she died of leukemia in 1969. Sonja was inducted into the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1976 and the International Women's Sport Hall of Fame in 1982.

## Menu :

- Lapskaus (traditional Norwegian stew)
- Flatbread
- Dessert
- Coffee, Tea and Water

Price: Adults \$15.00;

Children—\$7.50



Reservations: Via the link [online](#) (click "online") or call Lynn Solie by January 10th!

(612) 250-6997

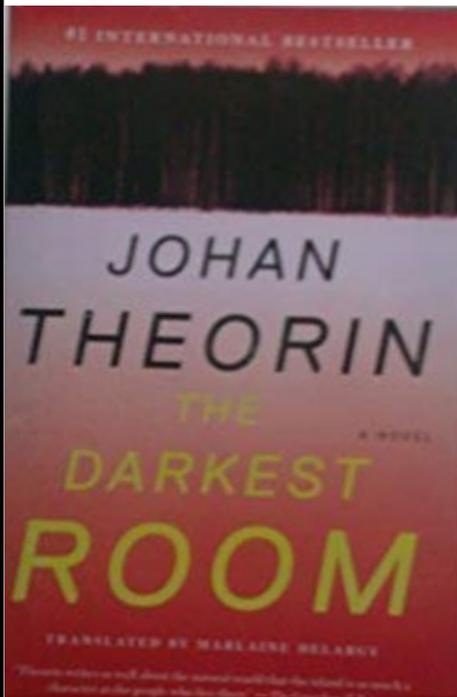
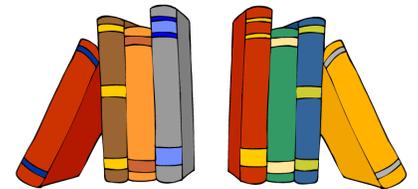
**(the online registration now offers a "no meal" option and you can pay \$5 to attend the meeting only)**

*Please make payment by check or cash at the door*

## **LIBRARY CORNER**

A Book Review by Janis Johnson

*(highlighting one of the books available in our great Library)*



The main setting is Eel Point, which is made up of an imposing and historic manor house, itself built using timber from a shipwreck, thus associated with superstitions by the locals who think it cursed. This is not helped by the dark reputation it has acquired over the decades after several deaths there. The author credibly uses the flashback technique to show us the numerous tragedies that have befallen the inhabitants of Eel Point over the years since the 1800s. In the contemporary setting, the reader is introduced to Joakim and Katrine Westin, a young couple who have recently moved from Stockholm to Oland, having bought the manor house at Eel Point. Together with their two young children, Livia and Gabriel, the family is in the process of settling into their new home when tragedy strikes. Tilda Davidsson is the novice cop who assumes responsibility on the island and finds her hands full dealing with suspicious break-ins throughout the island, a complicated love affair, and also a great-uncle who is recounting old family stories to her.

The different story arcs are well-explored and credibly told, with a cast of interesting characters that are also explored at length, especially the main characters, i.e. Joakim and Tilda. These are complex characters that draw readers into their confused and complicated worlds, and elicit one's empathy. There is a great sense of atmosphere throughout this novel, especially of the harsh winter climate, as portrayed through the unforgiving blizzard 3/4 into the novel. Elements of the supernatural are also explored, but without an element of the fantastic, instead it is seamlessly woven into the fabric of the story so as to render it altogether credible. The descriptions of the manor house, the two lighthouses, and the rest of Oland enhance the atmosphere in the novel. "The Darkest Room" will appeal to fans of atmospheric mysteries, and has all the elements essential to good storytelling - a compelling and unpredictable plot, interesting multifaceted characters as well as high atmosphere and vivid descriptions. Highly recommended!

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

by Sherrie Loomis  
Membership Secretary

God Jul! Wishing you all a joyous holiday season. I look forward to

seeing all of you in 2020, the 125th anniversary of Sons of Norway. We are pleased to report that our lodge welcomed 12 new members in 2019.



We're anxious to top that next year with great meals and programs, as well as our Scandinavian Viking Festival on March

28th, featuring Ole and Lena Live. I encourage you to invite a friend or family member to join our lodge in the coming year.



## Scandinavian Viking Festival 2020

◇ Saturday, March 28th ◇

Scottsdale United Methodist Church

*(please save the date!)*

~ Volunteers Needed ~

for

## 2020 Scandinavian Viking Festival

We'll be celebrating our heritage with hundreds of fellow Scandinavians at our festival on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Scottsdale United Methodist Church. We've already booked Ole and Lena Live for an afternoon performance of "Ole Runs for Office", a musical comedy.

We've extended invitations to a wide variety of Scandinavian organizations and vendors and have received inquiries from several vendors who plan on attending. We had over 20 vendor/displays at last year's event and can support twice as many this year. We had over 400 attendees last year and expect over 600 this year as we move to a Saturday with expanded hours and a venue with more parking.

We need your help to make this event possible and successful! We need individuals ...

- to coordinate the vendor process
- to assist with the theatrical production
- to coordinate ticket sales
- to bake cookies
- to assist with sales in the boutique
- to lead crafts for children, and more.

Please consider helping out and call (602.617.7542) or email Jan Loomis ([jan@jloomis.com](mailto:jan@jloomis.com)) to express your interest in helping. Tusen Takk!

**District Six President: Luella Grangaard**

District Six is made up of the following states:

Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii  
- Website: [www.sofn6.org](http://www.sofn6.org)

Facebook:

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

**Zone Seven Director: Benny Jo Hinchey**

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**

**Nordic Pines 6-167** - 3rd Sunday, Family

Resource Ctr., Flagstaff, AZ

**Overtro Fjell 6-153** - 3rd Saturday

at 11:00 am, St Peter Lutheran Church,

1844 E Dana Ave, Mesa, AZ

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

Faith Lutheran Church,

2215 S. 8th Ave., Yuma, AZ

**Sol Byer 6-134** - 3rd Saturday at

11:00 am, Elks Lodge, 10760 Union

Hills Dr., Sun City, 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



# January Birthdays

Laura C Kuegemann	1st
Kathleen A Gabrielson	3rd
Deboral L Shaffer	6th
Jackson B Loomis *	7th
Randy Wensman	11th



Peter A Flanders	13th
Floyd L Downs	21st
Hannah C Bergo	25th
Reidun J Daeffler	27th
Sondra Koskela	29th
Peggy Wensman	30th

*Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!*

\* Heritage Member

**Desert Fjord Lodge Business Meeting  
Starbucks, 229 E Dunlap, Phoenix, AZ  
December 8, 2019**

Jan Loomis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. In attendance were Jonathan Walters, Ed and Phyllis Bergo, Jan and Sherrie Loomis, and Janis Johnson.

Jan Loomis moved to approve the minutes of the October meetings and Janis Johnson seconded the motion.

Treasurers report: Janis reported that we have \$1700 in savings toward our goal of \$2,000 needed for the convention coming up in June. Fees for each delegate are \$350 and \$285 for non-delegates. Janis suggested that we try to have more of our newer members be delegates to the convention. Dates for the convention need to be announced in January. We have about \$1047 in checking. This was approved. The Jul Bazaar brought a profit of \$100 and our November meeting brought another \$100.

Reservations for the Syttende Mai event need to be made for May 16 at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. We want to have the same Ramada as last year. The event is from 9 am - noon with set up at 8 am. A new Master of Ceremonies needs to be found.

Cultural report: No one in attendance to give a report. January is installation of officers, and \_\_\_\_\_? February features Camp Norge activities, March is our Viking Festival. Jan Loomis reviewed the details, expenses, and the need for cookie donations.

Social: No one in attendance to give a report. Suggestion for food at the January H&C meeting: Lapskaus. February will be our Torsk Dinner which is usually a fund raiser.

Membership: There is a new fee structure for 2020. With the Jonathan Loomis family moving to Minnesota, we are losing 5 members. Recent new members will be posted in January.

**New business:**

A motion was made to change our monthly meeting to the second Saturday of the month with the following changes: the business meeting will be from 11–12; setup for the H& C meeting will be from 12-1:00; the luncheon will be about 1:15 and the program from 2-3. A vote showed all present in favor of the changes. Jonathan Walters will confirm the changes with the Masonic Lodge.

A brainstorming hour is to be held in January prior to our business meeting in order to plan our 2020 activities and set some goals for our lodge. Jan Loomis will send out a message about this.

Lynn Solie will be taking reservations for future meetings. No monies need to be sent to her, but payment at the door will be received. Jan Loomis will check on how to pay online in the future.

We need to target 4 delegates for the convention.

Someone needs to invite Benny Jo to the January installation and also check to see if Luella Grangaard might be in our area at that time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Bergo, Acting Secretary

FOOTNOTE: In the days immediately following this Business Meeting, it became apparent that Desert Fjord needs to change banks. The Board unanimously approved this change and is preparing to accomplish this by the first week in January. Either Bank of America or Chase Bank will replace Wells Fargo Bank.

# THORRABLOT 2020

*... a great Icelandic midwinter feast*

The 2020 Thorrablot will be at the Pulaski Club of Arizona, which is located at 4331 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85008. The festivities will be held on Saturday February 1, doors open at 6:00 pm and the food will be served at 7:00 pm.

As in the past, we will serve both Icelandic and American fare. Among other things we will have smoked lamb (hangikjöt), lamb, smoked salmon, sheep heads, fermented shark, and ham. Guests will also be offered water, and soda. The Pulaski Club has a full bar and 1 drink will be included for paying adults, additional drinks are available for purchase from the bar – the bar only accepts cash. We have done everything in our power to keep costs down and ticket prices this year will be \$60 for ages 13 and up. Children under 13 are free.

Following dinner will be some musical entertainment and a social hour providing an opportunity for mingling and getting to know other attendees. The ever popular raffle will then take place. This year's prizes include various quality items as usual. At the conclusion of the raffle dancing will commence to a musical mix until about midnight.

Unfortunately we cannot guarantee food for anyone that does not RSVP and send payment prior to the event. We will not sell tickets at the door. Every RSVP will receive one raffle ticket. We are still working on getting raffle prizes so the list of prizes is incomplete at this point in time. All support, whether in the form of raffle prize donation or something else, is always appreciated.

Since we need to order food from Iceland we need to have a headcount prior to January 20, 2020. Please call, send email, or RSVP on Facebook prior to January 20 (the sooner the better). Please include the names of every attendee and the ages of children. Payment must be mailed no later than January 20, 2020. Please make checks out to David Hill. You can also pay via PayPal (please use "Send money to friends or family") or Zelle to [icechap@gmail.com](mailto:icechap@gmail.com)

If there are any questions that need answers please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Thorrablot!

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*Hákarl (putrefied shark)*

# Godt Nytt år Happy New Year

## Officers of Desert Fjord Lodge

**President:** Jonathan Walters— (347) 801-3345

**Vice-President:** Jan Loomis— (602) 617-7542

**Secretary:** Phyllis Bergo (480) 812-9762

**Treasurer:** Janis Johnson— janisjoan41@gmail.com

**Auditors:** Dirk Walter and Floyd Downs

**Box Tops for Education:**

**Counselor:** Ed Bergo

**Cultural Directors:** Jana Peterson, Nina Poe, Laurie Peterson

**Desert Fjord Boutique:** Ali Berg-Anderson

**Distribution:** Janis Johnson

**Education and Scholarships:** Elizabeth Lenci-Downs, Nina Poe

**Foundation Directors:** Gordon Peterson, Paul Lindbloom

**Greeters:** Floyd Downs and Ross Berg

**Historian:**

**Librarian:** Nancy Zine

**Marshals:** Knut Haldorsen and Peter Flanders

**Membership Secretary:** Sherrie Loomis—(480) 786-4232

**Posten Editor:** Jonathan Walters

**Publicity Director/Public Relations:** Janis Johnson

**Reservations:** Lynn Solie (612) 250-6997

**Social Directors:** Berit Miltun— (480) 966-2009, Nellie Lokken

**Sports:**

**Sunshine:** Dawn Walter— (480) 860-9192

**Trustees:** (1yr) K Haldorsen; (2yr) P Flanders; (3yr) Norm Jenson

**Tubfrim:** Lois Ripley and Lois Saakas

**Webmaster:** Jan Loomis



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