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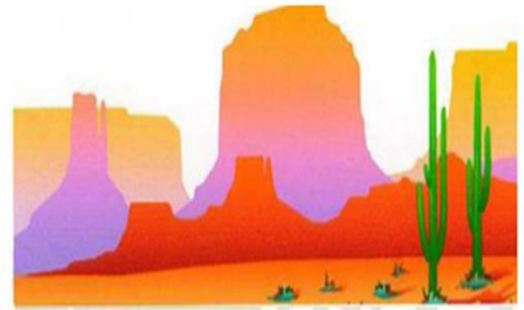
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

The other day as I was making lefse, I thought "What could be more Norwegian than that?" Eating lutefisk? Having a sip of Aquavit? How your Scandinavian identity shows itself may not be so obvious, but I hope you find joy in giving expression in your own way to our rich culture and heritage!

Our program this month is brought by Erik Ringnes. It promises to be quite a treat. A few years ago he gave us a great program telling how his family provided financial support for Norwegian Arctic exploration. Some of you don't need an introduction to Erik, but let me tell you he's quite a fellow. An active member of AZ Norseman, he's also a fine photographer and an avid outdoorsman. I frequently see posts on FB of Erik and his dog hiking peaks in the Southwest.

Shannon brings us a menu that compliments the program well. We appreciate the work she does for us—you'll enjoy her cooking!

There's an invitation (*page 4*) to become a member of Scandinavian Folkdancers of Phoenix. A few Desert Fjord members already belong to this group. In recent years they've been invited to be part of the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival in Estes Park, CO. They perform locally at different venues. The group has had a hiatus during Covid, but would like to resume practice this spring. Some dances are possible with as few as four dancers, but a larger troupe enables a more varied program. If you can walk, you can dance. You don't have to be a dancer; you'll be taught the steps of each tour and soon you're up to speed. The commitment is manageable—they practice a couple times a month on a Friday evening. It's a good excuse to get out of the house and it's very good exercise!

May the new year find Desert Fjord Lodge spreading the spirit of the Vikings in our corner of Arizona!



Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

January 9th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Program by Erik Ringnes: "Stories from Norway"
(we'll see beautiful scenes as he talks about his recent trip and some other trips to Norway in past years)



Menu

- Lapskaus (Norwegian Beef Stew)
- Flat Bread
- Dessert
- Beverage: coffee and lemonade

(if you choose to join us without the meal, you may indicate that on the registration form—the cost for that is \$5)

Cost: \$17.00 *(includes \$5 to cover hall rental)*

- Please click [here](#) to register for the event **by Jan 7th** or RSVP to Lynn Solie (612) 250-6997.

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!



When young we're preoccupied with our immediate lives—our education, our career, raising our family. And what happens as a result is that we haven't time to think about our ancestors' journey. Important family information often gets lost.

However it occurred that you lost touch with your family history, where you come

from matters. It's good to know where you came from! Finding out about your roots gives you greater knowledge about yourself.

Your membership in Sons of Norway is one way to help you reconnect with your story along with many of the values and traditions of your Viking heritage.

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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) 838-5548; my email address is: lcripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)

The Nature of Friendship

A bad friend
is far away
though his cottage is close.
To a true friend
lies a trodden road
though his farm lies far away.

(from *Hávamál*, The Sayings of the Vikings)

THE SCANDINAVIAN FOLKDANCERS OF
PHOENIX invites you to join us! If you are
interested, please call: 480-326-2927

PS We are vaccinated, boosted, and wear masks! Lot's of fun!



Gift - From Old Norse directly to today's lingo



In the Germanic languages, the story of the word "gift" is an interesting and somewhat complicated one. In Norwegian, it can mean both "married" and "poison," but in English, it is another word for "present."

The word gift comes directly from Old Norse *gipt*, meaning "something given," the transfer of something gratuitously from a giver to a receiver. The word is related to the Old Norse verb *gefa*, meaning "give," from which the Norwegian verb *gi* is derived, also meaning "give."

That said, in English, its principal modern meaning is that of present, as a birthday present or a Christmas present, and is just one of many original usages.

In Old Norse, as it was transferred into Old English, the singular noun *gipt* meant "payment for a wife," and as a plural noun applied to weddings. Far from modern-day weddings, in which both partners are equal before the law, marriage once involved a father "giving away" his daughter, which is still the case in many cultures around the world.

Those matrimonial usages led to a forest of subordinate usages, such as dowry, traditionally the money, goods, or an estate that a wife brings to her husband in marriage.

But in Norwegian today, gift has other meanings. Used as an adjective, gift also came to mean "married," and then to the confusion of many a language-learner, used as a noun, gift means "poison."

But there is an explanation. In Germany, the word *gipt* went on a very different etymological journey. Several centuries ago, the word gift was used to mean "present" in German, but over time, the meaning changed. Around the year 800, the word became used solely as a euphemism for poison (something most certainly given to you as an unwelcome gift or present). Later, Swedish, Danish, and subsequently, Norwegian, borrowed the noun gift back from German with the meaning of poison.

Today, the Norwegian word for present is *gave* in bokmål and *gåve* in nynorsk, words that stem from the Old Norse verb *gefa*. Logically, the word for Christmas gift is *julegave* or *julegåve* in Norwegian, namely, a "Yule gift."

So, this year, you may think back on the interesting journeys these words have taken over the centuries, as you pack and unpack your Christmas presents. Happy gifting!

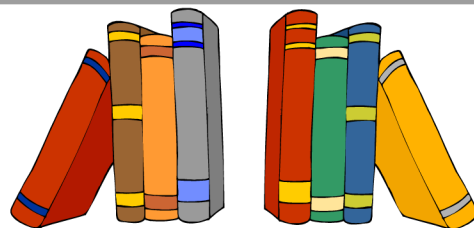
M. Michael Brady, Asker, Norway

(borrowed from The Norwegian American)

LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson

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



In the snow-covered silence of Swedish midwinter, a terrible accident and a deadly secret draws several strangers together...

January in Gotland. The days are short, the air is cold, and all the roads are covered in snow. On a deserted, icy backroad, these wintry conditions will soon bring together a group of strangers with a force devastating enough to change their lives forever when, in the midst of a brief period, a deadly accident and two separate crimes leave victims in their wake.

Four years later a single phone call is all it takes to bring back the terror of that day and to set in motion a plot for revenge. For Sandra it started as an unremarkable wintry day of shopping followed by a kind gesture from a stranger. For Jeanette it began with the thrill of an illicit rendezvous with her lover. Both women had driven past the same icy ravine, but only one was in the car that caused a deadly crash, and only one left a man to die alone

in the snow.

Each carried a secret from that day, a secret that, if revealed, could connect them to a larger, more terrible transgression... And there is someone out there who knows the whole picture, and who would rather kill than allow it all to come to light.

Chilling and atmospheric, *Black Ice* is a gripping standalone novel of suspense from the author of the internationally-bestselling *Hammarby* series.

Carin Gerhardsen (born December 6, 1962 in Katrineholm, Sweden) is a Swedish author of crime fiction. *The Tenant* was her debut novel (which is in the SON library) and the start of a series hailed for its artful originality and beautiful prose.

Originally a mathematician, Gerhardsen worked as an IT-consultant before becoming a full-time writer. Her mathematical knowledge is visible in her novels, which contain advanced calculated intrigues. Her popular book series *The Hammarby Series*, circles around Detective Inspector Conny Sjöberg and his team solving cruel and brutal murders in the southern parts of Stockholm.

Gerhardsen lives on Östermalm in Stockholm with her husband and children.



I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday and that 2022 will be a great year.

Here is an article on leaving a legacy to be proud of.

Simplified Issue Single Premium Life Insurance is fast, easy, and guaranteed.

Sons of Norway offers a life insurance policy that is both permanent and guaranteed. We know that it is important for you that the coverage is easy to apply for and affordable.

You simply answer a few questions and will not need to take a medical exam. With this policy, the premium that you select will determine the amount of your coverage and only needs to be paid one time.

This type of final expense life insurance policy is a good option for those who:

- Want to maximize their estate
- Would rather not have a medical exam
- Want between \$5,000 and \$50,000 in coverage
- Desire an easy way to transfer a legacy while still having access to their funds
- Want guaranteed, paid-up coverage for on entire lifetime

Here is what your one time \$10,000 premium payment would provide you in guaranteed death benefit.

*65-year-old female would have \$18,145

*65-year-old male would have \$17,234

This death benefit will go to your beneficiaries without the cost of probate and is not taxed.

As always feel free to contact me for further information,

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

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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, 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

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Alex Boemark



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January Birthdays

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| Laura C Kuegemann | 1st |
| Jackson B Loomis * | 7th |
| Randy Wensman | 11th |
| Peter A Flanders | 13th |
| Hannah C Bergo | 25th |



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| Reidun J Daeffler | 27th |
| Sondra Koskela | 29th |
| Stephanie B Ronalds | 30th |
| Peggy Wensman | 30th |

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



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Mission Statement:

To promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway; to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries; and to provide quality insurance and financial products for our members.

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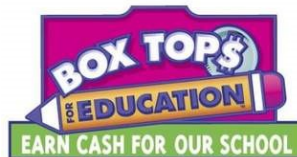
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