

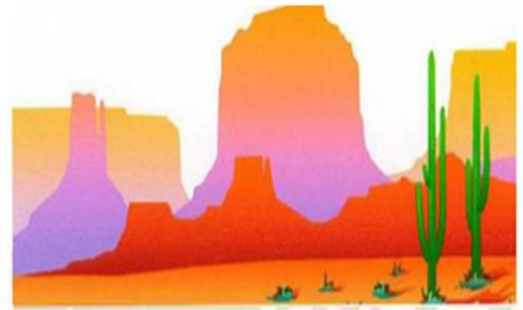
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



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**Desert Fjord Lodge 6-133
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President's Column

I have some exciting news to share this month. Bethany Tso has agreed to assume the position of Vice President of Desert Fjord Lodge! She'll work closely with Lois Ripley, our Membership Secretary, on all matters pertaining to members. Please congratulate her and give her your complete support as she begins serving us in this role.



Other positions are open here at Desert Fjord. I invite you to review our Officers listing on page 10. There you'll see positions that are open. Maybe you can see one of the openings being a good fit for you. If so, please let me know or let one of our other officers know. We'd love to have you join us as part of our lodge Leadership Team!

Our lodge meeting this month will incorporate part of our program as the menu. A Norwegian cooking and baking competition will offer us sampling opportunities of the entries. Good luck to all entrants! It should be a lot of fun as well as interesting for those of us who'd rather sample than cook and bake. Then we also have a Silent Auction—possibly you'll find some early Christmas presents there. The auction is a benefit to help raise money for the lodge.

Also, in this newsletter you'll find reflections from delegates to our Sons of Norway Convention. (Janis Johnson's reflections were in the September Posten.) I hope this helps give you some better idea what goes on at SON District conventions. I hope you enjoy what's shared here about the Convention.

Finally, I think we should come out in strength for our October monthly meeting—after all, it's Leif Erikson Day! It's a proud day to be a Viking. And let's unashamedly show our Scandinavian spirit and pride the whole month through!

Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

October 9th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Program:

Great Norwegian Cooking & Baking Competition ...

and Silent Auction (see next page) !!

Food: Sampling the competitors' recipes (meatballs, potatoes, lefse, and more!).



Come and taste Desert Fjord's Master Bakers & Chefs old and new Norwegian recipes! See you there!

Coffee · Lemonade · Water—will also be served

Cost: \$8 (including the \$5 building rental fee)

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

DESERT FJORD SILENT AUCTION

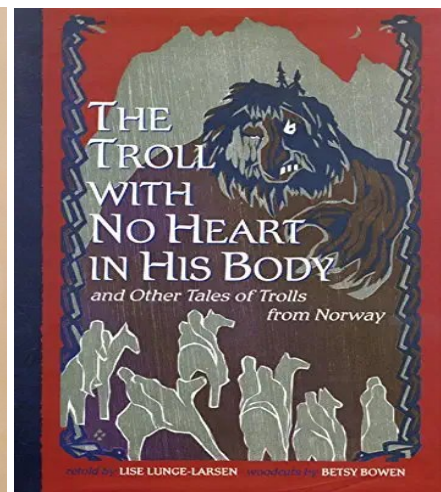
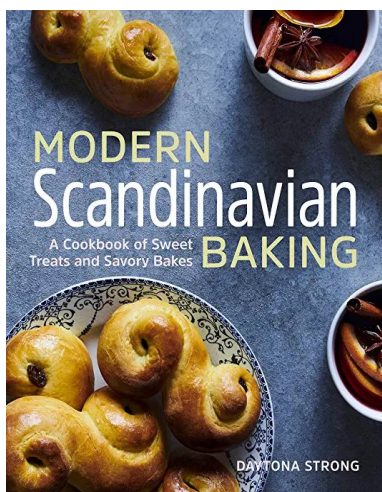
October 9th at 2:00 pm

Please support your Sons of Norway Lodge by donating a Scandinavian-themed item ... either new or gently used.

Arrive a little early to the monthly meeting to fill in the description form.

You will also have an opportunity to bid on other lodge members' items.

Some of the items already donated are:



Signed Print

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!

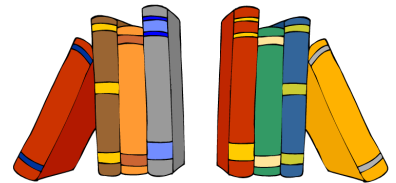


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If your contact information changes, please let me know. Your current phone number and your email address are how we stay connected. I can be reached at: (480) 838-5548; my email address is: lcripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of our lodge meetings.)

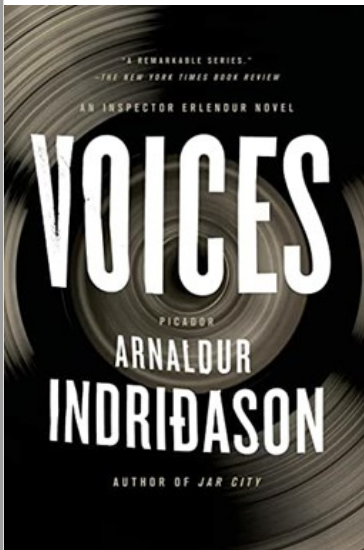
LIBRARY CORNER

A Book Review by Jan Johnson



Voices

by Arnaldur Indridason



The Christmas rush is at its peak in a grand Reykjavík hotel when Inspector Erlendur is called in to investigate a murder. The hotel Santa has been stabbed to death, and Erlendur and his fellow detectives find no shortage of suspects between the hotel staff and the international travelers staying for the holidays. As Christmas Day approaches, Erlendur must deal with his difficult daughter, pursue a possible romantic interest, and untangle a long-buried web of malice and greed to find the murderer. *Voices* is a brutal, soulful noir from the chilly shores of Iceland.

Arnaldur Indridason won the CWA Gold Dagger Award for Silence of the Grave and is the only author to win the Glass Key Award for Best Nordic Crime Novel two years in a row, for Jar City and Silence of the Grave. The film of Jar City, now available on DVD from Blockbuster, was Iceland's entry for the 2008 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, and the film of his next book, Silence of the Grave, is currently in production with the same director. His thrillers have sold more than five million copies in over 25 countries around the world. He lives in Iceland.

Christmas in October!! What am I thinking? I'm thinking of a Christmas gift of Life Insurance for your Grandchild or Great Grandchild. I know, it's not a flashy gift like an iPhone, but it's a gift for them to remember Grandma and Grandpa.

It's called the ***Viking Voyager***. Here are the particulars:

- **Issues ages 0 to17**
- **Face amounts of:**
 - \$10,000
 - \$15,000
 - \$25,000
- **Mode of payment:** Annual or Single pay
- **Conversion options:** This starts as Term insurance and can be converted up to 3 times the face amount, thus protecting their insurability if they were to have medical issues later in life
- **Sample Single pay rate for \$25,000:**
 - Age 0 - \$504
 - Age 5 - \$477
 - Age 10 - \$475

(These are Single, one-time premiums that cover them until age 26.)

Please contact me for more information.

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Sons of Norway District Six Convention
June 2-5, 2022, Mesa, AZ



Desert Fjord delegates to the convention: Janis Johnson, Lynn Solie, Don Solie and Jonathan Walters



Ed and Phyllis Bergo also attended some of the convention sessions and represented Desert Fjord Lodge as Alternates.

District Six Convention Reflections

We were honored to represent Desert Fjord Lodge as Delegates at the District 6 convention in Mesa, AZ June 2-5. It was our first convention and not knowing what to expect, we signed up for everything! First of all, we have never seen so many Norwegian cookies in one place AND we did our duty by sampling as many as possible. Thank you to all who baked for the convention.

One of the most moving ceremonies during the convention was the remembrance of lodge members that have passed since the last convention. Each lodge designated someone to carry a rose to be placed in an arrangement that was in front of the lectern for the entire convention in remembrance. Don had the honor of representing our lodge in this ceremony. It was very moving.

Connie O'Brian from the home office of SON also gave several talks. One was how Sons of Norway is there to help out members when tragedy strikes. I had no idea that there was a fund for that!

Connie also explained about the new SON headquarters in Minneapolis and the conversion of the Sons of Norway operational structure to be a Fraternal Insurance organization under Minnesota law.

There were also wonderful opportunities to meet other delegates and District officers who shared with us their thoughts and great ideas for the Sons of Norway going forward.

Don and Lynn Solie

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What I learned at the convention was that we must work harder to attract younger members. Find out what interests different age groups. Don't do things the same way all the time just because it is comfortable and easy. Some younger people want to be a part of something that has a cause they can be proud to work on. Others might want to find their Norwegian roots and need help doing that. Some might want lessons in making Norwegian foods. Our plans and programs have to be promoted in new ways on sites used by younger people and communicated in a timely manner with save the date alerts and reminders.

Phyllis Bergo

I was honored to be a delegate from Desert Fjord at the SON Convention. It was my first convention within commuting distance ... I liked that about it. Luella Grangaard, the District President, asked me to bring our US, Norwegian and Canadian flags, so even our flags attended the proceedings!

One of my responsibilities at the Convention was to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee, so I met with the committee of three along with Luella and Nancy Madson, the District Secretary before the Convention convened. This involved reviewing the financial reports to give a brief report to the delegates, requesting that they accept what was presented. Because there was no District Six Convention in 2020 due to the pandemic, we reviewed financial reports for Camp Norge, District Six and the Language/Heritage Camps covering four years. Overall, I feel our committee accomplished our task well and learned a good deal about the District finances in the process.

Like other Sons of Norway lodges, Desert Fjord reports to SON about our lodge activities. At the district convention, lodges are presented Merit Awards—Bronze, Silver or Gold based on how they performed during the year. We received the Silver Merit Award for 2018 and 2019; for 2020 we got the Bronze Merit Award. Thank you, lodge members, for helping us to be recognized in this way!

Some of the proceeds from the Convention were donated to a local charity, **House of Refuge**. Ed and Phyllis Bergo were given a check to present to them on behalf of District Six. (see page 10)

I was voted in as Zone 7 Director of District Six. As I see it, my responsibilities include keeping tabs on the lodges in this Zone and acting as a liaison between them and the District Six Board. I'm expected to visit each lodge at least once a year. I expect to learn more about our lodges and about Sons of Norway in this new role!

I encourage you to consider representing our lodge as a delegate to the 2024 District Six Convention to be held in Las Vegas, NV. You'll come away with wider horizons, a deeper understanding what Sons of Norway is all about!

Jonathan Walters

Silver Merit Award

Desert Fjord Lodge 6-133

2018

Silver Merit Award

Desert Fjord Lodge 6-133

2019

Bronze Merit Award

Desert Fjord Lodge 6-133

2020

In Celebration of a Year of Dedication to Fraternal Ideals

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**SONS of
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Roe Stuebing
International President

Marci Larson
International Secretary

District Six President: Luella Grangaard

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

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

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 J Gordon	3rd
Mike Opoien	11th
Logan Ronalds *	15th



Barbara B Richey	19th
Brian L Cummings	24th
Richard G Erickson	24th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!



Ed and Phyllis Bergo presenting the SON District Six Convention's check to House of Refuge, a local charity.

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Foundation Directors: Gordon Peterson, One Opening

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Webmaster: Jan Loomis

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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