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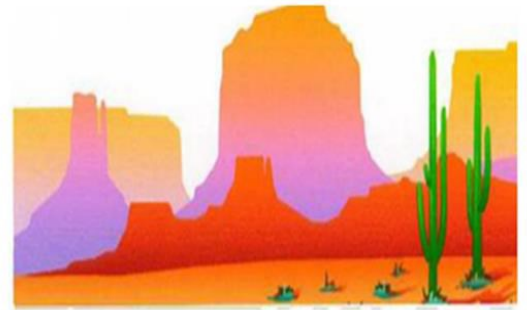
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SONS OF NORWAY

Desert Fjord Lodge

Established 1984



President's Column

Today was the last day of the last Sons of Norway International Convention, a virtual event that I was honored to attend as a District Six delegate. Most of us forget that Sons of Norway was conceived as an insurance company, an organization formed to protect Norwegian immigrants when no one else would insure their family or business. While at the convention, many times I heard the words: "First and foremost we're an insurance company."

Sons of Norway is also a fraternal benefit society, but the engine that makes it work is the insurance business. Too often we're caught up in the food, fun and fellowship of our local lodge (the fraternal side) and we forget what a treasure (the insurance side) keeps it all going. Insurance products offered by Sons of Norway are the best for cost and value on the market! Please pay attention to articles in this newsletter by Sons of Norway Insurance Specialist, Len Carlson—take advantage of him to get yourself insured!

This month our meeting features a welcome of new members who joined our lodge over the past few years. Due to Covid we had scattered monthly meetings and held no New Member Welcome event as has been done in years past. We hope many of our new members will be able to attend—we'd love to meet them in person and we want them to feel welcome to our lodge. As part of our meeting we'll show a 20-minute video on the history of Sons of Norway. Then we'll introduce many of the offerings for members of Desert Fjord. Please come ready to learn some new things about Sons of Norway and our lodge, too! And Shannon is preparing a fine lunch for us to enjoy. (*see details on the next page*)

A new column has been prepared by our Secretary, Lynn—"Hello—Pleased to Know You". Thank you, Lynn, for this great idea and bringing it to life. I'm flattered that you chose me as your first subject. She'll be choosing other members in our lodge to feature month by month in our newsletter. I think it may help us to get better acquainted and it might even help us work better together!

As we begin a new year, let's celebrate our Scandinavian heritage in Arizona!



Velkommen

Heritage and Cultural Meeting

September 11th at 2 PM

Masonic Lodge, 2531 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

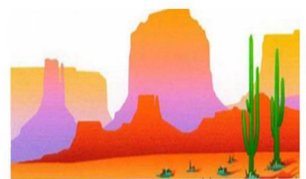
Program:

Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Video about the history of Sons of Norway

Offerings at Desert Fjord Lodge:

- ***Volunteer opportunities***
- ***Social/Food***
- ***Library and Book Club***
- ***Genealogy***
- ***Cultural Programs; Camp Norge/Camp Oldfjell***
- ***Scholarships/Grants***



Menu: Croissant Sandwiches

- Choice of oven-roasted Turkey or Ham
- Topped with cheese, mustard aioli, tomato and lettuce
- Dessert—Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit
- Coffee · Lemonade · Water

Cost: \$14 (includes \$5 building rental fee)



(please note there's a "no meal" option for \$5)

- Please click [here](#) to register for the event **by September 9th** 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!

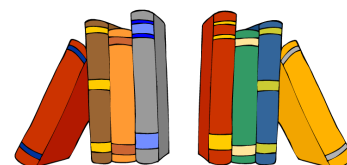


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If your contact information changes, please let me know. Your current phone number and your email address are how we stay connected. I can be reached at: (480) 838-5548; my email address is: lcripley@gmail.com. (You can also speak with me at one of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

LIBRARY CORNER

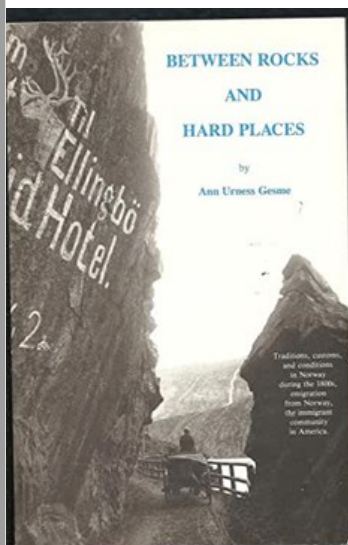
(The book reviewed here was chosen as a monthly read for the National Sons of Norway Book Club; it's not in our Library, but anyone can borrow it from the lodge librarian, Janis Johnson, from her personal library)



Between Rocks and Hard Places

by Ann Urness Gesme

This is a social history of the Norwegian farmers who made up the bulk of emigrants to America. Focusing on the Norwegian period of their lives makes this book uniquely informative and valuable, since there are already many good books on the American period. Ten out of twelve chapters concern aspects of life in Norway, such as the church, courting and marriage, education, trading and markets. The remaining two chapters concern the circumstances that led to emigration and the founding of Norwegian communities in America. If you are researching your relatives in Norway, this book is a must-read, full of valuable and practical information.



Desert Fjord Leadership Meeting

Denny's Restaurant, 3315 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ
12 pm on August 17, 2022

Members present: Jonathan Walters, Ed & Phyllis Bergo, Don & Lynn Solie, Janis Johnson, Ali Berg-Anderson, Jana Peterson, Norman Jenson, Jan & Gordy Peterson. Thank you all for taking the time to help move our lodge forward into a new year.

The meeting was held to brainstorm and organize for the upcoming year.

- Lodge meeting dates – 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, Jan 8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/16, 5/13
(Proposed) Quarterly Leadership Team meeting dates 10/4, Jan 10, 4/4.
(If needed)
Lodge Board will continue to meet briefly after Lodge monthly meetings to touch base throughout the year.
- Lodge programs – many wonderful ideas for exciting programming throughout the year like Scandinavian cook off, Norse literature, Jule potluck, Silent Auction, Jule Bazaar, Torsk Dinner, Norwegian Folk Dancing/Instruction and more!
- Lodge Calendar – will be posted on our web site.
- Filling leadership positions – much discussion and ideas.
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Callers
 - Membership assistant
 - Reservations
 - other opportunities to serve the Lodge

If you would like to help the Lodge out by sharing your skills, please let any of the Leadership members know. We would be thrilled to have you on board, helping out.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Solie, Secretary
612-250-6997

Hello, Pleased To Know You!

This month's member interview (and the first!) is with our very own Lodge President...

Jonathan Walters

Jonathan has done an exceptional job leading our Lodge through the past several years with a kind, calming influence that we all needed so much.

He is an avid lefse and aquavit maker, joke teller, organizer and the glue that holds us all together. Congratulations are also in order as Jonathan was elected during the District 6 convention to serve as the District 6's Zone 7 Director. And our Zone delegate to the International Sons of Norway Convention.

I hope you enjoy getting to know Jonathan a bit better.

What do you like best about being a member of Sons of Norway?

What first attracted me to become a Sons of Norway member was the prospect of a whole new set of potential piano tuning customers. How misguided that attraction was! It took me five years to get a piano tuning out of Sons of Norway. But soon I found a place where what I had to offer was needed and appreciated. I became newsletter editor and also I was given a task at the annual lutefisk meatball dinner. Getting involved helped me to get to know other lodge members. Soon I recognized that Sons of Norway was a link to my heritage, my roots and my Scandinavian culture.

Now I see that there are many ways for a person to fit in as a Sons of Norway member. It has room for you to grow in appreciation of your Viking blood as you explore the food, the literature, the music at your local lodge and beyond. If that wasn't enough, Sons of Norway also offers some great insurance products.

What is the best part of being a part of Desert Fjord Lodge?

The best part of being part of Desert Fjord Lodge for me would have to be the members. Each of them contributes something unique to our meetings and events, be they born in Norway or descendants of Norwegian immigrants. Sadly, some members I've never met, but many of those who are involved have become friends. Desert Fjord has a great history, being the first Sons of Norway lodge in Arizona. We are fortunate to have a great place to hold monthly meetings. Our great library gives us bragging rights. But all that is hollow and meaningless without our members, both past and present.

Have you ever been to Norway?

I visited Norway once when I was but nine years old. My grandfather, Neli Davig, wanted to see where his parents came from and so my family brought him along in our VW bus from Paris to Oslo. We ran out of time, but he was determined to see Bergen. He took me on my first plane ride from Oslo to Bergen for the day. I remember very little of this experience. I'd like to revisit Bergen sometime and also go to Sogn og Fjordane – my grandfather's parents were from a small town there, Davik.

Do you have a favorite Scandinavian food?

My favorite Scandinavian food would have to be lefse. Whether eaten simply with butter and brown sugar or if it's part of a more elaborate meal of lutefisk, meatballs and potatoes, there's something wonderful about this food. It conjures up memories of family holiday meals. My aunt and grandmother would make lefse on the farm on the woodstove. Whether it comes off the woodstove or the lefse grill, it's a Norwegian comfort food. Delicious!





Welcome back from summer ... where did the time go? Hope your summer was filled with excitement and that you were able to stay safe.

I have been writing an article for the newsletter for over 3 years now – so I hope you are getting to know me through these newsletters, even though I have not met most of you. I can help almost everyone in some way with their financial goals, but first I need to visit with you. I can do the following:

- Provide a vehicle that can earn more money than a money market or savings account
- I can help with Final Expenses with a “guaranteed-issue” Life Insurance policy – *no medical questions*
- I can provide a vehicle that pays you a monthly income
- I have great gift ideas for Grandparents to buy for their grandkids ... *several choices*

The list can go on.

Give me a call or send me an email so we can at least talk to see if I can be of help.

Len Carlson

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or by email at:

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District Six Sons of Norway Convention Review

When I volunteered to attend the District Six Convention in Mesa in June, I had no idea what the experience would be like. Since it was a several day commitment during the hottest time of the year in AZ; I was trying to think positively. There was also the draw of all the cookies which would be served at the breaks.

The convention hall was filled with tables with a 100+ delegates and guests with the officers at the front on a dais. I was impressed with how orderly the sessions were with everyone having an opportunity to speak their mind on any issue. The president of District Six, Luella, was a no-nonsense person and all the sessions were well run.

The cookie tables were piled high at each break in the sessions. Lots of different kinds, including those donated by many members of our lodge. There were a few vendors, including our own Jana Peterson. I spent a little time at the poster I made to promote the National Sons of Norway Book Club—fielding questions about the group. Had a long chat with a very nice lady who was an enthusiastic reader of Scandinavian authors. Discovered after a very long conversation, she is from Mesa.



I don't remember the specifics of all the decisions that were made for the good of the lodge. What I do remember is the people. The lodge names were on the convention tables, so I could tell where people were from. Only our lodge and the Mesa lodge represented AZ, so everyone else came from a long way away. I really admired all those members who came with their walkers, canes and scooters. They were determined to be there and to participate. The Sons of Norway Lodge is alive and well, thanks to those hearty people.

Janis Johnson

(Please note: there were other Desert Fjord members who represented our lodge at the recent Sons of Norway District 6 convention. They'll give us a report of their experience in a future newsletter.)

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: 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, 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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September Birthdays

Jan B Loomis 17th

Ali Berg Anderson 18th

Janice L Lindbloom 22nd



Jennifer M Loomis 23rd

Bethany Susan Tso 24th

Richard L Westby 30th

* Heritage Member

Gratulerer Med Dagen – Happy Birthday !!

Ole and Lena:

How Long Does it Take?



Ole called the airline information desk and asked, "How long does it take to fly from Minneapolis to Fargo?"

"Just a minute," said the busy clerk.

"Thank you," said Ole, as he hung up.

Officers of Desert Fjord Lodge

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Foundation Directors: Gordon Peterson, Paul Lindbloom

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Sunshine: Dawn Walter— (480) 860-9192

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

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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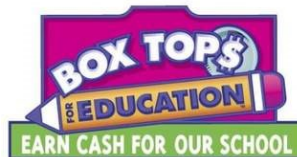
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