

## **NEXT GATHERING:**

June 7 @ 10 am at  
Trinity Lutheran  
Church or via ZOOM.

Mtg ID: 84167028162

Password: 684749

## **Coming Events:**

6/7: Brief Business Mtg  
6/7: Gathering - Potluck  
and Games

6/8: Whit Sunday  
(Pentecost)

6/15: Father's Day

6/21: Summer Solstice

6/24: Midsummer

7/4: 4th of July

8/2: Business Mtg

TBD: PG Summer Picnic

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# Peer Gynt News

## June 2025

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## President's Message: Terry Larsen

We are heading into summer time. And in the Scandinavian countries it is a time to celebrate midsummer. The celebration of Midsummer was an integral part of cultural, religious, and social life for people in Viking societies. First and foremost, this was a celebration, a time of joy and festivity. It will be happening during the later part of June on the longest day of the year. So let's get outside and enjoy some laughter, music, and the spirit of togetherness with family and friends. Along with a barbecue or two.

On June 7th we will be coming together at Trinity to share our friendship with some games and a potluck. If you have a favorite board game or group game please bring it along.

We are also going to be having a short business meeting to talk about our lodge by-laws of which have been recently updated to be in sync with International bylaws. At our Aug business meeting we will be voting to approve the bylaws.



## Join us for our next gathering, June 7th

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**4783 W. 130th St.**

**Hawthorne, CA. 90250**

**join us for a brief meeting followed by a potluck  
and an afternoon of fun and games**

## Social Committee: John Aasness

I am writing this message Friday May 16th, the day before we celebrate Norwegian Independence Day at Peer Gynt Lodge. A great deal of work and planning has gone into this event by many people. I have been a by-stander, so am excited to see the results tomorrow. Susan and Terry worked setting up and decorating most of today {Friday}. A big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way!

If you were at the brunch you will surely agree with me as per the above paragraph. Hope we will have a great turn-out and all enjoy the food, fellowship, and presentations. Thank you to all who joined us at the event!



### Månedens sitat

(Quote of the Month)

"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June."

— Al Bernstein

"Våren var en tøff handling å følge, og Gud skapte juni."

— Al Bernstein



John wasn't really a bystander. He made scrumptious lefse for the event

*a little in English...***How much does it cost to get a driving license?**

If you are going to get a driving license for a passenger car, it is important to know that prices vary between driving schools and where you live [in Norway]. It may be worth doing some research before you decide.

Driver's education has changed a lot in recent years, which has led to higher prices for getting your license. But there are large price variations among the country's driving schools, so there is money to be saved if you do some research first.

**Practice driving privately as much as you can**

How much you pay for a driver's license in the end depends on...

- How many driving hours you need
- Whether you choose to follow a theory course or study on your own
- Which driving school you choose

The more hours you practice driving privately, the fewer school hours you need.

Ask friends and acquaintances who have gotten their license where you live. Which driving school did they use? How much did it cost in total? And last but not least, were they satisfied with the driving school?

At [vegvesen.no](http://vegvesen.no) you can search and find an approved traffic school near where you live.

On the [prislappen.no](http://prislappen.no) service you can compare driving schools where you live and read reviews of the different offers.

**Getting a license costs 30,000 [kroner, or US\$ 2865] on average**

Estimating how much it costs to get your license is difficult, but the website "[All about the driving license](http://All about the driving license)" has calculated that we spend an average of 30,000 kroner to get a driver's license for a passenger car (class B).

**Fixed prices at testing locations**

Prices for the written test, practical driving test, issuance of a driver's license and photo are fixed amounts regardless of where in the country you get your license. You can find the current prices on the pages of the [Norwegian Public Roads Administration](http://Norwegian Public Roads Administration).

These prices are valid as of January 1, 2025:

- Written test: 390,- [\$37]
- Driver's test: 1290,- (1250,- online) [\$123/\$119]
- Photo: 70,- [\$7]
- Issuance of driving license: 230,- (90,- online) [\$22 / \$9]

Remember that car rental, practice lessons and any tolls are additional if you rent a car from a driving school.

Source: [ung.no](http://ung.no)

*litt på norsk...***Hva koster det å ta lappen?**

Skal du ta lappen på personbil, er det viktig å vite at prisene varierer hos kjøreskolene og hvor i landet du bor. Det kan lønne seg å undersøke litt før du bestemmer deg.

Kjøreopplæringen har forandret seg mye de siste årene, noe som har ført til høyere priser for førerkortet. Men det er store prisvariasjoner blant landets kjøreskoler, så det er penger å spare hvis du undersøker litt først.

**Øvelseskjør privat så mye du kan**

Hvor mye du må betale for et førerkortet til slutt, avhenger av  
 hvor mange kjøretimer du trenger  
 om du velger å følge et teorikurs eller leser selv  
 hvilken kjøreskole du velger.

Jo flere timer du får øvelseskjørt privat, jo færre skoletimer trenger du.

Hør også med venner og bekjente som har tatt lappen der du bor. Hvilken kjøreskole brukte de? Hvor mye kom det på totalt? Og ikke minst, var de fornøyd med kjøreskolen?

På [vegvesen.no](http://vegvesen.no) kan du søke og finne en godkjent [trafikkskole](http://trafikkskole) i nærheten av der du bor.

På tjenesten [prislappen.no](http://prislappen.no) kan du sammenlikne kjøreskoler der du bor og lese omtaler av de ulike tilbudene.

**Lappen koster 30 000 i snitt**

Å anslå hva det koster å ta lappen er vanskelig, men [nettstedet "Alt om førerkortet"](http://nettstedet) har regnet seg fram til at vi i snitt bruker 30 000 kroner på å ta førerkort for personbil (klasse B).

**Faste priser hos trafikkstasjonene**

Priser på teoriprøve, praktisk førerprøve, utstedelse av førerkort og foto er faste beløp uansett hvor i landet du tar lappen. De aktuelle prisene kan du se på [sidene til Statens Vegvesen](http://sidene til Statens Vegvesen).

Disse prisene gjelder fra 1. januar 2025:

- Teoriprøve: 390,-
- Oppkjøring: 1290,- (1250,- på nett)
- Bilde: 70,-
- Utstedelse av førerkort: 230,- (90,- på nett)

Husk at leie av bil, oppvarmingstime og eventuelle bompenger kommer i tillegg, hvis du leier bil av en trafikkskole.







## Trending topic: Noctourism

According to Booking.com, “noctourism” – short for nocturnal tourism – is on the rise. Nocturnal tourism is the concept of planning a holiday around experiences that occur after the sun goes down. Booking.com is so confident in “noctourism” that they predict it will be among 2025’s most sought-after travel experiences. It provides a whole new world of opportunity that the regular tourist likely has not partaken in.

The trend is already evident with the Northern Lights in Norway. Searches for places in Tromsø, Norway, doubled in the months leading up to the end of October 2024, compared with the same timeframe the year prior. People are excited about the chance to see the Northern Lights and are flocking to Norway to make their dreams a reality. Norway is just one example of the gems for noctourism; there are a plethora of places around the world that hold intriguing stories after dark, just waiting to be heard.



### Lapskaus Soup

Barb Johnson, Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Use boiled or baked meat, fresh, salted or a mixture. Cut meat into even pieces and set aside. Wash and peel carrots, celery root and rutabagas, and dice. In soup pot, bring broth to a boil and add vegetables. Cook 15 minutes. Peel and dice potatoes. Cut leeks lengthwise and wash thoroughly and slice, add peeled sliced onion and potatoes to pot. Cook until almost tender. Add meat and leftover gravy. Salt and pepper to taste. Meat, vegetables and potatoes should be tender but not mushy. Stir while cooking.

### Ingredients:

- 1.5 pounds of chuck roast
- 3/4 pound carrots
- one celery root
- 3/4 cut rutabagas
- 1 small leek
- 1 small onion
- 2 large parsnips
- 3 cups broth
- Salt and pepper



### Best in Soup

Polar Star Lodge 5-472 in Aurora, IL recently held a soup cook-off. There were eleven entries for the friendly competition with a traveling gold-colored soup pot and bragging rights for the prize. The competition took place at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, where the lodge also regularly meets.

Soups included broccoli cheese, beef mushroom barley, and onion. Chowders also represented with a corn chowder and potato chowder in the mix. More traditional Norwegian entries included a seafood soup, Norwegian winter soup, lapskaus, and blomkål (cauliflower) supper soup. One entry went a multicultural route with a Mexican Norwegian soup.

Participants sampled all eleven soups and voted for their favorite. Ultimately though, the prize could only go to one. In the end, it was the lapskaus made by lodge member Barb Johnson that took first place. The soup featured a favorite Norwegian vegetable, the rutabaga, alongside other root vegetables and beef.

Aside from now being known for award-winning soup, Barb is also the lodge’s cultural director and is involved in the many other activities the lodge does to promote Norwegian heritage. With the success of this event, it will remain to be seen who gets the golden soup pot next year.

### Sources:

<https://www.shawlocal.com/kendall-county-now/2025/02/09/yorkville-residents-scandinavian-delicacy-declared-norwegian-soup-contest-champion/>

<https://thevoice.us/best-in-soup-yorkville-resident-wins-norwegian-soup-cookoff/>

### Barnebunader

The Norwegian national costume, known as the bunad, is worn on special occasions such as Syttende Mai or at weddings. There are many different types of bunads that represent different locations in Norway and there are even details that reflect status or age.

It is common to receive or purchase a bunad in your mid-teen years that will last your entire life. So, what do younger children wear on these special occasions? Because children outgrow clothes so quickly, they will often have a festdrakt. These costumes are much less expensive than the traditional bunad and are more generic. They are also more readily available.

Unlike bunads, the festdrakt is not bound by location and is not as strictly tied to traditional bunad practices, though they can look quite similar to bunads. Festdrakter are also worn by some adults as they can be customized to personal preference. Whether in a bunad or festdrakt, Norway is well dressed for special occasions!

## District Six News



# SAVE THE DATE

**Work Day at Camp Norge:** May 3rd; 9am - 5pm. Projects for all ages and abilities. Bring gloves, tools, painting and cleaning supplies. Workers can stay overnight for free and meals provided.

RSVP to Fred at [fred.hymans@campnorge.org](mailto:fred.hymans@campnorge.org)

**Memorial Day at Camp Norge:** May 24 - 26. Swimming, Hiking, Campfire, Axe Throwing, and Pickle Ball. Registration opens soon!

### Summer 2025 District Six Language Camps

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule: June 29 – July 12 is for youth ages 14 to 17  
Camp Trollfjell: July 13 - July 26 is for children ages 8 to 13

These programs take place at beautiful Camp Norge in Alta, CA  
(<https://www.campnorge.org/site/>).

You can find more information and register on our website here:

<https://sofn6.org/arv/>

Jason Morken & Rebekah Strand, Camp Directors

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

#### Does your Norwegian heritage make your heart happy?

Then share it! Invite a friend to join! Please pass along your member number when you invite a prospective member to join. That way our lodge gets a new member and YOU get the recognition you deserve.

#### Heritage Members

Don't forget that family members age 15 and younger are eligible for FREE Heritage membership. Enroll your youngsters and help keep our Sons of Norway community thriving for the next generation. Info is available at [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com)

#### Membership Dues

A reminder to keep your dues current so you don't miss out on the many benefits of membership!



#### Are You Covered?

Life moves fast. Now is the time to review your life insurance plan to ensure you and your loved ones are covered. Reach out to your Sons of Norway Insurance Professional today or visit

[www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com).

### Grant and scholarship applications open October 1

It's time once again to open the applications for grants and scholarships. As of October 1, you will be able to apply for the grants and/or scholarships that the Sons of Norway Foundation offers. You can visit the "Foundation" tab of [sofn.com](http://sofn.com) to learn more.

The Foundation's grant program is a great way to add programming to your lodge's lineup or secure funding for an update or a repair to your lodge or meeting space.

The **Together We Are the Future** campaign returns October 1 through January 15. This special annual fundraising campaign has raised over \$615,000 to bring grants and scholarships to life. *Thank you* in advance for your support! Visit [sofn.com/foundation](http://sofn.com/foundation) to learn more.

### Give the Gift of Culture!

Give your child or grandchild (up to 15 years) a FREE Sons of Norway Heritage membership. It's free under your Sons of Norway membership.

Heritage members enjoy:

- ♦ Access to local & national scholarships
- ♦ Opportunities to earn sports medals
- ♦ Free online language lessons
- ♦ Taking part in enriching local events
- ♦ Opportunities to learn about Norwegian & Viking culture
- ♦ Opportunities to log volunteer service hours for school



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Peer Gynt has been without a SofN Financial Benefits Counselor since the retirement Pat Kelly. We are grateful to Fred Hymans for offering to assist our members with planning their financial future in this capacity. Please reach out as needed. Thank you Fred!

### Resource Links:

- Peer Gynt Website: [www.sonsofnorway-westla.com](http://www.sonsofnorway-westla.com)    ▪ Peer Gynt Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/peergyntson/>
- District Six Newsletters/Cultural Newsletters: <https://sofn6.org/newsletters/>
- District Six: <https://sofn6.org>    ▪ Camp Norge: <https://www.campnorge.org/site/>
- Sons of Norway Foundation: <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>



## Gratulerer med Dagen

*juni*

6/3: Hjordis Bakke

6/5: Nathan Newsom

6/6: Robert Johnson

6/9: Brad Newsom



John Aasness and Rosalind Rosenberg enjoy the fellowship

Gratulerer Med Dagen!



## Good of the Order

**Tusen Takk** to everyone who helped make our Syttende mai celebration a success. The room was decorated with flags and ribbons. Each guest received a lapel ribbon with a Norwegian flag pin. Peggy Wishon shared videos of Syttende mai celebrations in Norway. Bob Johnson helped with food prep and took pictures of the event. I will include some of his pictures in the next newsletter. John Aasness made lefse. Shirley Becker made a delicious Bløtkake and cooked the vaffels. Carole DeVries brought her fabulous Krumkake. The dessert table also featured a Kransekake, Appelsinkake, and Cardamom Bread. Although Terry was not able to join us on Saturday, she spent Friday helping to beautify our gathering place. Finally, magne takk to everyone who joined us for the event!

On Sunday, the celebration continued as Peer gynt sponsored the coffee hour at the church where we meet. All the treats mentioned above were shared with church members and we shared a bit about our Norwegian heritage as they were invited to celebrate with us.



The dessert table!

## SAVE THE DATE

**Midsummer NIGHT CELEBRATION**  
June 10, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM  
Join us for a Scandinavian festival celebrating the summer solstice with flower crown making, dancing, feasting, fun and merrymaking!  
Tickets: \$10 for Adults & \$5 for under 12

**June 7th: Potluck, Fun, and Games** - Join your Peer Gynt family for a day of games. We will have some traditional Viking games as well of some standard favorites. Bring your favorite game to share. Bring something to share for our potluck luncheon.

We will begin our afternoon at 10AM with a brief meeting to review our Lodge Bylaws. We are in the process of updating the bylaws and will be voting to accept changes at the August business meeting. We will have the ZOOM link open for the meeting part of the day. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us via ZOOM for the business portion.

**Midsummer Celebration** - We are invited to join our Trinity friends as they host a mid-summer celebration June 10th from 5:30-7:30. Contact the church office to purchase tickets: 310-675-4493

### litt humor...

Lena's birthday was coming up and Ole decided he wanted to do something special for her. He asked Lena, "If you could have anything, what would you like for your birthday?" Lena thought about it for a moment and responded, "I'd like to be 8 again."

On the morning of her birthday, Ole brought her a bowl of her favorite childhood cereal. After breakfast, he took her to an amusement park where they rode all the rides, including the rollercoasters and spinning rides. On the way home, he stopped and got her a happy meal and chocolate shake from McDonalds.

They arrived home exhausted but happy. Ole looked at Lena and asked, "So, how did it feel to be 8 again?" She replied, "I meant my dress size."



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For over one hundred years, Peer Gynt Lodge has served as the center of cultural activity in West Los Angeles for Norwegians, those of Norwegian descent, and anyone interested in our Norwegian and Scandinavian culture and heritage. Join us for our next meeting or event!

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### Fedrelandssang

Ja, vi elsker dette landet,  
som det stiger frem  
furet, værbitt over vannet  
med de tusen hjem,  
elsker, elsker det og tenker  
på vår far og mor  
||: og den saganatt som senker  
drømme på vår jord. :||

Norske mann I hus og hyte,  
Takk din store Gud!  
Landet ville han beskytte,  
Skjønt det mørkt så ut.  
Alt hva fedrene har kjempet,  
Mødrene har grett,  
||: har den Herre stille limpet,  
Så vi vant vår rett. :||

### Norway's National Anthem

Yes, we love this land of ours  
As with mountain domes,  
Stormlash'd o'er the sea it towers  
With the thousand homes,  
Love it dearly, ever thinking  
Of our fathers' strife  
||: And the land of Saga sinking,  
Dreams upon our life.:||

Norsemen, in whatever station,  
Thank your mighty God;  
He has kindly saved our nation  
From oppression's rod.  
That for which our sires contended  
And our mothers wailed,  
||: Silently the Lord defended,  
So our rights prevailed. :||

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