

# SUNDFJORD SUN

Sundfjord Lodge # 65

May 2007



## President's Message

I hope you're all planning to join the celebration of the 17<sup>th</sup> of May at the 26<sup>th</sup> flag hoisting in San Bernardino. The festivities start at 10:00 AM with anthems, speeches, and the Norwegian flag hoisted next to Old Glory.

If you've made reservations there will be a terrific buffet luncheon following at the nearby Clarion Hotel. If you didn't, come to the flag hoisting anyway, it's always fun, a great tradition.

As I write this I'm anticipating another successful Yard Sale on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, and please accept my thanks to everyone that participates, donates and works on this project. It is what has allowed us to avoid the fund-raising burn-out that many organizations suffer from.

Nie Sanburg



**Hurra for 17. mai**

## Meeting Location

Rock of the Foothills Church

4630 Wheeler Ave

LaVerne, CA 91750

*Second Saturday at 12:00 Noon.*

## Vice President's Message

### HAPPY SYTTENDE MAI!

Have you ever wondered why Norwegians pronounce "syttende" as "setna"? Let's find out today!

Our lodge's annual Yard Sale was another success. Thanks to all those who put in long days in getting ready for it, to those who donated sales items and those who worked during the sale. Without the support from our members we could not have done it!

We are looking forward to the flag hoisting ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup> at San Bernardino City Hall followed by a delicious lunch. Sundfjord has been well represented in the past years and a large group will be attending this year.

I turn off to Camp Norge for the Memorial Day weekend and our last meeting before summer break is June 8<sup>th</sup>. We are closed in July and August.

Don't forget our 4<sup>th</sup> of July booth in Claremont, the summer party at the Deeb's on July 14<sup>th</sup> and we are planning for an activity in August. We are repeating our Mexico cruise again in January, 2008. The ship is filling up fast so make your reservations early. See further details on page 3.

Pauline Pederson

## Kalender

(Coming Events)

### May:

- 13 -Mother's Day
- 17 -"Syttende mai"  
Celebrations in San Bernardino
- 17 -"Syttende mai"  
Celebrations in Long Beach
- 17 -"Syttende mai"  
Celebrations at the Norwegian Seaman Church, San Pedro
- 20 -"Syttende mai"  
Celebrations at Nansen Field in Rolling Hills
- 25-28 -Memorial Day weekend at Camp Norge

### June:

- 9 -Sundfjord's Meeting
- 30 -Edvard Grieg lodge's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### July:

- 4 -Sundfjord's Booth in Claremont Park
- No lodge meeting
- 8-21 -Children's Language and Heritage Camp at Camp Norge, Alta, CA
- 14 -Summer Party at the Deeb's in Canyon Lake

### August:

- No lodge meeting
- (?) -Field Trip

### September:

- 8 -Sundfjord's Meeting

### October:

- 13 -Sundfjord's Meeting
- 19-21 -Southern California Kretsstevne, Pio Pico

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## Gratulerer med dagen

(Happy Birthday)

### May

5.....	Ashley Davis
10.....	Jim Stewart
13.....	Melissa Melgaard
15.....	Stanley Lund

### June

1.....	Lise Fleming
2.....	Jack Pederson
4.....	Signe Odegaard
8.....	Cherri Grammer
9.....	Mary Jo Martinsen
10.....	Itygve Givens
11.....	Art Aslesen
18.....	Rachel Deeb
21.....	Ruth Shellum

## God Bedring

(Get Well)

Our lodge received the following letter from Signe Odegaard in April.

Dear All at Sons of Norway,

Hi, just wanted to send a quick note to thank you for the cards and calls following my little spill and during my recovery. I appreciated all the good wishes, cards and visits. I attribute all of these to my speedy recovery.

Well, as of today I'm doing very well. I went through 5 weeks of rehabilitation and care after my fall. I did so well that I was able to leave on April 14. I am staying with Jean and Don in Chino for the time being and enjoy good cooking and it's so great to be back in my favorite chair!

I still do therapy every day by doing as much walking as I can. I use a walker, but I am quickly getting to where I can walk on my own. I still have a cast on my arm, but I am hoping I will get rid of it by next week.

I have a great nurse that comes by each day to help me with therapy, doctor appointments and just keeping me company. Jean and Dean keep me busy at night, staying up to watch my favorite shows.

I am hoping to be back to my house in the next few weeks and to get back into my routine of quilting, church and of course hunko!

I hope all is well with you, and would love to hear from you soon.

My current address at Jean is:

Signe Odegaard  
c/o Jean Kendrick  
13052 Bullimore Court  
Chino, CA 91710

I can be reached on my cell phone at (909) 702-7204 or at Jean's house at (909) 590-3500.

I miss you all and hope to see you soon.

Love Signe.

(Please let us know if any of our members are under the weather)

## Sundfjord's Website

Visit our website at [www.sundfjord.org](http://www.sundfjord.org)

### New Members

We welcome new members to our lodge; please add these to your lodge directory.

Florence Bjorka  
219 E. Foothill Blvd  
Pomona, CA 91767

Julianne McMillan  
229 W. Second St.  
San Dimas, CA 91773

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Cherri E. Grammer  
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Andelanto, CA 92301  
Phone: (760) 246-7476

### Sports Medals

Congratulations to Jim Stewart who earned his Emerald sports medal in "skiing", to Nic Sanburg who earned the Gold "gangmerket" (walking) and to Ruth Higley who earned the Silver "gangmerket".

### Recruitment Awards

Agnes Deeb, Pauline Pederson, Nic Sanburg and Lise Fleming received their Recruitment Award Certificate and Pins for recruiting new members in 2006.

### Sundfjord's Cruise

We had so much fun this past January on our Mexico cruise that we decided to do it again next January in 2008.



We are cruising with Royal Caribbean Cruise Line on a 4-day Mexico cruise that leaves from San Pedro, CA. Cruise date is January 21, 2008.

Ship: "Monarch of the Seas".

Prices are per person for double occupancy, Fees and Taxes are not included.

Inside cabin: \$ 249.00

Ocean view: \$ 279.00

Deluxe: \$ 349.00

Ports of call are: San Diego, Catalina Island and Ensenada in Mexico.

**\*Passports are required**

**\* Sign up for main (early) dinner seating**

**\* This cruise is selling out fast so book early**

Each person books their own trip either on the web site [www.royalcaribbean.com](http://www.royalcaribbean.com) or through a travel agency. Please provide Lise Fleming with your reservation/or

confirmation number and cabin number so we can be seated together in the dining room at dinner.

There is one formal dress-up night, otherwise it is casual.

The free entertainment shows are great and so is "Chocolate Night" where the chefs makes and displays all kinds of chocolate dishes and best of all is that we get to eat as much of it as we want....yummy!

There is also a casino and an art auctions plus shops and lots of different activities to participate in. If you have not cruised before, this is a nice short trip to take to check out cruising, so **come aboard!**

### 4th of July



For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, our lodge will set up an information booth during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations at Memorial Park in Claremont which is visited by several thousand people. The purpose for this is to get the Sons of Norway organization and our local lodge out to the public. We display Norwegian items, literature, pamphlets and have a sign-up list.

Last year we won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the booth decorating contest and the City of Claremont presented us with a nice plaque plus a check for \$ 25.00.

Set up time starts at 8:30 AM and the event goes from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We need members to help man the booth so put this date on your calendar.

### Southland Past Presidents Club

#### Announces Deadline for Scholarships

SPPC President Larry Ashim has announced that the deadline for applying for four half scholarships to Camp Norge for the summer of 2007 (July 8 - July 21) is May 15, 2007.

Applicants must be a child or grandchild of a Sons of Norway member from District 6's Zone 5 or 6. Applicants must be between the ages of 8 to 13, inclusive and have already applied to Camp Norge according to their application process. If accepted at Camp Norge, the up-front fee of \$ 300.00 will be refunded to the applicant's parent or grandparent. Transportation is at the expense of the applicant. The applicant cannot be a recipient of any other scholarship to Camp Norge for the year 2007. The camp fee for camp is the same as last year.

Applications must be made on a **post card only**, stating the applicant's name, age and birth date, the reason for wanting to attend camp, and his or her telephone number including area code. The post card must be postmarked no later than May 17, 2007. The post card must be mailed to

SO. G. Swenson, 9731 Bellider Dr., Downey, CA 90240-3333. Winners will be determined by lottery (drawing) at a later date, but only after confirming that the child has been accepted by the L&J Registrar at Camp Norge.

## Edvard Grieg Lodge Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

When: Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2007

Where: Elk's Lodge on Colorado Blvd. in Glendale

What: Happy Hour at 3:30 PM

Dinner served at 5:00 PM

Entertainment, Awards and Unique Raffle

Cost: \$ 35.00 per person

Make checks payable to Edvard Grieg # 74

Mail your reservations by June 20<sup>th</sup> 2007 to:

Margaret Smiler

147 N. Fifth Ave.

Monrovia, CA 91016

## Camp Norge Update



We promised to keep you updated on the progress of our building program at Camp Norge. Construction of the social hall has begun. We are now awaiting a visit from the County Building Inspector, and weather to cooperate so that we may proceed. The rough plumbing is in and the next step is pouring the concrete slab.

The long-awaited ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 following the meeting of the Board of Directors. All members of District 6 are encouraged to attend. Many have waited a long time for this occasion and we hope to have a good turnout.

For many years, members and lodges have told us that when they see some progress on the building, they would be happy to donate to the fund. NOW IS THE TIME! Please send your donations directly to our bookkeeper at Camp Norge, P.O. Box 622, Alta, California 95701.

Of course, volunteers will be needed from time to time, and if you will tell us what you are good at, we will notify you when we need you.

Thank you so much for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Harry Bjerkehoel, President

Alex Scheflo, Treasurer and Project Manager

## TubFrim

Save used stamps for TubFrim. Cut the stamps off the envelopes leaving 1/8 to 1/4 inch all around the stamps.



Make sure that the stamps are not damaged.

For every pound of stamps you turn in, your name will be submitted into the drawing for a round-trip airline ticket to Norway.

When you turn in your stamps to our TubFrim Chair Person Char Nelson, please put your name on the bag.

## A History Project

Sons of Norway have a motto, "Heritage People Care". Our shared connection to Norway, as emigrants and the children and grandchildren of emigrants, is what brings us together.

Sundfjord Lodge is going to launch a history project in the next few months that we invite all our members to participate in. Each member will be asked a few general questions to briefly describe their family origins in Norway, the who's and why's they came to America, and how the member joined the Sons of Norway here at Sundfjord. Your photo, and any family photos you'd like to share would be included (photo's would be scanned and not harmed in any way). No specific dates, locations, or other information will be required. If you've got a nice photo of "Bestefar" (Grandpa) or "Mormor's" (Mother's mother - Grandma's) wedding in Norway, or other photos, we'd love to include it. The project will be led by Linda Syverstad Sheltee with assistance of others, and will be published later this year. If there is interest, a video format edition on CD or DVD could be made with audio and pictures.

Nie

## Sports Medal Participants

Our member Mary Jo Martinsen in Arkansas sent us this wonderful aid for our sports medal participants.

She writes:

"This is a cool website for Sons of Norway members who are walking, biking, etc. It is:

[www.walkjogrun.net](http://www.walkjogrun.net)

If you go there and put in your zip code, you can plot your own courses and it will give you exact mileage. This is more accurate than a pedometer, no doubt, and easier than hopping in your car and driving to get the mileage. There are already saved courses in your area that others have put in".



**Syttende mai på Sjømannskirken**  
(17<sup>th</sup> of May at the Norwegian Seaman Church)



Norwegian National Day, 17<sup>th</sup> of May, is traditionally celebrated at the Norwegian Church in San Pedro, CA. The festivities start at 6:00 PM with a short program and speeches followed by children's games and serving of "pølser" (hot-dogs), juice, ice cream and coffee. Cost: Adults \$ 10.00, Children \$ 5.00. The Church is located at 1035 South Beacon St. San Pedro, CA 90731.

**Syttende mai på Nansen Sletta**  
(17<sup>th</sup> of May at Nansen Field)

The Nansen Field celebration opens their gates at 10:00 AM. The Norwegian Seaman Church pastor Gisle Meling will hold a church service at 11:00 AM. There will be the traditional "syttende mai tog" (parade) headed by the San Pedro High School Band, flags and happy children. Afterwards there will be several children's games and Norwegian food and drinks will be for sale. Nansen Field is located at 15 Hidden Valley Road, Rolling Hills Estates, San Pedro. Directions: 405 Hwy to Hawthorn Blvd. South, right on Palo Verdes Dr. North. Take 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto Hidden Valley Road, continue straight to Nansen Field.

**Skurk Concert**



The Norwegian choir Skurk will be touring Southern California and hold a cappella concerts at various locations. Here are a few locations:  
May 18: Ascension Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks  
May 19: Norwegian Seaman's Church in San Pedro at 4:00 PM.  
Cost: \$ 20.00 per person, \$ 30.00 for families.

May 20: The Crystal Cathedral during the taping of the TV-show "Hour of Power".

1<sup>st</sup> appearance: Morning service at 9:30 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> appearance: Service at 11:00 AM

3<sup>rd</sup> appearance: Full concert at 6:30 PM/FREE

Sons of Norway members are invited to the two morning services and the evening concert. Bunad and Norwegian Flags are suggested.

Skurk's web site: [www.skurk.no](http://www.skurk.no)

If you are interested in attending, please contact Yumico Løvdokken at ([yumicolovdokken@ca.ir.com](mailto:yumicolovdokken@ca.ir.com))

**Rising Seas Threaten Bergen**

Climate change and rising sea levels are posing huge threats to the historic city of Bergen on Norway's west coast. Large areas of downtown face submission, and the ancient wharf known as "Bryggen" is especially vulnerable.



A sudden fall in groundwater levels under "Bryggen", years of settling and frequent flooding are endangering the structural stability of the complex, which dates back to Viking times. The wharf's current buildings stem from the early 1700s, routed in the latter days of the Hanseatic League.

Building experts from Denmark, Poland, the Netherlands and Great Britain will join their Norwegian counterparts in Bergen in June, to discuss ways to save the complex. Parts of "Bryggen" are sinking at a rate of 8 millimeters a year, and some geologists fear collapse.

The wharf has also been subject to flooding (15 times this winter alone) and now there are worries that rising sea levels will affect much of the entire city's central area. Melting ice in the Arctic may raise sea levels to a point that within 50 years, sea waters may be spilling into the ground floors of "Bryggen's" buildings. Long-term forecasts predict that Bergen's railroad at the central station, its inner harbor areas and the first floor of harbor-side buildings will eventually go under water as well.

"Bryggen" is a UN World Heritage site and international experts are involved in its preservation.

Aftenposten

**Barnas Hjarne**  
**(Kie's Corner)**  
**King Harald V**

Long live the King! Long live King Harald V!  
Obviously, this month's article is about our King of Norway.

King Harald was born on February 21, 1937 to King Olav V (at the time he was Crown Prince Olav) and Crown Princess Martha of Sweden, near Oslo, Norway. Harald was the first Norwegian-born prince since Olav IV in 1370. Because he is the great-grandson of King Edward VII, of the United Kingdom, he is currently in the 61<sup>st</sup> place of succession to the British Throne! He is also second cousin to Queen Elizabeth II. Since Harald is the King of Norway, he is also head of the Church of Norway. He also has two sisters.

Harald was baptized on March 31 by Bishop Johan Luude in the Royal Chapel in the Royal Palace. Due to the German invasion, the entire royal family had to flee in April 1940. The Germans repeatedly attempted to kill the King through bombings. It was decided that the family needed to split up to keep everyone safe. The King and the Crown Prince Olav would remain in Norway, and the Crown Princess and the three children were to go to Sweden. They reached Sweden on April 10<sup>th</sup>. It was only after the driver threatened to turn the border gates that the border guards let them into Sweden. Prince Harald first spent a few days in Salen, then went to Prince Carl Bernadotte's home in Frolunda, and finally to Drottningholm in Stockholm. Some of the Swedish politicians wanted the Crown Princess and Prince Harald to be sent back to Norway. After the King and Crown Prince had to leave Norway on June 7<sup>th</sup>, they felt Sweden wasn't the best place for the rest of the family. They started planning for the family to move to U.S.A. The Crown Princess and the children left Petsamo, Finland on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

They moved to Washington D.C. The King and Crown Prince lived in London with the exiled government. In 1945, Prince Harald attended The White Hall Country School. In 1945 he and his family returned to Norway when the war ended.

In the fall of 1945, he reenrolled as a third grader at Smedstad Skole. He was the first royal to attend a public school. He graduated from Oslo Katedral Skole in 1955. In the fall of 1955 he started at the University of Oslo. He graduated from the Norwegian Military Academy in 1959.

In 1968, he married Sonja Haraldsen, a commoner. The marriage caused a lot of public controversy. They have two children, Princess Martha Louise and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon, heir to the Norwegian throne.

The King leads government meetings (Council of State) at the Oslo Palace every Friday. He has weekly meetings with the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister. He opens the Parliament every September. The Norwegian Constitution states the King appoints his government. Since 1884, Norway has had a "negative parliament," so the King exercises real political power only after elections that result without a clear majority to any party. He travels throughout Norway, and makes official state visits to other countries. He is the source of all honors in the kingdom, and is the Grand Master of the Order of St. Olav.

King Harald is an avid sailor. He represented Norway in the yachting events during the Olympic Games several times during his Crown Prince years. He carried the Norwegian flag at the opening parade of the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. In 1982, 1987, and 1988 he and his sailing crew won gold and silver medals in the World Championships. In July 2005, the King and his crew won the gold medal at the European Championship in Sweden.

Only twice has King Harald been in absence as ruler, due to hospitalization and recuperation. First time from December 2003 to mid-April 2004 due to urinary bladder cancer, and then from April to early June, 2005 due to aortic stenosis. Crown Prince Haakon served as the country's regent on both occasions.

King Harald V is certainly a very interesting man. This is only the basics about him. I learned a lot about him and will be looking more into the Royal Family in the future.

By Heritage member Irene Davis, 12 years old.



King Harald V

## History of the Sons of Norway Logo

Recently we here at the Culture Desk had some questions about the Sons of Norway shield – that familiar symbol found on stickers, patches, websites and those stylish vests throughout the organization. So we did some research, looking at history books and old copies of the *Viking*. Here's what we found.

In 1901 Sons of Norway's board of directors voted to approve an emblem to represent the fast-growing organization. This logo consisted of a tri-color shield that's more round than later shields (like a sheriff's badge). In the top red stripe there was a symbol representing the midnight sun, while the bottom blue stripe contained the North Star. The center white stripe was reserved for the abbreviation "S. of N." for "Sønner af Norge" as the organization was then known.

That shield remained in use until a 1922 committee selected a new design. The new emblem, created by Martin J Grindheim (then-president of Nurdkap 1-008) in many ways resembles the current one; a narrow shield with a Viking ship, and the North Star. However the Viking ship is shown from a side view, and the North Star is found at the bottom of the shield, where it had been in the previous design. Other differences include the letters "FHF" (Frihed, Broderkjærlighed, Fremskritt – Freedom, Brotherly Love, and Progress, in the Norwegian of the time) over the ship and an American eagle perched over the top of the shield.

As early as 1914, a movement was started to include Canadian symbolism in the shield, and in 1929 another revised version of the logo was presented. The 1929 emblem is a circle, containing a shield with a forward-facing Viking ship with the midnight sun behind it. Above the shield a banner appears, with the initials "SN" separated by a star. On the left of the shield is an American eagle; on the right, the Canadian maple leaf.

This symbol was used in the masthead of the organization's newsletter, and later the *Viking*, for many years afterward. At least as early as 1948 a slimmed-down version of the shield (integrating

the "S \* N" into the top of the shield and omitting the eagle and flag) appears on the cover of a Sons of Norway songbook. This leaner logo also appears in the *Viking* as early as 1951, and was in widespread use by the time the current Headquarters building was built in 1962. At what point this symbol came into official use, we are unable to say.

The current Sons of Norway logo includes both the shield and the words "Sons of Norway." For more information about usage of the logo, contact Jessica at [jgleason@sonn.com](mailto:jgleason@sonn.com)



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1922



1929



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