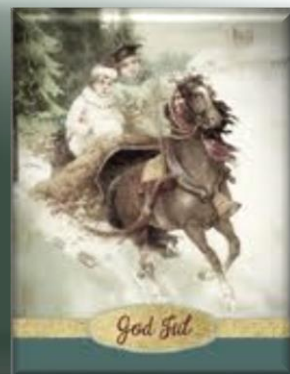




# YOUR FOUNDATION NEWS

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Editor



Greetings:

You may notice that every Newsletter heading is a different color. The past ten (10) months during this pandemic we have asked to Be Strong, Be Safe and Be Aware. This motto may be forever or just another year. My choice of color for Issue 25 is green. Research for this color indicates that it makes you feel optimistic and refreshed. It also symbolizes health and new beginnings, and can make you feel calm and relaxed. I hope my choice of color for this Issue will accomplish this feeling for you in the New Year.

## ARMCHAIR BOOK CLUB

Most issues of the Foundation Newsletter feature a Fund Raising project in addition to regular "Save your Stamps" notices. This issue is no exception. This suggestion was inspired by the pandemic.

We were unable to assemble with the onset of COVID19 in the spring of 2020 and had to rely on hobbies and interests to keep our distance and stay indoors. The snowy and rainy season is on us, a good reason to stay warm at home with a good book.

I found myself ordering books on line. This helped, but I questioned my choice of books by authors I did not know. Possibly there are many of my fellow Lodge members facing the same dilemma. Why not form an Armchair Book Club that will enable us to:

- 1 Keep in contact with fellow Lodge members and network via email with Sons of Norway members of other Lodges.
- 2 Read a book someone recommended.
- 3 Help the Foundation.

I read on an average of 2-3 books a month (I like to work on my Hardanger in the evening) many of you will read 4-5 books a month. After reading a book I plan on putting \$5.00 in an envelope. At the end 12 months I will have approximately \$180.00 to donate to the Foundation. If we have 100 people taking part in our Armchair Book Club the Foundation would realize about \$18,000.00. A Tax receipt will be issued for the amount of your donation.

### This is a WIN/WIN project:

- ✓ You read a book recommended by a friend.
- ✓ Your Foundation benefits from the \$5.00 you have contributed for each book you read.

I would love to have any recommendations from my fellow "Armchair" readers. Email me your suggestions of a good book.

### HOW DOES THIS WORK?

- 1) Establish the Lodge members interested in participating.
- 2) Read your book
- 3) Critique and either recommend or reject the book or author and pass on to other "Armchair Book Club" members. A star system could be used to complete your review.
- 4) When you have finished the book place \$5.00 in an envelope labelled "FOUNDATION DONATION".

The ideas I pass on to you, Sons of Norway Lodge members are only suggestions on how you might have a bit of fun and try something new as Foundation Fund Raiser project.

Thelma Lysne ([thelmadson@telus.net](mailto:thelmadson@telus.net))

# STAMP SECTION

Stamps have always played an important part in our lives. Saving those stamps and passing them to your Foundation Director or President of your Lodge is one of the easiest way to help your Foundation.

In Issue 25 I would like to take you on a journey back in time about eighty years to the 1940's when the post Office had to deal with getting the mail delivered in Canada from Norway. I have chosen a few stamps you or a relative might have used to send a letter, Birthday or Christmas card to someone in Canada.

During this very traumatic period in History contact and news from relatives and friends in Norway was very important. If you or a relative were living in Norway I would like to relay a little story about your letters.

My father after working as a fisherman and caretaker at Rivers Inlet in the 1920's moved to New Westminster and was hired by the Post Office to deliver mail. During the difficult years of the 1940's on an average of three (3) times a week he would come home with a letter from someone in Norway. This letter was passed to dad by another postman to translate the writing and find the correct person or address. As far as I can remember every letter reached the loved one living in the New Westminster area. I hope every community in Canada had an Elof (Joe) Madsen that was able to keep communication between loved ones in Norway and Canada.



Queen Maud - Issued July 24, 1939  
Eight month after her death.  
Surtax used to benefit public charities.



King Haakon  
V11



Fridtjof Nansen  
Issued October 21, 1940  
Surtax was used for war relief charities.

## 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SONS OF NORWAY

In recognition of Sons of Norway's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, at the recent Fall District 7 Board business meeting, the Board members accepted a challenge to make a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift donation to the Sons of Norway Foundation of Canada. The seven-member **Board raised \$925** for the Foundation!!

All Lodges and Members in District No. 7 and District No. 4 Zone No. 4 are invited to meet this challenge. If every adult member in District 7 (1178) gave \$1.25 we could raise \$1,472.50 but if every member gave \$12.50 we would raise \$14,725.00!! I do not have the member numbers for District 4, Zone 4 but I will use an example of 400 members in Zone No. 4. If every one of the estimated 400 gave \$1.25, the donations would be \$500.00 and if that \$1.25 was increased to \$12.50 the Foundation would benefit by \$5,000.00.

Both Districts are invited to meet the challenge set by the District No. 7 Board of Directors.

All donations will benefit Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada and their ongoing work! Give \$12.50! Give \$50! Give what you can! **Closing Date of Challenge: January 31, 2021.**

Gifts may go to the General Fund; may be directed to a specific fund such as Student Bursaries; may be in honour of a loved one who has passed or in recognition of them while they live; it is the donor's choice. The Foundation funds a variety of projects such as sharing Norwegian cultural and historical activities, supporting our youth with bursaries, and provides disaster relief when our members are faced with unforeseen challenges.

Members are encouraged to visit the Foundation website [www.sonfic.ca](http://www.sonfic.ca) and complete the Donation form. Please send your donation to Foundation in Canada Treasurer, Erik Brochmann (address on page 4)

There are so many benefits in supporting **YOUR CANADIAN FOUNDATION IN CANADA** [WEBSITE [www.sofnic.ca](http://www.sofnic.ca)].

1. With your donation you are helping a Canadian student attend a Canadian University with a Foundation Bursary.
2. You help promote Norwegian Culture to your fellow Canadian Lodge members.
3. You make money available (through your Foundation) to help your fellow Lodge members in need through the Humanitarian Fund
4. Best of all you receive a **CANADIAN TAX RECEIPT.**



# Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada

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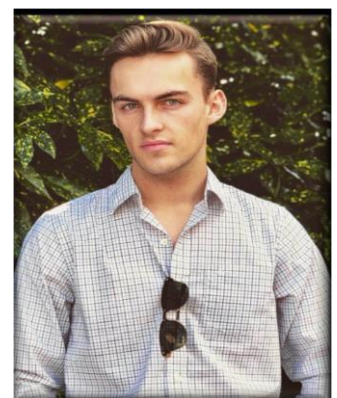
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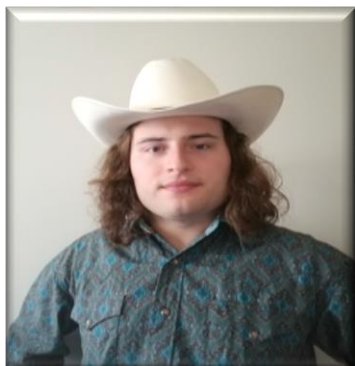
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Lake  
Social Work Diploma

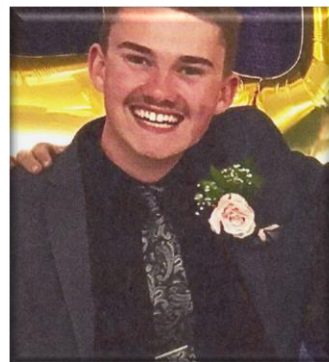


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