



YOUR FOUNDATION NEWS

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Lysne, Editor

Greetings:

Blue on the color spectrum is one of the most popular colors. During this unsettling time in our lives light blue gives us a feeling of calmness and serenity, it inspires security and safety. I hope all our Sons of Norway Lodge members are safe and looking forward to resuming meeting with your Lodge friends in the near future.

Issue 26 focuses on ways your Foundation has helped students and Lodge members through Bursaries and Grants. Several of the students who received an \$800.00 Bursary to help with their post-graduate studies have sent a thank-you and update of their study program. I would also like to encourage you to make your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends aware of the opportunities the Foundation in Canada offers Lodge members.

NORWEGIAN CULTURE

Issue 25 featured the "Armchair Book Club". I start the next issue of the Foundation Newsletter as soon as the current issue is forwarded to all Lodges. In September when I formulated the idea of the book club I started placing \$5.00 in an envelope for every book I completed. My book count January 1, 2021 was eleven. My intention was to save for 12 months but with the 2 year mark of my husband passing away I decided to send my "Book Money" to the Foundation in memory of Jack and designate the money to the Lysne Rosmaling Cultural Grant. Donation forms are found on the Foundation website www.sofin.ca. Click on "DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING" Listed are four ways to make your donation. Just below this list there is a note in red, "Click here to view and download PDF version of CF006 Donation Form". Very simple, fill in the form, print and send to Erik Brochmann along with your cheque. E-transfer is another donation option.

In January I heard of two Lodges in District No. 7 starting a Book Club, I would like to encourage these Lodges to consider a form of fund raising for your Foundation.

YOUR FOUNDATION OFFERS TWO CULTURAL GRANTS:

LYSNE ROSEMALING GRANT:

Jack was a dedicated Sons of Norway member and a strong supporter of the Foundation and the culture of Norway. In memory of Vera, Jack's first wife, an exceptional Rosemaler and teacher, he founded the Lysne Rosemaling Grant.

TORMOD REKDAL CULTURAL GRANT:

This grant covers all Norwegian cultures. I had the opportunity to apply for and be the recipient of this grant for the advancement of learning more Hardangersom techniques. Nordlys Lodge in Port Alberni applied for a grant to have me to come to their Lodge and teach Hardangersom. This grant resulted two (2) non-members taking part and one (1) new member joining their Lodge.

You are encouraged to take advantage of these two Cultural grants.



Jack Rosemaling

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APPLICATION FORMS
ARE FOUND ON THE
FOUNDATION WEBSITE
[WWW.SOFIC.CA.](http://WWW.SOFIC.CA)








Thelma with Hardangersom

THANK YOU SONS OF NORWAY MEMBERS

The next two pages are dedicated to our young members who appreciate the Bursaries they received from your Canadian Foundation.

One of the letters is from a grandmother of one of the Bursary recipients. This letter is included to inspire all Sons of Norway parents and grandparents to encourage their post-secondary students to apply for a Bursary. You are also urged to support your Foundation in Canada in the following ways:

-  Save your stamps
-  Follow the "Armchair Book Club" theme or another idea.
-  Donation in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild.
-  In memory of a loved one who has passed away or on the anniversary of their passing.
-  Leaving a Legacy in your Will.

Dear Lodge
as grandmother of Tucker
Schaff I would like to
thank the Sons of Norway
for his Bursary for helping
to attend college
we thank Daphney Shaw
for her help and encouragement
always.

Dear Sons of Norway
Chas and Lodge

Just wanting you
to know
That you are being
remembered
And wished special
happiness!

I hope to see you
after this Pandemic.
your lodge member
Margaret L. De

**TUCKER'S
GRANDMOTHER**

Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada
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Prince George, BC V2N 6G8

Dear Foundation members,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of a 2020 Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to focus and put all my energy into my studies instead of working, as well as avoiding a student loan.

As I continue through my education at Camosun College, I will be forever thankful for receiving this thoughtful gift. Upon graduation, I will seek employment in the media industry so I can continue to learn more every day. I hope in the future I will be able to create a positive impact in the world, and give back to the community to help other students achieve their goals.

Sincerely,

T. Schaff

Tucker Schaff



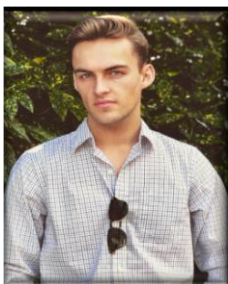
Hello Gloria,

Received notification that I was awarded the SON Foundation in Canada scholarship today and just wanted to say thanks to you, as well as the foundation and scholarship committee. I really appreciate all the support over the years.

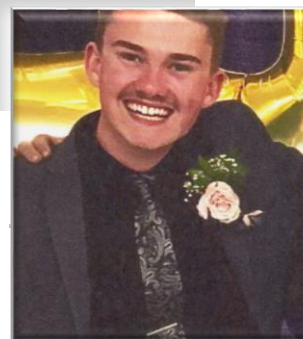
Tusen takk!

Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada
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Dear Foundation members,



To Tore Petterson (President)
Thank you for the generous \$600 Bursary.
It was an honor to receive the letter. the
money will help me with my third year
of study at Northern Lights College, in Heavy
Duty Mechanical Trades.
Sincerely
Griffin



Dear Sons of Norway Foundation,

I am honoured to be a recipient of the 2020 Sons of Norway Scholarship, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support to students who need it most.

I am a third year student, majoring in Kinesiology and I hope to one day work as an athletic coach or physiotherapist. At some point, I want to play volleyball professionally in Sweden or Norway. This is a goal I am currently working towards as I am currently a member of the UBC Men's Volleyball team.

Your scholarship has opened a door for me, and will play a key role in shaping me into a successful person in the future. Foundations like the Sons of Norway make life brighter for us and I can only hope that on day, I too will be in a position to bring a smile to another needy student.

I cannot express my gratitude enough, and I want you to know that your generous support will see me achieve my dreams.

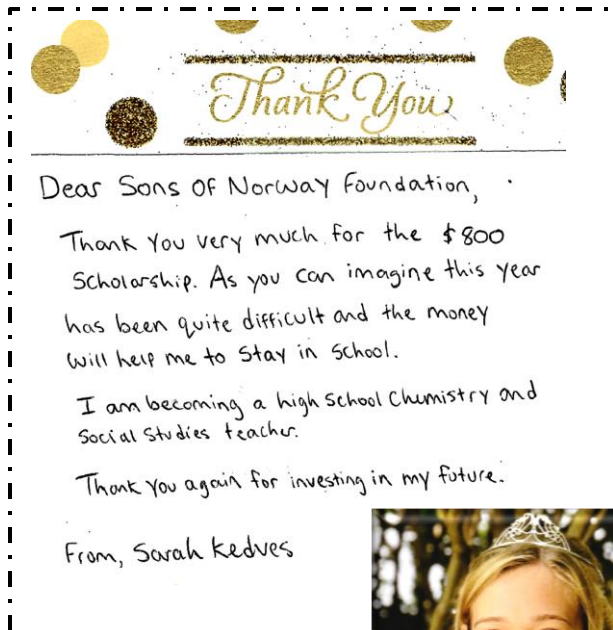
Sincerely,
Markus Bratsberg



STAMPS

The letters from the five (5) Bursary recipients are different sizes so I have had to make them large enough for you to read and also include their pictures. This has made space for a section on Stamps a little problematical so I have scattered stamps throughout their pictures as a reminder that **one of the ways** you are helping these young people with their post-secondary education is "SAVE YOUR STAMPS". Other suggestions are found on Page 2.

Thelma Lyone, Editor





The way we seem to be trending, Syttende Mai celebrations will be different this year and possibly the festivities will take on the look of the little girl pictured above.

One thing that will be consistent is the singing of Ja, vi elsker. With that thought in mind I did a little research on Norway's "National Anthem" and found there were many songs recognized as Norway's unofficial national anthems.

Norway did not have an official national anthem until December 11, 2019, but over the last 200 years, a number of songs have been commonly regarded as *de facto* national anthems. At times, multiple songs have enjoyed this status simultaneously. "Ja, vi elsker dette landet" was most often recognized as the anthem and now has "official status", but until the early 20th century, "Sønner av Norge" occupied this position.

In the early 19th century, a song "Norges Skaal" was regarded by many as Norway's national anthem. In 1819 the Royal Norwegian Society for Development announced a competition to write a national anthem for Norway and "Sonner av Norge" was announced the winner took over as the most accepted national anthem. Confusion seemed to run rampant because there were other songs competing for the title of Norway's national anthem. One song in the competition was "Blant alle Lande" (also called Nordmandssang); another was "Småguttenes Nationalsang (The Young Boys' National Anthem), commonly known as "Vi er en nasjon vi med"

Now when we open our meetings and celebrations, we are truly singing Norway's official national anthem.

My research also revealed that Norway has an unofficial royal anthem "Kongesangen", based on England's "God Save the King". The first version was written around 1800 but today's version was written for the Coronation of Haakon VII and Maud of Wales in 1906. It is set to the tune of God Save the Queen.

Verse 1

Gud sign vår konge god!
Sign ham med kraft og mod
sign hjem og slott!
Lys for ham ved din Ånd,
knytt med din sterke hånd
hellige troskapsbånd
om folk og drott!

Verse 2

Høyt sverger Norges mann
hver i sitt kall, sin stand,
troskap sin drott.
Trofast i liv og død,
tapper i krig og nød,
alltid vårt Norge lød
Gud og sin drott.

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