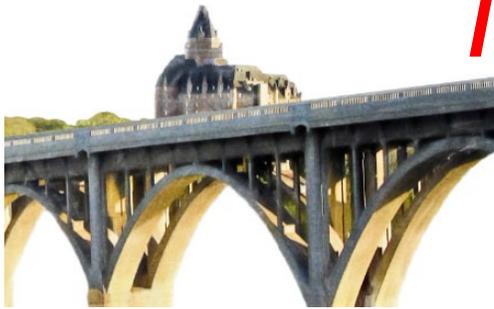


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Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Express

Fra presidenten

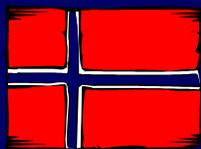
FROM THE PRESIDENT

July 2022

It seems hard to believe that we are already past mid-summer [June 21]. I hope you are all keeping well and away from Covid or its variations!

On behalf of the members of Brubyen Lodge, I express our condolences to Alice Garvik on the passing of her older sister through brain cancer. The memorial service will be held in Swift Current this Saturday. Trollhaugen Camp is coming soon [August 7-13]. The last Trollhaugen Camp newsletter indicated that they are/were still looking for camp volunteers:

- 1) Trailer unloading and loading
- 2) Instructors: Norsk, Woodcraft, Ethnic cooking, Viking Knit/Chain maile
- 3) Donations to Silent Auction
- 4) The 2023 camp will be the 50th anniversary of the camp – celebration planners needed
- 5) Historian
- 6) Mentor/mentees: people with skills/people interested in learning skills



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



Special Days

*Gratulerer
med
dagen!*



July

- 02 Gayle Jones
- 03 Jacob Berg
- 11 Diane Berg
- 19 Karen Edwardson
- 31 Reid Corriveau

August

- 09 Euncie Begg
- 12 Raymond Hanson

Fra presidenten continued...

If you are interested or know someone who may be, contact trollhaugencamp@gmail.com

I know that Kathy Fenton and several of her family members are registered to attend. Have a great time!

The District IV Biennial Convention was finally held in Fargo, North Dakota on June 16-18 with 92 delegates both in person and virtually. I was Brubyen's delegate in the virtual mode and spent the day of June 17 on the computer watching and listening to the business portion of the convention. They used ZOOM to accomplish this. It worked quite well considering that it was the first time this had been attempted at a convention. The resolution regarding an all-Canadian District passed with only one dissenting vote. It will now go on to the International Board to determine the next steps as there is nothing in the Constitution and Bylaws to cover the possibility.

Alison Wiigs of Valhalla Lodge in Calgary will be our Zone 4 delegate to the virtual International Sons of Norway Convention at the end of August. Russ Wiigs is the alternate. Lodge members must own a Sons of Norway financial benefit in order to qualify as a delegate.

Regardless of the passing of the all-Canadian district resolution, we are still Zone 4 in District IV. Currently there are no applications to host the 2024 Convention. There were many changes in the District Leadership:

President: Jerry Saude (Bismarck)
Vice President: Susan Gobbs (Helena)
Treasurer: Marilyn Martinson (Fargo, continuing)
Secretary: Betty Dhuyvetter (Columbus, ND – Crosby lodge)
Cultural/Publicity: Flo Kallenbach (Maddock, ND, continuing)
International Director: Claudia Berg (Bismarck) narrowly won over Elaine Nelson (Fargo)

A very large THANK YOU goes out to Ron Reine of Calgary who spearheaded the resolution on the move to an all-Canadian District through several Zoom calls with Zone 4 lodge representatives, wrote the final draft of the resolution, and attended the convention as a delegate to be there to defend the intent of the resolution. Your work and personal commitment are most appreciated. I would also be remiss if I did not say another large THANK YOU to Alison and Russ Wiigs of Calgary who have taken on many leadership roles in their Valhalla Lodge and at the District level. They have represented us very well. Russ Wiigs continues as Zone 4 Director until the next convention. Alison is most often called on to be the secretary for various meetings: Zone 4 caucus, the resolution Zoom calls, Sports Weekend, etc. and does it graciously and well.

If you happen to be in Edmonton at the end of July you might want to take in the Edmonton Heritage Festival July 30-Aug 1, 2022. Solglyt Lodge participates with a "booth" and provides pails of Rice Crème for consumption by festival-goers.



Fra presidenten continued...

Lastly, Brubyen Lodge was finally able to have a face-to-face meeting. On June 2, 9 members plus one guest who is a returning member, gathered at Manos Restaurant to have lunch together and conduct lodge business. We had lost 2 members through death in the past year: Gail Jones and Arne Unseth. Kathy Fenton was presented with her Golden Membership certificate and pin by Phyllis Byers, Cultural Director. She finally received her Genealogy pin [which your president had misplaced and replaced].

Several motions were discussed and passed. We talked about possible meeting times. Some members would like an afternoon [would need to be the 3rd Tuesday of the month] because they don't/can't drive at night, some prefer evenings because they can't attend afternoons. The next meeting has been set for our regular time - 7:00 pm on August 18 [the 3rd Thursday evening]. Graham Begg volunteered to explore transportation possibilities.

On November 6, 1982 we became Brubyen Lodge, Sons of Norway. So we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary this year. We have 6 current members who were Charter Members of the Lodge: Margaret & Thor Kleiv, Lyla Dalen, Alice Garvik, Mildred Norum, Diane Berg.

We are looking at a catered dinner on October 20, 2022 at the Fairfield Seniors Centre. Former members will be contacted and invited to join us for that occasion. More details in future.

Graham Begg who is a Director on the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada Board of Directors gave a report on the bursaries available through the Foundation and encouraged us to have family or friends apply. He will attend to Foundation AGM later this year. Contact Graham for more information.

We also noted that we need to be considering our future as a lodge. Membership is dwindling and aging. How can we attract new members?

Other organizations are experiencing the same problems. Many of the annual FOLKFEST pavilions are short of volunteers and leadership. Since Folkfest has been cancelled for 3 years, it will be extremely difficult to return the event to its former excellent cultural experience.

Carman and I (and our Saskatoon family members) are off to Cypress Hills on the August long weekend for a Family Reunion which had been scheduled for two years ago. We are looking forward to seeing family members, descendants of the Olson/Laknas/Sather families on my maternal side. These reunions started in 1990 and have occurred approximately every 4 years since then. These are important events as we add generations to the mix so the children can see that they are a part of a bigger picture and be aware of the families and how they are connected.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the August 18 meeting at the Fairfield Seniors Centre.

Fraternally,
Diane Berg

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Unless otherwise indicated, all events are held at:
Fairfield Senior Citizens Centre
103 Fairmont Court
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Dead Fish Society
Social Hour
at Bussy's Pub in
Market Mall, 6:45 pm
CANCELLED

Norwegian Whist
CANCELLED

Lodge Monthly Meeting
Aug. 18th, 7:00 pm
(3rd Thurs each month)



CONVENTION REPORT - Alison Wiigs

What a great time of year for a road trip. Everything was green. The trees in North Dakota, especially the richer farmlands in the eastern part, have rebounded well after two very dry years. The convention hotel was across the street from Fargo's major shopping mall, and the vendors present at the hotel on Friday had Scandinavian items people were eager to buy.

But down to business: Steve Halverson, International Director, noted that Sons of Norway is the last or second-last fraternal benefits organization to change from the Convention model to a Board of Governors model. In 2024 all S/N product holders will be eligible to elect members to the International Board. This year, as in the past, only the 100 or so International Convention delegates have a vote. The number of agents selling S/N products (only in the U.S., so far) has increased dramatically, resulting in an increased number of S/N members. Profits are temporarily down, though, because overhead costs and commissions result in new policies taking a few years before a break-even point is reached.

Around 10 virtual attendees 'sat' on a screen in view of the District Board. The hotel was a big help in arranging that technology. Head Office's Emily Stark (International Foundation) and Amy Tuchenhagen (Member Engagement) were a pleasure to meet in person. Read about Keynote speaker Greg Tehven (yes, related to Past International President Jon Tehven) at this link. [Connecting-fargo- greg-tehven-helps-shape...](#)

On our way back to Calgary we experienced Minot's warmth and Midsummer celebrations at the Scandinavian Heritage Park. Highlights were Thor lodge's root beer floats, a welcome treat as the temperature reached 99°F on Saturday, and a well-attended Sunday service at the stavkirke.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Valhalla lodge at the District Convention.

Condolences

Sympathy extended to

GET WELL!

Notify Phyllis if sunshine required at 306-373-6478





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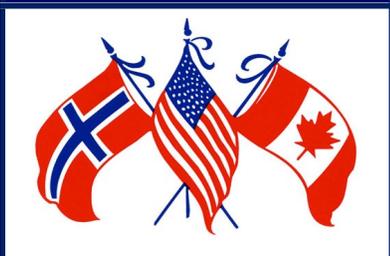
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Hurtigruten Hopes for Zero Emission Ship by 2030

The Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Express has operated for nearly 130 years, traveling between 34 ports, from Bergen to Kirkenes. It is a popular way for travelers to see remote Norwegian communities and beautiful fjords. Recently, the cruise company announced that by 2030, the route will feature its first zero-emissions passenger ship. As part of the initiative, Hurtigruten has partnered with a Norwegian research institute, SINTEF, to research and analyze the ship building program.

While Hurtigruten has made many strides towards sustainability in the past, Hurtigruten Group CEO, Daniel Skjeldam, called the project its “most ambitious sustainability initiative to date.” They will first start with the Norwegian Coastal Express as its route consists of frequent anchorages, making it easier to “fuel up.” Then they would like to expand the practices to their expedition ships, which travel to places like Antarctica and Alaska.

Hurtigruten plans to be very open with their findings in hopes that the rest of the industry can benefit, as well.

Golden Membership Certificate and Pin

Kathy Fenton received her Golden Membership Certificate and Pin on June 2nd, 2022. Golden Membership is awarded to members who are age 65 or older and have been members for 30 years or more.

Congratulations Kathy!





Notices – August Membership Meeting

Fairfield Senior Citizens Centre
Thursday, August 18th
7:00pm

Fra redaktøren

Kjære venner,

Here it is. We are *finally* having our first in-person meeting in over two years! I hope everyone can make it.

We have another reason to celebrate. Mildred Norum received a letter from the Norwegian Ambassador congratulating her on her 100th birthday. A copy of the letter has been attached. Here is a translation of the greeting.

Dear Mildred Norum,

It is a pleasure to send you my best wishes and warmest congratulations on the occasion of your hundredth birthday. Reaching such a milestone in life is incredibly wonderful. I hope you have the opportunity to mark the day in connection with May 17th, and that you can look back on many good memories through a century.

With best regards,
Ambassador
Jon Elvedal Fredriksen

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<http://sofnsaskatoon.wixsite.com/brubyenlodge/>

Fraternally,
**Alfred
Hovdestad**

*Deadline for the
next newsletter*

Feb 27th

- Ellwood Jones** - Assistant Sports Director
 - Mildred Norum** - Counselor
 - Phyllis Byers** - Sunshine
 - Myrna Kennedy** - Greeter
 - Graham Begg** - Foundation
 - Vacant** - Historian
 - Nancy Iverson** - Librarian
 - Myrtle Dixon** - Assistant Librarian
 - Vacant** - Assistant Librarian
 - Vacant** - Marshall
 - Chris Byers** - Marshall
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Litt på norsk...

and a little in English

Disse fuglene flyr halve kloden rundt uten pause

Nylig fløy en kjempehavørn seg helt bort og havnet på feil side av jordkloden. Men for terner og spover er det helt vanlig å fly halve kloden rundt to ganger i året.

I november i år dukket en rufsete kjempehavørn opp på østkysten av Canada.

Den hadde flydd seg vill, og havnet omtrent 7.500 kilometer bort fra sitt naturlige område. Vanligvis lever den i Kina, Japan eller østkysten av Russland.

Fugletittere strømmet til fra alle kanter for å se den sjeldne gjesten.

Det er vanlig at noen fugler forflytter seg over veldig lange avstander. Det er typisk for de fuglene som vi kaller trekkfugler, forklarer John Atle Kålås.

Han er fugleforsker ved Norsk institutt for naturforskning, NINA.

Kålås tror ikke kjempehavørnen noen gang kommer til å finne veien hjem igjen, for den har hav på omtrent alle kanter.

Utrolig lange reiser

Mange av våre trekkfugler flyr «bare» til Spania eller Kanariøyene hvor de liker å være om vinteren. Akkurat som mange norske besteforeldre.

Og om våren kommer de tilbake til Norge.

– Mange fuglearter kommer helst tilbake til dit de ble født og vokste opp, sier Kålås.

Men noen trekkfugler flyr veldig langt, to ganger i året.

– Det er mange nesten utrolige eksempler på slike lange reiser, sier fugleforskeren John Atle Kålås.

Flyr over åpent hav uten å mellomlande

Terner fra Norge flyr helt ned mot Sydpolen om høsten og blir der over vinteren. Det er nesten fra den ene polen til den andre.

Lappspover kan fly helt Alaska og helt til New Zealand, utenfor Australia. Det er en strekning på over 15.000 kilometer.

Rekorden ble registrert i fjor, skriver CTV News.

Da flyr de over åpent hav – uten å mellomlande en eneste gang for å ta en pause.

Det er over åtte ganger så langt som Norge på langs fra Nordkapp til Lindesnes.

These Birds Fly Halfway around the Globe without a Break

Recently, a Pacific sea eagle flew completely off-course and ended up on the wrong side of the globe. But for terns and curlews, it is quite common to fly half-way around the globe twice a year.

In November [last] year, a Pacific sea eagle appeared on the east coast of Canada.

It had flown the wrong way, and ended up about 7,500 kilometers [4,600 miles] away from its natural area. It usually lives in China, Japan or on the east coast of Russia.

Birdwatchers flocked in from all sides to see the unusual guest.

It is common for some birds to cover very long distances. It is typical of the birds that we call migratory birds, explains John Atle Kålås.

He is a bird researcher at the Norwegian Institute for Natural Research, NINA.

Kålås does not think the Pacific sea eagle will ever find its way home again, because it has seas on almost all sides.

Incredibly long journeys

Many of our [Norway's] migratory birds fly "only" to Spain or the Canary Islands where they like to spend the winter. Just like many Norwegian grandparents.

And in the spring they return to Norway.

"Many bird species prefer to return to where they were born and grew up," says Kålås.

But some migratory birds fly great distances, twice a year.

"There are many almost incredible examples of such long journeys," says bird researcher John Atle Kålås.

Flying over the open sea without landing

Terns from Norway fly all the way to the South Pole in the autumn and stay there over the winter. It is almost from one pole to the other.

Bar-tailed godwits can fly all the way to Alaska and all the way to New Zealand, outside Australia. It is a stretch of over 15,000 kilometers [9300 miles].

The record was registered last year, writes CTV News. Then they fly over the open sea - without stopping once to take a break.

This distance is over eight times the length of Norway from the North Cape to Lindesnes.



Litt på norsk...

Bare tre av ti unge vil bli konge eller droning

Spør du barn om hva de vil bli som store, er det mange ulike svar.

Noen av svarene som går igjen, er konge eller prinsesse.

Forandrer det seg med tiden eller vil unge faktisk inn i kongehuset?

Undersøkelse

Undersøkelsen ble gjennomført av Norstat og ringte rundt til 1.000 mennesker mellom 16 og 20 år. Spørsmålet var:

Kunne du ha tenkt deg å bli konge/dronning av Norge?

63 prosent sa nei, 28 prosent sa ja, og 9 prosent visste ikke.

Mye ansvar

Carl-Erik Grimstad er statsviter og kongehusekspert.

– Hvorfor tror du at bare én av tre unge vil bli konge eller dronning?

– Det har vært mye fokus på alt ansvaret ved en sånn jobb, sier han.

– Livet er på en måte litt bestemt for deg når du er kongelig. Unge folk vil gjerne bestemme selv og ha alle muligheter åpne, sier han.

Grimstad forteller at kongelige får gjøre mye spennende. De får representere landet vårt, og reise verden rundt. Men det er mye ansvar.

– Du må lære seg å holde taler og så må en oppføre seg veldig bra. Hvis du gjør noe eller sier noe som blir dumt for kongehuset, så har du ikke gjort jobben sin, sier han.

Må gifte seg

– Tre av ti unge ønsker å bli kongelige. Har de noen sjanse?

– Da må man gifte seg med Ingrid Alexandra, sier han.

Hvis Norge avslutter det kongehuset vi har nå og setter inn en ny kongefamilie, kan det også være en sjanse.

– Det tror jeg ikke skjer. Men hvis kongefamilien selv vil slutte å være kongefamilie, må Norge velge om vi skal fortsette med en ny kongefamilie eller ikke. Da tror jeg mange i Norge stemmer nei, sier han.

and a little in English

Only three in ten young people want to become king or queen

If you ask children what they want to be when they grow up, you'll get many different answers.

Some of the recurring answers are "king" or "princess."

Has this changed over time, or do young people actually want to enter the royal house?

A Survey

Norstat conducted a survey, calling around 1,000 people between the ages of 16 and 20. The question was: *Would you want to become king / queen of Norway?*

63 percent said no, 28 percent said yes, and 9 percent did not know.

Lots of Responsibility

Carl-Erik Grimstad is a political scientist and royal house expert.

Why do you think that only one in three young people want to become king or queen?

"There has been a lot of focus on all of the responsibility involved in that kind of job," he says.

"Life is in a way a bit pre-determined for you when you are a royal. Young people want to decide for themselves and keep their options open," he says.

Grimstad says that royals get to do a lot of exciting things. They get to represent our country and travel the world. But there is a lot of responsibility.

"You have to learn to give speeches and you have to behave very well. If you do something or say something that is embarrassing for the royal family, then you have not done your job," he says.

Need to Marry In

Three out of ten young people want to become royalty. Do they have a chance? "Then one would have to marry [princess] Ingrid Alexandra," he says.

If Norway were to close the current royal house and install a new royal family, there would also be a chance.

"I do not think that will happen. But if the royal family itself wanted to stop being a royal family, Norway would have to choose whether we would continue with a new royal family or not. In that case, I think many in Norway would vote no," he says.