



Dear Members and Friends of Myrmarken -

And so another summer has slipped on by. I hope all of you have enjoyed the warmth (maybe sometimes too much warmth), the beauty of flowers, nature, sun rises and sunsets, and a bountiful garden if that was in your backyard. We have enjoyed the company of our family including our Montana family with the grand-children.

Our meeting in September is on Saturday, the 10th, at Scottie's Pizza. We are looking forward to the program by Julaine Varsho. She states that it will be about her heritage and perhaps show or model the wedding gowns of her mother and her grandmother.

Plans for our Anniversary Luncheon on October 15th need to be discussed as well as our Lutefisk Supper on the following Tuesday, October 18th. It has been three years since our last lutefisk supper, so promotion is very important for this to be successful.

On August 14th we said goodbye to member Yngve Johansson. What an amazing man who wore many hats. Our sincerest condolences to Roberta and his family. We shall miss his interesting stories about his background, his curiosity, and his questions.



September 10th, 9am, Scottie's Pizza. Bring a friend and start thinking of ideas for programs in 2023.

Sherrie, Editor



SONS of NORWAY



FUN FACT

There are 400,000 lakes in Norway! Think about what an insane amount of water that is. One of these lakes, Hornindalsvatnet, is the deepest lake in the whole of Europe. It's 1,512 feet deep, to be exact.

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

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Open to all members!



All Sons of Norway members are invited to join this virtual book club, regardless of where they live. The popular book club is rapidly growing and in most months, we've added an additional meeting time so more members can take part.

For bookclub: send an email to

SonsOfNorwayBookClub@gmail.com



Foundation Updates!

Thank you to the 15 members who ZOOMed in for the call last Monday night. We discussed a number of items and I'll be doing more updates and providing resources as we approach Foundation Month. But first, a big thank you to all our lodges and members who supported the Foundation in 2021.

A message from Jon Tehven and report on 2021 giving:

I bring you greetings from the Sons of Norway Foundation Board of Governors. With this greeting comes a huge 'thank you' for making our 'Together We Are The Future' so successful in 2020 and in 2021. But, before we get to the recap of past years, let's look at 2022.

We begin our 2022 'Together We Are The Future' campaign in October - Foundation Month - and it will continue through January 15, 2023. Why into 2023? To allow for IRA contributions.

Here are our goals:

- Lodges and members will donate \$175,000.
- This represents an increase of 10% in the number of lodges and members donating. What Can You Do:

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- Dedicate October as 'Foundation Month' and share the success of our Foundation.
- Celebrate any grants and scholarships your lodge has received in the past . . . or present.
- Encourage your lodge and members to join all the SON members by making a donation, thus ensuring the future of our Foundation What Will the Foundation Do?

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- Have a Foundation article in the October Viking Magazine about the 'Together . . . ' campaign, and
- Include an envelope for you to make your donation.
- Send periodic reports on our success to our lodges.

So, how has our District benefited from the Foundation?

- District 5 Lodge grants in 2020 were \$6,430 and scholarships were \$8,000.
- District 5 Lodge grants in 2021 were \$3,000 and scholarships were \$6,500.
- District 5 Lodge grants in 2022 were \$9,500 and scholarships were \$8,500.

In 2021, 137 SON lodges donated \$68,657. In District 5, 31 lodges donated \$9,091.

Here is a brief 'Together We Are The Future' recap:

- In 2020 our goal was \$100,000. Our lodges and members donated \$137,000.
- In 2021 our goal was \$150,000. Our lodges and members donated \$164,607.

And how have our lodges and members benefited:

- Lodge grants in 2020 were \$27,330 and scholarships were \$119,012.
- Lodge grants in 2021 were \$30,990 and scholarships were \$119,767.
- Lodge grants in 2022 are \$33,329 and scholarships are \$140,000.

Remember . . . the Foundation is here for you . . . and it is here for good!

In 2021, Myrmarken Lodge was one of the 31 District 5 lodges who gave \$9,091 to the SN Foundation!

Why we fill out Fraternal Gives Hours

Here is everything we accomplished in 2021, according to the numbers submitted by each lodge as part of the Lodge Achievement process:

Community Support

4,865 community events were held by lodges and districts in North America and Norway,
92,083 hours of community volunteer service were donated by members of Sons of Norway
US\$938,583 were provided to support community activities and needs. (Can \$1.22 million, Nkr. 9,462,000)

Membership Support

14,141 lodge events held with a focus on Sons of Norway Members.
398,277 volunteer hours were devoted to lodge and district activities.
US \$1,477,001 was provided to support member-focus lodge events and programming. (Can \$1.92 million, Nkr. 14,890,000)

As pandemic restrictions continue to be lifted, we are sure that 2022 will prove to be even more industrious!



At the end of each year activities, hours spent in performance of those activities, and any income and/or expenses related to the activities are submitted by Myrmarken Lodge to the FraternalGives website. Its purpose is to make an account to the Internal Revenue Service the value of Sons of Norway.

I ask that each member of Myrmarken think about what they have contributed to the support of the membership and support of the community as a focused member of the Sons of Norway. These contributions could include meeting preparations, serving, cleaning up following the meeting, preparing publicity for activities, donation of time and items to various charities, and time spent in the performance of your duties as lodge officers. A calendar with short notations of each event is very helpful in keeping track of your contributions.



Virtual Sons of Norway International Convention August 31-Sept. 1 . D5 secretary Darlene Arneson.



Velkommen, Baby Boom!

A pandemic-related baby boom has sent Norwegian families scrambling to find perfect names for their new additions. 2021 saw over 3,000 more births in Norway than in 2020. Thankfully, help has come from an entity with a long history flaunting imaginative naming skills: IKEA.

Employees at the Norwegian branch of the Swedish retail giant combed through its catalogs, curating a “name bank” overflowing with over 800 monikers inspired by over 70 years of flat-pack tables, chairs, chandeliers, desks, and a mish-mash of other household staples.

While many IKEA product labels are inspired by Swedish place names, several others have appellations associated with humans. They range from the more typical, such as Billy, a strikingly modern black and white chair from 1970, to the more exotic such as Ulrika, a dainty side table available in 1958. The names are accompanied on the website by a picture of the item, the year it was introduced, and a description in Norwegian. The descriptions can apply to both the furniture item and to your newest family member.

Experience it yourself here! <https://www.ikea.com/no/no/campaigns/navnekatalogen-pub419139a0>