



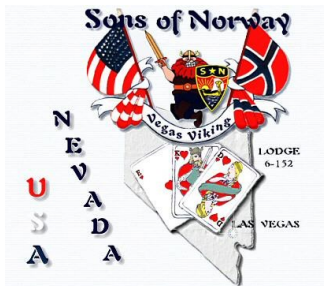
**SONS of  
NORWAY**

# Vegas Vikings News

January 2018

Sons of Norway Lodge 6-152 - Las Vegas, Nevada

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.



Thought for the  
Month:

Det spiller ingen rolle hvor sakte  
du går så lenge du ikke stopper.

It does not matter how slowly  
you go as long as you do not  
stop.

## Ord Fra Presidenten:

Well, elections are over and we have for the most part a new group of officers. I would like to thank all of those who served for the last two years, but just as important thank you to all that have served the lodge. Thanks for allowing me to serve as your president. Best of luck and success to the new group of officers. Cultural activities are needed to keep members interested in the lodge and to maintain membership. I, of course, will do what I can for the Cultural Committee, Renfair Committee and Lutefisk Committee to better our lodge and any other projects that I can help with. Everyone should be on a committee even if you can participate in a limited manner. Enough....Happy New Year.....Hilsen Bob.

Godt nytt år!

I'm celebrating my 15<sup>th</sup> year with the Sons of Norway and am really looking forward to an exciting year as your new president. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

With your help and the help of the board, I think we can really accomplish a lot in celebrating and sharing our heritage and culture with each other and the community at-large.

Compelling programming is a key to our success. Please give some thought to what you'd like to see our lodge do this year and how we can work to achieve it. What topics would you like to see discussed at our lodge meetings? What speakers would you like to have? What kinds of events would you like to attend outside of our monthly meetings? Are there entertainers and speakers who live outside of Las Vegas that we would like to invite?

Please let Cultural Director Gregg LeDuc (RSK2514@aol.com), Lee Holman (1-852-217-6065) or me know of your thoughts.

I also want to encourage you to contribute your ideas/articles for the monthly newsletter to our new editor, Tracy Barkhuff. Her email address is vegasvikingsnewsletter@gmail.com. Tusen takk, Tracy, for taking on this important function.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the lutefisk dinner and at our February 1<sup>st</sup> lodge meeting. And please make sure to wear your Norwegian sweaters at that meeting for a group photo! Erik Pappa

January Birthdays

- 9 Heidi Kasama
- 15 May Edmondson
- 16 Jannifer Sprague
- 25 Mike Hagan



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**d a t e s**  
to  
*Remember*

- January 27—Lutefisk Dinner at the Elk's Lodge
- February 1—Membership meeting
- February 11—Mother's Day (Norway)
- February 14—Valentine's Day (US)

*please  
join us*

**Membership Meeting**

**First Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM**

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**111 N Torrey Pines Dr, Las Vegas NV**



*New Members Are Joining*

Brian P.

Marilyn

Lee H.

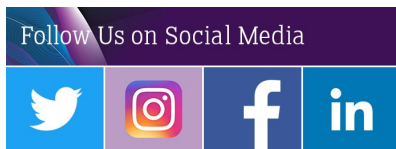
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## Membership Update from Karen Holien—



As many of you know, the dues structure will be changing starting on January 1st, 2018 in hopes of simplifying and standardizing dues across the US. There will be new application forms for new members and monthly dues may be automatically withdrawn from a bank account if desired. Annual credit card rebilling will continue to be an option, but will need to be re-established with the member's 2018 payment.

### Membership categories & Dues Rates

- ◊ Family memberships (all members who reside at the same mailing address in a single family residence) will be available for \$95.00 for the household.
- ◊ The Unge Venner membership category will no longer exist. Former Unge Venners will pay either \$60.00 for an individual membership or fall under the family membership umbrella (\$95 for all members at the same mailing address).
- ◊ Heritage memberships (youth ages 0-15) will continue to be free.
- ◊ Golden memberships earned before January 1, 2018 will continue to receive a reduced dues rate.
- ◊ No Golden memberships (30 years of membership and age 65+ will be awarded after December 31, 2017.
- ◊ NOTE: Vegas Viking lodge will continue to charge a one time initiation fee of \$10.00 for new members which includes the cost of a name tag.

### Renewal Dates

- ◊ Renewal notices going out now, for a renewal date after Dec. 31, 2017, reflect the new dues rates and provide instruction on payment options.
- ◊ All those in a household (Family membership) will have the same renewal date, which will be the latest date in the year for members who reside at the same address.
- ◊ Renewal notices for individual memberships will continue throughout the year on the same schedule as the 2017 renewal.



# Scholarships

District Six offers up to three \$1000 Academic Scholarships each year to deserving Unge Venner or Youth Members who

are or will be attending any accredited post-secondary schooling or training institution. The District President annually appoints a Scholarship committee to evaluate the applicants and determine the recipients. **Note: effective 2018, the District Six Scholarships are now open to high school graduates who have been accepted for enrollment in any accredited program of higher**

**learning based upon high school performance/grades.** Also of note, application of the online District Six web site must now be postmarked on or before May 1, 2018 (vice April 1<sup>st</sup> as in years past).

District Six also offers a \$1,000 scholarship for a Heritage or Unge Venner member to attend Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Camp. The information can be found at [www.concordialanguagevillages.org](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org) where you click on Norwegian village. This is operated by Concordia College and is situated in Bemidji, MN. Life at Skogfjorden is immersion in the Norwegian language and culture from the moment you wake up – participating in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, dance, and song – until the close of the day. Scholarship Committee Chair: Carl P. Ingvaldstad at [cingvaldst@aol.com](mailto:cingvaldst@aol.com) or 707-987-2404



Two 50% cost of tuition Camperships to Camp Folkehøgskule and two 50% cost of tuition Camperships to Camp Trollfjell are available District wide for attendance at Camp Norge's summer camps in the High Sierras between Sacramento, CA and Reno, NV. For more information about Camp Trollfjell and the Folkehøgskule, check out [www.sofn6.org/arv](http://www.sofn6.org/arv) for camperships and applications. Also, check with your local Lodge for ½ Camperships that may be available. District Six Campership Chair: Kristen Hunsbedt at [kristenhunsbedt@gmail.com](mailto:kristenhunsbedt@gmail.com)



Check out the new cover for our ship! It is spiffy—even has a zipper up the back!  
Submitted by Chuck Grove



# Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152, Sons of Norway invites you to the Twentieth Annual LUTEFISK DINNER

Saturday, 27 January 2018

Two Seatings : 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Adults \$22 Children \$10 (10 years and under)

**Where:** Boulder City Elks Lodge #1682  
1217 Nevada Highway, Boulder City  
(Main Highway through town - just past McDonald's Restaurant (Same location as before))

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!!!**

Menu:

- ◆ Lutefisk w/melted butter or white sauce Surkål with roasted pork
- ◆ Boiled potatoes, Peas/Carrots
- ◆ Lefse,
- ◆ Coffee and Norwegian Cookies plus other baked goods
- ◆ CASH BAR and Aquavit, of course

Tickets will be available at the January Lodge Meeting or You may send a check (written to Sons of Norway) to: Gwen Knighton, 2156 Marstons Mills Ct, Henderson NV 89044 Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your tickets

**(Important - be sure to list names and indicate 3 p.m. or 6 p.m. seating!  
Please also include a telephone number - thanks)**

**DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASE: January 20,  
2018!!!**

# Tasty treats from the January Soup Contest

## Winners:

### RECIPES

I don't think I make this soup the same way 2 times in a row. But the basic recipe is:

#### Taco Soup—by Linda Turner

- 1 lb hamburger or ground turkey
- 1 15 oz kidney beans - drained
- 1 15 oz pinto beans - drained
- 1 15 oz whole kernal corn with liquid
- 1 20 oz can diced tomatoes
- 1 10 oz can rotel
- 1 packet taco seasonings
- 1 packet dry ranch dressing
- 2 cups water or beef broth

brown hamburger - drain.  
Add rest of ingredients  
simmer 30 minutes

#### Baked Potato Soup—by Amy Michaelson

- 9-10 russet potatoes diced with skins left on
- 6 c. water
- 9 oz pkg bacon bits
- 1 T. Onion powder
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 1 t. Celery salt

- 1 8 oz block cream cheese
- 1.5 c sour cream
- 5 c heavy whipping cream

16 oz grated Mexican blend cheese

#### Directions:

Place bacon bits in large soup pot and brown. Rinse & clean potatoes, leaving skins on. Dice potatoes into 1 inch cubes. Add potatoes, water, onion powder, garlic powder, celery salt in pot with the bacon bits. Bring water to boil. Reduce to medium heat and cook for half hour or until potatoes are soft. Do not drain. Partially mash potatoes, leaving some chunks. Wisk together 1 c whipping cream, block of cream cheese and sour cream. When smooth blend into potato mixture and add remaining cream. Add grated cheese and continue cooking on medium heat for 20 minutes to make sure cream cheese and cheese melt. Stir frequently to avoid sticking.

#### Chicken Noodle part 1—by May

- 3 garlic cloves peeled and diced
- 1 large onion
- 3 carrots sliced
- 8 stalks of celery sliced
- 3 chicken breasts
- Better than bouillon chicken flavor
- pepper

Sauté garlic and onion in scant amount of oil. Put chicken in pot and cover with water. Add bouillon and boil until done. Remove, cool and chunk up chicken. Cook carrots for 20 minutes. Add celery. Cook until done. Put chicken back in broth.

#### Part 2: Noodle recipe

- 2 tablespoon milk and 1 egg
- Mix these together and add flour to form pizza like dough.

OR

- For larger size use 10 tablespoon milk and five eggs
- flour for pizza like dough

Roll out on floured board 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch thick. Slice into small pieces or strips for noodle size. Let sit for two hours ahead before you put into broth. Have a kettle with boiling water ready and drop noodles separate in for about 10 minutes or so. Drain, separate and put in soup. Add more bouillon to broth to taste and simmer.



## Sons of Norway Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152

### General Membership Meeting, dated January 4, 2018

The meeting was held at the Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 111 North Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, NV. President Robert Sturgeon started our evening at 6:30 pm with members singing Norwegian grace. Potluck dinner was provided and enjoyed. At 7:10 pm, Bob called the meeting to order and welcomed 43 members and five visitors.

**Lutefisk Dinner**( to be held Saturday, January 27, 2018) was discussed. Robert Sturgeon needs help moving the fish on Wed. Jan 24th and more help on Thursday/ Friday. Gwen Knighton provided a wonderful flyer, full of information. She is in charge of Ticket sales, Lefse sales and the Raffle. She is also organizing the serving schedule for the 3 pm and 6 pm seatings! Thank you!!

On January 31st at 4:30 pm, **Merryhill School** needs 5-6 members in costume. Call Robert, please.

**Kathy Rothermel needs your monthly volunteer hours** to keep our lodge's nonprofit tax status.

The **canvas cover is done** for the ship. **This request came from Chuck and Jeanette Grove** because they store it on their property. (Thank you so much!)

At 7:15 pm, **Robert Sturgeon swore in Erik Pappa as the new President of the Lodge.**

In turn, **President Erik swore in the 2018 board members** ( names of board members were listed in the minutes of the November 2, 2018 meeting).

Then **Erik introduced Davis Cheney as the guest speaker of the evening.** Davis, currently in his late twenties, spent from 2014—2016 in Norway and shared his delightful remembrances of the food and the people!

Following Davis, **the Cultural Committee (Erik Pappa, Gregg LeDuc and Lee Holmen)** asked if there is money to bring groups to our meetings. The board will look into that question when they finalize the 2018 budget in February.

**Tracy Barkhuff spoke about being the Newsletter Editor.** We can submit information through the email of [Vegasvikingsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Vegasvikingsnewsletter@gmail.com). She also requested plastic water bottle tops be collected so her school could help kidney dialysis patients cover their co-pay.



**Karen Holien talked about the new dues structure.** Single membership is \$60 a year. Family membership ( defined as everyone at one address) is \$95 a year. Please use the new membership forms or talk to Karen. She is happy to help you!

**Sonja Swenson received the Prodigal Daughter Award.** We are grateful for her return! Erik Pappa received his 15 year membership pin. Congratulations!

**The 50/50 drawing and door prizes were distributed.** Tracy Barkhuff constructed numbers to be drawn from the marshal's hat. The number matched the line where a member signed in and that member won the prize! This evening the prizes included flowers, wine, jackets and coasters. **Maureen Anderson also declared the three winners of the evening's soup contest!**

**Andy Aagan provided the financial report:**

Checking—\$12,573.05

Scholarship Fund—\$5,794.24

Wells Fargo Bank Savings—\$760.61

Son of Norway Savings—\$12,850.47

**Suzan Sibert submitted Sunshine for Bea Belzone and that Scholarship flyers** are going to churches, colleges and high schools in CCSD. Submission deadline is April 7, 2018. Contact Suzan Sibert for details. She encourages us to **save box tops for Robert Taylor Elementary School.** The principal sent a thank you note on December 18, 2017.

**Next board meeting will be Saturday, January 20** at Chef Fleming Bakery in Henderson. Everyone is invited.

**Next membership and guest meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 2018—Norwegian Sweater night and potluck dinner.**

Meeting was adjourned by 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Terri Anderson, 2018 Lodge Secretary



Sons of Norway Vegas Viking Lodge 6-152



Board Meeting, dated January 20, 2018 at Chef Fleming's Bake Shop, 9 am

In attendance:

Karen Holien, Erik Pappa, Warren & Elaine Halvorson, Maureen Anderson, Andy Agan, Lee Holmen, Gregg LeDuc, Gwen Knighton, Robert Sturgeon, Richard Senzig, Terri Anderson

**Lutefisk Dinner**— **Gwen** provided a detailed supply sheet needed for 2018 dinner. She reported on the raffle donations ( approx. \$1,200.) and expenses (approx. \$200.). This is her last year to manage the Lefsa and the raffle. She will continue to manage the ticket sales for 2019.

**Robert** informed the board this is his last year to help with the dinner. He proposed the board pay a handyman(\$25 to \$30) to work with Robert this year. They would bring every thing from storage, sort and deliver to the Elk's lodge. They would also shop on Thursday. The board agreed with Robert's proposal. **Robert** will contact the Elk's dishwasher.

Move in and set up begins at the Elk's Lodge in Boulder City on Saturday, January 27 at 10 am.

**Cultural Programming**—**Chef Fleming consented to be our Feb 1 speaker**, as well as bringing pastries. **Erik** will email Chef with details. **Lee** will compile a list of words for the evening. **Erik** will provide a video of Chef Fleming for our Facebook page to promote the evening. It will also be Sweater Night!

**It was proposed and accepted that the Cultural Committee is in charge of the general meeting's program.**

Future programming ideas were shared—History of our Lodge, UFOs and George Knapp (he has visited Norway recently), Norwegian Music and Folk Dance, Modern Food and Beverages, Architecture, Cultural Medals, Elk Hounds, Genealogy and DNA kits, Family Search, Study of Sami (native tribe), Viking Fighting Techniques, Emigrant Trunk.

**Recruiting Vikings**— We need authenticity in our costumes and implements. **Richard** is our expert and he has contact with Vikings North America. We want the group Vikings in Vegas to march with us in St. Patrick's Day parade and attend other events with us in costume. **Kathy Wilson**, also, knows a lot about authenticity.



**District 5 convention**– (attachments) Our lodge can send 4 delegates. The discussion was about expense, whether to provide registration cost, and who would go. Erik is not going because of vacation. We need to finalize the budget in February before we can offer financial support to the delegates. The proposal was accepted to announce at the Feb 1 meeting about the Convention in California June 10-14, do the Budget in late February, and at the March 2 meeting vote on who could go after letting the group know the dollar amount the lodge would provide for each

delegate. We also discussed the differences of providing funds up front, doing reimbursements with receipts or a combination of both methods of financial support.

**Pirate Fest**– (attachments) April 21-22, 2018 at Craig Ranch. **Erik** will investigate what the organizers have in mind. We discussed participating with a scaled down encampment.

**17th of May celebration**— This year we will join the Trolls in Boulder City on the Thursday. **Karen** will be the liaison.

**Newsletters/SON communication awards**—(attachments) **Tracy** would like to send out the newsletter a week after the board meetings.

Other–

**Where are copies of the current by-laws? Karen and Erik will research.**

**What paper work goes to the State of Nevada? We are a 501(c8). Form 17 and Form 990. We are under the umbrella of National.**

**Name tags for new members**—With changes in Dues structure, the board accepted to continue to charge \$10 whether it is a single membership and one name tag or a family membership and several name tags.

**Board meetings will be the third Saturday of each month, 9 am at Chef Fleming's.**

**We need a sports director** for sports medals.

**We want to shorten or eliminate business items at the general meeting** by providing financial statements and minutes in the agenda/newsletters.

Andy asked if Bob and Lollo are still the auditors. Erik confirmed.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am.** Submitted by Terri Anderson.



## Vegas Vikings Leadership

### Board of Directors

President Erik Pappa, [erikpappa@gmail.com](mailto:erikpappa@gmail.com), (702) 395-7917

Vice President Warren Halvorson, [wsheah@aol.com](mailto:wsheah@aol.com), (702) 566-6788

Counselor Bob Sturgeon, [LeifStor@aol.com](mailto:LeifStor@aol.com), (702) 454-9100

Secretary Terri Lynn Anderson, [terrilovesmath27@hotmail.com](mailto:terrilovesmath27@hotmail.com), (702) 469-9077

### Officers/Committee Chairs

Cultural Director: Gregg LeDuc

Membership Secretary: Karen Holien

Webmistress: Lollo Sievert

Social Director: Maureen Anderson

Sports and Recreation Director: VACANT

Foundation Director: VACANT

Youth Director: VACANT

Trustees: Lollo and Bob Sievert

Greeter: David Anderson

Publicity Director: Erik Pappa

Marshal: ?????

Historian: Rick Senzig

Librarian: ?????

Editor: Tracy Barkhuff, [vegasvikingsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:vegasvikingsnewsletter@gmail.com)

Volunteer Coordinator: Linda Turner

Audit Committee: Lollo and Bob Sievert

Name Tags and Sunshine: Suzan Siebert

Lutefisk Dinner Chairpersons: Gwen Knighton & Bob Sturgeon

Camp Norge Ambassador: Arlon Siebert

Scholarship: Linda Kristensen & Suzan Siebert