



# NORDEN NEWS

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## Fra presidenten

Normally the summer months are a quiet time for the Sons of Norway. This summer was an exception to that past rule. We had a fourth of July gathering, we went to a ball game and of course, we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Norden 2 had a grand summer, one to be proud of. Many, many people worked very hard to pull off the events. And that also applies to our many events year around. Many people are working hard so that many more can enjoy themselves.

When you have many people working there are bound to be a few slip ups. - (Though, I will tell you as far as the centennial events went, I don't know of any that we had there.) Sometimes we make mistakes. And you know what, sometimes we don't make mistakes but someone else thinks we do.

I would like to take a moment to review part of the initiation ritual for new members. At the time a new member comes into this lodge and stands before the podium, before they are surround by the circle of fraternalism they are instructed by the presiding officer:

"We are pleased that you have accepted these obligations. From now on, your own interest and the progress and the welfare of our Order are closely related. We expect that you will be sociable and tolerant in your conduct, not easily offended, and always willing to forgive."

I want you to take a moment and reflect on those words, make sure that even if you are an old time member, they still apply. We are all volunteers here, lets be respectful of each other.

## Norden Receives Endowment for Education

Thirty-thousand dollars has been anonymously donated to Norden Lodge 2 to establish ensure an ongoing scholarship program. District President Bill Fosmoe made the surprise announcement during his remarks at the Centennial dinner on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Sons of Norway Foundation, headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, will oversee the investment of the fund and distribute the accrued interest to Norden 2 in August of each year.

"I am overwhelmed and humbled by this gift" responded Norden President Tom Heavey in his remarks following the announcement. "Someone out there has combined their love for children with their respect for the Sons of Norway."

At the September business meeting, President Heavey announced the formation of task force whose charge will be to look at the existing scholarship committee and existing endowment fundraising committee and to make recommendations for the operation of a unified educational program at Norden 2. Task Force members are four members of Norden: Past President Don Anderson, Jill Olson, Parks Commissioner Jerry Thorpe and Pastor Phillip Nesvig. Don Anderson will serve as "convenor" of the group and they hope to have a report by December.

## Centennial Gift

Norden 2 was the recipient of a very special gift from Andy Feroy. This fantastic carving now adorns the stairway in our Hall. Tusen Takk to Andy.



Andy and Selma Feroy at the Centennial Dinner

## Scholarship Fund:

Some recent contributions to the fund are from:  
Sharon Westin. Janet Smith-- a memorial to Andy Balstad, Harold Harris. Joyce Ames, Arne Campbell

These gifts are really appreciated.

To date, we have approximately \$36,000 in the fund plus several gifts from the centennial banquet that have not yet been recorded. A large portion of the fund consists of an anonymous gift of \$30,000. .

This month we would like to encourage each of you to consider a gift that has some value. Some examples are cars, boats, real estate, jewelry, old tools, collections such as stamps or coins, bunads, collectable plates, furniture (if you are downsizing), stocks and bonds and any other item of value you can come up with. All items will be put on display at the lodge to give each of you an opportunity to buy the item. We should have a good time with this element of the scholarship program.

Our goal for the program is around \$50,000. Our budget for scholarships has been around \$2,000 to \$2,500. Our final goal depends on how much interest we can obtain from our investments of the funds.

Thank you so much for your interest in the project and your contributions. If you need some help, just let us know so we can assist.

Don Anderson, Virgil Loken, Liv Engen

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S WINNERS

This years scholarship recipients were: Karen Feroy, Shawn Lowe, Aaron Lowe and Bree Beckerdite. Bree was also the recipient of the Leif Erikson Language Camp Scholarship in recognition for her work at the three Sons of Norway Language Camps. Bree is currently enrolled at WSU.

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### Members & Friends!

We have now completed 7 months of breakfasts and socials, and celebrated our 100th jubelium Heritage Day and Social, which included a wonderful dinner & dancing. As your social director for this year, I would like to thank each and everyone of you that has chaired or worked one of these events. Without your participation none of these events could happen.

Now on to the next functions!!

-- LUTEFISK 10-17-04, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

With a lefse demo, our Deli booth, Shirley's goodies and more.

-- On 10-11-04 we will be peeling and cooking potatoes for lefse to have ready to roll & cook on October 12th & 13th, if needed. Please give me a call if you can or would like to help. 253-795-2108.

-- November 14th is the Breakfast

-- November 20th is our Thanksgiving social

-- December 4th is the Julebord

-- December 12th is Breakfast with Santa

Tusen Takk, Alyce Fletcher



**Norden 2 would like to extend a warm welcome to each of you and we hope to see you often at our meetings and lodge activities.**

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### We have not one but TWO cultural presentations for the October 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting.

First we will meet and hear Dave Schmidt (Norwegian on his mother's side) who is an expert on coins and other matters numismatic (of or relating to coins or currency). Dave has a number of interesting coins and medallions to show us, including some related to the 1925 centennial celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Norwegian immigration to America.

If you have an old coin or several, Dave will be glad to look at them and give you his valuable opinion. He will also answer questions and be available to you during coffee time, after the meeting.

Second, two of our newest members, Dick and Beverly Smabey will entertain us with authentic Norwegian Folk Dancing. Dick and Beverly have just returned to Tacoma after several years back East. They are eager to spread the gospel of folk dancing and are looking forward to support in forming local classes.

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### Pathways to Peace

#### Norway's Approach to Democracy and Development

Join in the first 2005 United States celebration of the 100th anniversary of Norway's independence as a modern democracy. Meet representatives of the Norwegian government, the United States government and international research institutions.

The Wang Center for International Programs at Pacific Lutheran University presents a public forum on the Norwegian approach to achieving world peace through conflict resolution, economic development and relieving global poverty. Symposium participants will join scholars, business and government leaders and policy experts to: - Compare and contrast the Nordic and United States approaches to global conflict resolution and economic development- Discuss scholarly case studies from Namibia, Sudan, Central America, Sri Lanka, China and the Middle East.

#### Registration

Symposium registration will be available beginning November 2004. To sign up to receive mail updates and/or registration information, e-mail [wangctr@plu.edu](mailto:wangctr@plu.edu) or call 253-535-7577. Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address.

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Norden 2 celebrated its first 100 years this past August. First we had a Heritage Day with 300 in attendance. Upstairs waffles, soup and coffee was served. There was a wonderful display of artifacts from our past and a slide show. Downstairs we had demonstrations by some of our talented members. We learned about Genealogy, Hardanger Embroidery, Rosemaling, Lefse making, Woodcarving, Ancient Viking Games, Bunads and more. Music was provided by Dick Myking and Lyle Schaefer. Saturday brought our gala dinner. The hall was beautifully decorated with fresh flowers (donated by Tom Harris and Iona Dhaese) and new white table cloths. Dignitaries arrived to the dinner in Model A's driven by the Galloping Gertie Club of Tacoma. Dinner was a smorgasbord catered by Shirley Haukeli and wine donated by Don Anderson. After dinner we enjoyed the lively music of Sylvia's Fjordsong Band.

A big Takk to the many volunteers for their hard work in this project. Without you this event would not have happened.



Centennial Committee: Janet Smith, Kathy Fry, Thor Aanes, Iona Dhaese and Karen Castleman

### Moose breaks into grocery store

Arne Halberg thought his store was being robbed when its security alarm started howling early Thursday. The prowler turned out to be a moose, who apparently was hungry or confused, or both.

The moose, who may also have been somewhat mentally disturbed, first crashed through the main window of the grocery store in Elverum, just east of Hamar.

The huge animal then made its way past a heavy refrigerated case before it started galloping through the aisles. The confused moose also had a few accidents inside the store, leaving Halberg with a major mess to clean up. "It's complete chaos here inside," he told Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK). "Shelves are torn down, but the worst is all the blood and droppings the moose left behind."

The moose eventually found its way back out of the store and ran off into nearby woods, dazed and wounded. Wildlife authorities launched a search for the injured animal, which they believe is a calf.

## Now, why didn't I think of that?

**BILL HUTCHENS; The News Tribune**

Thomas Edison had to start somewhere. If the famous inventor had lived in this century, maybe he would have devised some of the everyday solutions some of you came up with.

Our brilliant readers shared some of the functional and time-saving contraptions they've built - or, in one case, just think should be built. A few are intended to make money, while others just make life a little easier.

### Cliff Magnussen

**Day job:** Retired master chief, U.S. Navy

**Invention:** Cliff is a "member, caretaker, custodian and handyman" at the Sons of Norway Normanna Hall on South 15th Street in Tacoma.

Before events at the hall, members post the U.S. and Norwegian flags - 12 feet above the sidewalk on either side of the entrance. It used to be a risky undertaking for two people using a rickety ladder, Cliff wrote. And after events, flags have to come back down.

"This was very awkward, time-consuming and, to say the least, DANGEROUS," Cliff wrote.

Three years ago, one of Cliff's first moves as caretaker was to tackle the flag-posting process. He invented "Flag Pole Installer, Mark 1, Modification 3" - basically a hand-held device that grabs the flagpoles and lifts them from sidewalk to wall-mounted brackets.

"Now in a matter of five minutes or less the flags can be installed and removed with little effort," Cliff wrote.

And it's safe, too. Patriotism without pain.



Cliff Magnussen, left, lifts the Norwegian flag into its holder at Normanna Hall using his "Flag Pole Installer, Mark 1, Modification 3." At right is John Tollefson.

## GIG HARBOR SCANDINAVIAN NORDIC FESTIVAL

Festival Creates More Atmosphere with Its Old Nordic Village Look! Join us for the 2004 Gig Harbor Scandinavian/Nordic Festival on Saturday, October 23rd (10:30a.m.-5p.m), and Sunday, October 24th (11a.m.-4p.m.) at the Gig Harbor Best Western Wesley Inn on Kimball Drive. We have two very special events on Saturday. At 2 p.m. Paul Schweiss, will present a lively discussion about the traditional methods of building Viking long boats. Learn firsthand from a master boat builder who is keeping this ancient art alive. Secondly, Linda Caspersen hosts a fashion show highlighting a vast array of traditional, national costumes (60-80) from all the Scandinavian/Nordic countries. Come learn more about the beauty and workmanship of these outfits at 3 p.m. More information at: [www.ghscanfest.org](http://www.ghscanfest.org) — or call (253) 858-9229 or (253) 851-5707 for information. \*Suggested donation is \$3; children under 12 are free. \$400 earned from the 2003 festival was donated to pay for a counselor at The Sons of Norway Youth Camp this summer —

Norden 2 will be selling bread and deli items at the Puyallup festival. Contact Don Barrett at: (253) 847-8191

### Scandinavian Heritage Festival

Scandinavian Heritage Festival will arrange their 3rd annual Heritage Festival this fall. Two full days of festivities, packed with celebration of Scandinavian culture - dance music, food, exhibits, arts and crafts and gifts. Festival raffle with the Grand Prize of two round tickets to Scandinavia donated by SAS and SHF. Drawing will be held on Sunday October 10th 4:30pm. Admission is 3 dollars (including beverage); children under 12 are free. Free parking in Gold lot across from main entrance.

October 9th and 10th - 10:00am to 5:00pm: Pavilion Hall, Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup. Info: 425-881-1544

## SONS OF NORWAY NORDEN LODGE #2

Presents it's annual



**Sunday, October 17th, 2004  
11am to 4pm**

NORMANNA HALL  
1106 South 15th St.  
Tacoma, Washington

**Adults: \$15  
7 through 12: \$7  
6 & under: Free**

Dinner includes: Lutefisk, Meatballs,  
Lefse and all the trimmings

Also visit our Bazaar, Bake Sale, Scandinavian Deli  
and Lefse demonstration



*Model A's line up in front of Normanna Hall for our Centennial Celebration*

These past months we mourned the passing of long time members Andy Balstad and Esther Hamre. Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers to their families

Andy's obituary appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune

#### **Andrew Einar Balstad**

Andrew Einar Balstad, born May 8, 1929 in Eatonville, Washington to Helga and Einar Balstad, passed away peacefully September 9, 2004. Andrew was loved by his family and friends, and he will be greatly missed. Andrew was a 57-year member of Carpenters Union #270 and an active member of the Tacoma Sons of Norway lodge, Norden #2. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Gudrun; his 3 children, Lisa, Erick and Ellen; his 2 grandsons, Henrik and Bjorn; his daughter-in-law Quinn; his nephews Edward and Henry and his niece Sally. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Helen Weigel. Andrew is also survived by his 2 aunts in Sweden, cousins in Sweden, Norway, California and Washington; and special cousins Margaret and Robert Mahoney, and Russ and Carol Hafterson.

Esther's obituary appeared in Times-Picayune on 6/10/2004.

#### **Esther Betz Hamre**

Esther Betz Hamre passed on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 1:35 o'clock a.m. Beloved wife of the late Ben Hamre. Mother of Janice H. Markland of Jefferson, LA., Elaine J. Robinson of Salt Lake City, UT. and David Hamre of Houston, TX. Daughter of the late Katherine Walter and George Betz. Sister of the late George Betz. Grandmother of Karla Markland, Greg Robinson, Allan Waite, Michael and Andrew Hamre and the late Doug Robinson. Aged 88 years, a native of Tacoma, WA and a resident of Jefferson for the past 13 years. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Tacoma, WA.

#### **Norden Lodge Sunshine Committee:**

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If you know of anyone who is sick, in a nursing home, hospital or just needs some cheering up, please let one of us know, so that we might follow up right away. If there are any restrictions, such as allergies, or in a place that does not allow flowers, please let us know when you call.

Thank you so much for helping us to remember our brothers and sisters and take care of our Norwegian family!!!



#### **Street Name**

We failed in the attempt to have the street renamed for our centennial celebration. The final comment was it was just too much to accomplish. Maybe so since the request was to go from Martain Luther Way to Sprague.

After noting in Seattle they decided to name a street for Egar of only one block long I think I will try again for just one block. It may work as there is only one address that needs to change.

The contest is back on, don't give up hope of winning the cash prize.

Will keep everyone advised.

Don

#### **Chair Project:**

Several people have purchased chairs recently. They are:

Grace Bredeson---Centennial Chair  
Richard & Sharon Johnston---Centennial Chair  
Dareld Jolliffe---Centennial Chair  
Shirley Jolliffe---Centennial Chair  
Finn & Ragnhild Feroy---Centennial Chair

The chair project will be terminated at the end of this year. Now is an excellent time to buy that chair for yourself; a memorial chair for a friend or perhaps your parents.

The cost for a chair is only \$33.00. Quite a bargain for those beautiful, comfortable chairs.

To purchase a chair send a check to Don Anderson.

Thanks for your interest.

Don Anderson  
1459 N Shirley  
Tacoma, WA 98406

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## Kalender

**Friday, October 1st**  
Business Meeting.....7:30 pm

**Mon, Tues, Wed, October 10, 11,12**  
Lefse making for Lutefisk dinner. Volunteers needed.  
Call Alyce Fletcher at 253-795-2108

**Sunday, October 17th**  
Lutefisk Dinner.....11am - 4pm

**Friday, November 5th**  
Business Meeting.....7:30pm

**Sunday, November 14th**  
Pancake Breakfast.....9am - 1pm

**Saturday, November 20th**  
Thanksgiving Social.....6pm/7pm/8pm

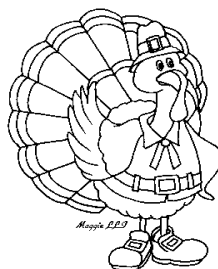
**Saturday, December 4th.....Julebord**

**Sunday, December 12**  
Pancake Breakfast with Santa .....9am - 1pm

## Socials at Normanna

**Lutefisk Dinner**  
**October 17th**  
**11 am to 4pm**

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**Thanksgiving Turkey  
Dinner**

**Saturday, November  
20th**

Happy Hour begins at 6pm,  
Dinner will be served at 7pm  
Dancing starts at 8pm.

**For further information:  
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