

FREYA FORUM

Sons of Norway, Freya Lodge #6-062 Newsletter

July 2021

Ord fra Presidenten

I'm amazed that it is already July. Where has the time gone?

As we move further towards "normal" again, the Freya knitters have begun to meet in person (plus Zoom for those unable to attend). This hybrid has been a nice transition, and it's so very enjoyable to sit in Else's backyard and visit while we knit. The weather has cooperated and we have enjoyed very pleasant afternoons.

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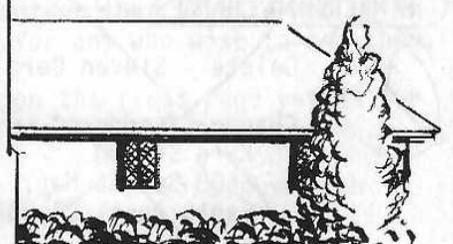
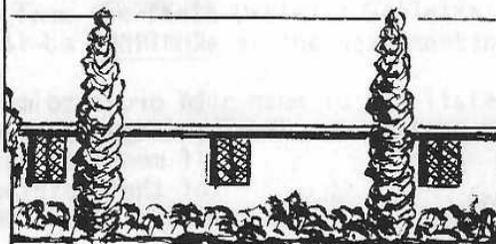
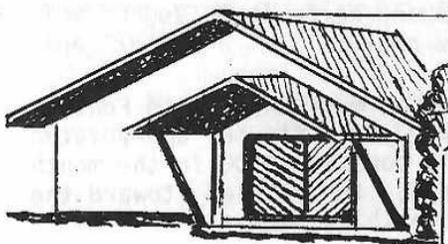
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As members of Sons of Norway, be sure to utilize the information available via the web site. Sofn.com

You can view the discounts available to members, cultural skills information, recipe box, Viking magazine archive and much more. Be sure to sign up for the E-Post. You select what information you would like to receive email updates about.

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Lis Barca
President



Welcome New Members!

Thanks for Renewing!

Einar Asbo
Liv Asbo
Else Bratlien
Chris Christianson
Nina Drumm
Norman Eide
Pamela Johnson
Darryl Laxo
Beth Lewis
Emily Lewis
Ned Lewis
Kristine Murphey
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Insurance News

It's wonderful to see our Lodges opening up and being able to have in-person meetings.

This past year has been a reflection on what is important in our lives and the new lessons this has taught us; being grateful for family and friends and appreciating those who are in our lives.

Make sure you have the proper insurance to take care of your needs in the event something were to happen to your loved ones.

We are responsible for our family members in the event something happens to them. So I ask, would you rather have the insurance company pay the bill or you?

It's important not to wait and take care of this. I know you can't see or feel it when you purchase this important coverage, however when you need it, then it's there for you.

Give me a call. Sons of Norway has different options that will meet your needs.

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Scandia Book Club

The Almost Nearly Perfect People

Michael Booth
July 20 @ 6:30pm (Tuesday)

Doppler

Erlend Loe
August 17 @ 6:30pm (Tuesday)

The Ravens (Minnesota Trilogy Book 3)

Vidar Sundstøl
September 21 @ 6:30pm (Tuesday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83501913066?pwd=dk54QVc0cmdIdnRsMml4SVkwM2poZz09>
Meeting ID: 835 0191 3066



Social Director



Greetings from the Kitchen!

The Fall class will be starting late September. If you are interested in joining me and learning about Norwegian food and how to make it, please email me.

Michele.dawn.edler@gmail.com

I am starting the list; I have Lucinda Winkler so far. I would like to have a total of 5 for the Fall class.

We still have Almond cakes and Pastrami for sale!

8oz package of homemade pastrami- \$10.00

Almond cake (whole)- \$15.00

Email me if you are interested: michele.dawn.edler@gmail.com

See you in the kitchen!

Michele Edler
Social Director

**Are you sharing the friendly
spirit of *Velkommen*?**



Our family is growing in 2021! We welcome daughters, sons and friends of Norway to join the fun at our lodge. Please invite friends and family members to join Sons of Norway so they can experience the spirit of *Velkommen* firsthand.

FRILUFTSLIV Outdoor Life and Recreation

Freya Lodge has a first time champion. Congratulations to Susan Potter! She earned a Sykkelmerke sports medal for her many miles cycling. Susan is the first person in our lodge to earn this medal. Gratulerer, Susan. And gratulerer, Siri Fenson. Siri has earned an enamel pin in Idrettsmerke for her many hours of walking. We will be awarding everyone's pins at our first in-person meeting. Be sure to submit your sports medal card so we can recognize your healthy efforts.

I planned a weekend with my two young granddaughters. We headed up the coast to stay at a friend's house in Sea Ranch. Although we all love the beach and the waves, I didn't want it to be all beach time, so I planned a stop at Fort Ross on the way up. It must be my history teacher background that influenced my plans. Fort Ross is about an hour and half up Highway One from Petaluma and 11 miles north of Jenner. Our first stop there was the Visitors Center which, although small, has numerous exhibits about the Russians and the Kashaya Pomo tribe, a bookstore, an auditorium with a short film of the history of Fort Ross, and a table with crayons and coloring pages of nature for the kids. Then we headed out the back door to walk down to the fort on a paved trail. The accessibility on the trails is terrific.

The free visitor's guide gives details about the native people, the Russians, the fort, the Americans, and the natural history. Be sure to pick one up at the visitor's center. The buildings of the fort are open for exploration. One building has a large display of guns and canons. Another building has a display of tools of the 1800's along with animal pelts. Some buildings are residences. The chapel has a large metal bell at the door that visitors can't resist ringing, sending its sonorous chime across the grounds. Each building demands to be explored. It is a delight for the kids. My granddaughters ran from building to building, up and down the stairs, room to room, continuously asking questions.



Outside the fort there are several trails to follow. One trail leads to Sandy Cove beach. Another takes you above Fort Ross Cove. The Reef Trail follows the coastline to the Reef Campground. An unpaved road heads south from the campground to a day use area. Or take the trail that goes up to the Russian-American Company Cemetery. None of the trails have much elevation gain. They are kid friendly and have great views of the coastline and the ocean. You may see wildflowers and wildlife along the way.

What I love about this special place is the mix of history, culture and nature. It is also a great place for families and children. The day we visited we met a family from Russia that was touring. The park ranger told me the park is a big attraction for Russian tourists. For details of the park along with maps and events and tours, go to fortross.org. Of course, COVID has impacted scheduled events, but the fort is open for visitors.

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Friluftsliv ~ Continued



SAVE THE DATE! **Sunday, July 18**, or **Sunday, August 22**, there will be a Preview Day at a park that is not yet open to the public – Mark West Creek Regional Park at 3000 Porter Creek Road. You can visit from 8:30 – 2:00, but I suggest you come early to avoid the heat. You must sign up at <http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Play/Calendar/Mark-West-Preview-Day-2021-03-27/> I will be there to greet you. The trails are easy or strenuous – your choice.

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Citizenship

On December 2, 1968 I was sworn in as a United States citizen. By then I had lived in the United States for ten years. I wanted to be a citizen in order to be able to vote in the elections and have a say in the future of the country where I was living. I was married to an American and had every intention of living here for the rest of my life.

As with every other Norwegian who became a citizen, this meant that I had to give up my Norwegian citizenship, as Norway at that time did not allow dual citizenship. This was not an easy thing because I knew at heart I was a Norwegian first and foremost. After having lived there the first 21 years of my life, with dozens of beloved relatives there and deep roots into the past, nothing could change that fact. But I wanted to be a part of my new homeland and made the decision to become a US citizen.

I studied the required books about US government and history and finally on that December day I stood in front of the judge in Sacramento, with a large group of people from all parts of the world, to answer questions and finally take the oath of citizenship. We lived in Sonoma at the time and my husband, Galen and our friends Bob and Grace Cutler had come along for emotional support. Afterwards we celebrated by going out for a Chinese lunch in Sacramento. And that was it. I have followed current events and politics, voted in every election, cried when JFK was shot, ranted when things didn't go the way I felt it should, but generally been a proud US citizen.

Then 2016 came along and Donald Trump entered the picture. I watched with foreboding, thinking this can't happen in my country. But it did and the reality became worse than I feared. I started questioning my choice of living in the US. If I had not given up my Norwegian citizenship, would I have gone back? Probably not, my family is here and it wasn't practical, but my bonds and ties to Norway became stronger.

In the meantime, thousands of other Norwegians who were feeling the same way were putting pressure on the Norwegian government to allow dual citizenship. Most of the other European countries did, including the other Scandinavian countries, and finally, in January of 2020, the Norwegian congress passed a law that allowed dual citizenship. I happened to be in Norway at the time and contacted the Norwegian Foreign Department with great expectations to apply, but was told that it had to be done on the internet starting February 3rd.

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Citizenship ~ Continued

Early in the morning of February 3, 2020, I started up my computer and got ready to start filing my application. Well, the Norwegian Foreign Department had underestimated the number of people who had been waiting for this and so many Norwegian Americans entered to start the application process that the web site crashed. A notice was posted asking us to wait a month or two before we try again!

Then Covid hit and our lives changed. I took up painting and forgot about the whole thing for a while. But in September of 2020 I decided to give it another try. In spite of the fact that the website said it was an easy process, it took me until February 26st before I finally had fulfilled all the requirements for an appointment with the Norwegian Consulate in San Francisco.. I had copies of all my passports, including my last Norwegian one, which stated clearly I was a Norwegian citizen, lists of all the foreign trips I had taken the last ten years (remember, I am a travel agent!) and even a certificate from the Norwegian Police Department verifying that I hadn't committed any major crimes before I left Norway on my 21st birthday. And I had navigated their complicated web-site to complete all the required forms.

It was with great expectations that we went to the Norwegian Consulate on February 26th. I fully expected to at least be able to apply for my passport that day. But after waiting for 45 minutes while they examined everything, the clerk came back and said: "It appears to be in order. You should hear in about four months". Four months?!? "Yes, it has to be sent to the Norwegian Foreign Department and they make the decision".

I put June 26th on my calendar and waited. At 4:30 AM on June 22nd my computer dinged and woke me up. I had to check and lo and behold, it was from the Norwegian Foreign Department in Oslo saying they were considering my application, but needed proof that I had lived in Norway at least 6 months before I turned 22. I had told them I was born and lived there until my 21st birthday and forwarded copy of my Norwegian passport, but they wanted more. It was impossible to go back to sleep, so I dug out my diplomas from high school and commercial college, records from the University of Oslo and even the recommendation from the Norwegian Export Council when I quit my job there. By 6 AM I had copied everything and sent it off to them, prepared to wait another few weeks.

But on June 23rd I received another e-mail saying I had re-established my Norwegian citizenship. No Congratulations, just the facts. Within 14 days I will receive a letter, which I can take to San Francisco to apply for my passport. How long that process will take, I do not know.

It feels good to have my citizenship back. Because I have always been a Norwegian at heart. My roots in Norway go back centuries and am happy to have my past re-connected to my present and my future. My life is in the U.S., but my heart belongs to Norway.

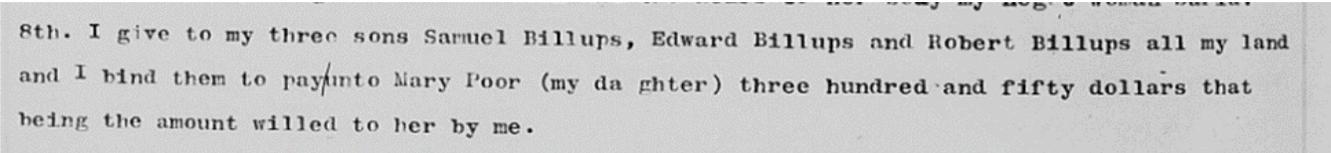
Submitted by Anne-Marie Winterhalder

Genealogy

A common genealogical dilemma is sorting through (usually) men with the same names in the same location. Especially in the time period prior to 1850 when only heads of household are listed by name in the censuses. In this case, it was solved with negative evidence, which has been previously discussed.

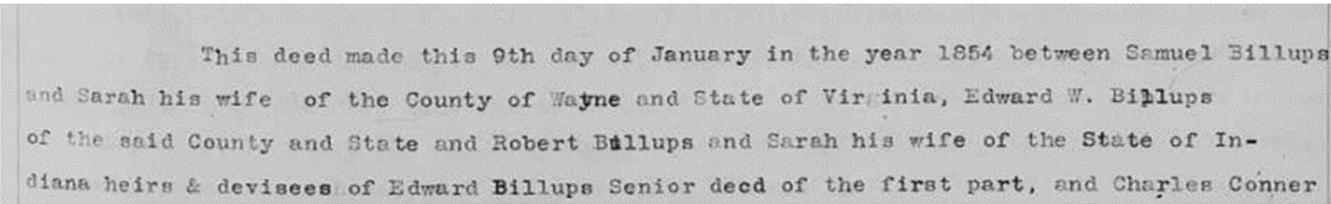
As I continue to pursue the lineage of my orphaned grandfather, I am picking through which Edward Billups is which that he is descended from.

Here I have an abstract from the 1853 transcribed will of Edward Billups Senior leaving land to his sons, including one Edward Billups. There are no other identifiers for these sons.



8th. I give to my three sons Samuel Billups, Edward Billups and Robert Billups all my land and I bind them to pay into Mary Poor (my daughter) three hundred and fifty dollars that being the amount willed to her by me.

Fortunately, the abstract of the transcribed deed created during probate in 1854 gave more information about Edward Billups Seniors' sons. This document provided son's names, wives names and where each couple was residing at the time this deed was drafted. There were enough details for successful additional research to verify the sons of Edward Billups Senior. There is one subtle but important hint regarding Edward W. Billups; he is the only one without a spouse mentioned.



This deed made this 9th day of January in the year 1854 between Samuel Billups and Sarah his wife of the County of Wayne and State of Virginia, Edward W. Billups of the said County and State and Robert Billups and Sarah his wife of the State of Indiana heirs & devisees of Edward Billups Senior decd of the first part, and Charles Conner

Edward W. Billups and his children were found in the 1850 census but his wife is not. Having previously obtained their marriage record from 1822, we already know her name is Elizabeth.

Instead, an Elizabeth Billups of the right age and in the same location as Edward W. Billups is found in the 1850 *mortality* census. This is a strong indicator that this Edward W. Billups was a widower.

With Edward W. Billups residing in "said County and State," which is where the probate took place, his presence in the 1850 census in that same location, Elizabeth's presence in the 1850 mortality census in the same location, leads to a solid conclusion that what information was left out of the deed, namely Elizabeth, we know that Edward W. Billups, who was the husband of Elizabeth is the son of Edward W. Billups.

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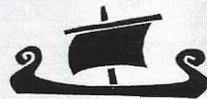
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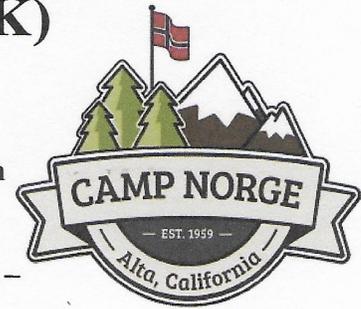
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Northern California Kretsstevne (NCK)

Labor Day Weekend, September 4, 5, 6, 2021

Zones 1,2 and 3 invite YOU to our "Jewel in the Sierras" for the "Gathering of the Clan"!! Come for the entire weekend or plan to be with us for part of the weekend.



Meals will be served in the Heritage Hall – Horseshoe Tournament –
– Swimming Pool fun – Hike the Railroad Tunnels – and more!!



▶▶▶ **Sunday, 2 PM** ◀◀◀

Dedication of the new play ground equipment

FREE ice cream sundaes for all!

Come and thank Baylee McKenney and Jason Morken for their hard work!!

Mail this form and your check for meals, made out to NCK, to:

Bruce Fihe, NCK Registrar
2345 Felt Street #57, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Name: _____
Address _____
Phone # _____

Lodge Name & #: _____
City, State & Zip _____
Email address: _____

Meals Purchased Individually in Advance:

see note

Total

	Breakfast	# of adults	_____ X	\$7.00	# of children	_____ X	\$3.50 = \$	_____
Saturday	Lunch	# of adults	_____ X	\$8.00	# of children	_____ X	\$4.00 = \$	_____
	Dinner	# of adults	_____ X	\$17.50	# of children	_____ X	\$8.75 = \$	_____
Sunday	Frokost	# of adults	_____ X	\$10.00	# of children	_____ X	\$5.00 = \$	_____
	Dinner	# of adults	_____ X	\$17.50	# of children	_____ X	\$8.75 = \$	_____
Monday	Breakfast	# of adults	_____ X	\$5.00	# of children	_____ X	\$2.50 = \$	_____

Purchase the weekend package and save! (Includes the pin)

Weekend Package: # of adults _____ X **\$65.00** # of children _____ X **\$32.50 = \$** _____
Kretsstevne pin: # of pins _____ X **\$2.00** pins are included in weekend packages = \$ _____

*Note: Children are kids 12 and under
Children under the age of 5 are FREE

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Pre-registration of meals is imperative in order to purchase the correct amount of food.

The meal registration deadline is August 27
Make checks payable to NCK and mail to:
Bruce Fihe at the address above

Bring your tent or RV or call Susan to reserve a room at
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www.campnorge.org.



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