



# YOUR FOUNDATION NEWS

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## Greetings:







It would not be a Foundation News if there was not a mention of stamps. The stamp cutter in our house checks out all the stamps and could not resist showing me the stamp pictured in this issue, so I immediately scanned and kept it for you to enjoy.

It is just another reminder of how easy it is for your Lodge to support the Foundation in Canada with saving stamps. The December issue gave all the information on what to do with your stamps so let's see how many you can collect.









The mail in our house consists of a lot of advertising, bills and requests for money for Cancer, Heart and Stroke, Alzheimer, Red Cross, Legion tags, United Way and the list goes on to very many obscure causes. I'm sure the same occurs in your home as well. The following has been developed for information on our policies.

### WE DO

-  Issue tax receipts for donations.
-  Offer Post-Secondary Scholarships
-  Provide Humanitarian Funding following catastrophic losses to individuals.
-  Assist with funding for Heritage/Cultural Camps in District 4 (Canadian Lodges) and District 7.
-  Award grants for Norwegian Cultural and Recreation/Sport activities to local Lodges and affiliate groups.
-  Recognize members with achievement pins for donations.

### WE DO NOT

-  Use professional fundraisers
-  Receive government grants
-  Solicit door to door
-  Solicit by phone
-  Sell or trade membership lists
-  Have paid employees





## CULTURAL SKILLS

In this issue of the Foundation News Norwegian cultural skills will be featured and the variety available to you, Sons of Norway Lodge members. Names of teachers available to pass on their knowledge is included in the District Lodge No. 7 Resource Book available on District No. 7 website. District 4 members should contact the various camp leaders or your Cultural Director.

Your Foundation offers two Cultural Grants for members to expand their interest in the heritage, culture and skills of Norway.

Please see the following information notes:

### TORMOD REKDAL GRANT

Tormod Rekdal was the driving force in founding the Foundation in Canada in District No. 7. He was the first President and served in this capacity for 5 years. This grant was established in 1989 in memory of Tormod Rekdal in order to enable Sons of Norway members to continue learning the cultural skills of Norway.

This Cultural Grant is open to any Canadian S.O.N. member wishing to further their knowledge in Norway's culture, heritage and crafts by attending a recognized facility meeting these objectives. This includes language, culture, arts and crafts.



HARDANGERSOM



WOOD CARVING



KNITTING



### LYSNE ROSEMALING BURSARY

The Lysne Rosemaling Bursary was established by Jack Lysne in 2007 in memory of his wife Vera. Vera was a talented instructor of Rosemaling and travelled around British Columbia passing on the culture.

The Lysne Rosemaling Bursary is open to any Canadian resident wishing to learn or upgrade their skills to paint in the Rosemaling styles of Norway. Preference will be given to those who are willing to teach others what they have learned.

The Lysne Rosemaling Bursary is also open to any Sons of Norway Lodge or Lodge group who wish to hold or sponsor Rosemaling workshops. Any application for funding from Lodge groups must be signed by the President and Secretary of the applicant group.

#### USE OF FUNDS

Bursary funds shall be used for tuition and supplies only and not for travel, food or lodging. Bursary awards may be used for studies in Canada, Norway or the United States.

NOTE: a few of the items pictured are the work of your fellow Sons of Norway members.



NOTE: In Issue No. 6 of the Foundation News I wrote an article about applying for and receiving a Tormod Rekdal grant to upgrade my skills in teaching Hardangersom. At that time I had been stitching for 35 years and teaching for about 20 years. My philosophy has always been "You never know so much that you cannot learn more". With that thought in mind I urge anyone with a cultural skill and wishing to learn more to apply for a grant.

*Thelma Lysne, Editor*

# GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE THIS QUARTER

March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Application for Summer Camps- Cultural Events</li> </ul>
March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tormod Rekdal</li> <li>• Lysne Rosemaling</li> </ul>
May 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oslo Summer School</li> <li>• Folkehogskole Bursary - Study in Norway</li> </ul>

## VISITOR TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

In 1979 the title of "Honorary Member" was established to recognize outstanding service to the Foundation. This special recognition is limited to ten (10) at any one time.

The first three appointed at the District Lodge No. 7 Convention were Arne Sorbo, Tormod Rekdal and Haakon Soros.

A visitor to the September board meeting in the board room at Normanna in Burnaby was Arne Sorbo, one of the first honorary members of the Foundation.

Arne was the first secretary/treasurer of our Foundation.



Arne Sorbo – Honorary Member  
Pictured in the middle.

# Foundation Fund Raiser Varden Lodge No. 19 January 20, 2017

Hosting a Foundation Fund Raiser does not have to be restricted to October. Varden Lodge No. 19 held their second annual fundraiser in January. The menu included Kjøttkaker, boiled potatoes, Surkal, and a make your own salad.



A real neat idea came from the folded napkins. There were two napkins folded together and many had to be held together with a Norwegian paper clip. The suggestion was made to make a "Fraternal Chain" with the paper clips so they were passed around from table to table for a Norwegian fraternal chain.

Next to food at any Sons of Norway function there should be dancing. Pictured to the right are two 90 year old Sons of Norway members "cutting the rug".

Helen Mosdell a 72 year Sons of Norway member and Jack Lysne a 58 year Sons of Norway member.



Sorry the picture a bit blurry. ☹



Three Viking Lodge No. 81 members enjoying Varden's Foundation fund raiser meal. Jytte and John Kaland and Else Bardsness

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

## MICHAEL BRANT



I was born in 1986 in Calgary, Alberta. After growing up in Victoria BC, I enrolled at the University of Victoria to study Chemistry. Since being awarded the Sons of Norway Scholarship in 2004, I have since completed my Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, and enjoyed the subject so much I decided to enroll in the doctoral program at University of Victoria under the supervision of Dr. Jeremy E. Wulff. Over the course of my Ph.D. studies I have studied the synthesis of small-molecule inhibitors of an enzyme called neuraminidase. This enzyme is required by the influenza virus to replicate itself and spread the infection. We hope our molecules will one day be utilized for the treatment of influenza, and other diseases associated with the neuraminidase family of enzymes. My future career plans entail obtaining employment in the pharmaceutical industry developing therapies to help better man-kind. I would like to thank the Sons of Norway and my late grandmother Thelma Brant for greatly helping me achieve this success.



Twenty-sixteen Scholarship recipient, Clair Gjertsen, receiving her award from past President of Valhalla Lodge 4-341 Russell Wiigs

**HAPPY SYTTENDE MAI**

Ja vi elsker |  
 Ja, vi el-sker det-te lan-det som det sti-ger frem,  
 fu-ret, vær-bitt o-ver van-net med de tu-sen hjem,  
 el-sker, el-sker det og ten-ker på vår far og mor og den  
 sa-ga-natt som sen-ker drøm-me på vår jord, og den  
 sa-ga-natt som sen-ker, sen-ker drøm-me på vår jord.

**Norge**

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