

Varden Lodge 07-19 Newsletter

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Editorial

Hello! I have some sad news. A good friend of our lodge and district, Erik Brochmann passed away on February 25th. I'm sure some of you know him as he was not only President of Sleipner but also a President of District 7. My own personal connection was that he met my farther and so impressed my father that he urged me to join Sons of Norway which I did. My condolences to his family and Sleipner Lodge.

A happier note, Varden Lodge has decided on its three delegates to the District Convention in late May. They are Bruce and Susan Strang, and Edgar Chapman. I will be joining them as I am District 7's Publicity Director. I plan to run for this position again. This Convention will be a little different as we will also be welcoming the Lodges from Alberta and Saskatchewan. I look forward to seeing new faces and hearing new ideas. I know I will come back with many things to think about.

This month on the 15th there is a the planning meeting for the Border Festival. This meeting will be in Bellingham USA at the Hearthfire Grill. We need two delegates to attend. The actual picnic will be on Sunday July 12th at Peace Arch Park. A fun time will be had by all with games of Kubb, the picking of the Border Queen and live entertainment.

Norway won how many awards?!!!

Norway was triumphant at the Olympics and may win more awards at the Oscars. They wracked up the medal count to 41 medals in total, 18 of them gold at this winter's games. Especially noteworthy, were the 6 gold won by cross country skier, Johannes Hoesflor Klaebo.

However, Norway is distinguishing itself in a totally different area. The Norwegian produced and directed film "Sentimental Value" is up for many Academy awards at the Oscars on the 15th. This film about a divorced Film Director's relationship with his two adult daughters is the first Norwegian film to be nominated for Best Picture. The director, Joachim Trier, is also nominated for best director. Three of the actors' Elle Fanning, Stellan Skarsgard and Renate Reinsve are nominated for acting awards. Trier is becoming a well regarded director. His previous film, "The Worst Person in the World" won the attention of many film critics and fans. Let's hope the best for him.

I think this March could be a very interesting month. Let's not forget our lodge meeting on the 10th which will be a social meeting guaranteeing a fun time. See you then!

February Meeting!

This meeting was a business meeting.

March Meeting

The next meeting will be a social meeting.

Education Grant

Varden offers an Educational Grant of \$700 for post-secondary studies to a child or grandchild of a lodge member. **The Deadline for this year is 04/30/2026.** Please contact Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

Sunshine Report

I heard that Leslie-Anne Frostad had blood poisoning and had to be hospitalized. She is now home recovering.

March Birthdays

3rd-Vivian Bates
5th-Cassandra Strang
8th-Colin Stevens
23rd-Krista Solie
24th-Gary Ulland
29th-Felix Hunter

March Holidays

8th-Daylight Saving begins
-International Women's Day
17th-St. Patrick's Day
20th-Spring Equinox

Calendar of Events.s

1. Varden Lodge's next meeting will be on March 10th, 2026 at 7:30pm by Zoom. Please contact Susan Strang for more information.
2. Viking Lodge's next meeting will be on March 5th.at Tynehead Hall in Surrey.
3. Sleipner Lodge 's next meeting will probably be on March.12th.