

# Varden Newsletter

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## **Editorial**

Hello everyone! I am writing this on the eve of Halloween and I hope Covid doesn't dampen the season as I look forward to seeing children trick or treating. Fortunately, for me, my Thanksgiving was happily spent with family. I hope yours was too. October's lodge meeting was held by Zoom on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We conducted basically a social meeting. Edgar, our faithful Bingo caller, called all four games and I won one. Now that I received the prize, which was a Tim Horton's gift card, I can now enjoy my highly anticipated coffee and Honey Cruller donut!

Importantly, at next month's meeting we are holding the Election of Lodge Officers. Hopefully we find a Social Director to lead our Social Committee. This is a significant position. If you are interested, please consider running for it or any of the positions at the Lodge. Fresh perspectives and new ideas would be welcomed.

Luckily, we are having a Christmas party at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre on Dec.12th. Usually, Varden has a lefse making session in November because we are helping with the Norwegian Bake sale at Normanna but this year we are going to bake it the morning of the Christmas party (10am-12:30pm). So now we can eat and keep all the fresh, warm lefse to ourselves. Then after that (1:30pm-3:30pm) we will conduct the Children's Christmas party. There will be crafts, singing around the Christmas tree, and of course, Santa. We ask that you bring a clearly marked present for your children worth about \$20.00 for Santa to give them. There will be refreshments and a cake as well. People are asked to wear a mask except when eating or drinking and that Covid restrictions will be in place. Vaccination passports are required for everyone over the age of 12 years, and will be checked at the door (as required by the Scandinavian Centre).

Good news, on another front, is that we will probably be having our meatball dinner in January and are booking the Scandinavian Cultural Centre for the end of that month.

Right now it looks like it will be smooth sailing but if there are any difficulties we will try a "drive by pick up" dinners.

Now that we are entering the Holiday Season, I now appreciate the good fortune we have and that finally it feels as if we are emerging from a dark cave. I think that there is an end in sight. I am grateful for Zoom but so happy we will meet in person at the lefse baking and Christmas party on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please come and bring friends as well. It will be especially nice to hear children's laughter and singing.

Everyone is welcome and I hope to see you there.

### **October Meeting!**

This meeting was a social meeting.

### **November Meeting!**

There will be a business meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 04/30/2022. Please send your application to Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

### **Sunshine Report**

Sad news, I heard that Gerd Evans passed away a few days ago. My sympathy to her family.

### **November Birthdays**

17th-Helen Mosdell  
20th-Lucas Cooper

### **November Holidays**

The 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day.  
Let's honour the men and women who keep us safe and remember those who died doing so.

### **Calendar of Events.**

1. Varden Lodge's, Tuesday, Nov.9, 2021 business meeting will be by Zoom at 7:30pm. Susan will send an e-mail regarding it.
2. Sleipner Lodge's meeting will probably be on Nov.11, 2021 at 7:30pm.
3. Viking Lodge's meeting will be on Nov.4th, 2021 by Zoom 10:30am
4. Varden will holding a 10am lefse making class and an afternoon Christmas party on Dec.12th. Please see the front of this newsletter for more information.
5. There will an Hardangersom group meeting on Nov.10th at Thelma Lynse's.