

Varden Newsletter

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Editorial

Greetings. I hope you are looking forward to Thanksgiving. Firstly, I must admit that I did not attend our lodge's September meeting. However, I did hear it was Bruce Strang's birthday. Congratulations Bruce! Secondly, I now know that there will be lodge officers' elections in November. Please consider running for a position in our lodge. I've been able to perform duties such as Marshall, Secretary, Cultural Director, Social Director and now Editor. I've learned so much from each position and now have an understanding of how a lodge can function and grow. Even more important is that a lot of it is fun! So don't be afraid to step up and step out!

Another important thing about October is that it is Foundation month, and I had the pleasure of attending the Foundation in Canada's AGM on September 18th as the Foundation Director. The Foundation in Canada oversees the grants and bursaries given to students for post-secondary by Sons of Norway. The Foundation also supports the study of cultural skills and gives funds to humanitarian causes.

Importantly, the Foundation turns fifty years old this year and has members not only from British Columbia but Alberta and Saskatchewan as well. Funding comes mainly from donations. We, at Varden Lodge, should be proud as we won the Founders Award for most money donated per member. A big part of this is due to Ron and Glenda Stubbings. Glenda won the Gold Award for personal donations, while Ron won the Platinum Plus Award.

One simple way you can support the Foundation is by keeping, then cutting out, postage stamps and giving them to me. You may also give by private donation or encourage our lodge to donate. Many lodges have fundraisers this time of year. Unfortunately, COVID is making this difficult but hopefully next year we can resume this.

An excellent way to find out about the Foundation in Canada is to read their website www.sonfic.ca or to read their newsletter which you can ask Susan Strang or myself to e-mail you. Other contacts are the President, Tore Pettersen and National Director Gloria Benazic.

I realize many of our members are getting near the age for post-secondary and hope they look into the Foundation in Canada. Scholarships can be as much as \$800 while apprenticeship funds are \$600. Please feel free to apply for next year. If you need my help please ask. I hope I have not missed any important information you may need so feel free to contact me. Lastly, I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

September Meeting!

This meeting was a short business meeting.

November Meeting!

There will be a meeting on Nov.9th.

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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 next year is 04/30/2022. Please send your application to Krista Solie at 604-540-2376.

Sunshine Report

I heard Nils Nottveit passed away. My condolences to his family. I also heard Helen, Vivian and Susan visited Alice and she is well. I hope everyone else is too.

October Birthdays

7th-Spencer Strang
10th-Riitta Huttunen
19th-Sadie Strang
23rd-Ron Stubbings

October Holidays

11th- Thanksgiving Day
31st-Halloween

Calendar of Events.

1. Varden Lodge's, Tuesday, Oct.12, 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 Oct.14, 2021 at 7:30pm.
3. Viking Lodge's meeting will be on Oct.7th, 2021 by Zoom 10:30am
Viking Lodge also wants to know that it's **Pizza Nite Fundraiser** date will be changed to April 29th, 2022.