

Pre-District Six Lodge Meeting Sessions

These sessions will be held Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3 prior to the start of District Six Biennial Lodge Meeting on Friday afternoon. Come early for Culture, Camaraderie, Inspiration, and Fun. Start planning now to attend these sessions either as a delegate or guest.

Cultural Programs Thursday, June 2

1:00 - 5:00 pm - Genealogy Sessions \$25

Norwegian Genealogical Research: How Things Have Changed in 125 Years of Norwegian Research
Norwegian Research Records You May Not Be Using – But Should

Genealogy guest presenter, Jeff Svare, was born in Minnesota and raised in North Dakota. An employee of Family Search since 1987, he has been involved with records acquisition in Asia, the Pacific Islands, Europe, and Scandinavia. Previously, he was manager of Family Search's Scandinavian collection. He has presented at Brigham Young University's genealogical conferences, local genealogical conferences across the United States, the Family History Library, as well as teaching and creating courses of study for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

1:00 – 3:00 pm - Literature Cultural Skills Program, Unit 2 \$15

Introduction

Norway's literary tradition spans centuries, from the poems and sagas of the Viking Age to the explosion of the romantic era, to 20th century Nobel Prize winners to the hugely popular crime literature of today and beyond. The vast corpus of Norwegian literature documents the country's complex progression through time. Along with the works of native-born Norwegian writers, we can also include those Norwegians who left Norway for the New World and their descendants in the US and Canada. As times have changed in Norway, literature has borne witness to – and at times influenced – this unique, dynamic people.

Participation

The purpose of this session is to acquaint you with Norwegian literature and to obtain a Cultural Skills level one pin in literature. Prior to the session:

- You should have read three books, and prepare for informal discussion
 - *Defiant Courage, A True Story* by Astrid Karlsen Scott and Dr. Tore Hauge
 - *Norwegian by Night*, by Derek Miller
 - You will pick the third book from the approved list in the Cultural Skills unit on Literature, which is on the international website. If you need help, contact Lotte Sather by email at zone2@sofn6.org for the list.
- Written a book review, of one of the books, which has been published in your lodge newsletter or presented orally at a lodge meeting. Proof of publication or presentation must be provided.
- Print the Pin Application Form and Unit Evaluation Form from the website, sofn.com. We can help fill out the form during the session. If you need assistance with this contact Lotte Sather at zone2@sofn6.org.

Presenters: Lotte Sather, Zone 2 Director and Luella Grangaard, District Six President

3:15-5:00 pm - Music Cultural Skills Program \$10

Introduction

This course will weave the learning the songs, pronunciations of song words, and the history of Norwegian music and musicians into a meaningful and fun experience while beginning to work on Level 1, Unit 14, Music and Musicians of Norway.

- Roots of Norwegian Music
 - Introduction to musicians that helped preserve the roots
 - Genuine folk music of Norway
- Songs of Norway
 - Pronunciation and definition of words in popular songs sung at Lodge events/Conventions
 - Practice the melody of the songs with piano: Ja vi elsker, I Jesu Navn, Hils fra meg der hjemme,
- Listen to music
 - YouTube selections from Sons of Norway and CDs to hear various genres from different periods
 - Use examples from Nordahl Grieg Spelemannslag, Hanne Krogh, Ole Bull, Grieg, Sissel, and Julesanger
 - Dance and Movement – Per spelman, Jeg gikk meg over sjø og land
 - Rounds---Ro, Ro, Ro din båt, Fader Jakob
- Prepare for performance/demonstration at convention
- Complete paperwork to earn Level I of the Cultural Skills program in Music, if desired

Presenters: Mary Beth Ingvaldstad, International Director and Tove-Lise Miller, Zone 1 Director

Leadership Programs Friday, June 3 \$10

8:30-9:45 am - Marketing your Lodge

Find ways to promote your lodge to your community and beyond.

Presenter: Connie O'Brien, Director of Fraternal Development

9:45-10:00 am - coffee break

10:00-11:30 am - Communications Panel Discussion

Communication is more than a newsletter. Communication within and outside a lodge can be accomplished using a number of resources: mailings, calls, telephone trees, websites, and Facebook. Learn how to improve your lodge communication not only to your lodge members but to potential new members.

Moderator: Lis Barca, District Six Public Relations Officer (PRO)

11:30 am -12:15 pm - Generational Differences

Are you a Baby Boomer or a Millennial? What is important to you and what makes you feel appreciated may be different from someone younger or older than you. Learn to communicate well to your fraternal family regardless of age.

Presenter: Luella Grangaard, District Six President

1:30-2:30 pm - Newsletter Presentation

This presentation will focus on sharing of resources, discussion of common problems, content ideas, computer programs for newsletter production, printing/distribution, and how to get (timely!) submissions.

Presenter: Kristen Hunsbedt, Newsletter Editor Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52