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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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February's lodge meeting provided us with an exceptional story about the Hjemkomst Viking ship. In 1971, Robert Asp, a guidance councilor at Moorhead Jr. High School, began his dream to build a Viking ship and sail it to Oslo Norway. Asp built the Hjemkomst in a former potato warehouse in Hawley, MN that he rented in 1974. Six years later, Robert Asp sailed his ship on Lake Superior. He died of Leukemia in December of that year. In the summer of 1982, Robert Asp's family and friends sailed the Hjemkomst 6100 miles from Duluth, MN to Bergen, Norway where they arrived on July 19, 1982. A good time was had by all and, as usual, the refreshments provided by the members were outstanding.

We welcomed three new members in the last two months – Patricia Dickerson, Jennifer Perugino and Wayne Peterson. If you have not met them, please take some time at the next meeting and welcome them to Sons of Norway.

Our next meeting is almost here. I need each of you to continue to participate as well as step up to the plate as volunteers to keep our Lodge going and help distribute the tasks to more than just a few! We have many things coming up in the first half of 2011! The March lodge meeting will spotlight our very own, Laura Wiik, an accomplished artist. For April, we are looking to have a speaker talk to us about health, exercise, vitamins, etc. In May, we will join the Friends of Scandinavia for the traditional Syttende Mai celebration but not have our normal lodge meeting.

June's meeting may bring us another episode in the series of 1 pound auctions (a fan favorite and money maker for the lodge) or perhaps a genealogy topic. If you have not participated in a previous auction, you need to talk to your fellow lodge members to learn about the event. June also brings us the Midsommer event with Friends of Scandinavia.

Please share your commitment and presence at these meetings as you are what make the

North Carolina Vikings Lodge! Never forget to promote the Sons of Norway membership to friends and associates. Involvement in the lodge will certainly be worthwhile for you and your families but it is truly all about what “we make of it for us and each other”.

Mike Tilder, President
North Carolina Vikings Lodge 3-675

UPCOMING VIKINGS LODGE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Please join us as we celebrate the culture of Norway and meet with others who share an interest in all things Norwegian. A coffee and dessert social follows each meeting, so please bring a small snack to share!

March 24th

Lodge Meeting – 7:00 PM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Underwood Hall

Laura Wiik, a former college art professor and a lifelong artist, will teach us a little about art – from some of the basics to her style of painting ... she will even share some of her art work with us. So come to the meeting and you might learn a little about art and perhaps get a feel for “creative” painting.

April 28th

Lodge Meeting – 7:00 PM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Underwood Hall

Guest speaker John Felicione, a licensed Physicians Assistant, will talk to us about health, aging, exercise, vitamins, etc.

May 21st

Friends of Scandinavia Syttende Mai Celebration– 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Apex Community Park

June 23rd

Lodge Meeting – 7:00 PM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Underwood Hall
One-pound auction

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

3/2	Frank Bell	3/16	Per Syversten
3/4	Laura Wiik	3/17	Pat Tilder
3/5	Kari Crenshaw	3/20	Sandra Gaudier
3/8	Chris Christiansen	3/23	Kathryn Hansen
3/9	Karl Svanberg	3/28	Kjell Otteson
3/11	Ted Schmidt	3/28	Reidun Brown
3/15	Sandra Quammen		



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

Do you have a news article, web site, or a story you would like to share with the lodge membership? Please send items of interest to editor Cory Quammen (cquammen@gmail.com) for inclusion in the newsletter.

HELP PLAN A MEETING

Can you invite a professional or line up an expert or even fun person to help us with cultural programs at our monthly lodge meeting? Call President Mike Tilder at 919-460-9214 to pick a month or activity you can line up for the lodge!

A NORTHERN STAR

The following excerpts are from an article by Peg Meier in the Star Tribune newspaper in Minneapolis on February 22, 2011.

<http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/travel/116472173.html>

With fiord under us, mountains before us and fresh salmon on our dinner plates, we raised a glass to consider, "What could be finer?"

Not much. As our little ship plied up and down the rugged, chilly coast of Norway early last spring, we felt removed not only in place but also in time. Somehow the ship evoked the decade it was built: the 1950s. Time slowed, courtesy reigned, simple pleasures trumped elegance.

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Built in 1956 and remodeled twice, the Nordstjernen has mostly tiny cabins. Before April 15, cabins were half-price, so we each booked one. Once on board, we couldn't imagine two people sharing a cabin. Mine was a little more than 9 feet by 5 feet, including the closet. The bathroom was tiny: 4 feet by a bit more than 3 feet. After my showers, the bathroom floor was covered with

several inches of sloshing water that disappeared down a floor drain as the ship gently rolled.

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Hardly a place on this Earth is more stunning than the Norwegian fiords and mountains. The scene from our ship's windows changed every hour: thawing waterfalls; whales; fishing villages with colorful houses in reds, whites and yellows; rosy-tipped mountains glowing at sunsets; islands, and, in the south, a bit of greening on the trees.

NORWEGIAN MUSIC AND RADIO ONLINE

Radio stations are finding wider audiences around the world not by boosting the broadcasting power of their antennas, but by streaming their broadcasts to anyone with an Internet connection. Norwegian radio stations are no exception. ListenLive.eu has a comprehensive list of Norwegian radio stations (<http://www.listenlive.eu/norway.html>) that are streaming their broadcasts online, including local community stations, student stations, stations catering to different musical genres, and Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK) stations from cities around Norway.

NORWAY'S ICE MUSICIAN



Norwegian musician, composer and percussionist Terje Isungset has been creating music for years, but it wasn't until he was commissioned to compose and play in a frozen waterfall during the 2000 Lillehammer Olympics that he first gained notoriety for creating music with ice. Then, in 2006, Isungset founded the world's first ice music festival with instruments—harp, guitar, drums and fiddle, just to name a few—made from 600 year old glacial ice.

In talking about his musical adventures with ice, Isungset said:

“The instruments are made from top quality ice. It must be free of any air bubbles. The instruments are carved using saws and knives. So far these instruments have been created and recorded: Iceofon, Ice Harp, Ice Horn, Ice trumpet, Ice percussion, Ice bass drum carved from one block of ice. In addition, all stands, supports and tables are also made from ice. Only the bass drum pedal, fish line for suspension, and the strings on the Ice Harp are made from materials other than pure frozen water.”

This month, Isungset is bringing his talents to the Geilo Ice Music Festival. After that he plans to take his unique music on the road with an Ice Music Tour that will make stops in Germany, India, Australia, England and France with plans to visit the U.S. in 2012.

If you would like to learn more about Terje Isungset, the Geilo Ice Music Festival or the Ice Music tour, visit <http://home.online.no/~isungz/>, <http://www.icefestival.no/en/>, or <http://www.icemusic.no>.

- *From the Sons of Norway Blog*

<http://sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com/2011/01/ice-music.html>

3D Lov Letter

This land is your land, this land is my land. Come and enjoy, bring your family & friends.

You don't have to be a member to enjoy all that LOV has to offer.

February 2011

Be sure to check out Lov on the 3d web site www.3dsofn.org

Looking for teachers for classes at Lov, Do you know someone who is qualified? Quilting? Genealogy? Boat building? ??? We do have someone coming in October to teach Chip Carving. Vesterheim is coming in Sept to teach Rosemaling with a 3 and 4 day workshop. More info to come

Coming This March Rosemaling with Master Painter

Eldrid Arntzen

March 20th - 26th wk 1

March 27th - April 2nd wk 2

Open to all levels—beginners to experienced

Eldrid is adept in all forms of Rosemaling. She will be teaching Valdres and OS or if you have something else you would like to work on she will be glad to help you. The class fee is \$125. which is a bargain if you have ever taken a class before. Eldrid also has some supplies for sale if you are new to Rosemaling. Be sure to make reservations with Bev ASAP to reserve your space.

We are working on getting **woodcarvers back** the same 2 weeks so many of you can car pool or share rooms. If you have a friend or mate that would like to come and work on another craft such as quilting, woodcarving, or any other craft there is room for most anything. Just check with Bev when you call.



April 15th -17th

Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner

May 13-15

Fly Fishing

May 20-22

John Karlsen Golf Week-end

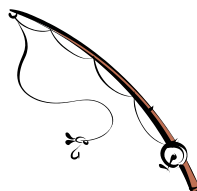
5th annual Golf Tournament

Green's fee \$65

Contact Ken Gundersen by April 8th

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June 10-12
Omholt Reunion
June 17-19

Berntsen Reunion
July 4th -10th
And 11th-16th

Youth camp

Applications on line
[http://3dsofn.org/forms/
documents/youthcampapplication.pdf](http://3dsofn.org/forms/documents/youthcampapplication.pdf)

July 18-23rd

Fly Fishing Camp

July 24th -31st

Sports for health

If you have information you would like to see in future LOV letters for your event please contact me
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Land of the Vikings 1st Lobsterfest June 3-5, 2011



Stay for the weekend and the Lobsterfest is included in your food package.

The Lobsterfest will be held on Saturday the 4th at 1:30
Meal will include potato, corn on the cob, salad and rolls and of course dessert

Extra Lobsters will be \$10 each

Don't eat Lobster?

Ask for a steak or chicken on the BBQ
Hot dogs and Hamburgers available for the kids

Take advantage of our extra day rate
(\$40/n + \$10 extra adult) and
come a day early or stay an extra day

Please make your reservations **early** and let Bev know if you want Lobster, (and how many) Steak or Chicken
Also how many adults or kids are coming

Lov's new Rates- \$65single/n for the 1st 2 night's lodging then \$40 single/n for each additional night.
(\$10 extra for additional adults) Meals extra.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT

Fra Presidenten Ralph Peterson –

Well, based on my bi-weekly conversations with my North Dakota based brother I want to thank the US Navy for moving me to a warmer climate and then based on my daily conversations with our New Jersey based daughters I want to thank Maersk Line Limited for moving us South to a warmer climate. All this coming from a guy who used to think it had to be below -20 F before you started to worry about the temperature.



I made a mistake in the last newsletter regarding our goal to reduce the number of members leaving voluntarily. When you count in the 999 and 000 groups correctly we reduced the number of dues paying members leaving voluntarily by almost 14% and that exceeded our goal. We still lost members overall but we are slowing down the loss and hope to move into the plus side in the near future.

2011 District 3 Goals

- Reduce dues paying members leaving voluntarily by 10 %
- One member from each local lodge designated to be the District web site contributor
- Gain 75 new benefit members
- All lodges to make a contribution to the Charitable Trust

All gas drilling in the Delaware River Basin (LOV is in this area) has been put on hold until new regulations have been published and approved. As a result Hess who holds the gas lease on our property declared “Force Majeure” on 1 December 2010 because they could not continue to explore or drill on the property. Hopefully this will be cleared up by June 2011. This does not affect any money because we got paid up front but it does extend the closing date of lease. Time that passes from 12/1/2010 til the drilling ban is lifted will be added to our 7 year lease.

Our District web site <http://www.3dsofn.org/home.html> experienced a great month in January. We had over 220 visitors a day. We now have two local lodge newsletter posted on the site <http://3dsofn.org/blog/?cat=20> and encourage all the editors to post their newsletters there as well. The Maine Nordmenn letter had some interesting info about the Norwegian Biathlon team who recently competed in Maine.

Our rosemaling and wood carving course to be held at LOV with Vesterheim instructors is in the final stages of planning and we expect to announce the particulars when known. The classes should start 12 September but there may be some slippage to accommodate the instructor’s schedules.

The Hurtigruten raffle tickets will be mailed to Lodge Presidents 19 March 2011. If you haven't read the last winner's story you need to do so. <http://3dsofn.org/blog/?p=268>

We are working with a travel agent in North Dakota to get hotel rooms for the 2011 Høst Fest. We will have 22 rooms available for D3 members. You will have to book the room arriving Tuesday 27 September and departing Sunday morning 2 October. When everything is firm we will post the particulars on our web site in the 3D news section. You will not be dealing with D3 but directly with the Travel Agent. It is virtually impossible to get a hotel room in Minot, ND anytime but really tough during this time period and that is why the District searched for a travel agent who could accommodate some of you.

Fraternally,

Ralph Peterson
President
District Three
Sons of Norway

