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President's Message

Hei alle sammen!

Velkommen tilbake. Jeg håper du nyter sommeren.

I hope you are enjoying your summer. For those of you who missed the Syttende Mai celebration we moved indoors at St. Giles Presbyterian Church that allowed us to expand how much space we had available for our attendees and, also, to keep us cool on a rather warm day. A good time was had by all including having almost everyone marching in the parade. There were a lot of Norwegian flags waving as the parade went around the parade route! Thanks to everyone who brought side dishes to share and to those who helped set up and clean up. And lastly, thanks to everyone who attended the Syttende Mai event – you made this a great success.

Just in case you missed the announcement, Sons of Norway announced that its CEO, Eivind Heiberg was named as the new Honorary Consul General for the state of Minnesota. Eivind will be responsible for leading efforts to facilitate the development of commercial, economic, cultural and scientific relations between Norway and the upper Midwest.

Our September meeting will be our “return from summer” potluck dinner and you may be asked to discuss your summer’s activities after dinner. With the coming of fall, we can look forward to much more activity with the lodge starting up for a new season. I am looking forward to seeing y’all at our next lodge meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM.

Vennlig hilsen,

Mike Tilder

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Upcoming Vikings Lodge Programs and Lodge Meetings

Meetings will be held Underwood Hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (7000 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27613) unless noted otherwise.

Upcoming Events –

September 26 th	Welcome Back Potluck Dinner (Saturday)	3pm – 5pm
October 22 nd	Lodge Officer Nomination & Cultural Event (Thursday)	7pm – 9pm
December 12 th	Juletfest (Saturday)	3pm – 5pm

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 lodge meetings? Call Mike Tilder at 919-460-9214 to pick a month or activity you can line up for the lodge!

Items for the Newsletter

Don't forget – if you've got an announcement, would like to pass on some information or just something interesting to share with the group, please email Mike Tilder at mmtilder@twc.com.

August Birthdays

Jason Norris	8 / 9
Peter Helgesen	8 / 29

Norway in the News

Norway's Police Haven't Killed a Single Person in Nearly 10 Years

August 3, 2015

<http://www.norwaynews.com/en/~view.php?73O97545O74832z285nll844SP388bSa76lHg353P4Z8>



Police in Norway hardly ever use their guns, a new report released by the Scandinavian country's government shows. In fact, it's been almost 10 years since law enforcement shot and killed someone, in 2006. Perhaps the most telling instance was when terrorist Anders Breivik opened fire in 2011 and killed 77 people in Utoya and Oslo. Authorities fired back at him, all right, but only a single time. In 2014, officers drew their guns 42 times, but they fired just two shots while on duty. No one was hurt in either of those instances. Considering that police officers in the United States have killed more than 600 people this year alone, the report certainly is eye-opening. Of course, law enforcement officials in the United States face greater threats of violence while on duty.

Guns are not central to police activity in Norway, which is one reason why the law enforcement shooting rates are so low. As in Britain, police in Norway typically patrol while unarmed and only bear arms in extenuating situations.

In the past, experts have said that reevaluating U.S. law enforcement tactics--specifically having less of an emphasis on force and making face-to-face interactions more common--could help cut the shooting rates there, at least in the short term. A more complicated issue is the relative lack of trust in police officers in the U.S.

Sociologist Guðmundur Oddsson, speaking to Tech Insider, said Norwegians' higher sense of trust in law enforcement was perhaps one of the reasons for the country's low gun violence rates. "Trust is an extremely powerful mechanism of informal social control. In smaller, more ethnically homogeneous countries like Norway, building that trust is easy. People feel a sense of togetherness for many reasons, including the fact that most people look similar and hold similar beliefs," he said.

Amidst Tumbling World Prices, Norway Makes a \$14.4 bn investment in an Offshore Field Expected to Add 0% to its Productive Capacity

August 24, 2015

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/norway-kicks-off-mammoth-oil-field-development-project/>



Norway's Minister of Oil and energy, Tord Lien, reacts during press conference in Oslo, Norway, 13 February 2015. State-controlled energy firm Statoil kicked off on Friday, August 21st the development of the largest oil field found off the Norwegian coast since the 1980s.

On Friday Norway kicked off the development of the mammoth Johan Sverdrup oil field in the North Sea, that is, a \$14.4bn investment at its first phase.

Johan Sverdrup is the father of Norwegian parliamentarianism, but it is also the name of an immense oil field in the North Sea, about 155 km off Norwegian coast and the city of Stavanger. It is estimated to generate revenues of \$177 bn dollars.

The field was discovered in 2010 and can expected be operated for 50 years. It is expected to hold reserves of 1.8-to-2.9 bn barrels and it is the biggest field discovered since 1980.

In the first phase of its development, by 2019, the field is expected to yield between 319,000 to 380,000 barrels a day, culminating to 550,000 – 650,000 at a later stage. Norway currently produces approximately 1.5 million barrels a day.

Headed by Statoil, this is a rare world class investment in a sector that has been suffering from ever declining oil prices. Minority stakes are held by Denmark's Maersk logistics group (8.5%), Sweden's Lundin group (22.60%), and other Norwegian groups.

Oil and gas accounts for 20% of the country's GDP; although the standoff with Russia and the war in Ukraine has by default benefitted Norway – which surpassed Russia in European market share – the economy has suffered from declining revenue. Norway's current 4.3% unemployment is the highest in a decade. The field is expected to generate 51,000 jobs.



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<http://www.sofn.com/home/>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/SonsofNorway/>

Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/#!/SonsofNorway>

LinkedIn:

<http://www.linkedin.com/company/2080826>

Sons of Norway Blog:

<http://www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com>

... and here are some informative Genealogy Websites!

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~norway/>

A comprehensive list of sites related to Norwegian-American genealogy.

<http://www.nndata.no/home/jborgos/register.htm>

Oldest church registers in Norwegian Parishes. Shows the year in which different parishes began keeping church records.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/norway/>

List of sites related to Norwegian-American genealogy

<http://www.nb.no>

The National Library of Norway, including Norwegian newspapers.

<http://www.emigrationcenter.com/index.cfm>

The Norwegian Emigration and Genealogy Center

<http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/cgi-win/WebFront.exe?slag=vis&tekst=meldingar&spraak=e>

Norwegian National Archive. Includes the 1660, 1801, 1865 and 1900 censuses.

<http://home.online.no/~cfscheel/index.htm>

List of Norwegian local histories, dictionary, calendar, and more

http://www.dokpro.uio.no/dipl_norv/diplom_field_eng.html

Search amongst 16,000 documents from Norway during the period 1050 – 1590.

