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President's Message

Hei alle sammen! Greetings All!

I hope you are enjoying the typical North Carolina summer!

The Syttende Mai celebration was terrific! We had over 45 adults and children gather to celebrate Norway's Constitution Day; some were regular members and some were newcomers and visitors. Regardless, a good time was had by all. It takes a lot of help to plan, conduct, and clean up after an event of this size. My thanks to Chris Christiansen, for hosting and running the celebration and to those who assisted him. All of you really made a difference! Tusen takk!

Chris and I attended the Third District Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC in early June. There were many resolutions to vote on as well as electing the district board for the next two year term. Full details will be discussed in our next meeting in September!

If I do not see you before our next regular meeting in September, I hope that you are having a wonderful and safe summer! Stay tuned for our upcoming schedule and calendar of events.

Thank you for all you do to make our lodge one of the best!

Fraternally,
Mike Tilder
President, North Carolina Vikings 3-675



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 17 th	“Welcome Back” Potluck Dinner	3pm – 5pm
October 22 nd	Subject TBD...	3pm – 5pm
December 3 rd	Scandinavian Christmas Fair	10am – 5pm
December 17 th	Jultrefest	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.

July / August Birthdays

Andy Nilson	7/23
Barbara Crowder	8/8
Peter Helgesen	8/29



Gratulerer med dagen!

Some Notable Results from the 64th Third District Meeting and Convention

A total of 34 resolutions were submitted by District 3 Board or by various District 3 lodges and voted on by the convention delegates.

- **Results of those resolutions that dealt with Land of the Vikings (LOV) and associated dues.** Zone 7 lodges had submitted several resolutions related to this topic. We are very disappointed in the resulting vote, but have to abide with the majority decisions as being part of the whole District 3.
- **Decision made NOT to sell LOV....** by a very close vote. A few more delegates from other southern zone lodges may have made a difference. Two Zone 7 lodges had submitted resolutions to close LOV end-2016 as decided at 2014 D3 convention. There was no income in the first of the two years (2014) because of the extensive repairs; many volunteers worked many long hours and the budget was carefully monitored. LOV finally was able to open in June 2015 for the Youth Camp. To give a longer period of time to prove LOV could support itself; decision was made to stay open two MORE years.
- **Decision made NOT to use the stepped dues method.** This would have adjusted dues based on distance from LOV. Some felt that we need to emphasize District 3 unity; and that stepped dues would emphasize a north zones vs south zones mentality.
- **Decision made TO RETAIN current dues, without change, through 2018.** Zone 7 submitted resolution to stop extra dues end-2016. We are still paying extra to the District 3 Foundation (part of which goes to District 3 LOV as property owner); and the District 3 Extra Dues used for LOV Ltd. (renter responsible for running the lodge and bar; supplies).

Election of Officers - International and District 3 officers and delegates.

- **Elected Zone 7 Directors.** D3 Board will appoint a Zone 7 Director. Directors have to be seated at the convention to be elected. Dirk Hansen could not attend, but is willing to be Zone 7 Director. Newly elected Zone 7 Alternate Director is Dianne Rumney from Hampton Roads Lodge.

A Few Athletes to Watch In the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio

The Women's Handball Team

<http://www.nbcolympics.com/news/top-handball-stories-watch-rio>



Can Norway make it three consecutive golds?

“The Norwegian women’s handball team is looking for their third straight Olympic title at the 2016 Games. Since the 2012 Olympics, Norway has proven to still be in top form. They won the 2015 world championship and the 2015 European title, meaning they will enter the Games as the world, European and Olympic title-holders. If Norway can win a third straight Olympic gold in Rio, they will tie the record for most consecutive gold medals in handball set by Denmark in 2004....”

Henrik Christiansen / Swimming

<https://www.olympic.org/news/christiansen-well-rehearsed-for-high-drama-in-rio>



“Christiansen well-rehearsed for high drama in Rio....”

If life had panned out slightly differently, Henrik Christiansen could have been starring on the stage rather than preparing to visit Rio for his first Olympic Games.

“I did a lot of theatre when I was younger, while I was working out exactly what I was best at, and really enjoyed it,” says the 19-year old Norwegian swimmer. “I had a great time putting on plays, but I eventually had to choose that or swimming, and it was a tough decision at the time.”

Fortunately, Henrik has no cause to regret his choice. Five years after focusing his attentions on the pool, he served notice of his enormous potential by winning bronze medals in the 400m freestyle and 800m freestyle at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games (YOGH) in Nanjing. He has gone from strength to strength since, and, with Rio just around the corner, cannot wait to test himself at the highest level....”

Norway Considers a Birthday Gift for Finland: The Peak of an Arctic Mountain

<http://goo.gl/75JVDt>



“Norway is pondering an unusual birthday gift for its neighbor Finland: an Arctic mountain peak.

Mount Halti is the highest mountain in Finland, but its 4,478-foot summit is in Norway.

To help commemorate the 100th anniversary of Finland’s declaration of independence from Russia on Dec. 6, 1917, a group of Norwegians is urging the government to move a point on its border with Finland some 490 feet to the north and 650 feet to the east. Halti’s peak would become the highest point in Finland, surpassing a spur of the mountain that tops out at 4,344 feet.

“There are a few formal difficulties, and I have not yet made my final decision,” Norway’s prime minister, Erna Solberg, told the national broadcaster NRK this week. “But we are looking into it.”

The proposed gift is the brainchild of Bjorn Geirr Harsson, a 76-year-old retired employee of the Norwegian Mapping Authority, who came up with the idea in 1972, when he was taking measurements while flying across the border.

“I was taken aback by why on earth they had not received this peak,” he told NRK last year. “We would not have to give away any part of Norway. It would barely be noticeable. And I’m sure the Finns would greatly appreciate getting it.”

The straight line that marks the Finnish-Norwegian border in the area of Mount Halti — drawn in the mid-18th century — is “geophysically illogical,” Mr. Harsson said.

Geir Leiros, the mayor of Kafjord, a Norwegian community near the border, supports the hard-to-wrap gift. “It will cost us so little, nothing in fact, but I believe it would mean a lot to the Finns,” he said....

The potential border redrawing has been largely embraced in Finland, a proud if somewhat flat nation that had been part of the Russian Empire for more than a century, until Russia’s two revolutions in 1917: one that overthrew the czarist regime and a second that established a Bolshevik republic that became the Soviet Union.”

Summer Crab Salad with Dill and Chives

<http://thankstothefood.com/crab-salad/>

Prep Time 5 mins / Cook Time 30 mins / Total Time 35 mins

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 300g (10.5 oz) white crabmeat, shredded (you can also use imitation crab if good quality crab meat isn't available in your area)
- 300ml (1 cup) mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons chives, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons dill, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons parsley, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 1 can chickpeas, drained and washed
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- Salt and freshly ground white pepper to taste

Instructions

1. Add the crabmeat, mayonnaise, chives, dill and lemon juice together in a large bowl. Be careful to fold and not mix as you do not want to mash the crabmeat together too much.
2. Mix in the chickpeas and red bell pepper.
3. Allow the salad to chill for at least 30 minutes before serving on bread, or lettuce leaves.

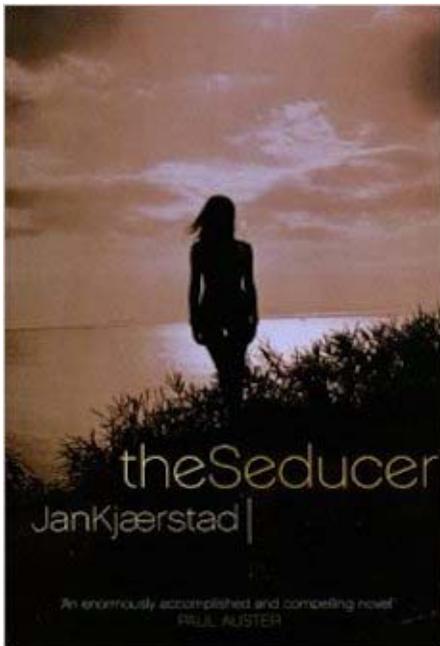


Five Great Norwegian Writers Not Named Knausgaard

<http://lithub.com/five-great-norwegian-writers-not-named-knausgaard/>

"Suddenly it's all about Norway. Everywhere." Thus tweeted Pamela Paul, editor of the NY Times Book Review, a few weeks ago. Tomorrow, the Norwegian-American Literary Festival comes to New York, featuring the grand old man of Norwegian literature, Dag Solstad, and four promising younger writers, plus a musical performance by Norwegian-of-the-moment Karl Ove Knausgaard. While you count down the hours to peak Nor-Lit, here are five Norwegian books in translation worth discovering.

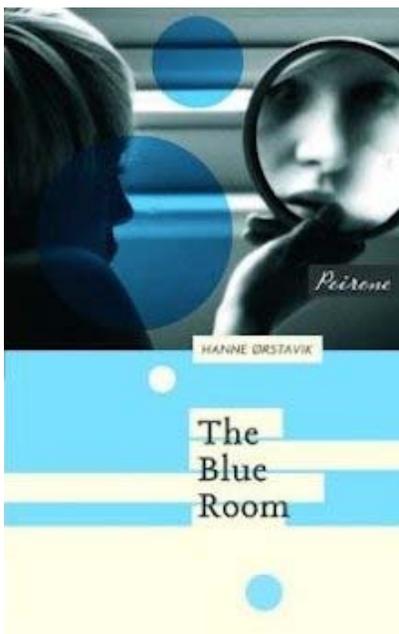
The Seducer / Jan Kjærstad



Morning and Evening / Joe Fosse



The Blue Room / Hanne Ørstavik



Through the Night / Stig Sæterbakken



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

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<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.

