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President's Message

Godt Nytt År!

December was a very good month for the lodge:

- The 2014 Scandinavian Christmas Fair had great attendance and our lodge's expanded booth at the fair benefited from the large number of attendees. We sold out of many of the items we had for sale and were able to generate a healthy increase to our lodge's funds. Tusen takk to all those volunteers who assisted with this event.

- The Jultrefest was wonderful! It was great watching all of the children and parents sharing in the celebration together with the Juletre and the songs! I want to give my heartfelt thanks to Kari Crenshaw and Martha Arnum for organizing the dining facilities and the singing and dancing activities, and to the other volunteers who provided their time. We had about 30 people for the event and all of them were treated to special Norwegian tradition, especially the children who certainly enjoyed the dancing around the Juletre.

We have two meetings planned for the first half of the year. For February, on Saturday Feb. 21st at 2:00 pm Eastern Time, we will have the installation of our 2015 lodge officers. In addition to the installation, we will watch the 2nd part of the 99th Infantry Battalion (separate) video. The 99th infantry Battalion (Separate) was activated at Camp Ripley, Minnesota on July 19th 1942 as per written instructions by the War Department. This unique elite unit was to consist only of Norwegians and Americans with direct Norwegian descent. Dirk Hansen, Zone 7 Director, will install the 2015 lodge officers. The second meeting will be held on May 16th to celebrate Syttende Mai.

We come to that part of the year where we are looking for ideas for the rest of our 2015 meetings. 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 everyone. Any and all ideas are greatly appreciated. Please come with any ideas. See you on Saturday, February 21st, at our regular meeting location.

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 Lodge Meetings

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

Upcoming Events –

February 21 (Saturday)	2:00 pm	Installation of Lodge Officers Part 2 of 99 th Infantry Battalion Video
May 16 (Saturday)	2:00 pm	Syttende Mai Celebration

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.

List of NC Vikings Lodge Officers for 2015

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January & February Birthdays

Karin Mede	1/1
Donald Kloe	1/2
Eric Wiik	1/9
Gladys Murdoch	1/17
Cory Quammen	1/23
Karl Erickson	1/27
Jo Ann Hoff	1/28
Ann Myhre	1/31
Kaj Bern	2/8
Linnea Quammen	2/15
Greta Holst	2/25

Spectacular Northern Lights

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/travel_news/article-2902023/Now-s-light-Photographer-captures-spectacular-Northern-Lights-Norway-years-hunting-perfect-location.html

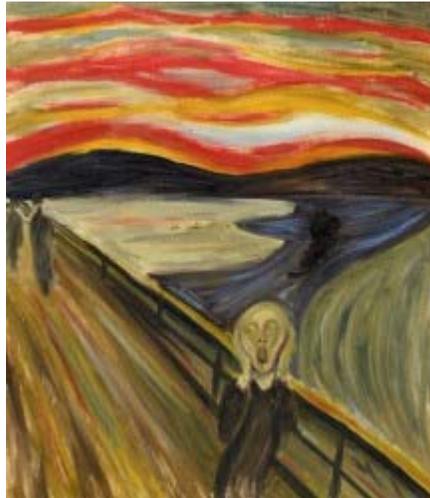
Check out some beautiful Northern Lights images captured by Norwegian photographer Tor-Ivar Naess over the past week. Also read about the science behind the effect. Stunning!



News from Norway

21 Munch Paintings Discovered in Germany

The Norway Post, 1/24/15



Two years ago, police discovered 1,400 artworks in Germany that had been stolen by the Nazis. Now it turns out that 21 of these paintings were by famous Norwegian artist Edvard Munch.

Two years ago, police discovered close to 1,500 artworks during a police raid against the art collector Cornelius Gurlitt, who was accused of tax fraud. Almost half of these works are believed to be paintings that the Nazis stole from Jewish families.

Up until April this year, the findings were kept secret to the public. Cornelius Gurlitt died in May, but before he passed away he donated his entire art collection to the Museum of Fine Arts Bern. Now the museum has published a list of all the works in Gurlitt's collection, which includes 21 paintings by Edvard Munch.

"Nobody has known what this collection consists of until now. It is very interesting to find out that 21 of these works are by Munch," says Stein O. Henrichsen, director of the Munch Museum in Oslo.

The Museum of Fine Arts Bern will now launch an investigation of the works, and they also hope to return the pieces to their original owners.

Gerlitt's controversial collection is estimated to have a value of NOK 8 billion, but Henrichsen does not want to speculate what the value may be for the 21 works by Munch.

"What kind of consequences this will have for our museum is difficult to say. Based on what I know, most of Munch's works are signed. Therefore it will be exciting to find out how these works have ended up in the situation they are in now. There may be historical connections that are of interest to the Munch museum regardless of the ownership," Henrichsen tells Aftenposten.

Norwegians Do Not Want to Shop On Sundays

The Norway Post, 1/25/15



Contrary to the government's proposed legislation to make it possible for stores to be open on Sundays, the majority of the Norwegian population are still negative.

A recent survey shows that 62 percent of the respondents are against open stores on Sundays all year around. Only 34 percent support the government's proposal, according to the survey completed by Sentio on behalf of the newspaper Klassekampen.

The government is also having trouble gathering enough support for the legislation at Parliament. The government's support party, the Liberal Left (Venstre) did not state in its original party program that they wanted stores to be open on Sundays, only that they wished to move this type of regulation from the government to the individual municipalities.

"We will only vote for our own party policy, not the government's," says leader of the Liberal Left Party, Trine Skei Grande, to Vårt Land. She says that there is no reason for the Liberal Left party to support the government's legislation if they can get enough support for their own proposal at Parliament.

The Conservative Party and Progress Party both went to election with a program that supported open stores on Sunday. - We see no reason to change our mind, explains Kristin Vinje, spokesperson for the Conservative Party.

"People will appreciate the opportunity once it is there. I know that many people go grocery shopping on Sundays," she says.

However, if the government does not get the Liberal Left Party's support, they will not achieve majority at Parliament, as they depend on the Liberal Left's party's vote to pass the proposal.

Recipe for Lemon Baked Cod (Ovnstekt Torsk Med Sitron)

<http://www.food.com/recipe/lemon-baked-cod-ovnstekt-torsk-med-sitron-504392>



Ingredients:

- 1 lb.cod fillets
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- Paprika

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Cut cod into serving size pieces.

Mix butter and lemon juice. In a separate bowl mix flour, salt and white pepper. Dip cod in butter/lemon then roll in flour mixture.

Place in ungreased 8 x 8" pan. Pour what's left of the butter mixture on top. Sprinkle with paprika.

Bake uncovered for 25-30 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Garnish with lemon slices and fresh chopped parsley.

Vær så god!

Message From the District 3 President, **Mary Andersen**



It is a New Year! Happy New Year to all! I love the start of a New Year.

It is a time to think about all the things you would like to accomplish in the coming year – trips to plan, books to read, people to see, the list goes on.

The New Year can also be a time for reflection. I heard the phrase “complacency is the eighth deadly sin” awhile back. An internet search revealed that phrase used in a number of situations with no known author. But, I like it. It can apply to a number of things in our daily lives e.g., New Year’s resolutions start off with a bang but fizzle out, just like our diet and exercise plans that last for a few weeks but then become history. We sometimes become complacent without realizing it or perhaps we realize it too late.

Does complacency happen to your lodge and even to our Order? There are a few people who seem to respond to the call for help every time a call goes out. Each year the same dedicated people handle the Julebord. Each month the same people set up the lodge meeting room. What if those people move away? Have we allowed our thinking to become complacent because we know they will always do it? If they move away, will anyone know what they did or how they did it?

To paraphrase the US Marine Corp, we are always looking for a few good people. I know we have them. I work with a group of them. I can’t say enough about our District Board members and local Lodge Board members. Board members give us their most precious possession, personal time. We learn; we do our best to take care of the business of District and we try to have some fun doing it. We often forge lifelong friendships in the process.

Many District Board positions are term limited. Some local lodge positions are vacant or are filled by members who have held the position for years. Let’s be careful about the eighth deadly sin rearing its head in our wonderful Third District. We need all hands on deck and rowing to keep our strong Viking ship afloat and moving forward. If your lodge has a vacant position, pick up an oar and help row the boat! Think about a District Board position in 2016. If complacency rears its head, there may be no boat to row.

I know you can do it!

Vinter hilsener,
Mary

Find out more about Sons of Norway!

Sons of Norway Website:

<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.

