



# North Carolina Vikings



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## President's Message

Godt Nytt År!

December was a very good month for the lodge:

- The 2016 Scandinavian Christmas Fair had another good year and so did our lodge. We sold out of many of the items we had for sale and were able to generate an increase to our lodge's funds. Tusen takk to all those volunteers who assisted with this event.
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- 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, to Robert Gaudier for jumping in on the piano to accompany the singing, and to Chris Christiansen and the other volunteers who provided their time. We had about 40 people for the event and all of them were treated to a special Norwegian tradition, especially the children who certainly enjoyed the dancing around the Juletre and receiving some gifts.

We have three meetings planned for the first half of the year. For January, on Saturday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, "***DNA and Norwegians - how and why to have your DNA tested and what you might learn***" will be presented by Ann Myhre. The second meeting will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and the third meeting will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Syttende Mai.

We come to that part of the year where we are looking for ideas for the rest of our 2017 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, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 –

### January-May, 2017

January 28 <sup>th</sup>	DNA & Norwegians: How and why to have Your DNA tested and what you might learn Presented by Ann Myhre	3pm – 5pm
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	3pm – 5pm
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Syttende Mai Celebration	11:30am – 2pm

## 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](mailto:mmtilder@twc.com).

## January Birthdays

Karen Mede	1/1
Gladys Murdoch	1/17
Cory Quammen	1/23
Karl Erikson	1/27
Jo Ann Hoff	1/28
Ann Myhre	1/31

*Gratulerer med dagen!*

# Norway Will Become the First Country in the World To Switch off FM Radio

<http://wapo.st/2j3sbQg>



FM radio broadcasting was invented in the United States in 1933. After a slow start, it became wildly popular all around the world, largely because the frequency modulation technology used offered better sound quality than the existing amplitude modulation (AM) transmissions.

But the era of FM radio may be coming to an end. After more than 60 years of using the system, Norway is set to become the first country in the world to turn off its FM radio network — and others may soon be following its example.

Reuters reports that the shutdown will begin next week, with the northern town of Bodo switching off its local network on Wednesday. By the end of the year, all FM broadcasts in Norway will have ended, replaced by Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) transmissions that generally offer better sound quality.

A number of countries have suggested they might also shut down FM at some point soon. Switzerland, for example, has set a date of 2020 for a switch from FM to DAB. “Many countries are now looking to Norway to learn,” Ole Jorgen Torvmark, head of a project called Digital Radio Norway being run by national broadcasters to aid the transition, said when the 2017 shutdown was first announced in 2015.

The decision to shut down Norway’s FM radio system was made by the country’s parliament in 2011. The government suggested that the cost of having both an FM radio network and a DAB network was prohibitive in a country with only 5 million people. Additionally, the country’s many mountain ranges and fjords left some areas without FM radio coverage.

Estimating that the cost of FM was eight times higher than digital, Norway’s government argued that the savings could be spent on improving radio content. “Radio digitization will open the door to a far greater range of radio channels, benefiting listeners across the country,” then-Minister of Culture Thorhild Widvey said in a statement in 2015. “Listeners will have access to more diverse and pluralistic radio content, and enjoy better sound quality and new functionality.”

# Bergen's 'Bryggen' Mulls an Entry Fee

<http://www.newsenglish.no/2017/01/06/bergens-bryggen-mulls-an-entry-fee/>



Norway's tourist boom has left the historic **Bryggen** wharf area in Bergen so overrun with visitors during the summer months that its owners are pondering new crowd control measures. Among them is imposition of an entry fee, especially for cruiseship passengers.

Local newspaper *BA* reported Friday that the foundation operating the wharf from the Hanseatic age has found it "necessary" to evaluate such a fee when the hordes of tourists become too large. The foundation has already installed meters monitoring the numbers of people on the wharf, and they've doubled just since 2014. "If this growth continues, we'll simply have to do something," Bernt-Håvard Øyen, director of the foundation *Stiftelsen Bryggen*, told *BA*.

Øyen stressed that the growth has been positive in many ways, both for Bryggen and Bergen as a tourist destination. On the other hand, the huge numbers of visitors between May and October present a "considerable challenge" in terms of wear and tear of the historic wooden wharf area, crowded conditions and garbage accumulation.

Øyen told state broadcaster NRK that the foundation has considered several means of limiting the numbers of tourists who now crowd Bryggen's buildings and narrow passageways. When several cruiseships are in port, disgorging thousands of passengers into Bergen's compact downtown area, the crowds can become unmanageable.

"We can, for example, charge a fee for cruise passengers, or regulate the area physically (with entry gates, for example)," Øyen said. He noted that many other historic sites that are on the UN's World Heritage list already charge or limit crowds, such as Machu Picchu in the Andes and La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. "We can't close off the area on short notice, but it's important to start discussing this," Øyen told NRK. He's prepared for opposition, but notes that too many tourists can ruin popular tourist destinations: "We're airing the problem, and hope we can have a fruitful discussion around sustainable growth in tourist traffic. It can't keep growing out of control. We have to have proper infrastructure in place to receive visitors and make it nice to visit Bryggen and Bergen."

The negative side of Norway's tourist boom has already started cropping up in other areas such as Lofoten, which is at the bursting point, and even on board the coastal voyage known as *Hurtigruten*, which now runs with very full ships also in the winter. That led to recent complaints from some local residents who traditionally have used *Hurtigruten* solely for transport along the coast, because they were turned away at the pier. There was no room for them on board the ship because of all the foreign tourists traveling even during the dark month of December, many in hopes of seeing the Northern Lights.

# Norway's Finest Poem

<http://www.norwaypost.no/culture/31115-norway-s-finest-poem>



Norwegian state broadcaster NRK recently asked its listeners/viewers to select "Norway's finest poem through the ages".

The winner was the poem "Det er den draumen" ("It was a dream") by the poet Olav H.Hauge (1908-1994) .+Here follows a translation into English of the poem, which was first published in 1966.

"It was a dream

We all carry with us this dream:

that something wonderful will happen,

that it must happen -

that time will open,

that the heart will open,

that doors will open,

that cliffs will be opened,

that springs will well forth,

that the dream will be opened,

- that we one peaceful morning will glide in -

onto a bay we had not been aware of.

(Author Olav H.Hauge)

Translated for The Norway Post by

Rolleiv Solholm, Chief Editor

## New Year Celebrations in Norway

In Norway, New Year is considered as a time of celebration, amusement, and carousing. People leave no stone unturned to make sure that they bid a grand farewell to the Old Year, and welcome New Year with lots of bliss and joy. Everyone is happy, and they express their happiness by celebrating New Year with lots of zeal and fervor. Without exception, everyone, irrespective of their age and gender, is encouraged to be a part of these celebrations. They eat, drink, dance, and celebrate until midnight, when firecrackers are set off.



## Message From the District 3 President, Mary Andersen



to everything there is a season.....

I want to wish you all the happiest and healthiest New Year!

Each year brings changes, it is inevitable. One notable change is that beginning in 2017, the Third District Today (TDT) will be published quarterly (March, June, September and December). The look of the TDT will change too; a committee is working on that now and I am anxious to see our "new look".

Based on feedback from lodge editors, we will not have a lodge newsletter contest in 2017. Each lodge editor deserves an award! The amount of time and thought each editor puts into their newsletter shows. I love reading them.

We have had some changes in the 3D this past year, we have seen some lodge consolidations and we have seen some lodges disband. At the same time, we have seen our lodges gain new members. This is a natural process of expansion and contraction. The 3D Board is very busy with many projects and I hope time will permit us to accomplish them all during the 2016-2018 term. LOV is making strides as well, the customers are coming back and weekends have been scheduled; we are hoping for the best and will monitor the financial situation closely.

Our sports director is going to get us up and moving in a friendly walking competition; make sure your lodge sports director or President tells you about it.

I am beginning to sense and feel a great resurgence of enthusiasm in our tremendous Third District! Our great big Viking ship is moving forward!

Godt nytt år

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](http://www.dokpro.uio.no/dipl_norv/diplom_field_eng.html)

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

