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President's Message

Hei alle sammen!

Velkommen tilbake. Jeg håper alle oplevet deres sommer.

I hope you all enjoyed your summer. Our September meeting will be our "return from summer" potluck dinner – I ask you to be prepared to discuss your summer's activities and discuss/provide direction to the future of the North Carolina Vikings lodge.

I will be meeting with other Zone 7 lodge presidents in Clemmons, NC on November 6th & 7th to discuss Zone 7 business items as well as the upcoming 2016 District 3 Convention that will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC and the District 3 Charitable Trust. If you have anything that you want to bring to the attention of Zone 7 or to District 3, please let me know and I will carry forward to the meeting.

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, 2014. More information can be found in the newsletter.

Vennlig hilsen,

Mike Tilder
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 –

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

Potluck Dinner

Please join us for the lodge meeting on Saturday, September 26th at 3:00 PM in Underwood North at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7000 Creedmoor Road in Raleigh.

Potluck dinner food assignments are as follows with your last name beginning with the letter:

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| A - I | Side dish or Dessert |
| J – R | Appetizer |
| S – Z | Main dish |

Please let Kari Crenshaw (919) 781-0302 (karihren@yahoo.com) or Martha Arnum (919) 326-7084 (MandMArnum@aol.com) know by Wednesday, September 23rd if you will be attending along with the number of people in your party.

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.
Member Announcement

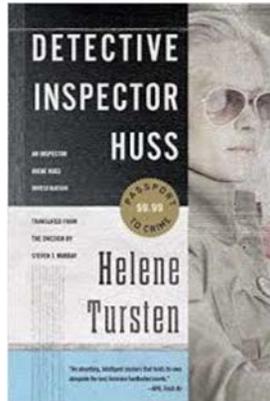
Member Announcement: Don Kloe

Don Kloe passed away on Tuesday, September 8th after a brief battle with cancer. His funeral is set for Monday, September 14th at Brown Wynne funeral home at 3:00 PM on St. Mary's Street in Raleigh, with visitation at 2:00 PM and the funeral service will follow at 3:00 PM. His burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery with date to be determined. Don will certainly be missed.

September Birthdays

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| Ethan Jones | 9 / 2 |
| Jan Carlson | 9 / 30 |

“Detective Inspector Huss” by Swedish Author Helene Tursten



Detective Inspector Irene Huss is a 40 year old wife and mother. She works in the Violent Crimes Unit in Göteborg, Sweden. Richard Von Knecht, one of Göteborg's leading citizens and a very wealthy financier, is found on the rain soaked sidewalk in front of his luxurious high rise apartment. At first the death is considered a suicide, when he takes a jump from his balcony supposedly in front of his wife and son. But, shortly into the investigation it is discovered he has been murdered, and the police start an inquiry into his life and background. Von Knecht's office is bombed and 2 more people are killed. Through further investigation, Inspector Huss and her colleagues discover the underworld of drugs and motorcycle gangs in Sweden. After thorough, patient and competent police work, they find the murderer, though not a surprise it is an interesting twist to the story. Irene and all of her co-workers are very interesting characters and Irene's home life gives more depth to her character.

History of the Lofoten islands

The Lofoten Islands are located in the Norwegian County of Nordland, an archipelago that lays within the Arctic Circle. The Lofoten Islands have a naturally beautiful landscape with peaks, beaches, sheltered bays, open seas and large areas of pristine land. The original name for the first island was Vestvågøya, which in Norse means “foot of a lynx.” The neighboring island’s old Norse name was Flakstadøya, which means “the foot of the wolf.”

Evidence of humans living on these islands dates back at least 11,000 years! The earliest archaeological sites found on the Lofoten Islands date back around 5,500 years, during the Stone Age. Traces of agriculture, livestock and human life on the islands can be found back as far as 250 B.C. Numerous archeological finds from the Iron Age and Viking Ages can be found in Vestvågøya. The town of Vagan in Northern Norway has existed since the early years of the Vikings and maybe earlier.

For over 1,000 years Norwegian fishermen have been cod fishing off of these islands, mainly in the winter. That is when the cod migrates south from the Barents Sea and gathers near the islands to spawn. Vestvågøya is found in the lowlands of the islands, and agriculture has had a significant role there since the Bronze Age.

The Lofoten Islands are located at the 68th and 69th parallels north of the Arctic Circle. But thanks to the Gulf Stream, winter temperatures are mild on the islands. Værøy and Røst are the most northerly locations where the temperatures all year long are above freezing. The warmest recorded temperature in Svolvær is 87! The world’s largest deep water coral reef is found west of Røst. The Islands have sea eagles, cormorants and many of other types of sea birds, including puffins. Among the island’s many animals are otters, whales and moose on the larger islands.

Among several famous authors who have written about the Lofoten Islands are Edgar Allan Poe with his short story “A Descent into the Maelstrom,” and Jules Verne’s “20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.”



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



I hope everyone had a chance to sit back, relax and enjoy the summer! Please remember to send photos of your summer picnics and other summer lodge activities to Ron Martinsen, our Publicity Director.

The activity and excitement level always seems to pick up around the District at this time. The Third District will have a table at the 2015 Scandinavian Festival at Budd Lake, NJ this year (September 6th, 10 am to 6pm). Scanfest draws thousands of visitors! This is a great venue for us to let the Scandinavian community know we exist. As we have heard many times, Sons of Norway is one of the best kept secrets! Zone 1 Director Karen Olsen-Helmold and Zone 3 Director Paul Kornbrekke have taken the lead with this activity. I will be helping with the set up and staffing our table. If you are in the area on Labor Day weekend, stop by and say hello! If you have the time and want to help staff the table, just let Karen know. We welcome your help. I will be joining Norumbega in September to celebrate their 45th Anniversary, WTG Norumbega! Our International Director, Marci Larson will also join in the celebration. I will also be visiting Hartford Lodge in October for their Leif Erikson Day festivities! Like I said, things are picking up around the District!

Board members have been busy over the summer with the affairs of the District. Committees have been established to take a look at LOV, the Charitable Trust, the 3D website and the 2016 Convention. Work is progressing on a new lodge in the Atlanta area too! The Financial Advisory Committee has been busy with beginning work on Convention budgets, 3D Ltd (LOV) projections, and, of course, the 3D financials. The Membership Committee is also taking a hard look at our lodges and assessing the lodge leadership situation. You will be hearing more about all this soon!

Speaking of the 2016 Convention, this year we will have a District Nominating Committee. The Committee members are Marci Larson (Gateway to Florida), Barbara Bensen (Noreg), Charlie Abrahamson (Maine Nordmenn) and Judi Mack (Norumbega) as alternate. We will be working out the details of the Nominating Committee at the Fall Board meeting and will keep you posted.

Land of the Vikings opened and youth camp was held! I was happy to be part of a work weekend; the LOV Board has accomplished a lot! You can read more about it in Roy's report. Well that's about it for now, much more to come!

Høsthilsen,

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.

