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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hvis du ikke kan gjøre det til møtet, har en fornøyd
Thanksgiving!!

We had a great turnout for October's meeting – many people wanted to listen to Meryl Valnes present presentation and demonstration of Norwegian chip carving (instead of Norwegian wood carving). Although Meryl claims he can carve a plate while watching 2 episodes of Law & Order, I am not sure that I could use such a sharp knife to carve wood while watching TV – I get excited and may wind up carving one of my fingers! However, it certainly was an enjoyable evening. I want to thank Erin Nickelson for running our first children's program during the lodge meeting – feedback has been excellent and I hope that all of those parents with young children take advantage of this program. If you have either young or older children and are interested in having your children participate in the program, please contact Erin at erin@nickelson.org.

Our November lodge meeting will feature the election of the lodge's officers and a video entitled THE VIKING DECEPTION. The Vinland map, a faded, yellowing scrap of parchment bearing a faint tracery of lines, surfaced in 1957 the map apparently showing the eastern seaboard of North America -yet it was drawn at least half a century before Columbus reached the New World. It seems to present unshakeable proof that the Vikings were the real discoverers of the Americas. But for 40 years, a bitter debate over its authenticity has raged among cartographers, historians, and

scientists. Despite chemical analysis and radiocarbon tests, the case remained unresolved. Now, in an exclusive investigation, NOVA presents fresh evidence confirming that the map was probably one of the cleverest forgeries of all time, and probes who might have wanted to carry out the deception.

Yes, we will be electing lodge officers in our November meeting, so it is not too late to sign up to serve in leadership positions for the Lodge. If you are interested, please let me or one of the other officers know of your interest.

The Sons of Norway is about all of us - being able to give while sharing it with others. We can continue to be a prosperous lodge as long as we continue to have your participation. So please, step up and get involved.

Fraternally,

Mike Tilder, President
North Carolina Vikings Lodge 3-675

UPCOMING VIKINGS LODGE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Lodge Meetings are held in Underwood Hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

November 17, 2011

Lodge officer election & THE VIKING DECEPTION

December 15, 2011

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January 26, 2012

Lodge Officer Installation

February 23, 2012

1 lb. Auction

CHILDRENS PROGRAM

Erin Nickelson will run some children's programs during the lodge meetings – initially set up for both young and older children. If you are interested in having your children participate in the program, please contact Erin at erik@nickelson.org

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

October Birthday

11/4	Karen Kvam
11/4	Harry Iverson
11/23	John Myhre
11/25	Erin Nickelson



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

HELP MAKE JULEKURVER

Come and help make julekurver (felt Christmas baskets) to sell at the Christmas Fair on December 3rd. This will take place at my home on 2726 Anderson Drive, Raleigh,

27608, on Saturday, November 19th, from 2pm to 5pm. All supplies furnished, but please bring scissors. For directions, please call me at 781-0302. You can let me know if you will attend this gathering either at the next meeting or by phone or e-mail.

This is a small fundraiser for our lodge and a time for fun and fellowship as we make kurver together.

Hope many of you can come!

Fraternally,
Kari Crenshaw,
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NORDEN 75TH ANNIVERSARY INVITATION

On Sunday, April 22, 2012, Norden Lodge 3-407 will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary with a dinner/dance at the Huntington Hiltons' Beautiful Savory Room (Route 110 - South off the LIE - North off the Southern State Pkwy). Featuring the Accomplished Norbert Ludewig Orchestra, tickets are \$55 per person (\$45 for Norden Members). Come one, come all. Cocktail hour will start at 1PM. Dinner, Entertainment and Festivities are from 2 to 6 PM. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Seating is limited, therefore requiring seating on a first come first serve. Our Deadline is April 1, 2012

Please make checks payable to: "Norden lodge 407"

Please send checks to Tore Omholt
69 Hazard Avenue
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Any Questions: call Karen Olsen-Helmold at 516-935-0751

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT

Fra Presidenten Ralph Peterson –

Well I am still traveling. Today I am in Minneapolis, MN. I just finished two days of meeting with the District Presidents Council and the International Board of Directors. Tonight will be very exciting as AnneGrete and I will join a large group of Norwegian Americans as we greet the King and Queen of Norway.

Mother nature was not very nice to this years Leif Erikson regatta as it got blown out of the water, however all the land activities were held as scheduled. It was a full house at the banquet with no cancelations despite the gale conditions.

As part of our DPC meeting we met with the International board twice to hear different presentations on how to strengthen and grow the SON. Words starting with the letter F became a big player in our discussions. The first three words that came up were Financial (we are an Insurance Company), Fraternal and Foundation and as we moved along we added three more, Food, Fun and Family. If your lodge is embracing all 6 words you are or will become a successful lodge.

I mentioned that the SON is an Insurance Company which means that we are a business, subject to many rules and regulation. Each of our local lodges is a part of that business along with our fraternal activities. Our local lodges have to follow these rules as well as the Home office. One area where some of us have fallen down is in the filing of various financial documents. There are two critical forms, 990(income tax) and form D17, a financial report required by SON. There are several lodges throughout the order, including a couple in D3, who haven't filed one or both of the forms and will shortly get notices from the International Board advising them that the Board is starting action to pull their charter. We simply cannot take a chance to continue to operate with lodges who do not comply with the law.

Our web site continues to attract large numbers of visitors. The site has averaged over 200 daily visitors every month since January. In September the site averaged over 250 daily visitors with a high day of 487. The events page is constantly well read so get your events posted. <http://www.3dsofn.org/home.html>

We hope to get our Convention/Centennial page on the web site this month. When that happens, you will be able to order various clothing items that are adorned with the Convention/Centennial logo. We will be communicating information about the upcoming events to local lodge officers by mail as well as utilizing email via Constant Contact. Many of you have recently added your correct email address to your SON information. Thank you. We will continue to utilize email and our web site as much as possible as its faster, cheaper and less labor intensive. We will continue to use the mail as well but by adding your email address to the SON data base it will help a great deal and insure you receive the latest information.

We will be taking a look at The Village, FL and Richmond, VA to see if new lodges could be started in those locations. If you are aware of anyone in either of these locations who would be interested in joining a lodge there please pass their names on to our VP Gail Ekloff.

Fraternally,

Ralph Peterson
President
District Three
Sons of Norway

