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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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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 along with some fun and games with a Norwegian board game known as Hnefatafl which literally translates into English as 'king's table' and is a chess-like game played by Vikings from around 400 AD.

This month, our lodge will be hosting the Zone 7 startup meeting on September 17th. Last year, District 3 created Zone 7 and it is comprised of lodges in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia. Zone Director Ed McCarthy and myself, as alternate Zone Director, have been busy laying the deck plate for a successful zone.

With the coming of fall, we can look forward to much more activity with the lodge starting up for a new season.. Looking forward to seeing y'all at our next lodge meeting on 9/22/11.

Vennlig hilsen,

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.

September 22

Potluck dinner/welcome back and learn how to play the Norwegian game Hnefatafl

October 27

Norwegian wood carving

November 17

Lodge officer election & genealogy presentation

December 15

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WELCOME BACK POTLUCK

Please make your plans to attend the next North Carolina Vikings lodge meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2011. This meeting is our “welcome back” potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. You are requested to bring a dish type based on the first letter in your last name:

A – H	Appetizer or side dish
I – Q	Main dish
R – Z	Dessert

The lodge meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7000 Creedmoor Road in Raleigh, in Underwood Hall.

CHILDRENS PROGRAM BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

Beginning in October, 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!

September Birthdays

9/1	Wayne Peterson	9/2	Ethan Jones
9/12	Martin Hovland	9/15	Sandra Wu



JO NESBØ: NORWEGIAN CRIME WRITER

From Peter Helgesen:

I am a reader of crime novels. My favorite authors are John Sandford, Robert Crais, and Michael Connelly. Recently, folks who like this genre have read two Swedish authors; Henning Mankell (the Kurt Wallander series) and Steig Larsson (the Girl Who... series). Just two months ago, a dear friend in New York introduced me to a Norwegian crime writer who just knocks my sox off. The writer is Jo Nesbø. His hero or principal character is Harry Hole, inspector or detective with Oslo's police department. I'm absolutely sure that the SON members would love to read this series. The first book to download to your Kindle is "The Redbreast" and the second is "Nemesis".

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!

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NORWAY'S KING AND QUEEN **TO VISIT MINNESOTA**

Bob von Sternberg, Star Tribune

A few years ago, when Gary Gandrud was consul at the Norwegian consulate in Minneapolis, he had an audience with Norway's King Harald.

"I said, 'Come visit us,'" Gandrud said.

He's getting what he had requested next month when King Harald and Queen Sonja embark on an eight-day tour across Minnesota (with a dip into Iowa), where as many as 850,000 residents claim some Norwegian ancestry.

"The Foreign Ministry announced that he wishes to visit us and I asked how serious this was," said Gandrud, who is now consul general. "I was told when his wishes are made known, it will go through."

The visit by the royal couple, from Oct. 11 to 18, will be the king's first visit since 1995, Gandrud said.

"We've got a tremendous relationship with Norway and we're honored that their majesties want to make an official visit," he said.

Their first stop will be at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum there. The college is marking its 150th anniversary, the museum its 130th.

Next stop will be St. Olaf College in Northfield, followed by a visit to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

A church service will be held on Oct. 16 at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, followed by a reception hosted by Gov. Mark Dayton at the governor's residence that will feature Minnesotans who have been honored by the Norwegian government. A royal dinner will be held that evening.

The following day, the Minnesota National Guard will fly the couple to Duluth, where the king will rededicate Enger Park, which his father, King Olaf V, dedicated in 1939.

On the final day of the visit, the couple will unveil an exhibit at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, marking the 100th anniversary of Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen reaching the South Pole.

The king and queen will then fly to New York City, where they will attend an American-Scandinavian Foundation conference, attended by officials and royalty from all five Nordic countries.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT

Fra Presidenten Ralph Peterson –

Well this is a bit unique as my last letter was written in Bergen and this letter is being written in L'Anse Aux Meadows, Newfoundland. Both trips were/are fantastic Norwegian experiences. Check our web site www.sofn3d.org for more info on the Newfoundland trip. Our lucky winners of the Hurtigruten trip were Ian Pate from Gulfstream and Joan Sullivan from Maine Nordmenn. This is the second Hurtigruten winner in a row from Maine Nordmenn and her uncle won the big trip from the Sons of Norway last year so any ticket I buy from now on will be from Maine. I know that these folks will enjoy the trip. It is a great trip and I highly recommend it despite being a bit pricy.



There is a lot of stuff happening in LOV so please check out the web site for the events that are scheduled. We are bringing in Rosemaling and Genealogy instructors that are recognized internationally so don't miss out on these opportunities.

Planning for the Convention and Centennial celebration continues. You can expect to receive periodic updates as we progress with the planning and events become firm. It looks like a great schedule of entertainment and events will be available. If you don't have your email registered with the Sons of Norway please do so. You can email SON or call them at 800-945-8851 to update your personal information including your email. You can expect the first email early in September. We are hoping for a large delegate turnout and an even larger of number of non-delegates. We have negotiated the same hotel rates for 3 days prior to the convention and 3 days after the convention so you can make it a real family vacation.

One of the Centennial programs will be an update of the Third District History. We need an update from each lodge for this book so if your update is not already sent in please get it to our editor Asbjorn Lageraen, asbjorn44@msn.com, ASAP.

For those lodges that will be electing officers this year it is not too early to begin advising your members of the upcoming elections. Our members not only need to be aware of the upcoming elections but what are the obligations and responsibilities of each position. I earlier challenged the District Board to each sign up a new member in June. I am extending this challenge to the entire district and it will go to the end of the year. If you can't find someone to sign up then give a gift membership to a family member or a friend. No matter how you do it please sign up a new member before the end of the year as we should have at least 10,000 members in D3 and currently we are less than 8,000 so

we need a significant push.

Despite a lot of looking I have yet to see a Moose here in Newfoundland. Sally Abrahamson saw one yesterday but not me. Hopefully I will see one in the ditch and not in my headlights. I will let you know how that goes.

Fraternally,

Ralph Peterson
President
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Sons of Norway

