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Celebrating Our 86th Year

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 On Facebook at: **NordenLodge3-407 Sons of Norway** - On the WEB at **NordenLodge3-407.org**
Deadline for Items for the May, 2024 Newsletter PERIODICAL is May, 9, 2024

MONTH'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

We had a busy March with the Corporation Meeting as well as our own plus we enjoyed music and fun to celebrate St. Patrick's day. I thank Ellen for entertaining us for the afternoon and allowing us to sing the anthems because we had music and I thank the Corporation Committee for providing our delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner. We had a good attendance and I hope that continues.



I had shortened the meeting so we can appreciate the music after the meeting and play some activity games and taking pictures to make us cheerful. We also draped our Charter for several members: Hector Rucci, Konrad Burgert, and Leif Gundersen. We wish all their families our condolences.

Good news is we have a new member Linda Salta and we welcome her to the meetings. We also had our 50/50 which was won by Tim B. Remember to sign the attendance book so you can be reimbursed for attending events approved by the lodge. The more you attend, the more you will get back for sharing your fellowship with others.

We do have a few events coming up that I want to remind you to join with our members. First is April 14 – the Henrik Ibsen anniversary, then May 19 is the parade in Brooklyn, our lodge is not marching but you can find Barbara and myself at the beginning of the parade, then we have Loyal Lodge's Anniversary on June 2nd, plus the end of that week is the Third District Convention. Then is Norden's additional dates: Atlantic City on June 1 and the Duck's game on June 21st All are planning a great time and hope many of our own members enjoy those days. You will find the flyers within the newsletter.

There was a resignation on the International Board. Vice Chair (formally Vice President) Mark Agerter had to resign his post due to personal reasons. International Director from District 5 will complete his term. The elections for new International Officers will happen in September (at least for now) and the International Board of Directors is working out the who's, what's and why's are going to happen in the future. If we learn more at convention, I will let you know.

The minutes are a summary of what happened at the meeting. Barbara has the complete minutes and Les summarizes them for the newsletter. If you would like the full set of minutes, Barbara can email them to you. Let her know at barbarajb1230@optonline.net. She will be happy to send them to any member.

Fraternally, Roy



If you hear of anyone who is not feeling well, or needs some cheering up, please contact our **SunShine Lady, Kathy Johannessen (631) 421-9482**, so we can respond & get the word out.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS TO EVERY MEETING.

As voted, a \$1.00 reminder fee for a temporary name rental will be charged each time you forget. This could be fun! Only excellent above reproach excuses will be exempted by Vote on the floor. **See Les Johannessen for your Tag**

NORDEN ALWAYS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

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March 24th Meeting Minutes Summary –

President Roy opened the meeting at 3:15 and stated it is really nice to see so many here for St Patrick’s Day. He thanked Ellen for coming to entertain us and he thanked the Norden Corporation for supplying our dinner this afternoon. He postponed many items and we will discuss all those items in April. We sang the National anthems and said the Pledge of allegiance.

We draped our charter and he asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Hector Rucci, Konrad Burgert, and Leif Gundersen.

Secretary Barbara – silent attendance was taken. The minutes were approved as distributed in the Newsletter. Barbara reported we have one application for membership. We want to welcome Linda Salta who joined us in February. President Roy opened the meeting and turned it over to the President of the Corporation Steve Helms. Corporation minutes are not included in these minutes.

(Reconvened Following Corporation Meeting)

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Treasurer Shirley said we spent a lot of money last month on donations. (Copy available upon request, as usual.)

Correspondence Barbara wrote:

1. Remember to sign in the attendance book. It is over on the dessert table.
2. I have the February/March District Secretary letter up front for individual review.
3. Henrik Ibsen 90th anniversary – have the flyers, please plan on attending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter: Les – has extra copies with him.

Sports Director: Chuck reported:

- The Atlantic city Trip date is June 1
- Picnic: is on August 11. The check was cashed by the Town. Permit is pending.
- The Ducks game will be on June 21. (Since changed to 19th)

Zone: Karen & Barbara have the raffle tickets here for the Zone 1 scholarship. Barbara will send some out to our members who asked.

Kathy is there anyone not feeling well or is there a big birthday. Roy’s mom Margaret is in Meadowbrook care center.

Parade: Barbara – said she have our pins with me. They came out really nice. There is a \$100. 50/50 raffle going again as a fundraiser She has a few tickets here if you wish. We will only sell 200 The pins are \$6.00 this year. Loyal is hosting a bus and the price is \$20 per person. They will pick up at Loyal and Exit 49.

3rd District: Steve – Karen announced the sports picnic at - Nansen Lodge on aril 20th. It is \$40 per person. Please see the flyer.

- The officers are gearing up for convention.

- The nomination committee is Audun Gythfeldt and Barbara B. if you want to run for district office.

NEW BUSINESS; 1. Resolution from Norden lodge – Karen handed out our resolution. To summarize Norden is putting forth to elect a corresponding secretary to assist the district secretary with the duties of the secretary. The Sons of Norway Home Office is placing a lot more duties on the districts than before. Duties they use to complete. I will be presented in the Reports Book for the District Lodge Meeting. The lodge vote and approved bringing the resolution forward.

2. Kristin would like to reconvene the Membership Committee again. (Suspended during Covid) Let her know if you want to join her.

OLD BUSINESS; Loyal lodge is celebrating their 100th anniversary. This is a big deal and we should support them by attending.

GOOD of the ORDER: There were none.


Our next meeting, will be on Sunday April 28th at 2pm– we will again have a zoom meeting starting at 3pm.

President Roy thanked everyone for coming today and for wearing green.

Meeting adjourned 3:50pm


Respectfully Submitted by Barabara Berntsen






LONG ISLAND ZONE

Memorial Service





SUNDAY MAY 5th at 3 PM

Our opportunity to once again gather in remembrance of past members and feel their presence in our bodies and soles. This year we give the opportunity to give voice to more than our most immediate past members.

Come Join Us In This Beautiful Service

See Page 4 for adding names to the service!

****** UP COMING EVENTS ******



IT'S ALL SCANDINAVIAN

**Follow and see
Ellen Lindstrom's Band
perform at:**

<http://www.theswedishmeatballs.com/shows.html>

3D  SONS of NORWAY



SAVE THE DATE
Mark your calendars!
**3D SONS OF NORWAY
YOUTH CAMP 2024**



Ages 8-18
Camp Koinonia
July 21 - July 28, 2024
Highland Lake, NY
NEW THIS YEAR!

Cultural/Sports/Family Weekend

Fun for everyone old, young, and in between!

July 25 - July 28, 2024

**** See Pg 5 for more details under Activities ****

Time to find a suitable camp for our Southern 3D Lodges has not worked out for this year. 3D is moving ahead to secure one for next year. All Lodges are encouraged to join this year's activities above.



Loyal Lodge's 100th Anniversary Gala

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND 2024 - 2PM-6PM at

Blueblinds Mansion

555 Edgewood Avenue

Smithtown, NY

GALA TICKETS ARE \$75 PER PERSON

Please call (631) 584-7510 or email

info@loyalodge.org to order gala tickets

Still Thinking about a Cruise?

Each ticket is \$25 a piece. To purchase tickets please contact:
Reidun Rasmussen at 631-525-1755 or reidunrasmussen@gmail.com
Toril Stevens at 631-880-8820 or northfork14@gmail.com
Karin Ryan at 631-839-3338 or karinryan1@yahoo.com

**Norden Lodge's
Atlantic City Bus Trip**



June 1st, 2024



Cost: \$75 per person

On the way down we will have breakfast and coffee, play a few games. On way back we will hand out some drinks/snacks and settle down for the movie chosen by all. The casino is providing something to get us started.

*Leaving LIE Exit 49 Park & Ride at 8AM,
Stopping at Christopher Morley Park at 8:30AM
(500 Seasingtown Rd N, Roslyn),
Stopping at Brooklyn PC Richards parking lot at 9:15AM
(576-80 86th St., Brooklyn),
Nanson Lodge Staten Island at 9:45AM
And Lastly Arriving at the Tropicana, Atlantic City.
We will be departing Atlantic City around 6 PM for Home*

*****Make sure to get to the bus pickup 15 minutes before the time stated for your stop. It is better for you to get to the bus, because the bus will NOT wait for you!!!*****



RSVP by: TBD Call or E-mail Today!!!

Contact: Chuck: 516-512-9427

Kris: 516-521-3190

CGottilla@hotmail.com

*****Be sure to include pickup location desired*****

*Make check payable to Charles Gottilla
642 Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, New York 11757*

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**





FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT



Fra 3D President, Steve Helmold, April 2024 - Spring is finally here, and summer is around the corner. I hope everyone had a nice Easter. Many lodges will be having their 17th of Mai celebrations and getting ready for summer with their picnics and other activities. Our Thid District Sports Director, Paul Kornbrekke, is trying to revive the **3D Sports Picnic**, which will be held Nansen Lodge on Saturday April 20th from 11 AM to 6 PM. It is not just sports!

There will be lots of good food starting with brunch, going though lunch/dinner as well as Scandinavian music by Ellen Lindstrom and games for all ages to enjoy. This is a great way of getting together with family and friends and having an enjoyable and fun day. I hope you will make every attempt to join us for this great day.

Please keep in mind that the **Third District Convention** in Herndon, Virginia is not far off either and the convention committee (Washington Lodge) and the Third District Board are gearing up not only for the business at the convention but for a very fun and interesting time. Karen and I are looking forward to seeing and meeting with all the delegates and guests that are attending as this is the time to get acquainted with new Sons of Norway members and visit with friends from past conventions from other parts of the district.

Also, in July the district will be having **Youth Camp** and the New **Cultural/Sports Weekend**. If you have not registered your child or grandchild for youth camp please consider sending them. The Cultural/Sports weekend will be on the last 4 days of youth camp, and it looks like it should be a very fun and educational event, so please consider attending as a family, couple or even a single. The camps will take place at Koinonia Camp in New York. The Board is working hard on setting-up a cultural camp in the southern part of the district for the summer of 2025, but we need people who want to attend to come forward and register early. There will be more information to follow on this.

One of the comments we get from lodge members is that there needs to be more fun and less business. The board is working hard to address that concern as you can see from the events listed above. But these events are only good if there are participants. **WE NEED YOU** to come out and have some fun.

Fraternally, Stephen Helmold

***** SONS OF NORWAY 3RD DISTRICT PICNIC *****



SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH 2024 11:00 - 6:00

NANSEN LODGE PICNIC GROUNDS

3465 VICTORY BLVD. STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314

Assorted Bagels, Danish, Muffins, Coffee & Tea

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries & Fresh Salad Bar

Roast Beef Sandwiches & Sausage and Peppers

BBQ Chicken & Corn on the Cob

Watermelon & Ice Cream

\$40 per person/\$15 per child 4-12

Children under 4 years of age Free

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

******* NO LIQUOR TO BE BROUGHT INTO PARK*******

Music by ELLEN LINDSTROM

Games for Adults and Children - Corn Hole, Klubb, Hammer Throw Tournaments

RAFFLES AND 50/50

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! BY 4/6/24 * CHECKS MADE OUT TO *

PAUL KORNBREKKE 256-Barnard Ave, Staten Island NY 10307 718-356-8395

Honorary Past Members: Prior to our Memorial Service this year. We asked our members planning to attend, if they have names of "Deceased Past Members" they would like to once again acknowledge and thus honor with the ringing of the church bell during the service, in remembrance of their sharing of themselves and all that they added and still add to our order. To fill out the below form & present to the greeter at the service:

Please Print Clearly the NAME of the past member: _____

Requested by: _____ **Honoring My** _____

Who was a member of _____ **Lodge**

LODGE SAVE THE DATE 2024

- Apr 28** - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM (Attempt to change not possible)
- May 17** - Lodge Meeting St Peters 6 PM Change due to Memorial Day Weekend
- Jun 19** - Duck's Game
- Jun 23** - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM Music by Ellen
- Aug 11** - Annual Lodge Picnic
- Sept 22** - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Oct 27** - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Nov 24** - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Dec 8** - Christmas Fest St Peters 2 PM Music by Ellen

* Notes Change of planned meeting date.

Activities In and Out of Our Zone!!!

- Apr 20** - 3D Picnic Nansen Lodge Picnic Grounds, Staten Island
- Apr 28** - Brooklyn Memorial Service Bethlehem Church 3 PM
- May 5** - L I Memorial Service
- May 19** - 17th of May Parade Brooklyn
- Jun 1** - Atlantic City Bus Trip

Youth Camp is planned for 2024 and is once again dependent on numbers attending. DON'T MISS another OPPORTUNITY for this extremely successful event Your Kids/Grandkids will Thank YOU !!!!
Check it out, can't beat the price or experience! And in addition this year the rest of your family will be able to join the campers for the last three days at Camp Koinonia at Highland Lake, NY It is hoped that next year the Southern Lodges will be able to take advantage of a more centrally located venue in the planning now.

*** BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ***

Month's Birthdays - Gratulerer Med Dagen!

Name	Day	Name	Day
Nancy M Seals	3	Timothy G Baxley	17
Todd B Owsley	4	Nancy K Rucci	18
Craig Schofield	4	Linda A Peterson	22
Richard J Edwards	11	Solveig Accordino	27
Ethel McKeever	11	James Joe Varady	28
Roy Berntsen	14	Bette I Stahl	29
Frank A Odin	16	Norma J Frey	30

5 Yr+ Membership Milestones For January, Congratulations:

- Astri Torkelsen - 68 Years, Joseph Romeo - 33 Years
- Karen A. Kvam - 33 Years, Howard Johansen - 30 Years
- Barbara Struckman - 22 Years, Helen S Meosel - 15 Years
- Timothy G Baxley - 9 Years, Mary T Booton - 9 Years
- Johanna Maria Finck - 9 Years,

NOTE - A few members have brought some errors to our attention. Please let us know so we can inform the home office

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are having more fun lately for a number of reasons. First and foremost, the end of the pandemic. As a result of this fun more of us are attending our meetings, which adds to the growing sense of camaraderie. A feeling which purveys warmth to the extent it carries on past the loss of family. Think about coming out to the Memorial Service to experience this feeling!

Meeting Attendances - an attempt to enhance our members benefits by increasing subsidies for good participation. The more involved the more you benefit.

If you don't see your name, & you attended, let us know.

3-24-24 Meeting Attendance: MEMBERS Mary Booton, Tim Baxley, Janet Hannigan, Bob Saunders, Nina Hotvedt, Clif Hotvedt, Les Johannessen, Kathy Johannessen, Shirley Erland, Roy Berntsen, Barbara Berntsen, Heidi Varady, Jim Varady, Kristin Gottilla, Chuck Gottilla, Nancy Rucci, Leif Easterson, Steve Helmold, Karen Olsen-Helmold, Susan Olson, Barbara Struckman, Ellen Lindstrom - Music, Linda Petersen, Ethel McKeever, Bob McKeever, Else Hansen, Frank Odin, Csarmen Odin, Mike Di Peirro, Brian Cooper (Z), Donna Cooper (Z)
 Guests: none

2023 Norden Star Boosters Updated 02/07/24

Berntsen, Barbara & Roy 5/24	Helmold, Steve & Karen 3/25
Berntsen, Margret 5/23	Meusel, Helen 6/27
Berntsen, Roy Jr 5/23	Rucci, Hector & Nancy 7/25
Brown, Greta & George 6/28	Sandberg, Mildred 4/24
Carlson, Craig & Christine 11/24	Seals, Nancy 5/24
Erland, Shirley 9/24	Sorg, Mabel 6/26
Hansen, Elsa 6/23	

IN MEMORY OF

- Erland, Endre & Sigrid 9/24
- Frey, Judith 2/30
- Maies, Betsy Jane Sersted 3/24
- Johansen, Lars, Sigrid & Art 10/30
- Jacobsen, Edward 4/29
- Larssen, Tryggve & Signe 3/23
- Stuckman, Erik 12/23
- Skauvold, Harry & Kate 12/24

COMMEMORATORS

- Daughter Shirley Erland
- Daughter Norma Frey
- Daughter Janet Maies Hannigan
- Family
- Brother John & Wife Carol
- Daughter Greta & George Brown
- Mother Barbara
- Daughter Christine Carlson

Room for more members that would like to join us. The \$5/Yr helps mailing costs. The dates following the names denote the end of the annual support
 Please make checks payable to Norden Lodge 407

WE THANK ALL OUR BOOSTERS HELPING TO GET THE NEWSLETTER OUT

Norwegian Embassy Newsletter

The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington, DC has begun publishing a biweekly newsletter, *Norge Nå*. Content includes security policy, the green transition, Norwegian trade and business, Arctic issues, and what's happen-ing at the Embassy. It will also publicize upcoming events with Norwegian artists around the US. To subscribe, email elisabeth.addison@mfa.no

VIKING AUCTION DONATIONS

I am reaching out on behalf of the 2024 Third District Convention Committee to share exciting details about the upcoming Viking Auction, a highlight of our conventions. This engaging and enjoyable activity not only adds vibrancy to our gatherings but also serves as a vital fundraising initiative supporting our esteemed Third District Charitable Trust. The Viking Auction will take place at the convention on Sunday afternoon. Your generous support is invaluable and essential to the fundraising success.

- As we gear up for the upcoming Viking Auction, we seek your assistance in providing items that can be offered as prizes.

Tusen Takk,
 Bill and Pat DeRoche, Chairs, Viking Auction
 202-270-9528 (9 AM to 10 PM) derochebp@outlook.com

Some Cultural Items for the Month

Cultural Corner: *Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson - poet*

and writer - part 1 I found a really nice article on the man who helped to plan the first parade in Oslo. There is so much more to his accomplishments I needed to summarize a few web sites. You can find a lot of information on the site:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bj%C3%B8rnstjerne_Bj%C3%B8rnson

Bjørnstjerne Martinius Bjørnson was a Norwegian writer who received the 1903 Nobel Prize in Literature "as a tribute to his noble, magnificent and versatile poetry, which has always been distinguished by both the freshness of its inspiration and the rare purity of its spirit". The first Norwegian Nobel laureate, he was a prolific polemicist (a writer who argues in opposition to others (especially in theology) and extremely influential in Norwegian public life and Scandinavian cultural debate. Bjørnson is considered to be one of the four great Norwegian writers, alongside Ibsen, Lie, and Kielland. He is also celebrated for his lyrics to the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja, vi elsker dette landet". The composer Fredrikke Waaler based a composition for voice and piano (*Spinnerken*) on a text by Bjørnson, as did Anna Teichmüller.



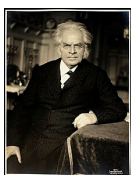
Childhood and education: in this picture of Bjørgan farmyard in Kvikne. Drawing by Gerhard Munthe Bjørnson was born at the farmstead of Bjørgan in Kvikne, a secluded village in the Østerdalen district, some sixty



miles south of Trondheim. In 1837 Bjørnson's father Peder Bjørnson, who was the pastor of Kvikne, was transferred to the parish of Nesset, outside Molde in Romsdal. It was in this scenic district that Bjørnson spent his childhood, living at the Nesset Parsonage. After a few years studying in the neighboring city Molde, Bjørnson was sent at the age of 17 to Heltberg Latin School (*Heltbergs Studentfabrik*) in Christiania to prepare for university. This was the same school that trained Ibsen, Lie, and Vinje. Bjørnson had realized that he wanted to pursue his talent for poetry (he had written verses since age eleven). He matriculated at the University of Oslo in 1852, soon embarking upon a career as a journalist, focusing on criticism of drama.

His Early production: In 1857, Bjørnson published *Synnøve Solbakken*, the first of his peasant novels. In 1858, this was followed by *Arne*, in 1860 by *En glad Gut* (A Happy Boy), and in 1868 by *Fiskerjenten* (The Fisher Girl). These are the most important specimens of his *bonde-fortellinger* or peasant tales. At least seven Danish composers wrote music based on the book *Arne*. Bjørnson was anxious "to create a new saga in the light of the peasant," as he put it, and he thought this should be done, not merely in prose fiction, but in national dramas or *folke-stykker*. The earliest of these was a one-act piece set in the 12th century, *Mellem Slagene* (Between the Battles), written in 1855 and produced in 1857. He was especially influenced at this time

by the study of Jens Immanuel Baggesen and Adam Gottlob Oehlenschläger, during a visit to Copenhagen. *Mellem Slagene* was followed by *Halte-Hulda* (Lame Hulda) in 1858, and *Kong Sverre* (King Sverre) in 1861. His most important work to date was the poetic trilogy of *Sigurd Slembe* (Sigurd the Bad), which was published in 1862.



The mature author: At the close of 1857 Bjørnson had been appointed director of the theatre at Bergen, a post which he held for two years, when he returned to Christiania. From 1860 to 1863

he travelled widely throughout Europe. Early in 1865 he undertook the management of the Christiania Theatre,^[8] and brought out his popular comedy of *De Nygifte* (The Newly Married) and his romantic tragedy of *Mary Stuart* in Scotland. In 1870 he published *Poems and Songs* and the epic cycle *Arnljot Gelline*; the latter volume contains the ode *Bergliot*, one of Bjørnson's finest contributions to lyrical poetry.

← Picture of Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson in 1908.

His Political interests: From his youth and forwards, Bjørnson admired Henrik Wergeland, and became a vivid spokesman for the Norwegian left-wing movement. In this respect, he supported Ivar Aasen, and joined forces in the political struggles in the 1860s and 1870s. When the great monument over Henrik Wergeland was to be erected in 1881, it came to political struggle between left and right, and the left wing got the upper hand. Bjørnson presented the speech on behalf of Wergeland, and also honoring the constitution and the farmers.

Bjørnson was one of the original members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, that awards the Nobel Peace Prize, where he sat from 1901 to 1906. In 1903 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. Throughout his life he continued to write novels, plays and short articles for

Barbara

History Article: *The Battle of Hastings: -- part 1*

The Norman Conquest of England. Date of the Battle of Hastings: 14th October 1066

King Harold's last stand at the Battle of Hastings on 14th October 1066: picture by Harry Payne



Place of the Battle of Hastings: On the Sussex coast of England

Combatants at the Battle of Hastings: The Norman, Breton, Burgundian, Flemish and French army of Duke William of Normandy against the Saxon army of King Harold of England

Generals at the Battle of Hastings: Duke William of Normandy against King Harold Godwinsson of

England

Size of the armies at the Battle of Hastings: The armies probably numbered around 5,000 to 7,000 on each side, although some traditional accounts give the numbers as much higher

Battle of Hastings on 14th October 1066: picture by Henri-Louis Dupray

Costume, arms and equipment at the Battle of Hastings: The Battle of Hastings saw the clash

of two military systems. The Saxon army, centred on the King's personal bodyguard of "housecarles", comprised the universal levy, the "Fyrd", led by the local leaders of each shire with their households

The Fyrd, containing large numbers of ineffective peasants along with the warriors of each shire, fought in wedged shapes battalions, the point of the wedge formed by the best equipped soldiers, the remaining men, armed with spears and whatever weapons they had, forming the rear ranks. The favoured weapon of the professional warriors was the battle axe. The Saxon army fought on foot, nobles and men-at-arms dismounting for battle.



Barbara

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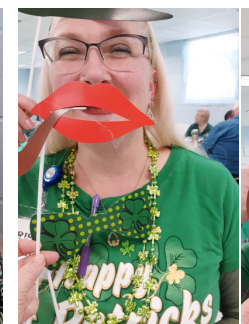
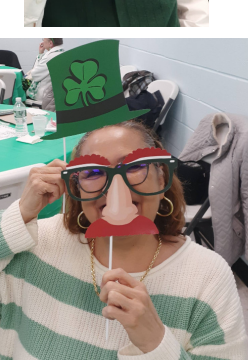
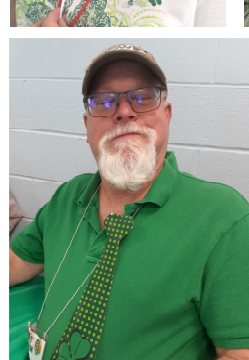


King Harald's sick leave extended -
Norway's elderly monarch, King Harald V, won't be back at work until at least April 22, after

doctors extended his ongoing sick leave after an infection earlier this year by two more weeks. Staff at the Royal Palace announced Thursday that Crown Prince Haakon will continue to function as regent in the meantime.

Billions set to save historic churches
- Fewer Norwegians took part in last week's Easter church services around the country, but the churches themselves are widely viewed as an important part of Norway's cultural heritage. Now the government plans to invest around NOK 500 million a year on church renovations over the next three decades.

Lodge's St. Pat's Pictures



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Les Johannessen, Editor
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Join us at our next meeting on **April 28th at 2PM** –Once again take advantage of the warm camaraderie experienced in our meeting experience. Hopefully everyone had a memorable Easter this year! We are next heading towards our **Memorial Service on May 5th** sharing with the Cinco de Mayo. We always feel the presents of Past Members on the day as we toll the Church’s Bell in their Honor – Remember we are expanding the honors this year. Check it out!



Are your assets aligned with your financial goals? A Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor will offer a **Free Financial Review.**

Robert McKeever, CLU - 21 Averly Place, Smithtown NY 11787
 Phone: (800) 561-1492 - Email: bob@rmclu.com

Got Stamps? Tubfrim Is Still Accepting \$ Please leave a ¼ “ around cut stamps.

We are continuing to support **Tubfrim**, a Norwegian-owned charity that resells cancelled stamps to benefit Norwegian children with health and other physical disabilities. **Every little bit helps.** The effort has continued since 1928 and will hopefully continue with our help as long as there is need. Bring them to the next meeting & any of our officers will take it from there.



VELKOMMEN TO NORDIC GIFT HOUSE

The Nordic Gift House is Owned & Operated by, SON Members: Liv and Bruce Benschine. Past members of Norden who moved to Wisconsin to be closer to the Scandinavian Import Businesses they have dealt with for the past 45 years.

Your premier source for Scandinavian themed gift items featuring Jewelry, Runic/Viking, Knitwear, Ozone Socks, Home Decor, Kitchen items, Swedish dishcloths, and Heritage items. We invite you to visit our website, subscribe to our newsletter and enjoy this special offer.

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