

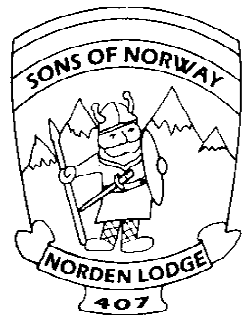


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NORDEN STAR

NORDEN LODGE #407 HUNTINGTON

Celebrating Our 86th Year



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Meeting normally each 4th Sunday of the month at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Huntington Station, NY
Phone (516) 791-3983 NordenLodge407@Gmail.com -Next Meeting **Sunday February 23, at 2 PM**
On Facebook at: **NordenLodge3-407 Sons of Norway** - On the WEB at **NordenLodge3-407.org**
Deadline for Items for the March, 2025 Newsletter PERIODICAL is March 8, 2025

MONTH'S MESSAGE *Happy Valentine's Day*

I can't believe we are already into February. January flew by. Our January meeting was a little long but we held our installation and the lodge thanks District President Steve Helmold for installing our officers. I also thank the officers who agreed by serving another term. I guess that means the lodge is going along well, but if you would like to hold an office of the lodge, please speak up.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day so let's all wear something red. It will be fun to what you can come up with.

On January 21st some Sons of Norway Senior Staff and the International Board Officers held a instructional zoom for the Lodge Leadership. It was informative but much of it was known to me and Barbara, since she served on the IBoD and dealt with many of the topics even back in 2008-2012. But some special forms she found helpful for the officer positions. We are right on track and everything is done prior to the deadline date. So Norden is good to go.

Last meeting you were given an event sheet to complete and Kristin will have the results for our next meeting. That was the form you filled out to say which events or activities you would like us to plan and research. One plan we are trying to check out is the landing of the ship Restauration which is coming into New York City, we think this summer, to celebrate the 200 anniversary of the immigration from Norway. Barbara is thinking of checking out more of the events and activities for us to enjoy and she may be able to right about for our cultural corner.

Also last month Karen O-H has begun to collect the \$10 per person for the bus sponsored by Zone 1 to go to the Third District Picnic at Nansen Lodge on Staten Island. It will be held on August 23rd, it is a zone event and open to all lodges in Zone 1, so if you want to go make sure you get your money to Karen so you can be on the bus. It is a first come first serve basis and it is a smaller bus than we would have for Atlantic City. Just a note our Atlantic City trip is now cancelled. We cannot get enough attending to make it a break-even trip. It seems with the slots at Jakes on the Island and at Aqueduct racetrack we lost many who would usually attend. We had a good run and we thank Chuck and Kristin for planning and preparing the trips over the years.

Our budget was approved by the lodge and we are waiting for it to be approved by the financial group, but all seems to be a good year coming. Shirley and Barbara thank all the member's suggestions and all were agreed by the lodge. We hired Ellen "Our Own Meatball" to play for us again for the 3 meetings and the picnic. She is always such a fun musical addition to our meetings. Ellen is now playing almost every weekend so if you want to hear her music, check her web site at: <http://www.theswedishmeatballs.com> she would be happy to see you. The "Pleasing and Squeezing" list of events is not up yet but I am sure it will be soon.

We want to congratulate Kristin G for winning the 2025 dues payment from our Dues Assistant Program. Remember each meeting you attend will earn you 1 ticket. So the more meetings you attend the better chance you have to win a free year of membership. It is Norden's way to help members with the dues increase. If you need help just talk with Roy, Karen, Kristin or Barbara. We will look into how we can help. So everyone who attended or were on zoom already has 1 ticket for the "2026 win your dues paid" raffle.

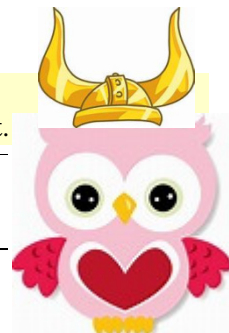
Fraternally, Roy

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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Both Nov & Dec Meeting Minutes along with the 1-26-2025 Minutes Summaries

Minutes for 11/24/2024 Summarized

Opened meeting 2pm. Announced Ellen would be with us, for Julefest.
- Roy welcomed Else Hansen back after her procedure it was nice to see she is doing well. – Announced silent attendance had been taken – Minutes from last meeting approved. – No applications for membership this month.

Correspondence Barbara reported: Having the 3D Secretary letter up front. If onewould like copy, let Barbara know and she will email you a copy. **2-** The lodge received a very nice Christmas card from the district. Barbara passed it around. **3-** Barbara completed the d63 for the officers. Have 2025 youth camp flyers and 3DP picnic flyers at the meeting. **4-** We received a Thank You from the Scholarship fund from Zone 1 for our support and donation. **5-** Helping Hands flyer was also available.

Committee reports

Social director: Janet made a motion to order 10 wreaths. Norma second. Approved.

Newsletter: Les – has extra copies with him. Don't forget to sign up for a booster for the newsletter.

Sports Director: Chuck / Kristin -Atlantic city date is in the spring. Kristin is looking into events and programs the members would like to attend. She will bring a list next month and we should choose a few for her to research for the future. There is nothing going for the lodge to enjoy at this time. - Roy gave everyone a homework assignment to come to the next meeting with thoughts of hat or where you would like to go and do.

Zone: Karen / Les / Barbara Barbara had the scholarship raffle tickets with her, this is the last chance to buy them as we are pulling the winning ticket at the December 6th zone meeting. We are planning on asking the zone if they would sponsor a bus trip to the third district picnic. It will be held on Saturday, August 23rd from 10am – about 4pm at Nansen lodge. The picnic will be all day and you will receive 3 meals plus non-alcoholic beverages for the \$40 entry ticket.

Sunshine: Kathy said all are ok. Else thanked the lodge for the flowers and dinner. It is good to see Barbara S. and Margaret B sends her love.

Parade: Barbara – theme and the pin design. “celebrating Norwegian immigration 1825-2025.” the route the same for 2025.

Old business 1- Dues assistance program – if anyone needs help paying their new dues charges, please contact Karen, Barbara or Leif. We have a new year coming soon, so if you need the assistance with your additional dues payment please let us know. Our fund, the purpose to allow all to stay a member of Norden!

Good of the order 1- Bob McKeever said the annuity has a guarantee of 3% over 5 years. It is a safe place to put your money or inheritance. **2-** Janet has books and a scarf if anyone would like them. **3.** Remember Leif

has items to sell from the Loyal Bazaar. He would like to not have to bring them back home.

Our next meeting is our Julefest. It will be on Sunday December 8, at 2 pm– . The zoom meeting starting at 2:30 pm. Please come early to help set up the decorations and the tree. Roy thanked everyone for coming today.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

December's Julefest meeting was well receive, Sister Ellen Sangesland's Passing was observed with a moment of silence A report on the memorable Burial at Pinelawn was made by attendees Steve & Karen and Les & Kathy. The meal was enjoyed by all who attended. The Traditional Circling around the Christmas Tree in song with the assist of Ellen Lindstrom was in keeping with the warmth of the season.

1-26-2025 Minutes Roy opened with wishes for a Happy New Year & hopes that all received every things they had hoped from Santa this year. Karen played a fun game with her family over the holidays and she wants to play it with us after the meeting. Steve Helmsold performed the installation of Officers.. Dinner was not to be all in the Kitchen at the caterer had fallen sick. A vote for pizza was turned down, just opting for snacks & desert. Silent Attendance taken, minutes to be in next newsletter..

Correspondence: - 1- Remember to sign in the attendance book. Find Mary B and she will write you in. 2- We need to order directories.

Motion made by Karen to order 8 directories. Second by Kristin and approved. 3- Flyers for Henrik Ibsen bowling for fun. 4- Flyer for the Third District Picnic. 5- The Youth Camp flyer.. 6- Helping Hands newsletter. 7- Loyal flyer for the pancake breakfast on Feb. 1.(all available) 8- Literacy letter for a donation. It was tabled.

Financial reports – Shirley made report (available upon request)

Budget – was voted on adjusted in 2 areas and approved. Copies where handed to all in attendance. **Steve made a motion to accept the budget, Les second, discussion, and approved.**

Committee reports: Social director: Janet – spoke about a game she saw and we will do it at the picnic. She has a game for a few meetings to keep us entertained. Love My Park day is the first Saturday in May, and we will select a place at the February meeting. Applications open Feb. 1. Barbara said dinner ordered for today will be had in February.

Newsletter: Les – has extra copies of the Holiday edition with him. All minutes will be in next newsletter. Updates to booster is being reviewed. Les thanked all boosters for their support.

Sports Directors: Chuck / Kristin: Atlantic City is cancelled.

- Picnic: we need to select the date so our pavilion can be secured. The date closest to last year is August 10. Les can you confirm our date. We will work out the food at a later meeting.
- Henrik Ibsen bowling for fun is on Saturday February 16th from 1 – 4pm. Kristin has 11 people signed up so far. If you want to bowl let her know. Last year we had 4 teams. The cost is \$27.50 per adult and \$25.50 per child. Under twelve. Serving cake and coffee. There are 4 – 6 people per team.
- List of events – choose 1 – 3 events for Kristin to research. The event with the highest number will be first, then second, and then third. The list is on your tables so please look them over and vote on what you would like to attend. Les will put it in the newsletter for those who are not at the meeting and would like to attend.

Zone: Memorial Service – May 4 - the zone discussed the memorial and the participation. The service is to remember all our members who have passed to lodge eternal. Those now and those in the past. Please think of joining us this may.

- Brooklyn Memorial Services will be held at their lodges.

- The bus trip for the Third District Picnic was approved. We will start to collect the \$10 for the bus. First come first serve. You must pay the \$40. for the day and the corp. will reimburse you the allotted amount.

- The scholarship applications were sent out to the lodge presidents, secretaries and editors. The due date is March 15, 2025. Let Barbara know if you need an application,

Sunshine: Kathy said all are ok. Welcomed Cliff and Linda back.

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Corporation: Steve said all is OK and there will be a meeting to talk about the budget.

Parade: Barbara – we selected our theme: “celebrating Norwegian Immigration 1825-2025” and we should have our pins next month. We have a ship with the flags. We need a treasurer and a journal chair for the parade committee. We have the \$100. 50/50 raffle going again as a fundraiser.

Dues assistance program: Karen – it is available for those who need help paying their additional dues payment. {this is our money we raise with our 50/50 raffle each month} please see Karen, Roy, Kristin and Barbara who are the committee. You earn 1 ticket for each meeting you attend.- We held our annual raffle for the winner of dues for the year. Kristin won her membership for the year.

3rd District: Steve & Karen: - *Youth camp* will be held in July and the age for campers is up to 17 because some children missed out due to the pandemic. July 20-26,2025, at camp Koinonia. Les gave a talk about camp and how it is the best gift to give your children and grandchildren. As well as noting it is open to children of friends in addition to members.- *3D picnic at Nansen Lodge* on August 23rd. It is \$40 per person. Barbara has flyers up by the podium. Please take one and come to the picnic.

- *Revitalization Committee* is looking into the 999 membership and will send letters to those members to join a local lodge. Each secretary was asked to write a blurb about the lodge and send it to Z5 Director Christine Taylor.- They plan to build up programs on the web site. (Should look at the site for updates).- Oct 9th is the 200th year of immigration when the Restauration Ship landed on the American Coast. We should plan a trip to NYC when it's here.

New business - President Roy nominated the officers for the lodge. They were all elected. District President Steve Helmold performed our installation. We are all duly elected.

Old business - If you changed or have a new e-mail address please give me or Barbara, because the District sends out e-mail blasts to inform you of something important. It will not be shared.

Good of the order 1. Bob McKeever had a few jokes and said the SofN Annuity is at 5.25% rate and keep your savings secure and safe. 2. Janet received a thank you for our donations of the wreaths. 3. Karen mentioned there is a “Last Hope for Animals” shelter. So please bring in your washed used towels, sheets, pillowcases, etc. so we can donate them. She will collect our donations in May. 4. District President Steve congratulated all the new officers. Counselor: may peace and harmony prevail within our lodge. 5. 50/50 was won by Roy Jr. Our next meeting, will be on Sunday February 23rd at 2 pm– we will again have a zoom meeting. Roy thanked everyone for coming today. Meeting adjourned at 3:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Berntsen

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



IT'S ALL SCANDINAVIAN

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

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

**Henrik Ibsen Lodge Bowling
For Fun!**

**Sunday February 16th, 2025
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**East Islip Lanes 117 E Main St, East Islip
Call Chuck or Kristin (631) 412-3361**



Emigration Anniversary Tour to Norway
Tour Leader: Rolf Svane

June 24 – July 5, 2025

Published in 2024 Newsletters
Will appear again in March Issue

A copy before then available upon request

norwaytours@vesterheim.org

”Coastal Retreat”
3rd District Norwegian Cultural Camp
June 26-29, 2025

Isle of Palms, SC (Near Charleston, SC)
For Families and Adults

**CLASSES IN: SCANDINAVIAN DANCING * HARDANGER FIDDLER *
ROSEMALING * NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE BUNADS * LIEF
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Cost: 1 person Room \$700
2 people per room \$900 (\$450/person)
3 People Per Room \$1,150 (\$383.34/ea)
4 People Per Room \$1,350 (\$337.50/ea)

**A more detailed flyer is available upon request
either at our Meetings or via email. Gives one a
beeter idea of the beauty of the site**

SONS OF NORWAY YOUTH CAMP

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**KOINONIA
Highland Lake,**

VELKOMMEN

BACK!

July 20 – 26, 2025 Ages 8 to 17

The completed application form, along with a \$100 registration fee (deposit), must be sent to Katie Brink before March 15. The check should be made payable to District Lodge #3 Sons of Norway. You will receive camp materials including a health form when your application is received. \$550 Sons of Norway members, \$600 Non-members – Send to:Katie Brink

Sons of Norway Youth Camp Coordinator
7107 Fernwood St #2421, Henrico, VA 23228
More Info: uyakkm27@outlook.com Phone: (614) 202-5964

**Activities Include: Canoeing, Language Class, Games,
Bonfires, Rosemaling, Hardanger, Archery & More**

Immigration Tour to NYC
October 5 – 10, 2025
Published In 2024 Newsletters
Will appear again in September Issue
A copy before then available upon request



FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT



Fra 3D President, Steve Helmold, Winter 2024 -2025 (See January Newsletter)
Steve will have a new message the start of next quarter!



SONS OF NORWAY 3RD DISTRICT PICNIC



Aug 23rd 2025 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Place: NANSEN LODGE PICNIC GROUNDS - 3465 Victory Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10314

The usual BBQ fair includes Bagels, Danish, Muffins, Coffee & Tea, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries & Fresh Salad, Roast Beef Sandwiches & Sausage and Peppers, BBQ Chicken w/Corn on the Cob, Watermelon & Ice Cream – This includes an available Cash Bar (No LIQUOR to be brought into the Park) There is Music, Games for both the Adults and Children – Corn Hole, Kubb, Hammer Throw Tournament **RAFFLES and 50/50**

RESERVATIONS Are a Must by 8/1/25 (How Else will we ensure enough food for everyone)

Cost: Only \$40/Adult - \$15/Child 4-12 yrs old – Children under 4 yrs old are free.

Check Payable To: Paul Kornbrekke Mail to Paul 256 Barnard Ave, Staten Island, NY 10307

Info: 718-356-8395

Zone One Bus to 3D Picnic

Aug 23TH 2025 10:00 – 4:00

NANSEN LODGE PICNIC GROUNDS

Seats are limited. First come first serve!

Pick-up stops

8:15 AM Loyal Lodge 201 7th Street St. James

9:00 AM LIE Park and Ride Exit 49 Melville

9:30 Roslyn Train Station Roslyn Heights

The bus will leave Nansen to return home at 4:00PM

Cost of Bus \$10 for members of Zone One. Make Check payable to Zone One Committee Sons of Norway and Mail to Karen Olsen-Helmold, 183 Evergreen Ave, Bethpage, NY 11714

Please include the names of all attending, the place where they will get the bus and a cell phone number.

DID YOU KNOW??

From our Sister Lodge Bondelandet 3-612 First Quarter 2025 newsletter



Nordic Literary Event at Library of Congress

The Library of Congress recently collaborated with the Nordic embassies in Washington D.C. to celebrate fiction and non-fiction works being published in those countries. Each embassy invited an author to represent their country at the forum, which was attended by Norwegian Ambassador Anniken Huitfeldt.

The authors in attendance included: Josefine Klougart from Denmark, Hanna Pylväinen from Finland, Hanne Ørstavik of Norway, Hildur Knútsdóttir from Iceland, and Moa Hergren from Sweden. During the separate panel events, two different themes were discussed. One theme dealt with the Nordic landscape, which featured heavily in the works of the Danish and Finnish authors. Pylväinen's work, "The End of Drum-Time" and Klougart's "On Darkness" both move beyond the usual assumption in their writings that the Nordic landscape is cold and forbidding. The second theme revolved around the keeping of secrets – both from others and ourselves. This theme is found in the other three authors' work – Ørstavik's "Ti Amo," Hergren's "The Divorce," and Knútsdóttir's "The Night Guest." During this panel, Norwegian author Ørstavik discussed her own longing for truth, being vulnerable, and emphasized the need for having a listener in your life. She also suggested that books can even fill these needs at times.

Thank You to our Sister Lodge for this article

Source:

<https://www.loc.gov/item/event-414353/live-at-the-library-a-celebration-of-nordic-writers/2024-09-26/>

<https://blogs.loc.gov/bookmarked/2024/09/10/we-go-nordic-on-september-26/>

LODGE SAVE THE DATE 2025

- Feb 23 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Mar 23 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Apr 27 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- May 16 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 6 PM (Change Due to Parade)
- Jun 22 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Sept 28 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Oct 26 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Nov 23 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Dec 7 - Christmas Fest St Peters 2 PM Music by Ellen?

Activities In and Out of Our Zone!!!

- May 4 - Zone1 Memorial Service, St Marks Church Islip 1PM
- Jun (2025) - 3D Cultral Weekend
- Jun 24 to Jul 5 - Emigration Tour of Norway (See Pg 3)
- Jul 20 - 26 - 3D Youth Camp Upstate
- Aug 23 - 3D Picnic Nansen Park Staten Island (Bus Available)
- Oct 5 to 10 - Immigration Tour of NYC (See Pg 3)

*** BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ***

Month's Birthdays - Gratulerer Med Dagen!

Name	Day	Name	Day
Irma Burgert	5	Roy Jr Berntsen	19
Barbara Carlson	5	Lauren A Ecock	19
Jean A Rogers	5	Charles Gottilla	24
Juliana G Solberg	9	Dara Eskenazi	27
Frederick E Tremel	12	Mira Rathkopf	27
Kimberly S Lynn	15		

5 Yr+ Membership Milestones For This Month, Congratulations:

- Michel DeMarco - 63 Years, Barbara Berntsen - 53 Years
- Roy Berntsen - 53 Years, Eleanor Lygren - 52 Years
- Gladys Sollitto - 44 Years, Shirley Erland - 43 Years
- James Sollitto - 34 Years, Nina Holvedt - 33 Years
- Nancy Seals - 27 Years, Linda Hoerberlein - 9 Years
- Krystal Gottilla - 8 Years

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.**

Attendance: *11-24-2024: Barbara Struckman, Kathy Johannessen, Les Johannessen, Clif Hotved, Nina Hotvedt, Roy Berntsen Jr. , Roy Berntsen, Barbara Berntsen, Chuck Gottilla, Mildred Sandberg, Nancy Rucci, Bob Saunders, Janet Hannigan, Norma Ohsberg, Mary Booton, Tim Baxley, Leif Easterson, Shirley Erland, Nancy Seals, Susan Olson (Z), Kristin Gottilla (Z), Else Hansen

GUESTS None - 50/50 won by Leif Easterson
For: 12-08-2024: Tim Baxley, Mary Booton, Barbara Berntsen, Roy Berntsen, Les Johannessen, Kathy Johannessen. Janet Hannigan, Bob Saunders. Shirley Erland, Barbara Struckman, Chuck Gottilla, Nina Hotvedt, Clif Hotvedt, Kristin Gottilla (Z), Nancy Seals, Nancy Rucci, Kennet Njerne, Ethel McKeever, Bob McKeever, Mildred Sandberg, DoreeAnn Kohl, Fred Tremel, Jean Tremel, Norma Ohsberg, Leif Easterson, Kin Lynn

GUESTS Ellen Lindstrom (Music), Gunhild Njerne, Justin Lynn, Annabell Lynn - 50/50/won by Leif Easterson
For: Jan. 26, 2025 - Steve & Karen Helmold, Mary Booton, Tim Baxley, Les & Kathy Johannessen, Clif & Nina Hotvedt, Barbara Struckman, Roy & Barbara Berntsen, Roy Berntsen

Jr, Shirley Erland, Kristin Gottilla, Janet Hannigan, Nancy Rucci, Nancy Seals, Bob & Ethel McKeever, DoreeAnn Kohl, Leif Easterson, Inger Nielsen, Linda Petersen, Craig & Christine Carlsen (z), Chuck Gottilla (z), Susan Olson (z), Norma Ohsberg (z) - Roy B Jr. won the 50/50.

The Lodge's Official Annual List of Attendance at our Meetings is Available upon request. Just ask your Editor or any of the Lodge's Officers.

2024 Norden Star Boosters Updated 02/06/25

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

IN MEMORY OF

COMMEMORATORS

<i>Erland, Endre & Sigrid 9/25</i>	<i>Daughter Shirley Erland</i>
<i>Frey, Judith 2/30</i>	<i>Daughter Norma Frey</i>
<i>Maies, Betsy Jane Sersted 3/24</i>	<i>Daughter Janet Maies Hannigan</i>
<i>Johansen, Lars, Sigrid & Art 10/30</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Jacobsen, Edward 4/29</i>	<i>Brother John & Wife Carol</i>
<i>Larssen, Tryggve & Signe 3/23</i>	<i>Daughter Greta & George Brown</i>
<i>Stuckman, Erik 12/23</i>	<i>Mother Barbara</i>
<i>Skauvold, Harry & Kate 12/24</i>	<i>Daughter Christine Carlson</i>

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

What's Going on at Lodge Meetings

- We are still doing show & tell - So if you know or have an ethic item, theory, or custom to share, do it during our meetings. We have had a number of good and interesting presentations. Please we would like to see interesting items no matter how big or small.
- We held our election of Officers at the last meeting. Most of our officers agreed to return with very little change. Thank God for the dedication of those who have agreed to stay on. But more important, involvement by others would lead to more new ideas. Give it a thought, we could use you, and there are many that will help you succeed!



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



You can see we are busy and hope to have Many more activities to present. But let's take care of all of this stuff on our plate. The recent scholarship Pancake Breakfast at Loyal Lodge was, I believe a success, but I couldn't help but notice that not many from our Lodge attended. Let's hope we are in a better position to help next time. Make sure you join in! For those that attended it was a nice event.

Some Cultural Items for the Month

Cultural Corner: The Giant's Mountain - part 1

Above the Vaage parsonage rises a hill or small mountain crowned with tall and majestic pine trees. It's called the giant's mountain by the people around there. It's very steep and full of deep dark crevices.



If you stand on the bridge over the rushing river below it somewhere and call your imagination to your assistance, the rocks seem to form a large double gateway in one of the weather-beaten sides, and at the top it looks exactly like a gothic arch. Old, white-stemmed birch trees stand as pillars at its sides, right below where the arch begins.

Now, this archway is hardly an ordinary door or gate, but an entrance to a giant's castle; it's the gateway called the "giant's gate". In the old days, if anyone wanted to borrow anything from the giant, or to speak with him on other business, it was customary to throw a stone at the gate and say: "Open, giant!"

One day a travelling fairy tale collector made an old farmer show him the way to the giant's gate. They knocked on it twice, but none opened it. Can you believe that? The visitor wondered if the giant would not receive them due to his old age. Or maybe the many stones thrown at his gate had troubled the giant too much. It was too hard to tell.

Barbara

History Article: The Battle of Hastings -- part 7

During the course of the battle William had three horses killed under him and was forced to ride round the field, his head bared, to reassure his army that he was unhurt; assisted by his half-brother Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, in rallying the Norman soldiers. A particularly savage fight developed around the position held by the now severely wounded Harold and his royal house-carles. Finally, the Saxon King was killed, followed by his brothers, Earl Gurth and Earl Leofwin, and the remaining house-carles. It was late afternoon and much of the remnants of the Saxon army gave way, fleeing the field; although a significant force continued to fight. The battle finally ended with all the remaining Saxons killed.

The heaped bodies were cleared from the center of the battlefield, William's tent pitched and a celebratory dinner held.

Dead and dying men and horses are depicted in dramatic detail in the Bayeux Tapestry



Follow-up to the Battle of Hastings:

It was some time before Saxon England acknowledged William as king. William was forced to march to the West and cross the Thames at Wallingford in Oxfordshire before circling round from the North and capturing London, devastating the countryside as he marched. The Tower of London was the first of the castles William built to dominate and subjugate England. William was finally crowned in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1066 by the Saxon Archbishop, Aldred of York.

In March 1067 William returned to Normandy, leaving Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, to continue the process of building castles and subjugating the population. William only returned to England on four further occasions. William the Conqueror died following the

capture of Mantes in 1087, leaving England to be ruled by William II and Normandy by his eldest son Robert. Probably only 20,000 Normans and other Frenchmen came to England as a result of the Conquest. Nevertheless, the Saxon country was transformed, French becoming the language of administration and government and the Conqueror's followers displacing the native nobility. The Saxons lamented their lost freedom for two centuries while England now looked across the Channel for cultural and political inspiration. Conquest in France remained the obsession of the Frankish kings of England until the 16th Century. French names predominated among the nobility and the military classes

Barbara

Don't forget by selecting (clicking) on a picture you can enlarge it by selecting it first and then select & hold one of the dots that appear & pull until the desired size is reached

During the meeting our Sports Directors Offered the below list of suggested events we as a Lodge would be interested in doing. If you did not have a chance to participate, here's your chance! Contact Chuck or Kristin and let them know your choices. If you have a different thought from the ones listed pass that along with or in addition to your answers.

LET'S GET INVOLVED !!

List Of Events Suggested Select 1,2,3

Fire island light house	
Winery on the island	
Brewery on the island	
Aquarium	
Outside mini golf	
Inside mini golf	
Country club golf	
Roller skating	
Amusement park	
Bowling	
Car racetrack	
Horse racetrack	
Movie night	
Comedy club	
Museum tour	
Mystery bus trip	
Paint night	
Broadway play	
Hockey game	
Football game	
Baseball game	
Tennis match	
*** Game	
*** Other	
*** Other	

Here's an idea for next year – Super Bowl Boxes Fundraiser



Condolences from Norway's HM King Harald V to President Trump

His Excellency Mr Donald Trump
President of the United States of America
Washington DC

Your Excellency,
I was deeply saddened by the news of the tragic crash in Washington DC on Wednesday 29 January, which claimed so many lives. On behalf of myself and the Norwegian people, I would like to express my sincere condolences to you and the American people and ask you to convey my deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and others affected by this tragic event.

Harald R

'Oslo' marks its latest 100 years

January 1, 2025 - It's now officially been 100 years since city and state officials changed the name of the Norwegian capital back to its original "Oslo," from the end of the Viking age. No longer would the name of the biggest city in the still-newly independent Norway reflect former Danish rulers. It was on Thursday January 1 1925 that residents of the Norwegian capital woke up to living in "Oslo" and not "Kristiania," or "Christiania" even before that. It was an international event of sorts, since it's not every day that a rapidly growing national capital changes its name.

The newspaper *Norges Handels og Sjøfarts Tidende*, forerunner to newspaper *Dagens Næringsliv (DN)*, noted at the time that British newspapers published lengthy reports and photos of Oslo, wished it well and even made a few jokes about the name change. It would, reported London's *Daily Herald*, at least be easier for school children to write and spell. The name change could also, other commentators wrote, even set an example for Iceland. Behind the name change was a lot of Norwegian pride in Norway's rising prosperity at the time, its polar exploration accomplishments and relatively recent emergence as its own sovereign nation with its own new royal family. Norway had broken out of an unhappy union with Sweden just 20 years earlier, in 1905. Before that, Norway had been under Danish rule since its own former monarchy and clergy had been mostly wiped out by the plague that hit in 1349.

Norway's centuries under foreign rule have been referred to as its "400-year-long night." Bergen had been its major port and city during the Hanseatic era, until the plague is believed to have arrived there first and then spread around the country. Oslo, meanwhile, was also a major settlement with roots back to Viking times, and is where Norway's historic fortress and royal residence Akershus was built at

the top of the Oslo Fjord, still a direct sail north from Copenhagen.

The Danish rule that eventually gripped Norway was firmly controlled from Copenhagen, when Denmark was also often at war with Sweden. Oslo became especially important for exports of everything from cobalt to granite and timber to Denmark.

It continued to be called Oslo through the Middle Ages until 1624. That's when King Christian IV, one of Denmark's many rulers over Norway, decreed that the original city be rebuilt directly behind behind Akershus after another devastating fire, and named after him. Oslo thus became "Christiania" and remained so well into the 1800s. That's when Oslo residents and officials began to spell it with a "K" that was considered more Norwegian.

Debate over the capital's name arose in earnest during the late 1800s, when historian PA Munch claimed that "Oslo" was the city's most natural and historic name. Many Norwegians who had moved from rural areas of Norway to the capital in search of better jobs seized on the idea, viewing "Oslo" as better reflecting Norway's long history than "Kristiania" did.

The capital's own longtime residents, though, wanted to retain the name of the city where they were born as "Kristiania." Historian Kirsti Gulowsen, in charge of Oslo's city archives, wrote in newspaper *Dagsavisen* this week that they thought "Oslo" was "perhaps too short, snobbish and strange." Oslo, Gulowsen noted, was also already the name of the oldest neighbourhood within the capital, now known as *Gamlebyen*, literally "the old city."

When the capital faced its 300th anniversary as Christiania/Kristiania in 1924, the name issue came to a head amidst plans for a jubilee. The city council, aware that any name change had to be verified by state law, thought debate had flown for long enough. The vote ended in a tie. When the issue was decided upon in Parliament in June 2024, those favouring "Oslo" ultimately won over more conservative votes.

The name change took effect from January 1, 1925. There was no lavish jubilee for the capital during the course of 1924, but various historic events were held, also last year when the city celebrated its past 400 years.

City officials have paid more attention in recent years to the city's thousand-year celebrations held in 2000. An exact founding date for Oslo has never been established, but archaeologists date settlements and English convents to well before 1000, the first marketplace, homes and church to the late 900s and the first royal compound (*kongsgården*) in Oslo to the reign of Harald Hardråde around 1048.

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