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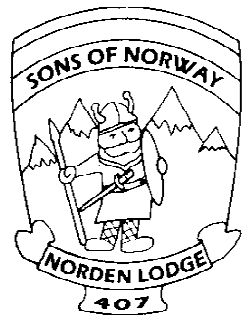
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NORDEN STAR



NORDEN LODGE #407 HUNTINGTON

Celebrating Our 86th Year



May, 2024

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 Aril 28, at 2 PM**
On Facebook at: **NordenLodge3-407 Sons of Norway** - On the WEB at **NordenLodge3-407.org**
Deadline for Items for the June, 2024 Newsletter PERIODICAL is June, 1, 2024

MONTH'S MESSAGE

Our last meeting went well although we were missing some of our regulars. Our May meeting will be on Friday Evening – May 17, 2024 and dinner will be at 6PM and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Barbara checked again with Amanda again to make sure we are all set for dinner.

We voted to host the first lodge Scholarship Award presentation during our regular June afternoon meeting for the remaining 7 of the award winning students. Barbara went to Færder Lodge meeting on May 5 to present the awards to the other 2 students and the meeting was well attended by both Færder and Lodge Brooklyn members. So our scholarship awards afternoon will be chips plus cake and coffee. We are not sure how many are coming, so ordering dinner would be very difficult. Just giving you the heads up, so have lunch before you come to the meeting.

If you own a SofN product (insurance or annuity) and your email address is on your SofN profile, you should be able to elect the next International Board. Things at the home office are not forthcoming and we do seem out of touch lately. The board seems to make decisions but it takes them a long time before they actually tell the lodges or to my understanding the district. The new decision about the upcoming dues increase is one of those items. The other was the Fraternal and Foundation officer position elected at the 2022 convention and it took them until the mid December 2023 to tell the district that the position was not approved. Barbara was told that as she is on the nominating committee, she did not need to fill that position. There are a few spots open for nomination so if you are a delegate and would like to run for an office, give her a call and she will tell you what positions are open at this time. Please think it over and support the district and the board.

The parade will be on Sunday the 19th and Barbara invites you to march in the parade. Norden is not marching as a group but if you want to participate, you can find her at the beginning of the parade and march with the committee. Many of the committee members march with their respective groups so the more the merrier and all are welcome to march in the parade.

For our delegates, Zone 1 held their caucus and went over the upcoming resolutions and held the election of the Zone Director officers to the Third District Board. Zone 1 Director is Elaine Breiland and the Assistant Zone 1 Director is Susan Olson. We congratulate both Elaine and Susan for their support of the Third District and our Zone.

The minutes in the Norden Star 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. Contact her 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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April 28th Meeting Minutes Summary –

President Roy opened the meeting at 2:55pm. He was glad to see the members in attendance. - He stated we need to go over a few items that were not reported at the last meeting due to the corporation meeting and the music. Normal meeting opening.

Secretary Barbara – silent attendance taken

Motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Approved!

No new members at this time.

Shirley not present, report given by Barbara from her written report: *(Which is available upon request)*

Correspondence: Barbara wrote:

- Remember to sign in the attendance book. Mary has it.
- Henrik Ibsen 90th anniversary – thank everyone who attended. It was a great party and Roy and Barbara thanked the lodge for sending them
- Thank you from Helping Hands Mission – Barbara summarized the letter.
- Convention information – it is held on June 7 – 10. We need the memorial list from convention June 2022 to May 2024. Barbara sent the list to Jeannie Andreasen. She will accept other names if they pass before May.
- Barbara discussed an item she saw in the Norsk Carolina lodge newsletter president's message. "we had a great February meeting with attendees bringing something special from their family's heritage. We even had a member attend that has been on our mailing list but hadn't come to a meeting before. Ryan brought a family book to share. Great to see you, Ryan!" As the show and tell progressed, we thought of other things we have that we could have brought so we are planning to do this again.

She asked the membership if they thought this was a nice idea. It was agreed and **next month** we will discuss the who' and when's. So **look around at articles in your home to bring in for a short talk about it.**

Committee reports

Social director: Janet told us again about "love my park day." It is on May 4th – the day of the Zone 1 caucus.

Barbara ordered food for the May meeting and the picnic. June will be discussed. The May meeting will have open faced sandwiches. Dinner, should we keep it at 2 o'clock – the decision was yes.

Sports Director: Chuck / Kristin: Chuck spoke to the bus for Atlantic city on June 1 – his deadline could be moved from Friday to Wednesday May 1. If he does not get the additional 11 people, he will hope to move the deposit to October 2024.

Picnic: we selected the date of august 11. Did we obtain the approval? In the budget we have voted to hire the cook and order the food from Amanda, that is all set. Barbara spoke with Amanda about the picnic on August 11. All is set for the day.

Ducks game – will be held in July. - Henrik Ibsen fishing at Captree on August 24.(1:30 to 6:00 PM)

Zone: Barbara announced:

- Scholarship** -- Karen made the raffle tickets again this year and both Barbara and Karen have them here for the zone 1 scholarship. Barbara will send some out to our members who asked. (Scholarship award for students. Barbara will be in Brooklyn giving out the scholarship winners from lodge Brooklyn.
- Memorial LI Service** – May 5 – at 3pm. Please plan on coming it is a wonderful tribute to our departed.
- Memorial List** -- Barbara sent the list of those who have gone to lodge eternal for Norden lodge in 2023. Barbara is also sending the list of those who will be named in the convention program.
- Brooklyn memorial** will be held on April 28, 2024 – Karen is giving their memorial address.
- Sunshine:** Kathy is not here. Janet announced Barbara had a procedure but is doing OK. Margaret will remain in the Meadowbrook Care Center, she will remain there.

Parade: Barbara – we selected our theme: "celebrating our 70th parade" She has our pins with me. They came out really nice. We have the \$100. 50/540 raffle going again as a fundraiser – She has a few tickets here if you wish. We will only sell 200 – Barbara thanks the lodge for taking a ticket. I hope we win. The pins are \$6.00 this year. She has a few with her.

3rd district: Steve – Karen are not here. Barbara reported on the nice time at the Sports picnic at Nansen lodge on aril 20th. Roy and Barbara attended and it was a wonderful time visiting with friend we don't see that much in person, because of zoom.

New business - June meeting. Barbara volunteered Norden to be the first joint meeting for the scholarship winners. We voted at the zone meeting last week to have the four lodges in Nassau and Suffolk to rotate and host their meeting for the scholarship winners. Norden being the first will host the winners from Norge and loyal to attend the meeting in June to receive their certificates and their checks. Brooklyn will rotate at their bi-lodge meeting in June each year for those winners from lodge Brooklyn and Færder lodge. So we will be doing coffee and cake only for that meeting and not dinner. Amanda is on vacation and i am not sure how many will come so it is better just to have coffee and cake for the June meeting.

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

- Bob McKeever said a few jokes and said the safety of principal is in the SofN annuity.
- Barbara reported there will be a fun afternoon on May 11 at Owl's Head Park.
- Suzie O. said Nor-Bu Lodge is having a Viking reenactment of their lodge on October 5 or 6. Suzie O. said there will be a Midsummer event at VASA Park on June 22. She also said there will be no Scanfest this year. Counselor: Clif may peace and harmony prevail within our lodge. Our next meeting, will be on Friday May 17th at 6 pm– we will again have a zoom meeting starting at 6:30pm. The 50/50 winner was Roy. He received \$27. Roy thanked everyone for coming today. The business meeting adjourned 4pm.

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

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.

*** Make Sure Registration has been submitted this Month Deadline! ***

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 Unfortunately Canceled Planning for October

LOYAL LODGE BUS TO BROOKLYN FOR PARADE



Loyal will once again be having a bus to take us into Brooklyn for the 17th of Mai Parade. Parade will take place on Sunday, May 19th. Guests & other SON members will be charged \$20 for their seat. Please RSVP your seat reservation to Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017 before May 15th. Departure time is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 am from Loyal lodge.

GRATULERER ME' DAGEN!

AFTER PARTY Norwegian Day Parade Sunday - May 19, 2024

Swedish Football Club Outdoor Patio Garden/Bar (Opens @ 12 noon) 725 65th Street (65th Street between 7th & 8th Avenues) Brooklyn, NY 11220



GJOA SPORTING CLUB AFTER THE PARADE SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 850-62ND STREET BROOKLYN, NY



Swedish Club 725 65th St ----- GJOA Club 850 62nd St

*** Long Island Ducks Outing ***

Friday July 19th @ 6:35 PM



(Always a fun night)

Cost is only \$15/Person

LONG ISLAND DUCKS Baseball and Fireworks Ducks T-Shirts from Discover LI (First 1500 Fans)



RSVP by June 30th

Please contact Chuck cell 516-512-9427

Or Kristin cell 516-521-3190

Checks to: Chuck Gottilla, 642 Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

DON'T FORGET JUNE 2

Loyal Lodge Centennial Celebration at Blueblinds Mansion (Elks Club) in Smithtown, NY.



Will Be at Centerport Senior Center Again On August 11th

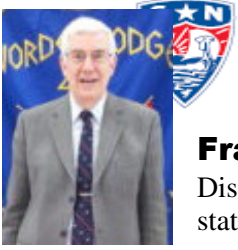
More Info Will Follow

LONG ISLAND ZONE



Took Place: SUNDAY MAY 5th at 3 PM

This was once again a beautiful Service. Many who attended noted how well the recognition of members from before just this most recent year's passing's was received. One felt that although their presents is always felt that it so nice to hear their names once again and remember all that they gave us in fraternal camaraderie With this in mind plan to Join Us next year In This Beautiful Service and add more names of these loved members in remembrance and know they are not forgotten and perhaps rekindle those memories.



FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT



Fra 3D President, Steve Helmold, May 2024 - Recently, Karen and I attended the Third District Picnic chaired by Sports and Recreational Director Paul Kornbrekke. When Paul approached the board stating that he wished to bring back the 3D sports picnic, the board happily gave him the go-ahead. The hard work of Paul and his committee, mainly the members of Nansen Lodge, paid off as the picnic was a great success. I am hoping that it will be even bigger and better next year! A big **THANK YOU** goes to Paul et al.

As I write this message, the time for Third District Convention is quickly approaching and will be here before we know it. Then the summer months arrive when the district lodges take time off from meetings to have their picnics and get together. This is also a time when members travel or just stay home and enjoy the summer.

With that said, it was very disheartening when I, along with other district board members were notified from International Board Chairman Ron Stubbings that our dues will be drastically raised starting July 1st.

In 2021 the international board put out a referendum to go to a board governance format which most of the Third District delegates from the 2018 International Convention strongly opposed and voted “no”, but it passed anyway. Since Sons of Norway went to a board governance format and stopped having international conventions with delegates to represent the members of Sons of Norway, we the members have lost our say in our organization. Just as in colonial times in America where England was taxing the colonists, where it was taxation without representation, we have the same problem not having international convention delegates to represent us. So, we have dues increases without representation. The international board has all the power, we do not have control anymore. We have no say in our own organization. Those who voted to give the International Board of Directors this power did so in good faith. We can only ask, “is the International Board of Directors governing with the same good faith?”

I want the members of the Third District to know that the change in dues was made solely by the International Board of Directors without any input from district presidents or other district leaders. Everyone to whom I have spoken about this agrees that it will lead to a major decrease in membership and could backfire on the International Board of Directors by bringing less revenue overall to the home office.

The fraternal leg of our beloved “3-legged stool” has taken and continues to take the brunt of the shortcomings of the “insurance leg.”

Just during my term of office which began in June of 2022, we have seen the following changes:

- The number of issues of the Viking Magazine decreased from 12 to 6 issues a year.
- The amount of dues received by districts was drastically reduced. In District 3 we had a 73% decrease from 2021 to 2023.
- Our district convention is not being supported this year as it has been in the past; no longer does the home office supply tote bags, pads, pens, booklets explaining Parliamentary Procedures and this is the last year that they will supply ballots, instead they sent a template for districts to print and cut-up on their own. They are also not paying for any representatives from the home office to attend district conventions.
- They are no longer supplying plaques for lodges that reach important milestones such as 50, 75, 100-year anniversaries.
- The recruitment event kits are no longer available from the home office. This box of goodies had signs, applications, and many types of informational handouts for all three legs of our stool: fraternal, foundation and insurance. This forced districts and lodges to develop and pay for their own information to distribute.
- Just prior to my term of office, the International Board of Directors did away with the Founders Award. Soon after raising the threshold for a lodge to win this award from a 3% increase in membership to a 10% increase in membership, they stopped awarding anything. The award was a nice recognition with a small monetary award for lodges that recruited new members.

One might question their ultimate plan for fraternal. Do they want to do away with the fraternal leg of our stool all together? We must work hard to keep the “fraternal” in Sons of Norway by recruiting more new members and by having more programs at lodge meetings, so members do not mind paying the dues increase. The Third District Revitalization Committee is here to help you do just that! There is a lot of helpful information from the committee on the Third District Website.

I hope to see many of you at our convention. Due to the Convention, there will be no president’s message in June. My next message will be in September. Have a great summer.

Fraternally, Stephen Helmold



LODGE SAVE THE DATE 2024

- 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

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
- Aug 24** – Ibsen Fishing Trip, Captree State Park 1:30 PM

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
Ellen M Sangesland	2	Konrad Burgert	12
Ryan Schofield	4	Robert J Michta	20
Jenny M Michta	5	Reidar J Fjeld	21
Joseph Romeo	8	Else Kinney-Patecell	31
Connor Lucas	9	Karen Schofield	31

5 Yr+ Membership Milestones For January, Congratulations:

- Katie Hroch – 84 Years, Greta E. Brown – 74 Years
 - Inger Gundersen - 54 Years, Olaf B Johnsen – 52 Years
 - Else M Colosonno –48 Years, Thore Omholt – 41 Years
 - Ann Omholt – 33 Years, Bette I Stahl - 24 Years
 - Michael D DiPierro – 8 Years, Dylan J Solberg – 8 Years
 - Felicity L Solberg – 7 Years, Robert Ryan Wick – 6 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



Til Mine Once again our Lodge has experienced the loss of a long time member . **Hector Rucci** loved Sons of Norway which he shared with his Argentine Spanish background. Hector overall was a calm quiet man but willing to speak out on topics he thought would be of benefit to others. This friendly sole will be missed. Rest our brother, your caring absence has been noted by us all.

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.**

4-28-24 Meeting Attendance: MEMBERS Mary Booton, Tim Baxley, Roy Berntsen, Barbara Berntsen, Kristin Gottilla, Chuck Gottilla, Nancy Rucci, Nancy Seals, Susan Olson, Nina Hotvedt, Clif Hotvedt, Ethel McKeever, Bob McKeever, Mike Di Peirro, Linda Petersen, Janet Hannigan, Bob Saunders, Else Hansen, Thore Omholt, Leif Easterson - **Zoom** - Christine Carlsen, Craig Carlsen - **Guests:** none

2024 Norden Star Boosters Updated 05/09/24

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, Shirly 9/24	Sorg, Mabel 6/26
Hansen, Elsa 6/25	

IN MEMORY OF

COMMEMORATORS

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

Youth Camp Registration is Due in May

Some Cultural Items for the Month

Cultural Corner: *Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson - poet and writer - part 2*

The first children's parade: Marking special days or festivals with celebrations involving parades with banners, music and singing was common in the past. A school headmaster, Peter Qvam, is thought to have come up with the idea of holding the first children's parade in Norway in 1869. Qvam was a friend of the author Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson. Both argued keenly in favor of



organizing a children's parade to celebrate Constitution Day. The following year, in 1870, the first children's parade marched to the Palace, stopping to sing the royal anthem beneath the Palace balcony. It was primarily the famous writers Henrik Wergeland and Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson who made *syttende mai* a real national day in ever-widening circles of the Norwegian people. It was through the latter's initiative that the first *barnetoget* (children's train or procession) came to be in 1870. Bjørnson's friend, school principal Peter Qvam, had organized a children's train at his school the year before. What was first called *Smaagutternes Flagtog* (the small boys' flag procession), brought together 1,800–2,000 schoolboys and started one of the most important 17th of May traditions in Norway. While the so-called *borgertoget* (citizens' train or procession) has become less and less important, the children's train has become the central feature of the 17th of May celebrations in both rural and urban areas.

During World War II, it was forbidden to participate in the 17th of May parade or to wear the colors of the Norwegian flag on your clothes. Upon liberation on the 8th of May 1945, the flag therefore became an extra strong symbol of Norway's freedom.

The parade, or *syttende mai-toget*, is a highlight of the day's celebrations. The parade features schoolchildren, marching bands, and local organizations, all dressed in their best attire. The parade typically starts in the morning and makes its way through the city or town, with spectators lining the streets to watch and cheer. Only boys, some 1,200 in all and most of them from Qvam's school in Christiania, took part in the first children's parade. It was not until 1889 that girls, pupils from Mrs Ragna Nielsen's school, were allowed to join the parade. Møllergata school was the first school to have its own band in 1902. The current celebration of the graduates-to-be from upper secondary school dates back to 1905, when the graduating class took part in the May 17th parade for the first time.

Collaborations with Grieg: In the 1870's Bjørnson and the composer Edvard Grieg, who shared his interests in Norwegian self-government, became friends. Grieg set several of his poems to music, including *Landkjenning* and *Sigurd Jorsalfar*. Eventually they decided on an opera based on *King Olav Trygvason*, but a dispute as to whether music or lyrics should be created first led to Grieg being



diverted to working on incidental music for Henrik Ibsen's play *Peer Gynt*, which naturally offended Bjørnson. Eventually their friendship was resumed. The "national poet" is the picture to your left of Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson and Karoline Bjørnson at Aulestad. Bjørnson settled on his estate of Aulestad in Gausdal. In 1877 he published another novel, *Magnhild*, in which his ideas on social questions were seen to be in a state of fermentation, and gave expression to his republican sentiments in the polemical play *Kongen* (The King). In a later edition of the play, he prefixed an essay on "Intellectual Freedom" in further explanation of his position. *Kaptein Mansana* (Captain Mansana), an episode of the war of Italian independence. Extremely anxious to obtain full success on the stage, Bjørnson concentrated his powers on a drama of social life, *Leonarda* (1879), which raised a violent controversy. A satirical play, *Det nye System* (The New System), was produced a few weeks later. Although these plays of Bjørnson's second period were greatly discussed, few were financially successful. Bjørnson produced a social drama, *En Handske* (A Gauntlet), in 1883, but was unable to persuade any manager to stage it except in a modified form. In the autumn of the same year, Bjørnson published a mystical or symbolic drama, *Over Ævne*, dealing with the abnormal features of religious

excitement with extraordinary force; this was not acted until 1899, when it achieved a success.

Bjørnson had done as much as any other man to rouse Norwegian nationalistic feeling, but in 1903, on the verge of the rupture between Norway and Sweden, he preached conciliation and moderation to the Norwegians. However, in 1905 he largely remained silent.

When Norway was attempting to dissolve the forced union with Sweden, Bjørnson sent a telegram to the Norwegian Prime Minister Michelsen stating, "Now is the time to unite." The minister replied, "Now is the time to shut up." This was in fact a satirical illustration published in *Vikingen*, but the story got so popular and widespread that Bjørnson had to deny it, claiming that "Michelsen has never asked me to shut up; it would not help if he did".

He died on 26 April 1910 in Paris, where for some years he had spent his winters, and was buried at home with every mark of honor. The Norwegian coastal defense ship HNoMS *Norge* was sent to convey

his remains back to his own land.

Barbara

History Article: *The Battle of Hastings: -- part 2*

Norman soldiers: Battle of Hastings on 14th October 1066



The Normans and the other Frankish contingents in William's army fought in the manner developing across mainland Europe, a mix of archers, dismounted soldiers and above all mounted knights.

The soldiers on either side who could afford it wore leather jackets with steel chain or ring mail sewn into the leather and a conical helmet with a nose guard, carrying a spear, sword and the characteristic kite shaped shield. Archers in the Norman army were armed with a short bow.

The significant features of the battle were the maneuverability of the Norman mounted knights, the terrible power of the Saxon battle axe and the impact of the Norman arrow barrage.

Winner of the Battle of Hastings: The Normans, overwhelmingly.

Map of the Battle of Hastings on 14th October 1066: map by John Fawkes



Account of the Battle of Hastings: William, Duke of Normandy, launched his bloody and decisive invasion of Saxon England in 1066. In that year Edward the Confessor, King of England, died without heir, appointing by his will

Harold Godwinson, son of England's most powerful nobleman, the Earl of Wessex, as his successor. Across the Channel, William of Normandy considered himself rightfully the next King of England, basing his claim on a promise by Edward the Confessor in the early 1050s and an oath of fealty sworn by Harold during an enforced visit to William's capital at Rouen following his capture by the Count of Ponthieu.

Succeeding to the dukedom of Normandy as a bastard child of Duke Robert, William devoted his early adult life to enforcing his authority in a succession of ruthless campaigns, meanwhile building his dukedom into a fearsome mini-state, efficient both administratively and militarily.

In the summer of 1066 William assembled an army of noblemen and adventurers from across Northern France to invade England, promising lands and titles in his new kingdom to his followers and obtaining the support of the Pope for the venture.

Barbara

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**Don't Forget
To Look Around The House
for Culture Items to Discuss
at our June Meeting!**



H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon Visits West Coast

The week of April 15, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon made his long-awaited official trip to the West Coast. He was accompanied by Minister for Trade **Jan Christian Vestre** and Minister for Digitalization **Karianne Tung**. The delegation visited San Francisco and Seattle.



The aim of the visit was to promote cooperation with California and Washington on the green transition, new technologies, and maritime industries. Norway and the West Coast are strong partners who agree that collaboration is crucial to the green shift.

For a full account of H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon's visit, www.royalcourt.no/nyhet.html?tid=226150&sek=27262

Ten Years of the Arctic Encounter Symposium

April 10-12 marked the 10th Arctic Encounter Symposium – the largest Arctic policy conference in North America. Several Embassy employees, including Norwegian Ambassador **Anniken Krutnes**, attended, among beautiful surroundings in Anchorage, AK.

- Ambassador Krutnes participated in two panels on the importance of resource management in the Arctic. For Norway, ensuring economic, social, and environmental sustainability is crucial for managing the Arctic going forward. Another attendee was Norwegian State Secretary **Eivind Vad Petersson**. He spoke on several panels (including with Senator **Lisa Murkowski**), where he highlighted the need for preserving peace and stability in the Arctic. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining the Arctic Council as the main format for governance and cooperation in the region.

The above two articles are from the Norwegian Embassy Newsletter, for more articles see Pg 5 for info on how!

Little Vikings - Are still active, the latest

occurred on Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30pm at Norway Hall in St James featuring a spring activity & a story. They so look forward to seeing your children & grandchildren at these meetings. Bring along some friends is encouraged !!!

Appropriate for ages 3-11, but all are welcome!
Contact Michelle Faulkner at (347) 886-3679 for info on any planned events

Norwegian History Roundtable (NHR) is a special Interest group sponsored by Washington Lodge. Meeting are by Zoom and are open to anyone interested in Norwegian history. Contact Bill DeRoche for links to upcoming meetings (programs@norwaydc.org) and for other information about the group. The NHR website is <https://sites.google.com/view/norwegian-history-roundtable/norwegian-historyhome-page>. A video recording of March meeting on Norwegian War Sailors is available on YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzNM89DWM4g
Submitted by NHR Coordinator Bill DeRoche

EVERYDAY HISTORY FACTS



Each week, whether we know it or not, we pay a small tribute to several gods from the ancient Norse pantheon. In fact, four days of the week are named after deities from Norse mythology. Tuesday comes from Tyr, the Norse god of war, while Wednesday is named after Odin, a powerful deity who was the father of many other Norse gods and ruled over Valhalla, the hall of slain warriors (the name is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word “Wodnesdaeg,” meaning “Woden’s day”). Thursday’s namesake is Thor, the Norse god of Thunder, and Friday is named for Frigg, the wife of Odin and the Norse goddess of marriage and fertility.

The presence of Norse mythology in our days of the week is due to the historical connection between the English and Old Norse languages. In the eighth century CE, the British Isles were invaded by Viking tribes from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, all of whom spoke Old Norse. As a result, many words in the English language are descended from Old Norse. The Vikings adopted the Roman custom of naming the days of the week after gods, but replaced the Latin deities with gods from their own mythology. The Old Norse names of Tyr, Odin, Thor, and Frigg evolved over time to become the weekdays we use in modern English today

**Thanks to our sister Lodge in Washington DC
NHR, Sun., May 19, 3 pm, Zoom
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Happy Mother's Day

Join us at our next meeting on **May 17th at 6PM** – Taking advantage of the warmth experienced in our meetings. Don't forget that the Youth Camp Registration is due this month. This meeting we celebrate Norwegian Independence with Music & note the traditional Parade in Brooklyn Sunday May 19th. Let's show the world that we have survived Covid and we are once again enjoying & offering our Camaraderie & support to the community.



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