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NORDEN STAR



NORDEN LODGE #407 HUNTINGTON

Celebrating Our 86th Year



October, 2026

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 September 27, at 2:00 PM**
On Facebook at: **NordenLodge3-407 Sons of Norway** - On the WEB at **NordenLodge3-407.org**
Deadline for Items for the November, 2026 Newsletter PERIODICAL is November 18, 2026

MONTH'S MESSAGE

I hope to see many of you at our October meeting. We will catch up on all our events and happenings during the summer vacation. I hope everyone had a happy and healthy summer vacation.

All the regular activities will start again. New meetings, a new parade in May 2027, the day in Atlantic city. Plus, more if you want it.

If the lodge agrees we are thinking about changing our format. I do thank Chuck and Kristin for planning so many different activities for us. They do welcome all the other lodges, so let's see how they did. The choice is yours. Please bring your ideas concerning activities, trips and events to the Lodge for future activity.

With the beginning of the new year, we can start planning some ideas you have to enhance the meetings. Please think about it and let us know. Remember the Zone is planning for the 2028 convention, so there will be more information on what is happening and it has all the potential to be a fun event in June 2028. More information will come as the plans develop.

Barbara has arranged our dinner, so come and enjoy.

We need to think about our election for the next two years, so if you want to keep your position, change to another position or just take time off, please let me or Barbara know. We will see if we have a chair for the committee, but I am sure the lodge will be fine.

The new Sons of Norway policies and Procedures was sent out and is on the SofN web site if you wish to check it out. There are new updates so check it out again. There are a lot of changes and Barbara will bring her copy for you to look at. It will be interesting to see how we are the same or if there are differences in the future.

Let's have a good meeting.

As always, remember each meeting you attend, in person or on zoom, will earn you 1 ticket in the Dues Assistant Program raffle. So, the more meetings you attend the more tickets you acquire. Just ask the committee: Karen, Roy, Kristin or Barbara.

It will be nice to see everyone after our summer vacation and our nor'easter rainfall.
{As a side note, I will be celebrating with my cousin Larry n a fishing trip in Connecticut. Have a good meeting.

Fraternally, Roy

If you hear of anyone who is not feeling well, or needs some cheering up, please contact our **SunShine Comm**, 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



*** *NORDEN OFFICERS FOR 2025* ***

For Contact Info Email bigjobber@aol.com

President: Roy Berntsen

Vice President Kristin Gottilla

Membership Chair: Tim Baxley Assist Mary Booton

Secretary: Barbara Berntsen

Counselor: Les Johannessen

Social Director: Janet Hannigan

Youth Dir: Vacant **Editor:** Les Johannessen

Alternate Editor: Barbara Berntsen **Financial Secretary:** Shirley Erland

Treasurer Shirley Erland **Sunshine:** Kathy Johannessen

Sports Dir. Charles Gottilla **Greeter:** Mary Booton

September, 2026 Minutes Summary

Meeting was canceled with the next meeting being October

Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Berntsen, Secretary



Atlantic City



We had a GREAT TIME!!!

On the way down to Atlantic City we played some games. First we played the Family Feud Game and had a lot of fun guessing the answers for the category given, then we started playing Bingo and after the first round we picked up our last stop. The fun continued with a few more rounds. Lastly was the Regatta (battle of the ships by paying \$1.00 to win a reward) and #3 Nordkapp came in first with 7 winners; all winning \$4 each player. Then as we grow close to our destination, we are listen closely as Roy calls out a person and announces "you are a loser" because the time guessed has passed and the hostess has not stepped on the bus yet; Ruthie Kornbrekke won a prize for being the closest time without going over. Everyone enjoyed 7 hours of fun in Atlantic City doing whatever they wanted; gambling, shopping, eating or just walking the boardwalk.

On our way home we announced the Golden Arm award, which Agnes Gundersen won having come home with \$550 more than what she came with. After that we passed out water, chips and candy then we all settled down for the movie .

I would like to thank everyone who helped put this together. First Chuck for arranging the Bus for all of us, second to the lodges who participated in the event to make it happen (Nansen and Henrik Ibsen), Les for getting a bunch of friends to join us and lastly my helpers on the bus (Barbara Berntsen, and of course our President Roy Berntsen).

Kristin Gottilla

HALLOWEEN in NORWAY

Halloween in Norway has gained popularity over the last two decades, influenced heavily by American traditions. Celebrations typically include costume parties, trick-or-treating, and themed events, with many venues hosting special activities during this spooky season.

Overview of Halloween in Norway

Halloween is becoming a notable celebration in Norway, reflecting cultural shifts.

- **Cultural Adoption** — Halloween began to be celebrated in Norway about twenty years ago, but its popularity surged in the last five to ten years.

- **Celebration Activities** — Common activities include costume parties, trick-or-treating, and themed events at local venues, showcasing a blend of traditional and modern practices.

- **American Influence** — Many Norwegian Halloween customs, such as pumpkin carving and haunted houses, are directly borrowed from American culture, highlighting globalization's impact on local traditions.

- **Local Events** — Cities like Bergen host various Halloween events, including haunted houses and themed trails, making it a festive time for families and communities.

Leif Erikson Day

Is an annual observance that occurred on October 9.^[1] It honors **Leif Erikson** (Old Norse: *Leifr Eiríksson*),^[note] the **Norse explorer** who, in approximately **1000 AD**, led the first **Europeans** believed to have set foot on the continent of **North America** (other than **Greenland**).^[2] Because the exact date of Leif's arrival to the Americas is unknown, the October 9 date was chosen in commemoration of the *Restauration's* arrival to **New York Harbor**, carrying some of the first **Norwegian** immigrants to the **United States**. This means the holiday occurs before **Columbus Day** (although it sometimes coincides with the US' observance of Columbus Day).^[3]



*** UP COMING EVENTS ****



IT'S ALL SCANDINAVIAN

Follow and see
Ellen Lindstrom's Band
perform at:

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

***** **Zone One Christmas Party** *****

The Zone is subsidizing the cost of this event to help our members. Please help Zone One by supporting this event and sharing the information early so that our busy members can save the date and display it continuously through the fall for those members who like to wait until the last minute. **Norden Corporation** is further subsidizing this event to allow for a \$10/pp. to Norden Members. Get your name on the list!

Join Zone One for our Christmas Party

December 6, 2026, 1-5

Hartigan House - 517 Central Ave., Bethpage NY 11714

Menu: -Vegetable and Cheese platter
- Salad (your choice of Caesar, Greek, or Mesclun field green with cranberries and walnuts)

Buffet will include: Rigatoni ala Vodka, Baked Ravioli, Sliced Flank Steak London Broil, Stuffed Flounder, Chicken Francais, Roasted Potatoes. Roasted Vegetables, Ice Cream Sunday and cake, Unlimited coffee, tea and soda

CASH BAR

Music by Ellen Lindstrom

Cost: SON Members \$45.00, Non-Members \$60.00

Deadline November 15, 2026. Make check payable to Zone One Committee Sons of Norway and mail to: Kristin Gottilla 642 Grand Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757



*Transportation from Bethpage Train Station
is available upon request!*



DON'T MISS THIS ONE



**SCANDINAVIAN
BAZAAR
@
LOYAL LODGE**

Saturday November 14th 10AM -3 PM

All of Scandinavia's favorite items:

**Baked Goods, Cheeses, and
Other Traditional Food Items
Decorative & Household Items to be
Bought and Raffled
And Oh Yeah!**

**A Delicious Hot Lunch & Snacks
From 11:00 to 2:00 PM**

**** DON'T MISS THIS ANNUAL EVENT ****



**STILL NOT TOO LATE
TO
JOIN IN THE
HAPPINGS
OF THE MONTH!**



FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT



Fra 3D President, Steve Helmold, Fall /2026 I hope that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. I also hope that everyone is aware that Sons of Norway is entering into a partnership with BetterLife.

The International Board held an all-member meeting via zoom to announce the new partnership. They have put some information on their website. After attending the all-member meeting, the members of the Third District Board sent a list of questions to the International Board of Directors in May. We recently received answers to some of our questions. The questions and answers are posted on the Third District website.. - I am very excited about the new partnership. As it was explained at our convention, Sons of Norway was in financial trouble, and this partnership will allow us to continue as Sons of Norway lodges.

We don't have all the details yet, but we do know that the Sons of Norway Bylaws will no longer be what guides us. We will be governed by the BetterLife Bylaws and the Sons of Norway policies and procedures which are in the process of being rewritten.

I have appointed a committee to review the Third District Bylaws and the Third District Policies and Procedures and to recommend any changes needed to be in line with BetterLife's Bylaws and the new Sons of Norway policies and procedures. Changes to the Bylaws will then go to the delegates of the 2026 convention for approval. Changes to the policies and procedures will go to the Third District Board for approval. I will share any new information in my future President's Messages. - Many good and interesting things took place at our 2026 Third District Convention. I would like to highlight a few that will most affect the local lodges.

First, my congratulations to the new Third District Board:

President Stephen - Helmold from Norden Lodge.

Vice-President - Katie Brink from Hampton Roads Lodge.

Secretary - Karen Olsen-Helmold from Norden Lodge.

Assistant Secretary - Karen Lima from Troll Lodge.

Treasurer - Diana Syvertsen from Noreg Lodge.

Charitable Trust Director - Peter Hanson from Norumbega Lodge.

Cultural Director - Cherri Johnson from Bla Fjell Lodge.

Publicity Director - William (Bill) Browning from Norskevenner Lodge.

Zone 1 Director - Leif Easterson from Loyal Lodge

Assistant Zone 1 Directors - Elaine Breiland from Lodge Brooklyn and Susan Olson from Loyal Lodge.

Zone 3 Director - Paul Kornbrette from Nansen Lodge

A ssistant Zone 3 Director - Barbara Bensen from Noreg Lodge.

Zone 4 Director - Kaare Hansen from Norrona Lodge.

Assistant Zone 4 Director - Gregory Lima from Troll Lodge.

Zone 5 Director - Christine Taylor from Tampa Bay Lodge.

Zone 6 Director - Linda Hestvik from Washington Lodge.

Assistant Zone 6 Director - Marie Hansen from Washington Lodge.

Zone 7 Director - Dirk Hanson, from Southern Star Lodge.

Assistant Zone 7 Directors a- Don Watrud from Norge Norsemen/Hampton Roads and Robert Longworth from Hampton Roads.

The delegates passed the merger of Zone 2 into Zone 4. This was necessary because a number of Zone 2 lodges have disbanded or merged into other lodges leaving only two lodges remaining in Zone 2.

Also passed was the ability of the District Lodge to suspend term limits for the Third District Offices.

We passed a resolution to request that the International Lodge be reconstituted and there be an International Lodge meeting.

The delegates also passed a resolution to investigate other Scandinavian organizations and the possibility of forming our own fraternal organization just in case the partnership with BetterLife does not work out. This is only an investigation, and nothing will be done without a vote of the District Lodge (the delegates) at a future date. In my four years as president, as I visited lodges or held programs on zoom with members from lodges throughout the district, this idea was raised many times. If anyone in your lodge is interested in serving on the committee, please have them contact me. - The Third District Board and its committees announced a few programs in which I hope that all of our lodges will participate.

Recruitment and Retention Contest - To entice lodges to recruit new members and offer programs that will help to retain members, the Third District is holding a recruitment and retention contest. The contest will run from June 2026 through May 2027. There will be 3 categories for which prizes will be awarded. Details are available on the Third District Website.

Newsletter Contest - We are bringing back the Third District Newsletter contest. Information along with a sample scoring sheet had been sent to all lodge editors from District Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold. Information about the contest and a sample scoring sheet are also available on the Third District website.

The **Toolbox** is available on the Third District website. Revitalization Committee Chairperson, Christine Taylor, has been hard at work to get lots of ideas to help make your meetings fun and interesting. She has gathered (and continues to gather) programs, skits and events that were successfully done at local lodges and put them in our toolbox for all to share. - The Third District also announced the **Lodge Assistance Program**. Since we no longer get Fraternal Funds from the home office, the Board wanted to do something to help those lodges with limited funds. Lodge presidents and secretaries have gotten information from District Secretary, Karen Olsen-Helmold. The request form is available on the Third District Website. - This is only a small part of what took place during the convention. - The next convention will be June 4th to 7th in Riverhead, Long Island, NY. I hope every lodge will be represented. - If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email.

Fraternally, Stephen Helmold District 3 President

LODGE SAVE THE DATE 2026

Oct25 – Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM

Nov22 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM

Activities In and Out of Our Zone!!!

Nov14 – Loyal Lodge Bazaar 10AM to 3 PM

We are planning for next year but don't forget the Jule Fest Dec 6

*** BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ***

Months Birthdays – Gratulerer Med Dagen!

Name	Day	Name	Day
Mary T Booton	1	Michael D Di Pierro	20
Kate E Johnsen	2	William A Jensen	23
Krystal M Gottilla	12	Kristen Johannessen	24
Carol A Jacobsen	14	Robert Ryan Wick	24
Andrew J Gottilla	15	Kaylin Roth	28
Olaf B Johnsen	19		

5 Yrs+ Membership Milestones For This Month, Congratulations:

Mari Hansen - 60 Years, Jean Rogers – 49 Years,
Carol Jacobsen – 44 Years, John Jacobsen Jr– 44 Years
Karen Carella – 28 Years, Richard Edwards – 28 Years
David Stahl – 25 Years, Andrew Gotilla – 11 Years
Carmen Odin – 11 Years, Andrea Sorg – 5 Years

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our Lodge weathered another Nor'easter last month causing the need to cancel our meeting. This prolonged our getting together after the summer break just a little bit longer. For some of us who took advantage of our Atlantic City outing and the Lodge Picnic the wait doesn't seem as long. All due to the efforts of our Sports Directors who done a marvelous job of keeping us close and entertained – **THANKS YOU CHUCK AND KRISTEN** – As we return this month and start our planning for next year, perhaps we should focus on what we would really like to do and or change, if needed. Each of us should make of our Lodge what we want it to be for us individually and well as an extended family. We soon will be gathering for our annual Christmas Fest and the feeling of true camaraderie in sharing the warmth of the season for us all. God Bless our LODGE.

Meeting Attendance – in order 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.

9-27-2026 – MEETING WAS CANCELED

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.

2025 Norden Star Boosters Updated 3/24/26

Berntsen, Barbara & Roy 5/26	Holvedt, Cliff & Nina 11/28
Berntsen, Margret 5/26	Meusel, Helen 6/27
Berntsen, Roy Jr 5/26	Obsberg, Norma 11/26
Brown, Greta & George 6/28	Rucci, Nancy 7/28
Carlson, Craig & Christine 11/30	Sandberg, Mildred 6/26
Erland, Shirly 9/27	Seals, Nancy 5/27

Hansen, Elsa 6/25 (Always)
Helmold, Steve & Karen 3/25

Stuckman, Barbara 12/25
Tremel, Fred & Jean 9/26

IN MEMORY OF

COMMEMORATORS

Berntsen, Knut 5/26
Berntsen, Margaret 10/26
Gladys J Ecock 10/26
Erland, Endre & Sigrid 9/27
Frey, Judith 2/30
Maier, Betsy Jane Sersted 3/26
Johansen, Lars, Sigrid & Art 10/30
Jacobsen, Edward 4/29
Larssen, Tryggve & Signe 3/23
Obsberg, Artie 11/26
Hector Rucci 10/28
Stuckman, Erik 12/25

Barbara & Roy Berntsen
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Barbara & Roy Berntsen
Daughter Shirley Erland
Daughter Norma Frey
Daughter Janet Maies Hannigan
Family
Brother John & Wife Carol
Daughter Greta & George Brown
Wife Norma
Wife Nancy
Mother Barbara

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. Cash is fine.

WE THANK ALL OUR BOOSTERS HELPING TO GET THE NEWSLETTER OUT



Til Mini !

It is with deep regret that we have lost a brother who has been respected within our Lodge for many, many years. A Past President, Thore Omholt was a rare individual that many often thought was taken advantage of but, the reality of the situation was he was always willing to give. He respected all he met never flaunting his Doctorate or level of intelligence. Mild mannered and willing to sacrifice his feeling for others'. Worked hard for the Lodge, serving as an officer throughout his membership. A true diplomat for his heritage never indicating or expressing a disparaging word for anyone he met. He will be missed

Hvil I Fred !! Thore Omholt



**TIME TO COME OFF
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
NOVEMBER 1**

Hooray for the extra hour sleep



On November 3rd

Some Cultural Items for the Month

Cultural Corner: Viking Children: - School started here in the north but the Viking children did not go to school. They helped their parents to work. They learned Viking history, religion, and law from listening to the spoken stories and songs not from books as we do today. Both boys and girls lived with their mothers and grandparents in the home to learn household skills. By the age of five, Viking children were expected to work to support the homestead. Children were required to learn the jobs of adults. They were required to learn their parent's jobs so that they could keep the farm going when their parents were at sea or at war. Since most Vikings were farmers, both boys and girls were expected to keep the family farm going.



When boys turned five they would usually go to live with an uncle or a respected man within the Viking community, who would teach them the ways of the Viking man. For the next five years they would be taught the skills of farming and the way of the warrior. Viking boys were taught some basic math skills, only to be sure they received their "fair share" when bartering and plundering. By the age of 10 children were considered to be adults and work as hard as their parents or uncle/community man. At the age of five girls remained home to learn further skills of sewing and weaving. They were expected to make yarn from flax and wool. Girls were taught how to cook. In the cooking-room they cooked in was often an unhealthy dark and a smoky area (kitchen). This was all done to prepare her for marriage. Girls were married from the age of 12 -15. It was common for a girl's father to choose her husband. The girl herself had little to say in the matter.



Thor's-hammer: Babies were given little Thor's-hammer charms, to protect them from evil spirits and sickness. Babies were the property of their mother which ultimately was the property of the father or the head of household. A boy usually took his father's name too - so Eric, son of Karl, became Eric Karlsson. Girls often took the same name as their mother or grandmother.



It was a Viking tradition to tell stories, called "sagas." They were often about giants, heroes, and exploration. They were usually told in the form of a poem or a song so they were easier to remember. These sagas were handed down from generation to generation. Viking poems were also called "Skaldic Poems", and the poet was called a "Skald". Because the Sagas were such an important part of Viking culture, a few Viking children were taken under the wing by a learned man and taught to tell the stories and to write. For the most part, however, most people lived in ignorance, and did not feel the need to learn how to read or write.



Most children's toys were home-made whistles made from leg bones of geese. Children had carved wooden dolls, played football, and sailed model boats. Pig bones found at Viking sites could be toy called 'hummers' - made from bones were threaded on a twisted cord. When you pulled the string it make a humming noise. The children learned the game of "Kubb." It is a game played with two teams. You place the largest king block in the center of the court. You balance five medium blocks on each side of the court, separating about 10 - (5) 15 feet apart. Then you toss three smaller sticks (like round dowels) at those blocks 5 blocks across the court. When a team knock over



each set of the five balanced blocks, you earn the right to knock over the king block positioned in the center of the court. The team who accomplishes knocking over the king block is the winner.

We have played Kubb at Land of the Vikings many weekends. *Did you know that:* you can buy or make the Kubb game pieces and start having fun.

Barbara

History Article: Ten Weird Things about

Norway - part 5 Tim and Teresa Ward have been traveling for years, and they are now on the road in Norway for two whole months. We drove from bottom to top, east to west. <https://medium.com/mature-fl%C3%A2neur/ten-weird-things-about-norway-7bdb11d65607> Remember to see the full article all at once, check out their web site. This is from Tim Ward's point of view.

9. Everyone speaks English.

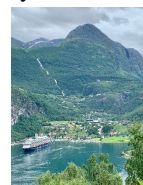
Here's a fun statistic: a greater percentage of Norwegians speak English (89%) than Canadians (86%). Not only is English taught in school, but Norwegians are mostly fluent. Sure, watching American TV shows and movies helps, but so does the fact that Norwegian and English are both Germanic languages with sentence structures that have a similar word order. As a result, visitors can get by with English pretty much everywhere, which makes traveling very easy for unilingual North Americans. Norwegians say they learn English because it is an international language, and they consider themselves international people. In our experience, they really enjoy talking with native English speakers. When they find you are from another country, they will ask with genuine curiosity, "Where are you from?" Whatever you say, odds are they have traveled to your city too, especially in the USA.

Sadly, Norwegian is not so easy for English speakers to master. We ran into a plucky English bartender in Bergen who said that even after 4 years of living in Norway, he found it very hard to learn Norwegian, mainly because of the language's tonal inflections. He knew a lot of words but found it impossible to grasp what his Norwegian friends were saying — so they usually switched over to English when he was around.

On the other hand, I discovered basic written Norwegian was not too hard for me to understand, because many words are almost the same as English. I can read most signs and menus: "Bread" is *brød*; "coffee" is *kaffe*; "fish" is *fiske*. But "don't speed" is written on road signs as *dint fart*. Oh well.

10. Norwegians don't treat you like a tourist.

Teresa and I have travelled all over the world in the past 30 years. After a while, being treated like a tourist gets tiresome. People are usually professionally polite, but you get the feeling you are just one face in a long line of customers. Worse, sometimes you are treated like sheep, just part of the flock waiting to be shorn. I haven't felt this way once in the past two months in Norway. Norwegians don't see you as a tourist. They see you as a person. Even the people in the tourism business — servers, hotel staff, tour guides, bartenders — talk with you as if it's *you* they are speaking to, not a customer. The one situation where there is tension with tourists in Norway is with [cruise ships](#). These ships dump a few thousand tourists off in tiny little fjord towns day after day through the summer months. It's overwhelming.



Barbara



The History of Leif

Erickson Day - The

1874 book *America Not*

Discovered by Columbus

by [Norwegian-American Rasmus B. Anderson](#) helped popularize the idea that [Vikings](#) were the [first Europeans in the New World](#), an idea [that was verified in 1960](#).^[4] In his speech during the [Norse-American Centennial](#) at the [Minnesota State Fair](#) in 1925, President [Calvin Coolidge](#) gave recognition to Leif Erikson as the discoverer of America. In 1929, [Wisconsin](#) became the first [U.S. state](#) to officially adopt Leif Erikson Day as a [state holiday](#).^{[6][7]} thanks in large part to efforts by Rasmus Anderson.^[8] In 1931, [Minnesota](#) did also. As a result of efforts by the Leif Erikson Memorial Association of Saskatchewan, the [Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan](#) proclaimed—through an order-in-council in 1936—that Leif Erikson Day would be observed on October 9. By 1956, Leif Erikson Day had been made an official observance in seven states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, [South Dakota](#), [Illinois](#), [Colorado](#), [Washington](#), and [California](#)) and one Canadian province ([Saskatchewan](#)).

The [federal government of the United States](#) first recognized Leif Erikson Day in 1935 as a result of House Joint Resolution 26, which had been introduced during the [74th Congress](#) (1935–1936) by Congressman [Harry Sauthoff](#) of Wisconsin. Originally, the resolution was written to request the [US president](#) annually proclaim October 9 as Leif Erikson Day, but it was amended in [committee](#) to be for 1935 only. After passing [Congress](#), the legislation was signed into law by President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) on June 19, 1935.^[14] As requested in the joint resolution, Roosevelt then issued [presidential proclamation](#) 2135 on September 11, 1935, designating October 9 of that year as Leif Erikson Day.

In the following decades, several unsuccessful attempts were made to pass legislation requesting Leif Erikson Day be [proclaimed annually](#) by the president.^[16] During the [88th Congress](#) (1963–1964), various members of Congress introduced 12 different resolutions to that effect.^[17] One of these pieces of legislation, House Joint Resolution 393 (proposed by Congressman [John Blatnik](#) of Minnesota), was passed by Congress and then signed into law by President [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) on September 2, 1964, becoming [Public Law](#) 88–566. As requested by the joint resolution, President Johnson also signed Presidential Proclamation 3610 proclaiming October 9 of that year as Leif Erikson Day. Under the 1964 joint resolution, each

president in the years since has issued an annual proclamation, often using the opportunity also to praise the contributions of [Americans of Nordic descent](#) generally and the spirit of discovery.

Bills have been introduced in the [Parliament of Canada](#) to observe Leif Erikson Day throughout the country, but they have failed to pass.

ARE THE PRICES OF GAS IN NORWAY AS HIGH ?

Yes, gas prices in Norway are notably high compared to global averages. As of recent data, gasoline costs approximately NOK 29.22 per liter, which is about 95.9% higher than the global average of \$1.593 per liter.

Current Gas Prices in Norway

Gas prices in Norway are among the highest in Europe.

- **Gasoline price** — The current price is NOK 29.22 per liter, or \$3.120.

- **Diesel price** — Diesel is priced at NOK 28.00 per liter, making it more expensive than petrol, which is unusual for Europe.

- **Global comparison** — Norway ranks as the 3rd most expensive country for gasoline worldwide.

- **Historical context** — Prices have fluctuated, with a maximum of NOK 29.91 per liter recorded recently.

- Why? - The paradox is striking: Norway is one of the world's largest oil and gas exporters, with North Sea petroleum underpinning a sovereign wealth fund worth over a trillion dollars. So why does a nation swimming in crude charge premium prices at the pump? The answer is policy, not scarcity or war!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE !

A Norwegian was telling his friend why his rent had gone up . I told the landlord that I wanted to live in a more expensive apartment, so he raised my rent !

A Norwegian was watching the scuba divers jump off a boat when his friend turned to him and asked: “Why do the scuba divers always fall backwards off the boat”

- The Norwegian replied: “Because if the fell forwards bthey’d still be in the boat, wouldn’t they?”

And lastly:

There was a Norwegian flying in a helicopter to a town 50 miles away. Suddenly everything went black.

- After they crashed the pilot said: “What happened?”

- The Norwegian said: “I got cold, so I turned off the fan.”

If we can’t make fun of ourselves nobody else will!



Place
Stamp
Here

NORDEN LODGE 407

Les Johannessen, Editor

7 Nichols Road

Huntington Station, NY 11746-3419



Join us at our next meeting on Sunday October 25th at 2:00PM Find out how successful Scanfest was this year, it might surprise you! Don't forget to wear something a little Halloweenee. Festivities including gathering with our new & old friends of our extended Scandinavian family!
Come on out and celebrate these Koselig events with us
And bring a friend! - They'll like it Too !!



Are your assets aligned with your financial goals? Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor will offer a



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Robert McKeever, CLU, ChFC, Financially Place, Smithtown NY 11787

Phone: (800) 561-1402 Email: bob@rmclu.com



Got Stamps? Tubfrim Is Still Accepting Stamps !

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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



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.

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 50 years.



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