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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 November 19th, at 2 PM**
 On **Facebook** at: **NordenLodge3-407 Sons of Norway** - On the **WEB** at **NordenLodge3-407.org**
Deadline for Items for the December, 2023 Newsletter PERIODICAL is November 30, 2023

MONTH'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

I want to thank Les for filling in as the Secretary and the treasurer for the last meeting. I thank Cliff for standing in as our Counselor. The meeting went well. All in all, we had a short meeting in October. Many of our regulars were absent for various reasons. We were down about 10 regular members who come each meeting so business was either read from them or summarized. You can tell by the attendance list in this month's newsletter. You will find the flyers and/or the information in other areas in the newsletter.



Barbara is planning for our Thanksgiving dinner and our Julefest so please let her know if you are planning on coming, just so she knows if she ordered enough or too much food. Especially for Christmas, Last year we had an additional 10 members – which was great – but we hoped we had enough food. So please let her know at the November meeting or send her a note.

Chuck and Kristin are planning another trip to Atlantic City, but if we do not get the number of people it will be cancelled. Nothing is set in stone yet, but we can decide at the next meeting the best date and what else we need to vote on for sports. They wanted to let Nansen Lodge and the Brooklyn Lodges know as soon as possible so they can add it to their calendar. Plus of course they will open the trip to the zone and friends who want to attend with us.

Margaret is doing better and we hope to have her home soon. If anyone knows of someone who is ill or in the hospital, please let Kathy Johannessen know. We can send cards to cheer them up and they will know we are thinking of them.

Bowling for Fun, hosted by Henrik Ibsen Lodge, will be held on Feb. 4, 2024 from 1-4 pm. We voted at the last meeting to pay for the bowlers. Please let me, Barbara, Kristin or Chuck know you want to bowl. Chuck will set up the teams. Let's try to get 3 or 4 teams to attend. Henrik Ibsen supported us last year on the Atlantic City trip. Think it over and let us know at the November meeting or just call.

Barbara is thinking about the Art Exhibit in New York City – Scandinavian House – from now to February 17th. She believes it will be a nice trip by train to see the exhibit. It is free to the public but we will need to pay for the train ride. Scandinavian House is on Park Ave only a few blocks from the train Station. They do have a wonderful restaurant if you choose to stay and eat. Let her know and at the November meeting if people are interested you will choose a date to attend.

For those members who have a product – insurance or annuity – please remember to sign onto the sofn.com website and add your email to your roster. (Let us know if you need help with this) Only you can do this. There will be no more conventions and the only way we can guarantee we have some International Board Officers who are culturally and fraternally focused and those who are interested in keeping the lodge structure going, you will need to vote for these candidates.



Happy Thanksgiving

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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October 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes Summary –

Roy opened the meeting at 2:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening remarks indicating that since no business was covered at last month's meeting, this meeting has the potential of being lengthy. No guest were in attendance.

The attendance was taken silently by Acting Secretary Les Johannessen. The summary of minutes from our last meeting, presented in our October newsletter, were accepted by a show of hands as presented. There were no new applications for membership. Financial report read by Roy in the absence of the Treasurer Shirley, was given to members present and are available for review upon request to the Treasurer.

Reports: Correspondence: Secretary Barbara Berntsen's written report noted a reminder that Lodge Brooklyn's 100th anniversary takes place on November 18 at Bay Ridge Manor. The theme is the 1920's in keeping with the founding year with a cost of \$100/ea. We have 5 members going at present, would like to at least have a full table to represent our Lodge. If you are thinking of joining us please contact Roy or Barbara if a ride is needed one can be arranged. Henrik Ibsen's Bowling for Fun event is scheduled for Sunday February 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at East Islip Lanes. Flyers will be available at our meetings as well as in the Newsletter.

Social Director/Sunshine: Kathy expressed the hope that all enjoy the meal being provided for this meeting. Roy reported that his Mother is doing better and is back in rehab – Kathy reports that Gene Tremel, who attended this meeting, was recently in the hospital and we are glad to see her doing so well. Other than that no reported Sunshine events have been received. The hope is that all others are truly well. She reminded all to contact her if there is an event.

Newsletter: Les hoped all enjoyed the pictures in the newsletter provided for members without on line access. He reminds all that there are far more available on our WEB Page and thanked Chuck Gottilla for his involvement in maintaining the Lodge's WEB Page. As usual Les had copies of our October Newsletter available at the meeting.

Sports: Chuck announced that once again the Lodge is working on another Atlantic City trip for next year. The target date is April 30 with an alternative date of June 1. These trips are a lot of fun and the hope is we fill it up so we can continue this very popular event! So let Chuck know that you are ready to support this activity as soon as possible. – This year's Ducks Game on July 15th was well attended by 38 and all got to see a great game followed by an equally beautiful Fireworks display. – This year's Picnic was once again a success. It was a beautiful day complete with games, catered good food and traditional music by Ellen Lindstrom. We had 22 members, including

many we haven't seen in a while, which was lovely, along with 6 guests. – This year's Fishing Trip hosted by Henrik Ibsen was successful, although not as well attended as in the past due to conflicts on the date, it happens! It will return to great event I'm sure next year. – Bowling for Fun is once again returning on February 4th 1 to 4 PM at E Islip Lanes hosted by Henrik Ibsen should prove to once again be lots of fun. The Lodge reviewed sponsoring members attending, as budgeted in our report to the Corporation this year, and approved the effort that all bowler be paid for.

3rd DISTRICT: Steve Helmold written report that Youth Camp will be held July 21 to 28 with an Adult weekend at the end joining the camper's activities. There will also be a Camp this year at Lutherrock Newland, N Carolina, August 8 to 11. More details to follow. – Leadership Training will continue via Zoom on Nov 5, 10 & 12, 2023 Contact Mike Pedersen if interested for meeting info at 631-464-2304. – The District and International will be communicating items of interest to us all via "E-mail Blasts" which includes voting (provided you are an insurance member) and other important info. However, you must update your email. Make sure to update international Profile.(Talk to Karen or Barbara)

ZONE: Scholarship raffle tickets \$5/ea or 6 for \$25 are available from Karen or Barbara, Dig deep so we can continue providing nice Scholarships to our membership Students. – this year's Memorial Service will be on May 5th. A new twist is being added this year which involves remembering those members who's family is in attendance upon request. – The Brooklyn Memorial Service date has not been set to date.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS - Cultural Events at Scandinavian House in

NYC: October 17 to February 17 displaying works by eight Nordic Artists With unique use of natural, synthetic & digital materials. Barbara hopes to be able to add some pictures in our next Newsletter and perhaps put a trip together via train. Will provide more detail at the next meeting. Plan on joining the group which could include a planned dinner in the city. That sounds like fun! – Then Literacy Suffolk is once again running an on line Fundraiser similar to last year. For those who recall it offers ordering Flower Bulbs, Children's Books, Candy and much more. Easy access to these gift and personal items made simple while supporting this worthwhile effort.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Lodge members asked Lodge Zone Representatives to broach the thought of returning to a bus trip to visit the Christmas Bazaars offered by the various churches and organizations during the Christmas Season – Cliff Holvedt reported that he has been taking advantage of the many activities presented at the Norwegian Seaman's Church in Manhattan. He suggested that the Lodge review the schedule for possible involvement as a new Pastor is stirring up many new and returning past events we should find interesting. – Nancy Seals announced that she will be moving to just outside Richmond Virginia next month. She is sorry that she has to leave, out of necessity, and will miss all of us as we will miss her. Good luck Nancy hope you stay a member of our Lodge and we get to see you again in our future. – A reminder of the upcoming Loyal Bazaar on November 4th –

Closing: Roy thanked all for coming and Cliff stated the hope that "Peace and Harmony continue to prevail within our Lodge!"

Meeting Adjourned at 2:47 PM

Respectfully Submitted Les Johannessen (meeting Secretary)



****** 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

****** More Details to follow soon. ******

The committee is moving forward on securing the venue to hold a Cultural/Sports/Family Weekend in the southern portion of the district. Further Info to follow as developed.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO
LODGE BROOKLYN**

100 YEARS!

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2023
1 PM UNTIL 5 PM
BAY RIDGE MANOR**

\$100 PER PERSON
CASH BAR

RSVP BY OCTOBER 15
KIMBERLY@LODGEBROOKLYN.ORG

THE DEETS

Cats and Chicks, come dolled-up to the nines, the bee's knees if it's 1920s glad rags!

RSVP by October 15, 2023
\$100 per person
Kimberly@Lodgebrooklyn.org
Please send checks to:
Lodge Brooklyn
PO Box 522, Tuxedo, NY 10987

Appetizer
Saled
Entree
& Cake

Joint:
Bay Ridge Manor
476 76th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209
Cash Bar
Valet Parking

Entertainment:
Miss Maybell and the Jazz Age Artists
www.missmaybell.com

**LET'S GET BEHIND 100 YEARS IN BROOKLYN
NEED A RIDE? TALK TO LES, ROY or BARBARA
LOOK AT THE FUN YOU'LL HAVE TOO!
We Already have a table going! JOIN US !**

**NORDEN SUPPORTS THE
COMMUNITY AROUND US!!**



LODGE BROOKLYN

YULEFEST

Sunday, December 17, 2023 1 PM until 5 PM
Sporting Club Gjoa, Brooklyn
Requested donation of \$25 SON Members,
\$35 all others, Children under 12 FREE
Catered event and entertainment

**Sporting Club Gjoa Located at:
850 62nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220
PH: 718-745-9436**

**WASHINGTON DC LODGE
NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS FEST!**

A 4-day Christmas Festival at Norway House
3846 Meredith Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030
(Just a 5 Hour Drive from Long Island)
Sat Nov 4 10 to 5 PM - Sun Nov 5 11 to 4 PM
Fri Dec 1 10 to 5 PM - Sat Dec 2 10 to 5 PM
Prior to Covid this Bazaar Was Awesome
Check it Out at: www.norwaydc.org/festival-2023

**Literacy Suffolk
2023 Fundraiser**

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www.literacysuffolk.org**

**Holiday Flower Bulbs Fundraiser!
Order by Dec 1 for holiday shipping
Literacy Suffolk earns 50% off sales
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**Paper Pie for children in your life
Books, Puzzles, Science & Art Kits
Order by Dec 13 for holiday shipping
<https://tinyurl.com/LitSufPaperPie>**

**Great Western Reserve
Check out our new collection - Bags,
Gourmet treats, Gift wrap & More
Order Oct 22 to Dec 8
<https://tinyurl.com/LitSufGWR2023>**

**Candies for the Holidays
Order Oct 22 to Dec 1
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Little Ceasars Pizza Kits 11/1 - 12/1

**Tues Nov 28th 7 - 9 PM
Sip & Shop @ THRED Clothing Boutique
7 Village Green, Patchogue
Or shop on line at same time
www.threadny.com**



FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT



Fra 3D President, Steve Helmold, November 2023 - As I write this, I am preparing for the fall Third District board meeting, so this will be a short message. The district has secured two sites for the cultural/sports weekends. One in New York State for members in the north and one in North Carolina for members in the south. You will receive more information (places, dates and prices) in the next month.

Our leadership training program has been going very well and we have more dates scheduled for virtual zoom sessions, they are Sunday November 5th from 3 to 5pm, Friday November 10th from 7 to 9pm and Sunday November 12th from 3 to 5pm. All the sessions will be the same program, so you do not have to sign up for all three, just one. They are open to all third district members. If you are interested in attending any of these dates, please register with your Zone Director by sending him or her your email address and the day that you wish to attend.

Lodges that are electing new officers for 2024 should be planning to hold their elections in November so that your secretary can complete the D-63, Change in Officer report by the December 31, 2023 deadline.

I hope to have more information to share with you in my next president's message after the upcoming board meeting.

At this time Karen and I and the whole Third District Board would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,

Stephen Helmold

The Legend of Queen Dagmar (My favorite all time Monarch) (From the TDT 3rdQ)

The beloved Queen Dagmar (softly pronounced as Dow-mer with the ac-cent on the first syllable) was born a princess in Bohemia and became the wife of thirteenth-century ruler King Valdemar the Victorious.

In 1205, Dagmar sailed to Ribe from Meissen to marry the Danish King. According to tradition, the day after the wedding, Dagmar received a morning present from Valdemar, but she had not wanted jewelry or other riches. Instead she wanted all prisoners in Valdemar's prisons released and the high taxes for farmers to be lowered. Valdemar granted both her wishes and Dagmar quickly became a beloved Queen of the people.

Dagmar of Bohemia (also known as **Margaret**, Czech: *Markéta*; c. 1186 – 24 May 1212 in Ribe) was Queen of Denmark as the first spouse of King Valdemar II. She was the daughter of King Ottokar I of Bohemia and his first wife, Adelaide of Meissen.

Margaret's father, Ottokar I, became Duke of Bohemia in 1192, but in 1193 was deposed. He then left Bohemia with his family. His wife, Adelaide, and their children found a new home at the court of her brother Albert I, Margrave of Meissen. Ottokar became a mercenary for German rulers. In 1197, Ottokar became the Duke of Bohemia for a second time. He repudiated Adelaide and divorced her in 1199 on the grounds of consanguinity. He married Constance of Hungary later the same year. This step, together with other maneuvers, helped him later to obtain the hereditary elevation of his title to king.

Adelaide did not waive her rights. In 1205, she returned to Prague temporarily. At that time, Ottokar decided to marry their daughter, Margaret, to Valdemar II of Denmark. His new wife Constance gave birth to a son, later King Wenceslaus I of Bohemia, the same year. Adelaide left Bohemia soon and died a few years later.

Before his first marriage, Valdemar had been betrothed to Richeza of Bavaria, daughter of the Duke of Saxony. When that engagement fell through, he married Margaret, now known as Dagmar, in 1205 at Lübeck. According to the records of *Annales Ryenses (Rydårbogen)*, in 1206 Queen Dagmar influenced Valdemar to release one of his most fervent enemies, Valdemar, Bishop of Schleswig, who had been held in captivity since 1193.

In 1209, Queen Dagmar gave birth to Valdemar the Young (c. 1209–1231). Queen Dagmar died on 24 May 1212 while giving birth to her second son, who did not survive. She was just 23 years old. She was buried in Ringsted in St. Bendt's Church. Valdemar II elevated Valdemar the Young as co-king at Schleswig in 1218. However, Valdemar was accidentally shot with an arrow while hunting at Refsnæs in North Jutland during 1231.

Not many things are known about Dagmar as a person. Most of the im-

age of Dagmar comes from later folksongs, myths and legends, designed to present her as an ideal Christian queen; mild, patient and universally loved, in contrast to her unpopular successor, Queen Berengaria. Old folk ballads say that on her deathbed she begged Valdemar to marry Kirsten, the daughter of Karl von Rise, and not the "beautiful flower" Berengária of Portugal. In other words, she predicted a struggle for the Danish throne between the sons of Berengaria.

After Dagmar's death, in order to build good relations with Flanders (a commercially important territory to the west of Denmark's hostile southern neighbours), Valdemar married Berengária of Portugal in 1214. Queen Dagmar is buried in St. Bendt's Church in Ringsted, on one side of Valdemar II, with Queen Berengária buried on the other side of the King.

In 1690, when her gravesite was removed to make way for the tomb of Erik VI (Menved) and his Queen Ingeborg, a small gold cross with detailed enamel work was found on the breast of Queen Dagmar.

In 1695 the cross was donated to the National Gallery of Denmark. The jewel of Byzantine design and workmanship, is of gold, enamelled, having on one side a crucifix, and on the other side portraits of Christ in the center, St Basil, St John Chrysostom, Mary the Virgin and St John the Apostle-Evangelist. In 1863, King Frederik VII of Denmark donated a replica of the cross to Princess Alexandra of Denmark, daughter of the later King Christian IX of Denmark when she married the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII of England.

In the modern era, the Dagmar Cross "is worn by Danish girls for their confirmation into the Lutheran Church, and is also given to children as a baptismal gift." In the Lutheran Church of Sweden, "the cross is now delivered to the new bishop, on his installation in office, by the Archbishop of Uppsala, together with the mitre and crozier."

(Article Provide by TDT = Third District Today 3rd Quarter Newsletter)



LODGE SAVE THE DATE 2023

Nov 19 - Lodge Meeting (St Peters) Sunday 2 PM

Dec 3 - Christmas Fest

* Notes Change of planned meeting date.

Activities In Our Zone!!!

Nov 4 - Loyal Bazarr St James - Email sent! 10 AM to 4 PM

Nov 4 & 5 - Washington Lodge Bazaar Event check Pg 3

Nov 18 - Lodge Brooklyn Anniversart

Dec 1 & 2 - Washington Lodge Bazaar Event check Pg 3

Dec 17 - Lodge Bklyn Yulefest at Sporting Club Gjøa 1-5 PM

Youth Camp is once again 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 two days.

-- Still More coming !!!!

*** BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ***

Month's Birthdays - Gratulerer Med Dagen!

Name	Day	Name	Day
Craig R Carlson	10	Gladys E Passaro	20
Kyle Schofield	11	James R Sollitto	22
Helen S Meusel	13	John J Jacobsen Jr	25
Jessica Taylor	15	Les Johannessen	25
Ann Norton	16	Lillian Padin	27
Debra W Owsley	17	Margaret Berntsen	30
Barbara L Forberg	19		

5 Yr+ Membership Milestones For October, Congratulations:

Norma Frey- 59 Years, Idunn Gerd Snemyr - 52 Years
 Steven Lygen- 51 Years, Joseph Accordino - 48 Years
 Solveig Accordino - 48 Years, Ellen M Sangesland - 41 Years
 E Clifton Hotvedt - 33 Years, Evelyn Arnum - 33 Years
 Linda A Peterson - 17 Years, Gladys J Ecock - 17 Years,
 Heidi C Varady - 15 Years, James J Varady - 15 Years,
 Brandon Varady - 15 Years, Inger L Nielsen - 13 Years,
 Ethel McKeever - 10 Years, Christina Varady - 7 Years,
 Peggy Geoghan - 6 Years, Kaylin Roth - 5 Years,
 Lea Roth - 5 Years, Paul Roth - 5 Years, Robert Roth - 5 Yrs
 Dan Johannessen - 5 Years, Kristen Johannessen - 5 years,
 Lilianna Johannessen - 5 Years, Nikolina Johannessen - 5 Yrs

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Hi All, - Karen Helmold here, I write this as the District 3 Secretary. I would like to inform you of a motion that was unanimously passed at our 3D Board meeting yesterday:

Whereas the money from Zone One to pay off the credit card debt incurred by LOV was the reason that LOV had a profit and loss statement showing a profit for 2018,

And Whereas that profit and loss statement helped to sell LOV for a much higher price,

I move on behalf of the Finance Committee to repay Zone One \$12,082.44 for the money that Zone One used to bail LOV out of credit card debt. (Passed)

- We should be getting a check as soon as we setup our new bank account.

- It is so nice to be giving good news for a change.

- Have a happy Halloween & a blessed Thanksgiving.

- See you all on December 6, 2023

Fraternally, Karen Olsen-Helmold

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.

10-22-2023 Meeting Attendance: MEMBERS - Roy Berntsen, Chuck Gottilla, Les Johannessen, Kathy Johannessen, Jean Tremel, Fred Tremel, Linda Peterson, Mildred Sandberg, Nancy Seals, Dorieann Kohl, Nancy Rucci, Thore Omholt, Barbara Struckman, Cliff Hotvedt
Zoom - Mary Booton, Tim Baxley
 No GUESTS

2023 Norden Star Boosters Updated 06/20/23

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 6/58	Sandberg, Mildred 4/24
Carlson, Craig & Christine 11/22	Seals, Nancy 5/23
Erland, Shirly 9/23	Sorg, Mabel 6/26
Hansen, Elsa 6/23	

IN MEMORY OF

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

COMMEMORATORS

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

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

WE THANK ALL OUR BOOSTERS HELPING TO GET THE NEWSLETTER OUT

Happy Thanksgiving



VIKINGS

Some Cultural Items for the Month

Cultural Corner: 2018 There Dutch Vikings?

Part I I watched a webinar presented by Victoria Hofma and she mentioned there were Vikings in Holland. It intrigued me. **I did some research and this article** was easy to read and fun to learn. I hope you enjoy this 2 part series.

[HTTIPS://WWW.DUTCHTRANS.CO.UK/WHERE-THE-DUTCH-VIKINGS/#:~:TEXT=BEFORE%20THE%20NETHERLANDS%20WAS%20THE,AND%20TOWNS%20BY%20THE%20RIVERS.](https://www.dutchtrans.co.uk/where-the-dutch-vikings/#:~:TEXT=BEFORE%20THE%20NETHERLANDS%20WAS%20THE,AND%20TOWNS%20BY%20THE%20RIVERS.)

DUTCH VIKINGS: The world may not know much about Vikings, but it hasn't stopped us from speculating about them. We do know that they were seafaring people who originated from Europe and were the first people from the continent to reach North America. They were expert sailors who traveled as far as North Africa, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean.



However, the world does not know much about the descendants of the Vikings. Questions like were there **Dutch Vikings** and which country in Europe has Viking descendants are still being asked by students of history. Although it is impossible to know where every last descendant of the Vikings is, we can conduct some studies to learn more about the genetic makeup of the population of different countries. France, Spain, and Italy remained relatively safe from the raids of the Vikings. But England and its islands became a popular spot for Viking

THE LANGUAGE DUTCH: The official language of the Netherlands is Dutch. It is also spoken in the Flanders, in Belgium. In Flemish cities, other languages are also spoken by the locals. West Frisian is a secondary official language in the province of Friesland in the Netherlands. In the Caribbean Netherlands, English and Papiamentu act as secondary official languages. Afrikaans is the daughter language of Dutch and is one of the official languages of South Africa. It was brought to South Africa by Dutch settlers during the 18th century.

For centuries, the Netherlands remained under foreign control. At first, it was the barbaric Germanic tribes that ruled over Frisia, and then came the Romans. France and Spain also ruled over Frisia for different periods of time. Once the Dutch got their independence, they started working on improving their country. But during World War II, the Netherlands came under attack from Germany.

DUTCH POPULATION: It is impossible to know the genetic makeup of the people living in all provinces of the Netherlands. We also cannot test all the people of Amsterdam. A study of this scale cannot be conducted. However, more than twenty percent of the population can be tested. The Netherlands is not the first country in Europe you think of when someone mentions Vikings. It is Denmark, Sweden, and Norway that is located in northern Europe and share the closest ties to the Vikings and maybe to the Dutch Vikings. However, the Vikings did settle down in different regions, including the Netherlands, so it should be of no surprise to anyone if there are any Viking descendants in Frisia so the Dutch Vikings.

THE INFLUENCE OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON DUTCH CULTURE: France, Spain, and Germanic tribes ruled over Frisia in the past. But over time, the people of Frisia were able to gain control over their territory. Once France, Spain, and tribes were all kicked out, the Netherlands had a chance to grow on its own. Although Norway, Germany, Spain, and France are all in Europe and have good relationships with the Netherlands, they don't have any influence over the Dutch culture.

Amsterdam is not the only city in modern-day Frisia with its own vibrant life. Every city in the Netherlands has its own stories to tell. A single article cannot tell the story of Amsterdam or the whole of North Holland. But if you decide to explore north and South Holland yourself, you won't need to read an article to learn about the Netherlands. You will get to experience the spirit of the Frisia yourself. You can also attend events to learn more about the culture of the Netherlands.

FRISIA: Whether we are talking about North Netherlands or South Netherlands, we cannot ignore the role of the neighbors of Frisia. Belgium and Germany have affected the Netherlands in different ways. Although all the cities of the Netherlands, including Amsterdam, have their own unique identity, they also have bits and pieces of Belgium and

Germany within them. However, the best way to learn more about the culture of Amsterdam and the Netherlands is by visiting them. You can also visit the neighboring countries of Belgium and Germany and have yourself a nice trip. People in the Netherlands, Germany, and Belgium will be able to communicate with you even if you just speak English. English is taught in all the primary schools of the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Germany, etc

Barbara

History Article: The Kon-Tiki Expedition

(Part 2) Check out more pictures on the site: <http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Kon-Tiki>

The Voyage: The Kon-Tiki left Callao, Peru on the afternoon of April 28, 1947. It was initially towed 50 miles out to open water by the Fleet Tug Guardian Rios of the Peruvian Navy. She then sailed roughly west carried along on the Humboldt Current. The team's first sight of land was the atoll of Puka-Puka on July 30. They made brief contact with the inhabitants of Angatau Island on August 4, but were unable to land safely. Three days later, on August 7, the raft struck a reef and was eventually beached on an uninhabited islet off Raroia Island in the Tuamotu group.



They had traveled a distance of around 3,770 nautical miles in 101 days, at an average speed of 1.5 knots. ← *The Kon-Tiki on the open ocean.*

Stores: The Kon-Tiki carried 66 gallons of water in bamboo tubes. For food they took two hundred coconuts, sweet potatoes, bottle gourds, and other assorted fruit and roots. The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps provided field rations, tinned food, and survival equipment. In return, the Kon-Tiki explorers reported on the quality and utility of the provisions. They also caught plentiful numbers of fish, particularly flying fish, mahi-mahi, yellowfin tuna, and shark.

Crew: The Kon-Tiki was crewed by six men, all Norwegian except for Bengt Danielsson, who's from Sweden. *The crew of the Kon-Tiki.*



→ Thor Heyerdahl, shown here: was the expedition leader.



Erik Hesselberg was the navigator and artist. He painted the large Kon-Tiki figure on the raft's sail. Bengt Danielsson took on the role of steward, in charge of supplies and daily rations. Danielsson was a sociologist interested in human migration theory. He also served as translator, as he was the only member of the crew who spoke Spanish. Knut Haugland was a radio expert, decorated by the British in World War II for actions in the Norwegian heavy-water sabotage that stalled Germany's plans to develop an atomic bomb. Torstein Raaby was also in charge of radio transmissions. He gained radio experience while hiding behind German lines during WWII, spying on the German battleship Tirpitz. His secret radio transmissions eventually helped guide in Allied bombers to sink the ship. Herman Watzinger was an engineer whose area of expertise was in technical measurements. He recorded meteorological and hydrographical data while underway.

Communications: you needed to transmit who you were and where you were from as well as information that the different country required. Call Sign: LI2B / Receiver: National NC-173 / Transmitter: unknown / As an emergency backup they also carried a British Mark II transceiver originally produced by the SOE in 1942.

Marine Life Encountered: The Kon-Tiki explorers discovered the legendary snake-mackerel (latin name Gempylus) and had a rare sighting of the whale shark. Heyerdahl had experiences with two specimens of the snake-mackerel, a fish which had never previously been seen alive by man, when they jumped aboard from out of the deep. The first was at night, when the snake-mackerel was washed into Torstein Raaby's sleeping bag; the second was also at night, when the Gempylus tried to attack the lantern.

Barbara

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Pressure rises to phase out Norway's oil Oct 30, 2023

Climate- and environmental advocates in Norway finally have something to

cheer about, after a state commission concluded that the Norwegian government must launch a strategy to phase out oil and gas production as quickly as possible. The commission also recommends halting all licensing for new oil expiration. In the meantime, along with restricting more production or construction of new production plants until such a strategy is in place.

Reining in the oil industry and developing renewable energy sources instead is, according to the commission, the only way Norway can hope to meet the climate goals it has set for itself: Carbon emissions that are 90-95 percent lower in 2050 than they were in 1990.

"In a low-emission society just about all emissions have to be removed for good," said commission leader Martin Skancke when presenting its report just before the weekend. "Policies must have that as a starting point. The question isn't whether emissions shall be reduced, but which small emissions will be allowed to remain in 2050. Everything else has to be eliminated."

The policies of all Norwegian governments since the start of Norway's oil age have instead been, and remain, just the opposite. Both Labour- and Conservatives-led government coalitions have consistently supported and promoted Norway's oil and gas industry over the years, because of all the jobs it creates and how much money it generates for the economy.

The current Labour-Center government even still stands behind its strategy to "*utvikle, ikke avvikle*" (develop, not phase out) the oil and gas industry, defying both the United Nations and the International Energy Agency (IEA), which claim the world already has more oil and gas than can ever be used if climate goals are to be met. Norway's international reputation has been suffering because of its refusal to stop searching for more oil and gas, even in sensitive Arctic areas, and top Norwegian politicians [weren't invited to speak at a climate conference at last month's opening of the UN General Assembly](#).

It remains to be seen which of the many sides in this debate will win out. However, is Norway taking the lead in making the tough choices needed to meet this objective? Time will tell!

Norwegian cheese 'best in the world'

October 2023 - Norway's cheese industry, long dominated by a state regulated dairy cooperative, has diversified and blossomed in recent years through small private initiative. It's also attracted lots of international attention, first winning an earlier world championship held in Spain in 2016 when [Kraftkar was singled out as the world's best cheese](#). In 2018 [Fanaosten from Vestlandet won](#) at the World Cheese Awards held that year in Bergen.

Now a handmade semi-solid blue cheese called *Nidelven Blå* has won based on judging by 264 cheese experts from 38 countries at this year's event held in Trondheim. "This means so much to us," said Maren Gangstadt, general manager of cheesemaker Gangstadt Gårdsysteri located at Inderøy in Trøndelag, not far from Trondheim.

Now it has won top honours, with Irish judge Finbar Deery praising its "interplay between the mild and blue flavours" and claiming that it has "a creamy dense fudginess." A total of 4,502 cheeses entered in the championships from 43 countries were

whittled down to 100 so-called "Super Gold" awards, from which 16 finalists were put forward for re-judging by an international jury to determine the World Champion Cheese for 2023.

Norwegians seek more unique names

A new trend is sweeping over Norway, fueled by some Norwegians' desire to have more unique names. They're tired of being one of thousands of Hansens, Olsens, Andersens or other last names ending in "-sen," and they're legally changing them.

"It was very boring to be called 'Andersen,'" Sten Morten Misund-Asphaug told newspaper *Dagsavisen*. It carried a six-page story over the weekend about how Misund-Asphaug and many others like him have opted to rename themselves. He ended up taking on the name of his wife's family farm: "Misund-Asphaug" simply seemed more special, even exotic, and he's far from alone on literally and legally rebranding himself.

"**The common '-sen' names are falling like a rock,**" confirms Ivar Utne, a language researcher at the University of Bergen and author of the book *Hva er et navn? (What is a name?)*. He told *Dagsavisen* that only 14.5 percent of newborns in Norway now get a name ending in "sen," down from 30 percent of today's 90-year-olds. Utne added that at the beginning of the 1900s, at least half of all Norwegians had a "sen" name in Norway's cities, 60- to 70 percent in Oslo (called "Kristiania" at the time).

In some cases, Norwegians have more unusual "-sen" names, like *Enevoldsen* or *Barosen*, especially if they come from Northern Norway. Many young urban Johansens, Karlsens and Jensens, though, are returning to the rural custom of taking on the name of the farm or village where their family originated. They're tired of being one of 35,000 Andersens or Larsens in Norway and want a special, common name for their own family. Since most women in Norway no longer take on their husband's last name when they marry, couples and their children can also often wind up with different names.

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