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NORDEN LODGE #407 HUNTINGTON

Celebrating Our 86th Year

November, 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 October 20, at 2 PM**
On [Facebook](#) at: **NordenLodge3-407 Sons of Norway** - On the [WEB](#) at **NordenLodge3-407.org**
Deadline for Items for the December, 2024 Newsletter PERIODICAL is November, 29, 2024

MONTH'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble as our November meeting approaches. I hope to see many of you at the meeting. Barbara is working on our turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Last month we voted to give a ticket to each member who joins us for a meeting. You will receive 1 ticket per person, per meeting, for the grand prize of a FREE Membership Dues that will be paid by *Norden's Dues Assistance Fund*. The more meetings you attend, either in person or on zoom, the more tickets you will earn. You get 1 ticket for attending each month. At our December Julefest meeting all those named tickets will be placed in a bucket and the name drawn will win their dues paid for by the fund for the coming year. I can't think of a better reason to attend our meetings; besides getting your free dinner (unless stated otherwise.) Our 50/50 draw raffle, the auction raffle last month, and the matching grant (from Karen) has put a grand sum in that fund. So let's get together every month and earn yourself a ticket.



The parade committee voted and their new theme is "Celebrating Norwegian Immigration 1825-2025". So far they do not have a journal chair and several officers are doing double duty, so if you want to come and see how it is run, please do. They meet again on January 8, 2025, this time at Nansen Lodge in Staten Island. They voted to keep our route the same for 2025 and will see how the protest goes this year and if need be, will change the route for 2026. It is our 71st year marching and the committee hopes that the protest does not interrupt our peaceful parade afternoon. The parade is on May 16, 2025, so come and enjoy the afternoon.

The Scholarship Committee thanks Norden Lodge for hosting the annual Scholarship Award Night last June and they thank Loyal Lodge for stepping up for the Award Night of 2025. Like many annual events in the zone, this will be on a rotating basis through our lodges. November is the last meeting for you to purchase your ticket to help fund the treasury, so find Barbara at the meeting to buy yours. It is greatly appreciated. The drawing will be held at the December Zone 1 meeting. They will let you know of the lucky winner.

The Zone is talking and looking into trips of interest for all the members in Zone 1. More information will follow as they decide on what and where to go. Norden's Sports Directors, (Kristin and Chuck) will take the lead on the first trip arranged, working alongside with the zone representatives. Let's not lose out on the fun we had over the years together. We need to do more than a meeting to get together, even if that is a fun time. So please think about joining in any event the Zone 1 Committee has planned.

As always the minutes in the Norden Star are a summary of what happened at the meeting. Barbara has the complete minutes and Les summarizes them. Contact: 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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October 20th Meeting Minutes Summary –

President Roy Berntsen opened the meeting following our meeting meal announcing that we had a Viking Auction planned for the day thanking Karen Helmold for preparing numerous baskets. At the same time he thanked the members who had donated many of the items. He also noted that Graig & Christine, on zoom from Florida, had joined and asked if they faired well during the latest Hurricane, the response was very positive, which was great to hear. (The Auction was a fund raiser for our increase dues fund helping our members cope with this expense)

Following our opening ceremonies: Secretary Barbara reported hearing from Randi Dyrvik who informed us that a long time member of Garborg had passed to lodge eternal a while ago.. She also reported that a silent attendance had been completed, October's minutes summary was approved as presented in our newsletter.

Financial Report: Shirley Reported the status of our financials to members present. (copies available upon request for those not present).

Correspondence: Barbara reminded all to sign in when attending events (usually available from Mary Booton at meetings) – A copy of the 3rd District Secretary's letter was available up front and upon request if not present. (Available both via email and mail) – The SOFN Foundation Paper was also available in the same manner. – A Thank You letter was received from Katherine Chuliver (Scholarship winner) thanking Norden for hosting the Scholarship event – A **Helping Hands** flyer was available. – Also a flyer for the New Southern Camp for 2025 was available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: - **Social Directors** Barbara thanked all the members that brought desert and in particular the suggestion from Inger that lead to today's "Wurst Dinner (Not Worst)" in respect for Octoberfest. - **Newsletter:** Les reported that he had requested name tags with him along with many that have not been claimed. (List on Pg 2) – also indicated that he will be reviewing our booster list for further updates, thanking all that participate in helping cover the costs of Newsletter mailings cost.

Sports Directors: Chuck & Kristine announced plans for an Atlantic City trip in the Spring – further discussions revealed that there was some question as to whether to have the trip with gambling available on LI ? Some suggested alternatives including a "Mystery Bus Trip" (perhaps to another Lodge as in the past) Another Thimble Island Connecticut bus trip (Small group of Islands in Long Island Sound) was suggested. Kristine indicated she would look into these thoughts and perhaps get the Zone involved in helping with subsidizing expenses for attendees.

Zone: A Zone meeting had just been held the past Wednesday – Both Barbara & Karen have Raffle Tickets to support the Scholarship Fund. There is some funds available for your children & grandchildren for which they will thank you. So get your ticket before the drawing! – Kristin again reminded members if you have any thoughts for activities to let her know, she will research. – **LI Memorial Service** is planned for May 4th, The Brooklyn Lodges have decided to hold observances within their Lodges this year.

Sunshine: Les reported Kathy indicated no known activity for the month. – Janet reported that Barbara Struckman needs someone to take over sending out our birthday cards. For which we received offers (thank You Linda) but Roy recalled that Kathy had said she considered it part of her responsibility. (Kathy was not at the meeting but has been confirmed).

Parade: Barbara reported that it was decided in October the theme & pin design would be "Celebrating Norwegian Immigration 1825-2025" Pin design is an oval of the Restauration Sailing. - More to follow:

3rd District: Karen stated: (1) October is SOFN Foundation Month (2) All resolutions at the 3rd District Convention were pasted. BUT they were denied by the IBoD. They may look into offering insurance education to members electronically (3) 3rd Dist meeting was this past Saturday, resulting in many committees set ups. (4) Steve indicated that plans for some great events are forthcoming (flyers will be in the Newsletter) (5) Youth Camp is July 20-26 at Koinonia. (6) 3rd Dist Picnic at Nansen Park on Aug 23,2025. \$50 Cost includes all food & games. Help is needed, if you can pitch in contact Karen or Ruth Kornbrekke know. (7) IBoD (Internation Board of Directors)has now started taking the dues directly from the district The \$2,500 which was part of the settlement is half of the money that Gateway Lodge owes the District from the loan they borrowed & did not pay back to the district following the Convention. The Lodge does not understand that the loan not being paid is now costing the district an additional \$2,500 over the \$5,000 that Gateway borrowed & has not paid back. Costing the District more than they lent.

Personal note: Barbara B is very disappointed that the IBoD is not holding Gateway to Florida Lodge accountable for the loan granted from the District to help with pre-convention expenses, to Gateway Lodge in good faith. Where is this fair to the District? Where is this the IBoD thoughts? Where is their fraternalism? Are they following their own policies and bylaws?

NEW BUSINESS: Dates approved by the Church for 2024 & 2025 include all meetings. **Sunday Meetings begin at 2PM – we arrive at 1PM to set up. Zoom will begin about 2:30 PM – Friday dates will be announced usually at 6PM - The actual dates Are: 2024** December 8 (Julefest) - 2025 January 26 / February 23 / March 23 / April 27 / Friday May 16, 6PM / June 22 / September 28 / October 26 / November 23 / December 7 (Julefest)

OLD BUSINESS: (1) **Dues assistance program** for Norden – Roy turned this over to Karen to speak about our auction, so please take a chance to put money in this special account. There are many baskets to chose from/ Karen also thanked all those who brought her items we used to raffle off. We raised \$220 today & Karen so graciously promised to match the money raised here by the Lodge.

(2) Karen Asked the Lodge if we would like to hold a raffle, at each meeting members attending would receive a raffle ticket. That ticket has the potential of winning the member their dues paid from the fund for that year. Drawings would be at our December meeting (Nice Christmas Present) – Janet H motioned that we approve this raffle as presented. 2nd by Kristin G – Vote taken and approved by members present. – So now you have incentive to come to a meeting and get your annual dues paid for free. (From our new Dues Assist Fund)

GOOD OF THE ORDER: No show and tell forthcoming this meeting.)Don't forget if you have some item or story worth sharing bring it with you to a meeting, We would love to see or hear it.)

NEXT MEETING: November 24 at 2PM - Zoom at 2:30PM

CLOSING: Roy thanked everyone for coming and sharing today while supporting our "Dues Assist Program"

Roy Declared the meeting adjourned at 3:25PM

Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Berntsen

**LIST OF NAME TAGS AVAILABLE FROM OUR EDITOR
 NOW FOR PICKUP AT ANY MEETING:**

**Kathy & Butch Eckman – Bruce Eisenhunt –
 Elise Mannejard – Anita Navarsete – Ann Norton –
 Felicity Solberg**

*** UP COMING EVENTS **** *



IT'S ALL SCANDINAVIAN

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

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

**Immigration Tour to New
York City**

October 5 – 10, 2025

Tour Guides: Anna Peterson and Victoria Hofmo

Tour Leaders: Rolf Svanoë and Amy Boxrud

Known as the city of immigrants

NY welcomed people seeking economic prosperity & cultural



freedoms. Norwegian sailors had a presence in NY since the 1600's organized a group to help Norway's immigrants enter the US aboard the Sloop Restauration on October 9, 1825. – Join us as we retrace the steps of these immigrants while

touring important sites.

Highlights include the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island National Museum, and the Tenement Museum, Scandinavia House & Norwegian-American sites & people in Brooklyn. On October 9 will welcome the replica of the Sloop Restauration to NY with events & exhibits in conjunction with this commemoration of Restauration's arrival exactly 200 years prior.

This tour is collaboration the Norwegian-American Historical Ass. Based in Northfield Minnesota, Vesterheim, National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School, located in Decorah, Iowa. The guides will be Anna Petersen associated professor of history at Luther College & Editor of NAHA. Local expert Victoria Hofmo, president of the Scandinavian East Coast Museum in Brooklyn. The tour can easily be expanded to include your own interests in NY.

For more information check Vesterheim.org
Or contact Rolf Svanoë, 563-382-9681 ext. 240,
norwaytours@vesterheim.org

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Loyal Lodge 252

A Century of Celebrating Nordic Culture

Norway Hall – 201 Seventh Street, St James, NY

V VESTERHEIM

**Emigration Anniversary
Tour to Norway**

Tour Leader: Rolf Svanoë

June 24 – July 5, 2025

Commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the first organized emigration of Norwegians to the United States with Vesterheim in 2025! The single masted sloop, *Restauration*, left Stavanger on July 4, 1825, with 52 people on board. Often referred to as the "Sloopers," they arrived in New York City harbor on October 9. Two hundred years later, a replica of that ship is going to recreate their journey.

Join Vesterheim leader Rolf Svanoë along with expert local Norwegian guides for this tour through the fascinating history of Norway during the 1800s. We'll begin in Oslo with a brief city tour and a visit to the Norsk Folkemuseum. We will also visit the Amerikalinjen Hotel, which was once the headquarters of the Amerikalinjen shipping company where many Norwegian emigrants began their trip to America with hopes for a better life. Next, we visit the Norwegian Emigration Museum in Ottestad, the only museum and research center in Norway fully dedicated to Norwegian emigration history.

Then we travel south to the Herregården in Larvik, the former home to one of Decorah's most famous historical people, Elisabeth Koren. Her father was headmaster of the school in Larvik when she and her husband, Rev. U. V. Koren, emigrated. After an overnight in Kristiansand, we drive to Norway's southernmost point for a tour of the Lindesnes Lighthouse. Then it's on to Lista with its strong connection to the United States. We will attend the American Festival Parade held every year in Vansø, and make a brief visit to the American Emigration Museum in Kvinesdal.

Our tour takes us along Norway's west coast to the Utstein Monastery Hotel and home of the replica of the *Restauration* ship. We will meet with the Friends of the Restauration Association and also the Tysvær and Avaldsnes History Association.

On July 4, we will join the celebrations in Stavanger as we watch the replica of the *Restauration* sail away on its recreation of the journey 200 years ago. The tour ends the following day with our hearts full of wonderful memories from our travels in Norway.

For more info, check vesterheim.org or contact Vesterheim Coordinator of Tours to Norway Rolf Svanoë at 563-382-9681, ext. 240,
norwaytours@vesterheim.org.

This could prove to be a fulfilling event !!



BAZAAR - MUSIC - FOOD - Baked Goods !!!



FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT



Fra 3D President, Steve Helmold, 4th Quarter 2024 – Coming soon. My messages will be presented each quarter going forward
Fraternally, Stephen Helmold

Fill your hearts with old-time cheer;
Heaven be thanked for one more year,
And our Thanksgiving turkey!

—GEORGE PARSONS LATHROP

RD

The True Story Behind the First Thanksgiving

For the Pilgrims and Native Americans, it wasn't all peace and harmony.

Thanksgiving: Time to dive face-first into mountains of mashed potatoes, [count our blessings](#) and if we're feeling really ambitious, get up a friendly game of toss the pigskin with the cousins (or watch our favorite team do the same). But before we all descend into food comas, it's important to reflect on the **real history of Thanksgiving** — and the first one wasn't all peace, love and pass the gravy. While the settlers at Plymouth and their allies from the Wampanoag tribe really did get together in 1621 for a table-groaning, three-day feast to celebrate the settlers' first harvest, that's far from the whole story.

In elementary school, most of us probably learned that English religious exiles began establishing civilization in what they called "the new world," winning over the local Indigenous people already living there with promises of friendship. Then, the Native Americans taught the new arrivals how to grow crops to sustain their growing society and everybody lived happily ever after. Well, not quite. The real story is far more complicated, not to mention a lot less kid-friendly.

In reality, the peace that brought the Wampanoag and the settlers together at that historic table wasn't as easy to come by as we'd like to believe. A lot of bloodshed took place both before and after that first feast, and mistreatment of Native Americans continues to this day. That's why many Native Americans and others mark Thanksgiving as a solemn day of remembrance instead of celebration. - If you're cooking for a crowd this year, take comfort in the fact that more than 100 people were in attendance that first Thanksgiving – and they didn't even have running water, never mind a dishwasher. At least 90 Native men and 50 Englishmen came to the feast, [Plimoth Plantation](#) colonial foodways culinary expert Kathleen Wall [told Time](#). The Native people dined sitting on the ground, like they did at home, and the English ate at the table, like they did at theirs. - The group likely played marksmanship games and ran footraces in between dining on venison, geese, turkey and other fowl. The festivities lasted three days, since it took the Wampanoag a solid two to walk there. So yes, overnight holiday guests are deeply rooted in Thanksgiving tradition.

The Wampanoag leader brokered peace A Wampanoag leader named Massasoit first [negotiated a treaty](#) between the Plymouth settlers and the Wampanoag tribe in 1620, which included an agreement that no member of either group would harm anyone from the other. They also pledged to leave their weapons at home when trading, to further ensure peaceful commerce. For about 10 years, Massasoit and the Pilgrims remained allies, trading English goods for Wampanoag land, access to natural resources and other assets.

But after Massasoit passed away in 1661 and his son Wamsutta took over, tensions began to simmer. In the years between 1630–1642 alone, about 25,000 European colonizers arrived, while a devastating plague decimated the Native population by more than half. Wamsutta himself died mysteriously in 1662 while visiting the Puritans to talk over gathering unrest between the two groups, [Atlas Obscura reports](#). His successor, Metacomet, only fanned the flames.

Violating a treaty led to bloodshed In 1675, three Natives were executed after killing a man who had served as a translator to the settlers, which only further engendered distrust between the two groups. Metacomet feared the Natives would lose more land to the new arrivals, and built a coalition of various Native tribes to protect themselves and their resources. By the autumn of 1675, the coalition members began to clash with settlers, attacking settlements in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The Narragansett tribe originally wanted to remain neutral, but wouldn't give up Wampanoag, who had taken refuge in their encampment, or turn away women, children and the elderly or infirm from that tribe who came to them seeking shelter from the conflict. As a result, the Puritans attacked the Narragansett stronghold, killing up to 600 Natives and about 150 settlers in the [bloody battle](#) and its aftermath.

The conflict further devastated Native populations

What was later known as King Philip's War ensued, so named after Metacomet's English moniker. The subsequent conflicts deeply impacted both the Native tribes and the colonies. Wampanoag abducted settlers and held them ransom, while settlers pillaged and destroyed Native villages. Much of the colonies were burned and looted, taking decades to fully recover.

LODGE SAVE THE DATE 2024/25

- Nov 24 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Dec 8 - Christmas Fest St Peters 2 PM Music by Ellen
- Jan 26 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Feb 23 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Mar 23 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Apr 27 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- May 16 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 6 PM (Change Due to Parade)
- Jun 22 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Sept 28 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Oct 26 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Nov 23 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM
- Dec 7 - Christmas Fest St Peters 2 PM Music by Ellen?

Activities In and Out of Our Zone!!!

- Nov 16 - Loyal Bazaar St James 11AM to 3 PM
- Jun (2025) - 3D Cultral Weekend
- Jul 20 - 26 - 3D Youth Camp Upstate
- Aug 23 - 3D Picnic Nansen Park Staten Island

*** 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 B Johannessen	25
Ann Norton	16	Lillian Padin	27
Debra W Owsley	17	Margaret Berntsen	30
Barbara Lynn Forberg	19		

5 Yr+ Membership Milestones For This Month, Congratulations:

- Norma J Frey - 60 Years, Idunn G Snemyr - 53 Years
- Steven L Lygren - 52 Years, Carol A Jacobsen - 42 Years
- Joesph L Accordino - 69 Years, Solveig Accordino - 49 Years
- Ellen M Sangesland - 42 Years, E Clifton Holvedt 34 Years
- Evelyn Arnum - 24 Years, Linda A Peterson - 18 Years
- Gladys J Ecock - 18 Years, Heidi C Varady 16 Years
- James J Varady - 16 Years, Brandon Varady - 16 Years
- Inger L Nielsen - 14 Years, Ethel McKeever - 11 Years
- Christine Varady - 8 Years, Peggy Geoghan - 7 Years
- Kaylin Roth - 6 Years, Lea Roth-Johannessen - 6 Years
- Robert Roth - 6 Years, Daniel Johannessen - 6 Years
- Kristen Johannessen - 6 Years, Lilianna Johannessen - 6 Yrs
- Nikolina Johannessen - 6 Years

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Friendship and Camaraderie may be sought more than usual with our recent changing times. Let us reach out to each other in the event that there are those who are seeking it. Let us take comfort in our season of Thankfulness with our families both natural and extended.



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.

10-20-24 Meeting Attendance: MEMBERS Mary Booton, Tim Baxley, Karen Olsen Helmold Steve Helmold, Roy & Barbara Berntsen, Roy Berntsen Jr., Kristin & Chuck Gottilla (z), Shirley Erland, Les Johannessen, DoreeAnn Kohl, Norma Ohsberg, Janet Hannigan, Bob Saunders, Linda Petersen, Susan Olson, Mildred Sandberg, Leif Easterson, Fred & Jean Tremel, Else Hansen, Craig & Christine Carlsen (Z), **Guests:** Sebastian Bouguyon **Total = 24**

2024 Norden Star Boosters Updated 05/09/24

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

IN MEMORY OF

COMMEMORATORS

Erland, Endre & Sigrid 9/25	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



Til Mine

Once again our Lodge has experienced the loss of a member. Grace Schumacher a long time Sons of Norway member, who in the past was a ver active member, known and loved by many in the Zone. She will be missed as she has been missed in recent meetings due to health

* Our Lodge was blessed to have known her, Rest in Peace !!

What's Going on at Lodge Meetings

- We are doing show & tell - So if you know or have an ethic item, theory, or custom to share, do it during our meetings. We have had a number of good and interesting presentations.
- We are running a Scholarship Raffle to benefit Zone members Tickets are \$5/ea or 6/\$25 Details are in our minutes!
- Next month's meeting will involve October Fest activities. Come and find out cause I not telling.
- We are having a fund raiser for the increased due support fund.
- The above items, many of which, are the result of suggestions made during our meetings. Have something in mind? Bring it with you

Next LI Memorial Service is May 4, 2025

Some Cultural Items for the Month

Cultural Corner: *Aura Borealis - the land of the Northern Lights*

Last month we had a sensational wonder in Saratoga and the states in the north east. We actually had seen the Northern Lights, over the lake, on October 11th, 2024, in Saratoga. A good friend of ours sent Roy these pictures. Roy and I just missed seeing them. We were up there to close the summer camp the weekend before. It is something to think about when we close the house next year. If you could blow up this picture you would see the lights on the boats on the lake. The other 2 pictures are taken from the shoreline.



October is a time for all of us to witness strange things. It might be a ghost or a witch walking down the

street. It could be a lot of black and orange lights that will shine along our houses. This is an occasion that happens each year at the end of this month. To observe a natural experience, you will want to watch the skies in north Norway. The northern lights as visible most frequently from late autumn and winter to early spring. Furthermore, the best months are October, February and March. Even though it is possible to view the northern lights from all over Norway, it is definitely advisable to make your way north, as daylight hours become lesser and you are physically closer to the display. To see this phenomenon, it would be best to visit the auroral zone, the location beyond the Arctic Circle, where the Northern Lights occur. Tourists' favorite viewing locations are the coasts of the Norwegian counties of Trømso and Finnmark - especially at [the North Cape \(Nordkapp\)](#)!



The northern lights are a physical phenomenon that occurs when electrically-charged particles from the sun hurtle towards the Earth. The light becomes visible when the particles collide with gases in the Earth's atmosphere. This phenomenon can only be observed near the magnetic poles. The polar light in the

northern hemisphere is called aurora "borealis" - or northern lights - while the polar lights in the southern hemisphere are called aurora "australis", the southern lights.

The northern lights have fascinated and captivated people through the ages, and they are mentioned in texts written by Aristotle, among others. Chinese texts from 2000 BC also describe what may be the northern lights. The earliest explanations and descriptions fuelled the myths and mystery surrounding the northern lights, and it was not until the 17th century that the phenomenon was studied in a more systematic and scientific manner. A connection was gradually discovered between the northern lights and magnetic disruptions, and that the sun's activity influenced the phenomenon. In 1886, Norwegian physicist Kristian Birkeland formulated the first comprehensive theory on the northern lights based on these previous observations. Birkeland developed and reinforced his theory, and his work formed the basis for modern research on the northern lights. This research still continues today, and it has given us new information about the sun, the Earth's atmosphere.

They can be many different colors. This is determined by the gases with which the particles from the sun collide. This, in turn, is determined by the altitude at which the collision takes place in the atmosphere. The visible northern lights are from 56 miles to 93 miles generally above the ground, and the colors can be categorized roughly as follows: **More than 150 km:** Red light **120 km - 150 km:** Yellow-green light **Less than 120 km:** Blue-purple light. Green is the most common of all auroras. Behind it is pink, a mixture of light green and red, followed by pure red, yellow and lastly blue.



Barbara

History Article: *The Battle of Hastings: -- part 6*

Death of King Harold at the Battle of Hastings on 14th October 1066 in the Norman Invasion: picture by James William Edmund Doyle



The Bayeux Tapestry: The Tapestry illustrates the various stages of the conquest, providing detail that is not available in the written accounts. The original Tapestry is displayed in Bayeux and a copy in the City Museum at Reading in Berkshire.

A remarkable feature of the Norman Conquest was its near-contemporaneous record in the Bayeux Tapestry; strictly a work of embroidery rather than tapestry (being embroidered on cloth rather than woven into it). The origins of the tapestry, lodged in Bayeux Cathedral, are uncertain; perhaps executed at the direction of William's wife Matilda or by seamstresses in England at the direction of Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, and, after the Conquest, Earl of Kent, and given to the Cathedral at Bayeux by its bishop.

Battle of Hastings on 14th October 1066

Anecdotes and traditions from the Battle of Hastings:

Duke William's mother was Arlette, a tanner's daughter. The garrison of a French town under siege by William hung animal hides over the walls as a taunt on his origins. They regretted the joke when William took the town and put the garrison and population to the sword.



Barbara

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

Happy Thanksgiving



Mary Andersen Gratulerer!

She was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of Sons of Norway as Treasurer and is Chair of its finance and audit committees. While leading teams of actuaries and attorneys, she has learned how to effectively work with others and position teams for success. As a leader in District Three Mary has served in many leadership roles including District President, Vice-President, Publicity Director and Counselor. As District President, Mary served as President of the District President's Council and was a member of the governance and leadership committees.



Norway aims to raise age limit for social media users

The Norwegian Government has said it wants to raise the age limit for social media used by teens in the country through an amendment of its Personal Data Act. In Norway, the act means users must be at least 13 years old to consent to social media collecting personal data. The government said it now wanted to change that age limit to 15 years but parents would still be able to consent for children younger than that. Initially, the amendment of the act would concern data privacy but the government said it "will send a clear signal that children under the age of 15 should not use social media". In a press release on October 23, the Norwegian Government argued the proposed new legislation stemmed from its concerns about children's well-being. "Half of today's 9-year-olds are on social media, and I share the concern that this can be harmful to children. We know that many parents find it difficult to avoid their children being on social media when so many other children are," said Minister for Children and Family Affairs Kjersti Toppe. "Parents cannot stand alone in the face of the technology giants. That is why we are considering stricter legislation," she added. Her plea was echoed by Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre in the country's media.

"It sends quite a strong signal. Children must be protected from harmful content on social media," Støre told Norwegian media outlet *Verdens Gang* on October 23. "These are big tech giants pitted against small children's brains. We know that this is an uphill battle, because there are strong forces here, but it is also where politics is needed," he added. According to Toppe, Norway is set to promote the idea in the European Union. Norway is not a member of the EU, but it is a member of the European Single Market. "Parents cannot stand alone in the face of the technology giants. That is why we are considering stricter legislation," she said. "At the same time, the government is strengthening its supervision and information work for children's digital upbringing, and will promote Norway's views in ongoing processes in the EU on, among other things, systems for age verification." - The EU already regulates tech giants under the Digital Services Act. - Many social media companies have been under investigation by the European Commission for allegedly failing to prevent addictive behaviour among users.

Japanese group awarded Nobel Peace Prize 2024

Japanese organisation Nihon Hidankyo, a grassroots movement of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki also known as Hibakusha, won the Nobel Peace Prize. "Hibakusha is receiving the Peace Prize for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again," the Norwegian Nobel Committee said in its citation. Witnesses to the only two nuclear bombs ever to be used in conflict have dedicated their lives to the struggle for a nuclear-free world. - "The Hibakusha help us to describe the indescribable, to think the unthinkable, and to somehow grasp the incomprehensible pain and suffering caused by nuclear weapons," the committee said.

Norway's government apologizes to Sami reindeer herders

The Norwegian government apologized to reindeer herders after activists spent a week protesting a wind farm that they say hinders the rights of the Indigenous Sami people in central and Arctic Norway. - "I have apologized to the reindeer owners on behalf of the government," Oil and Energy Minister "They have been in a difficult and unclear situation for a long time. I'm sorry Mutoka said that receiving an apology had been "a wish from my side." "It is crucial for us to move forward. It is important that we now have a common perception that we are dealing with a human rights violation," she said after a meeting. Although the talks did not yield an agreement to resolve the wind farm dispute, Aasland said "that we are not ruling out any solutions at this time." The activists, mainly teenagers, began their protest a week ago and have blocked the entrance to several ministries in Oslo, Norway's capital, At the center of the dispute are 151 turbines at Europe's largest onshore wind farm, The activists say that a transition to green energy should not come at the expense of the rights of Indigenous people. They once faced oppression of their culture, including bans on the use of their native tongue. Now they have their own parliaments, schools, newspapers and broadcasts in their own language on national radio and television. The nomadic people live mostly modern lifestyles, but still tend reindeer.(Read more at: <https://www.norwaynews.com/norways-government-apologizes-to-sami-reindeer-herders/>)

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