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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Our November lodge meeting was great - we all learned about **THE VIKING DECEPTION**. Who would have thought that a creative but devious Italian living in Spain could have forged a Viking map that fooled some of the world's most renowned historians?

Also, congratulations to our newly elected board! I have a wonderful group of hardworking and dedicated people on my board and I know the North Carolina Viking will have a very successful year in 2012! TUSEN TAKK to those of you who have stood up to the challenge.

Remember that we will celebrate the Christmas holiday with a night of food, festivities and friendship on December 15th. This will be a special event and I really hope you will bring all your family. It will begin with dinner at 7:00 PM and afterward we will gather around the Juletre to sing, dance. The dinner will be potluck and I hope that y'all will be able to create and bring delicious traditional Scandinavian food for the holiday dinner. The pot luck dinner – food assignments are as follows with your last name beginning with the letter:

- A – I Side dish or desert
- J – R Appetizer
- S – Z Main Dish

Our thoughts & prayers go out to Karen Keith who will be undergoing surgery this month and to Mal Arnum who will be flying to Seattle to undergo chemotherapy.

Please help us help you by being active participants in our lodge's activities and promote the Sons of Norway membership to friends and associates. Involvement in the lodge will certainly be worthwhile for you and your families but it is truly all about what "we make of it for us and each other".

God Jul! Godt Nytt År! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! -- Mike

UPCOMING VIKINGS LODGE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Lodge Meetings are held at 7PM in Underwood Hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7000 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27613.

December 15th, 2011	Juletre event
January 26th, 2012	Lodge Officer Installation
February 23rd, 2012	1 lb. Auction
March 22nd, 2012	TBD
April 26th, 2012	TBD
May 19th, 2012	Syttende Mai Celebration with Friends of Scandinavia

CHILDRENS PROGRAM

Erin Nickelson will run some children's programs during the lodge meetings – initially set up for both young and older children. If you are interested in having your children participate in the program, please contact Erin at erin@nickelson.org

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!

December Birthdays

12/1	Anders Ottesen	12/21	Karen Keith
12/9	Andy Kristoffersen	12/26	Karen Thorsen
12/15	Trvls Ostbye		



OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2012

• President	Mike Tilder
• Vice President & Secretary	Norm Miller
• Treasurer	Kjell Ottesen
• Membership Secretary	Frank Bell
• Social Directors	Kari Crenshaw, Karen Keith, Martha Arnum
• Cultural Directors	Mike Tilder, Don Kloe
• Newsletter Editor	Jennifer Axeness Perugini

HELP PLAN A MEETING

Can you invite a professional or line up an expert or even fun person to help us with cultural programs at our monthly lodge meeting? Call President Mike Tilder at 919-460-9214 to pick a month or activity you can line up for the lodge!

JULEKURV AT SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our julekurv was again a hit at the Scandinavian Christmas Fair. We sold 54 kurver. Many buyers were repeat customers who liked the way the baskets brightened up their Christmas trees.

Mange tusen takk to Signe Marwede, John Myhre, JenniferPerugini and Kari Crenshaw who spent many hours making the heart-shaped baskets. - *Kari Crenshaw*

FRIZEN'S FINANCIAL FINDINGS!

Case Study #2, What to do?!

George was recently retired and had a 401K that he had spent a lifetime building up to its current \$400,000 value. Like for most of us the crash of 2008 had hit his 401K hard. It took until this year for it to build back up to its pre-crash level. This year he has watched as the market rose and fell each day it seemed. He has not yet needed to start drawing money out but that time will be coming soon. George was concerned that when he needed to start using these funds it might be at a time when the market was in a down turn and he felt he didn't have the extra 5-10 years it might take to rebuild his investments. He just didn't feel secure in what would happen with the markets going forward but wasn't sure what to do about it so he gave me a call.



We met and took some time to do a financial review of his situation and then I was able to offer some options to George. We decided the best course of action was to move \$200,000 of his 401K into a Sons of Norway Single Premium Deferred Annuity. This guaranteed that this portion of his investments would never lose and would actually continue to gain no matter what the markets did. We secured this money for George. The rest would continue to rise and fall with the market but would be able to benefit in a larger way from an economic recovery and market gains. George felt much better afterward knowing that he had provided some security for his investments.

The Sons of Norway offers our members several terrific, no risk investment options and some of the best Life insurance products available today. Give me a call so we can discover how the safe and sound financial products of the Sons of Norway may be a help to you.

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NESBØ BOOK TO BE SCORSESE FILM

Excerpt from Nina Berglund, Views and News from Norway.

The good times just keep rolling for Norwegian author Jo Nesbø, whose crime novels keep ringing up more sales internationally. Now his seventh book featuring policeman Harry Hole will be made into a film directed by none other than Martin Scorsese.

Jo Nesbø has gone from one success to another this year. Now his crime novel Snømannen will be made into a film by Martin Scorsese. PHOTO: Hakon Eikesdal

Nesbø himself says he never really wanted his books to be made into movies, fearing they just wouldn't come out right. "But I've always said that if Martin Scorsese calls, I'd re-evaluate my position." Nesbø joked to Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) on Friday. "That's what I've done now."

The Academy Award-winning Scorsese plans to make a film out of the crime novel Snømannen (The Snowman), which came out in English in the US this year and won rave reviews. Nesbø says it's his personal favorite of the Harry Hole books he's written, and others clearly liked it too, with offers coming in quickly to buy its film rights.

Read the rest of the article at <http://www.newsinenglish.no/2011/11/21/nesb%C3%B8-book-to-be-scorsese-film/>

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SONS OF NORWAY MEMBERS

From Sharon Rohrback, President, Blafjell Lodge in Salem, VA

From Blafjell Lodge

1. Recommended by Joann Barfield (available at Roanoke County library).
"The House by the Fjord" by Rosalind Laker, a lovely story of post-WW II Norway, with many familiar Norwegian phrases and locations.
2. Recommended by Kathy Clark (in her personal library).
"Cream Peas on Toast" "Comfort food for Norwegian-Lutheran Farm Kids (and others)" by Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Johnson Nelson (those Lutheran Church Basement Ladies) .. farm and small town memories, guaranteed to resonate with you!
3. Recommended by Kathy Clark (in her personal library).
"First We Have Coffee" .. and then we talk .. " by Margaret Jensen. A cup of coffee and a talk with Mama could always set the world right." .. a heartwarming collection of life

experiences of Scandinavian immigrants by storyteller Margaret Jensen that will bring you laughter, inspiration .. and tears!

4. Recommended by Joann Barfield (in her personal library)

"The Cotter's Son .. A Story from Sigdal" by H. A. Foss. "One of Norway's greatest literary successes, considered to be the most popular Norwegian-American novel. Author Foss, himself a cotter's son, immigrated to the Upper Midwest in 1877; his first novel was serialized in the Decorah, Iowa, Norwegian language newspaper, the Decorah Posten. The English translation was first published in 1963, the book tells of the adversities and adventures of a poor cotter's son and the rich farmer's daughter.

5. Recommended by Joann Barfield (her personal copy)

"Per" by E. Palmer Rockswold is a poignant story of an immigrant and Dakota pioneer from Kristiana, Norway; "the book is about everyone's grandfather, who made the crossing 'steerage class' on borrowed money, and of every immigrant who came to America with a burning desire to own land." "For those who like the nostalgia of 'bygone days', this story is filled with actual human interest stories and anecdotes. The period of history is roughly from 1880 to 1920."

From Hampton Roads Lodge: (read at Book Club, for a medal. They have completed level-one requirements and working on level-two requirements)

1. four Henrik Ibsen plays
2. "Norwegian Lady" by Bill Fehrs' (a member and the author)
3. "Out Stealing Horses" by Norwegian author Per Petterson (translation by Anne Born)
4. "Kon Tiki" by Thor Heyerdahl.

From Norsk Carolina Vikings Lodge

(This is an excerpt from article by Peter Helgesen. Sharon Rohrback)

I am a reader of crime novels. Recently, folks who like this genre have read: two Swedish authors, Henning Mankell (the Kurt Wallander series) and Steig Larsson (the Girl Who... series).

More recently, Norwegian crime writer Jo Nesbø. His hero or principal character is Harry Hole, inspector or detective with Oslo's police department. The first book to read is "The Redbreast" and the second is "Nemesis".

From "Viking" Magazine

(1) **"Cod, a Biography of the Fish that Changed the World"** by Mark

Kurlansky, available in the Roanoke County Library. Also recommended by Blarfjell member, Joann Barfield (whose husband says, "She never met a fish she didn't love!" .. it's true!)

(2) **"In Cod we Trust: Living the Norwegian Dream"** by Eric Dregni .. "Anyone who has yearned to trace their Norwegian roots or wants to learn more about modern Norway will enjoy this insightful, humorous memoir."

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT

Fra Presidenten Ralph Peterson –

Today I'm writing you from Virginia Beach and that is good. Having said that, I just got back from a wedding in ND and last night we were on the HMoMS Statraad Lehmkuhl enjoying some fine Norwegian “mat og øl” with students from the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy. This is the same ship that AnneGrete and I were on during the past Syttende Mai celebration in Bergen earlier this year and it brought back some great memories. It sounds like LOV hosted a great event last weekend with a combined group studying Genealogy and Norwegian cooking. The food was great and the genealogy fun and educational. They are looking into a rerun for next year. I have been warning people for years that Genealogy is very addictive and Maine Nordmenn's Charlie Abrahamson found that to be true. Before you start on serious Genealogy I would recommend that you download the SON information on earning a Genealogy Cultural medal as they contain a lot of good information that is extremely useful even if you do not plan on working for a Cultural Medal.



Another good piece of news about the LOV weekend was that a week before the event a District email was sent to our email list alerting all those on our list about the event. As a result, we had additional participation in the events. If you haven't been receiving our District emails and would like to do so, you need to update your personal information at SON headquarters. You can call them, email them, send them a letter or let me know and we will add you to the list or correct the information that they currently have.

District 3 and District 8 are the “preferred” locations for the 2014 International Convention. If a Lodge(s) or Zone is interested you will need to make a bid at the 2012 convention. Remember SON now has a consulting firm available to assist you in locating hotels, negotiating ROOM rates and preparing for the convention. This is at no cost to you. If you are interested please let me know.

One recent and frequent appearance on our web site has been the posting of local lodge newsletters. This has been a great help to program planners around the District as well as promoting other ideas. Today I found November newsletters from Blåfjell, Gulf Coast Vikings, Noreg, Hampton Roads, Henrik Ibsen, Oslo, Suncoast and Sun Viking posted on line. Normally we also find Faerder there as well. <http://www.3dsofn.org/blog> Tusen Takk to the editors for taking the time to help us all out.

I am very pleased to see our 999 and 000 members taking a more active part in our District activities. Recently we processed a sports medal for a 000 member, a 999 member attended our class at LOV, they have been big supporters of our recent raffles and most important, their retention rate is very high compared to most local lodges, so hats off to that group.

Lets each sign up a new member this month!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

AnneGrete and I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a great holiday season.

Fraternally,

Ralph Peterson
President
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