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The President's Corner

Two short years ago I wrote my first "President's Corner" column in the Virginia Viking. I can hardly believe the years have passed so quickly and now this is my last column to you. Serving as President of the Hampton Roads Lodge has been an honor and privilege. I have thoroughly enjoyed this rewarding experience.



Thanks to your dedication and hard work, we have accomplished much in the past two years. To name but a few, we have participated in parades in the Azalea Festival in Norfolk (and won an award for our float), celebrated 17th of May at both SACLANT in Norfolk and at the oceanfront in Virginia Beach, and participated in multicultural festivals. We have celebrated a 30th anniversary, revised by-laws, and designed and created a banner for our lodge. In spite of all the hard work, we took time to play at our annual picnics, lunch and dinner boat cruises, Christmas parties and monthly meetings. We are an active lodge with good participation from all our members.

With great gratitude I thank the board that served with me during the past two years. Each and every person brought their own special talents. We worked well together! I will never forget their willingness, cheerfulness and eagerness to get the job done.

It is now time for me to pass the gavel on to the new incoming President, Ralph Peterson. I wish him success and hope he has as much fun as I have had during my term in office. Congratulations to the new board of officers and much luck in the years to come.

Tusen takk for giving me this opportunity to serve as your President.

Hilsen, *Deanna Rumney*,
17th President, Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522

January Meeting

Thursday, January 16th, at 6:30 pm
at Bayside Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
on Ewell Road in Virginia Beach.
(Off Independence Blvd. Just north of
McDonald's Nursery)

A Potluck Dinner will begin at 6:30pm,
with the **Installation of New Lodge Officers**,
by Gene Olson immediately following.

*Please note: This meeting will take place in the
Fellowship Hall. Entry is through the
Ewell Road side.*

Guests are especially welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. If you are a guest, or if you are bringing a guest, please call Barbra Stehlik at 481-6142 or Jean Shewmaker at 855-3259 so they can plan set-up of tables and utensils. Members are asked to bring a food dish to share. *Takk*



**"Meet our Zone 6 Director,
Gene Olson"**

Gene will be on hand to install new officers. He is our Zone 6 Director, for District 3 and President of Bondelandet Lodge in Lancaster, PA.

Newsletter submissions are always welcome. Deadline is the 3rd Friday of the month. Submissions may be mailed to Terri Hewitt, 4936 Farrington Dr., VA BCH, VA 23455 or emailed to ViElskerNorge@mindspring.com

Highlights from the Christmas Party

The 2002 Christmas party which took place at The Snug Harbor Officer's Club at NAB was a festive affair enjoyed by all who attended. We had great Norwegian food, and wonderful entertainment provided by Caren Hutchinson, daughter of Ralph & AnneGrete Peterson and our very own Norwegian class sang Christmas carols in Norwegian. Dessert included seven kinds of Norwegian cookies and a Kransekake. Jean & Pat Shewmaker made the beautiful Julebuk that were raffled at the end of the party. The evening closed with our members and guests enthusiastically dancing and singing around the Christmas tree.



Tusen Takk...

Our lodge is very fortunate in that we have so many willing hands to help out when needed. You ask once & that is all it takes. A great big thank you to ALL who helped make the Christmas party such a success! I couldn't have done it with out you. Rather than list you all, you know who you are so take a big bow.

Tusen takk, Barbra

Raffle Prize Winners

Rev. Evelyn Keever, Pepperkake Hus; Borghild Silano, Kransekake; and Harald Hansen, Aquavit.

Blast from the Past

You may recall, Harald Hansen won the Aquavit at the very first lodge Christmas party. He later donated it for the lodge's 25th anniversary and it was won by Ralph Peterson. Will this Aquavit last 25 years?



Congratulations to AnneGrete & Ralph Peterson on the birth of their new granddaughter, Kirsten, December 13, 2002.



Our sympathies to Ralph Peterson and his family on the passing Dec. 16, 2002 of Ralph's father, Phillip Peterson.

A Dear Friend will be missed...

Lee Olsen Richards, 88, passed away November 27, 2002. Lee was a member of our lodge since 1980. Lee and her husband Harry moved to Richmond a couple of years ago to be closer to family, but she kept in touch with lodge members. She is remembered by many of her friends in the lodge as a warm, loving person who was enthusiastic about her Bergen roots. At the age of 80, Lee received a bunad from Norway. Lee was also well known for her delicious almond bars and other cookies, as well as, her contributions to the Memories and Recipes Cookbook.

Lee is survived by her husband, Harry; two daughters and their families; and sister, Katherine Priestap.

Our Sympathies go out to Lee's Family.

Gratularer Med Dagen!

Happy January Birthdays!

Carol McCarthy 13, Mary Friesen 17,
Jim Zingler 18, David Silseth 19,
Bob Larsen 23, Billie Letts 24,
Katherine Priestap 30



FYI ...



* **Cultural Skills Group** will meet at the home of Mary Zimmerman on January 9 at 10:30 AM. Please call Mary to let her know if you'll be attending and to get directions to her home, too, if you need them. She lives at 1273 Belvoir Lane in Virginia Beach. Her phone is 523-9409. If you'd like to stay for lunch, bring a sandwich. We work a couple hours then break for lunch. Do bring your handwork--I am not be able to attend and there may not be any instruction in the cross-stitch we've been working on. Have fun! See you next month. ~ *Mary Friesen*

* There will be a meeting to discuss **Norwegian Genealogy** January 23 at the home of Ralph and AnneGrete Peterson. The meeting will start at 7pm. Please feel free to bring along a sample of your work if you have started on your family tree. If you haven't started, just show up. Please let the Petersons know if you are coming either by phone (318-9414) or at the monthly lodge meeting.

Genealogy Website of the month

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~norway/na2.html>

There are many great web sites out there for Norwegian Genealogy. This web site is useful for both beginners and more advanced Genealogists. It is maintained by John Follesdal whose name you will find on several other web sites dealing with Norwegian Genealogy. Happy Hunting. ~*Ralph*

* Our **lodge website** (though still under construction) is up and running and looking good thanks to the hard work of Larry Atkinson! Check it out and give him your feedback.

<http://sonhamptonroads.cjb.net>

* Don't miss the opportunity to see the 36 member choir from Moss, Norway!

Feb. 13, 2002 7PM "Voices of Love and Peace" - International Sister Cities Music Festival Joint Choral Concert featuring choirs from Ireland, Japan, and Norway. Tickets are \$10 each

Feb. 14, 2002 7PM "Ode to Joy" - International Sister Cities Music Festival Concert featuring the Miyazaki City Philharmonic Orchestra, the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra, and choirs from Ireland, Japan, Norway, and Hampton Roads.

Tickets are \$15 each

The tickets can be purchased at the Pavilion Box office from 9-5 weekdays, or at 1 800-955-5566, or www.tickets.com.

Third District Today

From the District President

From the January 2003 newsletter.

The newsletter can be read in entirety online at <http://sofnd3.home.att.net> or ask our lodge president for a copy.

Almost 110 years ago a daring Norwegian seafarer called Magnus Andersen sailed an exact replica of the Gokstad Viking ship across the Atlantic Ocean visiting various places on the East Coast on its way to the Chicago Colombian Exposition. A crossing of the Atlantic in a Viking ship will be thought of as daring at any time, but this voyage in 1893 was remarkable not only because of crossing the Atlantic, but because it was the first time the New World would see a Viking ship. Because up until the excavations of the Gokstad and Oseberg ships in the late 19th century, there existed only sketches of these magnificent vessels. With the excavation of the Gokstad and Oseberg ships, the world suddenly had proof positive of how these ships were actually built. So Captain Andersen's voyage in his ship aptly named Viking, really is a historic one. Because as Norman Arntzen writes in the May 1993 issue of the Viking Magazine: "It also proved that such a voyage could be made and – unknown to Andersen – became a strong link in the chain of events that led to worldwide acceptance of Leif Erikson's visit to the New World and other Nordic Sagas. It also helped lead to annual proclamations of October 9 as Leif Erikson Day by many U.S. state governors and every president since Lyndon Johnson."

Ten years ago the 100th anniversary of the voyage was celebrated in Newburgh, New York, which was one of the places that The Viking visited on its way to Chicago. A short while ago Norman Arntzen approached me with the idea of celebrating the 110th anniversary of the Viking to Newburgh, New York. It would be an opportunity for us to celebrate our Norse heritage and create some publicity for Sons of Norway, and it would also be an opportunity to further promote the indisputable fact that Leif Erikson is the true discoverer of North America. I think it is a splendid idea and would like this to be a project that we in the Third District embrace. The celebration would take place on the grounds of Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh, a splendid location overlooking the Hudson River. We would like to have the Philadelphia Viking ship visit and they are interested. We would have food and craft available and music and folk dancing. It would be a cultural fest and would also include exhibits of special local interests. A visit to Washington's Headquarters is in itself interesting. And remember, there are some strong indications that Washington himself was actually of Norwegian origin.

I went to a meeting in Newburgh in early December and came away very encouraged. Should the Third District get involved, and we should, clearly the lodges in what I call the Greater New York area are the ones that will have to do the work. They did ten years ago, and I think it would be good for us all to have something like this to look forward to. I will consult with the Zone Directors in the area and together with them and the Executive Committee we will decide how to organize the Sons of Norway participation in this.

You will hear more about this in the months to come, but I sincerely hope that you will embrace this project as we can do a lot of good for our Viking heritage and for Sons of Norway.

Fraternally,
Audun Gythfeldt, President

News from Norway

Donuts stop thieves

Twenty-five fresh donuts halted two burglars on the prowl in Trondheim one Saturday evening in November. The tasty temptations were impossible to resist for the two burglars in the Trondheim doughnut shop.

They comforted themselves with doughnuts when they could not find any money in the shop, says Security Chief Jon Elvind Schefte of the Sør-Trøndelag Police Department.

The two men, in their twenties, had to spend the night in jail. Without any doughnuts to munch on.

-*Nettavisen*

From our Friendship Lodge



Oslo, 12-12-02

Dear all the members
of Hampton Roads lodge,

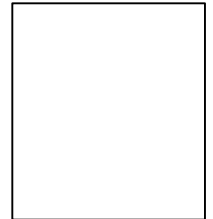
We wish you all a very
pleasant Christmas and
a peaceful New Year!

On behalf of members in
Christiania lodge
Oslo, Kai Mørner



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve, and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members.

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Happy New Year
Godt nytt år!