



VIRGINIA VIKING

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The President's Corner



Greetings,

April has been a busy, exciting and successful month for the lodge.

Once again we participated in the city of Hampton's International Children's Festival. We attracted a great crowd of youngsters and parents interested in the "Land of the Vikings." Tusen Takk to June Cooper who put in a great effort to make our participation successful and to all the others who came and volunteered their time.

The Norwegian Lady Ceremony was especially impressive this year with the participation of the Royal Norwegian Kings Guards performing. Our lodge ladies, in their bunards, escorted the guard to the Norwegian Lady statue area. The guard band performed by playing the national anthems of the United States and Norway. The drill team performed their perfectly executed maneuvers. A reception followed the ceremony at the Coast Guard Museum. Thanks to our members who brought much of the food to this event.

The next big event was the annual NATO Parade. Once again our dragon float was selected as one of the float winners. Our float won the Mayors Cup (3rd place). The lodge participation in the parade was especially memorable and impressive. We were lead by the Kings Guards. Our float was "manned" by men, women and children in their bunads.

Please take note that our May monthly meeting will be canceled . This year our meeting coincided with the Norwegian National Day celebration of 17 May. However, we do have an exciting event planned for June. We will celebrate a Norwegian Midsummer on Saturday June 15 at 4 p.m. The Peterson's have volunteered their back yard for this event. (4121 Roenker Lane, Virginia Beach, 23455). In Norway this holiday is celebrated Nationwide and recognizes the longest day of the year. The lodge will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, dessert. Please bring your lawn chairs, a dish to share with others (either an appetizer, or side) - and beer or wine if you wish. We will have games so bring your children, grandchildren. In order to assure we have enough food for all, RSVP to AnneGrete Peterson at 757-318-9414). Rain date is Sunday, June 16th.

I look forward to seeing you in June at our Norwegian Midsummer celebration. Have a wonderful summer. We will start our fall meeting in September.

Hilsen,

Bob Rumney

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District President's Message

Syttende mai...the 17th of May is an event that Sons of Norway members have supported for many years! Interestingly, this is not a SofN run event, Sons of Norway has a group actively involved.

Did you know that each lodge and the third district can have 2 representatives as part of our groups support and planning of the parades? There are three groups Civic, SofN, and Church, which participate in the 17 of May parade. Each group independently prepares their groups participants and updates the 17th of May committee board during their monthly meeting held on the 1st Wednesday, at the Danish club in Brooklyn.

This is a tremendous undertaking of our volunteer members to get floats, bands, and members to march as lodges in the parade. At Leif Eriksen Park where the parade ends (after starting at 83rd street and 3th ave) a grandstand is erected for guest speakers and dignitaries to address the crowd.

The Master of Ceremonies announces every group that goes by and all the bands play their "GRAND STAND SONG" in hopes to win best of parade!

Every category has its own "best of" so everyone has an opportunity to show great marching skill to impress the judges. A highlight of the parade are the bands from schools, fire departments, and police bands. The icing on the cake is when the bands from Norway play during the parade and give a brief concert at the grandstand.

After the parade, when the speeches have wound down at the Grand stand... many participants enjoy spending the rest of the Day celebrating Syttende Mai at the Danish Club, Swedish Club and Gjoa Club. Some local lodges have celebrations back at their buildings.

So this year why not let your Norwegian Pride show and join us on Sunday May 19th!!!!!!

Anyone interested in joining the SofN committee representing their lodge should contact Kenneth Johnson from Henrik Ibsen Lodge (chairman of the Sons of Norway group).

Fraternally,
Gail
Third District President, Sons of Norway

Ask & Advertise ----- Mentor and Mingle.

*PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET THE LODGE CALENDARS TO DISTRICT SECRETARY, JULIA NILSEN. LODGES ARE ALREADY GETTING CALENDAR DATES FOR 2014 EVENTS.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 Labour Day	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8 Lodge Dinner 7pm Monastery Restaurant	9 Ascension Day Board Meeting 7 pm	10	11	
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17 Constitution Day	18 Armed Forces Day	
19 Whit Sunday	20 Whit Monday	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31		
						Notes: Midsummer Picnic June 15 th	

Newsletter and Website Submissions

If anyone has any news or announcements to be published in the newsletter or on the website please send to: hpsoneditor@gmail.com

Please have newsletter submissions one week before the end of the month.



The International Children's Festival at Mill Point Park in Hampton on Saturday April 20th was another success, despite some very early morning rain and clouds and some windy and chilly temperatures!

Thanks to the lodge members who volunteered at the tent including Carol McCarthy, Ed McCarthy, Elaine Norman, Don Ohnemus, Mary Ohnemus, Ken Olson, AnneGrete Peterson, Deanna Rumney, Bob Rumney, Cindy Sanoba, Ranny Zingler and Jim Zingler. Marion and Odd Vinnelrod also came for the festival.

Also thanks to the Norwegian Embassy for their "Cool Nordic" donations, to SON Headquarters for Viking Magazines and other information, and to Julia Abraham who donated the big stuffed Viking.

Special thanks to Mary Ohnemus, Don Ohnemus, AnneGrete Peterson, Deanna Rumney and Ken Olson for all their help in setting up and designing & creating the various displays and handouts.

Submitted by: June Cooper - Secretary

The meaning of the Syttende Mai celebration

a little in English...

Syttende Mai is Constitution Day – the Constitution that was ratified by the National Assembly at Eidsvoll in 1814, and has through some changes seen us through to today. As a symbol the Constitution represents also two great themes, national independence and political freedom – democracy and the rights of citizenship. Norwegian patriotism of the 1800s tied these two aspects together as the idea "Norwegian freedom." Later on this concept of freedom took on new meanings, for example international peace work.

Syttende Mai is also a family day, but the difference from all other Norwegian holidays is first and foremost this: it is the only day the most important events take place out in the public space rather than in the four walls of the home. Syttende Mai has become a day for the children, even though it was not originally. The children's parades became a big success from 1870 on, and have become the most popular event on Syttende Mai. And with the children in the city center, many other things follow: ice cream, soda and sausages.

Innholdet i 17.mai-feiringa

litt på norsk...

17. mai er Grunnlovsdagen - Grunnloven som ble vedtatt av Riksforsamlingen på Eidsvoll i 1814 og som med diverse endringer har fulgt oss til i dag. Som symbol representerer Grunnloven også to andre store temaer, den nasjonale selvstendigheten, og den politiske friheten – demokratiet og borgerrettighetene. I norsk 1800-tallspatriotisme, blir de to aspektene samlet i forestillingen om "den norske friheten". Seinere har frihetsbegrepet fått nye betydninger, for eksempel internasjonalt fredsarbeid.

17. mai er også en familiedag, men til forskjell fra alle andre norske festdager ikke først og fremst det: Det er den ene dagen da det meste og det viktigste foregår ute i det offentlige istedenfor enn innenfor hjemmets fire vegger. 17. mai har blitt en dag for barna, selv om det var ikke det i utgangspunktet. Barnetogene ble en stor suksess fra 1870 og framover, og har vært det mest populære innslaget på 17 mai. Og med barna i sentrum følger isen, brusen og pølsene.



Membership Pins



Left to Right: Back Row: Carol Johnson (5 years), Ken Reynolds (5 years), John Stehlik (10 years), Martha Blau (15 years), James Zingler (15 years), Ragnhild Zingler (15 years), Mary Friesen (35 years)
Front Row: Floyd Friesen (10 years), Evelyn Keever (10 years)
Not Pictured: Billie Letts (15 years)



Ethel Gravesen (10 years)

Membership Secretary Ralph Peterson presented membership pins at the April lodge meeting

Submitted by: June Cooper - Secretary

Lodge Revenue Sharing Program



Photo by: AnneGrette Peterson

Thanks to the Lodge Revenue Sharing Program, offered by Sons of Norway headquarters, lodges can financially benefit when their members purchase our Life Insurance products, allowing Financial benefits counselor Mike Beck to present this check to President Bob Rumney at the April Meeting.



George Low 4

Synnøve Quaglietta 5

Robert Wallace 6

John Kise 8

Christiana Hoff 10

William Hovland 11

Lily Foster 12

Helen Coffey 14

Christopher Johnson 14

Aldwin Halvorson 15

Terri Hewitt 17

Kathryn Arntsen 18

Connor Jared 22

Gustavo Perrotti 22

Alexander Truitt 31



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