



# VIRGINIA VIKING

## SONS OF NORWAY HAMPTON ROADS LODGE NO. 3-522

President: Leonard Zingarelli Vice President: Mike Solhaug Secretary: June Cooper Treasurer: Ragnhild Zingler



### The President's Corner

Our September in-person lodge meeting was a lot of fun being a potluck event, allowing us to better share our Norwegian culture and heritage while we ate a nice dinner provided by all. We enjoyed a wonderful program by John Dannon who told us about a lot of interesting, unknown facts and stories about Norway and WWII. This

October, we have our annual Leif Erickson Day celebration at his statue in front of the Mariner's Museum in Newport News. Along with the Icelanders, we lay a wreath and honor the first European to discover North America. Please show up on Monday the 10th of October (Columbus Day, how ironic) at 11:45 am at the statue. We also have a Fellowship luncheon nearby, right after the ceremony. Please contact Deanna Rumney to RSVP for the luncheon. On Saturday, October 15th at 10 am at the Elmwood Cemetery in Norfolk, Robert Hitchings will be giving a Ghost Tour for our lodge. We will be also having a Fellowship luncheon after this scary ghost tour, place to be determined. And of course, we will be having our monthly lodge meeting at Bayside Presbyterian Church in the Boy Scout room, at 7:30 pm on Thursday the 20th of October. Plus, we will be having an exciting and fun program for all to see after the meeting. Our big events in November are our two bazaars. Our Virginia Beach bazaar is on 5 November while our Norge Norsemen bazaar is the following week on 12 November. Same places as before. This is an all-hands event for our lodge members so please plan on helping where you can. More information to follow later. In November we will also be electing our lodge officials for the next term, 2023/2024. I'll be sending out more information soon to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to assist our lodge at staying the best lodge in all of SON District 3. There is so much more happening within your lodge that I want to ensure you are aware of. Thus, I'll be sending out an updated Schedule of Events soon. Hope to see you soon. Stay safe and healthy.

#### Thursday Oct 6

Zoom Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

#### Saturday Oct 10

Leif Erickson Celebration by the statue at the Mariner's Museum at 10:00 am. Lunch to follow at noon at the Smoke Barbecue Restaurant in Newport News.

#### Saturday Oct 15

Ghost Tour at Elmwood Cemetery at 10 am. Fellowship luncheon to follow. Place to be determined.

#### Thursday Oct 20

In-Person lodge meeting at 7:30 pm at Bayside Presbyterian Church with program to follow.

#### Monday Oct 24

Norge Norsemen meeting at Viking Hall at 6:30 pm in Norge. Program TBD.

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## Fra Presidenten, Stephen Helmold, 3rd District President



Fall is upon us and your Third District Board and its committees have been very busy working in all areas of District business. The website committee met and determined that the district website was too old and recommended to the Board that a completely new website was needed, so I appointed a website search committee to get quotes (bids) from companies for what was needed for a user-friendly website that would allow us to add more things on as needed in the future. Cost for the new website will also be considered. This committee will choose the top 3 bids and refer those bids to the Board for a final decision.

Tom Bakos, Third District Youth Camp Director with Susan Olson, Third District Youth Director are working on having youth camp in summer of 2023. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews of camp, age 8 to 16 years old, please consider having them attend youth camp so they can learn about their heritage and culture and make new friends.

Tom and the District Board are looking at sites for camp which would be in either New Jersey or New York. The final decision for the site will be decided at the Third District Board meeting at the end of October. Susan will be sending out letters to the lodges to see if there are any children that would like to attend camp. Please respond to her letter.

The By-Laws and Policy Review Committee have been busy updating the Third District by-laws and polices since the new International Constitution and By-Laws came out in mid-September. The International Constitution and By-Laws are available for you to view on the Sons of Norway website.

The convention policy committee has been working on convention policies for potential host lodges/zones which will help them to know what is expected of them and what they can expect of the District. This will be a big help going forward as the policy book for conventions needed to be brought up to date and clarified.

The Local Lodge Support Committee (Team) has met several times and is working on ways to help lodges that are struggling with their membership, programs and getting officers. They have renamed their committee to the Lodge Revitalization Committee, a name that better fits their goals.

Going forward I am going to be starting zoom meetings with all the district lodge presidents so they can express their concerns about their lodges, zone, district, and Sons of Norway. Hopefully, this will also be an opportunity for the sharing of ideas among lodge presidents.

We have hopes to have zoom meetings with the District Vice President and lodge vice presidents coming up in the new year so they can discuss membership issues.

It is my goal to have better communications with all the district lodges and the District Board.

If your lodge has zoom or hybrid meetings please include me in your zoom link invitation, as, if possible, I would love to attend your meeting.

Fraternally,

Stephen Helmold

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Christy Lyne Gardner  
Darrell Heim  
Diane Longworth  
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# SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



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Saturday, November 5th, 2022  
9am-3pm

Francis Asbury United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
1871 N. Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

- ❄ Viking Long Boat with Viking Re-enactors - photo op
- ❄ Norwegian Bakery - Julekake, Kransekake and more
- ❄ Norwegian Cultural and Tourist Information
- ❄ Children's Activity Table
- ❄ Enjoy Traditional Norwegian Food - Lefse, Waffles, Lapskaus
- ❄ Great Vendors - Scandinavian Packaged Food & Gift Items

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# Sailing World Cup: Norway's King Harald ends up in top ten



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***King Harald and the crew of the 8-meter boat "Sira" ended up in 10th place at the world cup, which ended on Saturday. Norway's 85-year-old king proved that he still had sailing skills.***

**The king's boat was in 13th place before the last day of competition in Geneva, but with 5th and 7th place, "Sira" ended up in 10th place among 24 boats. King Harald receives praise for his skills.**

**"He really gave the younger sailors tough competition. It was fun to watch," Jean Olivier Kerr, head of the event committee, told Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK). "He has a strong competitive instinct. He is not here just to enjoy himself and have fun."**

**The king's boat had a bad start in the first race, but the 4-8-13-14-15-13-5-7 series in the eight races that counted gave them a score of 79 and a top-ten position.**

**The other Norwegian boat, "If," with Tom Knutsen as captain, finished in 14th place.**



## Alarms ring around offshore security

September 27, 2022

**UPDATED: Norwegian oil authorities and several top politicians called for heightened security around Norway's offshore oil and gas platforms and gas pipelines, and the government responded. The calls followed suspected sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines in the Baltic Sea, and recent reports of large unidentified**

**drones flying around several Norwegian installations in the North Sea.**

Drones have been observed around Equinor's Heidrun platform and at least five others. Equinor is currently producing as much gas from its offshore installations as possible, and sending it via pipeline to Northern Europe. Oil & Energy Minister Terje Aasland, under pressure to beef up security, had claimed it was already high. He later added, though, that there was a sudden flurry of contact on Tuesday among the government, police, the military and commercial operators in the North Sea, and preparedness would be "sharpened." Both the Greens and Progress parties had already raised alarms around the security of Norwegian gas pipelines as the emergency situation unfolded Tuesday in the Baltic. Large holes were discovered in both the Nord Stream and Nord Stream 2 pipelines, which have carried gas between Russia and Germany through the Baltic. The pipeline damage was discovered just as Norway and Poland were celebrating the opening of the new Baltic Pipe to send Norwegian gas that Aasland claimed will "contribute to strengthening energy security in Southern Scandinavia, Poland and other countries in the region."

Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, taking part in the new pipeline ceremonies in Szczecin, claimed the gaping holes and potentially dangerous gas leaks found on the Nord Stream pipelines were "clearly an act of sabotage" and another escalation of Russia's war on Ukraine. Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen also said it was "hard to believe" the pipeline damage was coincidental, as emergency crews and military vessels streamed to the site of the leaks off the Danish island of Bornholm. "Sabotage cannot be ruled out," Frederiksen said. Aasland later agreed as well.

Two large explosions were also recorded in the vicinity of the Nord Stream pipelines by the Swedish earthquake center on Tuesday afternoon, while Norwegian seismologists registered an "incident" on Monday evening. Danish military confirmed huge gas bubbles in the seas around Bornholm, as large as 100 meters in diameter.

### **Suspicious drone activity in the North Sea**

The Norwegian Petroleum Safety Authority (*Petroleumtilsynet*) announced Tuesday afternoon that it "does not wish to speculate" about the causes of the gas leaks in the Baltic. It noted, however, that it already has "urged all operators and vessel owners on the Norwegian Continental Shelf to show increased vigilance," after "the observation of unidentified drones/aircraft close to offshore facilities." It confirmed that cases in which drones "have infringed the safety zone around facilities" are now being investigated by the Norwegian police.

The Baltic Pipe Project announced just over the weekend that the pipeline can be put into full operation a month ahead of planned start-up. It's due to be operational with partial capacity from October 1 and was being celebrated in Poland on Tuesday. It will carry gas from Norwegian installations in the North Sea to Denmark and on to Poland.

Marius Arion Nilsen, energy policy spokesman for the Progress Party, told news bureau NTB that he found it "very alarming if the leaks from the Nord Stream and Nord Stream 2 are caused by sabotage." They come just as Norwegian state oil company Equinor has announced a long-term gas sales agreement with Poland's PGNiG to be exported from Norway to Poland through the new Baltic Pipe. The Baltic pipeline project connects the Norwegian gas export system to Poland via Denmark. It also follows major Norwegian gas sales to Germany, to help **make up for the loss of Russian gas**.

Nilsen called for “extraordinary security measures” to secure Norwegian pipeline infrastructure, not least since **Norway has become Europe’s largest supplier of gas** since Russian supplies have ceased both as a result of EU sanctions and Russia’s decision to cut off shipments. European leaders have accused Russia of using its gas as a weapon since its invasion of Ukraine, especially after the EU and all NATO allies have supported Ukraine.

### **‘Don’t take any chances’**

Carl Johansen, foreign policy spokesman for the Greens Party (MDG), also said he expects the Norwegian defense department, the police and the oil companies themselves to “increase preparedness and surveillance” of oil and gas installations in the North, Norwegian and Barents seas, “and not least the gas pipelines and electricity cables that run from Norway to Europe.” The new Baltic Pipe Project has been hailed as a means of “strengthening energy security in Southern Scandinavia, Poland and other countries in the region. As the pipeline drama was unfolding in the Baltic, Norwegian Oil & Energy Minister Terje Aasland was marking the opening of the Baltic Pipe Project that’s about to start sending more Norwegian gas from the North Sea to Poland. Johansen pointed, though, to the recent reports on the website *Aldri mer* and in newspaper *Stavanger Aftenblad*, confirmed by state oil company Equinor, of drones flying close to the *Heidrun* platform, plus another “large” drone near the *Kristin* oil and gas field. Drones have also been seen around the *Snorre A* platform west of Florø and at least three others. The drones can also interfere with helicopter traffic to and from the offshore platforms. “Now that we’re seeing possible sabotage against Nord Stream not long after the drone observations around Norwegian oil installations, there’s a need that we don’t take any chances,” Johansen said.

Norway’s Oil & Energy Minister Aasland responded by claiming “there are no indications that there will come any attacks” in Norway’s offshore territory. He also told NTB Tuesday afternoon that “security around Norwegian oil and gas installations is very high.” Aasland added that Norwegian officials were awaiting more information on the actual causes of the gas leaks from damaged pipelines in the Baltic. Both Denmark and Sweden, meanwhile, have set up crisis teams to deal with the pipeline emergency.

Aasland also stressed to Polish officials gathered for the Baltic Pipe opening on Tuesday that “the most important thing Norway can do in the energy situation Europe is in, is to deliver as much natural gas as we can to our European partners. By actively facilitating this, my government has ensured that gas companies on the Norwegian continental shelf produce close to maximum capacity every day.” Norway’s police intelligence agency PST confirmed, meanwhile, that it was following both the situation in the Baltic and the drone activity in the North Sea. **NewsinEnglish.no/Nina Berglund**



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Saturday, November 12th, 2022  
9am-3pm

Viking Hall - Norge Community Club  
7402 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188

- ❄ Viking Long Boat - photo op
- ❄ Norwegian Bakery - Julekake, Christmas cookies and more
- ❄ Norwegian Cultural and Tourist Information
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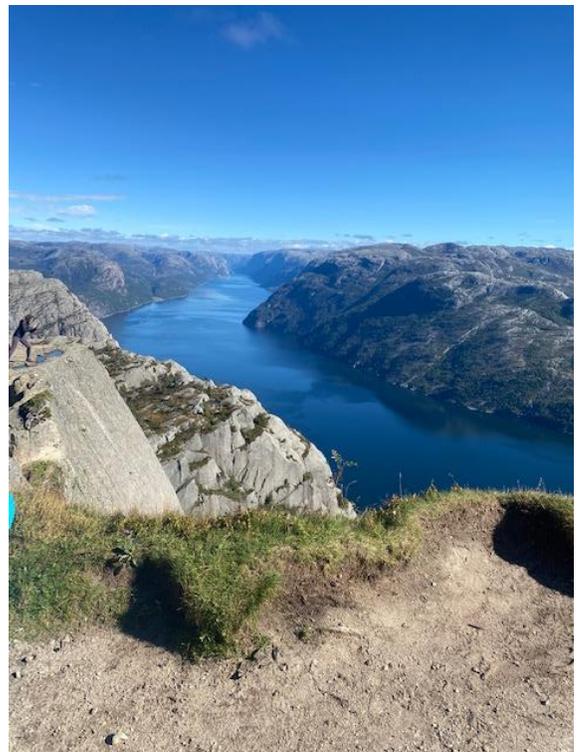
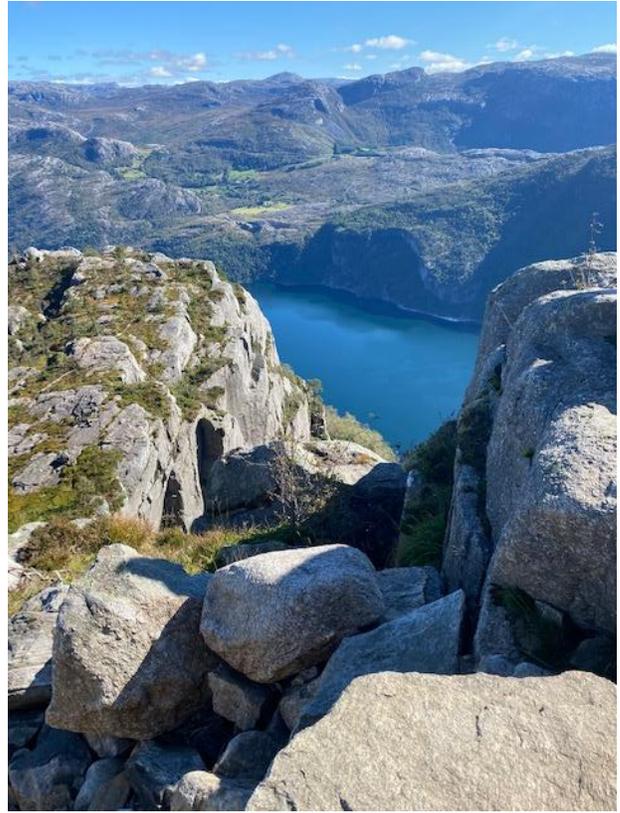
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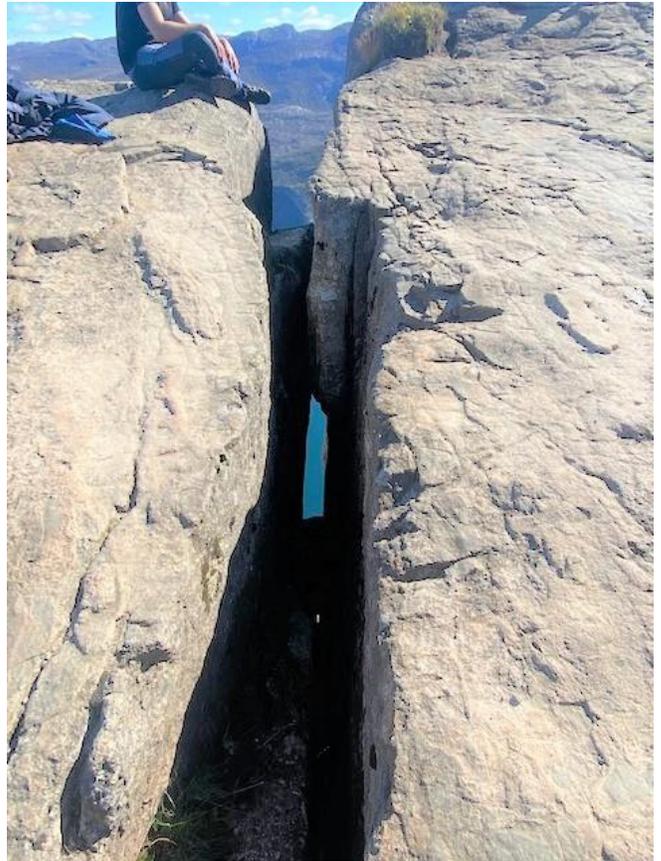
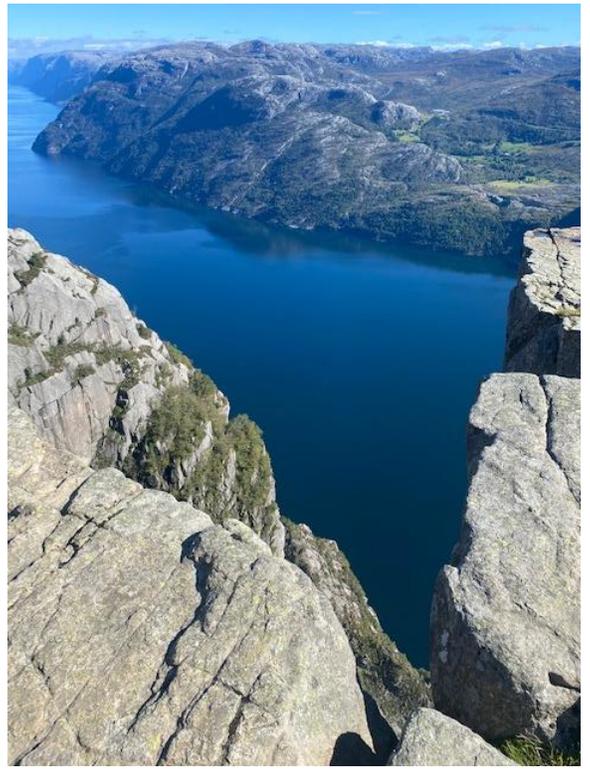
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# Preikestolen September 2022

My 81 year old mother and I hiked to the top of Preikestolen. It was not an easy hike but the views were worth it. Stunning views on a gorgeous day. It was much steeper than we anticipated, and a very rocky climb mostly just rocks and rocky steps.







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