



VIRGINIA VIKING

SONS OF NORWAY HAMPTON ROADS LODGE NO. 3-522

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The President's Corner

Dear SON Lodge members

November is the month of the Bazaars! ALL HANDS ON DECK We need as many members as possible to assist in making these events a great success.

HR Lodge Virginia Beach Bazaar: Saturday November 8, 9 AM-3 PM at Francis Asbury United Methodist Church 1871 N Great Neck Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 Virginia Beach (Set up is Friday, November 7, 3-5),

Norge Norsemen Bazaar: Saturday November 15, 9 AM-3 PM at King of Glory Lutheran Church. 4897 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188 Williamsburg (set up Friday, November 14, 5-8)

December is the month of Christmas Dinners!

HR Lodge Julebord Christmas Party, Sunday, December 7; 5:30 cocktails 6:30 dinner at Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk 5655 Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 The festive event will again feature Norwegian Christmas songs and of course the traditional Norwegian Christmas celebration dancing around the Christmas tree.

Norge Norsemen Julebord Monday December 8, 5:00, King of Glory Lutheran Church 4897 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188 will feature an amazing display of Christmas goodies,

Lodge News. On Leif Erikson Day, October 9, with glorious weather, HR Lodge members along with Icelanders gathered at the statue of the legendary explorer who discovered America centuries before Columbus. A brief presentation of Lucky Leif's story was followed by a fellowship lunch. All Best, Mike Solhaug

EVENTS

November 3 at 7:00 pm

Norge Norsemen Zoom Board Meeting

November 7 at 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Set-Up for Hampton Roads Bazaar

November 8 at 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

SON Scandinavian Bazaar
(SEE FLYER BELOW)

November 13 at 7 p.m.

HR Zoom Lodge Board Meeting

November 14

Set up for the Norge Norsemen Bazaar
in Williamsburg

November 15 9:00 am – 3 p.m.

Norge Norsemen Bazaar
SEE FLYER BELOW

November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

HR Lodge Meeting at Bayside
Presbyterian Church
Program: Scandinavian Folk Music by
Miles Hoyle, Accordion



**Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)
To the Following Members in November!**

JoAnn Porter	Harold Bernsen	Kristin Eittreim
Terence Johnson	Ethan Lindenberg	Jude Liptak
Edward McCarthy	Alex Pincus	David Ruedi
Robert Rumney	Gail Ball	Myles Sanoba
Richard Urbanek	Darien Loftheim	Wesley Eittreim
Tim Stanton	Christine Jacobson	

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Virginia Beach SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Francis Asbury United Methodist Church
1871 N Great Neck Rd
Virginia Beach, VA
Saturday November 8, 2025
9 AM - 3 PM

- ❄️ Traditional Norwegian food including lefse, lapskaus, waffles
- ❄️ Vendors - handpainted ornaments, knitted items, Scandinavian consigned items, engraved/hand-carved wood items, jewelry, packaged food, rosemaling, Swedish giftware, and much more!
- ❄️ Viking Longboat and Viking Reenactors - Photo Op
- ❄️ Norwegian Bakery – Julekake, boller, cookies and more
- ❄️ Norwegian Cultural and Tourist Information





Williamsburg SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



King of Glory Lutheran Church
4897 Longhill Rd
Williamsburg, VA
Saturday November 15, 2025
9 AM - 3 PM

Sponsored by Norge Norsemen Satellite of Hampton Roads Sons of Norway

- ❄ Scandinavian inspired Food
- ❄ Vendors - handpainted ornaments, knitted items, SWEA Swedish group, packaged food engraved/hand-carved wood items, jewelry, decor, rosemaling, hand-carved items, and much more!
- ❄ Viking Reenactor - Photo Op
- ❄ Norwegian Bakery – Julekake, Kransekake, boller and more
- ❄ Norwegian Cultural and Tourist Information



Hampton Roads Sons of Norway

www.hrson.org

Julekake (Norwegian Christmas Bread with Raisins and Candied Fruit)

For the bread

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks)
- 2 cups scalded milk
- 1/4 teaspoon cardamom seeds crushed
- 2 packets active dry yeast (4 1/2 teaspoons)
- 2/3 cup sugar divided
- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 tablespoons grated orange zest
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 to 3 cups dried or candied fruit (raisins, candied fruit, chopped maraschino cherries)
- 1 beaten egg for brushing

For the icing

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 2 tablespoons butter melted
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

For the topping

- Sliced almonds

INSTRUCTION

1. To make the bread, in a small saucepan, melt the butter. Add the milk and scald. Remove from the heat and add the cardamom, letting the spice steep while the milk lowers in temperature to 110 degrees F.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine the yeast with 1/2 teaspoon of the sugar and pour a little of the lukewarm milk over them. Let proof until it bubbles, 5 to 10 minutes.
3. Stir in the remaining milk, along with the eggs, remaining sugar, the orange zest, salt, and cinnamon. Add 5 cups of flour and gently mix, adding additional small amounts until the dough begins to pull away from the sides of the bowl. (You may not need to use the full 6 cups of flour.)
4. Transfer to a lightly floured surface and knead for about 10 minutes. Fold in the dried fruit and transfer to a lightly greased bowl. Cover with a clean tea towel and let rise until doubled, about 1 hour.
5. Punch down the dough and separate into two equal portions. You can either place them in two greased 9-inch round cake pans, or form them into two braided loaves. Cover with clean tea towels and let rise again until doubled, about 1 hour.

6. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
7. Brush the loaves with the beaten egg and bake for 30 minutes, or until golden. Cool on a wire rack.
8. When cooled, to make the icing, sift the confectioners' sugar into a medium bowl, then add the milk, melted butter, and almond extract and whisk until smooth. Drizzle over the loaves, then scatter the sliced almonds on top. Let set before slicing.

NOTES

Storage tip: Store extras wrapped in plastic at room temperature. When the bread starts to dry out, do yourself a favor and toast it, then smear it with butter, letting the butter melt into the cracks. Add *geitost*, too, if you have it. This is one of my favorite treats.

Stoltenberg: 'Time to review Oil Fund's ethical guidelines'

October 23, 2025

Norwegian Finance Minister Jens Stoltenberg stressed once again on Thursday that Norway's huge sovereign wealth fund known as the Oil Fund isn't a political tool. After months of controversy over some of its investments, however, Stoltenberg agrees that it's time to review the fund's ethical guidelines for investing.

Speaking at a special session of Parliament that initially was closed to everyone except Members of Parliament, Stoltenberg also stressed how the Oil Fund's guidelines for investing are directed at companies, not countries. The fund and Norway itself have nonetheless come under [lots of criticism this year](#) over some of the fund's investments, especially those in Israeli companies.

The fund's managers have recently [sold off stakes in several of those companies](#), when they were found to have had direct ties to Israel's war on Gaza. While that placated many opposed to such investments, because they arguably were helping to [fund the war on Gaza](#), the sales also sparked criticism from supporters of Israel, including US senators.

Stoltenberg consistently refers to the fund as *Pensjonsfondet*, the state pension fund that invests in companies and real estate abroad, not in Norway. The fund was set up to save most of the profits from Norway's offshore oil industry for future generations, and prevent them from overheating Norway's economy. That's why the fund quickly became known as the "Oil Fund" when it was first established in the late 1990s.

It has grown enormously ever since, helped make Norway a wealthy country and ensured pensions for Norwegians for years to come. The government is allowed to withdraw only up to 3 percent of its value every year, to help pad state budgets and avoid any budget deficits.

A set of ethical guidelines was also set up for the fund's managers, and have been overseen by a special non-partisan ethics council ever since. If a company is found to have violated guidelines on anything from labor practice to human rights or environmental concerns, managers can be asked to sell off investment stakes but always quietly so as not to upset markets.

A total of 180 companies around the world are currently locked out of the fund, which has stakes in nearly 8,500 companies worldwide. Now Stoltenberg thinks the ethical guidelines themselves, set up nearly 30 years ago, need a review.

"I think the time is right to go through the (fund's) ethical framework and practice, in order to secure a good balance between important considerations," Stoltenberg said. Such a review could result in more investment pull-outs, he said, or hasten control or even raise the barrier in other cases.

Given all the current wars and unease in the world, he said, some companies in which the fund has invested can suddenly be contributing to violations of the rule of law that weren't earlier. That's what has concerned many Members of Parliament, with some calling for stricter guidelines. All agree, meanwhile, that investing in stock-markets around the world has been profitable so far.

The Socialist Left Party (SV), the Greens, the Reds and the non-socialist Liberal Party all want stricter guidelines for Oil Fund investments. They also want a rundown of the ethical evaluations that have been made to date, and worry that the fund's ethics council works too slowly simply because of all the companies that need to be monitored.

"The finance minister (Stoltenberg represents Norway's Labor Party) agrees with us in words, but now we want to see action," SV leader Kirsti Bergstø told Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) after the meeting on Thursday. She said Stoltenberg relies on the ethics council, "but we don't think the system functions. It's too slow."

Arild Hermstad, leader of the Greens Party, agreed. "The gruesome revelations that Norway profited on the bombing of Palestinian children shows that major changes are needed in how the fund functions," he told NRK.

Even the leader of the council, Svein Richard Brandtzæg, has admitted to newspaper *Dagens Næringsliv (DN)* that the council "isn't rigged for extreme situations like Gaza. We have to set priorities and aren't in a position to have a full overview over the entire portfolio at any given time."

The Conservative Party, meanwhile, was positive towards Stoltenberg's proposal for a review of the fund and its ethics systems. Its MP Henrik Asheim said it was most important to ensure that Norway's interests and "our fellow savings account" will be best for coming generations." There were few details so far on when and how the review would get underway as the new session of Parliament begins.



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