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Sons of Norway Lodge 3-438



Oslo Lodge Mission Statement

“The mission of Oslo Lodge, Sons of Norway 3-438, is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic Countries.”



New York - The Empire State

Oslo L♥dge in the heart of Central New York

From Oslo Lodge President Bjorn Solli:

Dear members and friends,

We are getting closer to the summer! Just as the first indication of spring is near is when the first robin appears, so then the first indication that summer is near is when the kids are back from college. Well, they are back and my quiet house is quiet no more! We will get our quiet time back on Memorial Weekend! That weekend we will be leaving the kids at home and we will be going to the Green Lake State Park with the camper. If you are in the neighborhood, stop by!

Talking about stopping by, I hope you all will be able to stop by my house on Saturday June 19th for a relaxing afternoon. Bring a dish to pass; a lawn chair and we will all have a good time. (Learn more details on page 2).

See you then!

Bjorn Solli, President

3-438 Oslo lodge

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Memorial Day 2010

Honoring Those Who Gave Their Lives While Serving



American Flags on Display on the National Mall

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May 31st Memorial Day If you are able to attend or participate in any Memorial Day event, then you know the gratitude and pride that we feel about those who have served our nation and lost their lives in doing so. It also encourages us to be mindful to thank those who are serving now or who have served in the best. If you are interested in some Central New York history, please be sure to check to check out the Waterloo New York website at: <http://www.waterloony.com/index.php> Waterloo is known as the birthplace of Memorial Day and their weekend is full!

June 5 Denmark's Constitution Day 

June 6 Sweden's Constitution Day 

June 9-13 61st 3D Third District Convention Join the family fun in Harrisburg PA. It is not too late! If you cannot take in all the days, then please come for part of the fun. Details page 5.

June 17 Iceland's Independence Day 

June 19 1:00 Sankt Hans Aften Picnic on a Saturday– Don't Miss The Fun!

Bring a dish to pass, and the lodge does the rest. Also please bring your lawn chairs and plan on having a great time. Join or watch the kids in lawns games or just relax. Either way set your **GPS** for **13 Galway Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413** for a very pleasant afternoon.



June 28, 29, or 30th. School is out, so parents get the kids together for another great Oslo Vikings outing (details in an upcoming email) We'll pick the day with the most sun! Please feel free to email editor@oslolodge.org. (We will soon set up the youth@oslolodge.org email.)

Weekend of July 23rd - 25th – FAMILY CAMPING! On Sat. July 24 Zone 4 Picnic at Elvedal, Saugerties. Camping is available for both Friday and Saturday. Please contact one of the Oslo Lodge Officers for more information. There is a Zone 4 meeting on Saturday at noon with a great picnic following. This event is hosted by Hudson Valley Lodge (HVL) at their property. HVL will sell hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages or you can bring your own picnic items.

August 2010 Weekend at LOV. Repeat of 2009 summer picnic + LOV weekend. Swim, hike, relax, bonfire, genealogy, games, Norsk, scrapbooking, scavenger hunt and orienteering! Come for an afternoon picnic or spend the weekend. Join in all the fun with Oslo Lodge.

Aug. 29 - Sept.2 Sons of Norway International Convention in Idaho! www.sonsofnorway2010.com

“SAVE THESE FALL DATES”

Sept 12 Planning & Nominations Come out for a fun low-key afternoon. This is our first meeting of the Fall. The Kids will be planning their Viking costumes!

October Zone 4 meeting at LOV – Oslo Lodge will send 2 delegates to the zone meeting. More info to come. Any Oslo Lodge member can attend, but you must be a delegate to make motions and vote.

Oct. 17 2010 Central New York Scandinavian Day Culture, Crafts, Fun and Membership Dinner. Fun for the kids, seniors and everyone in between.

Nov 14 2011-12 Officer Election, support Oslo Lodge

Dec 5  **Juletreff – FUN for ALL!**

Dec 6 Finland's Independence Day 

Dec 10  **Nobel Prizes awarded**

Dates to Save in 2011

April 18 Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner at LOV. Come have fun and recognize the 2011 Scholarship winners!

2011 Zone 4 Memorial Service hosted by Norrona. Date and details as these become available.

OSLO LODGE NEWS

Oslo Lodge Is Fun, with activities *every month* for the whole family. Don't leave home without the kids as we have an active youth club. And, for everyone there is music, culture, history, genealogy, and many Nordic opportunities! You'll also find someone with whom to speak Norwegian, Swedish or Danish. Excited by Nordic culture? Then join Oslo Lodge!

OSLO Vikings – Youth Club

Each month there is fun and Nordic culture happening for our Oslo Vikings. We met on April 11th but also again on April 21st (5 moms & 12 kids) at Onondaga Lake Park. And, we will meet again the week of June 28th – so look for an email! Our Youth Director, Sarah Barbuto, does an awesome job, but is open to having other parents join her! And the kids love it!

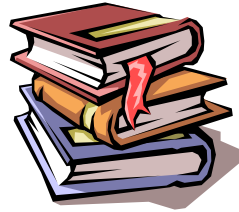
Sons of Norway Sports Medal can be earned **simply by recording** your own activities (swimming, walking, running, etc.) We have three Oslo Lodge members who will be awarded their Sports Medals at the Third District Convention. Come to the June picnic and learn who they are (?????) and celebrate their accomplishments!



Members on the Mend. If you know of someone who has a need, then email secretary@oslolodge.org



Sons of Norway Membership is a passport that opens doors to history, language, rich Nordic culture, artisan crafts and much more! Every month receive the Viking magazine and an invitation to a local lodge event. Please see, call or email any Lodge Officer for an application to become a member or to give someone the gift of membership!

OSLO LODGE NEWS**College Corner: we've heard from some of our coeds!**

Aaron Eddy writes about his freshman year at Luther College in Iowa: "As the college semester has drawn to an end, I reminisce over the great experiences had this semester. These experiences included, but were not limited to, Christmas at Luther, the Luther College Spring Opera, The Marriage of Figaro, a great research symposium, numerous concerts and the swim season. I participated in the Freshman Choir, Norsemen, chess club, and I even had some extra time to eat some lefse at a local diner! I had a great year at Luther, and plan to return next year."

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Janet Mostrom writes about her freshman year: "Wow, my first year at Notre Dame went by so quickly! The past year has been filled with new and different experiences. My classes have been challenging but I really enjoyed some, like a class on modern physics and my really small psych seminar (there were four other students!) Outside of classes, I have continued working in the student center, a job that I will continue next year. I joined my dorm soccer team; although we didn't have enough girls join this year to do more than scrimmages, which was a little disappointing. I wasn't too involved this year because it seemed like I spent so much of my time doing homework. I really liked living so close to my friends though. They were always being crazy and were always willing to listen and offer advice. This spring I enjoyed beautiful weather and spent lots of time outdoors, hanging out on North or South Quad or walking around the lakes. I loved just walking around campus once all the flowers came up - the Notre Dame landscaping crew gets an A+! Next semester, I plan to start working on my declared major, history. I'm also hoping to get involved with more rec sports and clubs."

Summer Camp at Land of the Vikings

It's not too late to give your child (ages 8-16) a week of camp in a beautiful setting full of fun and culture. Check out <http://www.3dsofn.org/forms/index.html> where you'll find more information and applications. If you want to join your child at camp, then contact Third District Youth director Evelyn Karpack to learn if there are any volunteer positions left (Donate your time & talent). Enjoy Summer Camp at Land of the Vikings!

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Tubfrim at Oslo Lodge

Help support Norwegian children and adolescents living with multiple disabilities by bringing cancelled stamps to Martha Williams at Oslo Lodge

Tubfrim Winner Announced

Since its inception in 1928, the Norway-based organization, Tubfrim, has been raising money to help children. Originally started to aid children afflicted by tuberculosis, the organization now works to improve the quality of life for children and youth with handicaps.

Sons of Norway members have been an integral part of Tubfrim's success since 1986. Lodges and individuals participate by clipping used stamps and sending them to Tubfrim, which sells them to dealers and collectors.

In addition to helping children, there is an added incentive for Sons of Norway members who clip stamps. For every pound of stamps collected, the member or lodge is entered into a drawing to win up to \$1,000 toward a plane ticket to Norway.

This year the drawing was held on January 16, 2010, at Solskinn Lodge 6-150 in Palm Desert, CA. Congratulations go to Solbakken Lodge 6-064 of Placentia, CA, a well-deserved winner. In 2009, their members collected an astounding 396 pounds of stamps! At their lodge meeting February 3 they held their own drawing for the winning ticket. Lodge member Arlene Birdsell won.

Will your lodge or one of your members be the next winner? Keep clipping those stamps!

Enjoy:Adult Summer Reading Ideas

Each of these books has a Nordic connection.

1. The Far Traveler: Voyages of a Viking Woman by Nancy Marie Browne.
2. Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson and Anne Born
3. Byzantium by Stephen R. Lawhead

International Coastal Drives:



Sweden's Western Coast: Gottenburg to Strömstad, 105 miles

More than 8,000 islands are sprinkled along Sweden's rugged western coast route. The drive takes you past orderly fishing villages where you can sample mackerel, herring, smoked eel, and the region's other delicacies. A few of the larger towns, like Skärhamn, on the island of Tjörn, are connected to the mainland by bridge. Skärhamn's rust-red cottages contrast with the contemporary Nordic Watercolor Museum, whose boxy shape seems to hover above the town's picturesque harbor. For access to other towns, such as Marstrand, ditch the car and take a three-minute ferry ride. The town's low-slung houses are clustered around Carlstens Fortress, a brooding, 17th-century castle.

Read more about this and the other coastal drives at:

<http://www.budgettravel.com/bt-dyn/content/article/2009/09/17/AR2009091703030.html>

Of the seven International coastal drives listed, three are from the Nordic countries. We brought you Iceland in April and Norway in May.

Special summer travel edition. Please feel free to email a short summary of one of your travels to editor@oslolodge.org

Fun Activities for Everyone



The Pride of the Susquehanna

The greater Hershey-Harrisburg area offers many activities at affordable prices, or even free! See St. Peter's Basilica and the Paris Opera House, without leaving PA! Tours are held Monday through Friday, 8:30- 4:30, every ½ hour (no tours at noon) and Saturday, Sunday, and holidays 9-4. Info: 717-787-6810.

Compared to the Carlisle Barracks, Harrisburg's Capitol Complex barely scratches the surface of history. Chosen by George Washington in 1757 to house the country's first arsenal, it's now the nation's second oldest active military post. Tour the 1777 Hessian Guard House, the Omar N. Bradley Museum and the grounds of the Carlisle Barracks. Info: 717-245-3434.

The two-block stretch of Harrisburg's Riverfront Park from Emerald Street to Maclay Street is a sanctuary dedicated to the pursuit of peace and the preservation of the Earth. Known as the Peace Garden, featuring plaques with quotes about peace by renowned statesmen.

National Civil War Museum

Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park,
Harrisburg, PA 17101; 717-260-1861

Harrisburg Senators Baseball

Riverside Stadium/City Island,
Harrisburg, PA 17105; 717-231-4444

Friends of Wildwood Lake Sanctuary

100 Wildwood Way,
Harrisburg, PA 170110; 717-221-0292

The Doll House Museum, 2000 State St.,

Harrisburg, PA 17103; 717-233-3099
Water Golf at City Island, City Island,
Harrisburg, PA 17101; 717-232-8533

<http://www.visithhc.com/harrisburg-attractions.shtml>

"EXPLORE YOUR HERITAGE" Third District Convention, June 9-13.



It is definitely NOT TOO LATE to make the decision to come to CONVENTION! Learn more ways to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and how we can better celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries. Learn how to promote and grow your local lodge. Watch the convention proceedings or wander into the Juried Cultural Handcrafts Room. Or, take a break and just relax by the pool! And, whether with friends or family, explore Harrisburg, along the shores of the Susquehanna River. Check out the details at <http://3dsofn.org/newsletter/convention.html>

FACTS TO KEEP IN MIND

1. Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, Pa 17070 1-717-774-2721 (group code SON) with room cost of \$101 per night + taxes. Rate is honored 3 days pre / post.
2. Convention Tickets (does not include rooms) include the following: registration fee; President's Reception; Thursday & Friday lunches; Saturday Banquet and Dancing; cultural displays, Viking presentation; five (5) coffee breaks; 25 tickets for the Viking Auction. Transportation from airport, bus or train station or parking for your auto. Convention Ticket Cost: Delegates, \$285.00; and, Non-Delegates, \$200.00. You can be present at the hotel, but will not be able to participate in any of the convention activities if you are not either a delegate or a non-delegate. Non-delegates (\$200 registration) and get everything mentioned above.

Kids & Adults love to explore Hershey Park!



<http://www.visithhc.com/hersheypa.shtml>

or,

call 1-800-HERSHEY.

Eyjafjallajokull aftermath - Just dust?
Read an interesting article by Greg Neale, founding editor of BBC History Magazine.

How an Icelandic volcano helped spark the French Revolution. Profound effects of eight-month eruption in 1783 caused chaos from US to Egypt, say experts.
guardian.co.uk Thursday April 15 2010

Just over 200 years ago an Icelandic volcano erupted with catastrophic consequences for weather, agriculture and transport across the northern hemisphere – and helped trigger the French revolution.

The Laki volcanic fissure in southern Iceland erupted over an eight-month period from 8 June 1783 to February 1784, spewing lava and poisonous gases that devastated the island's agriculture, killing much of the livestock. It is estimated that perhaps a quarter of Iceland's population died through the ensuing famine.

Then, as now, there were more wide-ranging impacts. In Norway, the Netherlands, the British Isles, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, in North America and even Egypt, the Laki eruption had its consequences, as the haze of dust and sulphur particles thrown up by the volcano was carried over much of the northern hemisphere.

Ships moored up in many ports, effectively fogbound. Crops were affected as the fall-out from the continuing eruption coincided with an abnormally hot summer. A clergyman, the Rev Sir John Cullum, wrote to the Royal Society that barley crops "became brown and withered ... as did the leaves of the oats; the rye had the appearance of being mildewed".

The British naturalist Gilbert White described that summer in his classic *Natural History of Selborne* as "an amazing and portentous one ... the peculiar haze or smokey fog that prevailed for many weeks in this island and in every part of Europe, and even beyond its limits

was a most extraordinary appearance, unlike anything known within the memory of man.

Smoke and steam hangs over the volcano under the Eyjafjallajokull glacier in Iceland. Volcanic ash drifting across the Atlantic forced the cancellation of flights in Britain & disrupted air traffic across Europe.



Photograph: Jon Gustafsson/AP

"The sun, at noon, looked as blank as a clouded moon, and shed a rust-coloured ferruginous light on the ground, and floors of rooms; but was particularly lurid and blood-coloured at rising and setting. At the same time the heat was so intense that butchers' meat could hardly be eaten on the day after it was killed; and the flies swarmed so in the lanes and hedges that they rendered the horses half frantic ... the country people began to look with a superstitious awe, at the red, louring aspect of the sun."

Across the Atlantic, Benjamin Franklin wrote of "a constant fog over all Europe, and a great part of North America". The disruption to weather patterns meant the ensuing winter was unusually harsh, with consequent spring flooding claiming more lives. In America the Mississippi reportedly froze at New Orleans.

The eruption is now thought to have disrupted the Asian monsoon cycle, prompting famine in Egypt. Environmental historians have also pointed to the disruption caused to the economies of northern Europe, where food poverty was a major factor in the build-up to the French revolution of 1789.

Volcanologists at the Open University's department of earth sciences say the impact of the Laki eruptions had profound consequences. Dr John Murray said: "Volcanic eruptions can have significant effects on weather patterns for from two to four years, which in turn have social and economic consequences. We shouldn't discount their possible political impacts." *Cached:* <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/apr/15/iceland-volcano-weather-french-revolution>



May 2010

Third District Today

Tonight I find myself in New Jersey. It has been a busy week starting with the Zone 6 caucus, which was held in the Washington Lodge's new cultural center. On Thursday, I started for the Syttende Mai parade in Brooklyn. My first stop was again the Washington Lodge Cultural Center where the Norwegian Ambassador and several members of the Fairfax city council and the Mayor were in attendance for a special art show. Then further North to the Pleasant Point lodge for a regular Friday night meeting. Saturday was a day of SON rest but I did go to Hoboken to help out one of my Daughters. On Sunday it was off to the big Brooklyn Parade, which, as usual was a lot of fun. I followed up the parade by starting back South and enjoying dinner with my former lodge, Noreg in Marlboro NJ. Tomorrow I will be up early catching the Cape May Ferry so I can make it back to Virginia Beach in time for my final Syttende Mai function. My suitcase will remain full as I am off to Clearwater FL for the Syttende Mai Regatta. Life is great if you have the strength.

I am sorry to report that one of District 3's great lions has passed away. John Kaare Haugen who played a vital role in our organization for over 50 years recently passed away in Norway. Please read about him on the website as well as in the 3DT.

The District Convention is drawing near. Needless to say, both your Convention Committee as well as the District Board is very busy these days making sure all the loose ends are gathered up. Keep checking the website for any late breaking news.

There was an article on Yahoo news concerning not for profit organizations who may lose their tax free status because they didn't file their 990 form. We only need to file the form annually so please

don't forget to file it on time.

Our web site continues to service more and more visitors. The May numbers through the 17th are over 172 daily visitors. This may be the month the average will break 150 daily visitors. We have seen over the past few months that the events pages are the most visited. As we go into the summer months the web site will be your best source to get information on your events out to the rest of the District membership. Our web master Jim has made some very positive changes to the photo gallery so check it out.



D3 is still leading the order in Membership growth even if we are now in a negative position. We have lost .03% of our membership through April 30 but that still remains the best. Compared to 2009, we have slightly slowed down the number of local lodge members leaving voluntary and we have reduced the voluntary loss of 999 members by over 20%. This is a very good sign as 2009 was a bad year for members leaving voluntarily. If we can hold our own over the summer we should be in a good position to show a total gain as the fall bazaars normally recruit a large number of new members.

I have really enjoyed the privilege of being your President for the past two years. If I didn't get to your lodge it wasn't that I didn't want to make the visit it was because there just wasn't time. I did get to every Zone and 27 lodges, which was very enjoyable. While we saw completion of some significant projects during the past 2 years there are still many areas where we can improve our District. Investments in time, effort and money that were made in 2008 and 2009 will continue to benefit the District for years to come.

I want to thank all of you volunteers out there who worked so hard for your lodges over the past two years. Without your efforts we would have been dead in the water. I also want to thank the 3D board of directors for the huge number of hours they spent doing our business and the support they have given me. Tusen Takk. See you in Harrisburg!!!

May peace and harmony prevail within our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Ralph Peterson, President

District Three, Sons of Norway



May 2010
Third District Today



Fra Vise Presidenten Gail Ekloff

June-----Summer? Not here in Delancey NY. Although it is May, the temperature is a cool 54 degrees today. But while I am writing, the sun on the deck makes it warm enough for me to sit and enjoy watching Mother Nature unfold. Birds of all species come to nest and enjoy the “EKLOFF INN”. This brief time of quiet renews my belief in nature and man’s ability to keep “plugging along”.

We, as an organization, too, have been “plugging along”. The Convention is here and it’s hard to believe 2 years have gone by so quickly. Lodges have transformed ideas on how to run meetings and ventured into a new area of membership dinners with the help of our financial advisors. Many lodges embrace the Norwegian culture with bunad making classes, internet language classes, and folk dancing. Many took up Brother Ralph’s challenge to work on their Sports Medal. Lodges have started reading books by Norwegian authors earning the Cultural Medals.

We, as a District, grew by adding new lodges and having the 3D website bring us together in ways we only imagined. The website is getting our message out to the masses, and to many Scandinavians out there who weren’t aware we exist. I went to every lodge which has a website listed. Only a few need updating, but there are over 20 functional sites. That’s great. “How To Start A Website And How To Keep It Current” might be a worthwhile topic at the Convention. All the lodges could get together to share their ideas.

Writing down all that’s happened – here in print – you can really see it’s been a good two years.

Enjoy your summer...take advantage of the beautiful weather and visit a lodge you wouldn’t normally get to. Enjoy the fellowship and the food -- a lot of the lodges have picnics and lobster parties. Join in the fun!!!

Congratulations to all the Lodges in the *Medlemskap scorer bord!* The results are in. Three lodges – Nansen, Washington, and Maine Nordmenn – had 2 members, with a grand total of 14! These 999 members joined a local lodge and will see all that SON has to offer. Good Job!! Let’s keep up the good work!! We were TOPS throughout the entire District in Sons of Norway! The tremendous Third Strikes again!
Alt for denne gangen, Gail

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**News from Norway via websites!**

[www.aftenposten.no/English](http://www.aftenposten.no/English)  
[www.aftenposten.no/webcam](http://www.aftenposten.no/webcam)  
[www.NorwayPost.no](http://www.NorwayPost.no)  
[www.norway.org](http://www.norway.org)

**May 17<sup>th</sup> in Hauge I Dalane, Norway**  
Local Sons of Norway Lodge in Parade



**Photo courtesy of Jan Gunnar Dokk**  
(Karin McCadam’s cousin)

Hope that you had a wonderful May 17<sup>th</sup> in your family. Let us plan to have a great May 17<sup>th</sup> as Oslo Lodge in 2011. And, this sign says “Many Dalbuer (citizens from Hauge I Dalane) have emigrated to America

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