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**Sons of Norway Third District  
Oslo Lodge 3-438**

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Dear members and friends,

Fall has officially arrived and it is another sign that we again are having the Central New York Scandinavian Day Saturday October 15th. This is also our membership dinner. To be able to pull it off and have a successful event we are looking for people to help out. We have a lot of small jobs that anyone would be able to handle. Just let us know and we can match you up with a job you will enjoy. This is an opportunity to invite anyone with a connection to any of the Scandinavian countries to the dinner. Some people like Scandinavian food and some people like our history or culture and they are all invited.

This event is very important to the lodge! If you can only participate in a few things this year, then please let this be one of them. I look forward to seeing you all at Central New York Scandinavian Day on Saturday October 15th.

Fraternally,  
Bjorn Solli, President  
Oslo Lodge 3-438

**See you in  
October!**



We meet at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 7444 Buckley Rd., North Syracuse

Circulation to a few brave Nordic folks and those who are not afraid of them!

## Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> CNY Scandinavian Day



**1:00 – 3:00 Culture and Coffee**  
**3:00 Harmony of Harps concert**  
**4:00 Nordic Dinner & Program**

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Before 1000 A.D. the Vikings traveled most of the known world and of course made their imprint on Greenland and North America. There is so much to learn about the Vikings as well as Nordic history, culture and contributions to the world. So come take a trip along some of the Old Nordic Warrior & Merchant Trade Routes via the Viking Passport! Speak with some of our members and learn a little bit about the Nordic countries & share stories.

### October Birthdays: Gratulere med dagen

**4<sup>th</sup> Milton Franson**

**27<sup>th</sup> Vivian Anderson Mosbo**

We use the current membership list provided by Sons of Norway. If you are not current with your membership then we may miss your birthday, so please keep your membership up to date.



### 2011 Fall Calendar of Events

**October - Sons of Norway Foundation Month.**  
See page 6 & come learn more on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**October 9<sup>th</sup> Leif Erikson Day.** No matter how you spell his name, this Viking definitely left his mark on the world. Read a bit more on page 3.

**Oct. 11-22. Their Majesties the King and Queen of Norway** will pay an official visit to the U.S. (the Midwest and New York City).

**Sat. October 15<sup>th</sup> CNY Scandinavian Day.** Please complete your dinner reservations – see page 3 for full details.

**Sunday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Nordic Christmas Preparations.** There is another surprise in store for you! Come on out & join the fun.



**Saturday Dec. 10** 1-5 pm  
**Juletreff: fun for everyone.**  
**Annual cookie exchange!**

### Tentative 2012 Calendar of Events

**Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Lunch Bunch**

**Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> Sweetheart Dinner**  
Carnegie Café, Maplewood Restaurant.

**Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> The Nordic World**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner at LOV**

**Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> Celebrate May 17<sup>th</sup> at LOV**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Third District of the Sons of Norway: Convention in Virginia Beach!** See Page 9 for more info.

**July: Zone 4 Picnic and Family Camping**  
Weekend at Elvedal, Saugerties.

**August 2011 Oslo Lodge Vikings at the 2012 CNY Scottish Games.** Be a part of the group that brings a Viking ship to Onondaga Lake! Are you interested in Viking Reenactment?

Circulation to a few brave Nordic folks and those who are not afraid of them!

## Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>

### CNY Scandinavian Day

Northminster Presbyterian Church  
7444 Buckley Rd., North Syracuse

- 1:00 - 3:00 Culture and Coffee**  
**3:00 Harmony of Harps concert**  
**4:00 Nordic Dinner**  
**Awards Program**

Come early.  
Bring family and friends.  
Plan to stay for dinner.

**Viking Butikk** – Preorder your 2012 Nordic calendars. Preorder Scandinavian food for Christmas dinner and gift giving.

**Nordic Marked** – meet artist Milton Franson, who will have art available for purchase. Also, there are some great buys of Norwegian and Danish collector plates. Karin McCadam has Viking T-shirts and Viking jewelry available along with other Nordic items and books. Jenny Hammond is selling fine art by Erling Enger!

**Dinner: Salad, Rolls & Butter**  
**Potatoes, Vegetables**  
**Vegetable Cheese Lasagna**  
**Two entrees**  
**Pickles & Pickled Beets**  
**Viking Cake, Coffee & Lemonade**

To make your **dinner reservations**, please mail your check to **Oslo Lodge Treasurer Mike McCadam, 103 Simmons Terrace, Syracuse, NY 13219 by October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Adults            | \$ 17.50      |
| Youth (13-16)     | \$ 10.00      |
| Kids (6-12)       | \$ 5.00       |
| Little Tykes      | FREE          |
| Non-member guests | Complimentary |

**Your invited (non-member) guests are complimentary, provided we have their names with your reservation. Your guest reservations will be emailed October 1<sup>st</sup>.**



Harmony of Harps performs at the CNY Scottish and Celtic Festival among other venues in Central New York State.

**A Harmony of Harps** is a harp ensemble based in Syracuse. The group is a chapter of the International Society of Folk Harpers and Craftsmen. The group is comprised of members of varied ages, vocations, and abilities, but all share a love for the harp. The group provides the CNY harp community with a place to play music and to simply chat about harps. A Harmony of Harps rehearses and performs publicly several times throughout the year. They play both ensemble pieces and solos in a range of styles, from Celtic, Renaissance, and folk to classical and contemporary.

### Leif Erikson Day October 9<sup>th</sup>

Leif Erikson (c 970-1020) is regarded as the first European to land in North America, nearly 500 years before Christopher Columbus. According to the Sagas of Icelanders, he established a Norse settlement at Vinland, which is believed to be at L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland, Canada. Leif was the son of Erik Thorvalsson, known as Erik the Red, a Norse explorer from Western Norway.

Leif Erikson is officially recognized in the US on October 9<sup>th</sup>. In 1825 on October 9<sup>th</sup> the ship Restauration arrived in New York Harbor from Stavanger Norway. Thus began the first organized immigration from Norway to the United States.

**OSLO LODGE**

**God Bedring** Mike McCadam thanks everybody for the well wishes in his recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Know of someone who needs some cheer? Then please email: [secretary@oslolodge.org](mailto:secretary@oslolodge.org)



**Oslo Lodge Members**

Rev. Marc Haynes and his wife Cheryl have moved to Pennsylvania, where they will be ministering locally. Please contact them at 421 E Kleinhans St., Easton, PA 18042.



**From Lorraine Bentley, Social Director:**

Thanks for all the great food at the September meeting. It is much appreciated. As you know we are again meeting at Northminster Presbyterian Church, in the Fellowship Hall.

Also we are having our December Cookie Exchange. Make sure you sign up! Hope to see you all soon. Hilsen, Lorraine

**Coming in December just in time for JUL!  
Don't miss the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual cookie exchange!**



Sign up in October and November. Then in December you are blessed with a wonderful assortment of Nordic cookies.



**SUPPORT OUR YOUTH**

Bring your children and grandchildren to Oslo Lodge. We have award winning youth. Come in October and learn about their most recent awards. Our fall and winter focus will be on the Vikings. We will begin making Viking costumes and learning Viking re-enactments. In December our focus is on our Christmas party. Please email [editor@oslolodge.org](mailto:editor@oslolodge.org) if you can help.

**Sons of Norway Sports Medal** can be earned simply by recording your hiking, swimming, skiing, walking, running, etc. How about you? Come learn more about the medals. Tracking forms available in October. Why not get started soon?

**“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.”**

You are a vital link in the fraternalism of Oslo Lodge. We are blessed with warm, gregarious and interesting people who gather to share Nordic culture. Whether your interest is in history, genealogy, cooking, sports, travel or just being a part of a fun group, you belong.

**The goal of Oslo Lodge** is to preserve the wonderful NORDIC heritage we share while maintaining our unique cultural identities. Whether you or your ancestry is Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Icelandic or Finnish, all contribute to the fabric of Oslo Lodge. In fact, you don't have to be Scandinavian to belong to Oslo Lodge. You just need to have an interest in Nordic culture! So come meet others and share your interests. Children are invited, too!

LOV HappeningsOctober 16 -22 Rosemaling Classes

with the Eldrid Arntzen! Call Eldrid to sign up for the course: 860-945-8741. A fee will be charged for the class. Be sure to call Bev at LOV for your lodging reservation (570-461-3500).

November 10-13 Genealogy – Are we related?

Expert Blaine Hedberg, Director of the Norwegian-American Genealogy Center and Naeseth Library in Madison, Wisconsin, will hold a genealogy course. Email him if you plan to attend: [Bhedberg@nagcni.org](mailto:Bhedberg@nagcni.org). A course fee will be charged. Be sure to call Bev at LOV for your lodging reservation (570-461-3500).

November 11-13 Norwegian Cooking Class!

Come learn to make kransekake, Danish, Lefse, open-faced sandwiches. Class is free when you stay at LOV. Be sure to call Bev at LOV for your lodging reservation (570-461-3500).

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ZONE 4 NEWS

It is with much sadness that we tell of the passing on September 21st of Clara B. Johnsen, a charter member and Past President of Norsemen Lodge. Cards can be sent to her husband (just celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday): Kristian Johnsen, 185 Youmans Rd., Wells Bridge, NY 13859. Clara will be greatly missed.

Zone 4 Scholarship Program

In 2011 three youth from Oslo Lodge were awarded \$500 Zone 4 Scholarships. This is a competitive program with only seven scholarships awarded, although more scholarships were awarded in the past. Unfortunately because of fewer donations we've had to deny some deserving youth. Please consider making a donation! You can do so in honor or in memory of someone you love. Please make a check out to "**Zone 4 Scholarship Program**". Any Lodge Officer will gladly mail it in for you.

**My name is Sallie Steiner**, and I am a junior at

Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, majoring in Norwegian and Scandinavian Studies with minors in Philosophy, German, and Art. I was the lucky recipient of two Sons of Norway scholarships this year: One from the Zone 4 lodges and the other a King Olav V Norwegian-American



Heritage Fund scholarship from Sons of Norway. I am currently working through the first month of my third year in college, and am eagerly anticipating a trip to Tromsø, Norway, where I will be spending my second semester.

This semester, I have been active not only academically, but also in extra-curricular activities. I am the president of Concordia's Scandinavian Club and am active in Philosophy Club, German Club, Campus Democrats, Campus Crusade for Christ, and also figure skate. I am also working this semester both as a reporter for Concordia's student-run newspaper and as a Norwegian tutor for the tutoring center. I thank Sons of Norway for making these four years of often hectic but always rewarding experiences and opportunities a possibility for me and I thank you all for supporting scholarship recipients like me!

Best, Sallie Steiner

Third District Vice President Gail Ekloff

Fall - what a great time of year! Everyone's lives get busy with school, work and Sons of Norway. Please don't forget to have the lodge discuss the fund raiser for the Boomer Esiason Foundation. What a

great opportunity for your lodge to encourage members not to hide all they do for others.

Sons of Norway was founded on the need for you to help one another, and nothing has brought this more to light than the recent bombing and senseless act of violence Norway experiences in July. Lodges have shown their support for their Norwegian Sons of Norway members and for the Norwegian nation by having vigils and memorial services with their lodges and zones.

Let us show you how Sons of Norway members care for that right in our own neighborhood and for those within our order.

For those of you who don't know about Boomer Esiason, he is a television and radio broadcaster, and former NFL player. Boomer is a member of Henrik Ibsen Lodge and a past Grand marshal of the 17th of May parade. Boomer's son has cystic fibrosis. As a result, Boomer established the **Boomer Esiason Foundation** (www.esiason.org) to heighten awareness, provide education, and improve the quality of life for those affected by cystic fibrosis, while providing financial support to conduct research aimed at finding a cure.

Please join this District wide campaign to support The Esiason Foundation. Thanking you in advance for your lodges' participation in this worthy cause.

Alt for denne gangen,  
Gail

Through 2011, Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas sponsor the **Norwegian Experience** membership recruitment contest. Members who recruit new, dues-paying



Sons of Norway members will be entered into the Norwegian Experience of a lifetime drawing!

This year's prize is an exclusive land-based tour for the winner and guest, courtesy of Borton Overseas, with day excursions and a two-day stay in Oslo for some sightseeing. As always, this trip of a lifetime includes international air travel, deluxe accommodations, and visits to some of Norway's most spectacular sites!

Just imagine spending 10 days traveling along the Norwegian coastline, visiting the famous stave churches or enjoying the breathtaking views from the famous Flåm railway! Or, if you prefer a more relaxing trip, consider spending more time in one of Norway's metropolitan cities, taking a spa treatment or enjoying the nightlife.

To enter for a chance at the Norwegian Experience of a lifetime, just recruit a new, dues-paying member between before December 31. And don't forget: the more people you recruit, the more chances you have at winning the contest. Entering the contest is easy:

1. Recruiters must be current members of Sons of Norway to be eligible to participate and to win.
2. For each **dues paying** member recruited, the recruiter's name will be automatically entered into the drawing to win a Norwegian Experience.
3. **Dues paying** Unge Venner, or members who have lapsed more than 2 years and individuals who've never been members are eligible candidates for membership and will qualify the recruiter for the contest. Heritage members, dues exempt (family) Unge Venner and members who have lapsed less than 2 years do not qualify for entry.
4. There is no limit to the number of entries allowed. So recruit as many new members as possible to increase their chances of winning!
5. New Membership applications with the recruiter's member number indicated, **must be received** at the Sons of Norway Headquarters by 12/31/11 to qualify for an entry.



## SONS OF NORWAY

Hei alle sammen.

I hope that you had a great summer and were not affected by Irene (Hurricane Irene that is) or any of the other nasty storms that we have so far experienced this season. Hopefully that type of weather is gone for a while.

Following up on my last letter we did see some moose before we left Newfoundland and they were not in the road or my headlights. They were huge and seemed to be as interested in us as we were with them.

The trips on Hurtigruten and to L'Anse Aux Meadows, Newfoundland have to be two of the greatest trips that I have made.

The planning for our convention and centennial celebration continues. Thus far only 30 lodges have submitted lodge histories to our Centennial Editor, Asbjorn Lageraen. For the remaining lodges, please make every effort to send your lodge history to Asbjorn so we have a book with all lodge histories in our centennial book.

By the time you get this letter we should have a "convention /centennial page" on the web site. We will shortly send you (those with email address listed on the SON web site) a note via our new "constant contact" program with more info on the events as well. Over the past month we lost over 100 members but our list of members with email addresses grew by 50. That means that many of you heard my plea and listed your address on the SON web site. Tusen takk. Please continue to do so. Call 1-800-945-8851, ask for membership and they will get your information on the site.

Our web site hit a daily all-time high in early September with 487 visitors logging on. Our August 2011 average was over 230 daily visitors and another 4,800 visitors were on the site compared to August 2010.

Please list your lodge events on the web site events calendar. People are looking for events to attend and this will help them and your event. Check here for information on SON travel benefits.

Membership loss is a continued concern for the entire order. District 3 has only 10 lodges with positive growth this year. Fredheim with a 19.7 growth factor leads the way. The fall is when we normally grow but this year we must step on the pedal. We need membership tables at every event we can fit into. More and better communications will help keep our members and having a welcome and friendly atmosphere at our meetings will encourage our visitors to join. My challenge remains the same: sign up a new member before the end of the year and I will do the same.

As the time for local lodge elections draws near, I encourage all members to consider running for office. As one member, who is a minister, told her lodge, "If you are asked to serve, say yes." We need enthusiastic and determined leaders and supporters of all ages willing to share their talents.

Ralph Peterson, Third District President



### [District 3 enjoys Leif Erikson Site in Canada](#)



On 1 August, seven District 3 members left the site of the hugely successful Maine Nordmenn Lobster Fest, headed for the Canadian border and a voyage to L'Anse Aux Meadows, Newfoundland, the location of Leif Erickson's documented settlement in North America. The "convoy" consisted of 2 fifth wheelers, one motor home and one car. The Abrahamson's (Maine

Nordmenn), the Hanson's (Norumbega), Peter Vatne (Norumbega) and the Petersons (Hampton Roads) made up the crew. The first day was a bit long as we drove over 400 miles from Bailey Island, MI to Moncton, NB. The border crossing went well and the GPS only failed one driver as we ended up in the RV Park we set out to find. Day two brought us to Sydney, NS where we spent the night in a Wal-Mart Parking lot waiting for our ferry boat which we caught on Day 3. It was a 6 hour crossing which went fairly well. Keeping with our policy of no night driving we found a beautiful camp site 20 minutes from the Ferry. Those 20 minutes had some great scenery and set the tone for the trip.

Day 4 was a short drive to Rocky Point in Gros Morne National Park. It may have been a short drive but it included a lot of up and downs coupled with several hair pin turns. It was an exciting drive with 30' and 40' plus rigs and full of great sites for those of us who could look. We were up early the next day for our departure to St Anthony. It was another beautiful drive. As soon as we hooked up at our camp site we jumped in pickups and cars and headed for the icebergs. It was unbelievable. There were icebergs of all sizes and shapes as far as we could see. I was just a great sight to see. The locals told us that it was the most icebergs they had seen for years. Over our 5 days in the area there we saw several huge bergs as they passed by.

We spent 5 days in the area and every day was great. We went to the Leif Erickson site and took the guided tour and watched the movie about the discovery of the site. We went to the little "Viking" village of Norstrand which is a working example of the Leif Erickson site. Both were excellent. We also went to an evening of "Viking Sagas and tales" which was a great evening. We also attended a "Viking Dinner" - a bit touristy but lots of fun. Our Viking travels were educational, fun and exciting. The people of Newfoundland were very friendly and just great.

All too soon our Viking adventure was over and we found ourselves back in Sydney, Nova Scotia for one last evening together before we all went different directions. We are all in agreement that the trip was well worth it to visit Newfoundland and L'Anse Aux Meadows.

### [Our Icelandic Connections](#)

You may remember we reviewed a book about Gudrid the Far Traveler, a Viking woman. The book relies on the Sagas, recent archeological findings and the belief that the oral history of the Nordic people is more accurate than most scholars have been lead to believe. Below is information from a museum website. The museum stands where she last lived. Enjoy!



"Snorri Thorfinnsson, son of **Gudridur Thorbjarnardóttir** and Thorfinnur Karlsefni, was a farmer at Glaumbaer in 11th century. In the Sagas **Gudridur Thorbjarnardottir** was without doubt one of the most widely-traveled women of her time. She crossed Europe twice on foot, and made eight ocean journeys. She was a participant in Nordic exploration of new lands, lived through the change from heathenism to Christianity, and handled her role well.

Glaumbær's chief fame lies in the influence its inhabitants exerted upon Iceland and the world at large. They were among the first settlers in North America and Greenland and one - Gudridur - gave birth to the first European child born on North American shores. They were heroic and influential people and were featured prominently in the ancient Icelandic sagas. According to the Sagas, the first known inhabitants of Glaumbær lived here in the 11th century. They are mentioned in the Saga of the Greenlanders, which tells of the explorers Leifur Eiriksson and his brother Thorsteinn, sons of Eirik the Red, of Thorsteinn's wife **Gudridur Thorbjarnardóttir**, her second husband Thorfinnur Karlsefni and their son, Snorri. **Gudridur Thorbjarnardóttir** is mentioned both

in the Saga of the Greenlanders and in the Saga of Eirik the Red. Gudridur, a granddaughter of an Irish freedman, was born in the 10th century in Snæfellsnes in western Iceland.

She emigrated to the Icelandic settlement in Greenland founded by Eirik the Red, and married his son Thorsteinn, who soon died. The young widow then married Thorfinnur karlsefni, a merchant and a farmer from Stadur in Reynines (now Reynistadur), Skagafjörður. Gudridur and Thorfinnur explored Vínland (somewhere in North America), which had been discovered by Leifur Eiriksson, Gudridur's former brother-in-law. They stayed there at least one winter, and planned to settle permanently. Their son, Snorri, was born in the New World. Due to conflict with the aboriginal inhabitants, they did not remain there long, but returned to Iceland. Initially they lived at Thorfinnur's old home at Reynines. They may have then purchased the estate of Glaumbær, 1010 or so, and settled there. This is not certain. But after Thorfinnur's day, Snorri farmed at Glaumbaer. Gudridur decided to make a pilgrimage to the Pope in Rome. Snorri had a church built in his mother's absence, the first known to have stood at Glaumbær. According to the Saga of the Greenlanders on her return Gudridur became an anchoress, living in solitary worship." [http://www.skagafjordur.is/displayer.asp?cat\\_id=1116](http://www.skagafjordur.is/displayer.asp?cat_id=1116)



In 2002 the remains of a dwelling from before 1100 AD were identified, approximately 150 meters to the east of the old turf house at Glaumbær.



A 100th anniversary deserves a major celebration so mark your calendars for June 20 - 23, 2012 in Virginia Beach as District 3 throws the largest party of the century. We are 100 years old and want you to help us celebrate this milestone. Wrapped into our bi-annual District Convention, where each lodge sends delegates to handle our business affairs, we will set aside plenty of time to commemorate our centennial. We have a wide range of entertainment and special events scheduled with guest performers from as far away as Norway. We'll honor our traditions such as the Viking Auction, with proceeds going to our own Charitable Trust. We are the only District with a Charitable Trust that has assisted scores of members over the past 40 years with a financial helping hand. We'll recognize former district leaders and remember our members and friends who have passed with our memorial service.

The Tidewater area of Virginia Beach, Virginia along the Atlantic Ocean, is close to many historic areas. Virginia Beach and the surrounding locale are the perfect setting for a family vacation.

We are developing our district web site to include the District Convention and Centennial Celebration information, so be sure to check it for updates and please watch for articles in the Third District Today, the monthly district newsletter which is also available on the web. <http://www.3dsofn.org/home.htm>

**Carol Anderson** **Ralph Peterson** **Dr. Louis Olsen**  
Convention Chair 3D President Centennial Chair

**This painting is NOT for sale.**



**Pine Trees in Landscape by Erling Enger**

**Art For Sale. Art by Erling Enger**

Water color and crayon studies of mountains (\$175 each w/o frames and \$200 each framed). A pencil drawing of Enger home: \$195/\$230 framed. Paris Windows: \$250 framed. All are exceptionally matted in Norway with real wood gilded frames. Erling Enger is a well-known Norwegian impressionist artist (1899-1990) from Fåberg i Oppland near Lillehammer. These will make very special gifts for Christmas or wedding heirlooms. Art will be available for viewing and purchase at the CNY Scandinavian Day on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, contact Jenny K Hammond at 638-6923 for more information.

**2011 Valdres Rose Christmas Ornament**



From its rosemaling-inspired outer frame to the beautiful Valdres rose design, this elegant ornament is sure to be a welcome addition to your holiday traditions. It's packaged in a silver-stamped gift box, containing a Christmas greeting from Sons of Norway and an informative description of Valdres rosemaling.

This year's ornament is a limited edition and will only be available for a short time, so order yours now! This special keepsake is only \$14.99 plus tax and shipping & handling. To order yours today, call (800) 945-8851.

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