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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

It's Thanksgiving so join us **Friday, Nov. 18** at Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. for registration and visiting. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

MENU: Roasted turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, and dessert. Assorted beverages will be available.

DONATION: \$15 per person; Children age 16 and under are free.

R.S.V.P. This is catered by Anthony's, so it is imperative that you RSVP to Marci Larson at mlarson@northfloridatpo.com or call 307-2888 by Thursday noon, Nov. 17.

Varied raffle baskets will be available so bring lots of cash!!!

Program: Veterans will be honored.

Meet at Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church, 7860 Southside Boulevard, located on the parallel service road between JT Butler and Old Baymeadows Road. For entry use the service road off Baymeadows on Southside Boulevard or by the Skinner Parkway traffic light. A large white cross is near the driveway. Park and enter behind the building.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
BESKJED FRA PRESIDENTEN

Greetings Fellow
Members and
Friends,

I sure hope everyone made it through October OK. We did have a little more excitement than we expected for our Regatta. We had to cancel because Hurricane Matthew decided to come visit that weekend.



He did a lot of damage in St. Augustine. Eugene Yerkes and Pete Hopkins went down to see what how the area survived. The docks at Aunt Kate's were badly damaged. We were hoping to have a small Regatta in November, but after seeing the damage, it was decided to wait until the spring and decide then. Thanks to everyone involved in the planning for the Regatta. You are all the best.

We hope our lodge members came out OK in the storm. Maybe the worst was some being without electricity. We were blessed that Matthew turned some, so he didn't hit Florida directly. I hope it will be at least another 50 years before it happens again.

We are getting ready to have our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at Shepherd of the Woods on November 18th, starting at 6:30 and dinner served at 7. It is such a great time to gather together to count our blessings. Anthony's will be doing the catering. We will have turkey and dressing and all the good

extras that go with it. We will have a raffle and celebrate our Veterans.

On December 4th we are having our annual Scandinavian Jule Fest at the home of Kristen and Andy Allen. We appreciate them opening their beautiful home for us to have this time to celebrate Christmas together. We will have heavy hors d'oeuvres, cheeses, desserts, lutefisk, lefse, some surprise deserts and drinks. Santa and his helper is coming to visit us, too. We will have our Santa Lucia procession. We need a lot of children. We will also have music provided by Mai Britt Corbin and Lou Corbin. It is going to be a fun afternoon. Please come and bring your family.

A reminder about the November 13th event at 4 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church on Merrill RD. Our own member Tony Cruz, who is the Cantor at St Mark's Lutheran Church on Hendricks Ave. and a member of the American Guild of Organists Chapter. The Chapter is hosting a hymn festival from Scandinavia named "Northern Lights: Hymns of Scandinavia. Maybe some of us can wear our bunads to the program as Tony had suggested. Tony will be updating us more about it in this newsletter.

It should be a fun November and December. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Happy Fall and God Bless you all!

Evelyn Hopkins, Your President
Gateway to Florida Lodge 3-541



SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN JULE FEST

Sunday, Dec. 4; 2 – 5 p.m.
Home of Kristen and Andy Allen
1024 Elder Lane, San Marco

The menu includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, assorted cheeses and numerous desserts catered by Anthony's and Scandinavian favorites including Lutefisk and lefse. Assorted beverages will be available; expect Santa from the North Pole; and we'll enjoy our St. Lucia procession. Music will be provided by Lou and Mai Britt Corbin. Of course, raffle gifts will also be available. Bring the entire family, most especially the children. This will be an afternoon of fellowship and friendship during this Christmas season.



**RSVP: \$20 donation sent to Marci Larson by Dec. 1.
Children age 16 and under are free.**



RESERVATION FORM FOR SCANDINAVIAN JULE FEST

NAMES _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (\$20 PER PERSON)

Detach this form, complete and return with a check made payable to Sons of Norway.

Mail to Marci Larson, 4013 Moresburg Court East, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

If you have any questions please contact Marci at 260-4064.

Turkey Soup with Norwegian Dumplings

- Turkey bones, skin and scraps (for stock)
- Water
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cups chopped celery, including tops
- Salt and pepper
- Norwegian dumplings
- 1/2 cups chopped fresh parsley

Place turkey bones and scraps into a soup kettle and cover with water. Leave uncovered and heat to a boil, then slowly simmer for 45 minutes. Add water as needed to keep the bones covered. Strain. Add celery and onion to broth and cook for 15 minutes until tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Dumplings: Add one at a time to the stock. Cook uncovered for 20 minutes. Add parsley just before serving.

Dumplings:

- 2 cups milk
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 1/4-1 1/2 cups flour

In medium pan, combine butter, milk, sugar and nutmeg and simmer, stirring until sugar dissolves and butter melts. Decrease heat to low and mix in flour. Remove pan from heat and whisk until smooth. Shape into walnut-sized dumplings.

HYBRID TECHNOLOGY COMING TO HURTIGRUTEN SHIPS

Earlier this month the Norwegian expedition operator and cruise line, Hurtigruten, announced the construction of two hybrid expedition ships. Designed by Rolls Royce and constructed by Kleven Yards in Norway, the vessels represent the biggest single investment made by Hurtigruten in the company's history. "It is beyond doubt that the future of shipping is both silent and emission-free. We will use our new expedition ships as 'icebreakers' for this technology and show the world that hybrid operations on large ships are already possible now," says Hurtigruten CEO Daniel Skjeldam.

Set to debut in 2018 and 2019, the hybrid ships will be released in two phases. The first phase will see the completion of a single 530-passenger ship out fitted with an auxiliary electric engine, capable of sailing via electric propulsion for 15-30 minutes. A first of its kind in the world, the vessel's combination of hybrid technology, hull design and onboard electricity efficiencies are projected to reduce fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions by 20 percent.

The objective of the second phase is to expand upon electric capabilities with a fully-edged hybrid engine that will sustain the second passenger ship for greater lengths of time and distances. The battery propulsion will also offer a silent and emission-free solution for navigating into fjords and vulnerable port locations.

Bellona, a Norwegian environmental NGO with close ties to the project, is optimistic about the potential for the new hybrid maritime equipment. Bellona founder and President Fredric Hauge says, "This is an historic day for Norwegian shipping and for Norwegian maritime technology. Battery powered propulsion in ships this size shows that batteries are on board to stay. This represents a huge reduction in emissions from shipping, and it is only the beginning."

To learn more about the project, visit <http://tinyurl.com/jxcc9ov>



NORTHERN LIGHTS: HYMNS OF SCANDINAVIA

O n
13th, at
Chapter



Sunday,
November
4:00 p.m. the
Jacksonville
of the
American
Organists will

Guild of
present a hymn festival titled "Northern Lights: Hymns of Scandinavia." Organists from many churches will each lead a hymn that with roots in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, or Finland. Lodge member Tony Cruz will lead "O Day Full of Grace." The hymn festival will be at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 6801 Merrill Road. This event is free and all are welcome!

Here is a partial list of performers and the hymns they will be leading:
Tony Cruz (St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church) "O Day Full of Grace"
John Haugen "Children of the Heavenly Father"
Rachel Cochran (Victory Lutheran Church) "Prepare the Royal Highway"
James Freeman "Built On a Rock"
Peter and Patricia DeWitt "Thy Holy Wings"

We would specifically like to invite members from the Sons of Norway Gateway to Florida Chapter to come and sing these great hymns with us – and wear your bunads! The event is free and all are welcome.

P.S. – We're singing the hymns in English!

Tony Cruz



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- 7 Erik Bakke
- 20 Johanna Miller
- 23 Grace Chepenik
- 24 Talmer Brown
- 27 Betty Rae Pierce
- 28 Anna Large

TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE

Norwegian word: dialekt:

English: accent

Example sentence: Hun tok fort etter dialekten hans

Sentence meaning: She soon took after his accent.

Norwegian word: bilde:

English: photo

Example sentence: Hun tok noen bilder av ham.

Sentence meaning: She took some photos of him.

Norwegian word: mat

English translation: food

Example sentence: Ta deg litt mat før du går.

Sentence meaning: Have some food before you go.

Norwegian word: snakke:

English translation: speak

Example sentence: Når man snakker om solen.

Sentence meaning: Speak of the devil.

VIKINGS RETURN NOVEMBER 30

The television series **Vikings** return to the History channel on November 30 for a gripping fourth season. Season 3 culminated with the extraordinary battle in Paris, where Ragnar (Travis Fimmel) seized victory from the jaws of defeat—but still returns to Kattegat dangerously ill. Thoughts of his death galvanize the forces who seek to succeed him as king, including his wife Queen Aslaug (Alyssa Sutherland) and his oldest son, Bjorn (Alexander Ludwig). Meanwhile, Lagertha (Katheryn Winnick) continues power struggles with her calculating, former second in command, Kalf (Ben Robson); Rollo (Clive Standen) betrays his Vikings heritage by remaining in Frankia and Floki (Gustaf Skarsgård) is seized for his brutal actions to the Christian priest Athelstan.

Joining the stellar cast this season is Peter Franzén as King Harold Finehair, a complex character who seeks to be King of Norway and a potential threat to Ragnar; Jasper Pääkkönen as Halfdan The Black, King Harold's violent younger brother; and Dianne Doan as Yidu a completely different character within the world of the Vikings who fascinates Ragnar.

DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Fra Presidenten, Mary B. Andersen

Advice from a tree- Remember your roots
www.YourTrueNature.com)

As you know from my October letter, I was recently in Maine. I stopped into a store and bought a mug. I need another mug like a hole in the head (no comments please) but the saying caught my eye - Advice from a Tree – remember your roots. As you may recall from previous letters ([January 2013 Vice-President letter](#)), I like trees. The saying on the back of the mug (reproduced below) is an excerpt from a larger poem that I found on the internet (<http://spiritoftrees.org/poetry/advice-from-a-tree>).

I thought that the saying fits Sons of Norway perfectly! Why did we join Sons of Norway? Many reasons I am sure but connecting with our roots was probably a key motivator.

How do we strengthen and deepen our roots? How do we extend the love and care of our roots beyond the shadow ring of a tree? We can “water” the roots by communicating. It is something we can never do enough – whether it be family, neighborhoods, work, friendships and within our beloved Sons of Norway. Many of our lodges have great newsletters with fabulous events. Do you post them on the 3D calendar? Do you tweet them on the 3D twitter page? Do you post them on the 3D Facebook page? Do you advertise in the local free newspaper? Those lodges that communicate are reaping the rewards of their communication efforts in increased membership. Keep in mind that communication is an ongoing process. It used to be that you needed “three touches” to get people to remember you, then it increased to “seven touches”; now I think it is seven touches within 12 or 18 months. The key is repetition and a communication plan. Do you have one?

If you develop a communication plan and are able to implement it consistently your view should be one of a roomful of members!

All the best,

Mary



From the back of the mug:
 Stand tall and proud
 Sink your roots into the earth
 Be content with your natural beauty
 Go out on a limb
 Drink plenty of water
 Enjoy the view!

S U N S H I N E N E W S

Pat Gustafson passed away and has been cremated. On Nov. 4 at 11:30 her ashes together with her husband's ashes were put to rest at the military cemetery on the North-side. Her husband, **Milt Gustafson** was president of our Lodge.

Thanks again to the people from SON lodge for visiting my dad, **Roy Hauge** in Cypress Village in room 233. His phone number there is 680-5792.

Very thoughtful of all of you.

Sincerely,

Joy Hauge

Ann Crisp has been having medical problems so we pray Ann has the best of good health from now on.

Ruth Morrison broke her right foot. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Please let Anna Rita or Cheryl know of any milestone birthdays or anniversaries or who deserves congratulations so our lodge can send out a card. Also if you know of a member having health issues, let us know so we might try to cheer them up a little.



To report sunshine news please contact Cheryl Drabek at ceejay611@yahoo.com, 904-860-3174 or Anna Rita Perkins at annarita@bellsouth.net, 904-396-7692.

Sunshine Coordinators,

Anna Rita Perkins and Cheryl Drabek.

Velkommen back **David Brynildson**, who has rejoined our Lodge after a brief absence. We hope to see him at future lodge meetings.

**Thank you to
 all our
 Veterans!**

**Happy
 Thanksgiving!**



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CULTURAL CORNER

Cheryl Drabek, Cultural Director

There are lots of ideas for the 2016 cultural program, if you have any requests, please let me know!

BOOK CORNER

We hope to have more members join the Book Club! Please come with recommendations for our next book.

T R A V E L B U G

Send in a photo and a couple paragraphs on your travels to share with fellow lodge members.

**Lodge Calendar
(Subject to Change)**

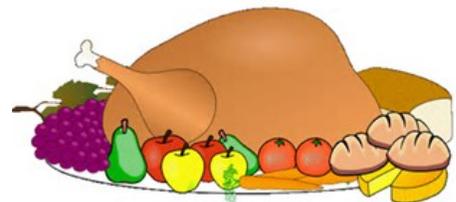
Nov 21	Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, November 13	American Guild of Organists hosting a Scandinavian hymn festival: "Northern Lights: Hymns of Scandinavia"
Tues., Nov 15	Board Meeting
Fri., November 18	Thanksgiving Dinner at SOTW & Veteran's Remembrance
Sun., December 4	Scandinavian JuleFest at the Allen Home

OCTOBER DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

Read the Third District Today October newsletter at www.3DSofN.org.

This issue contains the President's and Vice President's Messages, Charitable Trust Report, Secretary's Report, Cultural Director's Report, Book Review of "The Son," Recipes for Mørbrad Bøfmedlød Løg and Great-Great Aunt Zella's Kringlas, author Brad Thor, Norwegian Elkhound, Zone Reports with photos from Zones 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7, State of Land of the Vikings Report, Spotlight on Bernt Balchen Lodge, International Convention in Tacoma, WA Report and more!

*May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious,
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner,
Stay off of your thighs.*





THANKSGIVING FACTS

The pilgrims arrived in North America in December 1620.
 The Pilgrims sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to reach North America.
 The pilgrims sailed on the ship, which was known by the name of 'Mayflower'.
 They celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in the fall of 1621.
 They celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day at Plymouth, Massachusetts.
 The drink that the Puritans brought with them in the Mayflower was the beer.
 The Wampanoag Indians were the people who taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land.
 The Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford, had organized the first Thanksgiving feast in the year 1621 and invited the neighboring Wampanoag Indians also to the feast.
 Abraham Lincoln issued a 'Thanksgiving Proclamation' on third October 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. Whereas earlier the presidents used to make an annual proclamation to specify the day when Thanksgiving was to be held.
 President Franklin D. Roosevelt restored Thursday before last of November as Thanksgiving Day in the year 1939. He did so to make the Christmas shopping season longer and thus stimulate the economy of the state.

DID YOU KNOW...

November 13 marks Father's Day in Norway

Did you know that November 27 marks the first Sunday of Advent?

VETERAN'S DAY IN NORWAY



Veterans' Day (Norwegian: *Veterandagen*) is an official flag day in Norway, and it's annually observed on May 8. In 2011, this observance substituted Liberation Day.

Liberation Day was an official flag day, commemorating liberation of Norway from the German occupation in 1945. The German occupation of Norway during the Second World War started on April 9, 1940. The so-called Norwegian Campaign began with Operation Weserübung. Norway had been fighting for 62 days, but eventually capitulated on June 10, 1940.

On May 8, 1945 the Reichskommissar for Norway Josef Terboven committed suicide, and the German military forces in Norway surrendered to the Allied Forces. The anniversary of this date was proclaimed Liberation Day.

In 1996 the government of Norway decided to dedicate the holiday of Liberation Day to the veterans, who survived World War II. This decision was adopted due to the declining number of the veterans. The government supposed to honor these people, as well as veterans of UN peacekeeping operations. In 2010 the resolution was passed and the first Veterans' Day was observed in 2011.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



NEW NORWEGIAN FILM BREAKING INTO INTERNATIONAL MARKET

Løvekvinnen – The Lion Woman

In August, "The Lion Woman" (Løvekvinnen) premiered at the 44th Norwegian International Film Festival in Haugesund and had already been sold for distribution to 40 countries. Based on the bestseller by Erik Fosnes Hansen, the drama follows the trials of Eva, a girl born in 1912 with a disorder that causes fur to grow over most of her body. Her ashamed father first tries to hide her from society, and she later suffers bullying and humiliation from all sides. Written and directed by Vibeke Idsøe, the film was partially filmed in Lillehammer, and has the largest budget for a Norwegian film since "Kon-Tiki." This beautiful tale of otherness, tolerance and redemption shows how the Lion Woman learns to face and overcome these obstacles.

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HOT APPLE GROG WITH BLACKCURRANT HONEY AND CINNAMON (Serves 5), adapted from newscancook.com

- 1 quart (1 liter) apple juice
- 1/4 lb. (100 g) blackcurrants
- 1 cinnamon stick
- • 2 tbsp. honey

Boil all ingredients. Sieve and serve.



NEW AMERICAN EMBASSY IN OSLO

Norway's new American Embassy, currently under construction in Huseby, a western suburb of Oslo, will be completed by the end of the year.

Designed by New York's EYP Architecture & Engineering, the five building campus features a chancery, underground annex, Marine security guard quarters and three entry pavilions. Workspaces in the building will support a staff of 200 employees. Planned outdoor spaces take cues from Norwegian design principles by utilizing the area's mature trees and stream to meld the new building with the natural landscape.

Serving an important and unique function, the new embassy site and building plans had to meet a number of key requirements. The previous building's location near Oslo's city center is dense and highly trafficked and posed security challenges. In addition, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Building Operations issued a new list of guiding principles in 2011 which required that consulates and embassies be both "safe and functional and inspiring places for the conduct of diplomacy and ... a facility that represents the best of American architecture, design, engineering and construction." In essence, buildings must be aesthetically beautiful and meet high security and safety requirements. In respect of these principles, architects sought inspiration from local materials, utilizing white Norwegian granite on the building's façade and a copper roof, inspired by the Norwegian copper utilized in the Statue of Liberty.

In addition to design and safety considerations, sustainability and energy efficiency were also at the forefront of plans for the project. The new embassy will qualify for a Silver Certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and energy needs for the building will be met almost entirely by renewable energy sources.

To learn more and to see plans of the building, visit <http://eypaedesign.com/design-diplomacy>



GATEWAY TO FLORIDA LODGE HONORS:

District 3 Lodge of the Year 2003, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2014. Membership Lodge of the Year 2007-2008, Founders Award for Membership Achievement 2007, 2008-09, 2010-11. President's Gold Merit Award for Fraternal Excellence 2007, 2008-09, 2010-11, President's Special Recognition Gold 2010 and 2011; World of Nations First Place/Best Country 2006, Grand Overall Winner Jacksonville Boat Light Parade 2008, First Place Palm Valley Boat Light Parade 2008, 2010, Organized Club Winner Jacksonville Light Parade 2009, 2010, First Place Whitey's Fish Camp Boat Light Parade 2010, Grand Prize Best Overall St Augustine Holiday Regatta of Lights 2009. Winner of Fall Blitz Recruitment Contest in Large Lodge Category 2009. Third District Golden Newsletter Award for Medium Size Lodge Division in 2009. Newsletter Honorable Mention 2011. Certificate of Recognition Newsletter Contest Third Place Category A 2014, First Place Category A Newsletter Contest 2016. Large Lodge of the Year 2014. Gold Merit Award 2014.

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