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LODGE MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 fredag, seksten november
NOT Nov. 9

You are cordially invited to celebrate an evening of Thanksgiving with your fellow lodge members and guests Friday, Nov. 16 with registration and social at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Several chefs extraordinaire are preparing a feast fit for the hungriest Vikings that includes roast turkey, dressing/stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, rolls, lefse and, of course, dessert. Varied beverages will also be offered, all for a donation of \$16 for this wonderful dinner. Please, please, let us know that you are coming with your RSVP by noon, Nov. 15 to Kent Larson @ 614-7111 or kmlmal@bellsouth.net.



In addition to this wonderful meal and the fellowship, our evening will feature a program on genealogy. The title of our speaker's talk is "Getting to Know Your Family: Why and How".

Guest speaker David Jones, a retired librarian, has been tracing his diverse family history for over 25 years, blending his library reference experience with traditional genealogy research methods. Among the ancestors that he's found are a Scottish rebel, an English medieval knight, a renegade Irish king, and a Swiss librarian. His ancestors were among the early colonists in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Raised in Columbus, Ohio, he has lived in Jacksonville for nearly 40 years. He received a BA in History at the University of West Florida and the Master in Library Science from Florida State.

Anna Large, Co-Cultural Director

The American tradition of Thanksgiving dates back to 1621, when the pilgrims gave thanks for their first bountiful harvest in Plymouth Rock. They celebrated for three days, feasting with the natives on dried fruits, boiled pumpkin, turkey, venison and much more. The celebration was not repeated until many years later, when in 1778 George Washington proclaimed Thanksgiving to be a national holiday on Thursday November 26 that year – setting the precedent of the last Thursday in November. Despite this, the holiday was celebrated on different days from state to state and Thomas Jefferson later did away with the holiday. Thanksgiving didn't become a nationwide holiday until President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving in 1863. Every year following, the President proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving until finally Congress sanctioned the day a legal holiday in 1941.

For Americans it is a day to gather with loved ones, celebrate, give thanks for many blessings and, of course eat usually following the traditional meal from the very first Thanksgiving!

Meet at Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church, 7860 Southside Boulevard, is 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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BESKJED FRA PRESIDENTEN

Velkommen SON members,



Here we are on Halloween with the month of October behind us and November out ahead.

October was a busy month for us with dinner and trick or trunk at Shepherd of the Woods at the lakeshore. We had over 700 people there that night participating in the event. We had both of our boats, Hagar and Tapper Viking, setup with Vikings handing out candy. We provided funds for the DJ as part of our international volunteer and support for SOTW and everyone had a good time.

Eugene, Kent, Stewart and I took the boats and made a trip to Sarasota, Fl. to participate in the New World Celtic Music Festival. We were there to make a Viking raid on the Celts at the end of the night with a mock sword fight and a peaceful conclusion to the evening.

In November our lodge will be having our annual Thanksgiving celebration on the evening of Nov 16th. Kent and I will be cooking the turkeys and I will be doing the carving. Anna and Cheryl have a program on genealogy planned for the evening that should be very interesting. Don't forget: December 9 we will be having our Christmas party. Details are on page 3 of this newsletter.

Lastly, I want to share my condolences to our insurance representative Ann Krause. She lost her husband, Skip Krause, very suddenly last week. The lodge will send a card to her but if you could send a card or letter also it would be much appreciated. Her address is 8767 Midnight Pass Rd., Apt 303f, Sarasota, FL, 34242.

Tusen Takk,

Marty Iverson
President, Lodge 3-541



**2018 SCANDINAVIAN JULEFEST -
Sunday, Dec. 9 1:00-4:00 p.m
Ramada Inn-Mandarin**

APPETIZERS: Fruit and cheese, seasonal melons, pineapple and strawberries, gourmet crackers.

LUNCH BUFFET: Italian pasta salad, garden salad bar,
Grilled Salmon with Cucumber Mint Relish
Pepper Seared Sirloin Beef Tips with Mushroom Gravy
Roasted Seasonal Vegetables
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Rolls, Coffee, Tea
Cheesecake with Lingonberries



Appearance by Santa Claus

Live Holiday Music Performed by the Talented Corbins

Christmas Viking Raffle

Ramada Inn, 3130 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257
\$33 per person

Family and Friends are Welcome with Reservation
Discounted Rate on Guest Rooms
Deadline for Reservations is Dec. 5



RESERVATION FORM FOR SCANDINAVIAN JULE FEST

NAMES _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (\$33 PER PERSON)

CHILDREN'S BUFFET FOR AGES 3-10 IS \$10 Names: _____

Detach this form, complete and return with a check made payable to Sons of Norway.
Mail to Mr. Kent Larson, 4013 Moresburg Court East, Jacksonville, FL 32257
If you have any questions please contact Kent at 260-4064.

OCTOBER LODGE MEETING



Co-Cultural Director Anna Large spoke about Norwegian early history.



Lodge VP Kent Larson welcomes new members Larry Larson & his wife, Caledonia. Caledonia was a winner of a beautiful raffle basket!



Alice & Paul Franson, Marci & Kent Larson, Eugene & Gail Yerkes, Evelyn & Pete Hopkins (Debbie Fosaaen not in photo) attended the Lutheran Social Services Community Feast Oct. 17th at St. Marks Lutheran Church. We sampled creative dishes prepared with items similar to those on the shelves of the local food pantry. All proceeds will benefit LSS Nourishment Network. All present enjoyed the various prepared dishes.



Lodge members & Viking marauders along with Hagar & Tapper Viking boats celebrated with Shepherd of the Woods annual Trick or Trunk event at the Lakeshore October 20. Over 800 were in attendance & Gateway to Florida Lodge was a major sponsor of the event. Not in photo are Clint & Laura Sage.

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BOOSTER NAME	DATE	EXPIRES
Pete & Launi Evenson	December	2019
Dolores Fosaaen	January	2019
Bonnie Hardman	August	2019
Roy Hauge	October	2019
Pete & Evelyn Hopkins *	September	2018
Marty & Ida Iverson *	October	2018
Stewart & Po Chu Svendsen	July	2019
Jay Vogeley	October	2020
Ellen Wallwork	March	2019
Roger & Margaret Winslow	December	2022



We are saddened to learn the passing of Arlene D. Larson.

CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SARASOTA, FL



Vikings Marty Iverson, Eugene Yerkes, Frank Morrison and Clint Sage prepare for a raid at the Celtic Music Festival.
Photo by Laura Sage



Viking boats Solkest, Tapper Viking and Hagar in Sarasota, FL.
Photo by Eugene Yerkes



Lodge VP Kent Larson & Suncoast Lodge President Christine Taylor host a SON Membership booth at the Celtic Festival in Sarasota.

Hagar & Tapper Viking along with Viking rowers assisted in hosting the event.

Photo by Kent Larson



2018 Lodge Calendar (Subject to Change)



Tues., Nov. 13	Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m., SOTW
Fri., Nov. 16	Lodge Thanksgiving dinner meeting, Veterans recognition, at SOTW Lutheran Church
Wed., Nov. 28	Newsletter deadline for December
Sun., Dec. 9	Scandinavian JuleFest 1-4:00 p.m. @ Mandarin Ramada Inn

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- 7 Erik Bakke
- 19 Jana Tollefsen
- 20 Johanna Miller
- 24 Talmer Brown
- 27 Betty Rae Pierce
- 28 Anna Large
- 30 Karin Ulvin



SUNSHINE NEWS

Cheryl Drabek, Co-Cultural Director and Sunshine Committee, has mailed birthday cards to members wishing them a happy birthday in November.

A get well card was mailed to Anna-Rita Perkins.

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.

FARSDAG 11 NOVEMBER IN NORWAY



Fra District 3 Presidenten, Kathy Dollymore



It's a busy time as we move into winter and lodge programming, recruitment, deadlines and the holiday season! It's also officer election time in some lodges! A

warm congratulations to the new officers and express our sincere appreciation for dedicated service to those retiring officers. You can be proud that the members of your lodge have selected you to serve in a leadership role. I know that each of you will uphold the principles of your office. Being a new or returning officer is a

milestone for a person and is a sign of high prestige, it deserves all good wishes. It is not an easy task and requires an immense investment of time and efforts. For lodge members when you see these officers, wish them good luck, because the people elected will be the ones who help chart the course for your Sons of Norway lodge for the next year or two. Working as a team you can decide where your lodge is and make plans for where you want it to be. What has worked well for your lodge, what can be improved, what are some new ideas to try in your lodge? Look for the talents in



your lodge and team up with members who want to join you in helping to make a difference. Utilize the resources offered through SON International, (sofn.com) and be willing to listen to your members. Don't dwell on the negative, and when making any decision, always have the best interests of your lodge in mind. Be positive and enthusiastic in all you do. Be a mentor and bring others along with you. Expect success and celebrate your successes.

The Thanksgiving holiday is coming soon and giving thanks also reminds us of how much we do have. Human beings are prone to materialism. We tend to focus on what we *don't* have. By giving thanks we are reminded of how much we *do* have. Thanksgiving is also the time for parades and football. Whether you are watching the New York Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on TV, standing on the sidelines enjoying the bands on a Philadelphia or Orlando street, watching Washington and Atlanta Football while munching munchies, remember to thank our Veterans. When we start being thankful for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. So, let's be thankful and maybe think about the other guy once in a while.

ALLOWED TO BELONG TO TWO COUNTRIES

The government wants to let Norwegians belong to two countries. They want to give people the chance to have dual citizenship. Norwegians must be allowed to have passports from two countries. This is what the government wants. That is to say, people who live in a country outside Norway can have dual citizenship.

"It will be possible for Norwegians to keep their Norwegian passports. They can do that even if they become nationals of another country. The same will apply to foreign citizens who wish to become Norwegian. We are open to dual citizenship. This ensures that Norwegian law follows developments around the world. Connections to other countries are ever-increasing." So says Jan Tore Sanner in a message to the press. He is the Minister of Knowledge and Integration.

All of the other Nordic countries have opened up for double citizenship. So have most of the countries in Europe. The rule today is that only Norwegians can have citizenship. But there are several exceptions to the rule. Many foreigners seeking to become Norwegians have received dual citizenship, while Norwegians who become citizens of another country have not had the same opportunity. The government's proposal makes it so people are treated more equally, says Sanner. Norwegian citizens can regain their citizenship with this proposal. That is, if they lost their Norwegian citizenship when they became citizens of another country.

The government says that security is also an intention of the proposal. People convicted of terrorism may be deprived of their Norwegian citizenship. However, if they do not have dual citizenship, they can not be sent out of Norway.

THE VIKINGS TV SHOW

History Channel's "Vikings" Season 5 will return on November 28, 2018. Season 6 has been renewed for 2019. Season five begins with Ivar the Boneless asserting his leadership over the Great Heathen Army, while Lagertha reigns as Queen of Kattegat. Ivar's murder of his brother Sigurd sets the stage for vicious battles to come as Ragnar's sons plot their next moves after avenging their father's death. Bjorn follows his destiny into the Mediterranean Sea and Floki, who is suffering from the loss of his wife Helga, takes to the seas submitting himself to the will of the Gods. This season is full of startling alliances and unbelievable betrayals as the Vikings fight to rule the world.

MAUD RETURNS TO NORWAY

After more than a century abroad and 85 years at the bottom of the sea, Roald Amundsen's expedition ship Maud has finally returned to Norway.

Maud was built in 1917 for Amundsen's second expedition to the Arctic and set sail from Vollen in Asker, Norway, the following year. The ship was intended to be a floating scientific research station to collect data across the North Pole. Unfortunately, numerous conflicts complicated the mission, and the Norwegian explorer was forced to sell the ship in 1925 to the Canadian Hudson Bay Company. Maud was then docked in Cambridge Bay, Canada, and used as a radio station and storage unit until she sank in 1931.

Several plans to retrieve Maud from the Canadian seafloor were started, but all fell flat. It wasn't until 2011 when real estate company Tandberg Eiendom finally found success, and was able to help Maud reach surface in 2016. The journey home then took an additional two years, being towed by tugboat around Greenland and through the Atlantic Ocean, and was complete in August of 2018.

Maud now sits almost exactly where she was launched more than 100 years ago in Vollen, Norway. A museum will feature the ship's remains and share her remarkable story while above and below sea level.

Amundsen's two other ships, the Gjoa and Fram are currently housed at the Norwegian Maritime Museum in Oslo.





VIKING BOATS BOOSTER CLUB

BOOSTER NAME	DATE EXPIRES
ADMIRALS (\$100)	
Eugene & Gail Yerkes	October 2019
Peter & Launi Evenson	October 2018
Marci & Kent Larson	November 2018
Pete & Evelyn Hopkins	November 2018
Stewart Svendsen	November 2019
Roger & Margaret Winslow	December 2018
Roy Hauge	March 2019
Eric and Laura Nord	April 2019
CAPTAINS (\$50)	
Bonnie Hardman	November 2018
Marty Iverson	November 2018
SEAMEN (\$25)	
Po Chu Svendsen	November 2019
Clint & Laura Sage	November 2018
Ida Iverson	January 2019

**WANT TO BE A VIKING BOATS BOOSTER?
Here's what you do!**

In order to help defray maintenance and storage costs for our two replica Viking boats, the lodge has started a booster program similar to our newsletter booster program. It's very simple with three levels of annual giving:

Admiral - \$100, Captain - \$50, and Seaman - \$25

Hagar and Tapper Viking have been a lodge "center piece" for many years. They have enhanced our visibility for Sons of Norway in North Florida as we participate in varied light parades, the annual Opening of the Beaches parade, zone regattas, festivals and farmers markets.

There are many expenses related to the maintenance, insurance, registration and storage of the Viking boats and trailers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated to help offset the costs. Your name will be listed in the newsletter as a Viking Boats Booster.

Sports Director Eugene Yerkes can answer questions and accept your donation either in cash or check made payable to Gateway to Florida SON Lodge. Mail to 1742 Lord Byron Lane, Jacksonville, FL, 32223. Eugene can be reached at eugene.yerkes@att.net.

FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR'S MESSAGE



What if it were me?

How often have you driven by an accident and thought, "what if it were me?" Are you prepared for a long recovery from an accident or even worse, death? How would your family deal with your disability death? Could they pay next months bills or next years bills? Would your hopes and dreams end

with you?

Contact your Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor today and find answers to these questions.

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GATEWAY TO FLORIDA LODGE HONORS:

District 3 Lodge of the Year 2003, 2007, 2009, 2010, Large Lodge of the Year 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. Gold Merit Award 2014.

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