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February, 2010

This month
February 7

Super Bowl Party
Pre-Game with snacks 4:30 pm
Potluck 5:30 pm
Kick-off 6:00 pm
Karen McIlrath's house
701 Jasmine Ave.
MB, SC 29577

February 14
Business Meeting 2:00 pm
Convention updates

March 13
St. Patrick's Day Parade NMB
Lunch afterwards place TBA
Potluck that evening in honor of visiting Charlotte lodge members
Place and time TBA

March 14
Board meeting 1:00 pm
Business meeting 2:00 pm
St Philips Lutheran Church

March 19-20
Gateway to Florida Viking Boat Regatta, St Augustine, FL

April 11
Business meeting 2:00 pm
St Philips Lutheran Church

April 17
Brookgreen Gardens time TBA

May 1
Potluck at Ocean Keys Club House Noon until
Pool table, big screen tv, outdoor pool available

May 15
Road trip to visit Norsk Carolina lodge in Charlotte and participate in their May 17th celebration, a picnic and parade

Fra Rådgiver

REPORT ON
JANUARY 10 MEET-
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January 10 was a red letter day for our lodge. We began with two additional nominations for our officer installations.

Dirk Hansen volunteered to become our new lodge President and Gladys Kalriess Hyland volunteered to become our new lodge editor. This set off a huge celebration that was greeted with a delicious round of glogg. What a delightful way to start a meeting!! Following elections and a business meeting, Barbara Berntsen, International Board Director, officiated over our new officer installation ceremony. It was with great joy that I noticed our incoming board has more officers than our outgoing board! What a tribute to the growth our lodge has experienced these past couple of years! Another point of pride for me was to see my sons, CJ, age 16, and Ian age 14, serve as installing Marshalls during the ceremony. Both boys have literally grown up with Southern Star Lodge. They have participated in many programs over the years; however, this was their first time to serve our lodge in an official capacity.

We also had a number of guests that day; Bill and June Kirk from Maine Nordmenn, Arty and Christine Ellesen and Anita and Jim English from Drammen in New Bern. Our long range members from up north, Helen Timoney and Gladys Kalriess Hyland were also in attendance. However, a true highlight was the return of Allen Sivertsen from Lake City. Allen has been very busy getting a Master's degree and helping his wife raise two sons.

Welcome back Allen! You have been missed and we are so happy to see you again!

January 10, was truly a red letter day and one I will remember for years to come with great joy and pride. Thank you to everyone for making our lodge meeting and new officer installation so special!

Fraternally,
Karen McIlrath
Lodge Counselor

Dear Dirk & Southern Star Members:

I want to say thank you to all the members for inviting me to your special Installation meeting. I always enjoy our time together and feel like part of the Southern Star Family. I again want to wish the newly installed officers great success for the coming term.

my rosemaled hot plate is hanging in a place of honor and each time I look at it, I think of all of you.

Please tell Karen that she did a fine job in facilitating the training session. We learn something every time we attend one.

I look forward to seeing all of you again in September.

Fraternally
Barbara Berntsen

Fra Dirk;

I want to thank the membership of Southern Star for the opportunity to serve you as president. The fact that I have met so many wonderful new friends since I became a member made my decision to serve very easy. Filling Karen's shoes as president will be an impossible task. I don't think any of us outside of her family realize just how much work and effort Karen put into our lodge. With that said, I am challenging the lodge to help take on all the duties and tasks that were formerly being done by Karen even though they were not part of the President's responsibilities. Every indication is that you have elected a great team to serve as your board of officers. My personal thanks to all lodge officers present and past for your service. A special thanks to my new "hero" Gladys for taking on the editorial duties. More will be asked of the current board and more will be asked of the membership at large in the near future. We have an immediate and pressing need to get a membership committee up and running as soon as possible. I consider this high priority. Other committees need to be formed as well. You all should have received by now a survey to fill out and return to Karen. If you have not done so please complete as soon as possible. I hope to see a large number of you volunteering and willing to participate in making Karen's vision of Southern Star Lodge a reality. -DH

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Please call Karen at 843-997-5250 if you are coming to watch the game and enjoy some great company. The Vikings would have had no problem against the baby horses from Indy but the Saints even without Olav (out with an ankle) and Lucia (hamstring) should give Manning all he can handle

Update on Convention Delegates and Alternates

The lodge is taking nominations for delegates and alternates to represent Southern Star Lodge at the upcoming Third District Convention June 9 – 13, 2010 in Harrisburg, PA.

The lodge is allowed to send 3 delegates and we need 1 or 2 alternates in reserve should a delegate be unable to go. It is the tradition of our lodge that the lodge pay for the delegate's convention packet. All other travel expenses are paid by the delegates.

Nominations are now being accepted by Karen McIlrath, 843-997-5250. Lodge elections for delegate and alternate positions will be held at our March meeting.

News on Drammen Lodge, New Bern, NC

Southern Star lodge is the sponsoring lodge for Drammen. As such, we are responsible for sending members to attend their Lodge Initiation Ceremony on Saturday February 20. We are responsible for presenting them with a gift. Barbara Berntsen is donating a gavel for this purpose. Helen Timony is sending the gavel to Karen McIlrath. The gavel will then be appropriately engraved and presented to Drammen at their initiation ceremony.

We are also expected to act as a resource for Drammen, which has already been happening through phone conversations, their attendance at our lodge training January 9 and their attendance at our new office installation meeting January 10.

Drammen Social Director, Anita English, reports that Drammen members are opening their homes to visiting Sons of Norway members for the weekend of February 20. Karen and James McIlrath, Edie and Frank Piazza, and Gladys and Tom Hyland are taking them up on their kind invitation. Other members are welcome and wanted. If you would like to attend the initiation ceremony would like to stay with a Drammen host, please call Anita English directly at 252-638-4134 or e-mail her at travelto@suddenlink.net.

The event is still very much in the planning stage. The only set info is the restaurant for the event, which can be seen at www.thechelsea.com. More info will be available at our lodge meeting February 14.

Cultural Corner

New member, JoAn Jernigan, is interested in forming and leading a hardanger embroidery group. JoAn is very talented with a needle and thread. This is an excellent opportunity for interested members to learn this beautiful needle art and earn pins through the SON Cultural Skills Program as well. Please call JoAn at 574-596-2171 to join this group. Happy stitching!!

Report on Rosemaling--- Audrey McVean and Karen McIlrath had their first class with award winning artist Priscille Boisvert. They are learning about supplies and care of supplies as well as basic stroke work plus meeting lots of new people. It is possible to earn cultural skills pins for rosemaling through this class.

March 13**St. Patrick's Day Parade NMB**

Lunch afterwards place TBA

Potluck that evening in honor of visiting Charlotte lodge members

Place and time TBA

The parade is fast approaching. This event is a great opportunity to showcase our lodge in the community. Assembly of the Viking ship float will take place on

Sat., March 6 at 1:00PM. Look for details in the March newsletter or contact Dirk @ 843-844-2623 hansenoaks@lowcountry.com

Karen Hovland	01/09
Ed & Alice Molokie	11/10
Lois Christensen	11/08
Carol & Paul Bakke	12/10
Dirk & Chrissa Hansen	11/10
Marge Duckles	10/10
Anne C. DeMuth	01/09
Inge & Tolleiv Borgetveit	01/14
Stan Goodman	01/08
Debby Jacoby	01/11
Louise Strand-Russell	01/10
Alice Strand Vivian	01/10
Betty & Bernie Heavey	01/09
Karl & Irene Paulsen	02/10
Tom & Greta Torgersen	03/08
Allen Sivertsen	10/09
Karen and James McIlrath	01/09
Frank & Edie Piazza	04/10
Betty Ziliotto	04/09
Grace Bertell	05/10
Helen Timoney	09/09
Gladys Kalriess Hyland	01/11
Brit & Kaare Grosvold	10/09
Dag Church	10/08

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Please help support your lodge and this newsletter with your continued support

**VELKOMMEN
TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

*Judy Ann Nielsen of Myrtle Beach
Marjorie Purnell of Southport, NC*

**Southern Star Lodge Achievements
for 2009**

January

A concert featuring youth string players who had won All County and All Regions orchestra tryouts. Served smorbrod sandwiches. Utilized free community announcements in the Sun News and MB Herald. \$8 admission.

Had 11 guests plus lodge members.

February

Members loaned items for a large folk art exhibit as well as provided items for a bake sale. Norwegian storytelling. Offered free coffee and desserts. Purchased an ad in the Sun News. 100 guests and 20 members attended.

March

Participated in the St Patrick's Day Parade in NMB. 8 members from Norsk Carolina lodge joined us. The 2 lodges met for lunch in NMB and rejoined for a potluck dinner that same day.

April

Picnic and tour at Brookgreen Gardens

May

15th anniversary celebration with a lunch cruise on the waterway. Third district Secretary, Marci Larsen and her brother, Ken joined us.

September

Members loaned items for a folk art exhibit. Port City Folk Dancers from Wilmington performed. Offered coffee and desserts. Advertised in free community announcement section of the Sun News, MB Herald, and Carolina Forest Chronicle. 10 guests plus members attending.

October

New member initiation ceremony, 5 new members present. Offered coffee and dessert.

November

Our first Annual Christmas Bazaar. Purchased a 4 day ad in the Sun News. Between 200 and 250 attended. Had tv and newspaper coverage before and the day of the event.

December

Juletefest. Sold tickets to the community. 17 guests attended plus members.

A total of 12 new members recruited between February and December 2009.

GRATULERER MED DAGEN

February

April Dean	02/08
Alice Vivian	02/09
Tom Torgersen	02/15
Dirk Hansen	02/16
Betty Heavey	02/16
Lise Bentsen	02/17
Sylvia Aimers	02/20
Helen Timoney	02/24

From Linda Klimashauskas Jan. 16, 2010

Just to keep everyone in the loop.... Michael-John has been wounded and is on his way to Germany.... We got a phone call from his first SGT tonight around 6:30PM... and all he could say was that MJH was alive and will be in surgery within 24hours in Germany. Please pray for him..... love to all L&L

Mette Andersen from Norsk Carolina is offering an online Norwegian class for beginners.

Our spring semester starts in one week, January 17, 2010 at 1pm. We will offer one class for adults and one class for children. Both are beginners classes, you do not need to have any previous knowledge of Norwegian to participate.

Class will last approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. The children will watch the Norwegian animated movie Elias and the Royal Yacht.

Please let me know if you plan on attending and how many adults/children we can expect.

The schedule looks like this for the spring;

January 17th, 1-3pm

February 21st, 1-3pm

March 21st, 1-3pm

April 18th, 1-3pm

The class will follow the curriculum for the online version of the class. I will give everyone information about this project when we meet next Sunday. If you are interested but not able to make Sunday's class, let me know and I can sign you up for the online class.

Thanks,
Mette

*All of us at Southern Star wish Inger
Kverneland a full and speedy recovery from
her recent surgery.
Hope to see you soon Inger.*

Report on the Lodge Training Session January 9, 2010

A total of 17 people from three states attended the afternoon training session at the home of Karen McIlrath. In attendance from Southern Star Lodge were Frank and Edie Piazza, April Dean, Audrey McVean, Dirk Hansen, Eric Berg, Ron Halvorsen, Judy Nielsen, Paul McTaggart, Helen Timoney, Lois Christensen, and Karen McIlrath. Visiting from Drammen Lodge of New Bern, NC were Arty and Christine Ellesen and Anita and Jim English. Arty is the incoming President and Anita is the incoming Social Director for Drammen. Also in attendance was International Board Director, Barbara Berntsen.

The training focused on clarifying the responsibilities of the various lodge officer positions. In addition, the group discussed the 2009 achievements of our lodge and participated in exercises to help shed light on possible goals for our lodge during 2010.

It was decided at this training that the discussion of possible goals for Southern Star this year should be brought before the lodge at our February 14 meeting. A survey was mailed out to all members to stimulate thought and discussion. Please come to our February 14 meeting prepared to share your thoughts and ideas.

These are some of the big questions facing the lodge

Do we want to have another Bazaar?

Do we want to focus on new member recruitment?

Do we want to build the Cultural Skills Program within our lodge?

Do we want to have monthly programs at our meetings to retain established members and recruit new members?

Do we want to continue striving towards community awareness of our lodge?

We must each ask ourselves these questions. Each of these questions requires action and involvement. How involved do we each want to be in our heritage? Do we want to share our heritage or keep it to ourselves? All important questions that only lodge members can answer.

February will be a fantastic meeting! I have no doubt just based on this recent training. Be there and get your opinions and ideas vocalized! **Southern Star needs YOU!**

Fraternally,
Karen McIlrath

Lodge Bylaw Change Suggested and Open for Discussion Regarding Membership Application Process

The current bylaw we follow comes from the Constitution of Local Lodges and states:

Persons who desire to become members of a local lodge and are recommended by one or more members of Sons of Norway shall make application in writing on forms provided for that purpose. Said forms shall become valid applications when signed by one or more of the recommending members, or submitted to the Financial Secretary or Membership Secretary. Names and addresses of all new members shall be forwarded to field staff personnel. (Adopted 8/86.

Effective 8/88.)

Simply stated, this means people requesting membership must fill out a Sons of Norway application form and provide payment. Once this is received, the form is signed by a lodge officer and the recommending lodge member (may be the same person) and forwarded to Head Quarters in Minneapolis to be processed. The person becomes a lodge member once the application is processed in Minneapolis.

The Issue with the Current Bylaw

Since this bylaw was written, there have been many advances made in the area of technology, specifically regarding computers and the internet. Currently, when a prospective member finds our lodge on the internet and inquires about membership, an e-mail is generated by the home office to the lodge President and Vice President with the persons name and contact information requesting follow up on our end. This requires phone calls and e-mails to acquire permission to send an application and to send a newsletter via e-mail. This delays the person joining our lodge and they can lose interest during the delay.

For 2009, only two people continued the membership process after I made contact, which took about 3 months in each case. In my opinion, we are losing the opportunity for membership growth as there were several more inquiries that never completed the process.

I recommend a new lodge bylaw that would allow people to join our lodge immediately upon completion of an application form and payment of International and lodge dues.

I am working with Head Quarters to determine the precise wording of such a bylaw and will present this at our February 14, meeting for discussion. This information along with the new bylaw under consideration will be printed in our March newsletter as well.

The final discussion on this matter will occur at our March 14, meeting at which time this will be followed by a vote of the membership present that day. By our constitution, eight members are considered a quorum for voting purposes.

Fraternally,
Karen McIlrath
Lodge Counselor

Lois Christensen sent a message to the members of Southern Star Lodge 3-630 Sons of Norway.

Subject: Viking Regatta

March 19-20 is the SON Spring Viking Regatta at St Augustine..Friday night

a tour of the "Fountain of Youth" and reception Sat. Breakfast, lunch at White Lion Inn, regatta races in the afternoon and a Banquet/dinner cruise on the Black Raven (pirate ship) Pirate actors, sing alongs and music will finish the evening.

Special rates have been reserved for SON members, so hurry and reserve a room before they are sold out. For further details contact Lois Christensen and she will forward all the info and a reservation form

FEBRUARY MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RALPH PETERSON



February 2010

Hei alle sammen,

For many of us the snow came and went but the cold weather stuck around a bit longer than many of us liked. The one good thing is we probably got rid of a few bugs that would have bothered us next summer.

Congratulations to **Gateway to Florida 3-541 and Dovre 3-232** for winning the Fall SON membership competition. **District Three swept both the large and small lodge categories.** Each lodge will get a \$500 check from SON headquarters and a lot of bragging rights. For both lodges it was a big step forward. For Gateway to Florida it was just a culmination of a lot of awards they have recently earned and for Dovre, it was one great giant step forward in their efforts to getting back on solid ground. .

January is always a great month. We have Officer Installation ceremonies all up and down the East Coast. We have new ideas being put forth and new members taking offices along with some experienced hands helping them along; it's a great program. Let me offer my congratulations and thanks to all of our new and returning officers.

Some of these new ideas that will be proposed may not always be well received but let's give them a chance. What kind of an organization would we be today if we didn't have women in our ranks or use English in our meetings? Those are two changes that were probably tough for many to take when they were proposed but they have helped make our organization the great one it is.

Above all, let's not forget that we are a fraternal organization that is based on rules that apply to all of us.

District Three and the entire order had great positive membership months during November and December. January is doing ok but not as great as the past two months. Let's get our Membership committees up and going and institute/improve our mentoring programs.

Our web site <http://www.3dsofn.org/home.html> averaged 97 visitors a day last month. As of Jan 18 the daily average for Jan was 138 visitors a day. That is a huge jump from our 64 a day in June 2009. Our D3 blog got a large uptick in traffic as well. Three of our Adopt a School lodges posted notes on their programs. I encourage more lodges to follow their lead. <http://3dsofn.org/blog/2009/11/12/adopt-a-school/#comments> We will be posting additional information on the convention as it becomes available. <http://3dsofn.org/blog/category/convention>

June Cooper, Hampton Roads 3-522, has produced a DVD of the 2008 convention. It is a great production, professionally done, 28 minutes long and covers all the events of the convention. The cost of the DVD including shipping, handling and taxes is \$20. It will be a great program for your lodge as well as your own personal enjoyment. Additional information on ordering the DVD can be found on the web or you can email June at June-cooper@mindspring.com

LOV recently had a major upgrade to the heating system. The new equipment will improve reliability, safety and reduce the heating costs.

This is the time of year when we start electing Convention delegates, drafting resolutions and filling out Lodge of the Year forms. These are all important events for our lodges. They deserve our complete attention.

The Institution of the Drammen Lodge will take place at The Chelsea Restaurant, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC. Festivities start at 5:30 on 20 Feb 2010. Check the web site for full details or call Arty Ellis at 252 637 7547.

Fraternally

Ralph Peterson
President
District Three
Sons of Norway

Sons of Norway Lodge to be Formally Installed

The Drammen Lodge of the Sons of Norway will be formally installed by District and International Officers of the fraternal order on February 20 in a ceremony and dinner at the Chelsea Restaurant. Organized just a year ago, the New Bern lodge has attracted sufficient membership to be given its own charter and welcomed as the newest full member of the world-wide SON organization. In addition to the formal chartering ceremony, the Drammen Lodge will hold a "Welcoming Ceremony" for its new members and install its initial officers.

"We have been very surprised how quickly our membership has grown and we have secured our charter", said President-elect Arty Ellison, one of the original Lodge organizers. Many newly organized lodges take several years to secure a charter, he added. Also attending the ceremony and dinner will be representatives of other local Lodges from throughout the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia.

The Sons of Norway is open to all Scandinavians, those of Scandinavian descent and any who might be interested in Scandinavian culture. The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Scandinavia and to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries. Members are welcome from throughout the East Carolina region.

For additional information about the Drammen Lodge of the Sons of Norway and its activities or the installation ceremony, contact President elect Arty Ellison, 637-7574, or Ceremony Chair Anita English, 638-4134

FEBRUARY MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 3 VICE-PRESIDENT GAIL EKLOFF

The 2009 yearend numbers are in and the total 3D membership is 8745 (7,041 adult and juvenile members, 764 insurance non-members and 940 heritage members) compared to the 2008 yearend total of 9,028 (7,302 adult and juvenile members, 782 insurance non-members and 944 heritage members). We had 26 members transfer out of 000-999 lodge to a local lodge. Ten lodges in the District experienced **NET** growth. Many lodges added new members but lost members the same month. The total number of new members is 545 for 2009.

We must address the members voluntarily leaving, 671 in 2009. A concerted effort needs to be made by the lodge to contact these members and retain them as members of your lodge. This is an issue we should be able to turn around since lodges' Vice President and Financial Secretary are sent monthly "Membership Activity Reports" Find out why they are not renewing their membership, is it cost, lack of programs, not feeling welcome? If you bring this information back to your lodge officers and your membership committee, they can see what has to be done to "fix" this issue.

I have discovered that only a handful of lodges utilize 000-999 reports sent to the VP and membership chairs every month. I will now send the names of the 000-999 members sorted by state to the appropriate lodges; this should enable a better follow-up effort in getting these members to join your local lodge. The home office has been providing lodge Vice-President contact information and names of individuals who have signed up on line wanting to join a local lodge; if your lodge requires a vote for membership. Surprisingly, even fewer of these have been contacted by the lodge! At last count, only 3 out 19 have been contacted by a lodge.

We must work out a different strategy so we don't lose a person actually asking to join a lodge! I will be contacting the 2010 Vice Presidents and Membership Chairs on how to best go forward. This may be the time for lodges to rethink how they handle their membership and consider changing your by-laws so "no vote" is needed. People can then join directly on line and be put in your lodge membership.

Have you posted your event for "March Membership Madness" on the 3D web site? Let all the lodges know what the event will be and after it is over let us know how many members you got!

**Remember: 2 A's - Ask & Advertise - to get a member.
2 M's - Mentor and Mingle - to keep a**

member

Alt for denne gangen,
Gail

ZONE 5 HAS DRIVE - AND KEEP 'EM COMIN' CONGRATULATIONS LAUDERDALE LODGE

For winning the Commissioners Cup Award for the second year in a row in the Coral Springs Holiday Parade. The award will be presented to the lodge in February by the Mayor of Coral Springs.

We are so proud of our Zone 5 lodges. Way to go!
Send congrats email to editor at lauderdalelodge@yahoo.com
Watch for photos in the TDT.

Zone 5 Director,
Carol Anderson

ODE TO SOUTHERN STAR LODGE:

T'was the night of an installation, and all through
the hall,
Not a member was stirring, anticipation by all;

A stocking was hung at the podium with care,
In hopes that you'll put some penger in there;

The officers all nestled so snug at their place,
Ready to take action with heart and grace;

With Karen in her kerchief and Dirk in his cap,
I hope this isn't boring and they decide to nap;

My eyes how they twinkled to see such a sight,
The members all dressed in their finest tonight;

To wear my sash proudly, this always astounds,
But to fit in the bunad I need to loose a few
pounds;

When out on the floor there rose such a clatter,
So I sprang from my seat to see what's the
matter;

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But the Installing Marshals were waiting right
here;

With a bundle of papers that are ready at hand,
Preparing and organizing so things go as
planned;

More rapid than a reindeer, the officers all came,
I lined each one up as I called them by name;

Now Eric, now James, now Nancy, and Alice.
On Ron, on Carol, on Karen, and Lois;

To the front of the horseshoe then off to your chair,
You'll dash away gladly with new regalia to
wear;

Holding a gavel now keen to present,
To finish this meeting by the new President;

Each duty was read and job description done,
It's 2010 and we're gunna to have fun;

You've prepared a grand feast each a good little elf,
I laughed when I saw this in spite of myself;

The formal part's done so let's fill our belly,
Amid all the delights plus waffles with jelly;

But let's never forget to give a hearty thank you,
To each officer who's giving of their time and
thoughts too;

Now you'll hear me exclaim, as I fade out of sight,
Happy Installation to all, and to all a good night!

Barbara
January 2010



The above is the add that will appear in the official program of the 2010 District 3 Convention in Harrisburg, Pa.

Southern Star thanks Bruce Frizen for his generous donation to make this add possible.

Southern Star also thanks Heather McIlrath for the fantastic artwork and her time in producing this very professional looking advertisement

January 20, 2010

Greetings Sons of Norway Members,

We have all been watching the suffering and seen the utter devastation in Haiti following the January 12, 2010, 7.0 magnitude earthquake. Many of you have asked how you can make a difference.

President Joe Annotti of the National Fraternal Congress of America, of which Sons of Norway is a member, sent the following in his blog concerning the Haiti disaster:

"In times of disaster, the fraternal benefit industry historically has opened its collective heart and wallet to provide disaster relief funds and prayers. We again call on all fraternal organizations to provide whatever relief you can to the victims of this global disaster. If your society would like to join in this humanitarian relief effort, you can immediately by donating."

The Sons of Norway Foundation is including links to the following organizations that are currently on the ground in Haiti and have had long term connections within Haiti. They are:

- [Doctors Without Borders](#)
- [World Vision International](#)
- [Lutheran World Relief](#)
- [Save the Children](#)

Rather than collect donations through the Foundation, which will take precious time, we prefer you donate directly to the charity of your choice or from the list above.

Fraternally,

Dan Rude

President, Sons of Norway

Knut Magne Haugland of Norway, passed away on December 25. He was 92.

Haugland was one of six men, who with Thor Heyerdahl in 1947, successfully crossed the Pacific Ocean in a 45 foot raft made of balsa wood and bamboo -- named *Kon-Tiki* -- to prove that people from South America could have settled Polynesia in pre-Columbian times.

Called the "most unusual expedition ever to place reliance on Amateur Radio for communication" in the December 1947 issue of *OST*, *Kon-Tiki* departed Peru for Polynesia on April 28, 1947. "It was the theory of Thor Heyerdahl, Norwegian ethnologist and leader of the venture, that the settlement of the Pacific Islands resulted from a migration of American peoples who had sailed there many of years ago, rather than a trek from Asia as claimed by other scientists," the article explained. "To prove that such a migration was possible, Mr Heyerdahl decided to attempt the trip in a raft of the type preserved in Incan legends and early Spanish historical accounts. He named the expedition on honor of the pre-Incan Sun god. The *Kon-Tiki* raft was fashioned out of logs of the lightest wood in existence and lashed together with native-made hemp rope. Its only sources of locomotion would be the Pacific trade winds and the Humboldt Current which sweeps northward along the west coast of South America and thence in the direction of the Tuamotu Archipelago."

During World War II, Haugland was a member of the Norwegian Resistance where he was instrumental in the destruction of the Vemork Hydroelectric Plant. When the Nazis took over Norway, they wanted to use the plant -- which produced "heavy water" -- in their quest to produce nuclear weapons. Between 1940 and 1944, a sequence of sabotage actions by the Norwegian resistance movement, as well as Allied bombing, ensured the destruction of the plant and the loss of the heavy water produced. These operations -- codenamed Grouse, Freshman and Gunnerside -- finally managed to knock the plant out of production in early 1943

After the destruction of the plant, Haugland stayed in Hardangervidda for two months and then went to Oslo to train marine telegraphers. After a trip to the United Kingdom for radio supplies, he returned to Norway in November, being parachuted at Skrimfjella. The Nazis arrested him in Kongsberg, but he escaped and commenced his training duties. On April 1, 1944, he narrowly escaped another capture by

the Gestapo when one of his transmitters -- hidden in the Oslo Maternity Hospital -- was located by the Nazis using direction finding. Haugland fled to the United Kingdom and did not return to Norway until after the war. For his bravery, Haugland was twice awarded Norway's highest decoration for military gallantry, the War Cross with sword, in 1943 and 1944. In addition, Haugland was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Medal by the British. He also received the French Croix de guerre and Légion d'honneur and the Royal Norwegian Order of St Olav

Haugland first met Thor Heyerdahl in 1944 at a paramilitary training camp in England. It was here that Haugland first heard of Heyerdahl's theories about Polynesian migration patterns and his plans to cross the Pacific on a balsa wood raft. In 1947, Heyerdahl invited Haugland and Torstein Raaby, another former resistance member, to join the *Kon-Tiki* expedition as radio operators.

Heyerdahl and his five companions sailed the raft for 101 days more than 4300 miles across the Pacific Ocean before smashing into a reef in the Tuamotu Islands on August 7, 1947. The *Kon-Tiki* carried 250 liters of water in bamboo tubes. For food, they took 200 coconuts, sweet potatoes, bottle gourds and other assorted fruit and roots. The US Army Quartermaster Corps provided field rations, tinned food and survival equipment. In return, the *Kon-Tiki* explorers reported on the quality and utility of the provisions. They also caught plentiful numbers of fish, particularly flying fish, mahi-mahi, yellow fin tuna, bonito and shark.

After *Kon-Tiki*

In 1951, Haugland married librarian Ingeborg Prestholdt. He participated in the Independent Norwegian Brigade Group in Germany from 1948-1949, continued in the Forsvarsstaben until 1952, when he was transferred to the Royal Norwegian Air Force. He headed the electronic intelligence service in Northern Norway during the Cold War. He held the ranks of Major from 1954 and Lieutenant Colonel from 1977. In 1963, Haugland left the Air Force to become acting director of the Norway's Resistance Museum; he was later made its permanent director and retired from this position in 1983. He was also the director of the *Kon-Tiki* Museum from its start in 1947, continuing until 1990.

Excerpted from an article sent to editor by Barbara Berntsen. The Jan. 2010 Restoration Lodge 3-555 newsletter also contains an excellent article on Knut Haugland. Let me know if you would like either article sent to you in its entirety. han-senoaks@lowcountry.com



THE CREW OF THE KON-TIKI



SCENES FROM JANUARY OFFICER INTAL-LATION

Thanks Edie Piazza and Karen McIlrath for sending the pictures to the editor.

KLM offering airfares from Atlanta to Oslo from \$365. Worth checking into.

My apologies in advance for not being in attendance at the Feb. meeting. I should have some good stories about the Jorvik Viking festival to relay.—Dirk

NORWEGIAN AMERICAN HALL OF FAME



**JANE
PAULEY**



Margaret Jane Pauley (born October 31, 1950; Indianapolis, Indiana) is an American television journalist, and has been involved in news reporting since 1975. She is most known for her 13-year tenure on NBC's *Today* program and later 12 years of *Dateline NBC*, and has acknowledged publicly her struggle with mental health and bipolar disorder.

Pauley competed in debate and public speaking tournaments while enrolled at Warren Central

High School in Indianapolis. Pauley graduated from Warren Central High School in 1968. She subsequently earned a scholarship to Indiana University, where she was involved in the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. After college, she worked from 1972 to 1975 at WISH in Indianapolis and from 1975 to 1976 at WMAQ in Chicago; from there she joined network television.

From 1976 to 1989 Pauley was the co-host, with Tom Brokaw and later Bryant Gumbel, of NBC's *The Today Show*. Following in the footsteps, both in career and in style, of the first female anchor of the show, Barbara Walters, she became a symbol for professional women, more specifically female journalists, in the 1980s (In her autobiography, "And So It Goes", Pauley's colleague Linda Ellerbee wrote, "She (Pauley) is what I want to be when I grow up"). NBC briefly experimented with a trio of anchors, Pauley, Gumbel, and Chris Wallace, before returning to a co-anchor format with Gumbel and with Pauley serving in a deferential co-host capacity.

In 1989, following months of conjecture about Pauley's publicly reported dislike of the grueling morning assignment and ambition to work in prime-time television, she announced her resignation from *Today*. Speculation in the media seemed to imply that NBC executives had eased her out to advance younger NBC newscaster Deborah Norville, who had begun to play a larger role in the two-hour morning program.

After leaving *The Today Show*, Pauley hosted *Real Life with Jane Pauley* and served as deputy anchor for *NBC Nightly News*.

From 1992 to 2003, Pauley co-hosted NBC's *Dateline NBC*. In 2004, she returned to television as host of *The Jane Pauley Show*, a syndicated daytime talk show. On the show, she discussed her bipolar disorder at length.

Much like her earlier attempt at solo hosting following her *Today* tenure, *The Jane Pauley Show* never gained traction in the ratings, and was canceled after one season. Since her talk show's cancellation, Pauley has made few appearances on television programs. She led a half-hour discussion on PBS' *Depression: Out of the Shadows*, which aired in May 2008. She also campaigned publicly for President Obama in her home state of Indiana and participates in the Smart Talk Lecture Series.

In September 2009, Pauley lent her name to the Jane Pauley Com-

munity Health Center, a facility in collaboration between the Community Health Network and the Metropolitan School District of Warren Township, Indiana. The center serves the local community, including students and their families, regardless of insurance or income, with an emphasis on integrating medical, dental and behavioral health. Pauley, who was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2001, insisted that the center address all aspects of wellness.

Pauley is known for revealing very little, if anything, of her private life, which made the disclosure of her bipolar disorder all the more unexpected. The timing of her announcement coincided with the release of her autobiography, *Skywriting: A Life Out of the Blue*, (2004) and the launch of her daytime talk show.

In October 2006, Pauley and her lawyers filed a lawsuit against *The New York Times* for allegedly duping her into lending her name and likeness to an advertising supplement popular with drug companies. Pauley maintains she believed she was being interviewed by a *Times* reporter.

Pauley is married to *Doonisbury* cartoonist Garry Trudeau, and they have three children: twins Ross and Rachel, born in 1983, and Thomas, born in 1986.

Pauley continues to be framed by the mass media and NBC as the maternal, baby-boom, career heroine of TV news fame.

Viking Shipyards

Unfortunately, a real Viking shipyard has yet to be discovered. This could teach us how the Vikings actually went about building their impressive ships. We might eventually learn what tools were used, were the materials all local etc.

Archaeological excavations have however revealed several places where ships have been repaired. One such a place is the site Paviken on the island of Gotland. Here traces of a "dry dock" have been found, where the ships could be repaired, with numerous rivets and tools.

One particularly interesting place which is being studied is the Fribrodre River on Eastern Island of Falster. Many fragments of the timbers of ships suggest that this was a breaking yard for older ships. This site appears to have been a place where ships could be repaired with the materials from older broken up ships.

The site is situated in far eastern Denmark near the Baltic south coast. This is an area with distinctive Slavic influences. These Slavic influences are also visible at the Fribrodre River site. There is evidence of wooden dowels to attach the planks of the ship. The use of wooden dowels was a method favoured by the Slavic shipbuilders. The Scandinavian shipbuilders favoured the use of clenched nails to attach the planks.

Several boats which have been found show a mix of Scandinavian and Slavic shipbuilding technology. This shows nothing more than two peoples had contact with each other.



RAGNAROK



The idea of fate infused Norse mythology; destiny was immutable. This concept culminated in Ragnarok, the coming destruction of the world whose inevitability was felt throughout Norse mythology. So precisely was it preordained that the details of what would happen were already known, and the gods prepared for it daily. But even though Ragnarok meant universal disorder, annihilation would not be total.

The word Ragnarok is a compound: the first element, ragna, means “organizing powers” and was commonly used to refer to the gods. The second, rok, means “fate” or “destiny. Thus the term as a whole meant the fate or destiny of the gods. Although it was to bring about their destruction, the gods could not halt the onset of Ragnarok. It had to come to pass as prophesied, and all they could do was show stoic bravery in the face of certain destruction. To the Norse people, fate was a fact of life, something that could not in any way be avoided or changed, and had to be met without fear. Even death, the ultimate end, was already decreed and needed to be encountered with brave acceptance. To laugh in the face of death was one of the greatest achievements that a Norse warrior could perform, and such a warrior was long remembered by his peers.

Ragnarok was described in the *Eddas* in imagery that, like the creation myths, appears to have been influenced by the natural phenomena of Iceland. The world was to be destroyed by fire and water, with steam and flames rising to the skies, a vision which could well have been inspired by the experience of volcanic eruptions. Descriptions of major eruptions bear a marked resemblance to the sequence of events during Ragnarok; mountains are shaken by earthquakes, the sun disappears due to the clouds of smoke and ash, flames, smoke and steam fill the sky. Melting ice can cause floods of water to run alongside rivers of burning lava. The long Icelandic winter must also have helped shape the vision of Ragnarok’s summerless years.

Snorri describes the events of Ragnarok in great detail. First, he claims, fierce battles will rage throughout the world for three years. Motivated by greed, brothers will kill each other. No mercy will be shown and the ties of kinship will not even prevent fathers from killing their sons. A terrible winter will prevail, called Fimbul-winter; snow will drift from all directions and great frosts will cover the land. Biting winds will be constant and the sun will fail to shine. Three such winters will follow with no summer in between. The wolf chasing the sun will finally swallow it, to everyone’s horror. A second wolf will catch the moon, and that will be equally disastrous. There will be a huge earthquake, trees will be uprooted, mountains will crash to the ground, and all fetters will break. At the same time both the wolf Fenrir and Loki will be loosened from the bonds. The Midgard serpent will fly into a giant rage and make its way to shore, causing the ocean to surge over the land.

The ship Naglfar, made from dead men’s nail-clippings, will float loose from its moorings. (It was important that no one in the Viking world should die with untrimmed nails, for those who did contributed greatly to the construction of this ship, and both gods and men hoped to defer its completion for as long as possible.) Laden with giants, Naglfar will be carried along in the flood of the surging ocean, with Loki at the helm and a giant called Hrym as its captain. The wolf, Fenrir will advance with his mouth gaping so wide that his upper jaw will rest against the sky and his lower jaw against the earth – it would gape even wider if there were more room. Flames will flare out from his eyes and nostrils. To one side of him will be the Midgard serpent, which will spit so much poison that it will bespatter the sky and sea. In all this turmoil the sky will open and from it will ride the sons of Muspell. Surt, who has been stationed throughout time at the frontier of Muspell, will ride at the head of the group brandishing his flaming sword, which will shine brighter than the

sun. Everything around him will be burned. As Muspell’s sons ride over the flaming bridge Bifrost into Asgard the bridge will break under their weight. They will advance to Vigrid, a plain stretching a hundred leagues in each direction where the last battle will take place. Fenrir will also arrive there, as will the Midgard serpent, and Loki accompanied by Hrym and the frost-giants.

When all this happens, Heimdall will stand up and blow mightily on Gjallarhorn, to awaken all the gods. They will hold counsel together. Odin will ride to Mimir’s well and consult Mimir on his own and his people’s behalf. The world tree, Yggdrasil, will shake, and nothing in heaven or on earth will be without fear. The Aesir will put on their armor and take up their weapons, and so will all the Einherjar, and they will advance onto Vigrid. Odin will ride in front wearing a golden helmet and a beautiful mail-coat, carrying his spear, Gungnir. He will choose as his foe the wolf Fenrir. Thor will advance at his side but will be unable to help him for he will have his hands full fighting the Midgard serpent. Freyr will battle with Surt for a great length of time, but will eventually succumb because he lacks the good sword that he gave to Skirnir. The snarling hound Garm, an evil creature, will also become free. He will battle with Tyr, and they will struggle to the bitter end. Meanwhile, Thor will vanquish the Midgard serpent, but will retreat only nine paces before he is mortally wounded by its deadly venom. Fenrir will swallow Odin, killing him. But immediately Odin’s son Vidar will avenge his father, wearing a shoe that has long been prepared for this moment. Throughout time, material for this shoe has been collected from the waste pieces that people cut off their shoes before repairing them, and anyone keen to assist the Aesir in their time of need must make sure that they throw these pieces away rather than keep them for later use. In the final battle, Vidar will put one foot over the wolf’s lower jaw, and grasping his upper jaw, he will tear Fenrir apart, killing him. Loki will battle with Heimdall, and they will both fall. After that Surt will fling fire over the whole earth so that it burns. Flames, smoke and steam will shoot up to the firmament. The sky will turn black and the stars will disappear. The earth will sink into the engulfing sea that will rise up.

When at last the fires have died down and the seas have subsided, the earth, now grown fair and fertile, will rise again from the sea. Crops will sprout unsown and harvests will be abundant. Odin’s sons Vidar and Vali will still be alive, and so will Thor’s sons Modi and Magni, who will have possession of the hammer, Mjollnir. Balder and Hod will arrive from Hel, and they will all sit on the grass in the place where Asgard had once been and discuss what happened in former times. These gods will rule the world anew and will tell one another tales of the old gods and of Fenrir and the Midgard Serpent.

The sun will also have begotten a daughter, no less fair than herself, just before she was swallowed by the wolf, and the daughter will follow the path of her mother, wending her life giving way across the sky. The human world will be repopulated by two people, called Lif and Lifthrasir, who will have remained hidden in the ash tree Yggdrasil throughout Ragnarok. Thus the end will contain the germ of a new beginning, and the cycle will start again.

In Norse mythology, Bifrost (biv'-roast) was the rainbow bridge between heaven and earth -- an alternating vinculum that allowed the gods to inter-



vene in the affairs of men; and conversely, that formed a route traveled by men at their death.



NORWAY CULTURE THE ROYAL YACHT

The Norwegian Royal Yacht *Norge* is one of the world's two remaining royal yachts. The other is the Danish Royal Yacht *Dannebrog*, since the British Royal Yacht *Britannia* was decommissioned in 1997.

In 1905 the Norwegian Government formally invited Prince Carl of Denmark to become the king of Norway. The proposal included the promise of a royal yacht, financed by the state and placed at the king's disposal. However, due to the difficult economic situation in Norway after the dissolution of the union with Sweden, King Haakon (formerly Prince Carl) did not call upon the Government to provide a yacht.

Gift from the people

Not until after WWII did the question of a royal yacht arise again. The Norwegian press appealed to the people to raise the funds necessary to present King Haakon with a yacht on the occasion of his 75th birthday. In July 1947, the British motor yacht *Philante* was purchased for NOK 1.5 million.

Philante

The *Philante* was built in England in 1937 for the British aircraft manufacturer Thomas Sopwith. At the time it was one of the largest vessels of its kind. Sopwith used the yacht as a base when competing in regattas. In fact, the *Philante* first entered Norwegian waters in 1938 in connection with a regatta at Hankø in Eastern Norway. The name *Philante* is an amalgam of the owner's wife's name, Phyllis, and the owner's name, Thomas: Phil (short for "Phyllis") + an (short for "and") + t (for "Thomas") + e (to add an extra syllable).

Convoy escort vessel

After the outbreak of WWII the British Royal Navy requisitioned the *Philante*. First used as an escort vessel for convoys crossing the Atlantic, it was put into service as a school ship for training convoy escorts in 1942. The ship was returned to Thomas Sopwith in 1946 and sold to Norway the following year.

Renovation of the ship

The ship needed to be refurbished before it could be used, so King Haakon was given a model of the yacht on his 75th birthday. In particular, the interior of the ship required extensive refitting, and architect Finn Nilsson was asked to be the designer. On 17 May 1948 the ship's captain, Commander Christian Monsen, raised the command pennant for the first time, and on 9 June the Royal Yacht was handed over to King Haakon. The ship was christened the *Norge*.

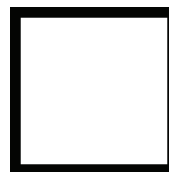
The Royal Yacht

In the years that followed, King Haakon used the Royal Yacht to visit communities along the coast of Norway and to travel abroad. In June 1955 the King paid a visit to Molde in Western Norway. It was to be his final voyage on the *Norge*. King Olav took over the ship after his father died in 1957. A technical assessment resulted in a 10-year plan for upgrading the hull and technical equipment. Like his father before him, King Olav used the Royal Yacht in his official capacity as well as in his leisure time.

Fire

In the winter of 1985 the *Norge* was in dry dock at the Horten Shipyard for repair and upgrading when welding operations sparked a fire that quickly spread. The vessel was severely damaged in the fire, with the exception of the hull and engines, which remained relatively intact. King Olav decided that the ship was to be rebuilt.

Once again, architect Finn Nilsson was asked to refit the interior. Just over a year after the fire the King was again able to take command of the Royal Yacht, in safer and in better technical condition than had previously been the case. HM King Harald took over the *Norge* after King Olav died in 1991.



SAVE STAMPS FOR TUBFRIM