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NEWSLETTER *Service*

Dear Lodge/District Editors:

We are pleased to provide the latest edition of the Newsletter Service. This complimentary service is printed six times each year and may be used as a supplement to your lodge newsletter. The Newsletter Service provides a variety of information, including current news and culture related articles. The Newsletter Service is also available on the Web at www.sonsofnorway.com, under the "Members Only" section. We hope you enjoy this issue and find its content to be beneficial

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eivind J. Heiberg'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Eivind J. Heiberg
Fraternal Director

A Little in English...

It's "royal" to be a grandfather

King Harald thinks it's more fun to turn ten years old – with the future ahead of him – than to turn 70. But otherwise he's quite satisfied with life.

"I am of course very lucky to be lucky, have something to do and can still work, even though I have slowed down somewhat the last years," says King Harald.

In connection with his 70th birthday the king is taking a birthday interview in his office at the Palace. The King isn't keeping it a secret that family is the most important thing in life when one turns 70.

The proud grandfather says that he is constantly discovering new sides of his grandchildren, whom he thinks are like most children. Sometimes they play nicely together, other times they are at each other's throats, especially the two who are close in age, Maud Angelica and Ingrid Alexandra.

"They're developing really fast and they're very different personalities. Ingrid Alexandra is a very self-directed little lady who resembles her dad" he laughs.

From Aftenposten.no



Litt på norsk...

Helt konge å være bestefar

Kong Harald synes det var morsommere å fylle 10 år – med fremtiden foran seg – enn å bli 70. Men ellers er han svært fornøyd med livet.

– Jeg er jo veldig heldig som er frisk, har noe å gjøre og kan fortsette å arbeide, selv om jeg har trappet noe ned de siste årene, sier kong Harald. I forbindelse med 70-årsdagen tar kongen imot til fødselsdagsintervju på sitt kontor på Slottet. Kongen legger ikke skjul på at familien er det viktigste i livet når man fyller 70.

Den stolte bestefaren forteller at han stadig oppdager nye sider ved sine barnebarn, som han mener er som barn flest. Noen ganger leker de fint sammen, andre ganger er de i trottene på hverandre, særlig de to som er mest lik i alder, Maud Angelica og Ingrid Alexandra.

– De utvikler seg voldsomt for tiden og er veldig forskjellige personligheter. Ingrid Alexandra er en meget bestemt liten dame, som ligner svært på sin far, ler han.

Fra Aftenposten.no



History of the Sons of Norway Logo

Recently we here at the Culture Desk had some questions about the Sons of Norway shield – that familiar symbol found on stickers, patches, websites and those stylish vests throughout the organization. So we did some research, looking at history books and old copies of the *Viking*. Here’s what we found.

In 1901 Sons of Norway’s board of directors voted to approve an emblem to represent the fast-growing organization. This logo consisted of a tri-color shield that’s more rotund than later shields (like a sheriff’s badge). In the top red stripe there was a symbol representing the midnight sun, while the bottom blue stripe contained the North Star. The center white stripe was reserved for the abbreviation “S. af N.” for “Sønner af Norge” as the organization was then known.

That shield remained in use until a 1922 committee selected a new design. The new emblem, created by Martin J Grindheim (then-president of Nordkap 1-008) in many ways resembles the current one; a narrow shield with a Viking ship, and the North Star. However the Viking ship is shown from a side view, and the North Star is found at the bottom of the shield, where it had been in the pervious design. Other differences include the letters “FBF” (Frihed, Broderkjærlighed, Fremskritt – Freedom, Brotherly Love, and Progress, in the Norwegian of the time) over the ship and an American eagle perched over the top of the shield.

As early as 1914, a movement was started to include Canadian symbolism in the shield, and in 1929 another revised version of the logo was presented. The 1929 emblem is a circle, containing a shield with a forward-facing Viking ship with the midnight sun behind it. Above the shield a banner appears, with the initials “SN” separated by a star. On the left of the shield is an American eagle; on the right, the Canadian maple leaf.

This symbol was used in the masthead of the organization’s newsletter, and later the *Viking*, for many years afterward. At least as early as 1948 a slimmed-down version of the shield (integrating

the “S ★ N” into the top of the shield and omitting the eagle and flag) appears on the cover of a Sons of Norway songbook. This leaner logo also appears in the *Viking* as early as 1951, and was in widespread use by the time the current Headquarters building was built in 1962. At what point this symbol came into official use, we are unable to say.

The current Sons of Norway logo includes both the shield and the words “Sons of Norway.” For more information about usage of the logo, contact Jessica at jgleason@sofn.com



1901



1922



1929



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A little in English...

“Don’t call me a hero”

“Hero’ is a word that is used a little too much,” says Jon Lech Johansen. He reserves the expression for “more important people” than himself.

But the truth is that the 22 year-old, whom most people know as “DVD-Jon,” has had a form of hero-status since he, as a 15 year-old, was central in the development of the program DeCSS, which removed the copyright and replay restriction on DVD discs.

Johansen was tired of not being able to play his DVDs on his PC with the operating system Linux. With the help of DeCSS, which he wrote together with two others, DVDs could be played on Linux and all other operating systems.

It made him a role model for computer nerds and activists for digital civil rights over the whole world. But at the same time it also made it easier to make pirated copies of DVDs. In 2002 Økokrim (The Norwegian National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime) in partnership with the American film industry’s lobbying group took the matter to court.

The case ended with full acquittal. The court decided that Jon Lech Johansen hadn’t done anything more than “break in” to his own DVDs. Early in 2007 Johansen was named by the magazine PC World as one of the internet’s most powerful people.

From Dagbladet.no, by Jan Omdahl



Litt på norsk...

- Ikke kall meg helt

- «Helt» er et ord som brukes litt for mye, sier Jon Lech Johansen. Selv reserverer han uttrykket for «viktigere folk» enn seg selv.

Men sannheten er at 22-åringen, som de fleste kjenner som DVD-Jon, har hatt en form for heltestatus helt siden han som 15-åring var sentral i utviklingen av programmet DeCSS, som fjernet kopi- og avspillingsbeskyttelsen på DVD-plater. Johansen var lei av å ikke kunne spille av DVD-platene sine på sin PC med operativsystemet Linux. Ved hjelp av DeCSS, som han skrev sammen med to andre, kunne DVD-plater spilles av på Linux og alle andre operativsystem.

Det gjorde ham til et forbilde for datanerder og forkjempere for digitale borgerrettigheter over hele verden. Men samtidig ble det også enklere å piratkopiere DVD-plater. I 2002 gikk Økokrim, i tospann med den amerikanske filmindustriens interesseorganisasjon, til sak.

Rettsaken endte med full frifinnelse. Retten slo fast at Jon Lech Johansen ikke hadde gjort noe annet enn å «bryte seg inn» i sin egen DVD-plate. Tidlig i 2007 ble Johansen nevnt av bladet PC World som en av nettets mektigste.

Fra Dagbladet.no, av Jan Omdahl



Police Round up Poker Players

Armed police raided a building in an industrial area of Strømmen, northeast of Oslo, in March and arrested 32 persons for what the authorities claimed was illegal organized poker playing.

The poker club had been under investigation and was believed to violate laws against organized gaming.

Most of those arrested were fined and allowed to go home. Police continued to hold those believed to be the organizers of the poker club.

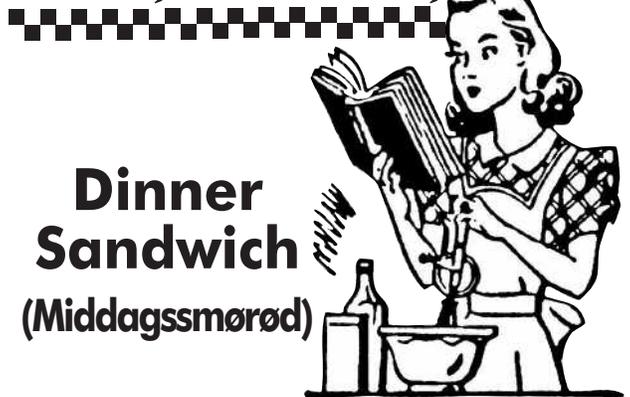
Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) reported that those arrested ranged from ordinary fathers of small children to gang members. "It was difficult to determine any connections among them," said prosecutor Nicolas Nyhus of the Romerike Police District. "They most probably were just individuals who meet in the club to play poker."

Norway's poker association (Norges Pokerforbund) criticized the police raid, contending it was an overreaction.

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Matlyst Monthly



Ingredients:

- 4 slices oatmeal bread, toasted
- 1 lb country sausage
- 1 onion sliced
- 1 apple, cored and sliced into 4 rings
- 1 can (3.75 oz.) Norwegian sardines

Shape sausage into four patties. Brown slowly in skillet; remove and keep warm. Sauté onion in 2 tablespoons of the drippings; add apple rings, cover and cook for 6 to 8 minutes. Butter toast lightly. Place sausage patty on toast; apple and onion rings over all and top with sardines.

*From "Authentic Norwegian Cooking"
by Astrid Karlsen Scott*

