



THE VISIT OF THEIR MAJESTIES
KING HARALD V AND QUEEN SONJA
TO
ST. OLAF COLLEGE

PROCESSIONAL

Royal Flourish by Timothy Mahr
The St. Olaf Band, Timothy Mahr '78, Conductor

INVOCATION

The Reverend Ann Svennungsen

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

David R. Anderson '74, President of St. Olaf College

GREETING

His Majesty King Harald V

ANTHEM

Norge, mitt Norge by Alfred Paulsen (1849–1936), arr. by Kenneth Jennings '50
The St. Olaf Choir, Anton Armstrong '78, Conductor

REMARKS

Siri K. Smithback '12
Gus H. Connelly '12

HYMN

O Day Full of Grace

CONCLUDING REMARKS

President Anderson

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Jennifer Anderson Koenig '87

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Rejoicing by Alfred Reed
The St. Olaf Band

Please stand as Their Majesties enter and remain standing until they are seated.

All rise and remain standing as Their Majesties leave the platform.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

Only official photographers may take pictures in Boe Chapel.

All other photography or audio/visual recording is prohibited.

HIS MAJESTY KING HARALD V

His Majesty King Harald V of Norway was born on February 21, 1937. The only son of Crown Prince Olav (the future King Olav V) and Crown Princess Märtha, he acceded to the throne when his father passed away in 1991. Like his father and grandfather, he adopted the motto “We give our all for Norway.”

Prince Harald was the first prince born in Norway in 567 years, and his birth guaranteed the line of succession. He has two older sisters, Princess Ragnhild and Princess Astrid, but at the time of his birth the Norwegian Constitution stipulated that only male heirs could inherit the throne. The constitution has since been amended so that now the oldest child becomes king or queen.

The royal family fled the country when Germany invaded Norway in 1940. The Crown Princess Märtha and her children spent several months in Sweden before moving to the outskirts of Washington, D.C., where they remained until returning to Norway in 1945.

After completing secondary school, Prince Harald entered the Norwegian Cavalry Officers' Training School before finishing his military education at the Military Academy in 1959. Upon completion of his compulsory military service, the crown prince went to Oxford University for further

study. He attended Balliol College from 1960 to 1962, studying social science, history, and economics.

Prince Harald became crown prince when King Haakon VII died in 1957, and he carried out an increasing number of official tasks as he worked closely alongside his father, King Olav V.

In 1968 the crown prince married Sonja Haraldsen, a commoner from Vinderen in Oslo. The royal couple has two children: Princess Märtha Louise, born in 1971, and Crown Prince Haakon, born in 1973.

Since the introduction of a parliament in 1884, the official duties of Norway's king have been primarily ceremonial. King Harald holds the rank of general in the army and air force, and of admiral in the navy, and he is the nation's highest-ranking officer.

In addition to being an active hunter and fisherman, King Harald served for 20 years as the president of the Norwegian chapter of the World Wildlife Fund. He also participates in national and international regattas each year.

This is King Harald's third visit to St. Olaf College, the first being in 1965 when he was crown prince and the second in 1995 with Queen Sonja.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN SONJA

Her Majesty Queen Sonja was born on July 4, 1937, to Dagny and Karl August Haraldsen. When King Harald ascended to the throne upon the death of King Olav, Queen Sonja became Norway's first queen in 53 years.

Queen Sonja earned a diploma in dressmaking and tailoring at the Oslo Vocational School, and went on to earn a diploma from Switzerland's École Professionnelle des Jeunes Filles. Her studies there included social science, accounting, and fashion design. She returned to Norway to earn an undergraduate degree in French, English, and art history from the University of Oslo.

The engagement between Miss Haraldsen and Crown Prince Harald triggered a debate regarding the future of Norway's monarchy, but there was less resistance to the crown prince choosing a commoner to be his wife than many had expected. After their wedding in 1968, Miss Haraldsen became the crown princess of Norway.

The queen accompanies the king on official state visits abroad, and she participates when foreign heads of state pay official visits to Norway. Her interests in music, art, and culture have led her to be a patron of — and play an active role in — a variety of large-scale fundraising initiatives.



STUDENT SPEAKERS

GUS CONNELLY '12

Gus Connelly, a theatre and Norwegian major, spent the summer studying Norwegian literature and contemporary Norwegian society at the University of Oslo's International Summer School. The New Brighton, Minnesota, native is heavily involved in theatre on campus and is a member of the St. Olaf Choir. He also serves as co-manager of KSTO-FM, the college's student-run radio station.

SIRI SMITHBACK '12

A dance major with a concentration in biomedical studies, Siri Smithback spent the summer as an agricultural intern for the Snåsa-St. Olaf Committee in Snåsa, Norway, while also attending the University of Oslo's International Summer School. The president of the Norwegian Language Honor House at St. Olaf, she is also an active member of Companydance, sings in Collegiate Chorale, and directs a Norwegian folk dance group. She hails from Madison, Wisconsin.