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## Fra Presidenten

to everything there is a season......

I want to wish you all the happiest and healthiest New Year!

Each year brings changes, it is inevitable. One notable change is that beginning in 2017, the Third District Today (TDT) will be published quarterly (March, June, September and December). The look of the TDT will change too; a committee is working on that now and I am anxious to see our "new look".

Based on feedback from lodge editors, we will not have a lodge newsletter contest in 2017. Each lodge editor deserves an award! The amount of time and thought each editor puts into their newsletter shows. I love reading them.

We have had some changes in the 3D this past year, we have seen some lodge consolidations and we have seen some lodges disband. At the same time, we have seen our lodges gain new members. This is a natural process of expansion and contraction.

The 3D Board is very busy with many projects and I hope time will permit us to accomplish them all during the 2016-2018 term. LOV is making strides as well, the customers are coming back and weekends have been scheduled; we are hoping for the best and will monitor the financial situation closely.

Our sports director is going to get us up and moving in a friendly walking competition; make sure your lodge sports director or President tells you about it.

I am beginning to sense and feel a great resurgence of enthusiasm in our tremendous Third District! Our great big Viking ship is moving forward!

Godt nytt år

Mary