

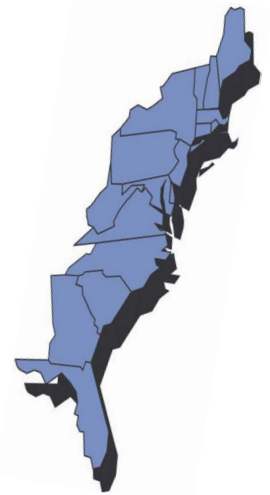


SONS OF NORWAY

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Third District Today

Fall 2019



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Fra Presidenten, Kathy Dollymore

September and October 2019

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October takes us back to the immigration of our forefathers. Since 1964, when Congress unanimously authorized and requested the President to create the observance of Leif Erikson Day through an annual proclamation, October 9 was chosen because the ship *Restauration* arrived in New York Harbor on October 9, 1825, beginning a wave of immigration from Norway to America. In July of that year, a group of six dissenting families, seeking a haven from the official Norwegian state church, set sail from Stavanger in an undersized sloop, the *Restaurationen*. When it arrived in New York harbor after an arduous 14-week journey, the *Restaurationen* caused a sensation, and the local press marveled at the bravery of these Norwegian pilgrims. Local Quakers helped the destitute emigrants, who eventually established a community in

upstate New York. Today, their descendants are still known as "sloopers".

As Eva Britt Kornfeldt of the Oslo Visitors and Convention Bureau said: "Swedes, they do as they are told. Norwegians? We are a stubborn, self-reliant, impulsive, inventive and independent people. But above all, we're curious." Norwegians have always been brave explorers. From the early Vikings, then onto the first to cross Greenland by land, a Norwegian was first to the South Pole, the voyage of the Kon-Tiki, and then history's longest solo and un-resupplied ski journey, 3,000 miles across the South Pole region. Explorers! So many of us have heard the stories of our own family's emigration. Make sure to write these stories down for future generations, who can be proud of their heritage.

October is also the month we recognize as FOUNDATION MONTH. A donation to the Sons of Norway Foundation is a contribution to the positive impact we make through community, youth, educational, and cultural projects. With every contribution, there is an impact.

Everything the Sons of Norway Foundation accomplishes is the result of the support of our donors: the people who contribute time, talent and resources to further our mission in member communities. Every contribution matters and

you can be sure that we're using your donations responsibly and effectively. Our 3D Foundation Director, Dirk Hansen, has information on how the Foundation can work for YOUR lodge. hansenoaks@lowcountry.com

In closing, remember, this is your Lodge, your Sons of Norway. We need members to come to the Lodge and assist in carrying out the business. All your officers ask is to give the Lodge at least one night a month. We also need your support in finding new members. Why not ask a friend to join in on all the good things we have in our lodge to share?

Fraternally, Kathy Dollymore, 3D President

September 2019

Happy September! God Høst! Autumn begins September 23

The summer has gone by so quickly, I hope everyone had a wonderful "straw-hat, flip-flops, read a good book, relax-if-you-want season" Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, in September when the duration of daylight becomes noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably. One of its main features in temperate climates is the shedding of leaves from deciduous trees. Another feature of Fall is the return to the local Sons of Norway Lodge meetings for those who have been on hiatus for the summer. There were members of our 3D lodges who did a bit of traveling this summer and members who have had home exploits. The lodges hope to hear about their adventures. The Third District is comprised of members of lodges who have continued to provide great meetings and activities. As everyone is welcome, let's start off the new round of meetings by bringing an acquaintance and show them what we have to offer in fraternalism, culture, and friendship.

We'll be thinking of the 2020 convention in Jacksonville, the Alzheimer's Goal, elections, programs and Jultrefests, and the always popular retention and recruitment goals. Lot's going on this time of the year! Reach out and help your local lodge and get involved. Benjamin Franklin said "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember but Involve me and I learn."

We all share a connection and are here to support each other, if there are issues within your lodge there may be keys that other lodges have discovered and can share. There are a number of reasons why we are the "Tremendous Third" and the care and backing of each other is one of them. Thanks again everyone for all you do.

Our District Board will be meeting in October. If there are any topics you feel need to be brought to our attention, don't hesitate to contact your leaders.

Fraternally Kathy Dollymore, 3D President

October is Sons of Norway Foundation Month

When it comes to Fraternal Giving, the members of the 3rd District are without equal as exemplified by their support of our 3rd District Charitable Trust. Not only that, but thanks to everyone's generosity back on the Summer Solstice, we are well on our way to meeting our goal of donations to the Alzheimers Association in celebration of Sons of Norway's 125th anniversary.

October is Foundation Month throughout our order and with that in mind we have a unique opportunity in District 3 to complete a "triple play" of humanitarianism by supporting the [Sons of Norway Foundation](#) in whatever way we, as members, feel comfortable with. Along with the Fraternal and Financial sides of Sons of Norway, the Foundation side completes the tripod of support necessary to the success and continuation of the largest organization of Scandinavian Americans in the world.

Many of us choose to donate to the Foundation individually when we renew our memberships, always a thoughtful and appreciated gesture. Some lodges support the Foundation annually with a group contribution and October would be the perfect time to do this and hopefully we can achieve universal participation in this in 2019. Perhaps lodges could even consider a significant donation to be divided among the Foundation, The Charitable Trust and The Alzheimer's Association and complete our triple play of giving!

Not to be overlooked, however, is the flip side to the topic. As your lodges consider their donations to The Foundation, why not take a minute to explore what the Foundation can do for you and your fellow lodge members. Scholarship programs, educational and cultural opportunities and disaster relief come to mind.

Lastly, the most lasting way to contribute to the Sons of Norway Foundation at the local lodge level would be to fill the position of Lodge Foundation Director during the upcoming election cycle of incoming board members. Did you know that only 1/3 of our lodges in District 3 have someone in this position? Yet this 1/3 accounts for over 50% of the times our District 3 lodges have contributed \$10.00 or more to the Foundation since 2006. October, Foundation Month, thus becomes even more significant doesn't it?

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Fraternally,
Dirk Hansen – 3rd District Foundation Director

HAPPY LEIF ERIKSON DAY! *(taken from Bernt Balchen's October Newsletter)*

Celebrate the first, real known European in the Americas with this "Viking" Norseman who sailed the Atlantic 500 years before Christopher Columbus. Erikson's name has been spelled a variety of ways throughout history, including Leiv Erikson, Leif Eriksson, and Leif Erikson, but all are anglicizations of his Old Norse name. Erikson is known as the first European to have "discovered" continental North America.

Prior to him, his father, Erik the Red, had established Norse colonies on the southern tip of Greenland, which is still within the Kingdom of Denmark. Erikson was the son of Erik the Red and his wife, Thjodhild, who established European Greenlandic colonies. He was also a distant relative of Naddodd, who discovered the previously uninhabited Iceland.

It is unknown where Erikson was born, but most historians consider it likely that he was born in Iceland. In Iceland, he is considered a national hero for his sailing from the neighboring island Greenland to the North American coast. He named this place "Vinland."

Norwegian explorer, Helge Ingstad and his wife, archaeologist Anne Stine Ingstad, discovered a Norse settlement in the northern parts of Newfoundland in the 1960s. Many believed it to be one of Erikson's multiple settlements in Vinland. It is now known as L'Anse aux Meadows, which means "Jellyfish Cove" in corrupted French. The Norse described "skraelings" in their texts about Vinland, which has been taken to be their term for Native Americans.

Evidence of contact between the Vikings and indigenous peoples has been far away from Vinland. In August 1957, a pre-Columbian Norse artefact was found at the Goddard archaeological site on the central Maine coast. According to the History Channel, "The Goddard site contained extensive remains of an old Native American settlement at Naskeag Point, Brooklin, Maine on Penobscot Bay. On 18 August 1957, some weeks into his dig, a mere 12 centimetres below the surface at the center of the site, Mellgren found a small silver coin... in 1978, experts from London examined the coin and proclaimed it Norse. Experts from the University of Oslo determined the coin had probably been minted between 1065 and 1080 and circulated in the 12th and 13th centuries."

Many Nordic Americans and Nordic immigrants to the United States take pride in their heritage with Erikson. The first statue of Erikson was erected in Boston in 1887 by the efforts of American scientist Eben Norton Horsford, who believed that the Cape Cod area could have been Vinland. Since then, statues of him have popped up all over the U.S. In 1929, the Wisconsin Legislature passed a bill to make October 9 "Leif Erikson Day" in the state, urged by the

state's large population of Nordic immigrants and immigrant descendants. About thirty years later, the United States Congress followed suit with the President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaiming October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day." (Columbus Day had become a federal holiday in 1937.)

Do you plan on going to the Third District Convention?

SAVE THE DATE
2020 D-3 Convention
June 5-8, 2020
Jacksonville, Florida

Be prepared to participate in the meeting. A good start is reviewing the 2018-2020 Sons of Norway Charter and Constitutions, Policies and Procedures book is now posted online. You can view the book by logging in at sonsofnorway.com and clicking the link on the homepage, or by following this pathway: Member resources > Lodge Leadership Resources > Governance > Download Charter & Constitutions

You should also read the Third District's by-laws available on the 3D website.

Do you plan on introducing a resolution? SON International has created two standardized forms that are now required to us when a lodge wishes to propose a resolution for the district convention. The thinking behind the creation of these forms is in [a letter sent to SON members by International president Ron Stubbings](#).

[Please download these forms from the 3D website](#) to use for any resolutions your lodge may wish to propose. It is in PDF form, which will be easy for anyone to immediately view and/or print. Included are the instructions for how the forms are to be filled out and which form is appropriate to use.

A word about membership *by Mary Andersen, Bondelandet Lodge, past 3D President.*

There are no magic bullets when it comes to attracting and retaining new members. One way is to attend various fairs and festivals. 3D VP Steve Helmold set up a table at Scanfest again after a very successful 2018 Scanfest recruiting effort. (see pictures that follow)

If you track the statistics, which we do, we tend to see a uptick in new members around the holidays. Make sure you advertise your Julefests and Julebords!!!

We are very excited to have a new lodge – Viking Mountain – Rick Budrick will be its first President!! Great work all. Their installation will be the weekend of October 4-6 at LOV. If you are in the area, try to stop in.

In the next TDT, I will interview Steve Helmold regarding all the membership activities that are going on both front and center and behind the scenes. Steve is attacking the membership issue on different fronts. Stay tuned and perhaps you will read something that you can use in your lodge.

What's LOV got to do with us?

Stay informed

There is a lot going on at LOV! Sign up for the LOV newsletter, it is packed with great information. Go to <http://3dsofn.org/land-of-the-vikings/contact-lov-2/> and scroll down to sign up.

October newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/ac0fffa1433f/lov-april-newsletter-307687>

Make sure you check out some of the fun activities and make a reservation. Make new friends, reconnect with old friends and have fun!

October

4-6 – Viking Mountain Lodge Institution

11-13- Octoberfest Weekend

24-27 - 3D board meeting

27-11/3 - Rosemaling and woodworking lessons for

November

7-12 -Sports for health

15-17 - Hudson Valley Hikers

21-25 - NY State Hunters

29-12/2 - Pennsylvania Hunters

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Pictures from around The Tremendous Third!



Jorgen Flood - Restauration

I am serious, that
is the way they
did it back then.



John and Kate Svensson, Bondeladet lodge

Step into our tent,
we have the goods!



Ken and Suzie Olson, Loyal

I feel like
dancing!



Elaine Breiland, Zone 1 Director

For anyone who has worn a bunad on a hot summer day, you understand why the color of my face almost matches that guy's shirt.



Steve and Karen Helmold, Norden

Karen & Steve were staffing the membership table at Scanfest. Other 3D members stopped by to help!



Former 3D President Mary Andersen joins the Helmolds

Everyone, hold that smile just a little while longer!



Art & Nancy Thorsen, Hartford lodge

Hmm, looks like Art might be getting ready to stir up trouble with that stick



The Breschers (Nor-bu) and our 3D VP Steve Helmold



Hail, hail, the Nor-bu gang is here! Thank you Nor-bu for once again adding SofN presence to Scanfest



Mary, I thought I asked you not to interrupt me when I am recruiting!

hmmm, prospect with Zone 6 Director, Marie Hanson, Washington Lodge



The Budricks – Viking Mountain Lodge



Hmm, twisted sisters???
Fraternal sisters that is.
Nina and Randi from
Hudson Valley



Yo, I wanna talk to you. Join SofN, ya don't know what you're missing!