

Sons of Norway District Lodge #3
65th District Convention Minutes
June 6 – 10, 2018
Radisson Hotel
Hauppauge, New York

MEMORIAL SERVICE, Wednesday, June 6, 2018

At 4 PM The delegates and guests boarded 3 buses which took them to St. Marks Episcopal Church in Islip, NY. St. Marks Church is modeled after the Norwegian Stave Church. As they departed the buses the delegates and guests were meet by the beautiful organ prelude played by Sister Margaret Gythfeldt.

At 5PM, when everyone had arrived, 2018 Convention Chairperson Ken Johnson welcomed them to the beautiful St. Marks Church and to the 65th Third District meeting and Convention memorial Service. Brother Ken introduced the Third District Board:

Zone 7 Director	Dirk Hansen
Zone 6 Director	Doris Beck
Zone 5 Director	Ingrid Hammen
Zone 4 Director	Kari Williams
Zone 3 Director	Paul Kornbrekke
Zone 2 Director	John Foss
Zone 1 Director	Stephen Helmold
Public Relations Director	James Dunagan
Youth Director	Susan Olson
Sports Director	Andy Mathisen
Treasurer	Peter Vatne
Secretary	Karen Olsen-Helmold
Counselor	Peter Hanson
Vice President	Kathy Dollymore
President	Mary Andersen

Everyone sang the Anthems of Canada, Norway and The United States of America; Oh Canada, Ja Vi Elsker and the Star Spangled Banner.

Den Store Hvite Flokk was sung by soloist Lisa Daehlen with Richard Feingold accompanying on the piano.

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Richard E. Simpson and the delegates and guests joined him in reciting the Lord's Prayer followed by the singing of *Beautiful Saviour*. Pastor Simpson then read from the scripture.

Brother Ken Johnson and Brother Stephen Helmold led the tribute to our deceased members. As each Zone was mentioned the bell was rung to remember those from that Zone who have entered Lodge Eternal in the past two years. The Tribute was followed by silent prayer and the singing of *Amazing Grace*.

The Offertory and Doxology were performed by Pastor Simpson.

How Great Thou Art was sung by soloist Lisa Daehlen with Richard Feingold accompanying on the piano.

The delegates and guests sang *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.

Pastor Ida Iverson of Gateway to Florida Lodge gave the memorial address:

Luke 6: 46-49

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against the house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears, and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

Let us pray: God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brothers and sister. We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us to mourn. Give us your aide, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

As I began to think about the service today, I am reminded that each of the people we are remembering today had a story to tell. A story that told of where they were from, what they had done, who their family was, and the fact is that their story along with each of you here today, and the great cloud of witnesses who had come before you and me, have been a part of this organization called Sons of Norway. Sons of Norway is all about story.

As I asked for the scripture from Luke to be read, that too is about a story that Jesus told not only to his disciples but to a great crowd who had gathered around him for healing. This story is about what it is we do when we hear God’s word and we live into that word. How God’s word becomes part of our story, of our lives.

I am not of Norwegian heritage, but Swedish heritage and I think about all those others who came out of the Scandinavian regions, where the State Church was Lutheran. As they immigrated to the United States and moved in to cities, small towns and the rural areas to start their lives over. In many of these communities, one of the first things they did was to establish a

church, a Lutheran Church, in the new community where they began their new lives, their new stories. The stories of your ancestors and mine.

One of the things that we also know is that family was at the center of their lives and taking care and nurturing those families in the right now and when the time came that they were no longer present because they had entered the church triumphant was part of the firm foundation that they stood upon.

That was the beginning of the story of Sons of Norway, being able to take care of family in what might be thought of as the worst of circumstances, when they would no longer be there to take care of their loved ones. That was the foundation of what has become a much larger story. Did those first immigrants ever dream that what they put aside to care for their immediate family would continue to take care down through so many generations and beyond even the generations that will follow you and me? Did they ever dream that not only would the generations who would follow them would be taken care of, but that the traditions that they brought from their homelands would be preserved for those to follow as well.

That in many respects is why we gather here, because of the foundations that those who came before us held. Those who heard the stories of Jesus and believed. They believed that God had named and claimed them in their baptism. They knew the stories and they passed them on to their children to build their foundations upon. It is that same foundation that brings us here today. It is the love, friendships and loyalty that they passed on that lives within you and me yet today...or we would not be here. I believe that it is also a foundation of faith in Jesus Christ, that bring us to this church to remember those who have gone before us.

There is another story that this reminded me of if, it also is from the book of Luke, it takes place eight day after Jesus is born. Joseph and Mary followed the custom of the time and went to the temple with Jesus to have him circumcised and be given his name...Jesus as the angels had foretold. There was a man there by the name of Simeon, and it had been revealed to him that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. As Joseph and Mary entered the temple Simeon, took Jesus into his arms and sang:

*Now, Lord you let you servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have
seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight,
of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the
glory of your people Israel.*

The glory of not only of the people of Israel, but of all nations around the world. A little over two months ago, young and old gathered to hear the story of Jesus Christ risen. It is the story that sadly so many do not come back to hear the rest of the story. How it is our belief in the story of Jesus we find our true firm foundation of, life, hope, peace, renewal and solid ground to stand upon. It is in Jesus Christ that we can, weather the storms that rage around us figuratively and literally. It allows you and me to be able to step out in faith just as our ancestors did to try something new. That gives us words to speak our own story that the generations who will follow

us, will be told and give them courage to step out knowing that they are not stepping on ground that will shift, but solid ground rooted in Jesus Christ, our true Lord and Savior. Go and tell your story of the solid ground that comes from faith in Jesus Christ, the faith of our fathers and mothers, Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Finnish. Amen.

The delegates and guests sang the final hymn, *America the Beautiful*.

The delegates and guest left the Church as Margaret Gythfeldt played the Postlude. The delegates and guests boarded the buses which took them back to the Radisson hotel.

President's Reception Wednesday, June 6, 2018 7 PM - 10 PM

There was a buffet dinner and the entertainment was provided by DJ Sean LaFluer whose music included many popular American songs sung in Norwegian as well as traditional Norwegian and American music.

Third District Lodge Meeting, Thursday June 7, 2018

President Mary Andersen opened the first meeting of the 65th Third District Lodge Meeting at 8:35 am. The color guards, The Rusy Bohm American Legion Post 411, presented the colors. The delegates and guests sang the Canadian, Norwegian, and United States Anthems. President Andersen thanked the American Legion for presenting the colors. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a special moment of silence for 3 former District Officers who have left us during the past 2 years; past President Ed Trabusly, past President Sandy Ginsberg and past Counselor Alf Kristian Rasmussen.

President Andersen thanked Brother Ken Johnson and his outstanding committee for what they have done to make this a convention for all the delegates and guests to enjoy and remember. The committee was given a round of applause. President Andersen asked Committee Chairperson Ken Johnson to make any announcements and introduce our guest speaker Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone.

Announcements:

Convention Committee Chairperson, Ken Johnson welcomed the delegates to the 65th Third District Lodge Meeting. Brother Ken introduced his Committee:

Honorary Chairperson:	Mary Andersen
Registrar:	Steve Helmold
Secretary:	Leslie Johannessen
Treasurer:	Shirley Erland
Assistant Treasurer:	Helen Timoney
Publicity/Journal:	Barbara Berntsen
Reports Book:	Karen Olsen-Helmold
Committee Ways & Means:	Karin Ryan
Folk Art Exhibition:	Gail Martinsen
Viking Auction	Judy Fleming
	Betsy Grabher

Golf Chairperson: Audun Gythfeldt
Banquet Chairperson: Susan Olson
Excursions: Turid Mann
Cookie Chairperson: Torun Reduto

Brother Ken announced that the vendors and the Viking Auction for the Charitable Trust will take place in the next room, Nassau A & B. Tonight and Friday night dinner is on your own. Earlier a Radisson area booklet containing many pages was e-mailed to everyone. There are a few extra copies for you to look at to help you decide where you would like to go to dinner. Coffee breaks and lunches will be held in the Vanderbilt room which is located at the front of the hotel. Please have your ticket with you when you go for the coffee breaks and lunches.

Brother Ken Introduced Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone welcomed everyone to Suffolk County. He thanked Convention Committee Chairperson Ken Johnson and District President Mary Andersen for all the work that they do for the organization. Suffolk County is the largest county as well as the largest agricultural county in New York State. He talked about the Hamptons and the North Fork of LI which is famous for its wine. Executive Bellone talked about how important heritage and community is to Suffolk County and how Sons of Norway enhances that.

President Andersen thanked Suffolk County Steve Bellone. She assured him that this group of Norwegians is very happy to be on Long Island in Suffolk County where so many of us settled many years ago.

President Andersen introduced the Third District Board and guests. On her left is Vice President Kathy Dollymore, Counselor Peter Hanson, Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold.

On her right is Parliamentarian Michael Warner, Treasurer Peter Vatne, International Director Ken Johnson, International Secretary Marci Larson.

Sitting on the floor on her right is International President Jon Tehven, International Chief Operating Officer Chris Pinkerton, Sons of Norway Foundation Director Corrie Knudson, and Zone One Director Stephen Helmold. who is doing so much for us.

One her left in the back row is Zone 5 Director Ingrid Hammen, Zone 6 Director Doris Beck, Zone 7 Director Dirk Hansen. In the next row is Zone 4 Director Kari Williams, Zone 3 Director Paul Kornbrekke, Zone 2 Director John Foss. In the front row is Youth Director Susan Olson, Sports Director Andy Mathisen, who got us all up walking, and Public Relations Director Jim Dunagan. Cultural Director Gail Martinsen will not be able to attend this Convention.

President Andersen showed a video describing what it is like to be a delegate that was prepared by President Andersen and Public Relations Director Jim Dunagan. This video is available on the Third District's website.

President Andersen excused the Credentials Committee. President Andersen introduced former District and International Officers:

Ralph Peterson
Audun Gythfeldt
Barbara Berntsen
Marci Larson
Ken Johnson
Joe Zarnitz
Judi Nilsen Mack
Doris Beck
Susan Olson
Harry Kuell
Barbara Bensen
Arnold Johnson
Phil Feidelién
Rannveig Klinge
Burt Koske
Ellen-Carin Piaskowski

President Andersen asked the first-time delegates to stand and be recognized.

President Andersen asked for birthdays and anniversaries. There were none.

Founders Awards

President Andersen announced the winners of the **2016 Founders Awards**:

Washington Lodge	Doris Goodlett
Loyal Lodge	Ed Fleming
North Carolina Vikings Lodge	Michael Tilder
Norsemen Lodge	Debra Martin
Pleasant Point Lodge	Liv Svendsen
Norden Lodge	Stephen Helmold
Norskevenner Lodge	Erik Kind

President Mary Andersen announced the winners of the **2017 Founders Awards**:

Lodge Brooklyn	Kimberly Breiland
Scandinavian Heritage Society	Jason Hoffman
Viking World Orlando Lodge	Keith Lavin
Tampa Bay Lodge	Paul Lunseth
Hampton Roads Lodge	Lenny Zingarelli

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Gateway to Florida Lodge	Evelyn Hopkins
Bondelanet Lodge	Svein Klinge
Southern Star Lodge	Dirk Hansen
Blafjell Lodge	Joanne Barfield
Norskevener Lodge	William Browning
Norsk Carolina Lodge	Marge Clements

President Andersen called upon Vice President Kathy Dollymore to announce the greeters and the marshalls for the morning session and the tellers for the Convention.

Sister Kathy announced that Elisabeth Nilsen and Karen Keat will be the greeters for this session, Kari Brescher and Deanna Rumney will be the marshals for this session, and Rannveig Klinge and Jeanne Addison will be the tellers for the Convention. Sister Kathy asked the greeters to take their paddles and go to the back of the room. Sister Kathy gave instruction to the greeters.

President Andersen presented the **Merit Awards for 2017**

Bronze:

Southern Star Lodge	President's Merit Award Audrey McVean
Tampa Bay Lodge	President's Merit Award Paul Lunseth
Troll Lodge	President's Merit Award Kari Williams
Norrona Lodge	President's Merit Award Kaare Hansen
Oslo Lodge	President's Merit Award Alan Roseen
Hudson Valley Lodge	President's Merit Award Anita Hoppe

Vice President Dollymore called upon the Marshalls to hand out Song Sheets to the delegation.

Brothers Audun Gythfeldt and Svein Klinge led the delegation in the singing of *Nidelven*.

Sister Kathy Dollymore invited the delegation to visit the Cultural Folk-Art Exhibition in the next room with the vendors and Viking Auction. Sister Kathy explained the People's Choice Award and invited everyone to take part in the vote.

President Andersen called upon Credentials Committee Chairperson Kari Williams and the Credential Committee to come forward and present their report on the Convention Delegates.

Sister Kari introduced herself as Zone 4 Director and the members of the Credentials Committee, Zone 5 Director Ingrid Hammen and Zone 3 Director Paul Kornbrekke.

Sister Kari asked everyone to turn to page 3 of their Reports Books and make the following changes:

The Committee announced the following:

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Page 3

Bernt Balchen Lodge# 3-566 Delegate Karen Haugland is replaced by Elsie Abrahamsen.
Fredriksten Lodge #3-125 has no delegates.

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Hudson Valley Lodge # 3-432 Julia Nilsen is replaced by Randi Tolfsen Bachor.

Page 5

Norden Lodge #3-407 Carmen Odin is replaced by Charles Gottilla.

Page 6

Troll Lodge #3-476 Janet Dickson is not present There are no alternates.

Page 7

No Change.

Page 10

The delegate count for the District Officers is 14. There are 2 International Officers Ken Johnson who is listed and Marci Larson International Secretary whose name is missing. Please add Marci Larson, International Secretary.

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District Lodge No. 3 Officers 2016-2018. Place a double Asterix after the name PR Director James Dunagan. At the bottom of the page add a footnote that he is not a voting member of the District Lodge Board. The reason for this is that section 3.11.1 of the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures states that only voting members of the District Lodge who are benefit members shall be eligible to hold elected District Lodge Offices. Jim was not a Delegate or Board member at the 2016 Convention so he was not a voting member of the District Lodge. There being no other suitable candidate in 2016 for the position, the Board appointed Jim to the Public Relations Director position, but with the understanding that he was not a voting member of the Board of Directors. Because Jim is not a voting member of the Board of Directors, Jim is also not a voting member of this District 3 Lodge. This is because section 3.1.1 of the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures states that the District Lodge will consist of its elected officers and Directors all of whom shall be benefits members and delegates from each local lodge who are not required to be benefits members and the International Officers and Directors from the District.

Cultural Director Gail Martinsen is not present. Since she is a member of the District Board she is technically a member of the District Lodge, however since she is absent she does not count toward the voting members. Therefore, the total number of voting members from the District Board present is 14. Both International Secretary Marci Larson and International Director Ken Johnson are from District 3. So, the total number of voting International Officers present is 2. This concludes the report of the Credentials Committee.

President Andersen asked if there are any questions for the Credential Committee.

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Delegate Alice Svege added an Alternate, Oddbjorg Olsen, for Lodge Brooklyn. The Committee added her as an alternate.

Sister Kari corrected the numbers on pages 11-12 to read as follows.

LODGE	LODGE NAME	STATE	2017	MAX DELEG	REG DELEG	THUR AM	THUR PM	FRI AM	FRI PM	SAT AM
000	Central		483	7	0					
109	Faerder	NY	74	3	2					
125	Fredriksten	PA	84	3	0					
215	Nordkap	MD	136	3	3					
232	Dovre	RI	16	2	0					
242	Fredheim	NY	54	3	2					
243	Brooklyn	NY	103	3	3					
252	Loyal	NY	239	4	4					
337	Norge	NY	67	3	1					
393	Henrik Ibsen	NY	76	3	3					
407	Norden	NY	173	4	4					
410	Nansen	NY	337	5	5					
427	Nor-Bu	NJ	251	5	5					
428	Washington	DC	273	5	5					
432	Hudson Valley	NY	146	3	3					
433	Scandinavian Heritage Society	NY	42	2	0					
438	Oslo	NY	47	2	0					
439	Pleasant Point	NJ	35	2	0					
466	Noreg	NJ	155	4	4					
467	Norrøna	NY	106	3	1					
468	Skaugum	CT	35	2	0					
474	Hartford	CT	56	3	2					
475	Lauderdale	FL	72	2	0					
476	Troll	NY	64	3	2					
501	Vikingworld	FL	33	2	0					
506	Norumbega	MA	203	4	4					
514	Gulfstream	FL	81	3	3					
515	Tampa Bay	FL	40	2	1					
522	Hampton Roads	VA	155	4	4					
539	Sarasota	FL	63	3	0					
541	Gateway To Florida	FL	118	3	3					
545	Morgensolen	MA	31	2	0					
555	Restaurations	PA	49	2	1					

562	Suncoast	FL	47	2	2					
566	Bernt Balchen	PA	88	3	2					
572	Norsemen	NY	31	2	2					
612	Bondelandet	PA	52	3	3					
615	Space Coast Viking	FL	20	2	0					
617	Scandia	FL	59	3	0					
630	Southern Star	SC	51	3	3					
646	Blåfjell	VA	34	2	0					
664	Maine Nordmenn	ME	82	3	1					
675	North Carolina Vikings	NC	46	2	0					
678	Norskevenner	GA	51	3	0					
679	Norsk Carolina	NC	45	2	0					
683	Gulf Coast Vikings	FL	53	3	0					
999	Spirit New Century		31	0	0					
	Third District Board				14					
	International Officers				2					

Sister Kari announced that there are 78 Delegates, 14 Board members, 2 International Officers, Total: 94 voting members.

Sister Kari **MOVED** on behave of the Credentials Committee to adopt the report of the Credentials Committee.

ADOPTED.

President Andersen announced that Zone 6 will have a caucus in the corner of the room during the upcoming break. President Andersen asked that everyone return at 10:15 AM

The meeting was recessed at 9:51 AM.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:30 AM.

President Andersen called upon Convention Committee Chairperson Ken Johnson to give any updates.

Brother Ken reported that the cookies for the break were plentiful and good. The issue of long lines for coffee has been addressed with the hotel and will be corrected for future breaks.

President Andersen stated that the Third District Board is authorized by the Third District Bylaws to approve the minutes of the 2016 Convention. The Board did so at its June 2018 meeting. President Andersen called upon District Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold to read the rules for the meeting.

Sister Karen stated the rules for the meeting. She asked that delegates bring all typographical errors to her in writing at breaks or lunch. Please do not take time on the floor unless it changes the meaning of the report or the resolutions. Any guest who wishes to address the delegation must have approval by the chair before speaking. Roll call will be done each morning and after lunch. Designate one member to respond for your lodge. Please make sure all delegates are seated when the session starts. Do not count anyone who is not in the room. Come to the microphone to be called on. Show your paddle number and wait for the chair to recognize you. Do not shout out comments from your seats during the session. You must come to the microphone so you can be heard.

Sister Karen read correspondence from Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. The Officers of each District sent their best wishes to District 3 for a successful and productive Convention/Lodge meeting.

Sister Karen read the Roll Call of Lodges with 94 delegates seated; 48 are a majority; 63 are two thirds majority.

President Andersen introduced Parliamentarian Michael Wagner-Diggs. President Andersen stated, "I am pleased to introduce Michael Wagner-Diggs as our Parliamentarian for the 65th Third District Lodge meeting. Michael is no stranger to the Third District, many of you will remember him from Myrtle Beach as well as Virginia Beach."

Mr. Wagner-Diggs will now advise us of the general parliamentary rules of the convention.

Michael read the General Parliamentary Rules for Sons of Norway Third District Lodge meeting June 6-10, 2018 of which each Delegate had been given a copy and **moved** that they be adopted. The motion was seconded by paddle #2 Kathy Dollymore.

ADOPTED.

President Andersen introduced Nominating Committee Chairperson International Director Marci Larson. Sister Marci is from Gateway to Florida Lodge and was the Chairperson of the 2014 International Convention Committee. As many of you know, the 2014 International Convention was held in Jacksonville Florida.

At this time Marci is going to describe the Nominating Committee process and progress as well as introduce the committee's slate of candidates. Without further ado, I am honored to introduce the Chairperson of the Third District Nominating Committee, Marci Larson.

International Director, Marci Larson Chairperson of the District 3 Nominating Committee

Good Morning everyone. It has been my pleasure to once again serve as the Chairperson of the District 3 Nominating Committee. A process which started in this District in 2016. While it is new to the District level, we are all very familiar with the nominating process at the local lodge

level. So, for most of us it isn't really all that new. I was blessed because the District Board collected an outstanding Nominating Committee and I would like you to meet them. You have probably heard from them during the course of the last few months, but if you haven't let me introduce them to you. International Director Ken Johnson, a member of Henrick Ibsen Lodge, 3D Auditor Kari Brescher, a member from Nor-Bu Lodge, and the fourth member is Deb McConaghy and she was not able to be with us today. As you all know, District 3 extends about 1500 miles along the Eastern Seaboard from Southern Maine to Southern Florida. I think one of the beauties of this committee is that we are from all of the Lodges that are across the District. And when the District Board selected the Nominating Committee they did a really super job in spreading out the representation and the responsibilities. In addition, throughout out the years, we have all been involved at various times with the District 3 Leadership and we have been involved with lodge nominating committees. Just to refresh your memory, in 2014 a By-law change to the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitution, established this new procedure for the nominating and the electing the International Director, the Alternate International Director and the District Board. The purpose of the nominating committee is really very simple, it is to identify, review and submit names of eligible candidates for election to these various positions. The Nominating Committee does not endorse one candidate over another, but rather it is our responsibility to review the candidate's credentials and present all candidates that are eligible as they compare to the position requirements. We started our work last fall by talking with the current Board members to ascertain their interest in the various the Board positions. We have reached out continuously to the Zone Directors to get their assistant in identifying members possibly interest in a leadership position. The Zone Directors were critical as half the lodges went about changing their leadership in January and February. And, they were very instrumental in keeping the message of the Nominating Committee as well as selecting delegates for this Convention. We reached out also to the lodge to encourage sending delegates so that they would have representation. After all, if you are not here, you cannot be heard. So, some of you may ask why this change in the nominating process.

Because of recent legislative and regulatory changes, and in accordance with the best practices of good governance for fraternal benefits societies, it is extremely important that Sons of Norway establish guidelines for anyone seeking election as an officer or director to the International Board and certainly to the District Board. Obviously, a number of members that sit on the District Board will migrate to the International Board. A primary consideration of a potential candidate is if he or she can commit to the time and the flexibility required to fulfill the responsibilities of service. At the last District Convention nominations from the floor remained open until noon on Friday. But that option changed when the International Lodge voted in 2016 to close nominations 30 days ahead of the respective District Convention. While some of you are not fond of this process, it is important to remember that because Sons of Norway sells insurance in 39 states we are regulated by individual state Insurance Commissions and they set rules that we must follow. With all that said I would like to take a few minutes to introduce you to the individuals who have submitted applications for the various Board positions and Zone Director positions. You have received these candidate applications. They were e-mailed to you twice. If you do not have a copy and you would like to review the candidate application, please

see me sometime. I have all the applications with me and would be more than happy to review them with you.

President	Kathy Dollymore
Vice President	Stephen Helmold
Secretary	No candidate.
Treasurer	Kari Williams
Counselor	Peter Hanson
Public Relations Director	No Candidate
Cultural Director	Andy Mathisen
Sports and Recreation	Paul Kornbrekke
Zone 1	Elaine Breiland
Zone 2	John Foss
Zone 3	Audun Gythfeldt
Zone 4	No Candidate
Zone 5	Arnold Johnson
Zone 6	No candidate
Zone 7	Dirk Hansen
Alternate International Director	Mary Andersen

Ken Johnson is continuing in his 4-year term as International Director.

Both Alternate International Director and International Director are handled by the International Nominating Committee. This year the International Nominating Committee is International President Joh Tehven, former International Presidents Marit Kristiansen and Dan Rude. Thank you. We hope some of you will think about serving on the District Board.

President Andersen thanked Sister Marci and her committee for all their hard work.

Committees

President Andersen thanked those delegates and zone directors who agreed to serve on a committee. Based on the questions received, you all have taken your jobs very seriously and it is appreciated. Thank you.

President Andersen called up Reports Committee Chairperson Marty Iverson from Gateway to Florida Lodge to come forward with the Reports Committee.

Chairperson Marty Iverson introduced his committee. Sonia Forrest from Restauration Lodge and Anne Hoff-Laliberte from Hartford Lodge.

Brother Marty began the report of the Committee. Page 8 Christine Taylor is no longer the chairperson of the Reports Committee. That is now Marty Iversen, Christine Taylor is now the Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Under the Law Committee, there is a spelling error; Peter Everson should be Peter Evensen.

Page 10 Zone 4 should be on the next line. Zone 7 should be on the next page.

Page 11 Viking World should be Viking World Orlando.
Space Coast Viking should be Space Coast Vikings.

Page 21 Second paragraph Peter Vane should be Peter Vatne.
Forth paragraph District should be District Secretary.

Page 23 There is an addition error. The total for the March 20, 2018 column should be \$180,098.

Page 26 Second paragraph, second line migrated out should read migrated our.

Page 93 The page number is missing.
In the lists of previous conventions and officer 2016-2018 Zone 2 A. Lokensgard
Should be Alan Lokensgard and J. Foss should be John Foss.

Chairperson Marty Iversen **moved** on behalf of the Reports Committee to adopt the report as changed. **ADOPTED.**

President Andersen presented the **MERIT AWARDS FOR 2016 AND 2017.**

Silver Awards 2016

Restauration Lodge	President's Merit Award William Taylor
Tampa Bay Lodge	President's Merit Award Paul Lunseth
Washington Lodge	President's Merit Award Doris Goodlett
Nor-Bu Lodge	President's Merit Award Audun Gythfeldt

Gold awards 2016

Southern Star Lodge	President's Merit Award Audrey McVean
Bernt Balchen Lodge	President's Merit Award Miki Ryan
Gateway to Florida Lodge	President's Merit Award Evelyn Hopkins
Hampton Roads Lodge	President's Merit Award Ralph Peterson

Bronze Awards 2016

Norsk Carolina Lodge	President's Merit Award Ruth Campbell
Suncoast Lodge	President's Merit Award Christine Taylor
Hudson Valley Lodge	President's Merit Award Julia Nilsen
Bondelandet Lodge	President's Merit Award Svein Klinge

Silver Awards 2017

Bondelandet Lodge	President's Merit Award Svein Klinge
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Nor-Bu Lodge President's Merit Award Audun Gythfeldt

Gold Awards 2017

Bernt Balchen Lodge	President's Merit Award Gordon Charles Mathisen
Restauration Lodge	President's Merit Award William Taylor
Hampton Roads Lodge	President's Merit Award Leonard Zingarelli
Washington Lodge	President's Merit Award Doris Goodlett
Nansen Lodge	President's Merit Award Paul Kornbrekke
Norden Lodge	President's Merit Award Stephen Helmold

President Andersen introduced Third District Sports Director Andy Mathisen to announce the winners of the sports contests.

Brother Andy announced the winners:

Walking Challenge

There were 8 Lodges and the Third District Board that participated.
First Place: Third District Board.

Bicycling Challenge

First Place: Norumbega Lodge

Bowling Tournament

First Place: Norumbega Lodge
Each winning team was presented with two pounds of Starbucks coffee and two coffee mugs.

President Andersen thanked Brother Andy.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017

Vice President Kathy Dollymore presented the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

In November of 1992, Helen Timoney placed a small advertisement in the local newspaper. About 20 people showed interest in having a Sons of Norway Lodge in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. On January 16, 1993, Helen, along with her husband Dan, hosted an afternoon cocktail party at their home for approximately 20 Scandinavians. At this time a committee was formed and with Helen's assistance, and much more work, Southern Star Lodge was formed. On April 23, 1994, Southern Start Lodge #630 was instituted in Myrtle Beach, Horry County, South Carolina with 45 members. Helen Timoney was the first President and Lodge Organizer of Southern Star Lodge #630.

Helen remained President until 1998. At this time, she served as the Counselor and Corresponding Secretary of Southern Star Lodge.

Helen did not contain her Sons of Norway enthusiasm to Southern Star Lodge. From 2000-2004, Helen served as Third District Treasurer. During this time, she modernized the financial process by using the computer to record the information.

Helen left her position as District Treasurer to become the Treasurer for the Land of the Vikings. She served in that position from 2004 until 2010. As if this was not enough to keep her busy, during this time she served as Treasurer for the Third District Convention in Clearwater Florida. When Helen moved to New York, she became a member of Henrik Ibsen Lodge. Here again she did not take a back seat. She was Vice President of Henrik Ibsen Lodge for 2011 through 2012 when she became President, a position she held until 2014. She did not stop there, but instead continued on the Board of Henrik Ibsen as Secretary until now.

Also, during this same time period, Helen remained active in the District. At the 2014 District Convention, when it appeared that no one wanted the position of District Treasurer, Helen once again stepped up to the plate to serve the District. After her term ended as District Treasurer, she returned to the LOV Board to serve as Treasurer of the Land of the Vikings. This was not an easy job. With the patience of a saint, Helen was able to correct many of the issues that had been troubling the computer programs that are used to provide the financial reports for LOV. Helen with the help of Peter Hanson and Peter Vatne, have gotten the program to work properly.

Helen is dedicated to Sons of Norway and has worked hard for our order for many years. She understands the true meaning of fraternalism and can often be heard saying she loves her Sons of Norway Family. Let's show her that her Sons of Norway family loves her too. Helen Timoney I am pleased to award you the 2017 Life Time Achievement Award.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2018

President Andersen presented the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.

This person has been an active member of Sons of Norway since she joined over 34 years ago. She has held many positions on a local lodge level from Greeter, Social Director, Financial Secretary, President, Counselor and Community Connections Director.

On a District level this person has contributed as a Third District Board member by way of being Zone Director and held the office of Sports Director and Third District Secretary. This person was also instrumental in lodge leadership training efforts of the 1990's. This person has always carried out her responsibilities in a responsible and dependable manner and consistently participated in events involving Sons of Norway lodges.

Most recently she has proven herself to be an outstanding team contributor as she readily stepped into the role of Zone 6 Director, fulfilling the remainder of the term. This person rose to the occasion, quickly embarking on an ambitious schedule, speaking and visiting lodges in her Zone, organizing events and writing up reports.

Years ago, this person was instrumental in developing the Zone 6 Memorial Service, an event that has tremendous meaning to the members and lodges of Zone 6. The Memorial was not an event held prior to her involvement. Her many times volunteer work at LOV Youth Camp shows her love for the children of Sons of Norway. Teaching Norwegian Folk Art, language and working side by side with the other volunteers to make the campers' time a memorable occasion.

She has been married for over 50 years and is a family of three generations of Sons of Norway members. Her husband George, is also active in Sons of Norway. Both working on the very successful 2010 Third District Hershey Convention, where he was co-chair and Registrar and Doris was the Ways and Means chair. She has been on other Convention Committees including an International Convention.

Beyond her love for Sons of Norway, Doris Beck shows her understanding of issues surrounding the Third District and her ability to work affably with everyone. Doris is highly respected by her peers. She is diligent in her job, easily reachable and her willingness to help anyone anytime she can, exemplifies her fraternalism. So, Doris I present you with the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

President Andersen called upon Youth Director Susan Olson to give her report.

Sister Susan stated that we are not getting as many campers as we used to get. To date there are 16 campers for this years Youth Camp. Susan asked the delegates when they return home after Convention to try to encourage more children to attend camp. At this time, camp will be held for only one week unless more campers register.

President Andersen showed a video of the second week of camp last year. Sister Susan explained that there were five campers who attended for both weeks and having both age groups at the same time actually worked out very well.

Paddle #21 Melissa Curry, Bondelandet Lodge asked what the age range for children is going to camp.

Sister Susan responded that camp is for children from 8 to 15 years of age. We have accepted younger children if their parent or grandparent was a camp counselor and they were close to the cut-off age.

Paddle #5 Karen Olsen Helmold, Norden Lodge, Third District Secretary pointed out that two of the rosemaling pieces on the Folk-Art table was done by campers at Youth Camp.

Financial Benefits Counselors Anne Krause and Robert McKeever announced the first winner of the FBC's raffle. The prize is a Rosemaling Christmas ornament. The winner is Lois Hedlund from Faerder Lodge.

President Andersen announced that we are ahead of schedule so we will break now at 11:39 for lunch. Please visit the vendors and the folk-art table. Lunch will be ready at 12:00. Please be back at 1PM.

Meeting recessed at 11:39 AM for lunch.

Thursday afternoon meeting June 7, 2018

President Andersen opened the meeting at 1:10 PM

President Andersen called upon Brother Audun Gythfeldt to lead the delegation in song.

Brother Audun led the delegates in the singing of *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*.

President Andersen called upon Convention Committee Chairperson Ken Johnson to make the afternoon announcements.

Brother Ken commented that the food has been excellent so far. The bottle neck at the coffee break has been taken care of. The Banquet seating arrangements are on the tables outside of this room. Please sign-up for the table at which you would like to sit. Tonight, dinner is on your own. Brother Ken has the restaurant guide if anyone would like to look at it.

President Andersen called upon Vice President Kathy Dollymore to announce the greeters and the marshals for this session.

Sister Kathy described the jobs of the greeters, marshals and tellers for the first-time delegates. The greeters for the Thursday afternoon session are Pierre Laliberté and Christine Bremseth. The Marshalls for Thursday afternoon are Karen Hansen and Eric Johansson.

Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold read the roll call of delegates.
Delegates totaled 94: simple majority is 48; two-thirds majority is 63.

THIRD DISTRICT LODGE FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

President Andersen called upon Vice President Peter Vatne to review the Third District Lodge Financial Overview. This will be beneficial to the first-time delegates.

Brother Peter handed out a financial overview of the Third District Lodge. Peter gave a Power Point presentation that described the difference between Third District, Third District LTD, the Land of the Vikings Ltd, and Charitable Trust accounts because it could be very confusing. Brother Peter also discussed some of the expenses that the Third District encounters on a regular basis. Brother Peter explained the difference between fraternal funds and fraternal fees. Brother

Peter discussed the changes that were made because of the change in dues structure made by the International Lodge.

Brother Peter answered questioned from the delegates.

CHARITABLE TRUST REPORT

President Andersen called upon Counselor Peter Hanson to talk about the Charitable Trust.

Brother Peter Hanson thanked the delegation for affording him the opportunity to serve as the Third District Counselor. It has given him the opportunity to work with this Third District Board, a group of very dedicated people. Brother Hanson thanked Rannveig Klinge who has served as the Trust Administrator for years and who has handed in her resignation as of now. Sister Rannveig has served for many years and she will be missed. Brother Peter discussed the duties of the position of Counselor and the workings of the Charitable Trust. Brother Peter thanked Scott Tonnesen of Morgan Stanley, our Financial Advisor. Brother Peter also thanked the members for their support in the form of donations. Brother Peter explained the changes in the running of the Trust that will take place due to the suggestions of a committee that was led by Kathy Dollymore and that were approved at the 2016 Third District Convention. Brother Peter asked the Marshalls to distribute to the delegates Resolution B-6 and the change in the verbiage for the explanation of the Charitable Trust which appears after the Third District Bylaws.

President Andersen stated that this Resolution will be referred to the Resolutions Committee.

Paddle # 5 Karen Olsen-Helmold announced that there are two opportunities to support the Charitable Trust during this Convention; the Viking auction tomorrow night and the breakfast at Applebee's on Sunday morning.

Paddle # 46 Anita Hoppe suggested that the Charitable Trust entertain accepting donations on line.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

President Andersen stated that she had asked Vice President Kathy Dollymore to think about three things with regards to membership; a local lodge swat team, a business plan to membership, and a deep dive into our membership data. The swat team was changed to the Local Lodge Support Team with Zone One Director, Stephen Helmold as chairperson, a calling committee was established to call members who were in danger of not renewing. Zone 7 Director Dirk Hanson has embraced analytics. These analytics were used to develop a plan to increase membership.

President Andersen called upon Brother Dirk to discuss the data that he has collected as well as his ideas for recruitment in the form of Satellite Lodges.

Brother Dirk gave a presentation demonstrating what he has uncovered in his research regarding locating Scandinavian people in various parts of the District. Brother Dirk also presented his idea

of having Satellite Lodges that can be part of a host Lodge until the groups are large enough to start their own lodges.

President Andersen spoke of the possibility of using modern technology such as Zoom and Meet-Up Groups to hold leadership training sessions. She also spoke of how Brother Dirk sends out a letter to each member in Zone 7 just before they are due to renew. Dirk shared his letter and program with the other Zone Directors at the last Board meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 2:45 for a coffee break. President Andersen asked everyone to return at 3:15 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 3:15 PM.

GUEST SPEAKERS

President Andersen introduced three guest speakers; International President Jon Tehven, International Chief Operating Officer Christopher Pinkerton and Sons of Norway Foundation Director Corrie Knutson.

International President Joh Tehven introduced the group. President Tehven spoke about the Fraternal aspect of Sons of Norway. He gave a brief history of Sons of Norway and the original purpose of Sons of Norway which is to promote the well being of our members. President Tehven spoke of the Growing to 2020 initiative presently taking place. In 2020, Sons of Norway will celebrate its 125-year Anniversary. It is also hoped that in 2020 the International Lodge will be moving their headquarters back into the new building. President Tehven again recognized those lodges that had 10% growth in 2017.

International Chief Operating Officer Christopher Pinkerton spoke of the Insurance aspect of Sons of Norway. The insurance portion of Sons of Norway is trying to design new products to recruit new members. They are developing plans to contact more existing members and to make sure they reach geographic areas that they have not been reaching with our Financial Benefits Counselors. They are planning to increase the number of our Financial Benefits Counselors from approximately 50 to approximately 100 by the end of next year. They will also be increasing the number of insurance products that are offered to help meet the needs of the membership. There are plans to increase their marketing technics and enhance their website. Chief Operating Officer Pinkerton discussed two of the new products that are now available. Chief Operating Officer Pinkerton also stated that the profits from the insurance portion help to fund the fraternal portion of Sons of Norway.

Sons of Norway Foundation Director Corrie Knutson spoke of the mission of the Foundation which is to support Sons of Norway, its members, and its Lodges. Sister Corrie thanked everyone who has supported the Foundation in the past. She also spoke of the many grants and scholarships that are available from the Foundation explaining how the money was distributed for the past few years. District Three received two grants.

International President Jon Tehven, International Chief Operating Officer Christopher Pinkerton and Sons of Norway Foundation Director Corrie Knutson answered questions from the delegates.

Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold requested that all unsold flag magnets and money for the sale of the flag magnets from the Third District Fund Raiser be turned into her by the end of the day. Sister Karen explained the Land of the Viking 300 club raffle. Sister Karen has applications for anyone who is interested.

President Andersen requested that everyone be on time for all of the sessions going forward.

The meeting was recessed at 4:30 PM until 8:00 AM Friday, June 8, 2018.

Friday morning meeting June 8, 2018.

President Andersen reconvened the meeting at 8:00 AM. President Andersen called upon Convention Committee Chairperson Ken Johnson to make the morning announcements.

Brother Ken reported on the success of the Excursions that has taken place the last two days. He stated that everyone should have signed-up for a table for the grand banquet. Any questions should be addressed to Banquet Chairperson Susan Olson. There was a mix-up with the placing of tickets for the Viking auction. If anyone thinks that they may have placed their tickets in the wrong color cup should see Viking Auction Chairperson Judy Fleming. The coffee break will be at 10 AM again today in the same room as yesterday. Lunch is also in the Vanderbilt room, the same room as yesterday. Tonight, dinner is on your own.

President Andersen announced that Zone 3 will have a caucus in room 112 at the first Coffee Break. President Andersen then called upon Zone 7 Director Dirk Hanson to give a report on membership numbers.

Brother Dirk gave the results on the May membership numbers. He announced that we are trending upwards over April.

President Andersen announced that International President Jon Tehven has some beautiful King Harold medallions for a \$250 donation to the Humanitarian Fund.

President Andersen called upon Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold to take the roll call.

Sister Karen read the Roll Call of Lodges with 91 delegates seated; 46 are a majority; 61 are two thirds majority.

President Andersen called upon Vice President Dollymore to announce the greeters and marshals for the morning.

Sister Kathy announced the greeters are Ruth Kornbrekke and Debra Martin and the marshals are Christine Cash and Hank Dester. Sister Kathy asked the greeters to take their paddles and go to the back of the room.

President Andersen called upon Publicity Director Jim Dunagan to discuss the new format for the TDT and the new newsletter contest.

Two delegates from Fredheim arrived. There are now with 93 delegates seated; 47 are a majority; 62 are two thirds majority.

Brother Jim gave a presentation of the results of his Committee's findings regarding a new format for a Public Relations contest. Using District Six as a model, there will be a Communications award which will recognize all forms of communication and which will be given to any and all Lodges that get a certain number of points based on a multi-media plan.

Counselor Peter Hanson reminded everyone that there is a \$10.00 penalty that goes to the Charitable Trust each time a cell phone rings.

President Andersen stated that she is going to start calling up the committees. The committees will present the resolutions assigned to them and provide their recommendations. Since it is a Committee, no second is needed. This is your opportunity to share your view. Remember to approach the microphone, show your paddle with the number facing the Secretary, state your name and your lodge. Speak only to the issue being debated. Personal, accusatory, or libelous statements will not be tolerated. You will have two minutes to speak to the issue. You cannot speak twice to the same issue.

President Andersen called upon the Law Committee to present the Resolutions assigned to them.

Chairperson Barbara Bensen from Noreg Lodge introduced the committee members; Miki Ryan from Bernt Balchen Lodge and Peter Evensen from Gateway to Florida Lodge.

Resolution 4
International Director and Alternate
Submitted by District Lodge #3 Board

WHEREAS, paragraph 2.6.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution specifies that the District President shall be one of the Delegates to the International Lodge meeting; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 3.7.3 of the Sons of Norway Constitution specifies that each District shall establish Bylaws governing the manner of election of International Delegates and Alternates; and

WHEREAS, the Third District Bylaws do not ensure that the nominated International Director, nor the Alternate, will automatically be one of the Delegates to the International Lodge meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following new section be added to Article X of the Third District Bylaws:

8. The nominated International Director, as well as the Alternate, shall be Delegates to the International Lodge meeting.

Financial Impact Statement
Estimated Amount: \$0.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: N/A.

Committee recommend adoption.

AMENDED AND ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

**Resolution 6
Silver Membership
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506**

WHEREAS, members near the end of their life often give up membership in Sons of Norway due to illness or other extenuating circumstances; and

WHEREAS, such former members are not remembered by name in the Viking Magazine or at District, Zone, or Lodge Memorial Services when they pass away; and

WHEREAS, this seems especially wrong for such former members who prior to Jan. 1, 1999 would have qualified for Life Membership;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that paragraph 1.6.1.9 be added to the Sons of Norway Charter, Constitution Policies and Procedures:

1.6.1.9. Silver Members - Members who are no longer in good standing with Sons of Norway with respect to dues but had previously been members in good standing in the Order for 30 years or more, shall be classified as Silver Members. Such members shall not have any voting or representation rights in Sons of Norway, nor any other membership benefits, such as receiving the Viking Magazine, but shall be welcomed at Lodge meetings, and shall be remembered in the Viking Magazine and at District, Zone, or Lodge Memorial Services when they pass away.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: \$0.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: N/A.

Committee recommends not adopting this resolution.

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MOTION FAILED.

**Resolution 7
District Nominating Committee
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506**

WHEREAS, paragraph 3.11.5.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution states that "No member of the Nominating Committee shall be a candidate for election as District Lodge Officer or Director"; and

WHEREAS, this restriction prevents Zone Directors from serving on the Nominating Committee, unless they are completely retiring from service on the District Board; and

WHEREAS, of all the District Officers and Directors, Zone Directors are the closest in touch with the Local Lodges, and therefore make ideal members of the District Nominating Committee; and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rules of Order recommends that members of the Nominating Committee not be barred from becoming nominees themselves (excluding the current President), as such a requirement deprives its members of one of their privileges (see pg. 433, lines 29-35);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Paragraph 3.11.5.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended by replacing the sentence "No member of the Nominating Committee shall be a candidate for election as District Lodge Officer or Director." with "No member of the District Executive Committee shall be a member of the Nominating Committee."

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: \$0. This resolution only affects membership of the Nominating Committee.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: N/A.

Law committee recommends passing.

ADOPTED.

**Resolution 8
District Nominations from the Floor
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506**

WHEREAS, the fundamental purpose of Nominating Committees is to find suitable candidates for office, not to prevent unsuitable candidates from being nominated; and

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WHEREAS, it is the fundamental right of assemblies to elect any qualified member to office;
and

WHEREAS, disallowing nominations from the floor at District Lodge meetings impinges upon that right by restricting the choice of candidates to those vetted ahead of time by just a few members of the District Lodge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following paragraph be added to the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitution:

3.11.5.1.2 Nominations may be allowed from the floor during District Lodge meetings at times determined by the District Lodge.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: \$0. This resolution only affects the Nominating procedure at conventions.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: N/A.

Committee recommends not approving this resolution.

Paddle #84 Ellen-Carin Norumbega Lodge offered a Substitute resolution to Resolution # 8. The substitute Resolution was distributed by the Marshalls.

The Substitute Resolution was sent to the Law Committee for review.

Sister Ellen-Carin **moved** that the Substitute Resolution be brought back to the floor before the end of business today. Seconded.

CARRIED.

Resolution 13
Proxy Vote Option
Submitted by Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522

WHEREAS, the number of delegates to the Third District Convention keeps getting smaller,
and

WHEREAS, many lodges are far away from the destination of the convention and are unable to send delegates, and

WHEREAS, some lodges are unable to fund or partially fund the cost for delegates to attend the convention and do not have any members who can take on the financial liability of attending, and

WHEREAS, lodges that cannot send a delegate should still have a voting voice at the convention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Chapter 9 para 1.9.1 Proxy Voting of the Charter, Constitution Policies and Procedures be amended to read:

“Proxy or absentee voting shall be authorized at the District Level if approved by the District Lodge. No proxy or absentee voting is authorized at any International or local lodge meeting.”

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That Chapter 9 para 3.9.1 Lodge Meetings Voting Rules of the Charter, Constitution Policies and Procedures be amended to read:

“Each member of the District Lodge shall be entitled to one vote, and each local lodge not in attendance shall be entitled to one proxy vote, subject however, to the following: The elected delegates and proxy votes shall always have at least two thirds of the votes and in the event the Officers and Directors of the District and International Lodges (who are not elected delegates) shall exceed one third of the total number of members and proxy voters present entitled to cast votes, then such members shall not be entitled to cast more than 1/3 of the total number of eligible votes that could be cast at such District Lodge meetings.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: Charter, Constitution Policies and Convention Chapter 9 Para 3.9.1.2 Proxy Vote Rules be added to read as follows:

“Each District shall be responsible for setting proxy vote protocols”

Financial Impact:
None

The Resolution was withdrawn by Leonard Zingarelli, President of Hampton Roads Lodge because Minnesota Law will not allow proxy votes.

**Resolution 15
Nominations for District Officers from the Convention Floor
Submitted by Norden Lodge 3-407**

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WHEREAS, District Lodges have always had candidate nominations from the floor at prior District Lodge meetings; and

WHEREAS, at previous District Lodge meetings candidate nominations were accepted without prior knowledge to neither the District Board nor the District Nominating Committee; and

WHEREAS, the business concerns of a District Lodge are very different from the business concerns of the International Lodge; and

WHEREAS, in District Three the following offices had no candidates until nominations were accepted from the floor: 2008 – District Secretary, and District Publicity Directory 2012 – District Secretary 2014 – District President, District Secretary, District Treasurer, and District Publicity Director; and

WHEREAS, if these positions were not filled by nominations at the District Meeting, they would be filled by appointment of the President; and

WHEREAS, appointments by the District President does not allow for additional candidates to come forward and does not allow for a vote by the Convention Delegation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Lodge President/Chair be allowed to accept candidate nominations from the floor at the District Lodge meeting and to merge those nominations into the roster from the nominating committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that paragraph 3.11.5.1.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, added text underlined):

3 .11 .5 .1 .1 Candidate applications for District Officers must be submitted to the Nominating Committee for vetting no later than 30 days prior to the start of the District Lodge meeting. (8/16). Candidates for District Office may also be nominated from the floor at the District Lodge meeting. These candidates will be merged into the roster from the nominating committee.

Financial Impact: None

Committee recommends not adopting this resolution

Paddle #5 Karen Olsen-Helmold Norden Lodge and District Secretary, **moved** to postpone this resolution until the previous substitute resolution is brought to the floor. The motion was seconded.

Resolution postponed until this substitute resolution is brought forward.

Resolution 17

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**New Membership Group
Submitted by Nordkap Lodge #215**

WHEREAS, members are scattered across the country and often do not update their addresses; and

WHEREAS, many members have paid dues for 30, 40 or even 50 years of membership.; and

WHEREAS, many older members spend their final days in a medical facility such as a nursing home or rehabilitation center and do not receive their notice to pay dues: and

WHEREAS, in many cases there is no way to find the next of kin of these members; and

WHEREAS, these members are cancelled for lack of payment of dues; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the member and the Order to keep the membership active as well as the fraternal thing to do;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sons of Norway application for membership be revised to include a line for an emergency contact. AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the dues renewal statement include a line for an emergency contact. AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,that this emergency contact information be included on the membership lists provided by the Home Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT There is no cost to change the on-line application. There is also no charge to start to print new membership applications with the addition of an emergency contact number the next time membership applications are printed. It might take a little time to input the emergency contact information on the membership list, however this amount and more would be saved by not sending the Viking Magazine.

Committee recommends adopting the resolution with amended removal of certain sections.

Amendment ADOPTED.

Additional amendments added which failed.

Resolution ADOPTED as amended.

President Andersen excused the law committee for the moment.

President Andersen called upon Brother Audun to led the delegation in song.

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Brother Audun led the delegation in the singing of *Hils Fra Meg Der Hjemme*.

LOV BOARD'S REPORT

President Andersen called upon Land of the Vikings Chairperson Roy Berntsen and the LOV Board to update the delegation on The Land of The Vikings.

Land of the Vikings Chairperson Roy Berntsen introduced himself and his board; First is Helen Timoney – our new Lifetime Achievement Award Winner and my Treasurer. Next, I would like to introduce our new Marketing Chairperson Elisabeth Nilsen. To my left is Barbara Berntsen our Secretary. Not with us today is; Vice Chairperson Billy Karpack, Buildings and Grounds Chairperson Rick Budrick, our Manager Beverly Budrick and our Facebook Administrator Maureen Cooper.

Brother Roy read the following report:

I would like to talk to you about our “home away from home, LOV.” I remember a good friend of mine and the LOV Board’s Alf Kristian Rasmussen stated at the last convention: “the \$2.00 Fraternal Fee was for the Third District Ltd. to pay the taxes and liability insurance. The LOV operations group was to pay to keep the lodge going, paying bills and the upkeep of the property.”

You see we were short of being profitable but we were responsible for paying back taxes and still some bills from before they closed the doors back in 2013. We are still working to gain our reputation as a business that does not neglect our bills.

LOV Secretary Barbara Bernsen discussed the Liquor License and what took so long to have it approved. Sister Barbara gave the following report “The PLCB received the payment, but the back taxes needed to be completely redone. She thanked Peter Hanson for his assistance in getting that completed, but it took another three months to find out why the license was not granted by the PLCB. After calling three times each week and finally getting to a supervisor – who stated she did not know how to fix this problem – and more calls, finally she found a person who would reinstall all the tax payments and figures into the computer. What happened was the tax department went to an on-line program, gave LOV a new account number and never notified us or LOV. After another time, when the tax payments were installed into the new account, Barbara had to redo the 2016 tax forms and send them to the supervisor. After another week of calls, it was finally updated completely and, on her birthday, – December 30th – the license was approved and we did not have any additional charges (we did have a late charge of \$150 in October as they did not approve the license yet) since we already paid the late fee --- BUT we did lose three months’ worth of revenue. The liquor distributor told Rick that their change to electronic applications were major problem in Wayne County and many of the business and bars still did not have their license. I guess it paid to be a pest.”

Brother Roy continued that LOV has changed the way they have weekend events. No longer does a lodge have to rent the place for a weekend. As lodges got smaller and members got older many lodges cannot have send enough people to make the weekend profitable for LOV. Now,

we are hosting events that are open to everyone. Lodges are still welcome to use LOV for individual lodge weekends, but in between we will have more joint events.

Brother Roy continued with his report,” At the last board meeting Rick and I presented to the Third District Ltd. Board the possibility of earning approximately \$20,000 into their account. That is the account which pays for the taxes and the liability insurance. We spoke with a lumberer who would remove the dead trees to allow the young trees to grow. We hope the committee to review this project would look into this seriously. We will make sure the contract will state all our requests before it is signed.

Brother Roy stated that the positions on the LOV Board are appointed positions. If the new Third District Board would like him to continue to run LOV he would be happy to remain as the Chairperson. However, if the Board should vote to sell LOV, he will not continue as Chairperson.

Brother Roy explained the benefits of LOV as a Cultural Center, it is used to store all of the Third District items. It is used for Youth Camp which is a way to get our youngsters involved in Sons of Norway. LOV is being used by other groups also to help keep it open for our use.

Brother Roy called upon Elisabeth Nilsen to alert everyone to what is coming up. (Elisabeth read the list of upcoming activities handed out.)

As you can see from the Events Calendar that you all received in your bags LOV has a lot of activities on the books. We can always use more events. Please come and enjoy yourself at one or more of these weekends.

Brother Roy continued with his report,” We are also planning future fundraisers to help us during the mud and Christmas seasons. We are doing fundraisers just as all the lodges, the district and the Charitable Trust does as they execute their own fundraisers.” April, May and December are slow months. We welcome any ideas to increase business during these months.

Brother Roy thanked everyone for their support, especially for all the donations that were received when LOV was in the process of reopening.

LOV Treasurer Helen Timoney thanked Brother Peter Hanson for assisting in the back-tax issue and Peter Hanson and Peter Vatne for redoing the chart of accounts in the Quick Books Program. She also thanked her right-hand woman Shirley Erland for all her help during the year getting the account up to standard and for her thinking out of the box.

President Andersen reminded Zone 3 of their caucus meeting in room 112 during the break and asked the judges for the Cultural Arts Competition to meet with her at this time in the front of the room.

Meeting was recessed for a coffee break until 10:15 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:20 AM.

President Andersen called upon Convention Committee Chairperson Ken Johnson to make announcements.

Chairperson Ken Johnson **moved** that the coffee breaks be extended by no longer than 10 minutes. Motion seconded. **CARRIED.**

Marci Larson announced that since it was her phone that dinged, she has written a check for \$10.00 and has given it to Counselor Peter Hanson. She also stated that Gateway to Florida has donated \$250.00 to the Charitable Trust.

President Andersen stated that we now have 94 delegates seated; 48 are a majority and 63 are two thirds majority.

President Andersen called upon Chairperson Christine Taylor and the Finance Committee to present their reports. At this time, the finance committee will address only the 2016 and 2017 financial statements and the resolutions assigned to them.

Sister Christine introduced her committee: Brother David Brown from Washington Lodge. Sister Christine pointed out that there is a page in the Reports Book that is out of order. Page 59 is the continuation of page 37. She asked that it be numbered 37A and moved to the appropriate place in the Reports Book.

Sister Christine presented the 3rd District Audit December 2016 on page 32. The Committee agrees with this report.

Brother David examined the District Lodge No. 3 2016 Financial Statement on page 34, Third District Lodge 2016 Balance Sheet on page 35, and 2016 Local Lodge Building Association on page 45. The Committee has reviewed these documents, finds them in order, and recommends approval of pages 32, 34, 35, and 45.

The reports were **APPROVED.**

Brother David examined the Third District Limited 2016 Financial Statement on page 37 and page 59 which was just amended to be page 37A and Third District Limited 2016 Balance Sheet on page 38. The Committee has reviewed these documents, finds them in order, and recommends approval of pages 37, 37A, 38.

The reports were **APPROVED.**

Sister Christine presented the 2016 Charitable Trust Receipts and Disbursement on page 39, the 2016 Charitable Trust Balance Sheet on page 40, and the 2016 Charitable Trust Portfolio on page 41. The Committee has reviewed these documents, finds them in order, and recommends approval of pages 39, 40, and 41.

The reports were **APPROVED.**

Sister Christine presented the 2016 Youth Camp Report on page 42. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order, and recommends approval of page 42.

The report was **APPROVED**.

Sister Christine presented 2016 District Fraternal Program Fund District No. 3 Board Report on page 36. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order, and recommends approval of page 36.

The report was **APPROVED**.

Sister Christine presented Land of the Vikings 2016 Profit and Loss Statement on pages 43 and 44. The Committee has reviewed this document. Sister Christine stated that some expenses are missing. However, the Committee finds the report as presented in order and recommends approval of pages 43 and 44.

The report was **APPROVED**.

Sister Christine presented 2016 Local Lodge Building Association Financial Report on page 45. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order, and recommends approval of page 45.

The report was **APPROVED**.

Sister Christine presented 3D 2016 Convention Receipts and Disbursements. This document was a handout and should be number page 46A. Sister Christine noted that the disbursement matched the income leaving a balance of \$0.00. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order and recommends approval of page 46A.

Sister Christine presented the 3D 2018 Convention Expenses on page 46. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order, and recommends approval of page 46.

The report was **APPROVED**.

The Committee presented the 2017 Financial Reports

Sister Christine presented the 3rd District Audit January to December 2017 on page 48. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order, and recommends approval of page 48.

The report was **APPROVED**.

Brother David presented the District Lodge No. 3 Financial Statement 2017 on page 49 and the Third District Lodge Balance Sheet 2017 on page 50. The Committee has reviewed these document, finds them in order, and recommends approval of pages 49 and 50.

The reports were **APPROVED**.

Brother David presented the Third District Limited 2017 Financial Statement on pages 53 and 54, and Third District Limited 2017 Balance Sheet on page 55. The Committee has reviewed these documents, finds them in order, and recommends approval of pages 53, 54, and 55.

The reports were **APPROVED**.

Sister Christine presented the 2017 Charitable Trust Receipts and Disbursement on page 56, the 2017 Charitable Trust Balance Sheet on page 57, and the 2017 Charitable Trust Current portfolio on page 58. The Committee has reviewed these documents, finds them in order, and recommends approval of pages 56, 57, and 58.

The reports were **APPROVED**.

Sister Christine presented the 2017 Youth Camp report on page 51. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order, and recommends approval of page 51.

The report was **APPROVED**.

Sister Christine presented the 2017 District Fraternal Funds report on page 52. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order, and recommends approval of page 52.

The report was **APPROVED**.

Sister Christine presented the Land of the Vikings Ltd 2017 Profit and Loss Statement on pages 62, 63, and 64. The Committee has reviewed this document, and **Moved** that on page 62 gross profits should be changed to gross income.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee finds the amended report in order, and recommends approval of pages 62, 63 and 64 as amended.

The report was **APPROVED AS AMENDED**.

Sister Christine presented the Land of the Vikings 2017 Balance Sheet on pages 60 and 61. The Committee has reviewed this document, finds it in order, and recommends approval of pages 60 and 61.

The report was **APPROVED**.

Resolution 3
Allocation of Membership Dues
Submitted by District Lodge #3 Board

WHEREAS, from time to time Districts need to adjust their budgeted income and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the recent restructuring of membership dues by the International Lodge has constrained every District's ability to set their own portion of dues; and

WHEREAS, the recent restructuring of membership dues has effectively reduced District 3's portion of membership dues by \$0.50 per individual; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of District 3's income and expenses, the District's portion of dues is insufficient for District 3 to carry out the full mission of Sons of Norway; and

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WHEREAS, increasing Sons of Norway dues one year after changing them to \$60.00 for individuals and \$95.00 for families would likely not be well-received by the membership;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$1.00 of the International's portion of individual dues and \$1.00 of family dues be reallocated to the Districts' portion of membership dues.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: \$0.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: Funds would come from International's portion of membership dues.

Finance committee does not have a recommendation for this resolution.
This Resolution was seconded.

ADOPTED.

**Resolution 5
Use of Bank Card to Pay Bills
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506**

WHEREAS, more and more payments are being made online with bank cards rather than with checks; and

WHEREAS, setting up a recurring charge to a bank card is more convenient than checks for paying certain bills, such as web hosting services and e-mail blasts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that paragraph 7.16.5.3 of the Sons of Norway Policies and Procedures be amended to read (added text underlined):

7.16.5.3. Make all payments by check or comparable banking transfer, issued by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, or Secretary, as determined by the Board of Directors, except for specific payments by bank card that have been approved by the Board of Directors;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that paragraph 8.16.4.5 of the Sons of Norway Policies and Procedures be amended to read (added text underlined):

8.16.4.5. Make no payment except by check, bank, or postal transfers, except for specific payments by bank card that have been approved by the Board of Directors;

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: \$0.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: N/A.

Finance committee recommends approval.

ADOPTED.

**Resolution 9
Land of the Vikings Financial Reporting
Submitted by Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522**

WHEREAS, as a matter of prudent business practices, and

WHEREAS, stockholders (dues paying members of District 3 Sons of Norway) should know how their money is being handled in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, transparency of all actions is very important to the order,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The following shall be added to **the DISTRICT 3 BY-LAWS Article VI, Paragraph 1** under Presidents duties.

“As long as Land of the Vikings remains in operation, the **D3** President shall require from the LOV Treasurer a detailed audited semiannual financial statement from Land of the Vikings provided to the membership. The audited semiannual financial statement from Land of the Vikings should be emailed or mailed to the **3D** Lodge Presidents and all members of the **D3** Lodge.

Financial Impact: There would be no negative financial impact but there may be a positive impact by receiving monthly reports.

Finance committee recommends approval.

Amendment: Included Treasurer instead of designated person.

2nd

ADOPTED.

Amendment: Change monthly to quarterly.

2nd

ADOPTED.

Amendment add audited in front quarterly.

2nd

ADOPTED.

Amendment change quarterly to semiannual.

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2nd

ADOPTED.

Amendment to change 3D Lodge Presidents and all members of the D3 Lodge to 3D Board.

2nd

FAILED.

The question was called and seconded.

APPROVED.

This is a change in the By-laws therefore it requires two thirds vote.

Vote

In favor: 42

Opposed:44

There not being a two third majority in favor of the amended resolution the resolution as amended is **LOST.**

Resolution 10
Unge Venner Members
Submitted by Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522

Current Law: Members between the ages of 16 and 26 inclusive will be classified as Unge Venner members. Such members shall have all the rights and privileges as all other members of Sons of Norway.

WHEREAS, The Sons of Norway has been steadily losing members for a long period of time, and

WHEREAS, The Sons of Norway has a major problem attracting younger members, and

WHEREAS, the dues change passed at the 2016 International Convention will cause undo financial hardship on some Unge Venner members who do not qualify for family membership and thus will have to pay the going rate for an individual membership. This will further acerbate our falling numbers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Constitution paragraph be amended to read as follows:

PROPOSED LAW:

1.6.1.8 Unge Venner Members. Members between the ages of 16 and 26 inclusive will be classified as Unge Venner members. Such members shall have all the rights and privileges as all other members of Sons of Norway. They shall pay no dues. An Unge Venner member who desires a subscription to the Viking Magazine, will be assessed the same amount as is allocated to the Viking Magazine subscription in the annual adult membership.

Financial impact: Very little if any.

Financial committee recommends approval of this resolution.
(Recommended the corrected spelling of the Unger Venner to Unge Venner)

Amendment to change 23 to 26.
2nd

ADOPTED.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

President Andersen excused the Finance Committee for the moment.

President Andersen called upon Resolution Committee Chairperson Judi Mack from Norumbega lodge.

Sister Judi introduced the Resolution Committee; Richard Deininger from Gulfstream Lodge and Susie (Ardyth) Fosaaen from Washington Lodge.

Please number this Resolution page 86A.

**Resolution B-6
Charitable Trust Trustee
Submitted by District Lodge #3 Board**

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Charitable Trust have restated the Charitable Trust Agreement to redefine how the Trustees are elected; and

WHEREAS, the Third District President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are no longer automatically Trustees of the Charitable Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Third District Bylaws describe serving as a Trustee of the Charitable Trust as one of the duties of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following paragraphs in Article VI (Duties of Officers) of the Third District Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

- 1.f. Nominate the Trustees of the District Lodge No. 3, Sons of Norway Charitable Trust (other than the Counselor), subject to the election of the Third District Board (6/18)
- 2.c. (deleted 6/18)
- 4.g. (deleted 6/18)
- 5.c. (deleted 6/18)

Financial Statement

Estimated amount: \$0.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: N/A

The Resolution Committee recommends adoption.

ADOPTED

**Resolution 1
Minimum Number to Start a Lodge
Submitted by District Lodge #3 Board**

WHEREAS, one way to increase Sons of Norway membership is to institute new lodges in locations that aren't served by an existing lodge within a reasonable distance; and

WHEREAS, there are pockets of Norwegians in various locations that would like to start a lodge, but the total number of probable applicants is not large enough to meet the current minimum of 40; and

WHEREAS, it is easier to recruit new members when there exists a functioning Lodge that can meet and form a Membership Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that paragraph 4.3.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, added text underlined):

A new Lodge shall be organized only in the following manner. A new Lodge shall be organized only if ~~40~~ 25 qualified applicants appear at the organizational meeting and become members. However, if less than ~~40~~ 25 attend, the organizational meeting may be recessed from time to time until the required number of members is obtained. The Charter may be kept open for ~~60~~ 90 days after the institution of a new Lodge.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: \$0.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: N/A.

Resolution committee recommended approval.

ADOPTED.

**Resolution 2
Number of Delegates per Local Lodge
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Submitted by District Lodge #3 Board

WHEREAS, the number of delegates to the Third District Convention keeps getting smaller; and

WHEREAS, the number of delegates directly impacts the financial viability of conducting Conventions, because if there are too few delegates, there is not enough income to pay for the Convention hall; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have a sufficiently large pool of District Lodge members from which to choose District Officers and Directors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article III, Section 4 of the Third District Bylaws be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

4. Each Local Lodge shall be entitled to elect two Delegates for the Lodge, plus an additional Delegate for each ~~100~~75 members or major fraction thereof, based on the last Annual Report before the election takes place. Each Local Lodge may elect an equal or greater number of Alternates (paragraph 4.7.1). All persons who have been members of the Order for at least three months shall be eligible for election as Delegates or Alternates.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: \$200. This represents the extra cost for binders and certain printed materials at the convention.

No other District costs would increase, as each additional delegate pays their own package and hotel.

There will be an additional cost to local Lodges that subsidize their delegates in whole or in part.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: Funds would come from existing dues. The estimate is conservatively high, and the cost divided by the number of members in the District comes to about \$0.05 per member.

Resolutions committee moved tabling or postponing this resolution until the next convention in 2020.

MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED.

Original motion as presented.

ADOPTED.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:53.

Friday afternoon meeting June 8, 2018

The meeting reconvened at 1:01 PM.

President Andersen called upon Convention Committee Chairperson Ken Johnson to give the afternoon announcements.

Brother Ken asked for feedback about the lunch. He announced that dinner is on you own this evening. He gave the name and address of a restaurant that was highly recommended by another delegate. Brother Ken stated that the drawings for the Viking Auction will begin at 8 PM.

President Andersen announced that there will be a Zone 6 caucus at the coffee break. She also announced that International President Jon Tehven has King Harold medallions for sale for \$250.00. The money goes to the Sons of Norway Foundation Humanitarian Fund.

President Andersen called upon Brother Audun Gythfeldt to lead the delegation in song.

Brothers Audun Gythfeldt and Svein Klinge led the delegation in the singing of *Ut Etter Øl*.

President Andersen called upon Vice President Kathy Dollymore to announce the greeters and marshals.

Sister Kathy announced that the greeters will be Philip Friedelin and Burton Koske and the marshals will be Andy Parks and Svein Klinge.

Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold read the Roll Call of Lodges with 93 delegates seated; 47 are a majority; 62 are two thirds majority.

President Andersen recalled the Resolutions Committee.

Resolution 11
Publication of D3 Convention Reports Book and Minutes
Submitted by Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of D3 members will have an opportunity to attend the D3 Convention and not all lodges will be able to send delegates, and

WHEREAS, transparency of all actions is very important to the order, especially in maintaining membership, and

WHEREAS, we need more members to become involved with District activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: District 3 By-laws, Article VI - Secretary Duties, item h be amended to include the following as the last sentence.

“Prepare the Convention Reports Book to publish and distribute forty-five (45) days before the District Convention with a copy to each District Board Member, delegate, The District

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International Officers and Directors, and one to each Local Lodge secretary for the possible use by an alternate delegate. In addition, the Secretary shall cause the Reports Book and minutes to be made available to all members by posting them on our Web Site.”

Financial Impact: None

The resolutions committee recommends acceptance of the resolution.

ADOPTED

Resolution 12

Publication of International Sons of Norway (SON) Convention Reports Book and Minutes Submitted by Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of SON members will have an opportunity to attend the International Convention and not all lodges will be able to send delegates, and

WHEREAS, transparency of all actions is very important to the order especially in maintaining membership, and

WHEREAS, we need more members to become involved with International activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: International Policies and Procedures para 6.13.3 be amended to include the following as para 6.13.3.13.

“The International Board shall cause the International Conventions Reports Book, Minutes and any resolutions passed at times other than the actual meeting of the International Lodge to be made available to all SON members by posting them on the secure SON Web Site.”

Financial impact: None.

The resolutions committee recommends acceptance of the resolution.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Resolution 14

Heritage Members “Viking for Kids!” Magazine Submitted by Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522

WHEREAS, we are missing an opportunity to educate our youth of their Norwegian heritage, and

WHEREAS, under the current program there is virtually no benefit for our youth to being a heritage member. Current Heritage members only receive a membership card which does not give them an expanded knowledge of Norway, their Norwegian Heritage, or Sons of Norway, and

WHEREAS, Heritage members who do not live with current Sons of Norway members do not receive printed information about Norwegian Culture from the Sons of Norway, and

WHEREAS, by educating our youth, this magazine could encourage a love and appreciation of Norwegian Heritage and Norway, and

WHEREAS, the “Viking for Kids!” Heritage magazine was a great tool for educating our children and for use as a membership recruitment tool, and

WHEREAS, the “Viking for Kids” Heritage Magazine can fill a void where no other information is given to them about Sons of Norway or their Heritage, and

WHEREAS, the “Viking for Kids!” Heritage magazine provides an opportunity for children to relate to their parents, grandparents and other Norwegian relatives to learn more about their heritage, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the International Board of directors reinstate the quarterly publication of the “Viking for Kids!” Heritage Magazine.

Financial Impact: There will be a financial cost which could be offset by a potential membership grown in the future due to an increased awareness of their Norwegian Heritage.

Hampton Roads Lodge moved this motion forward. Motion was seconded.

The Resolutions Committee offered a Substitute Resolution.

Resolution was substituted with the following:

Resolution S14
Heritage Members “Viking for Kids!” Magazine
Submitted by Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, we are missing an opportunity to educate our youth of their Norwegian heritage; and

WHEREAS, under the current program there is virtually no benefit for our youth to being a heritage member. Current Heritage members only receive a membership card which does not give them an expanded knowledge of Norway, their Norwegian Heritage, or Sons of Norway; and

WHEREAS, Heritage members who do not live with current Sons of Norway members do not receive direct information about Norwegian Culture from the Sons of Norway; and

WHEREAS, by educating our youth, this magazine could encourage a love and appreciation of Norwegian Heritage and Norway; and

WHEREAS, the “Viking for Kids!” Heritage magazine was a great tool for educating our children and for use as a membership recruitment tool; and

WHEREAS, the medium of choice for our youth is electronics/technology;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the International Board of Directors reinstate the quarterly publication of the “Viking for Kids!” Heritage Magazine and/or create a new electronic portal for our youth.

Financial Impact:

There will be a financial cost which could be offset by a potential membership grown in the future due to an increased awareness of their Norwegian Heritage. The financial impact would be the staffing to create the Viking Magazine.

The Resolutions Committee recommends acceptance of this substituted Resolution.

Amendment to Substituted Resolution:

reinstatement the quarterly publication of the “Viking for Kids!” Heritage Magazine and/or create a new electronic portal for our youth.

to

reinstatement the quarterly publication of the “Viking for Kids!” Heritage Magazine in an electronic form for our youth.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

Motion to accept the substituted Resolution as amended.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 16

Submitted by Maine Nordmenn Lodge No. 3-664

WHEREAS, the Sons of Norway is composed of chapters in Canada, Norway and the United States;

WHEREAS, Canadian, Norwegian and American businesses are able to manufacture, produce, and supply the Sons of Norway with needed products, merchandise, and services, including SON branded items;

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WHEREAS, there are Canadian, Norwegian and American businesses that produce their products, merchandise, and services within those respective countries;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sons of Norway purchase all products, merchandise, and services available to SON and its lodges from one of the chapter countries; i.e. from Canadian, Norwegian and American businesses, where production has occurred within those respective countries, whenever possible.

Financial Impact:

Estimated Amount: Unknown. Without full knowledge of the current details including items, quantities, costs, vendors, etc. of SON products, merchandise, and services, it is impossible to designate a “financial impact” for this resolution. One might only hope that principle outweighs any potential savings realized in dealing with non-SON country companies for SON products, merchandise, services, etc. The potential does exist for there to be little or no financial impact.

Means by which funds are obtained: Reevaluation of products, merchandise, and services employed as wells as reprioritization of utilization of resources to enhance the benefit of utilizing the SON contributing countries.

Intent: District 3 Convention act on this resolution and support it, moving it forward it to the next governing body to take appropriate action to move through the necessary governing bodies until it reaches finality and implementation at the International level.

Resolutions committee recommends not approving this as is.

Maine Nordmenn Lodge recommended moving this forward. It was seconded.

Amendment to add whenever possible at the end of the Therefore paragraph.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION AS AMENDED ADOPTED.

President Andersen excused the Resolutions Committee for the moment.

International President Jon Tehven requested that Resolution 12 be revisited and time line given by which it is to be posted. He suggested 60 days.

Treasurer Peter Vatne moved to reconsider Resolution 12. Brother Peter stated that he voted on the prevailing side. Motion was seconded.

MOTION CARRIED.

After a lengthy discussion, there was a motion to postpone further discussion of amending Resolution 12 until it is recalled by the District President.

MOTION CARRIED.

President Andersen introduced Elspeth Christianson. Sister Mary stated, “I am very excited to have Elspeth Christianson with us to give us all a little culture. Elspeth and her husband former District 5 President Owen Christianson have recently moved to Virginia and are now members of Washington lodge, lucky us. Elspeth is a physician (retired) specializing in pediatric genetics. I should mention that Owen is a research scientist specializing in superconductivity and cryogenics and only mention that because I can’t imagine what the conversation around the dinner table sounds like. All kidding aside, they are both incredible and I am so pleased that Elspeth could share her knowledge with us today.”

Elspeth Christiansen gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about Viking women starting with the sagas of the wife of Eric the Red.

The meeting was recessed at 3:00 PM for a coffee break.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:22 PM.

President Andersen recalled the Finance Committee.

Noronna’s delegate will not be attending the remainder of the Friday afternoon session.

Loyal Lodge Delegate Eric Johannessen will not be attending the remainder of the Convention.

The total is 91 delegates. The majority is 46. Two thirds majority is 61.

President Andersen called upon Zone 3 Director Paul Kornbrekke to discuss the value of the Land of the Vikings.

Brother Paul discussed the history of the value of the Land of the Vikings. In 2013, President Gail Ekloff approached a realtor in Binghamton, NY who estimated the value approximately \$1.2 million to \$1.3 million. This was at a time when the assumption was that the gas on the property could be gotten and sold.

In 2014, President Andersen contacted the same brokerage firm and the value was between \$700,000 to \$800,000. Brother Paul then contacted real estate investors and finally dealt with an abstract company that was able to find all of the comparable properties that have been sold and there was one very similar with 150 acres that was sold this past February for \$430,000. Brother Paul then contacted the Real Estate Agency which was in Hancock who sold that piece of property and they valued Land of the Vikings at possibility \$600,000. They said that there are no comparable properties. Most of what is available are camps with a lake. Brother Paul stated

that after all his research, in his opinion if we wanted to sell Land of the Viking quick, you are probably looking at approximately \$500,000. They all admit that they are guessing since there are no comparable listings. Some have been on the market for over two years. Also, if the buyer wants to use the building there will be code issues to deal with.

President Andersen recalled the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee examined the District Lodge No. 3 Sons of Norway Budget on page 66. The Committee recommended that for the 2020 budget, the \$21,600 that was allocated as Dues to Support LOV transfer be reallocated to a new category of Lodge Support and Member Growth.

RECOMMENDATION FAILED.

President Andersen asked for discussion on the budget as prepared.

The question was called and seconded. President Andersen announced that debate is closed.

The District Lodge No. 3 Sons of Norway Budget as presented.

ADOPTED.

The Finance Committee examined the Sons of Norway, Third District Ltd. Budget on page 67. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the Sons of Norway, Third District Ltd. Budget.

ADOPTED.

The Finance Committee examined the Youth Camp Budget on page 68. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the Youth Camp Budget.

ADOPTED.

President Andersen excused the Finance Committee.

President Andersen asked if there was anyone who was going to submit a bid for the 2020 Third District Convention.

Paddle #50 International Secretary Marci Larsen stated that Gateway Lodge has been looking into the pricing of hotels but are not at a point to submit a bid.

Paddle #5 District Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold stated that as a potential member of the LOV Board that the LOV Board is prepared to submit a bid for the 2020 Third District Convention.

The LOV Board came forward and presented a bid for the 2020 Third District Convention.

President Andersen stated that there will further discussion and there be a vote on the bids for the 2020 Convention tomorrow.

President Andersen recalled the Law Committee to discuss Resolution S8, the Substituted Resolution for Resolution 8.

**Resolution S8
District Nominations
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge 3**

WHEREAS, Roberts Rules of Order says that “it is not common for the nominating committee to nominate more than one candidate for any office,” and

WHEREAS, it also says that “it is usually not sound to require a committee to nominate more than one candidate for each office”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the following paragraph be added to the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitution:

3.11.5.1.2 The Nominating Committee may choose to nominate only those candidates that they recommend for office. But all candidates who have submitted applications shall be allowed to be nominated by any member of the District Lodge. The deadline for submitting applications may be extended by a two-thirds vote of the District Lodge.

Financial Impact:

Estimated Amount:

\$0 this resolution affects the Nominating procedure at convention.

Means by which Funds are Obtained:

N/A

The Law committee recommends not approving this resolution.

President Andersen called for a vote to substitute Resolution S8 for Resolution 8.

MOTION DEFEATED

The Committee represented the original Resolution 8.

**Resolution 8
District Nominations from the Floor
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506**

WHEREAS, the fundamental purpose of Nominating Committees is to find suitable candidates for office, not to prevent unsuitable candidates from being nominated; and

WHEREAS, it is the fundamental right of assemblies to elect any qualified member to office; and

WHEREAS, disallowing nominations from the floor at District Lodge meetings impinges upon that right by restricting the choice of candidates to those vetted ahead of time by just a few members of the District Lodge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following paragraph be added to the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitution:

3.11.5.1.2 Nominations may be allowed from the floor during District Lodge meetings at times determined by the District Lodge.

Financial Impact Statement:

Estimated Amount: \$0. This resolution only affects the Nominating procedure at conventions.

Means by which Funds are Obtained: N/A.

Committee recommends not approving this resolution.

Resolution was **amended** to change the word “must” to “may”.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Resolution 15
Nominations for District Officers from the Convention Floor
Submitted by Norden Lodge 3-407

WHEREAS, District Lodges have always had candidate nominations from the floor at prior District Lodge meetings; and

WHEREAS, at previous District Lodge meetings candidate nominations were accepted without prior knowledge to neither the District Board nor the District Nominating Committee; and

WHEREAS, the business concerns of a District Lodge are very different from the business concerns of the International Lodge; and

WHEREAS, in District Three the following offices had no candidates until nominations were accepted from the floor: 2008 – District Secretary, and District Publicity Directory 2012 – District Secretary 2014 – District President, District Secretary, District Treasurer, and District Publicity Director; and

WHEREAS, if these positions were not filled by nominations at the District Meeting, they would be filled by appointment of the President; and

WHEREAS, appointments by the District President does not allow for additional candidates to come forward and does not allow for a vote by the Convention Delegation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Lodge President/Chair be allowed to accept candidate nominations form the floor at the District Lodge meeting and to merge those nominations into the roster from the nominating committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that paragraph 3.11.5.1.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, added text underlined):

3 .11 .5 .1 .1 Candidate applications for District Officers must be submitted to the Nominating Committee for vetting no later than 30 days prior to the start of the District Lodge meeting. (8/16) Candidates for District Office may also be nominated from the floor at the District Lodge meeting. These candidates will be merged into the roster from the nominating committee.

Financial Impact: None

Committee recommends not adopting this resolution.

The resolution is **no longer valid** as resolution 8 was passed.

President Andersen excused the Laws Committee

Financial Benefits Counselors Anne Krause and Robert McKeever announced the second winner of the FBC's raffle. The prize, a Rosemaling Christmas ornament. was won by Brother Arnold Johnson.

President Andersen recalled the Resolutions Committee to represent Resolution 12.

The Resolutions Committee presented an amendment to Resolution 12 which would change the resolves to:

Resolution S12
Publication of International Sons of Norway (SON) Convention Reports Book and Minutes
Submitted by Hampton Roads Lodge 3-522

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of SON members will have an opportunity to attend the International Convention and not all lodges will be able to send delegates, and

WHEREAS, transparency of all actions is very important to the order especially in maintaining membership, and

WHEREAS, we need more members to become involved with International activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: International Policies and Procedures para 6.13.3 be amended to include the following as para 6.13.3.13.

“The International Board shall cause the International Conventions Reports Book to be posted on the Sons of Norway secure website when it is distributed to the International Lodge Delegates.”

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the International Board shall cause the minutes of the International Lodge Meeting to be posted on the Sons of Norway secure website within 30 days of the Fall International Board meeting.

Financial impact:

None.

The resolutions committee recommends approval of this resolution as amended.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

President Andersen excused the Resolutions committee for today.

President Andersen asked the delegates to return tomorrow morning at 8:30 AM.

Meeting recessed at 4:45 PM.

Saturday morning meeting June 9, 2018

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 AM.

President Andersen called upon Convention Committee Chairperson Ken Johnson to give the morning announcements.

Brother Ken congratulated all the winners of the Viking Auction last night. This morning's coffee break will be right outside in the back lobby at 10 AM. Lunch is on your own today. The Installation of officers will start at 6 PM tonight in this room. The banquet will be at 8 PM also in this room. The drawing for the Viking Ship will be at the banquet tonight and there are still tickets available. The Viking Ship was made by one of our members, Jorgen Fidje. Brother Ken thanked Brother Jorgen for his work. The pancake breakfast for the Charitable Trust will be tomorrow morning at Applebee's directly across the street from the hotel. Tickets are still available. The Breakfast will run from 8 AM to 10 AM.

President Andersen called upon Vice President Kathy Dollymore to present the awards to the winners of the Folk-Art Competition.

Sister Kathy announced that goal of the Folk-Art Exhibition is to show as many types of Cultural items as possible. Sister Kathy introduced and thank the judges: Shirley Erland, Stephen Helmold and Andy Mathisen.

Sister Kathy presented certificates to Erica Varady and Christina Varady for their rosemaling pieces that were done while they were at the Third District Youth Camp at LOV.

Jorgen Fidje Best in Show and a Blue Ribbon for the stabu.

Alice Svege won first prize for the crocheted quilt.

Elizabeth Bumgardt won first prize for the Hardanger doilies

Lynn Rundhaugen won second prize for the knitted hat and selbuvotter gloves.

Mary Andersen won first prize for Photography,

Linda Miller won the People Choice and first place in Rosemaling for the Rosemaling plate. Linda donated the plate to the Viking auction and was purchased by Paul Kornbrekke.

Sister Kathy encouraged everyone to participate in the Folk-Art Contest in 2020.

President Andersen announced the winners of the Lodge of the Year Awards:

Lodge of the Year Awards

2016 Family Lodge of the Year Award was won by Hudson Valley Lodge.

2016 Small Lodge of the Year Award was won by Southern Star Lodge.

2016 Large Lodge of the Year Award was won by Hampton Roads.

2017 Family Lodge of the Year was won by Norden Lodge and Nansen Lodge (tie).

2017 Small Lodge of the Year Award was won by Restauration Lodge.

2017 Large Lodge of the Year Award was won by Hampton Roads Lodge

President Andersen called upon the Credentials Committee to announce any changes.

Credentials Committee Chairperson Kari Williams moves to seat Pastor Ida Iverson for Gateway to Florida in place of Kent Larson and to seat Robert Rumney for Hampton Roads Lodge in place of Leonard Zingarelli.

ADOPTED

Secretary Olsen-Helmold read the Roll Call of Lodges with 91 delegates seated; 46 are a majority; 61 are two thirds majority.

Sister Kathy announced that the greeters will be and Burton Koske and Eric Johannson the marshals will be Les Johannessen and Kari Sprecher.

President Andersen called upon International Director and Nominating Committee Member Ken Johnson to present the slate of officers for the 2018-2020 term.

Sports Director Paul Kornbrekke
Cultural Director Andy Mathisen
Treasurer Kari Williams
Counselor Peter Hansen
Vice President Stephen Helmold
President Kathy Dollymore

President Andersen declared the following elected by acclamation:

Kathy Dollymore as President
Stephen Helmold as Vice President
Peter Hanson as Counselor
Kari Williams as Treasurer
Andy Mathisen as Cultural Director
Paul Kornbrekke as Sports Director

The following were nominated by their respective Zone Director

Zone 1 Elaine Breiland	Alternate Michael Pedersen
Zone 2 John Foss	No Alternate
Zone 3 Audun Gythfeldt	Alternate Barbara Bensen
Zone 5 Arnold Johnson	3 Assistant Zone Directors Ingrid Hammen, Christine Taylor and Kent Larson
Zone 7 Dirk Hansen	No Alternate

President Andersen declared the following Zone Directors elected by acclamation:

Zone 1 Elaine Breiland
Zone 2 John Foss
Zone 3 Audun Gythfeldt
Zone 4
Zone 5 Arnold Johnson
Zone 6
Zone 7 Dirk Hansen

President Andersen called upon Ken Johnson to announce the nomination for Alternate International Director.

Brother Ken announced that Mary Andersen is candidate for Alternate International Director.

Vice President Dollymore declared the Mary Andersen elected as Alternate International Director elected by acclamation.

Treasurer Peter Vatne nominate Shirley Erland, Kari Brescher, and Les Johannessen as Auditors for the 2018-2020 term.

President Andersen declared Shirley Erland, Kari Brescher, and Les Johannessen elected as auditor for the 2018-2020 term by acclamation.

International Delegate Elections

The following were nominated by their respective Zone Director:

Zone 1 – Stephen Helmold

Karen Olsen-Helmold

Zone 2 – Judi Mack

Zone 3 – Paul Kornbrekke

Audun Gythfeldt

Barbara Bensen

Zone 4 – Kari Williams

Zone 5 – Kent Larson

Arnold Johnsen

Zone 6 – Arvida (Christine) Cash

alt. Rannveig Klinge

Zone 7 – Dirk Hansen

President Andersen declared these International Delegates elected by acclamation.

The President elect (Kathy Dollymore) and the Alternate International Director (Mary Andersen) and delegates as per the Third District Bylaws.

Four additional delegates can be elected.

President Mary Andersen opened the floor for nominations

The following were nominated.

Doris Beck nominated Rannveig Klinge

Peter Vatne nominated Barbara Berntsen

Barbara Berntsen nominated Peter Vatne

Joe Zarnitz nominated Svein Klinge

Peter Evenson nominated Martin Iverson

Rannveig Klinge excused herself as a teller. Vice President Kathy Dollymore appointed Peter Evenson to replace Rannveig as a teller.

The voting was done by ballot.

President Andersen instructed the delegates to use ballot number 1 and that each delegate can vote for up to 4 persons. You cannot vote multiple times for the same person.

President Andersen called upon the Finance Committee to report on the stipend for delegates to the International Convention.

Finance Committee Chairperson reported that the Finance Committee has already recommended and the delegates have approved by virtue of passing the Third District Budget, the stipend of \$500 per delegate for the International Convention.

Treasurer Peter Vatne answered questions that had been asked of him during yesterday's session.

The assessed value of the Land of the Vikings is \$164,500, for the improvements (the buildings) is \$436,700, for a total of \$601,200.

Treasurer Peter Vatne discussed the budget for the 2018 Convention for Third District costs in greater detail.

Karen Olsen-Helmold Norden Lodge, District Secretary paddle #5 stated that the cost of the A/V equipment was greatly reduced by purchasing our own video projects and borrowing the audio equipment from Norden Lodge. The cost was reduced from \$8,900 to under \$1,000 plus the cost of the projectors.

President Mary Andersen thanked the Finance Committee for their service and dismissed the Finance Committee.

President Andersen asked the Law Committee to come forward.

President Mary Andersen thanked the Law Committee for all their service and dismissed the Law Committee.

President Andersen asked the Reports Committee to come forward.

President Mary Andersen thanked the Reports Committee for their service and dismissed the Reports Committee.

President Andersen asked the Credentials Committee to come forward.

President Mary Andersen thanked the Credentials Committee for their service and dismissed the Credentials Committee.

President Andersen called upon Brother Audun to lead the delegation in song. Brother Audun led the delegation in *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*.

President Andersen asked the Resolutions Committee to come forward.

The Resolutions Committee read the “Thank You Resolution”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Third District Convention give thanks:

- To Zone 1 for hosting the 65th Third District Lodge Meeting (Convention).
- To the Convention Chairperson Kenneth Johnson and his committees for the many hours spent in planning and preparing for this convention, making this a memorable convention full of fraternal spirit and hospitality.
- To Third District President Mary Andersen for her expert and outstanding leadership at this biannual convention and during the biennium.
- To Third District Vice President Kathy Dollymore for always being willing to help where needed. And for promoting the concept of satellite lodges.
- To Third District Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold for compiling and printing the 65th District Convention Reports Book. In addition, she has kept an accurate record for the District. She also wore another hat working with the Youth Camp at LOV.
- To Third District Treasurer Peter Vatne for diligent work with district finances and willingness to assist the LOV Board with finances.
- To Third District Counselor Peter C. Hanson who revised the Charitable Trust document as directed by the last lodge meeting. He also worked with the LOV Board straightening out the finances.
- To Michael Wagner-Diggs, Convention Parliamentarian, for his knowledge and expertise in assisting the Convention members whenever questions of procedure arose.
- To those who created a moving Memorial Service: Margaret Gythfeldt, organist; Lisa Daehlen, soloist; Richard Feingold, pianist; Pastor Ida Iverson, and Pastor Richard E. Simpson.
- To Third District Publicity Director James Dunagan who refreshed the look of TDT.
- To Jon Tehven, International President, who updated us on Sons of Norway today; Christopher Pinkerton, Chief Operating Officer, who shared his vision for Sons of Norway; and Corrie Maki Knudsen, S/N Foundation Director, who shared opportunities available through the Foundation.
- To Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive, who welcomed us to this area.

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- To Kari Brescher, Shirley Erland, and Les Johannesen for working long and diligently on the audits of the Third District throughout the biennium.
- To Richard Olsen, Tubfrim Chairman, for collecting and shipping cancelled stamps to Norway.
- To all members of the LOV Board: Chairman – Roy Berntsen; Building and Grounds – Billy Karpack; Secretary – Barbara Berntsen; Treasurer – Helen Timoney; Marketing – William Taylor/Elisabeth Nilsen; and also Facebook Administrator – Maureen Cooper.
- To Dirk Hansen for his inspiring membership growth projection.
- To Elspeth Christiansen for the “Women’s Work in the Time of the Sagas” program.
- To Barbara Berntsen Kristin Gottilla, convention electronic scribes.
- To all members and lodges who have worked so hard and successfully to support and maintain our property at the Land of the Vikings.
- To International Director Kenneth Johnson for his continued support, guidance, and counseling during the biennium.
- To Rannveig Klinge for her dutiful work as Financial Administrator of the Charitable Trust.
- To International Secretary Marci Larson for her support and guidance.
- To Susan Solberg Olsen, Youth Director, for planning and coordinating the campers and teachers for the Youth Camp at LOV. Also, to lodges who provide financial support to their youth.
- To the spouses of the District and International Officers for their support, understanding and the exemplary manner in which they assisted the Third District Board.
- To the Editors of the lodge newsletters for their efforts in keeping members informed about upcoming events.
- To all the Financial Advisors within the Third District for promoting both the benefits of membership and membership itself and for educating all of the members on the good financial products Sons of Norway has to offer.
- To all the Zone Directors for their time and effort to work within the zones to promote membership and communications with their lodges.
- To Andrew Mathisen, Sports/Recreation Director, for coordinating the Bowling Tournaments and for trying new activities such as the Fitbit Walking Challenge.

- To Gail Martinsen for her dedication to promoting Norwegian Culture.
- To all participants in the Folk-Art Contest. Your talents are an asset to the lodge meeting.
- To the members who wore bunads to add to the festivities of the Convention.
- To all lodges that planned and participated in Leif Erikson Day and the 17th of May celebrations and parades.
- To all lodges and members who have worked hard to raise money for the Charitable Trust Fund.
- To the lodges who have hosted events to provide funds for various charities in their areas.
- To all lodges and members who have contributed to the Sons of Norway Foundation and Humanitarian Fund.
- To Islip American Legion, Post # 411 for acting as color guards in the opening ceremony.
- To the lodges who have completed the Lodge of the Year form. Congratulations to all the award winners of both 2016 and 2017.
- Congratulations to all who have promoted Norwegian Culture in their communities, especially those who are working with their lodges outreach.
- To Ann Krause and Bob McKeever, financial benefit representatives, for attending the Convention and for holding drawings for the Christmas tree ornaments.
- To all the delegates whose attention and participation made our 65th Convention a success!

The Resolution Committee asks the Third District Board to add any person or group which may have been omitted with our apologies.

The resolutions committee moved that any business that has been overlooked or not brought before this this District Board Meeting shall be passed to the new District Board for their review and disposition.

ADPOTED

President Andersen called upon the Financial Benefits Counselors to give away another Christmas Ornament.

The winner was Jeanne Addison from Bondelandet Lodge.

President Mary Andersen thanked the Resolutions Committee for their service and dismissed the Resolutions Committee.

The tellers announced the results of the election.
There were 91 votes cast. Plurality elects.

Rannveig Klinge	76
Barbara Berntsen	67
Peter Vatne	82
Svein Klinge	68
Martin Iverson	41 alternate

There was one illegal vote cast because it was on ballot #2.

President Andersen announce the International Delegates as:

Rannveig Klinge
Barbara Berntsen
Peter Vatne
Svein Klinge
And
Martin Iverson alternate
President Andersen closed the elections.

Meeting recessed for a coffee break at 9:55 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:10 AM.

President Andersen talked about the what to expect at the International Convention. Most of the communications will be done via e-mail. Sister Mary stressed that everyone attending the International Convention should attend the Leadership Conference if they can.

President Andersen introduced International President Jon Tehven who spoke more about the Leadership Conference which will be held at the International Convention on Wednesday. The cost is \$100.00. The Convention will begin on Thursday afternoon. There is a rail line from the airport to the hotel. President Tehven mentioned the costs, the Convention and the opportunity for excursions. All the information is available on line.

President Tehven talked about serving on a Committee at the International Convention. He will be sending out the duties and responsibilities of members serving on these committees along with a questionnaire to be returned to him so he can appoint committee members.

The LOV Board withdrew their bid to host the 2020 Third District Convention due to the fact that the Third District Bylaw only lists that Lodges, groups of Lodges, a Zone or the District Board may bid to sponsor a regular District Lodge meeting.

Brother Stephen Helmold as President of Norden Lodge 3-407 placed a bid for the 2020 Convention.

The site would be the Ethan Allen Hotel in Danbury Connecticut. The package price is \$299.00. Cost of a room is \$139.00 per night plus tax with the total of \$159.16. Co-Chairs will be Barbara Berntsen and Karen Olsen-Helmold. Sister Karen mentioned that in addition to the members of Norden Lodge, we will have help for members of the other Lodges in Zone One. Norden would provide the seed money therefore the District would not have to layout the money. Sister Karen mentioned that you can get a direct flight from Orlando to a Local airport. The cost of travel for the District Board would be reasonable.

Brother Mary Iverson as President of Gateway to Florida Lodge presented a bid for the 2020 Convention. The package price is \$250 to \$275. The cost of the room is \$139.00 plus tax. The site of the Convention will be at the Saw Grass Golf Resort in Ponte Verdra Beach, Florida. Gateway Lodge will provide the seed money. This is a major metropolitan area so there are major International Airports in Jacksonville. There are also smaller airports south of Jacksonville. They have plenty to help.

Brother Iverson moved to give the new District Board a vote of confidence to review the official bids and choose the site for the 2020 Third District Lodge meeting and to choose. Seconded.
MOTION FAILED.

Peter Vatne moved that the vote be taken by ballot. Seconded.
CARRIED

President Andersen called upon the Financial Benefits Counselors to give away another Christmas Ornament. The winner was Kris Holvik from Henrik Ibsen Lodge.

President Andersen called upon Brother Audun Gythfeldt to lead the delegation in song.

Brother Audun Gythfeldt led the delegation in singing *The Happy Wanderer* in Norwegian.

Treasurer Peter Vatne reminded committee members to hand in their vouchers to be reimbursed for their extra night stay.

President-Elect Kathy Dollymore announced that the Board will be serving breakfast at the Applebee's fund raiser for the Charitable Trust. The new board must be back at the hotel by 9:00AM for a Third District Board meeting.

The results of the Election were announced. 88 votes casts.
Norden 42 votes
Gateway to Florida 46 votes

The 2020 Third District meeting and Convention will be held in Florida.

Remarks for the Good of the Order

Paul Kornbrekke, Nansen Lodge Paddle Number #12: On June 23 at 3 PM, Zone 3 Scholarship Picnic will be held at Nansen Lodge.

As the 3D Sports Director-Elect Bother Paul Paddle Number #12 announced that there will be a Third District Golf Tournament in Myrtle Beach in March of 2019. There will be more information sent out.

Deanna Rumney, Hampton Roads Lodge Paddle Number #39 suggested that future Conventions be reduced to three days.

Solveig Helstrom, Norrona Lodge Paddle Number #78: This year Norrona Lodge will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on October 28th from 1PM to 5PM at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel in Nanuet, NY.

Peter Hansen Norumbega Lodge Paddle Number #3 promoted the District sponsored Kubb Tournament at the Land of the Vikings at the end of August on August 25. Brother Peter explained the game and that here will be instructions on Saturday morning on how to play Kubb.

Alice Svege Lodge Brooklyn Paddle Number # 24 asked about the stamp collection for Tubfrum. Sister Alice also explained that Lodge Brooklyn had made cards; happy birthday, get well tusen takk, etc. that she sends to everyone. The cards include all the information about the Lodge and its activities. If anyone would like some of these cards, they should contact Kimberly Breiland, the President of Lodge Brooklyn.

President Andersen stated that stamps should be given to Sister Katy Dollymore.

David Brown Washington Lodge Paddle Number #95 invited everyone to the Anniversary of Washington Lodge on September 22, 2018 at 6 PM to at the American Legion in Fairfax County.

Karen Olsen-Helmold Paddle Number # 5 announced that Norsemen Lodge will also have their 40th Anniversary on September 22, 2018 at the Land of the Vikings. Sister Karen mentioned that this date has been in the Third District Secretary's letter since January. The reason why sister Karen published these dates was to avoid conflicts.

Kari Williams Troll Lodge Paddle Number #13 announced that the Zone Four Scholarship Luncheon is on June 23rd at the Land of the Vikings. Everyone is welcome. Please make reservations with Kari.

Anita Hoppe Hudson Valley Lodge Paddle Number # 46 Announced that Hudson valley Lodge will be celebrating St. Hans Aften with a pig roast this weekend. If anyone is interested they should contact Sister Anita. Also, Hudson Valley is having a weekend at the Land of the Vikings on October 5 to October 7, 2018. If anyone would like to join them, please make reservations at the Land of the Vikings.

Elisabeth Nilsen NorBu Lodge Paddle Number # 64 invited everyone to the Lobster fest at the Land of the Vikings October 17 to October 19, 2018. Reservations should be make at the Land of the Vikings. This weekend is filling-up fast.

President Andersen asked everyone to stand, lock arms or join hands for the singing of God Bless America.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.

Installation of Officers Saturday Evening June 9, 2018

Installing Officer Ken Johnson: We are now about to install officers of the District Lodge No. 3, Sons of Norway.

Sister President, have the officers been elected in accordance with the laws of our Fraternity.

President Mary Andersen: They have.

Installing Officer Ken Johnson to President Mary Andersen: You will now hand me your regalia and take your place among the members. The other officers will vacate their places and leave the regalia.

I shall appoint Installing Marshal Barbara Berntsen and Assistant Installing Marshal Susan Olson.

The marshals will bring the new officers before me for installation.

You will all place your right hand over your heart and repeat the following pledge:

"I solemnly promise
to perform my duties
as an officer of this District Lodge
faithfully and in strict accordance
with the laws, rules and customs of the Order."

Each of the officers will step forward as I mention your titles, and after having been instructed in the duties of your office, the marshals will escort you to your place in the lodge.

Zone Directors

Zone 1. Elaine Breiland

Zone 2. John Foss

Zone 3. Audun Gythfeldt
Zone 5. Arnold Johnson
Zone 7. Dirk Hansen

You are the important link between the Lodges and the District. You will work closely with the Local Lodge Presidents and the members, informing them of the District events and news. You will report special events or any disruption held in the lodge ensuring they are the best lodge they can be. During the District Convention, you may serve as members of the Credentials Committee and will examine the credentials of all delegates seeking seats in the convention. Invite the District Officers to the anniversaries, events, and activities held by the zone or the lodges within your zone. Take your responsibility seriously and you will create a cohesive zone to make us all proud.

The marshals will now escort you to your places in the lodge.

Sports / Recreation Director Paul Kornbrekke:

You have been chosen as Sports / Recreation Director for this District. It is your duty, to plan and promote an active program of sports and recreation in your district. In the performance of your duties, you will work closely with all of the local sports directors and give assistance in the development of an active program of competitive sports or recreation as a means of stimulating lodge activity and interest. You will promote the Sports Medal Program, to encourage every lodge to participate.

The marshals will now escort you to your place in the lodge.

Counselor Peter Hansen:

By your election as Counselor of the District Lodge, you have been given a post of honor and responsibility. You are the chair of the Charitable Trust and will review the portfolio monthly. In cooperation with the District President appoint the Charitable trust Administrator. You will work closely with the Charitable Trust Administrator and the advisor of the portfolio. You will work with the other trustees to approve disbursement of any funds for our members. You will communicate monthly with any recipient. You will review the fiscal statements of the recipients at least once each biennium, or as deemed necessary. Upon you a great trust has been placed.

The marshals will now escort you to your place in the lodge.

Treasurer Kari Williams:

It is your duty to keep accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Third District Lodge and Third District Limited. No disbursements are to be made except as written order or attest signed by the properly designated officers. You will be a trustee of the Charitable Trust. You will be the chair for the Financial Committee and prepare the draft budgets for the delegates to approve at convention. You will also prepare and submit regular reports on the condition of the treasury as required by the by-laws of the district. You will prepare the reports and all documentation for the auditors to review at each board meeting.

The marshals will now escort you to your place.

Vice President Stephen Helmold:

It is your duty to assist in maintaining order at all District meetings or Conventions and to perform the duties of president when she is unable to be present or when she requests that you assume the duties of presiding officer. As a district officer and member of the Board of Directors, you are also to assist the members of the board with advice and counsel in order that the business of the district may be handled with efficiency. You will be a trustee of the Charitable Trust. You will be the chair of the Membership Committee. You will work with the Local Lodge Vice Presidents to encourage their involvement in recruiting and retaining membership.

The marshals will escort you to your place in the lodge.

President Kathy Dollymore:

You have been elected President of District Lodge No. 3, Sons of Norway and as such, you will preside until your successor has been elected and installed. Thoroughly acquaint yourself with the laws, rules and ceremonies of the Order, with the Charter and Constitution, and by-laws of your district, for you will to a great extent be responsible for the welfare and progress of the District Three Lodge. You should also maintain a close contact with the lodges of the district and to the extent of which time and your other duties permit; it is desirable that you visit as many of the lodges as possible. You will nominate the Land of the Vikings Board for approval and election. You will work closely with the Land of the Vikings board to ensure our facility and property is appropriately taken care of. You will nominate the three (3) District Auditors for approval and election. You will appoint in cooperation with the Counselor the Charitable Trust Administrator. You will be a Trustee of the Charitable Trust. Your counsel, leadership and guidance will play an important part in the welfare of the Order. Act without fear and partiality and perform your duties with consideration and care in order that harmony may prevail within the district. Uphold and enforce the laws and permit no one to violate them. Make early plans, in close cooperation with the other district officers, for the activities during your term will guide and direct their progress to final completion.

I shall presently hand you this gavel-a symbol of authority. One rap calls those present to order or seats them; at two raps, the officers rise; at three raps, all members rise.

Marshals! Conduct the president to her place.

Officers and Members! Your President and other District Officers are now clothed with their full authority. I want to remind you, however, that the officers alone cannot make this District Lodge active and successful. They desire, need and expect the assistance of all members of the District Lodge and the local lodges in everything which concerns its welfare. Since no District Lodge can be successful without strong active local lodges, I urge you all to take an active part in the work of your lodge and its program of fraternal and community service. Support the activities planned by your district officers and exercise leadership in creating and maintaining the enthusiasm of all your members. Work harmoniously together and treat each other with mutual esteem, always keeping in mind the purpose of the Order as symbolized in its emblem and expressed in our motto: Freedom, Fraternity, Progress.

By authority of the International Fraternal Benefit Society, Sons of Norway, I now declare the officers of District Lodge No. 3 rightfully installed and entitled to enter upon the performance of their duties.

Sister President; You will please let the District Lodge be seated.

Grand Banquet Saturday Evening June 9, 2018 8 PM

There was a plated dinner and the delegates were entertained by the Music of Ellen Lindstrom and the Swedish Meatballs. Additional entertainment was provided by Sony and Cher singing *I Got You, Babe* (Karen and Stephen Helmold), The Soggy Bottom Boys performing *A Man of Constant Sorrow* (Ken Olson, Les Johannessen, Roy Berntsen), Neil Diamond singing *Sweet Caroline* (Robert Mc Keever) and the Village people performing *YMCA*. (Ken Olsen, Les Johannessen, Mike Pedersen, Roy Berntsen, Stephen Helmold, and Roy Nilsen)

Brother Jorgen Fidje who made The Viking Ship for the Ship of Cheer Raffle pulled the winning ticket. Brother Karl Livollen of Maine Nordmenn was the lucky winner.

The banquet ended at 12 Midnight with the singing of God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Olsen-Helmold,
District 3 Secretary