

2ND QUARTER 2022

IN THIS ISSUE:

- 3rd District Secretary's Letter
- 3rd District News
- Charitable Giving
- Heritage and Culture
- On the Road in the 3rd District
- Viking History
- Scandinavian American Spotlight

THIRD DISTRICT TODAY



TDT



NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE 3rd DISTRICT



MAY

It's May and Mother Nature is doing what she usually does in Spring. Cool one day – warm the next.... But I'm pleased to see the dogwoods and Japanese cherry trees coming out, I don't mind the spring rain, and I'm happy to be out and about. It's looking good after the 2 years we've had but I want to say our District has come through like troopers. YOU ALL are to be congratulated for keeping your membership active, making efforts to get to meetings – whether by Zoom or onsite – sending me emails to just talk about your lodges and what you're doing to move forward. As you've seen we can get together and see each other, talk and share, enjoy some good programming both online and in person.

There are dates in this month that we can celebrate. Time to fly the Norwegian Flag. May 8th Norwegian Liberation Day (known in Norwegian as Frigjøringsdagen) and International Viking Day, honor Mom on May 8th Mother's Day, Hurrah for May 17th. The 17th has many names (syttende mai (17th of May), Nasjonaldagen (The National Day), or Grunnlovsdagen (The Constitution Day) so what better time to fly your Norwegian Flag. As Norway's most celebrated holiday, Syttende Mai honors the anniversary of the signing of the country's constitution in 1814. Over time, the day and what it represents to the people of Norway has evolved greatly. Historically, May 17 was a day of politics marked by speeches and rallies; today it is filled with national pride, festivities, and tradition.

Each year, thousands of people in Norway—and around the world—take part in waving Norwegian flags, marching in city parades, and professing their love of Norway. Many of today's festivities are centered on music, food, children, and graduating high school students. (For more facts about Syttende Mai and details on how the day is celebrated, the Sons of Norway blog at www.sofn.com/blog/syttende-mai-10-fun-facts)

Memorial Day, May 31st is a US federal holiday remembering the people who died while serving in the armed forces and marks the start of the unofficial summer vacation season. Let's fly the American Flag proudly.

Then in a, short few weeks, we will gather in Jacksonville for Tremendous Third's Meeting/ Convention. Has your lodge sent in their journal ad?? How about the booster list, a welcome to all those who are there to guide the District?? Support your delegates as they are there for you, your lodge and the District. I'm excited about this convention, I hope you are too.... My great thanks to those delegates who have taken the responsibility of being on our meeting committees. Again, going above and beyond.

Hurra , Gratulerer med dagen, and Enjoy the summer.

Fraternally, Kathy

District 3 Secretary's Letter– April/May 2022

Dear Lodge Secretaries,

Below is more information for your Spring 2022 work as secretaries. If your lodge has elected delegates for the convention, make sure that you complete the Delegate Reporting Form (see below) as soon as possible. Write whether the delegates are attending in-person or virtually. Tell your lodge delegates and non-delegates to have their registration packets sent to the convention committee prior to May 1. Even virtual delegates must complete a packet, and their delegate price is \$100. All information is below and on www.3dsofn.org under Convention. Tusen takk for all that you do for Sons of Norway. Have a nice Paske and Syttende Mai.



Sincerely,

Jeanne Addison, District Three Secretary

JLAnorge@aol.com, (717)793-7428, 1574 Rosewood Lane, York, PA 17403

Location of Forms and Deadlines

Sons of Norway website www.sofn.com

Log In/ Member Resources/ Lodge Leadership Resources/ Administrative Resources/ Lodge Forms or Governance

Third District website www.3dsofn.org

Go to “Download important documents and forms”

Both websites have plenty of other great information, such as the Third District’s TDT (Third District Today). Please acquaint yourself with them. You can find a good list of yearly important deadlines for Lodge business on the Sons of Norway website www.sofn.com at Log In/Member Resources/ Lodge Leadership Resources/ Administrative Resources/ Important Deadlines.

IMPORTANT 2021- 2022 DEADLINES:

April 1, 2022 – Elected lodge delegates to the June 2022 District Lodge Meeting/Convention must be reported on the Lodge Delegate Reporting Form (see www.3dsofn.org). Mail, scan, or send a photograph of the completed form to me, the District Secretary, with 1 or 2 lodge officer signatures. Because of covid, 1 signature has been deemed enough by Sons of Norway legal counsel.

Mar – April - District Board Candidate Applications completed, if running for a District Board position. See below.

March 25, 2022 – Deadline for resolutions to be sent to District Secretary.

April 30, 2022 – List of deceased lodge members’ names due to the District Secretary and Zone Director for upcoming Convention Memorial Service. Include those who died between March 2018 – April 2022. See below.

5-year Lodge Anniversaries in 2022:

Fredriksten - Feb. 12, 110th
Suncoast - March 5, 45th
Troll - April 8, 55th
North Carolina Vikings - April 20, 15th
Dovre - May 27, 100th
Hampton Roads - July 1, 50th

There will be an anniversary party on Saturday, May 21, Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 5:30 pm. Contact Lodge President, Lenny Zingarelli, at (757) 636-2045 or lzingarelli@verizon.net for more information.

Norden - July 14, 85th
Nor-Bu - Sept. 19, 80th

There will be an anniversary celebration on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at Picotinni Arsenal. \$60 tickets. Contact Audun Gythfeldt at audun99@ptd.net or 570-646-3817 for more information.

Bernt Balchen - Sept. 22, 45th
Norge - Oct. 20, 95th

April is Charitable Trust Month

The Third District has a Charitable Trust. It provides monetary help to those Sons of Norway members in need. There is an application that must be completed in order to be considered for financial help. Plenty of good information about the history of the Trust, how individuals and lodges can donate, and more can be found at the Third District 's website www.sofn.org under Charitable Giving. Peter Hanson of Norumbega Lodge is the Charitable Trust Director.

2022 Third District Directories and Updates

Thank you for completing the D-63 Officer Update forms much earlier this year. It really helped me create the new Directory. All directories were mailed, so hopefully your lodge has received them.

Please make the following changes in your directories:

Pleasant Point Lodge has a new treasurer due to Randi Kvalo's passing. The new treasurer is Vivian Egeland and her contact information is 1 Como Court, Manchester Township, NJ 08759, 732-408-0446, avege-land@yahoo.com.

Norge Norsemen (satellite lodge of HamptonRoads) has a new vice president. Remove Elaine Norman (clay-bank@cox.net) and put in Melody Loftheim, 111 Adams Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185, Kmloftimey2@gmail.com. Norsemen Lodge. VP Edith Munch passed away.

Anne Haugland, the President of Hudson Valley Lodge, will be moving to Norway. Vice president Loren Johannessen will take over running the lodge.

Applications for New District Three Officers for June 2022-June 2024 Term

The Nominating Committee of District Three will be taking applications and suggestions from you for anyone you know who might be a good candidate for the Board. Anyone who would like to be on the District Board must be 18 years old, be a member in good standing (current on their paid membership), and own a Sons of Norway Insurance or annuity product. Applications can be obtained on the Third District website, www.3dsofn.org, from a member of the Third District Nominating Committee(Barbara Berntsen, 10 Pershing Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580, barbarajb1230@optonline.net), or on the Sons of Norway website. The Sons of Norway website allows you to complete it online, then print out, but it is a little tricky with the blank lines. You can backspace and delete the blank lines as you go. Now is a good time to think about whether you or others would like to contribute to our District's Board. New Board members are installed at the June 10-12 District Lodge Meeting/Convention in Jacksonville.

Reporting and Registration of In-person and Virtual Delegates and Non-Delegates

At this point, the Convention is scheduled to be an in-person event with a virtual option for those who require it. Information about the events and registration can be found on the Third District website, www.3dsofn.org. Recently, a package price for virtual delegates has been set by the Third District Board at \$100/person. This was done to offset the sufficient A/V costs in providing a professional ZOOM meeting experience.

By the end of March, your lodge should have elected its delegates. After that, three important things need to be done:

Complete the **Delegate Reporting Form** after the lodge election of delegates and as soon as possible. The form and instructions are on www.3dsofn.org under Forms and Documents. The form indicates that it must be signed by both lodge president and lodge secretary, but Sons of Norway's counsel, David Ness, said that 1 signature will suffice during the pandemic. Please print neatly and be accurate. Mail, scan, or photograph and send to me at JLANorge@aol.com or Jeanne Addison, 1574 Rosewood Lane, York, PA 17403. **Please write in-person or virtual next to the delegate's name.**

Have your delegates complete Registration Packets and other papers listed under Convention on 3dsofn.org. Packets and checks are due to Kent Larson in Jacksonville by **MAY 1**. If virtual, write "virtual" on the packet and send \$100 instead of the \$275.

Have your delegates participate in the one short Zone Caucus meeting ahead of the Convention. Delegates will be contacted by their Zone Director about this and will be sent Convention resolutions by email to review prior to the Zone Caucus meeting.

Writing Resolutions for the 2022 District Lodge Meeting at the Convention

There is a template form and instructions that must be used to submit any resolution a lodge would like to see brought to the local Zone Caucus Meeting and then possibly to the District Lodge Meeting. This template helps to make all resolutions consistent in format. A deadline date for submitting resolutions was March 25, 2022. **No more are being accepted.**

2022 District Lodge Meeting and Convention

Mark your calendars. The date has been set, and conventions are always fun and a great way to meet other Sons of Norway members!

Here is a welcome letter and update from the convention committee:

2022 District 3 Convention

June 10 -13, 2022*

(Friday – Monday)

The members and leadership of the award-winning Gateway to Florida Lodge in Jacksonville, FL, are pleased to host the 2022 District 3 Convention. We are no strangers to planning and implementing conventions, having successfully hosted the 2014 International Convention, only the second time for a Florida lodge to do so in Sons of Norway history. We have a strong and diverse membership and have been recognized several times as the District 3 Large Lodge of the Year. We are consistent performers in membership growth and retention and have achieved SON recognition in many membership campaigns. We also have a very active Viking boat program participating in the long-running Florida Regattas and in many annual Light Parades held in north Florida, which have given both our lodge and Sons of Norway exceptional visibility and name recognition.

Since the 2020 district and international conventions were suspended until 2022 because of the world-wide pandemic which necessitated extensive lockdowns of businesses, we met with the hotel in the fall of 2020 to revisit plans for 2022. We continued frequent communications with District President Kathy Dollymore and our committees and key volunteers are in place. We have re-selected the Doubletree by Hilton Jacksonville Riverfront situated on the banks of the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville. As stated in previous communications, the hotel has 293 well-appointed rooms with walkout balconies, including 33 suites; 100 percent non-smoking; wireless high-speed internet access available throughout the hotel; 40-inch flat panel television in each room; Crabtree & Evelyn bath products; 24-hour fitness studio; outdoor riverfront pool; several dining options including Ruth Chris Steakhouse; a lobby lounge and many other amenities. Bellmen, valet, and self-parking are available. The hotel does not have a shuttle, so those flying into the Jacksonville Airport will have to use Super Shuttle or another car service.

Room rates remain the same: standard, \$124; riverfront, \$144; Jr. Suite \$164. The current tax rate is 13 percent.

Parking: The daily self-parking rate of \$12 has been waived to zero; daily valet parking is \$20 plus 7 percent tax.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, June 9: District Board arrives
Committees may arrive

Friday, June 10: Delegates arrive
District Board meets Friday at 1:00 pm. * **this time was recently set**
Golfing provided either Thursday or Friday morning depending on interest
Memorial Service at 5 p.m. (hotel)
President's Welcome Reception/Evening 6:30-10 p.m. (hotel/poolside)

Sat., June 11:
Business session from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
AM & PM coffee breaks with Scandinavian goodies
Lunch in Ruth Chris steakhouse (included in registration)
Lodge event
Viking Auction

Sunday, June 12: Business session continues, 8:30 a.m. – until business is concluded.
AM coffee break with Scandinavian goodies
Lunch –on your own
Installation 5 p.m.
Reception (cash bar) 6 p.m.
Grand Banquet 7 p.m.

Monday, June 13: Delegates depart

District board meets
Convention concluded

Other Planning Items:

- Hotel food costs will increase at least 3 percent
 - Number of registrants for planning (75-80)
 - Final AV costs must be determined (hotel is changing companies)
 - Theme may be changed since we are past our 125th anniversary
 - Break-out sessions Sunday following close of business to be determined by President/District board
 - We will have a convention journal with advertising opportunities
 - Convention merchandise will be limited.
 - Other details to be discussed/considered as we move forward
 - Delegate and non-delegate pricing; individual pricing for Friday evening, Saturday lunch, Sat. lodge event and Sunday banquet
- The location of the Friday evening welcome reception has changed because the area is being redeveloped.

*Note: this is the second weekend in June compared to the 2020 date of the first weekend in June.

2022 International Convention Update

International President Ron Stubbings has announced that this convention will no longer be held in-person in Eagen, Minnesota. Instead it will be held virtually on August 31-Sept.1. To be voted for an International Delegate, you must attend the Third District Lodge meeting/Convention and be nominated by your Zone.

Fraternal Funds

Lodges in good standing received a one-time gift of \$100 during 2021 from the Third District. The District is asking every lodge to provide a brief statement and receipt showing some **cultural expense** that the lodge incurred during the 2021 year of Covid. This is for the District's Fraternal Funds records. If your lodge has not done so, please send the information to Jeanne Addison, JLAnorge@aol.com, 1574 Rosewood Lane, York, PA 17403. The expense can even be room rental in order to hold a meeting during Covid!

Also, think about whether your Lodge would like to apply for **other Fraternal Funds**. These funds are given for lodge cultural activities **that have already occurred** and are voted upon at the Fall and Spring Third District Board Meetings. The next time the Board will vote on requests is the first weekend of October 2022. The Fraternal Funds form is located on www.3dsofn.org under Documents and Forms. **Receipts must accompany the form.** Any lodge cultural expense, **even the cost of a Zoom contract**, can be reimbursed partially or fully by Fraternal Funds. Please have the application and receipts sent to the District Secretary by September 20, 2022.

Lodge Officers Must Be in Good Standing

According to Sons of Norway, all lodge officers must pay their current membership dues to continue being officers. Check your membership list, which is found on your profile page at the Sons of Norway website, to see if any of your officers are not up-to-date on their membership fee.

Paper Lodge Membership Applications Need Correction

On printed, paper lodge membership applications, there is a section requesting a credit card number. Cross that section out on your forms if your lodge still has some paper applications. It is no longer to be used. The only way that new members can pay their membership dues by credit card is by going to the Sons of Norway website and registering online. This change is being done for credit card security reasons. If a new member or renewing member wants to use a paper application, they must write a check payable to "Sons of Norway" and cannot pay by credit card.

More on New Membership Forms

Please remind members to provide their member number to those they invite to join, so that Sons of Norway can recognize this accomplishment with a certificate and limited-edition 2021 Recruiter Pin. Enrollment forms are available from Sons of Norway headquarters and online. For online form access, first login at sofn.com, then go to [Lodge Leadership Resources and continue to Membership Forms](#). New members of nonvoting lodges may also sign up directly at sofn.com.

Tubfrim

The program continues, but there will be no prize travel vouchers as in the past. The Third District's Tubfrim Chairperson is Kjell Kittilsen.

You can reach him by mail at 871 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228 or by phone at 718-680-4684. The Sons of Norway website, www.sofn.com, has information about Tubfrim.

Sons of Norway Foundation

Emily Stark is the new staff member at Sons of Norway in Minneapolis working on the Foundation. Dirk Hansen of Southern Star Lodge in Myrtle Beach is the Foundation Director for the Third District. He can be reached at hansen-oaks@lowcountry.com. This past year was a very good year for fundraising by the Foundation. Information and scholarship deadlines can be found at www.sofn.com.

Change in Governance in Sons of Norway

*Adapted information for all lodges from District President Kathy Dollymore's statement in the most recent Restauration Lodge's Slooper newsletter:

Some Sons of Norway news from Minnesota is that Sons of Norway is changing how it does business from a convention-voting to a direct-voting governance change. The referendum was overwhelmingly voted upon by our International Delegates. This will be announced in the Viking Magazine. Very little will change in normal lodge functioning. We will still vote on officers and conduct business as before. The one change will be in all District Conventions. The goal for District Conventions is to become a "Member Experience", focusing on celebrating Norwegian culture and heritage with time for district updates and lodge leadership development.

Pause on Local Lodge Bylaws Update

Sons of Norway has recently asked lodges to pause in updating Lodge Bylaws because of the changes in governance that are being worked on at Sons of Norway. Good news, you get a reprieve! If you and your lodge were diligent in the last year, updated your Bylaws, sent them to Minneapolis, and haven't heard anything, just be patient.

Death Notices and District and Zone Memorial Services

If one of your lodge members passes away, please send or have one of your officers send an official death notice to the Sons of Norway headquarters. You will need to go to the website www.sofn.com to

obtain the necessary form. Then Log In/ Member Resources box/ Lodge Leadership Resources/ Administrative Resources/ Lodge Forms/ Notice of Death – Form 10A.

It is wise to print the 4 notices that are shown on one page, because you can use all of them. Send the copies to the following:

Sons of Norway Headquarters, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Include a note saying that you would like the name of the deceased member printed in the In Loving Memory section of Viking Magazine.

Your lodge membership records.

Your lodge's list of deceased members' names and information for your next Zone Memorial Service. This list will be given to the Zone Director or Zone Secretary prior to the Memorial Service.

Your lodge's list of deceased members' names and information for the biennial District Lodge Meeting/Convention where there is also a Memorial Service.

You can obtain the member # and address of the deceased on your Membership lists (after logging in, see your profile on the Sons of Norway website). It is very important that you also take note of the birth date AND "Member Effective Since" date. Keep these dates for the Zone Memorial Service and Convention Memorial Service.

That's all I can think of! Have a nice day, secretaries. I hope to see you at the convention. I will be stepping down from the District Secretary position after the convention and wish the next Secretary well.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Addison, District 3 Secretary 2018-2022



District 3 Lodges take advantage of Fraternal Funds Windfall

In 2021, the 3rd District Executive Board felt that it would be appropriate to distribute some of its allotted fraternal fund monies to all of the lodges in thanks for all their hard work that went into surviving and thriving during the health crisis. Here is how some of our Lodges spent their reward:

- Henrik Ibsen– Fishing trip for zone members
- Hampton Roads– Lodge brochures
- Noreg– Genealogy/ Cultural pins and bars
- Nor-Bu– Food for Alzhiemers lunch
- Nansen– Cultural diversity program
- Tampa Bay– Jultrefest room rental
- Blå Fjell– Viking Day for Adopt a School
- Hudson Valley– DJ for anniversary
- Bondelandet– Hershey Handbell concert tickets
- Norden– Hardcopy newsletter mailings
- North Carolina Vikings– Welcome back meeting expenses
- Norsk Carolina– Syttende Mai 2022 expenses
- Suncoast– Cleaning expenses for meeting hall
- Restauration– 45th Anniversary pins
- Brooklyn– “Swedish Meatballs” live in concert
- Washington Lodge– Zoom contract
- Gulf Coast Vikings– Meeting Hall rental

And lastly:

LODGE SKAUGUM, No. 468



Sons of Norway

March 17, 2022

Hi Jeanne and 3D board,

We received your \$100.- check a while back and mulled over how to best use it. There is so much need, locally and else where.

We finally had a membership meeting this week and the choice became clear.

We decided to donate it to the Ukrain effort and added \$100 of our own.

We sent to money through one of the authorized organizations.

We since have sent \$250.- more from our account, it is such a worthy cause right now.

Thankyou 3 D board!

Hilseu Tone Vanderblue, Fin. Sec. Skaugum

From Falmouth to Lauderdale - District 3 Happenings

Gateway to Florida 3-541



Gateway to Florida Lodge 3-541 Treasurer Bonnie Hardman & Vice President Kent Larson present a \$500 donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church Pastor Daniel Locke! Also, pictured is Tony Cruz, Cantor & Organist, at St. Mark's & 15 year Lodge member!

Zone 4



Picture of Tore Heskestad playing his Hardanger fiddle. Picture 2 is Zone 4 Director Kaare Hansen giving Kristiane Krell her Zone 4 Scholarship for 2022 at a Luncheon at Big Valley Lodge, the former Land of the Vikings!



Fredriksten 3-125



At our April meeting the members of Fredriksten all stepped up and participated in trimming stamps for the Tubfrim project.

Washington Lodge 3-428



Washington Lodge 3-428 member Michael Plasha and one of the seven lundehunds that meet monthly in the backyard of Norway House. There are several lundehund families in the area who enjoy meeting and teaching others about this unusual Norwegian breed. Lundehunds were originally bred to hunt puffins and puffin eggs (puffin=lunde) along the cliffs of northern Norway. They were almost extinct by the 1960s but have become viable again thanks to efforts of dedicated fans and breeders.

News from Washington Lodge

Our March program was on the Viking Foundation of Dublin, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. You can watch the program on YouTube here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAF2XIX2SVY>. We're continuing to meet online but hope we can hold an in-person New Member Brunch at our lodge in April. The last New Member Brunch we held, before Covid arrived, was in April 2019. Since that time over 100 people have joined so we are exploring ways to accommodate everyone safely. We are also working on installing a high quality AV system so we can hold hybrid meetings at Norway house and invite speakers and guests from around the world.

Hampton Roads 3-522



For their first lodge meeting of 2022, the Hampton Roads lodge held a funny skit of Ole and Lena getting married. Since this was one of the first opportunities for the lodge's members to meet in person after covid, they had a great turnout and had a lot of fun.



The wedding party consisted of Lenny Zingarelli as Ole and Judy Grandstaff as Lena. The rest of the wedding party consisted of Vivian Zingarelli, Ralph and AnneGrete Peterson, Terry Grandstaff, and Bob Rumney.

Deanna Rumney was the wedding planner and organizer of this fun event.



Hampton Roads had its New Members Breakfast for a record number of new members. Between the main lodge in Virginia Beach and its satellite lodge Norge Norsemen in Norge/Williamsburg, the Hampton Roads lodge has once again exceeded its year 2021 recruitment goal and received the Founders Award from Sons of Norway Headquarters.



Norskevenner 3-678

We are continuing our monthly lodge Zoom meetings and try to have a speaker at each meeting, This month Sons of Norway member Jorgen Flood will speak to us about the break-up of the Danish-Norwegian Kingdom.

Norskevenner is also reviving its participation in the Satellite Lodge project and are actively looking for SofN members "at a distance" who are not lodged but might want to help build a satellite lodge in their area.

In February, we had a small meeting at Allesio's Italian Restaurant in Roswell, GA and spoke about possible future projects for Norskevenner Lodge.

future projects for Norskevenner Lodge.

Sons of Norway Book Club

What began as a book club for the members of our lodges in Zone 7 has quickly become a national book club for Sons of Norway. We now have members in all districts with the exception of District 8 (Norway).

We meet on the last Thursday of each month and have two meetings that day. For our members in the eastern half of the U.S. we have a Zoom meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. eastern time and a second meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. mountain time for our west coast members.

We read two books a month. The main selection is usually about some aspect of Norwegian or Norwegian-American heritage, culture, literature, etc. Our second selection is always a Scandinavian mystery.

For more information, or to join our book club, please send an email to SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com. Please include your name and the name of your lodge.

-Bill Browning

Nansen 3-410

St. Paddy's day on Staten Island



Bondelandet 3-612



Winners at our March Bondelandet Lodge meeting in Lancader, PA. The subject was Bingo conducted in Norwegian language, small doabated gifts as prizes. Was a fun event worth replicating. John Svensson

Oslo Lodge 3-438



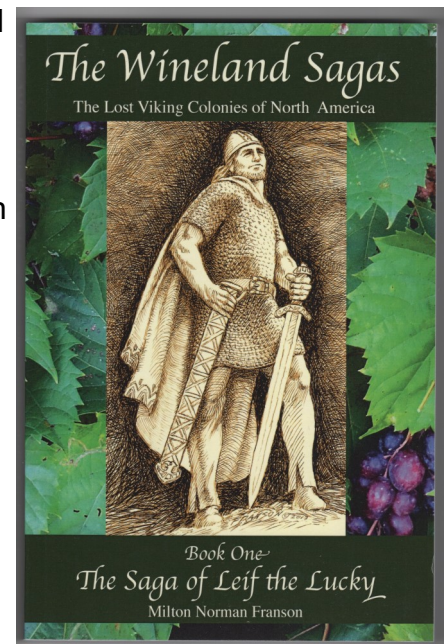
Oslo Lodge officers pose at their February "Nordic Soup Warming" event.

Where was Viinland? And why did it disappear? Oslo Lodge, 3-438, CNY author MILTON NORMAN FRANSON makes a compelling case for answers to this mystery that has baffled historians (and many NorwegianAmericans) since Leif Eiriksson set foot on the N. American shore over 1000 years ago. Franson's historical fiction trilogy tells the full story of Leif and the Greenland and Iceland Norse as they discover, explore and then attempt to establish a new Norse colony in the

land Leif has named "Wine Land the Good". Franson's saga trilogy is called THE WINELAND SAGAS and is based on Leif's own tale as he told his adventures to his family and friends upon returning to his Southern Greenland home. The WINELAND SAGAS is must reading for anyone curious about what really happened to Leif Eiriksson's "lost Norse American colony" 1000 years ago. This historical fiction trilogy is available at Amazon Books.com in either digital reader format or in paperback.

Milton Franson is also the Publicity Director for Oslo Lodge.

Question? How many published authors are members of District 3. I know Restauration has one and Southern Star has one. Who else? Email me hansenoaks@lowcountry.com and I will put together a list.



**ALZHEIMERS
DEMENTIA
AWARENESS**

**CT CHARITABLE
TRUST**
The 3rd District
Taking Care of Our Own



APRIL IS CHARITABLE TRUST MONTH



From Pete Hanson

The Charitable Trust is unique in Sons of Norway to our District 3. Responding to a fraternal and financial need in 1971 and for more than 50 years since, the Charitable Trust has provided modest support to District 3 members with subsistence critical to their physical, social and psychological wellbeing. The need could be as simple as helping with the very high cost of prescription drugs or it could be a little help getting back on your feet from a devastating loss. A beneficiary may only need assistance for a few months or sometimes a little longer. Our donations are used to help those less fortunate, who simply cannot afford the basic essentials of life.

It's a great cause, and I have been proud to be a part of it.

With the current state of the economy, it's become even more important to raise money to keep the good work of the C.T. going. Will you please consider a monetary donation to the Charitable Trust? Individual and lodge donations, estate planning, and fund raisers, in honor of a birthday or other celebration or event, are ways to ensure the Charitable Trust keeps doing the good work it does.

All funds have been and will continue to be invested appropriately to ensure protection and longevity.

To learn more about the Charitable Trust please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have now or in the future at counselor@3dsfn.org.

Beneficiary Ms. S wrote *"I am writing this note to thank you for your financial assistance. Without that monthly check I would have to move away from my grandchildren as well as my life-long home"*.

April has come and gone but the work of The 3rd District Charitable Trust is a year long endeavor. Please continue to support the CT as the year progresses.

New Newsletter Contest update!

Beginning now there will be a newsletter contest and all lodges will be eligible to win!

Simply, insert the exact statement; "Lodge name– Supports a Dementia Friendly Society" as a permanent part of your lodge newsletter's masthead.

Submit your newsletters to me, Dirk Hansen hansenoaks@lowcountry.com Submissions will be judged on prominence and overall appearance. A \$100 donation will be made to the 3rd District Charitable Trust in the winning Lodge Editors name. Sorry, Southern Star is not eligible even though they have already begun to do this.

I am happy to report that this has really caught on. So much so that it will be extremely difficult to choose a winner. Helpful Hint: To win it will take more than just displaying the declaration-it needs to really "pop". Be sure to email me your entries. Yes I do read them. ED



**GREAT LODGE
FUNDRAISER**



**\$600
VALUE**



**YOUR LODGE COULD WIN
THIS BEAUTIFUL QUILT**



**FREE
SHIPPING**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL
SUPPORT**



**EXCITING RAFFLE FOR DISTRICT 3 LODGES AND LODGE
MEMBERS AS PART OF THE 2022 CONVENTION IN
JACKSONVILLE, FL.**

**MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROUS DONATION FROM
GATEWAY TO FLORIDA LODGE 3-541**

Here is your chance to WIN a “one of a kind” work of art and comfort and support The Sons of Norway Foundation at the same time!

This quilt, with a market price of \$600, would certainly make a very profitable fundraising item for your lodge so please consider this when making your raffle ticket purchases. The winning lodge will be credited with their purchase as a donation to the Foundation in 2022

- Tickets are **\$25** each (no limit for amount purchased)
- Drawing will be held and the winner announced at the 2022 District 3 Convention in Jacksonville.
 - Winning Lodge or Lodge Member does not need to be present to win.
 - Free shipping will be provided if required.
- Each ticket purchase will be logged and assigned a number. The winning number will be randomly drawn from this log.
 - Lodge purchases must include name and/or lodge number on payment checks
 - Individual Lodge Member purchases must include your local lodge name and/or lodge number on the payment checks.
 - Lodges purchasing 4 or more tickets will appear as donors in the *Sons of Norway Foundation Annual report for 2022*

Make checks payable to: SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION

Mail to:

Dirk Hansen (District 3 Foundation Director)

271 Baxter Lane

Walterboro, SC 29488

Please mail to arrive by 6-1-2022; however, in person purchases will be accepted at the convention up to the time of the drawing.

QUESTIONS???? hansenoaks@lowcountry.com

Our Heritage and Culture– How Much Wood Could....



Norwegians take firewood seriously. So seriously that a prospective suitor might do well to get his woodpile in order before popping the question.



"You can tell a lot about a person from his -- or her -- woodpile," said writer and journalist Lars Mytting.

He would know. Mytting, who lives in southern Norway's heavily wooded snow forest, is the author of last year's runaway, European best-seller, "Norwegian Wood: Chopping, Stacking and Drying Wood the Scandinavian Way." It's a lyrical compendium of practical advice on a subject that has obsessed Scandinavians for centuries.

"It's recorded back to the Viking era," Mytting said. "So, we have quite a developed knowledge on how to get properly seasoned firewood."

That includes not just felling, hauling and chopping their own wood but also -- crucially -- stacking it for proper seasoning.

In a country in which 25 percent of homes are heated with wood -- half of it chopped by homeowners -- a good woodpile is both a necessity of life and a measure of character. And yes, Mytting said previous generations of women really did know how to read a man's stack.

In "Norwegian Wood," he offers the following guidelines:

- Upright and solid pile: Upright and solid man
- Low pile: Cautious man, could be shy or weak
- Tall pile: Big ambitions, but watch out for sagging and collapse
- Flamboyant pile, widely visible: Extroverted, but possibly a bluffer
- Unfinished pile, some logs lying on the ground: Unstable, lazy, prone to drunkenness
- Old and new wood piled together: Be suspicious: might be stolen wood added to his own
- Pedantic pile: Perfectionist with too much time on his hands (or perhaps waiting for the right woman?)

In some cases, though, truly flamboyant piles are encouraged and celebrated. Norwegian newspapers run annual photo competitions to pick the best and most unusual local woodpiles, which are "liked" by hundreds on Facebook. Labyrinths of stacked and split logs are popular, Mytting says, as are abstract and figurative sculptures.

Perhaps the greatest ornamental wood stacker in the country is Ole Kristian Kjelling, Kjelling is a retired electrical engineer who made headlines throughout Norway in 2012 when he constructed a giant woodpile portrait of Queen Sonja and King Harald V for the 75th royal anniversary. (Kjelling had previously rendered the composer Rossini, as well as his local mayor, in woodpiles.)

"He's in the master class of woodpilers here in Norway," said Mytting. "He's old and has lots of time, so I forgive him. And he's already married."

Beyond the practical and aesthetic value of a well-stacked woodpile, the Norwegian way of wood has a deeper meaning.

"It's a way to honor the material and a reminder that nothing lasts forever," he said.



Like humans, wood deteriorates with age, he adds, "So, you need to burn it while it's still young and beautiful."

What you are looking at here believe it or not is stacked firewood which has been shape stacked and then painted on the ends to portray a picture of the Norwegian King and Queen in celebration of their 75th birthdays. It was created by 80 year old Ole Kristian Kjelling from Stor-Elvdal in Hedmark Norway

Our Heritage and Culture– Vikingsholm



Vikingsholm is one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture in the western hemisphere. Mrs. Lora Josephine Knight purchased the property encompassing the head of Emerald Bay and Fannette Island in 1928 for \$250,000.

Before starting construction of the summer home late that year, Mrs. Knight and her architect traveled to Scandinavia to gather ideas for the construction of the house. Work on the home ceased at first snowfall in the winter of 1928, and was started up again in the spring of 1929.

Two hundred workers were brought to Emerald Bay and started hand hewing the timbers, carving the intricate designs, hand planing the wood for the interior walls, and forging the hinges and latches. Most of the materials to construct the home came from the Tahoe Basin.

Trees were cut for their size and lack of knots, and the granite for the foundation and walls was quarried from behind the house. The ideas for the construction came from buildings dating as far back as the 11th century. Some sections of the home contain no nails, pegs, or spikes.

One of the interesting architectural designs is the sod roof which covers both the north and south wings of the complex. The interior of the home has paintings on some of the ceilings and walls and two intricately carved dragon beams. The six fireplaces are of Scandinavian design with unusual fireplace screens.



Most of the furnishings in the home were originally selected by Mrs. Knight and reflect typical pieces used in Scandinavian homes of the period. A number of original antiques were purchased and others were reproduced to exact detail, even to the aging of the wood and duplication of scratches.

The furnishings on the second floor were reproduced from the architects drawings of 18th and 19th century museum pieces. A step into Vikingsholm is like a step back into medieval times and a chance to gain an appreciation of a unique style of architecture and the person who had it built.

Vikingsholm can be reached by parking in the Vikingsholm parking lot by Highway 89 at Emerald Bay. Access to lower Vikingsholm is via a **steep one mile trail** that drops 500 feet in elevation to the house. **WARNING:** Visitors with medical conditions or mobility issues should not attempt this hike. **THERE ARE NO RIDES OUT.**

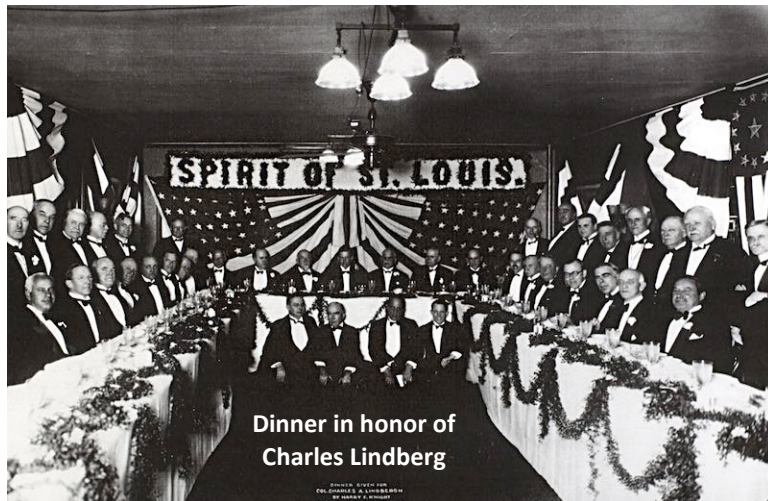
Visitors are welcome to hike down to Vikingsholm any time of year, but please be aware: In the winter, snow and ice can lead to hazardous conditions. Before deciding to hike in the snow, consider if you

have appropriate footwear, clothing, food and water supply, and stamina level. Cell phones may not have reception. There are no services or drinking water from Oct - May. Restrooms are available year-round at the bottom. Round-trip to Vikingsholm and back is 2 miles with 400 feet elevation gain.

LORA J. KNIGHT

Many people assume that Mrs. Knight was of Scandinavian origin because of her decision to build Vikingsholm but she was actually of English decent. She was born Lora Josephine Small in Galena, Illinois, in 1864 - one of a family of four daughters and one son. Her father Edward A. Small, was a corporate lawyer who accepted two brothers, James and William Moore, into his law firm. These young men eventually gained controlling interests in a number of large companies, including National Biscuit, Continental Can, Diamond Match, Union Pacific, and Rock Island Railroad. In the 1880s Lora married James and her sister, Ada, married William.

Lora and James Moore had one son, Nathaniel, who married Helen Fargo of the family of Wells Fargo fame. During most of the Moore's married life, James and Lora lived in Chicago, Illinois and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. They also traveled extensively, making many trips to California as well as abroad. In 1915, they purchased a home in Santa Barbara, but had little time to enjoy it together since Mr. Moore died in 1916.



In the early 1920s, Lora Small Moore married Harry French Knight, a stockbroker from St. Louis. This marriage was not successful and they were divorced prior to the building of Vikingsholm. Mrs. Knight is probably known best for the building of Vikingsholm, but many still remember her because of her generous contributions to youth groups in California and Nevada and the provision of educational opportunities for young people who otherwise could not have afforded them. She also was a major benefactor to the Christian Science churches in Santa Barbara, Reno, and South Lake Tahoe. She and Mr. Knight actively promoted Charles Lindbergh's flight

across the Atlantic and were the prime financial backers of that flight.

My thanks to California State Parks for their permission to use parts of this article. And for providing associated pictures. Please keep them in mind if your travel plans include California

"ON THE ROAD" In The 3rd District

Its almost convention time and soon some of you from the North will once again be making your pilgrimage south for the District Meeting in Jacksonville. Things have changed some but there is still that beacon of hope that your journey is coming to its end. Its just not what it used to be.



South of the Border is an attraction on Interstate 95 and US Highway 301/501 in Dillon, South Carolina, just south of Rowland, North Carolina. It is so named because it is just south of the border between North Carolina and South Carolina and is themed in tongue-in-cheek, faux Mexican style. The rest area contains restaurants, gas stations, a video arcade, and a motel, and truck stop as well as a small dilapidated amusement park with no operating rides but a mini golf course still in commission, shopping and fireworks stores. Its mascot is Pedro, a caricature of a Mexican bandido. The entire motif of South of the Border can be described as intentionally campy. South of the Border is located at the intersection of Interstate 95 and 301/501 just south of the border between South Carolina and North Carolina. The site is a 350-acre (140 ha) compound that contains a miniature golf course, truck stop, 300-room motel, multiple souvenir shops, a campground, multiple restaurants, amusement rides, and a 200-foot (61 m) observation tower with a sombrero shaped observation deck. It is also home to "Reptile Lagoon," the largest reptile exhibit in the US.

Leonard J. DeFrancisci, CC BY
-SA 3.0 <<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/>>, via
Wikimedia Commons

Architectural features include "a Jetsonsque starburst chandelier" in the lobby and Mimetic. Pedro's Pleasure Dome is a swimming pool inside "a junkyard version" of a geodesic dome. A *Washington Post* review says, "Flashing signs ... throw technicolor pink and green and blue onto every surface. No destination or sentiment is too small to be blared out in bright orange." Numerous large statues of animals such as dolphins, horses, dogs, gorillas and dinosaurs can be found. The Peddler Steakhouse, the nicest of the restaurants, is shaped like a sombrero, while the Mexican-themed Sombrero restaurant is not, though its décor includes sombreros, cactus and terra cotta, with lots of lime green. There are areas that bring to mind the photography of William Eggleston, the cinematography of David Lynch, and the gas station art of Ed Ruscha.

Initially, Schafer only employed sombreros and serapes to advertise South of the Border. Schafer went to Mexico because of his import business and came back with two men he hired as bellboys, who people began calling Pedro and Pancho. From there, the Pedro mascot developed. Schafer eventually created Pedro, to add to the exotic element and theme of the attraction. Pedro is an exaggerated, cartoon-like representation of a Mexican bandito. Pedro wears a sombrero, a poncho and a large mustache. Minstrel shows were still popular in Dillon County in the 1940s and 50s, at about the time Pedro was created and P. Nicole King argues Pedro embodies the way in which people exoticized Mexico or Mexicans at the time while also remaining intentionally campy. Pedro has likewise been referred to as culturally offensive, politically incorrect or racist. P. Nicole King described Pedro's image as a "southern Jewish guy in brown face" that was perhaps made, partially, in Schafer's image. Schafer himself had previously dismissed criticism that Pedro is an unfair characterization of Mexicans arguing it's a light-hearted joke.

Today, all South of the Border employees, regardless of race, creed or color are referred to as Pedro. The opening scene of Season 3, Episode 5 of *Eastbound & Down* shows characters Eduardo Sanchez Powers and Casper robbing a Mexican store leading the viewers to believe they were still in Mexico. The scene later reveals they were actually robbing the gift shop at South of the Border and are now traveling in the United States.



VIKING HISTORY

Viking Entertainment. Editors top picks



No. 5- Nothing says Scandinavian more than a guy in a sweater sailing around in New York harbor on a Viking Longship smoking a cigar. View this iconic TV ad for Erik little cigars here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IRr4I8dQ-0>



No. 4— ***Tales of the Vikings*** is an American first-run syndicated television series, first telecast on 8 September 1959 and ran through June 2, 1960. The series was produced by Kirk Douglas' production company, Brynaprod.

Set in tenth century Scandinavia, the series presented the seafaring exploits of Viking chief Firebeard and his two sons, Leif and Finn.

Guest stars for the thirty-nine episode run included: Christopher Lee, Patrick McGoohan, Robert Alda, and Edmund Purdom.

In 1949 Douglas founded his own company, Bryna Productions, named after his mother. *Tales of the Vikings* was the company's first venture into television. The series, like the Douglas' 1958 film *The Vikings*, was shot in Europe and used footage, sets, props, and costumes from the film. It was filmed in black and white, and distributed by United Artists Television. Since *Tales of the Vikings* aired in syndication, air dates varied from one TV station to another during the 1959-1960 season. It also aired on British television, and in 1962 in Finland.

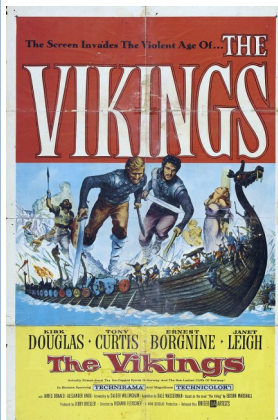
Courtland has his hair and beard dyed blond for the series. Ryan O'Neal got his start on *Tales of the Viking*. His parents, who were living abroad at the time, got the teenager a job as a stuntman, under veteran John Sullivan, learning fights, falls, and duels. The theme song was written by Bert Grund with lyrics by Sid Morse.

Firebeard, Viking chieftain - Stefan Schnabel

Leif, Firebeard's younger son - Jerome Courtland

Finn, Firebeard's elder son - Walter Barnes

Haldar, Viking crewman - Buddy Baer



No.3- ***The Vikings*** is a 1958 epic historical fiction swashbuckling film directed by Richard Fleischer and filmed in Technicolor. It was produced by Jerry Bresler and stars Kirk Douglas. It is based on the 1951 novel *The Viking* by Edison Marshall, which in turn is based on material from the sagas of Ragnar Lodbrok and his sons. Other starring roles were taken by then husband-and-wife Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh as well as Ernest Borgnine. The film made notable use of natural locations in Norway. It was mostly filmed in Maurangerfjorden and Maurangnes, captured on film by cinematographer Jack Cardiff, although Aella's castle was the real Fort-la-Latte in north-east Brittany in France.

Despite being derisively called a "Norse Opera" by *New York Times* critic Bosley Crowther, the film proved a major box office success and spawned the television series *Tales of the Vikings*, directed by the film's editor, Elmo Williams, which included

Public Domain

none of the original cast or characters.

Did You Know: Kirk and Tony made a deal during the filming. Since Kirk killed Tony in *Spartacus*, Curtis would get to kill Douglas in *The Vikings*.



No 2. This is “Must Watch Television” **Norsemen** is a Norwegian comedy television series about a group of Vikings living in the village of Norheim around the year 790. It originally premiered in Norway under the name **Vikingane** (*The Vikings*) on NRK1 in October 2016. It is produced for NRK by Viafilm. The series is written and directed by Jon Iver Helgaker and Jonas Torgersen.

The series is filmed in the village of Avaldsnes in Karmøy municipality, Rogaland, Norway, and it was recorded simultaneously in both Norwegian and English-language versions by filming each scene twice.

In September 2020, it was announced that the show had been canceled and would not return for a fourth season.



Nils Jørgen Kaalstad as Arvid, can be seen as Steven Van Zandt’s driving instructor in *Lillyhammer*.



No. 1- **The 13th Warrior** is a 1999 American historical fiction action film based on Michael Crichton's 1976 novel *Eaters of the Dead*, which is a loose adaptation of the tale of *Beowulf* combined with Ahmad ibn Fadlan's historical account of the Volga Vikings. It stars Antonio Banderas as Ahmad ibn Fadlan, as well as Diane Venora and Omar Sharif. It was directed by John McTiernan. Crichton directed some uncredited reshoots. The film was produced by McTiernan, Crichton, and Ned Dowd, with Andrew G. Vajna, James Biggam and Ethan Dubrow as executive producers. Absolutely the best. This movie has it all!

Honorable mention- History Channels “Vikings” (Before Travis Fimmel leaves the show) Even Ivar the Boneless’ insanity couldn’t salvage the later seasons. The followup “Vikings Valhalla wasn’t too bad though.



Scandinavian American Spotlight– Remember the Danes



The history between Texas and the Kingdom of Denmark goes back quite far. The first Danes to come to Texas that we know of by name came during the colonial period when Texas was still under Mexican rule. Most were sailors who visited the area and decided to stay. Such a man was Peter Johnson, a Danish sea captain who sailed the Gulf of Mexico, visited the Texas coast and began trading in Indianola before deciding to settle there. Another was John Edward Henrichson who moved farther inland and became a rancher near the largely Irish settlement of San Patricio. Others came over from the United States such as the Danish cattleman Christian Hillebrandt who drove his cattle from Louisiana into East Texas and established himself as one of the earliest Texas ranchers. However, the most famous of these early individuals was a Dane who credentials as a “true Texan” would be tough to beat. Not only did he design the first “Lone Star” flag of the war but he later gave his life defending the Alamo. Most history books record his name as Charles Zanco but his real name was Charles Lanco. It was the summer of 1835, the first year of the war, when William Scott announced to the people of Austin’s colony in Lynchburg that he would equip anyone willing to volunteer to fight for Texas independence from Mexico. About 30 men volunteered immediately and one of those brave men was a 28-year old artist from Denmark named Charles Zanco.

These thirty formed a company with William Scott as captain. Later, Captain Scott gave four yards of blue silk to Lieutenant James McGahey with orders to come up with a flag for them. Knowing he had an artist in the ranks, Lt. McGahey took the material to Charles Zanco and asked him to paint a design on it. The Danish design was simple but striking, a large, white, lone star in the center along with, at the suggestion of McGahey, the word “Independence” at the bottom. When the Danish-designed flag was first flown at Lynchburg, two boats of armed men coming up from Harrisburg (modern-day Houston) spotted it and began cheering “Hurrah for the Lone Star!” The uplifting effect this had later caused many to mark the occasion as the beginning of the war for independence in southeast Texas. Later, the flag and Charles Zanco saw action with Scott’s company at the battle of Concepcion Mission in October of 1835. The following year, the Danish volunteer gave his last full measure of devotion at the battle of the Alamo, by that time have been promoted to lieutenant in the ordinance department.

Because of Lt. Charles Zanco, the flag of Denmark has and will always have a place of honor in the Alamo, “the Shrine of Texas Liberty”. However, Danish interaction with Texas did not begin on a sizeable scale until after the War Between the States. Two Texans named Travis Shaw and John Hester happened to be visiting the Kingdom of Denmark. Impressed by what they saw, they thought Texas needed some Danes and so they asked if anybody was interested in moving to Texas. A few agreed and were sold land by Shaw and Hester in Lee County. Prices were cheap and at the time, owning property for most any common

man in the small countries of Europe was nearly impossible so this was viewed as an opportunity. About 20 families of Danes made the voyage across the ocean first but more came later in the following decade. The first settled in Lee County of course, as did the later arrivals. Most established themselves in an area around eight miles west of the County seat of Lexington. The area came to have such a Danish flavor that it became known as “Little Denmark”. The early settlers were noted for their industriousness and most all were employed in productive occupations such as Paul Paulsen who was a cabinet maker, Niels Thompson who was a bricklayer and Peter Jensen who was a blacksmith.



INDEPENDENCE