

**Sons of Norway District Lodge #3**

**66<sup>th</sup> District Convention Minutes**

**June 10-12, 2022**

**Doubletree- Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel**

**Jacksonville, Florida**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE, FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022, 5:00 PM**

The Memorial Service was held at the hotel. As guests entered, prelude music was played on a keyboard by Gateway to Florida Lodge member Bonnie Hardman. Guests also received two booklets - a program for the service and a listing of those who have passed in the seven Zones of District 3.

At 5:00 PM, Sons of Norway International Secretary Marci Larson welcomed everyone to the 66<sup>th</sup> Third District Lodge Meeting and Convention Memorial Service. Reverend Ida Iverson of Gateway to Florida Lodge followed by giving an invocation. Rannveig Klinge of Nordkap Lodge recited the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm in Norwegian, and Reverend Ida read from Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

Reverend Iverson sang a hymn called "Hymn of Promise", and Third District International Director, Ken Johnson, gave a tribute afterwards.

The Memorial Address was given by Third District President Kathy Dollymore and was as follows:

Welcome and thank you for coming to the Third District Memorial Service. Your presence here matters. Looking around the room today I see many familiar faces, as well as some new ones. This isn't surprising to me as the love in our Sons of Norway family flows strong and deep leaving us memories to treasure.

Today we are holding this Memorial service for the Sons of Norway Third District members who have passed away in the past 4 years. We know it helps to share with others who understand and care about our sorrow and know that God's love and power extends all over creation.

Today we think of the Brothers and Sisters we've lost, but this is not unusual because so much of them lives on in our memories.

Each member is a treasure to our Lodge, Zone, District and to the Order. We recognize their achievements and welcome those friendships by remembering them this afternoon. They played an important role in all our lives. I can confidently say everyone here probably has a story about a time a lodge member helped or supported us. Their face comes clearly into focus, we hear their wise counsel and see their laughing eyes. A song, a word, a smile, and our world is a better place. *"A.A. Milne once wrote, 'If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever.'*

It is understood that people have to mourn and grieve, each in their own way, but what we are thankful for is the family and friendships formed in our order. The joys of fellowship and high ideals like beacons guiding us through life. Today we are celebrating life. So, I would ask everyone here to take a minute to reflect on all the happy and joyful moments, the love, the laughter, and funny antics which they brought to all our lives. Hold that in your heart and mind. For today while in the company of each other, we celebrate the memories and life of these individuals.

Nothing truly good is ever lost, and love never dies. The gifts of love and goodness will be passed along in our unending circle of life, and we will hold them in our hearts always. Here is a poem by Christy Ann Martine.

Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me	I'm not gone.
My soul is at rest	My heart lives on.
Light a candle	For me to see
And hold on to	My memory.
But save your tears	For I'm still here
By your side	Through the years.

A procession of Zone Directors carrying candles followed the address. This included: Zone 1 Director Elaine Breiland, Zone 2 Director Peter Hanson standing in for John E. Foss Jr., Zone 3 Director Audun Gythfeldt, Zone 4 Director Kaare Hansen, Zone 5 Director Arnie Johnsen, Zone 6 Director Marie Hansen, and Zone 7 Director Dirk Hansen. To pay tribute to those who have died, President Kathy Dollymore lit each Director's candle in order and stated, "I would like us to remember all the members who have joined Lodge Eternal from Zone \_\_\_." She then extinguished each candle in order while saying "I would like to honor those members who have joined Lodge Eternal from Zone \_\_\_." Zone Directors were asked to be seated among the guests. All joined in singing verses 1, 3, and 5 of "Amazing Grace", and Reverend Ida Iverson gave the Benediction sharing two verses from Scripture.

Isaiah 40:31, "He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart.", and John 14: 1-2, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Bonnie Hardman played a postlude on her keyboard as all guests exited.

### **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME RECEPTION, FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 6:00 – 10:00 PM**

A light buffet dinner was held in the hotel room next to the outdoor pool. Convention Advisor and International Secretary Marci Larson welcomed all delegates, non-delegates, Board members, Gateway to Florida Convention Committee members, and International Director Ken Johnson to the reception. Colors abounded, since so many were wearing casual Hawaiian flowered shirts. Marci introduced President Kathy Dollymore. Kathy then introduced the other Third District Board members who were present at the reception: Zone 7 Director Dirk Hansen, Zone 6 Director Marie Hansen, Zone 5 Director Arnie Johnsen, Zone 4 Director Kaare Hansen, Zone 3 Director Audun Gythfeldt, Zone 1 Director Elaine Breiland, Cultural Director Andy Mathisen, Sports Director Paul Kornbrekke, Counselor Peter Hanson, Secretary Jeanne Addison, International Director Ken Johnson, and International Secretary Marci Larson. Kathy also welcomed the guest from Sons of Norway headquarters, Fraternal and Foundation Director Connie O'Brien. Everyone applauded for all named. Kathy added that several Board members were not able to be in Florida and will be introduced tomorrow at the hybrid (in-person and virtual) District Lodge meeting tomorrow. Next Kathy gave her welcome address. She said:

I would like to thank our Convention Advisor Marci Larson and the Convention Committee for all the work they have done getting us ready for what I know will be a great Convention. And welcome, everyone, to the 66<sup>th</sup> Third District Convention and this President's Reception. I thank all of you for taking time from your personal lives to join in the decision-making process for the good of the order. I hope each of you find it interesting and educational. Please take the opportunity to meet people from other areas of the District. We will meet at 8:00 AM tomorrow. Bring your coffee. Enjoy the food, the fun, and the fraternalism. Now let's start this convention off with a party...

### **THIRD DISTRICT LODGE MEETING, SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022, 8:00 AM**

**This meeting was held jointly by Board members, lodge delegates, and International members who were either attending at the Doubletree Jacksonville Hotel or on an electronic (virtual) platform called ZOOM.**

President Kathy Dollymore called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. She used her gavel and shared the history of the Third District's Traveling Gavel. She said the wood used to make it was over 1000 years old and was from a Viking ship. A former member carved the wood. The Gavel will be going from lodge to lodge in the future.

All rose for the singing of the Canadian, Norwegian, and American anthems, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Dollymore began by thanking Convention Advisor Marci Larson and her Convention Committee for all their work over the years of 2018 to 2022. All were applauded. Marci then introduced her committee members and their assignments:

Marci Larson – Convention Committee Advisor

Kent Larson - Registrar

Pastor Ida Iverson - Memorial Service and Viking Auction

Marty Iverson – a “Viking boat boy”, care of the boats

Eugene Yerkes– another “Viking boat boy” and brewer of Hagar beer

Cheryl Drabek – Volunteer Coordinator

Charlotte Fluker - Cultural/ Folk Art Exhibition

Anna Large – Viking Auction

Bonnie Hardman – Treasurer and Musician

Gail Yerkes and Shawn Cook - Convention journal

Connie Lorey and Ellen Wallwork - Sweet treats.

Marci made announcements about tickets, meals, and activities today.

Next, President Kathy Dollymore introduced the Third District Board officers who were attending on ZOOM as:

Zone 2 Director John Foss, Jr. – “master of forestry and deed investigator”

Publicity Director Jim Dunagan – “a whiz at computers”

Youth Director Susan Olson – “stayed fit chasing kids all around youth camp”

Kari Williams – treasurer, “expert balancing numbers”

Vice President Steve Helmold – Kathy’s “back-up these last 4 years and source of many new ideas”.

In addition, the following Third District officers and guests were present:

On the dais and on President Dollymore’s left - Parliamentarian Roger Winslow, International Secretary Marci Larson, and Counselor Peter Hanson. On her right - Secretary Jeanne Addison, International Director Ken Johnson, and guest Sons of Norway Fraternal & Foundation Director Connie O’Brien.

At a table on President Kathy Dollymore's left - Zone 4 Director Kaare Hansen, Zone 5 Director Arnie Johnsen, Zone 6 Director Marie Hansen, and Cultural Director Andy Mathisen. At a table on her right - Zone 1 Director Elaine Breiland, Zone 3 Director Audun Gythfeldt, Sports/Rec Director Paul Kornbrekke, and Zone 7 Director Dirk Hansen.

Counselor Peter Hanson reviewed the \$10 donation rule. If someone's cell phone goes off during the meeting, they owe the Third District Charitable Trust \$10.

At 8:20 AM, President Dollymore excused the Convention Credentials Committee (Chairperson Arnie Johnsen, Peter Hanson, and Marie Hanson) to perform their work.

She introduced the former District and International officers present, announcing their highest rank, and asked them to wave.

They are: Mary Andersen – past District 3 President  
Ralph Peterson – former International Vice President  
Barbara Berntsen – former International Director  
Peter Vatne – former District 3 Vice President  
Audun Gythfeldt – former International Secretary  
Julia Nilsen – former District 3 Secretary  
Karen Olsen-Helmold – former District 3 Secretary  
Asbjorn Lageraaen – former Zone 1 Director  
Judi Nilsen-Mack – former Social/Cultural Director  
Barbara Bensen – former Zone 3 Director  
Phil Fiederlein – former Zone 4 Director  
Ingrid Hammen – former Zone 5 Director  
Rannveig Klinge – former Zone 6 Director  
Diana Syvertsen – former Social/Cultural/Publicity Director

They were applauded.

President Dollymore welcomed all to the beautiful Jacksonville area and asked us to relax and meet other delegates. She asked that we attend all sessions of the meeting and carefully consider

the resolutions. She said we are trying something new having a shorter business meeting and having some delegates attend virtually and asked that we treat all delegates and the members in our lodges at home with respect and dignity. She noted that declining membership is a problem in the organization and asked we try to bring in at least one new member. Finally, she asked us to stick to the time schedule of the convention.

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Arnie Johnsen introduced committee members Peter Hanson and Marie Hansen. All lodge delegates, all Board members, the International Secretary, the International Director, and Parliamentarian received a copy of the 66th Convention Reports Book from Secretary Jeanne Addison prior to the meeting. Arnie announced the following changes to the Reports Book:

- 1) p. 3 - Njaal and Alice Svege from Brooklyn Lodge will no longer be delegates. (Later information informed the Committee that Alice would be a virtual delegate.)
- 2) p. 4 – Kit Gannon of Gulfstream is changed to “Frances Gagnon” (on delegate report form she was listed as Kit Gannon)
- 3) p. 4 - Jerry Blau of Hampton Roads is now virtual
- 4) p. 7 – Sonia Forrest and Cara Lee Blume of Restauration will no longer be delegates
- 5) p. 7 – Constance Koprowicz and Gladys Hyland of Southern Star will no longer be delegates
- 6) p. 11 – Public Relations Director Jim Dunagan is a non-voting member
- 7) p. 11 – recommend that International Secretary Marci Larson (Gateway to Florida Lodge) should be listed also

Because of the removal of the 6 delegates from Brooklyn, Restauration, and Southern Star, the number of “registered delegates” on pp. 12-13 of the Reports Book would be changed to read as follows:

LODGE #	LODGE NAME	STATE	ZONE	ADULT	MAX.	REGIS.	Day 1	Day 1	Day 2	Day 2	Day 3
				MEMBERS	DELEG.	DELEG.	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM
				12/31/2021							
0	Central			8018	108	0					
109	Faerder	NY	1	54	3	3					
215	Nordkap	MD	6	97	3	3					
232	Dovre	RI	2	19	2	0					
242	Fredheim	NY	3	51	3	1					
243	Brooklyn	NY	1	90	3	1					
252	Loyal	NY	1	231	5	4					
337	Norge	NY	1	58	3	0					
393	Henrik Ibsen	NY	1	67	3	1					
407	Norden	NY	1	155	4	4					
410	Nansen	NY	3	263	6	6					
427	Nor-Bu	NJ	3	229	5	5					
428	Washington	DC	6	362	7	7					
432	Hudson Valley	NY	4	197	5	2					
433	Scand. Heritage Soc.	NY	4	58	3	1					
438	Oslo	NY	4	36	2	1					
439	Pleasant Point	NJ	3	30	2	0					
466	Noreg	NJ	3	146	4	3					
467	Norrøna	NY	4	104	3	2					
468	Skaugum	CT	2	38	2	0					
474	Hartford	CT	2								
475	Lauderdale	FL	5	74	3	3					
476	Troll	NY	4	54	3	2					
501	Vikingworld	FL	5								
506	Norumbega	MA	2	192	5	5					
514	Gulfstream	FL	5	95	3	3					
515	Tampa Bay	FL	5	49	3	0					
522	Hampton Roads	VA	7	240	5	5					
539	Sarasota	FL	5								
541	Gateway to Florida	FL	5	111	3	3					
545	Morgensolen	MA	2	36	2	0					
555	Restauraton	PA	6	64	3	0					
562	Suncoast	FL	5	45	3	3					
566	Bernt Balchen	PA	3	71	3	0					
572	Norsemen	NY	4	17	2	2					
612	Bondelandet	PA	6	49	3	1					

617	Scandia	FL	5								
630	Southern Star	SC	7	72	3	1					
646	BlaFjell	VA	7	29	2	2					
664	Maine Nordmenn	ME	2	67	3	0					
675	North Carolina Vikings	NC	7	68	3	0					
678	Norskevenner	GA	7	79	3	2					
679	Norsk Carolina	NC	7	53	3	1					
683	Gulf Coast Vikings	FL	5	71	3	1					
690	Viking Mountain	PA	3								
999	Spirit New Century			135	4	0					

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The chart reflects 78 Lodge Delegates. There are also 16 Board members and 2 International officers seated at the time, for a total of 96. One Board member, PR Director Jim Dunagan, is non-voting (appointed to his position). The total number of voting members is  $78+15+2 = 95$ . With those changes, Arnie also announced that there are 59 in-person and 36 virtual voting members for a total of 95 voting members.

**Motion:** Chair Arnie Johnsen made a motion, on behalf of the Credentials Committee, to adopt the Credentials report on pages 3-8, as corrected. President Kathy Dollymore said that since it is a motion from a committee, a second is not required.

Jim Mostrum (Paddle # 92) said he only sees 33 virtual attendees on the screen.

Barbara Berntsen (Paddle # 20) said to remember that, if a vote comes, the attendance is checked then.

Barbara and Karen Olsen-Helmold (paddle #71) noted that Michael Pedersen (paddle #88) and Melissa Pedersen (paddle #87) of Loyal Lodge just joined the meeting.

**APPROVED** By a show of paddles, the Credentials Committee's report as corrected was approved. No one opposed.

Kathy excused the Credentials Committee with thanks for their work.



## **APPROVAL OF 2018 CONVENTION MINUTES**

President Dollymore announced that “the District Board is authorized by the Third District Bylaws to approve the June 6-10, 2018, Convention Minutes on behalf of the District Lodge”. The Board did so at its October 27, 2018, Board meeting.

## **GREETERS, TELLERS, MARSHALS**

Vice President Steve Helmold assigned the following:

Greeters – Ingrid Hammen (Gulfstream), Henry Hansen (Washington)

Tellers – Julia Nilsen (Hudson Valley), Diana Syvertsen (Noreg)

Marshalls – Lenny Zingarelli (Hampton Roads), Charles Webber (Nor-Bu)

Greeters were seated at the door.

## **CONVENTION MEETING GUIDELINES**

Secretary Jeanne Addison read the District Lodge Meeting Guidelines. In short summary, they stated: bring all typographical errors to the Secretary at breaks, be approved by the Chair before speaking, be on time for roll in the morning and after lunch, have one delegate from each lodge respond to roll, show your paddle whether in-person or on ZOOM then be recognized by the Chair before speaking, shout no comments during the meeting.

## **ROLL CALL AND SECRETARY COMMUNICATION**

Secretary Jeanne Addison read the Roll Call of Lodges for the Day 1 AM list of Lodge Delegates. At the time, all delegates were present. Thus, there were 78 lodge delegates, 16 Board members, and 2 International officers seated for a total of 96. Voting members seated were 95. Jeanne asked everyone to put their name on all papers, in case of loss.

## **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

President Kathy Dollymore introduced the Parliamentarian, Roger Winslow. Roger thanked all for inviting him and asked that everyone respect each other.

These Parliamentary Rules were read by President Dollymore who then explained that part of today’s business would be to complete the ballots for International delegates.

**Motion:** Peter Vatne (Paddle #46) moved to approve the General Parliamentary Rules as read.

**Seconded:** Christine Taylor (Paddle #49) seconded.

**APPROVED** By a show of paddles, all approved. No one opposed.

Before bringing up further committees, President Dollymore thanked all committee members for serving.

### **LAND OF THE VIKINGS (LOV)**

President Kathy Dollymore invited Roy Berntsen, Chair of the Land of the Vikings Board, and Barbara Berntsen to speak. Both are members of Norden Lodge. Roy introduced the members of the Board: Vice Chair Billy Karpack, Building & Grounds Rick Budrick, Secretary Barbara Berntsen, Treasurer Karen Olsen-Helmold, Marketing Director Elizabeth Nilsen, and Manager Bev Budrick. President Dollymore thanked Roy, Barbara, Karen, and Elizabeth, who were all participants in this meeting, for their work over many years.

Roy explained that after LOV had been closed for several years and in some disrepair, District President Mary Andersen discussed trying to open it again. Repairs were made, and LOV Board members worked constantly for many years trying to maintain the facility, fundraise, and attract Sons of Norway members and non-members as customers. For several years, Land of the Vikings was “in the red” economically. Roy said that in its last year of operation (2019) LOV was “in the black”, especially due to the efforts of Karen Olsen-Helmold. He said, though, it was going to be very hard to keep it that way for years to come. The LOV Board made a proposal to the Third District Board to close LOV again. The alternatives, he said, might be a fire sale or LOV being taken for taxes. At the end of 2019, the LOV Board decided to stop operations. The Third District Board agreed with the decision. Plans were then made to sell the property. In hindsight, it turned out to be a good decision because the pandemic followed. Barbara added she and Roy checked on the property so many times. Bills in the winter were difficult to afford. Both agreed that when Karen Olsen-Helmold shared the good numbers from 2019 with the purchaser, it helped in the final sale of the property. Roy thanked the LOV Sale Committee chaired by Vice President Steve Helmold. Steve said they were happy with the final sale price and that the new owners have had to do some repairs since the sale.

President Kathy Dollymore then asked everyone at the meeting who had done a work weekend at LOV, been involved in Youth Camp, been on the LOV Board, donated to improvements at LOV, or enjoyed times at LOV to please stand. All were applauded.

Vice President Stephen Helmold added that the other LOV Sale Committee members were Karen Olsen-Helmold, Paul Kornbrekke, and Elaine Breiland. He thanked Roy for showing the property at times, too. The LOV Sale Committee members were applauded.

### **REPORTS COMMITTEE**

President Kathy Dollymore called forward the committee. Chairperson Christine Taylor (Suncoast) introduced the other members - Arvida “Chris” Cash (Nordkap) and Lorin Johannessen (Hudson Valley). The Committee reviewed the entire 2022 Convention Reports Book. Chairperson Christine Taylor made us laugh when she told us that it was ironic that the only delegate name in which Secretary Jeanne Addison made a mistake was her name (Talyor instead of Taylor), the Reports Committee Chair’s name. Christine stated:

- 1) Chris Cash reviewed pp. 1-13 of the Reports Book and the cover. Chris recommended correcting Christine Taylor’s name on p. 9 and then all would be in order.
- 2) Christine Taylor reviewed pp. 27 – 154. Christine noted that between pp. 148 and 149, the page with the officers from 1924 – 1938, is missing. The current and past District Secretaries are working on locating it. Otherwise, all was in order.
- 3) Lorin Johannessen reviewed pp. 14-26 and the District President’s message and said that all was in order.

**Motion:** The Reports Committee recommended approval of the Reports Book.

**APPROVED** By a show of paddles, all approved. No one opposed.

### **THIRD DISTRICT CHARITABLE TRUST**

President Kathy Dollymore called Counselor Peter Hanson to speak. Peter said in 2018 there was a change in bylaws that made the Trustees of the Charitable Trust individuals who were the Counselor and 4 others, not the Counselor and the other Third District Executive Committee members. The Trustees presently are Peter Hanson (Chair), Peter Vatne (Financial Administrator), Doris Beck, Judi Nilsen Mack, and Audun Gythfeldt. Peter said they are advised by Scott Tonnessen of Morgan Stanley. Over the 6 years that Peter served, there have been 3

beneficiaries at a time receiving monthly checks from the Trust. These beneficiaries are struggling financially. Lodges have made recommendations on individuals, but some applicants have not followed through due to public assistance rules. The Morgan Stanley investment portfolio has grown from \$154,000 in 2016 to \$321,000 in 2022. Dividends, interest, donations, and some sale of portfolio items help to fund the beneficiaries' payments. Peter Hanson said he is retiring from the Trustees, and he was honored to do the work. He encouraged lodges to place a line-item in lodge budgets for the Trust as well as check out [www.3dsofn.org](http://www.3dsofn.org) under Charitable Giving to get more information and to donate.

The meeting recessed for a coffee break at 9:49 AM and resumed at 10:23 AM.

President Kathy noted that copies of the Parliamentary Rules were available for those who needed them. Marshalls handed them out.

Marty Iverson (Gateway to Florida, paddle # 27) announced that Gateway's alternate delegate, Evelyn Hopkins substituted for Kent Larson (paddle # 28).

### **CALLING UP COMMITTEES**

President Dollymore reviewed the protocol for all delegates when the Law, Resolutions, and Finance Committees come forward. She noted that when committees give a recommendation and make a motion to adopt or reject, no second is needed. In-person delegates should approach the microphone with their paddle, and virtual delegates should raise their hand on the screen. When the Chair recognizes the delegate, he or she should state his or her name, lodge, and paddle # and speak only to the issue being debated. Personal, accusatory, or libelous statements will not be tolerated. Each delegate will have two minutes to speak to the issue and cannot speak twice to the same issue.

Karen Olsen-Helmold (paddle # 71) announced that Alice Svege (Brooklyn, paddle # 96) just joined the meeting virtually. Brooklyn Lodge now has 2 delegates. That makes the total voting members 96 with 49 as a majority and 65 as a 2/3 majority.

## **LAW COMMITTEE**

President Kathy Dollymore called the Law Committee forward. Chair Peter Vatne (Norumbega) introduced the other members - Owen Christianson (Washington) and Jerry Blau (Hampton Roads).

### **Resolution #1 Counselor/Charitable Trust Director Submitted by District Lodge #3 for District Bylaws**

Peter Vatne presented this resolution.

**WHEREAS** members of the Executive Committee are no longer trustees of the Charitable Trust,  
**WHEREAS** the Counselor in later year has essentially only had as his/her responsibility to chair the meeting of the Charitable Trust trustees, and

**WHEREAS** Charitable Trust trustees are elected by the District Board from non-board members,

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

##### **3. The Counselor shall:**

- a. Propose and initiate measures and actions to achieve high performance standards with respect to the ceremonial activities of the District Lodge and Local Lodges; and
- b. Serve as a Trustee and the Chairperson of the Charitable Trust Fund.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the position of Counselor be renamed Charitable Trust Director who shall be a member of the District Board but not a member of the Executive Committee.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The cost of hosting the Charitable Trust Director for extra overnights at the Executive meetings would save District funds at two District 3 Board meetings and the Convention/Meeting.

**Motion:** Peter Vatne moved on behalf of the Law Committee to substitute Resolution #1.

**ADOPTED.**

**Motion:** Peter Vatne moved on behalf of the Law Committee to divide Substitute Resolution #1 into Part A and Part B. These parts will bring a vote for removing the Counselor position from the Executive Committee and a vote to change the name of Counselor to Charitable Trust Director and simplify the duties.

**ADOPTED**

**Substitute Resolution #1: Part A**

**WHEREAS** members of the Executive Committee, except the Counselor, are no longer trustees of the Charitable Trust, and

**WHEREAS** Charitable Trust trustees are elected by the District Board from non-board members,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the position of Counselor be removed from the Executive Committee.

**Motion:** The Law Committee recommended adoption of Substitute Resolution #1, Part A.

**PART A DEFEATED.**

**Substitute Resolution #1: Part B**

**WHEREAS** the Counselor in later years has essentially only had as his/her responsibility to chair the meetings of the Charitable Trust trustees, and

**WHEREAS** Charitable Trust trustees are elected by the District Board from non-board members,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the position of Counselor be renamed Charitable Trust Director, and the position's duties simplified.

ARTICLE V

DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS, DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The officers of the District Lodge shall be the President, Vice President, ~~Counselor~~ Charitable Trust Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Director, Cultural Director, Sports and Recreation Director, Youth Director, and Zone Director (or the Alternate) from each Zone in the District. These officers shall comprise the District Board (6/08)

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

3. The Charitable Trust Director shall:

- a. Serve as a Trustee and the Chairperson of the Charitable Trust Fund (any reference to the position of Counselor will now apply to the Charitable Trust Director).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

Peter Vatne said the “reference” statement in ARTICLE VI 3.a. was added because the Charitable Trust is a separate 501(c)(3) non-profit whose bylaws the Third District cannot change.

**Motion:** The Law Committee had no recommendation on the adoption of Part B.

**ADOPTED**

The final Substitute Resolution #1 will combine the results of the Part A and Part B votes and will read as follows:

**Substitute Resolution #1 Amended**

**Submitted by the District 3 Law Committee for District Bylaws**

**WHEREAS** members of the Executive Committee, except the Counselor, are no longer trustees of the Charitable Trust, and

**WHEREAS** the Counselor in later years has essentially only had as his/her responsibility to chair the meetings of the Charitable Trust trustees, and

**WHEREAS** Charitable Trust trustees are elected by the District Board from non-board members,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the position of Counselor be renamed Charitable Trust Director, and the position’s duties simplified; and,

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the position of Charitable Trust Director shall be a member of the District Board and the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The officers of the District Lodge shall be the President, Vice President, ~~Counselor~~ Charitable Trust Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Director, Cultural Director, Sports and Recreation Director, Youth Director, and Zone Director (or the Alternate) from each Zone in the District. These officers shall comprise the District Board (6/08)
2. The Executive Committee of the District Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, ~~Counselor~~ Charitable Trust Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall be the Committee's duty to administer the requirements of the District between the meetings of the District Board.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

3. The Charitable Trust Director shall:
  - a. Serve as a Trustee and the Chairperson of the Charitable Trust Fund (any reference to the position of Counselor will now apply to the Charitable Trust Director).

**Motion:** The Law Committee moved to recommend adoption of Substitute Resolution #1 as amended.

**ADOPTED**

**Resolution #2**

**Make a new position of a Foundation Director on the 3 District Board**

**Submitted by the District 3 Board**

Owen Christianson presented Resolution #2.

**WHEREAS** the Sons of Norway Foundation has many benefits that are available to every Sons of Norway lodge, and

**WHEREAS** many lodges do not have Foundation Directors, and



**WHEREAS** these lodges have lost the opportunity to avail themselves of the benefits, and  
**WHEREAS** these lodges are not given the opportunity to support the valuable programs of the Foundation, and

**WHEREAS** having someone on the District Board to relay the important messages of the Foundation to Zone Directors and other district officers will help to elevate the lack of information.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the position of Foundation Director be part of the District 3 Lodge Board.

#### ARTICLE V

#### DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS

#### DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The officers of the District Lodge shall be the President, Vice President, Counselor, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Director, Cultural Director, Sports and Recreation Director, Youth Director, Foundation Director, and Zone Director (or the Alternate) from each Zone in the District. These officers shall comprise the District Board (6/08)

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There will be costs related to participation in two District Board meetings per year, and the biannual District Convention. Room, board, and travel averages \$500 per meeting and \$1,000 per convention.

Owen presented a Substitute Resolution #2 which changes the title of Foundation Director to Fraternal and Foundation Director and lists the duties of this Director.

**Motion** The Law Committee made a motion to adopt Substitute Resolution #2

**ADOPTED**

#### **Substitute Resolution #2**

**Make a new position of a Fraternal and Foundation Director on the 3 District Board**

**Submitted by the District 3 Law Committee for District Bylaws**

**WHEREAS** the Sons of Norway is a Fraternal organization; and

**WHEREAS** fraternal activities are primarily in the purview of the District; and

**WHEREAS** the Sons of Norway Foundation has many benefits that are available to every Sons of Norway lodge, and

**WHEREAS** many lodges do not have a Foundation Director, and  
**WHEREAS** these lodges have lost the opportunity to avail themselves of the benefits, and  
**WHEREAS** these lodges are not given the opportunity to support the valuable programs of the Foundation, and  
**WHEREAS** having someone on the District Board to relay the important messages of the Foundation to Zone Directors and other district officers will help to alleviate the lack of information, and  
**WHEREAS** fraternal outreach and Foundation outreach complement each other; and  
**WHEREAS** a combined position would be more economical to the District.  
**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the position of Fraternal and Foundation Director be part of the District 3 Lodge Board.

#### ARTICLE V

#### DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS

#### DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The officers of the District Lodge shall be the President, Vice President, ~~Counselor~~ Charitable Trust Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Director, Cultural Director, Sports and Recreation Director, Youth Director, Fraternal and Foundation Director, and Zone Director (or the Alternate) from each Zone in the District. These officers shall comprise the District Board (6/08)

#### ARTICLE VI [new section]

10. The Fraternal and Foundation Director shall:
  - a. Work with the Fraternal Department at Sons of Norway headquarters and the other Districts to plan and promote District and Local Lodge fraternal initiatives and programs,
  - b. Work with the Zone Directors to identify and promote community outreach activities,
  - c. Work with the Zone Directors to plan a “day of service” throughout the District,
  - d. Educate the District Lodge and Local Lodges about the Sons of Norway Foundation and its website through newsletter articles, social media posts, and personal appearances,
  - e. Encourage the District Lodge and Local Lodges to financially support the Sons of Norway Foundation,
  - f. Work with Lodge Foundation Directors to promote the Sons of Norway Foundation’s mission,

- g. Help identify potential scholarship or grant recipients within the District,
- h. Write congratulatory letters to scholarship or grant recipients within the District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There will be costs related to participation in two District Board meetings per year and the biennial District Convention. Room, board, and travel averages \$500 per meeting and \$1,000 per convention.

Karen Olsen-Helmold (#71) recommended a friendly amendment suggesting that “Counselor” be replaced by “Charitable Trust Director” in the “Current State” of this resolution since it was just voted in. Peter Vatne (#46) said it was not necessary since it is listed as Charitable Trust Director in the “Desired State” and will be used that way when the Secretary does the Bylaws.

**Motion** The Law Committee moved to recommend adoption of Substitute Resolution #2.

**ADOPTED**

The Sons of Norway Fraternal and Foundation Director in Minneapolis, Connie O’Brien, then spoke and expressed her thanks to the Law Committee for including her in the discussion of Substitute Resolution #2 and said what a great idea it was.

### **Resolution #18**

#### **District Fraternal and Foundation Director Submitted by the District 3 Law Committee for International Policies & Procedures**

Peter Vatne presented this new resolution not yet seen by the delegates.

**WHEREAS**, it would be beneficial to the Order to have a Director on each District Board to help plan and promote District and Local Lodge fraternal initiatives and programs in consultation with the Fraternal Department at Sons of Norway headquarters and the Fraternal and Foundation Directors of other Districts,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that a new paragraph be added to the Sons of Norway Policies & Procedures to describe the duties of a District Fraternal and Foundation Director.

CHAPTER 16

### 3.16.OFFICER AND DIRECTOR DUTIES

#### 3.16.10. THE FRATERNAL AND FOUNDATION DIRECTOR shall:

In consultation with the Fraternal Department at Sons of Norway headquarters, the Sons of Norway Foundation, and the Fraternal and Foundation Directors of other Districts, plan and promote District and Local Lodge fraternal initiatives and programs.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Each District will have a financial impact of supporting one additional Director, at whatever rate they usually spend, provided their bylaws specify such a Director.

Audun Gythfeldt (paddle #9) made a friendly amendment to insert the phrase “the Sons of Norway Foundation” into 3.16.10.

**Motion** The Law Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #18, as amended.

**ADOPTED**

### **Resolution #3**

### **Compensation**

### **Submitted by District #3 for District Bylaws**

Peter Vatne presented Resolution #3. He said that the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s compensations would change from \$.10/member and \$.05/member per year, respectively, to a set \$750 and \$500/year. It also provided \$1000 and \$500 per year to the President and Vice President. Officers would be paid semi-annually.

**Motion:** After consultation with the District 3 Finance Committee, Peter moved on behalf of the Law Committee to substitute Resolution #3.

**ADOPTED**

There was then much discussion involving the ambiguity of the pay schedule, using the term “annually” in places, lack of “prorating”, payment only for service rendered, a review process in place, and other things.

**Motion:** Jeanne Addison (paddle #3) moved to refer the substituted Resolution #3 back to the Law Committee to consider the many suggestions just discussed.

**Seconded:** Barbara Berntsen (paddle #20) seconded.

**MOTION APPROVED**

The Law Committee said that they could bring Substitute Resolution #3 back after lunch today.

**Resolution #4**

**District Funds**

**Submitted by District #3 for District Bylaws**

Jerry Blau presented Resolution #4.

**WHEREAS** the International Board authorizes the amount of District Dues and,

**WHEREAS** there is no longer the need for Fraternal Funds to support the Land of the Vikings and,

**WHEREAS** the term limit for the Extra District Dues has past and,

**WHEREAS** the Land of the Vikings has been sold,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that paragraph number 4. be altered and paragraphs 5. And 6. 7. of Article VII be deleted.

**ARTICLE VII**

1. The District Dues shall be ~~\$8.50 per member~~ determined by the International Board.

**Motion** The Law Committee recommended approval of Resolution # 4.

**ADOPTED**

**Resolution #5**

**Allow Local Lodge Board of Directors to meet via Teleconference**

**Submitted by Norumbega Lodge # 506**

**for International Charter & Constitutions**

Owen Christianson presented this resolution.

**WHEREAS** from time to time it may be necessary or useful for a Local Lodge Board of Directors to meet via teleconference; and

**WHEREAS** there is already provision in the Constitutions for the International and District Board of Directors to meet via teleconference, and

**WHEREAS** the International Board of Directors has allowed Local Lodge Boards to meet via teleconference during the Covid-19 pandemic,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Local Lodge Board of Directors be allowed without exception to meet via teleconference.

#### CHAPTER 14

#### 4.14. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

##### 4.14.1 LOCAL LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

4.14.1.1. **Teleconference Meeting.** A conference among members of the local lodge board of directors by any means of communication through which the local lodge board of directors may simultaneously hear each other during the conference, constitutes a meeting of the local lodge board of directors, if the same notice is given of the conference call as would be required for a local lodge board of directors "special" meeting, and if the number of local lodge board members participating in the conference call would be sufficient to constitute a quorum at a regular local lodge board of directors meeting. Participation in a meeting of the local lodge board of directors by teleconference constitutes personal participation in such meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

**Motion** The Law Committee recommended approval of Resolution #5.

#### **ADOPTED**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:02 PM. Marci Larson announced that lunch would be at Ruth's Chris Steak House in the hotel and a boat regatta would be occurring outside on the St. John's River during lunch.

President Kathy Dollymore called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. She stated that someone making a suggestion is not a motion. Also, if someone chooses to make a motion, have the verbiage ready.

### **GREETERS AND MARSHALS**

Vice President Stephen Helmold assigned the following members for the afternoon.

Greeters: Rannveig Klinge (Nordkap), Laila Kitchen (Lauderdale)

Marshals: Barbara Bensen (Noreg), Lori Coffey (Suncoast)

### **AFTERNOON ROLL CALL**

Secretary Jeanne Addison called roll. 2 from Nansen were not present at roll; also, Alice Svege is now part of the Brooklyn delegation. There are 77 delegates + 16 Board + 2 International = 95 seated at present with 94 voting members. Majority is 48 and 2/3 majority is 63.

### **LAW COMMITTEE (continued)**

#### **Resolution #6**

**Allow former International Officers and Directors to continue as members of their District Lodges**

**Submitted by Norumbega Lodge # 506  
for International Charter & Constitutions**

Jerry Blau presented Resolution #6.

**WHEREAS** International officers or directors who are not re-elected to any International office are technically no longer members of their District Lodge; and

**WHEREAS** District officers or directors who are not re-elected to any district office continue as members of the district lodge until the next regular district lodge meeting,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that International officers or directors who are not re-elected to any International office shall continue as members of their district lodge until the next regular district lodge meeting begins.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **2.6. MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATION**

## **2.6.2. STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**2.6.2.2.** An officer or director who is not re-elected to any international office shall continue to be a member of the International Lodge until the next regular International Lodge meeting begins, and shall continue to be a member of their district lodge until the next regular meeting of that district lodge begins.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

**Motion:** The Law Committee recommended approval of Resolution #6.

**ADOPTED**

### **Resolution #7**

#### **Clarify Local Lodge Dues and Rights of Affiliate Members**

**Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #506**

**for International Charter & Constitutions**

Jerry Blau presented Resolution #7.

**WHEREAS** a local lodge may wish to waive or discount local lodge dues for affiliate members; and

**WHEREAS** the granting of any voting right or the ability to hold office should be specified in bylaws,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that waived or discounted local lodge dues, voting rights, and the ability to hold office, for affiliate members, must be specified in the local lodge bylaws.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **4.6. MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATION**

#### **4.6.4. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Members possessing a current membership card from Sons of Norway may petition the desired affiliate lodge(s), and if accepted, pay only local lodge dues for the affiliate lodge(s) directly to the affiliate lodge. Affiliate members shall, at the discretion of the affiliate lodge, have all the rights of other lodge members with the exception of voting for, or of becoming district delegates from the affiliate lodge(s). Affiliate members shall not be counted in member totals that determine representation.



4.6.4.1. Local lodge dues may be waived or discounted for affiliate members if so specified in the local lodge bylaws.

4.6.4.2. Affiliate members shall have only those voting rights of other lodge members as are specified in the local lodge bylaws.

4.6.4.3. Affiliate members shall be able to hold only those local lodge offices as are specified in the local lodge bylaws.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

**Motion:** The Law Committee recommended approval of Resolution # 7.

**ADOPTED**

### **Resolution #8**

#### **Allow Local Lodges to meet via Teleconference**

**Submitted by Norumbega Lodge # 506**

**for International Charter & Constitutions**

Owen Christianson presented Resolution #8 and said that it parallels Resolution #5.

**WHEREAS** from time to time it may be necessary for a Local Lodge to meet via teleconference; and

**WHEREAS** experience during the Covid-19 pandemic has shown that a local lodge meeting via teleconference is practicable,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Local Lodges be allowed without exception to meet via teleconference.

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **4.9. LODGE MEETINGS**

#### **4.9.10. TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS**

A conference among members of the local lodge by any means of communication through which the local lodge members may simultaneously hear each other during the conference, constitutes a meeting of the local lodge, if the same notice is given of the conference call as would be required for a local lodge “special” meeting, and if the number of local lodge members participating in the conference call would be sufficient to constitute a quorum at a regular local lodge meeting. Participation in a

meeting of the local lodge by teleconference constitutes personal participation in such meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

**Motion:** The Law Committee recommended approval of Resolution # 8.

**ADOPTED**

### **Substitute Resolution #3**

#### **Compensation**

#### **Submitted by District 3 Law Committee for District Bylaws**

Peter Vatne and the Law Committee brought back Substitute Resolution #3. The Committee presented a number of suggested amendments. Peter recommended that the original author of each suggested amendment formally move its adoption.

Discussion followed to make the following amendments. Several motions were brought.

**Motion to amend:** International Secretary Marci Larson (paddle #14) moved that the District President be paid \$1250.00 per year.

**Seconded:** Barbara Berntsen (paddle #20) seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to amend:** Janet Hannigan (paddle #70) moved that the payments be paid in 2 equal installments.

**Seconded:** Brian O'Neill (paddle #44) seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to amend:** Lorin Johannessen (paddle #63) made a motion to insert "partial years of service shall be prorated".

**Seconded:** Brian O'Neill (paddle #44) seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to amend:** Deb Martin (paddle # 91) moved that the compensation package shall be reviewed prior to each District Convention by the Finance Committee.

**Seconded:** Peter Hanson (paddle #5) seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to amend:** Patricia Hansen (paddle # 41) moved to insert “compensation for the first half of the year shall be paid within six months after June 30 and the compensation for the second half of the year shall be paid within six months after December 31”.

**Seconded:** Diana Syvertsen (paddle # 40) seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to amend:** Patricia Hansen (paddle #41) moved to change the Financial Impact statement to “\$3250 per year.”

**Seconded:** Peter Hanson (paddle # 5) seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Amended Substitute Resolution #3**

The final Amended Substitute Resolution #3 read as follows:

**WHEREAS** more and more responsibilities have been placed on the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and

**WHEREAS** they are tasked with legal obligations as fiduciaries to ensure that the nonprofit’s assets serve the nonprofit’s mission and benefit the Third District and

**WHEREAS** they provide policy oversight and often visionary leadership for the entire Sons of Norway District 3 order, while promoting the nonprofit’s mission with donors, potential donors, other volunteers, policy makers, and District membership,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall receive annual compensations as follows: the President receives \$1250.00 per year, the Vice President receives \$500.00 per year, the Secretary receives \$1000 per year, and the Treasurer receives \$500 per year.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**COMPENSATION**

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall receive annual compensation, paid in two equal installments, as follows:

President- \$1250.00

Vice President- \$500.00

Secretary- \$1000.00

Treasurer- \$500.00

The compensation for the first half of the year shall be paid within six months after June 30, and the compensation for the second half of the year shall be paid within six months after December 31. Partial years of service shall be prorated. The compensation package shall be reviewed prior to each District Convention by the Finance Committee.

**Motion:** The Law Committee recommends approval of Substitute Resolution #3, as amended.

**ADOPTED**

#### **Resolution # 17**

#### **Special Award for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer Submitted by District 3 Law Committee and District 3 Finance Committee for Special Award**

Peter Vatne presented this Resolution not seen by the delegates prior to the Meeting.

**WHEREAS** the President and Vice President are not currently compensated by the District; and

**WHEREAS** the President and Vice President, as well as the Secretary and Treasurer, have had to work extra hard during the sale of Land of the Vikings and during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS** the incoming President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be compensated \$1250, \$500, \$1000, and \$500 per year, respectively,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the current President be awarded \$1250, the current Vice President be awarded \$500, the current Secretary be awarded the difference between \$1000 and her compensation for the period 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022, and the current Treasurer be awarded the difference between \$500 and her compensation for the period 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approximately \$2500 in one-time payments.

**Motion:** Peter Vatne moved on behalf of the Law Committee to bring this resolution to the floor.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Motion:** The Law Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #17.

**ADOPTED**

President Kathy Dollymore excused the Law Committee and gave thanks to them for their work.

**CHARITABLE GIVING GROUP**

President Dollymore invited members of the group, Chairperson Dirk Hansen, Audun Gythfeldt, and Kaare Hansen, to give a report. Another member, Peter Hanson, already spoke about one of the group's fundraising causes, the Third District Charitable Trust. The other two causes are the Sons of Norway Foundation and Alzheimer's support.

Dirk Hansen stated that two other individuals have been very involved in the Giving Group over the last few years, and he thanked them. They are: Public Relations Director Jim Dunagan, who helped with the 3D website, and Kimberly Breiland, who helped with e-mail blasts. Dirk also announced that June 20 is the Alzheimer's Association's Longest Day Campaign. He created an email with a link for donating to this. There is a District newsletter contest that encourages lodges to put a statement in their newsletter heading saying "\_\_\_\_ Lodge supports a dementia-friendly society". There is a raffle at the Convention Banquet for a quilt donated by Gateway to Florida Lodge which will benefit the Charitable Giving Group. He said that our District can do even more good work by donating to these causes. Audun Gythfeldt spoke about how Alzheimer's had affected his family. His Nor-Bu Lodge raised \$4000 last year with a walk for Alzheimer's, and the lodge intends to create a "memory café" where those afflicted with and/or impacted by Alzheimer's can stop for a chat and refreshments. Kaare spoke about the fact that Dirk has been a great leader and asked members to not delete emails from Dirk. Kaare participated in 2 local Alzheimer's Walks which were very rewarding to him personally. He said he enjoyed being part of the Third District Charitable Giving Committee.

President Kathy Dollymore thanked all the members of the Charitable Giving Group. All were applauded.

The meeting recessed for a coffee break at 2:58 PM and resumed at 3:25 PM. President Dollymore suggested delegates stop at the Cultural Exhibit and Viking Auction rooms.

Alternate Gateway to Florida delegate Evelyn Hopkins substituted for Kent Larson (paddle #28).

### **SONS OF NORWAY GOVERNANCE**

President Dollymore introduced International Secretary Marci Larson, Third District International Director Ken Johnson, and Sons of Norway Director of Fraternal & Foundation Connie O'Brien. Ken said he enjoyed working as the District's International Director for the last 6 years.

Ken then reported that on Sept. 27, 2021, a new form of governance for Sons of Norway was put forth, voted upon, and approved virtually by International delegates. It was then submitted to the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce on Oct. 29, 2021, for approval. There is now a waiting period. He introduced Connie O'Brien who prepared a PowerPoint presentation entitled Sons of Norway Governance to show delegates. Connie began her talk with an exercise to reverse the way we fold our hands, asking all to try change. In the Powerpoint, the following topics were covered: the history of Sons of Norway as an insurance and fraternal benefit company, membership growth of 62% in 2018-2022, the fact that new insurance products helped promote growth, how insurance sales do not show a profit for 10 years since they are long-term products, and recent increased recruiting of insurance agents by Sons of Norway. She added the new governance should not affect District conventions and would be finalized in the Charter, Constitutions, and Policies & Procedures and placed on the website as soon as possible. She also said that the next International Convention would be virtual and held August 31-Sept. 1, 2022.

President Kathy Dollymore thanked Connie, Marci, and Ken for their work.

## **TREASURER STATEMENT**

Treasurer Kari Williams said that she would be retiring at the end of her term. She thanked Peter Vatne for his help over the 4 years. All financial reports from 2018-2022 are in the Reports Book. Kathy Dollymore thanked her for her fine work on the District Board for so many years.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

President Dollymore stated that the Committee would only be discussing the 2020 and 2021 financial reports and the budget. All 2018 and 2019 financials were audited and previously approved by the Board. Prior to this meeting, all delegates were sent the Reports Book by Secretary Jeanne Addison with 2018-2021 Financials and the 3D Budget on pp. 48- 111. Delegates were also sent a corrected p. 101 since the original p. 101 was missing a line item for “Donations”.

The Committee was called forward. Members were Chairperson Greg Ovrebo (Washington), Patricia Hansen (Nørrona), and Harriet McHenry (Gulf Coast Vikings). Greg noted that there were 4 audits for the years 2018-2021. He then reviewed the following financial reports for approval:

### **2020**

p. 88 District Lodge No. 3 Financial Statement, p. 89 Third District Lodge Balance Sheet, p. 90 District Fraternal Fund Program, pp. 91-93 Sons of Norway Charitable Trust, p. 94 Third District LTD Financial Statement, p. 95 Third District LTD Balance Sheet, p. 96-97 Land of the Vikings Profit & Loss, p. 98 Land of the Vikings LTD Balance Sheet.

### **2021**

Corrected p. 101 District Lodge No. 3 Financial Statement, p. 102 Third District Lodge Balance Sheet, p. 103 District Fraternal Fund Program, pp. 104-106 Sons of Norway Charitable Trust, p. 107 Third District Limited Financial Statement, p. 108 Third District LTD Balance Sheet.

Peter Vatne (paddle # 46) noted that the 2021 Charitable Trust Reports on pp. 104-106 only ran from January 1 to June 30, 2021. He is wondering where the reports from the second half of the 2021 year are. Peter Hanson, chair of the Charitable Trust Trustees, and Secretary Jeanne Addison will check with the Third District Auditors about this.

Barbara Berntsen (paddle #20) made a request that the Charitable Trust report for July 1 – December 31, 2021, or the full 2021 year be added to the Convention Minutes after being obtained. President Kathy Dollymore and Peter Hanson thought that could be done.

For each of the previous 2020 and 2021 financial reports on pp. 88-98 and 101-108, the Finance Committee found them in order and recommended approval.

**APPROVED**

Chair Greg Ovrebo then said that the Committee found in order and recommended approval of:

p. 88, 2020 Audit page

p. 100, 2021 Audit page

pp. 110-111 District Three Lodge Budget.

**APPROVED**

Dirk Hanson (paddle #13) noted the three Third District Auditors, Kari Brescher, Shirley Erland, and Les Johannessen (who also worked alongside Treasurer Kari Williams and former Treasurer Peter Vatne) should be thanked for their generous and terrific work. Kari Brescher, a virtual delegate, was located on the ZOOM screen and applauded.

President Kathy Dollymore excused the Finance Committee and gave her thanks to them and to the 3D Auditors.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

President Dollymore called up the Resolutions Committee. Members were Chairperson Judith



Nilsen Mack (Norumbega) and Sylvia Reich (Faerder). Member Connie Koprowicz (Southern Star) was not able to make the meeting.

**Resolution #11**

**Running for another International Board position before current International Board position term expires**

**Submitted by Bondelandet #3-612 for the International Constitutions, Policies & Procedures**

Chair Judi Nilsen Mack presented this resolution.

**WHEREAS** an International director may run for another International Board position before completing his/her four-year term and by doing so, effectively declares that he/she no longer wants to remain an International director; and

**WHEREAS** should the incumbent International Director lose his or her bid for a new position, the incumbent remains in the role of International Director for the remainder of his/her position and shall be replaced by the alternate International director as provided in 2.11.7.3.,

Section 2.11.6.2. shall be restated to read:

Director terms shall be one four-year (time served as an alternate shall not be counted in the four years) or until their successors have been elected and installed. In the event the Director seeks another position on the International Board, the Director will be deemed to resign and vacate the Director position at the time they are nominated at the International Lodge meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

**Motion:** The Resolutions Committee recommended allowing the delegates to vote whether to adopt.

**ADOPTED**

**Resolution #15**

**Running for another International board position before current International Board position term expires**

**Submitted by Hampton Roads 3-522**

**Withdrawal of Resolution:** Lenny Zingarelli (paddle # 32), President of Hampton Roads Lodge, agreed to withdraw Resolution #15 since it was identical to # 11 which was just passed.

**Resolution #12**

**International Board members and District Board Members Precluded from serving as Foundation Board Governor**

**Submitted by Bondelandet 3-612**

Chair Judi Nilsen Mack presented this Resolution #12.

International Secretary Marci Larson (paddle # 14) pointed out that the Sons of Norway Foundation has its own governing documents, so District Three doesn't have authority. President Kathy Dollymore ruled Resolution #12 Out of Order.

**OUT OF ORDER**

**Resolution #14**

**International Board members and District Board Members Precluded from serving as Foundation Board Governor**

**Submitted by Hampton Roads 3-522**

President Kathy Dollymore ruled Resolution #14 Out of Order because it is identical to Resolution #12 which was considered Out of Order.

**OUT OF ORDER**

**Resolutions #9, #10, #13, and #16**  
**Reassessment of Sons of Norway Governance Changes**  
**Submitted by Nor-Bu, Bondelandet 3-612, Hampton Roads 3-522, and Norden Lodge**

Chair Judi Nilsen Mack and the other Resolutions Committee members noted the similarity of these 4 resolutions and stated that the 4 lodges are requesting more information from Sons of Norway headquarters.

**Substitute Resolution #10**  
**Reassessment of Sons of Norway Governance Changes**  
**Submitted by District 3 Resolutions Committee**

Chair Judi Nilsen Mack read Substitute Resolution #10 which was very long. Delegates had not received copies of this.

**Motion:** Judi Mack moved on behalf of the Resolutions Committee to substitute Resolution #10.

**No vote at this time.**

There was further discussion about needing a shorter summary, slight differences in the 4 original resolutions, a thru e line repetition, that lodge members just want more information on the change in governance, the need for members to have copies, and the time of this meeting nearing lunchtime.

**Withdrawal of Resolution:** Roy Berntsen (paddle #19), President of Norden Lodge, agreed to withdraw Resolution # 16 because of similarity and “to make things simpler”.

**Withdrawal of Resolution:** Lenny Zingarelli (paddle # 32), President of Hampton Roads Lodge, agreed to withdraw Resolution # 13 because of similarity.

**Motion to Table:** Karen Olsen-Helmold (paddle #71) moved that the motion to substitute be tabled until tomorrow and that both printed and electronic copies of the Substitute Resolution be made for delegates to read.

**Seconded:** Barbara Berntsen (paddle # 20) seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

President Kathy Dollymore explained that copies of the Substitute Resolution will be available tomorrow. Also, another ZOOM link will be sent to virtual delegates this evening and the meeting is recessed until 8:00 AM tomorrow morning.

Convention Chair and International Secretary Marci Larson added that there will be rowing on the St. John's River in the Gateway to Florida Viking-replica boats, drinks, food, and the Viking Auction this evening.

The meeting recessed at 5:07 PM.

**THIRD DISTRICT LODGE MEETING, SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022, 8:00 AM**

**The Meeting was held jointly in-person at the Doubletree Jacksonville Hotel and electronically by ZOOM.**

President Kathy Dollymore resumed the meeting at 8:03 AM.

**GREETERS, TELLERS, AND MARSHALS**

Vice President Stephen Helmold assigned these duties to the following delegates.

Greeters: Roy Berntsen (Norden), Solveig Hellstrom (Nørrona)

Tellers: Julia Nilsen (Hudson Valley), Diana Syvertsen (Noreg)

Marshalls: Barbara Kristiansen (Faerder), Pat Shannon (Gulfstream)

**ROLL CALL**

Jeanne called the roll of delegates. The following were missing: 1 from Nordkap, 1 from Brooklyn, 3 from Nansen, 2 from Bla Fjell, 1 from Norskevenner, 1 from Board. Lodge delegates + Board + International = 71 + 15 + 2 = 88 present; 88 voting members; majority 45; 2/3 majority 58.

## **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (continued)**

President Kathy Dollymore recalled the Committee made of Chair Judi Nilsen Mack and Sylvia Reich. All delegates received a copy of the Substitute Resolution (labelled #9) prior to the meeting today.

**Motion:** The Resolutions Committee moved to remove the Substitute Resolution from tabling.

Brian O'Neill (paddle #44) stated the Substitute Resolution is actually a substitute for Resolution #10, not Resolution #9. It is the one from Bondelandet. Judi agreed and noted this for all.

## **MOTION APPROVED**

Judi then read the very long Substitute Resolution #10 out loud.

Board member Susan Olson joined the meeting.

Discussion followed about whether this Substitute Resolution #10 could even be brought because of the fact that the Minnesota Department of Commerce had already approved the Sons of Norway new governance and the governance was voted upon by the 2018-2022 International Delegates in a referendum held in September 2021. It was also stated that several points in the Resolved section were not accurate. Other delegates said that they would just like more clarification on Sons of Norway's decision to adopt the new governance and the implementation of it. Connie O'Brien added that the effective date of the Governance Charter filing is August 6, 2022.

**Motion to amend Substitute Resolution #10:** Elspeth Christianson (paddle # 53) of Washington Lodge proposed a much shorter, amended version. All previous "Whereas" statements were removed and 4 points under "therefore be it resolved" were removed. She read her amended version out loud as follows:

**Substitute Resolution #10, Amended**  
**Reassessment of Sons of Norway's Governance Changes**  
**Submitted by District 3 Resolutions Committee and Elspeth Christianson of Washington**  
**Lodge**

**WHEREAS** the people of District 3 are dismayed at the lack of transparency regarding the “Sons of Norway Referendum 2021” which was brought forward at a time when the normal functioning of Sons of Norway had been adversely affected by the Nation’s Health Emergency, **THEREFORE**, be it resolved that a complete, fully described Governance Plan shall be prepared including details on responsibilities, structure, duties, qualifications, financing, and financial impact.

**Motion to Amend**

**APPROVED**

Chair Judi Nilsen Mack then read the Amended Substitute Resolution #10 one more time.

Karen Olsen-Helmold (paddle #71) reported that Alice Svege (Brooklyn) and Joann Barfield (Bla Fjell) joined the meeting.

Rannveig Klinge (paddle #25) reported that Nordkap has 3 delegates seated now.

**Motion to approve Substitute Resolution #10 as amended.**

**ADOPTED**

**Withdrawal of Resolution:** Charles Webber (paddle # 36) withdrew Nor-Bu’s Resolution #9 because of its similarity to #10.

President Kathy Dollymore excused the Resolutions Committee with her thanks.

Diana Syvertsen (paddle #40) asked for a count of delegates. 92 voting members, 47 majority, 62 for a 2/3 majority.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTING SLATE OF OFFICERS**

President Kathy Dollymore invited Barbara Berntsen of Norden Lodge, Chair of the District Nominating Committee, to announce the nominations. She thanked Barbara for her time and great effort in finding volunteers for the positions. Barbara said that the other two members of the committee had to resign. She added that she has copies of the applications. It looks like there is no need for run-off elections since there is only 1 applicant per position. She announced the following slate of officers:

Zone 1- Director Michael Pedersen (Loyal), Assistant Director Melissa Pedersen (Loyal)

Zone 2 – Director Peter Hanson (Norumbega), Assistant Director John Foss Jr. (Maine Nordmenn)

Zone 3 – Director Audun Gythfeldt (Nor-Bu), Assistant Director Barbara Bensen (Noreg)

Zone 4 – Director Kaare Hansen (Nørrona), Assistant Director Julia Nilsen (Hudson Valley)

Zone 5 – Co-Directors Christine Taylor (Suncoast) and Harriet McHenry (Gulf Coast Vikings) (Christine Taylor was appointed to be Zone 5 Director and Harriet McHenry Assistant Zone 5 Director at the first Third District Board meeting.)

Zone 6 – Director Jeanne Addison (Bondelandet), Assistant Director Marie Hansen (Washington)

Zone 7 – Director Bill Browning (Norskevenner), Assistant Director Dirk Hansen (Southern Star) (It was determined that Dirk could hold both Fraternal and Foundation Director and Assistant Zone 7 Director. He accepted both positions.)

Public Relations Director – Asbjorn Lageraaen (Henrik Ibsen)

Cultural Director – Andy Mathisen (Noreg)

Sports and Recreation Director – Paul Kornbrekke (Nansen)

Youth Director – Susan Olson (Loyal)

Fraternal and Foundation Director – Dirk Hansen (Southern Star)

### Executive Committee officers:

Charitable Trust Director – Lloyd Ritter (Washington), will be appointed since he is not a convention delegate

Treasurer – Elaine Breiland (Brooklyn)

Secretary – Karen Olsen-Helmold (Norden)

Vice President – Diana Syvertsen (Noreg)

President- Stephen Helmold (Norden)

President Kathy Dollymore said that the Sons of Norway Constitution (3.11.5.2.2.1) says that if there is only one candidate for an office, the election will be by acclamation.

**ALL CANDIDATES ABOVE WERE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.**

Secretary Jeanne Addison and Nominating Chair Barbara Berntsen then asked if there were any other candidates for International Director and Alternate International Director positions. Seeing none, Barbara announced that the candidates were:

Alternate International Director – Stephen Helmold

International Director – Kathy Dollymore

Secretary Jeanne Addison said, “I declare that Stephen Helmold is **ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION** as the Alternate International Director” and “I declare that Kathy Dollymore is **ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION** as the International Director”.

Both directors were given a round of applause.

President Dollymore asked Treasurer Kari Williams to announce the following auditor positions, which Kari did:

Third District Auditors 2022-2024

Kari Brescher

Shirley Erland

Les Johannessen

President Kathy declared these Auditors **ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION** and were applauded.

### **BID FOR 2024 CONVENTION BY WASHINGTON LODGE**

President Kathy Dollymore invited Dave Brown, the President of Washington Lodge, to the microphone. He announced that Washington Lodge would be very proud to present a bid for



hosting the next convention. He stated that the location would be central for District 3, there is plenty of tourist attractions, and it is easy to get there by all forms of transportation.

Dave reported that he has been in discussion with the Hyatt Regency in Herndon, VA. It is about 3 miles from Dulles Airport. The Metro Silver Line going to Dulles will be completed by 2024 and will offer a connection to Reagan National Airport, too. Also nearby is the new Air & Space Museum near Dulles (called the Udvar-Hazy Center) and the Sully Plantation.

The convention would be on June 7-10, 2024. The Committee has negotiated a room rate of \$129/night for Jr. Suites and this rate would apply for 3 days before and 3 days after the convention. There is free parking. Dave showed a video of the hotel and its rooms.

The proposed Delegate Package price would be \$319. There is a lovely outdoor patio which could be used. Suggested activities would be a Viking Auction on Sunday afternoon, lunch, dinners, and a bus tour of the DC monuments at night. He closed by saying that his Washington Lodge membership is excited to host.

**VOTE:** President Kathy Dollymore asked delegates if they would like to approve having the Washington Lodge host the 2024 3D Convention.

**APPROVED** through a show of hands and by acclamation.

President Dollymore suggested talking up the next convention to our lodge members, even if they only want to be non-delegates. Diana Syvertsen (paddle #75) asked if a non-delegate package price had been determined yet. Dave said “not yet”.

President Dollymore invited Connie O’Brien to the microphone.

### **NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

Connie O’Brien showed a Powerpoint presentation. She reported that the International Convention will be virtual (a ZOOM webinar) and held August 31 and September 1 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Eastern Time). Registration forms will be on the website and going out via a link on an email. Payment for delegates will be coordinated with District Secretaries and

Treasurers. A Memorial Service and the Minnesota Color Guard ceremony have been pre-recorded for use at the meeting. A full agenda and the Reports Book will be on the website. There will be a Mail Chimp email for voting on Survey Monkey. A box filled with special items will be sent to delegates, too.

There has been a switch of printing vendors from MSP to Greenspring for publishing Viking Magazine. This should save nearly \$400,000 of the over \$1 million budget. Changes were made in the magazine, and good and bad comments have been expressed. Connie said that Washington Lodge members, Owen and Elspeth Christianson, will be speakers at the District 5 Convention coming up. Also, a new Sons of Norway Volunteer pin will be coming out soon.

President Kathy Dollymore thanked Connie for her information and said that she is always welcome to visit District 3.

### **INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION**

District 3 is allowed 42 delegates based on the 12/31/2021 membership total. Ten may be nominated from the 7 Zones. President Kathy Dollymore invited the Zone Directors to come forward. The following were nominated by their respective Zone Director:

Zone 1 – Elaine Breiland

Zone 2 – none

Zone 3 – Audun Gythfeldt and Barbara Bensen

Zone 4 – Kaare Hansen

Zone 5 – Arnie Johnsen

Zone 6 – Jeanne Addison and Marie Hansen

Zone 7 – Bill Browning (later removed because he doesn't own a financial product)

According to the Sons of Norway Constitution, the District President-Elect (Stephen Helmold) is an International delegate. According to the District Three Bylaws, the International Director-Elect (Kathy Dollymore) and the Alternate International Director-Elect (also Stephen Helmold) are International delegates. President Kathy Dollymore announced that, since there are 10 delegates already, 32 more nominations will be allowed from the floor.

Sharon Rohrback from Bla Fjell Lodge joined the meeting.

The nominations proceeded as follows:

Peter Vatne #46 nominated Barbara Berntsen  
Barbara Berntsen #20 nominated Peter Vatne  
Roy Berntsen #19 nominated Karen Olsen-Helmold  
Christine Cash #23 nominated Rannveig Klinge  
Steve Helmold #2 nominated Mary Andersen  
Mary Andersen #69 nominated Kari Brescher  
Mary Andersen #69 nominated Judith Nilsen-Mack  
Dirk Hansen #13 nominated Ralph Peterson  
Diana Syvertsen # 75 nominated Andy Mathisen  
Marty Iverson # 27 nominated Kent Larson  
Arnie Johnsen # 11 nominated Christine Taylor  
Barbara Bensen #39 nominated Diana Syvertsen  
Dave Brown # 52 nominated Owen Christianson  
Kaare Hansen # 10 nominated Lorin Johannessen  
Owen Christianson #54 nominated Elspeth Christianson  
Dirk Hansen #13 nominated Lenny Zingarelli  
Audun Gythfeldt # 9 nominated Charles F. Webber Jr.  
Lenny Zingarelli #32 nominated Jerry Blau  
Karen Olsen-Helmold #71 nominated Dirk Hansen  
Barbara Berntsen # 20 nominated Michael Solhaug  
Kaare Hansen # 10 nominated Kari Williams  
Owen Christianson #54 nominated Dave Brown

President Kathy Dollymore said that all must have a Sons of Norway financial product to be an international delegate and to let her know if they didn't want to be a delegate.

Lorin Johannessen and Dave Brown withdrew their names.

(continued nominations)

Kaare Hansen #10 nominated Julia Nilsen

Diana Syvertsen # 75 nominated Elizabeth Baumgardt

Susan Olson #85 nominated herself

Barbara Berntsen #20 nominated Paul Kornbrekke

The names of Lenny Zingarelli, Jerry Blau, Michael Solhaug, and Charles Webber were removed because they did not have a Sons of Norway financial product at this time.

President Kathy Dollymore announced that it was going to be checked whether the purchase of a financial product within the next 10 days would qualify. She added the District Secretary must report the delegates to Sons of Norway headquarters by June 21, so please let her know if a product is purchased. (Lenny Zingarelli, Jerry Blau, Michael Solhaug, and Charles Webber did purchase a financial product within 10 days of the convention and were put back on the list of delegates. Susan Olson did not purchase insurance and removed her name a few days after the convention. Melody Loftheim and Ruth Campbell were added to the list and own a financial product.)

**ALL NAMES WERE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.** Ballots were not needed since the 42 slots were not filled.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 AM for a coffee break.

The meeting resumed at 10:40 AM.

President Dollymore announced that the old and new officers would be meeting at 3:00 PM in the Memorial Service room for an installation training session with Ken Johnson. International Secretary Marci Larson said that there are leftovers from the meal last night, so if anyone would like that for lunch, please come to the Viking Auction room. She also thanked all lodges for the “overwhelming response” in donations to the Viking Auction. The final tally from the auction was being done, but she thinks about \$1500 will be going to the Charitable Giving

Group. She suggested that virtual delegates send donations to Dirk Hansen (271 Baxter Lane, Walterboro, SC 29488) to be split among the charities of the Giving Group. Marci thanked Convention Committee members Gail Yerkes, who did the Convention journal, and Connie Lorey and Ellen Wallwork, who made cookies and sweet treats. They were applauded. Marci said that she hoped everyone liked the fireworks last night and that everyone will enjoy the banquet this evening with a trio for entertainment.

### **HOW MANY CONVENTIONS**

President Kathy Dollymore asked delegates to stand or wave if they are first-time delegates. She then asked those who have attended 5, 10, over 12, and over 15 conventions to stand or wave. International Director Ken Johnson, Sports Director Paul Kornbrekke, Zone 3 Director Audun Gythfeldt, and Phil Fiederlein have attended over 15 conventions.

### **CORRECT FLAG PLACEMENT**

Audun Gythfeldt (paddle #9) stated that at District and Lodge meetings, the American flag should be on the far left, then alphabetical, so next Canada, then Norway on the far right.

### **CALLING OF COMMITTEES**

- 1) President Dollymore called the Finance Committee (Chair Greg Ovrebo, Patricia Hansen, and Harriet McHenry) forward. She let them know that the District would be paying the \$100 registration fee for each Third District International delegate. After they said that they were finished, she thanked the committee for their service and dismissed them.
- 2) President Dollymore called the Law Committee (Chair Peter Vatne, Jerry Blau (virtual), and Owen Christianson) forward. She asked if they had completed their business. Peter said “yes”, and he said that his members did a splendid job. Kathy thanked them for their service and dismissed them.
- 3) President Dollymore called the Reports Committee (Chair Christine Taylor, Chris Cash, and Lorin Johannessen) forward and asked if they had completed their work. They said “yes”. Kathy thanked them for their service and dismissed them.

- 4) President Dollymore called the Credentials Committee (Chair Arnie Johnsen, Marie Hansen, Peter Hanson) forward. They indicated that they had completed their work. Kathy thanked them for their service and dismissed them.
- 5) President Dollymore called the Resolutions Committee (Chair Judith Nilsen-Mack and Sylvia Reich) forward. She announced that they would be reading the Thank-you Resolution and that it needed no seconding as a motion. Lastly, Kathy stated that any business not brought to this meeting would be passed to the new District Board for their review.

Sylvia Reich read the Thank-you Resolution out loud.

### **THANK-YOU RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Third District Convention gives thanks:

**To the Gateway to Florida Lodge #541** for hosting the 66<sup>th</sup> Third District Meeting (Convention), Jacksonville, Florida, while facing the hardships of the pandemic for the last three years.

**To** the Convention Committee Advisor Marci Larson and her committees for the many hours spent planning and preparing for this convention, making this a memorable convention full of fraternal spirit and hospitality.

**To** Marty Iverson President Gateway to Florida Lodge.

**To** Kent Larson Vice President Gateway to Florida Lodge, Convention Registrar.

**To** the members who volunteered to be on the below committees for their willingness to serve.

Credentials, Law, Resolutions, Finance, Reports

**To** Third District President Kathy Dollymore for her expert and outstanding leadership at this “biennial” convention and during the past four years with the restraints of the pandemic.

**To** District Vice President Stephen Helmold for always being willing to help where needed. Despite the pandemic, he has maintained an active term of office.

**To** Third District Secretary Jeanne Addison for compiling and sending out, via email, the *66<sup>th</sup> District Convention Reports Book*. She has also completed the necessary forms while keeping an accurate record of the Third District’s activities.

**To** Third District Treasurer Kari Williams for stepping up and maintaining an accurate eye on District funds and preparing District budgets.

**To** Third District Counselor Peter Hanson for overseeing the Charitable Trust and the trustees.

**To** Third District Public Relations Director James Dunagan.

**To** Third District Cultural Director Andrew Mathisen and the Cultural Exhibition.

**To** Third District Youth Director Susan Olson.

**To** Third District Sports/Recreation Director Paul Kornbrekke.

**To** Connie O'Brien Director of Fraternal Development and Marketing and Foundation Director.

**To** Gail Yerkes and Shawn Cook for their work on the Convention Journal.

**To** Roger Winslow Convention Parliamentarian for his knowledge and expertise in assisting the convention members whenever questions of procedures arose.

**To** Thomas Jeffers the Convention Virtual Technician.

**To** Eugene Yerkes and Marty Iverson for the Viking Boat Event.

**To** Connie Lorey, Ellen Wallwork, and all who provided delicious, sweet treats for our coffee breaks.

**To** Anna Large and her Viking Auction team for coordinating the auction to support the Charitable Trust.

**To** Charlotte Fluker Convention Cultural/Folk Art Event Coordinator.

**To** Cheryl Drabek Convention Volunteer Coordinator.

**To** Bonnie Hardman Convention Treasurer.

**To** Pastor Ida Iverson, Bonnie Hardman, Kathy Dollymore, and Ken Johnsen for a memorable Memorial Service.

**To** Barbara Berntsen for her work on the Nominating Committee.

**To** all the vendors and sponsors who helped support the convention.

**To** International Secretary Marci Larson for her continued support, guidance, and counseling.

**To** International Director Kenneth Johnson for his ongoing support, guidance, and counseling.

**To** Peter Vatne, past Third District Treasurer, for his generous assistance to the current treasurer.

**To** Third District Charitable Trust Trustees for their willingness to review and advise the Counselor.

**To** Third District Zone Directors who use their time and effort to maintain the lines of communication within the Zones and work on membership.

**To** the Third District Board who facilitated the sale of Land of the Vikings in a thoughtful, caring manner.

**To** the Land of the Vikings Board June 2018 – December 29, 2020, and to Roy and Barbara Berntsen for their discussion of Land of the Vikings yesterday.

**To** the Land of the Vikings Negotiating Chair Stephen Helmold and his Committee.

**To** the Third District Auditors Kari Brescher, Shirley Erland, and Les Johannessen for capably reviewing all Third District financial reports.

**To** Audun Gythfeldt for his dedication to raising funds for a cure for Alzheimer's disease and for his work on the Charitable Giving Group.

**To** Tubfrim Chairperson Kjell Kittilsen.

**To** Dirk Hansen for Sons of Norway Foundation fundraising and his work on the Charitable Giving Group.

**To** Kaare Hansen, Peter Hanson, and Jim Dunagan for their work on the Charitable Giving Group.

**To** the spouses of the District and International Officers for their support, understanding, and exemplary manner, in which they assisted the Third District Board.

**To** the Financial Advisors within the Third District to promote the benefits of membership and membership itself and educate all members on the sound financial products Sons of Norway offers.

**To** the editors of lodge newsletters.

**To** all the tellers, greeters, and marshals from yesterday and today.

**To** all the delegates whose attention and participation made our 66<sup>th</sup> Convention a success!

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



**MOTION** Chair Judith Nilsen-Mack moved on behalf of the Resolutions Committee to approve the Thank-you Resolution as read.

### **ADOPTED**

President Kathy Dollymore asked the Resolutions Committee if they had completed all their work. They said “yes”. Kathy thanked them for their work and dismissed them.

### **FOLK ART EXHIBITION**

President Dollymore reminded participants to pick up their pieces before leaving. She said that the list of winners would be sent to the Third District Today (TDT) Light for printing. She was so impressed with the talent in our District.

### **LODGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

President Dollymore said that these awards would be presented at the Grand Banquet this evening.

### **NEW BUSINESS AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- 1) International Secretary Marci Larson (paddle #14) thanked everyone for the wonderful experience she had serving on the International Board. She has met so many good people and lodges. She especially thanked the District Presidents, Gail Ekloff, Mary Andersen, and Kathy Dollymore, with whom she truly enjoyed working.
- 2) Rannveig Klinge (paddle #25) came to the microphone with fellow Nordkap Lodge delegates Chris Cash and Marjorie Havens. Rannveig announced that Nordkap Lodge would be closing soon and that the lodge members would like to thank the Third District and International for all the help over the last 100 years. Nordkap decided to donate over \$200,000 to the Sons of Norway Foundation to create the Nordkap 3-215 Scholarship for applicants with actual lineage to Norwegian ancestry who would like to study in the medical field.
- 3) Kaare Hansen (paddle #10) wanted to relay that a member of Oslo Lodge was disappointed that the convention was held on a Sunday since it conflicts with church services.
- 4) Peter Vatne (paddle #46) announced that Dovre Lodge had its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary party yesterday.
- 5) Solveig Hellstrom (paddle # 42) gave an update on her family member, James Boyle of Norrona Lodge, who had a terrible burn accident a few years ago. She thanked the lodges of the District for the monetary contributions and support they gave. James completed his GED and works at a jujitsu training center in Alabama. He will still need more surgery but is doing well.

- 6) Arnie Johnsen (paddle #11) said that in his report he thanked his current Assistant Zone Directors, Kent Larson, Christine Taylor, and Harriet McHenry, and forgot to thank his previous Assistant Zone Director, Ingrid Hammen. He apologized and thanked Ingrid.
- 7) President-elect Steve Helmold (paddle #2) thanked and congratulated Convention Advisor Marci Larson and her Convention Committee for a superb convention. He also thanked Secretary Jeanne Addison for her work on the convention. He announced that the first Board meeting would be by ZOOM on June 23, 7:00 PM.
- 8) **Thank- you gift for President Kathy Dollymore:**  
President-elect Steve Helmold thanked Kathy for all her fine work as President over the last 4 years and said that the Board will miss her. He called Peter Hanson to the microphone to give a gift to Kathy on behalf of the Board. Peter said that the 2018-2022 Board members took up a collection for this gift. Kathy opened her card signed by all Board members and read, with some happy tears, “The kindest hearts expect no reward and deserve it all the more. You give so much of yourself in the kindness you share and the lives you touch. That’s why you deserve a heartfelt ‘thank you’ and a wish that all goodness you share comes back to you.” Included with the gift was a \$300 Wawa gift card. She said that this Board has had great discussions, and we are all friends. She also had a message for all Board members with whom she has worked:  
*I want to express my gratitude to you all for the friendship, growth and experience I have gained over the last 14 years that I have been on the District Board. During this time, I’ve learned a lot about determination, teamwork, and passionate dedication. Thank you so much to everyone whom I’ve had the opportunity to interact with as this has had a positive impact on my Sons of Norway efforts and on my personal life. I wish you all the best whether you continue with the 3D Board, in your own lodges, or decide to pass the baton and enjoy being a spectator for a while.*
- 9) Peter Hanson (paddle # 5) said that he made \$40 for the Third District Charitable Trust from cell phone violations.
- 10) Central Lodge member and Convention guest for the vendor room, Deb McConaghy, said that she does 2 Facebook pages called North-South and Scandinavian Festivals. She also encouraged us to do classes via ZOOM, such as Vesterheim’s folk classes. In her state of North Carolina, there is the John C. Campbell Folk School in Murphy, NC, which has a Scandinavian week in March where you can learn all sorts of traditions. Deb is an expert in bunads and teaches classes in that and foods. She encouraged us to learn from elder Sons of Norway members.
- 11) Karen Reichert (paddle #93) sent an email to Kathy Dollymore about whether there could be effort by Sons of Norway headquarters to simplify the Sons of Norway website and make it easier to navigate. Kathy did forward the email to Connie O’Brien. Karen suggested videos be made that would help, for example, one on completing the difficult D-17 form. President Kathy Dollymore said that the District Presidents have been looking into this and encouraging website alterations, too.

- 12) Barbara Bensen (paddle #39) announced that District Three has 2 Gold medalists in Vesterheim Museum's Norwegian-American Folk Art Exhibition. They are: Carl Johnson of Noreg Lodge for woodcarving and Eldrid Arntzen for rosemaling.
- 13) Mary Andersen (paddle # 69) said that Owen Christianson is an instructor at Vesterheim.
- 14) Barbara Berntsen (paddle # 20) expressed a personal point of privilege and said that this Board deserves a round of applause for the fine work done during the pandemic. The delegates gave Kathy and the Board officers a standing ovation.
- 15) Ingrid Hammen (paddle #60) said that Gulfstream Lodge is very proud of 2 of its members who received Sons of Norway scholarships this year. They are the children of Eric Deininger and the grandchildren of Richard Deininger. Marbella Deininger received 2 scholarships and Lucas Deininger 1 scholarship.
- 16) Karen Olsen-Helmold (paddle # 71) said that Elaine Breiland's granddaughter Katrina won a \$3500 Sons of Norway scholarship.
- 17) Janet Hannigan (paddle #70) asked that in-person convention attendees post photos that virtual delegates could see. President Dollymore added that some will be posted on the TDT.

President Kathy Dollymore made the last announcements of the meeting. Lunch will be at 12:30, the installation of new officers will be at 5:00 with rehearsal for new and old officers at 3:00, and the Grand Banquet has cocktails at 6:30 and then dinner, presentation of awards, and a live auction. Bunads are welcome.

District Treasurer Kari Williams (paddle #4) said that she was pleasantly surprised how well the virtual part of the meeting went. She said it was a very good convention.

President Kathy Dollymore adjourned the meeting at 11:53 AM.

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022, 5:00 PM**

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

President Kathy Dollymore, have the officers been elected in accordance with the laws of our Fraternity?

President Kathy Dollymore: They have.

Installing Officer Ken Johnson to President Kathy Dollymore: 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 the Installing Marshals Rannveig Klinge and Svein Klinge.

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

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

“I solemnly promise/ to perform by 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 2 – Peter Hanson, Zone 3 – Audun Gythfeldt, Zone 4 – Kaare Hansen,

Zone 5 – Christine Taylor, Zone 6 – Jeanne Addison, were installed.

Sports/ Recreation Director Paul Kornbrekke was installed.

Cultural Director Andy Mathisen was installed.

Fraternal and Foundation Director Dirk Hansen was installed.

Treasurer Elaine Breiland was installed.

Vice President Diana Syvertsen was installed.

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.

All officers not present will be installed by the International Director Kenneth Johnson at the first meeting called by President-Elect Stephen Helmold. They are: President Stephen Helmold, Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold, Charitable Trust Director Lloyd Ritter, Zone 1 Director Michael Pedersen, Zone 7 Director Bill Browning, Public Relations Director Asbjorn Lageraen, and Youth Director Susan Olson.

**GRAND BANQUET, DOUBLETREE JACKSONVILLE HOTEL, SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022, 6:30 – 10:00 PM**

There was a plated dinner and dessert while delegates were entertained by a trio that included members of the Jacksonville Symphony. Awards and a live auction were also featured during the evening.

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

President Kathy Dollymore called Zone 3 Director Audun Gythfeldt forward to read the two profiles that he wrote when nominating the two winners.

## **JØRGEN FIDJE**

(The Award was given posthumously. Ingrid Hammen and Oddbjorg Olsen, friends of Jørgen and his wife Esther when they were at Gulfstream Lodge, received the award.)

As an immigrant from Mandal, Norway, Jørgen joined Sons of Norway in 1956 and quickly proved his value as a dedicated, strong and efficient leader who became a trusted front-runner at the lodge as well as the district and international levels of the organization.

Jørgen was Vice President, then President of Loyal Lodge. He then became Zone Chairman for what was then Zone 2, now Zone 1, and immediately after that became a member of the District Board as Zone Director. Jørgen was District Counselor for 4 years, District Vice President 2 years, and District President also for 2 years, which was the norm in those days. As District President he was strongly involved in organizing the celebration of the District's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1987, something that happened at the time when District membership was at an all-time high. During this time, he participated in and installed the officers of numerous lodges. I fondly remember Jørgen installing my lodge, having problems pronouncing my name. Following his 2 years as District President, he was elected International Director, and served on the International Board from 1988 to 1992.

Jørgen demonstrated dedication and leadership skills by serving in the positions listed above, but not only did he have leadership skills and organizational talent, he also had the foresight to realize the advantage of getting young people involved, and he was instrumental in forming

Loyal Junior Lodge where all his children served as President as well as other positions. And to top it off, he also served on the Loyal Lodge Corporation Committee.

Jørgen was chairman of the host committee for a very successful Third District Convention in Happaug in 1994, during which Loyal Lodge celebrated its 70th anniversary with a dinner cruise on Long Island Sound. He also served as co-chairperson for 4 other conventions, one of which was the stand-out International Convention in Washington D.C. in 2004.

Spearheaded by Bjarne Eikevik, former District and International President, Ski for Light was organized in this country, and Jørgen got into the act by participating in Ski for Light at Land of the Vikings. He was Sons of Norway through and through but was able and willing to also offer his support for other valuable purposes.

The picture of Jørgen would not be complete without including what he has meant for Land of the Vikings. From day one he was strongly involved in converting and improving LOV from what it was when the District took ownership in 1978 to what it has become today. There were continuous needs, and Jørgen was there, work weekend after work weekend. And then came

the expansion of the kitchen and the new meeting room upstairs, a job he had a major hand in. After that followed several years with more work weekends. But he wasn't done. Not long ago he and his son fixed the broken front steps. And he wasn't finished yet. When there was a need for a fund raiser for LOV, Jørgen made a gorgeous Viking ship that was filled with booze and raffled off at the 2018 Convention. And if that wasn't enough, he has made another one, and a beautiful stabbur, to be raffled off at the 2020 Convention in Jacksonville.

Jørgen Fidje, a man of many talents and dedication to the Third District and Sons of Norway is richly deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award, and it is my great pleasure and honor to submit his name as a candidate.

Audun Gythfeldt  
Zone 3 Director and past District President

### **BARBARA BERNTSEN**

There are people who stand out as strong, efficient, and dedicated leaders. Barbara Berntsen is such a person.

Barbara became a member of Sons of Norway in 1972, and got involved in the activities of Garborg Lodge, and held various offices, including those of Secretary, and President, the latter from 1996 to 1999. Other notable lodge offices she held were Foundation Director and Cultural Director. As Cultural Director she has produced articles in the lodge newsletter covering the rich Norwegian cultural history, something she is still doing in her lodge newsletter as the assistant editor. It is worth mentioning also that Barbara was the chair of the Bazaar Committee for 10 years, proving her talents as an organizer, as well as her dedication to the lodge.

Barbara emerged at the District level when she served as the Secretary of the Convention Committee for the 1996 District Convention hosted by the District in the Catskills. Two years later she was elected District Secretary, a post she held for 6 years. Having been involved at this level in the District, we know that the Secretary's job is demanding and time consuming, but Barbara tackled the job confidently and efficiently, with an amazing ability to get things done in time. During the last two years of her time as District Secretary she also served as Secretary for the 2004 International Convention Committee for the convention hosted by the Third District in Washington D.C.

Barbara was also a Leadership Workshop facilitator for the District and has served on several convention committees during and after her time as District President. During her time as District President she served as Secretary on what is now referred to as the District Presidents Advisory Committee. At some point during her presidency, companies were getting into

extraction of shale gas in Pennsylvania, and leased excavation rights from property owners. Barbara became aware that this was happening in the LOV area and took action that eventually led to signing the deal that paid 3D Limited almost \$ 230,000. This alone should make her worthy of a prize.

Following her four years as District President, Barbara was elected International Director for the years 2008-2012. During the last two years of her term as International Director she was elected International Youth Director by the International Board. On the International Board she served on several committees. She chaired the Benefits Committee, and she was on the Lund Family Fund Committee, raising funds to establish the Lund Family Fund for the Sons of Norway Foundation. To crown her many efforts and achievements at the international Board level, Barbara was the secretary of the Charter, Constitutions and Procedures Committee, which made its recommendations to the International Lodge Meeting in 2012.

Land of the Vikings has been near and dear to Barbara's heart, and she and husband Roy has spent endless hours working at the facility. There are some of us remembering Barbara

crawling under the floor of the main building tracing electrical wires or clearing snow off the roof. And for the last several years she has served on the LOV Board as Secretary.

It will come as no surprise that Sons of Norway is not the only organization Barbara has been interested in and helped. She has been involved with the 17<sup>th</sup> of May Committee for the Greater New York, and for many years has been Secretary and Greater Chair of the organization. She has been working with the Norwegian Immigration Association, and was their Membership Secretary for many years, and she lent her organizational talent to the Nassau County, NY, District PTA, where she was Vice President from 1994 to 1998.

There is no doubt that Barbara Berntsen is deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award, and I am proud and honored to submit her name as a candidate.

Audun Gythfeldt  
Zone 3 Director and past District President

Following the announcement there were many good pictures taken of Barbara receiving her award from President Kathy Dollymore and Audun.

### **LODGE MERIT AWARDS**

President Kathy Dollymore presented the following to lodge members:

2018

Gold – Bernt Balchen, Gateway to Florida, Hampton Roads, Washington, Restauration, Nor-Bu

Silver – Southern Star

Bronze – Noreg, Norumbega, Nordkap, Troll, Bondelandet, Oslo, Bla Fjell

2019

Gold – Hampton Roads, Washington, Nor-Bu, Restauration

Silver – Bernt Balchen, Tampa Bay

Bronze – Southern Star, Nordkap, Oslo, Bla Fjell

2020

Gold – Washington, Hudson Valley, Hampton Roads, Bondelandet, Restauration

Silver - Noreg

Bronze – Southern Star, Suncoast, Bla Fjell, Tampa Bay

2021

Gold – Washington, Hampton Roads, Restauration, Bondelandet

Silver – Nordkap, Loyal, Noreg, Norumbega, Tampa Bay, Bla Fjell

Bronze - Suncoast

**LODGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

President Kathy Dollymore presented the following to lodge members:

2018

D3 Large Lodge of the Year – Hampton Roads

D3 Small Lodge of the Year – Restauration

D3 Family Lodge of the Year – Hudson Valley

2019

D3 Large Lodge of the Year – Hampton Roads

D3 Small Lodge of the Year – Restauration

D3 Family Lodge of the Year – Hampton Roads

2020

D3 Large Lodge of the Year – Washington

D3 Small Lodge of the Year – Bondelandet

D3 Family Lodge of the Year – Nørrona



2021

D3 Large Lodge of the Year – Hampton Roads

D3 Small Lodge of the Year – Bla Fjell

D3 Family Lodge of the Year – Restauration

### **LIVE AUCTION**

Many large items were auctioned, raising money for the District Charitable Giving Group.

Dirk Hansen had organized a raffle for a quilt that was donated by Gateway to Florida Lodge. The winner was Patricia Hansen of Nørrona Lodge, and she was very pleased.

### **FOLK ART EXHIBITION**

Here is a follow-up statement from Cultural Director Andy Mathisen:

Thank you, everyone, who participated, and it was a real joy to see all the skill, time, and effort put into each piece. We were proud to be able to put them on display. The people's votes were tallied, and Karen McIlrath of Southern Star Lodge won the People's Choice Award with her beautiful needlework scene of the Northern Lights. We hope to continue educating and inspiring our younger generations on the fine craftsmanship our heritage offers. Mark your calendars for the 2024 convention. Deadlines for completed works will be released as the convention approaches.

The banquet ended at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Addison,

District Three Secretary