



SONS OF NORWAY 3D



Third District Today September 2016 3D Convention round-up

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



Fra Presidenten, Mary B. Andersen

" it is like driving a car. You do not look in the small rear view mirror to see where you have been, instead you look through the large windshield to see where you are going"
remarks by International Vice President Ron Stubbings at the 2016 3D Convention

International Vice-President Ron Stubbings used the above quote in his remarks at our 3D Convention and I love them. I will focus on those words for the next two years. Our challenge is that some of things in the rear view mirror – memories of our Norwegian heritage – must not be forgotten and must be preserved but we must move forward and

respond to bends and turns in the road ahead. How do we connect more people to that heritage? How do we strengthen the ties that already bind?

We will continue to focus on membership, leadership, community and communication. There are a few committees forming to address specific aspects of each of these very important issues; if you are asked to serve on a committee, I hope you will accept. Diversity of experiences and opinions generally results in a well thought out solution. Some of the committees and their tasks include:

Communication – the first item to be examined is the TDT – an enormous amount of effort goes into producing a monthly newsletter. Is it worth it? We have approximately 5500 members with approximately 3500 email addresses; so at most we can reach 60% of our membership. But the newsletter is opened by on average, 35% of the recipients or 1,220 members which represents 20% of our membership!!! Is a monthly newsletter worth the time effort that goes into producing it if at most only 20% of our members open it???? is a quarterly newsletter a better alternative? Join the conversation – Deb McConaghy of Norsk Carolina is heading this committee. There are many other aspects of communication and more committees will be forming.

Membership – our Vice-President Kathy Dollymore is in the process of forming three committees each of which will concentrate on a specific aspect of retaining and attracting new members.

Leadership – I will be working with many members throughout the District to develop leadership tools. I am thinking of videos, train the trainer sessions and more. If you are interested in helping with developing a leadership curriculum let me know!

There are other committees actively at work and you will hear more about them over the next few months. Your Board can not do it alone!

I am pleased to announce that Jim Dunagan, Oslo Lodge has been appointed as Publicity Director! We will be issuing a special Convention issue (both 3D and International) in the next few weeks.

The 3D Board appointed the LOV Board as follows:

- Chair – Roy Berntsen
- Vice Chair – Billy Karpack
- Treasurer – Helen Timoney
- Secretary – Barbara Berntsen
- Marketing Director – William Taylor

All the best,

Mary

Vice President Kathy Dollymore

We provide programs that cannot be found easily elsewhere. We want to share what is our value and deliver it to those who will reach for it. The perks to emphasize are the programs listed on the SON website including the new Port Card available to members.

We adapt to protect the organization- at one time only Norwegian was spoken, there was a blackball for membership, lodges had closed meetings, women were excluded. Now we find Oktoberfests, Irish Dancers, Thanksgiving feasts, Valentine socials along with our Cultural Heritage events.

Sharing our Time management for all organizations is difficult- not enough hours in a day for everything we want to do. To help with this issue let us assimilate the way the Vikings did when they conquered Ireland by assimilating into society.

We can't target just Norwegians if we are to stay viable. The interest in things Norwegian / Scandinavian Cultures is what brings visitors hopefully then to membership.

Please share your lodge with friends, family and those who have an interest in Norway. Show them what we have to offer. Share your pride. Let's all try to get some new members out to our lodges. Look to your friends and neighbors.

Thinking of New Members,

Kathy

Congratulations to the following lodges on their Lodge Anniversaries.

Lodge Anniversaries in the Third District -5 Year Intervals (Let us know if we missed your lodge)

Blafjell	3-646	Oct. 12, 1996	20 Years
Faerder	3-109	Jan. 6, 1911	105 Years
Gulfstream	3-514	May 29, 1971	45 Years
Hudson Valley	3-432	May 10, 1946	70 Years
Nordkap	3-215	Oct. 15, 1921	95 Years
Noreg	3-466	Nov. 23, 1956	60 Years
Restauration	3-555	Feb. 21, 1976	40 Years
Scandinavian			
Heritage Society	3-433	July 20, 1946	70 Years
Space Coast Vikings	3-615	June 30, 1991	25 Years
Tampa Bay	3-515	Dec. 4, 1971	45 Years

2016 Convention Roundup

The meeting minutes have been drafted and distributed. They will be reviewed and adopted at the October 2016 Board meeting. After approval, the minutes will be posted on the 3D website. There are plenty of pictures on the 3D facebook page

Resolutions and results listed on this TDT - pages

The 2016-2018 3D Board

- District President: Mary Andersen from Bondelandet Lodge.
- Vice President: Kathy Dollymore from Restauration Lodge.
- Secretary: Karen Olsen Helms from Norden Lodge.
- Treasurer: Peter Vatne from Norumbega Lodge.
- Counselor: Peter Hanson from Norumbega Lodge.
- Cultural Director, Gail Martinsen, this would be her second term.
- Public Relations Director, vacant.
- Youth Director: Susan Olsen from Loyal Lodge.
- Sports/Recreation Director: Andy Mathisen from Noreg Lodge.

The 3D Board held a conference call in August to appoint a Publicity Director and the LOV Board.

International Director

The only contested position was International Director and our new International Director is Ken Johnson from Henrik Ibsen Lodge. The results of the election for International Director: Ken Johnson 52 votes and Arnold Johnson 51 votes.

Alternate International Director, Mary Andersen

Awards

We had many, many awards to hand out!

2014 and 2015 Lodge of the Year

2014	Large Lodge of the Year- Tie	Hampton Roads 3-522; Gateway to Florida 3-541
	Small Lodge of the Year	Restauration Lodge 3 –555
	Family Lodge of the Year- Tie	Hudson Valley 3-432; Norden 3-407
2015	Large Lodge of the Year	Nansen 3-410
	Small Lodge of the Year	Oslo 3-438
	Family Lodge of the Year	Nansen 3-410

The Odin

This was a new contest this year that was announced in the TDT. The challenge was to create a video titled “How not to treat a new member”. A script and sample video were provided.

The winner of the first annual Odin award was Gulfstream Lodge!!!

3D NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Category A

Third place	Paul Dimon	Hudson Valley 3-432
Second place	Karen Keat	Gulfstream 3-514
First place	Gail Yerkes	Gateway to Florida 3-541

Category B

Third place tie	Kimberly Breiland	Brooklyn 3-243
Third place tie	Dean Brown	Suncoast 3-562
Second place	Barbara Berntsen	Garborg 3-265
First place	Pat Rush	Scandia 3-617

Category C

Third Place	Jennifer Axness	North Carolina Vikings 3-675
Second Place	Dave Neston	Vikingworld Orlando 3-501
First Place	Robin Lambert	Blafjell 3-646

Honorable Mention Awards

Category A

Millie Diefenbach	Bernt Balchen 3-566
Marie Hansen	Washington 3- 428
Karen Van Wart	Nansen 3- 410
Leslie Johannessen	Norden 3-407
Ruth Ann Christophersen	Fredriksten 3-125
Dr. Louis Olsen	Nordkap 3-215
Karin Ryan	Loyal 3-252
Anne Meisner	Nor-Bu 3-427

Category B

Diane Robinson	Norsk Carolina 3-679
Janet Dickson	Troll 3-476
Kathy Dollymore,	Restauration 3-555
Arne Solli	Hartford 3-474
Frank Bolstad,	Faerder 3-109
Oriya Bartow	Henrik Ibsen 3-393

FOUNDERS AWARD for 2014 Member Achievement

Gulf Coast Vikings Lodge #683 awarded to Harriet McHenry, President
Blafjell Lodge # 646, Sharon Rohrback, President
Dovre Lodge # 232, Mary Hanchar, Secretary

FOUNDERS AWARD for 2015 Member Achievement

Hudson Valley Lodge #452 Julia Nilsen, President
Loyal Lodge #252 Ed Fleming, President
Norden Lodge # 407, Stephen Helmold, President
Hampton Roads #522 Ralph Peterson, President
Scandia Lodge #617 Pat Rush, President
Gulf Coast Vikings Lodge #683, Harriet McHenry, President
Brooklyn Lodge #243, Corinne Alexis Hall, President

Merit Awards

2014 Gold

Hampton Roads, Gateway to Florida, Restauration, Blafjell.

Silver

Nordkap, Garborg, Norden, Hudson Valley, Oslo, Gulfstream. Tampa Bay. Sarasota, Suncoast, Sun Viking, Southern Star, Norsk Carolina, Gulf Coast Vikings.

Bronze

Faerder, Henrik Ibsen, Norrona, Lauderdale, Troll, Bondelandet and North Carolina Vikings

2015 Gold

Norden, Nansen, Nor-Bu, Hudson Valley, Oslo, Norumbega, Hampton Roads, and Gateway to Florida

Silver

Brooklyn, Garborg, Washington, Noreg, Troll, Gulfstream, Restauration, Sun Coast, Sun Viking, Bondelandet, Blafjell, and Norsk Carolina

Bronze

Faerder, Nordkap, Fredheim, Henrik Ibsen, Norrona, Tampa Bay and Southern Star

Gail Martinsen, Cultural Director



Norway's National Animal, Bird and Flower

With the elk as the National Animal, purple heather being its National Flower and dipper as its national bird, Norway gives an emphasis to the unique characteristic attached to being an independent nation.



Norway's national flower is the purple heather



The national animal is the elk.



The national bird is the Dipper.



The national fish is the cod.



Norway's national animal is the elk, the national flower is the purple heather, national fish is the cod and the national bird is the dipper. But, Norway, also, has a Royal Animal, the LION!! In the 13th Century, King Haakon introduced the lion as the symbol on the Cpoat of Arms of Norway. The crown and axe were added in 1280. The coat of arms had several changes throughout the centuries until 1992 when it established it's current design. The Norwegian Coat of Arms is the oldest and most unique in all of Europe! The crown, field and shield all together represent the Royal Order of Saint Olav.

Just before 1900, when the Swedish/Norwegian Union was being threatened by the Norwegians, the press in Norway started to criticise that the knights of the Swedish Order of the Seraphim had higher ranks than those who were holders of the Grand Cross of Saint Olav! The Norwegian public wanted a Norwegian honors system just the same as the ones in Sweden and Denmark. On January 21, 1904, King Oscar II's 75th Birthday the Order of the Norwegian Lion was founded "in memory of the glorious events associated with Norway's venerable coat-of-arms". The Order of the Norwegian Lion had only one class just like the Swedish Order of the Seraphim and the Danish Order of the Elephant. Upon the founding of the Order of the Norwegian Lion, the Order of the Seraphim ceased in Norway. The star of the Order of the Norwegian Lion has an 8 point Greek cross of white enamel framed in gold with knobs of gold at each point. In the center of the cross is a crimson globe with the Norwegian Coat of Arms surrounded by a wreath and the Order's chain. The Order's symbol has an oval medallion of red enamel with the Norwegian Lion in gold framed by a gold wreath. The Order of the Norwegian Lion has a ribbon of blue with red and white stripes at the edge. The Grand Master of the Order is the King and all the heirs to Norway's throne were to hold the Order of the Norwegian Lion and the Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Olav. King Haakon VII chose not to continue the order. He repealed the Order of the Norwegian Lion on March 11, 1952 in a court resolution.

Have a very Happy Labor Day weekend! Gale



AUDUMBLA

"Cow Goddess of Ice Cream"

In the beginning there was Ginnungagap (an endless void) and Muspelheim and Niflheim, terrible worlds of pain. When Muspelheim's warm air hit Niflheim's freezing ice the Frost Giant, Ymir was created. He was the first living creature and became the Father of the Frost Giants. While Ymir was sleeping he started to sweat. A man and woman grew from the sweat under his left armpit and a son was bred from one of his feet. As more ice melted the liquid turned into a cow named Audumla. Ymir was saved from starving to death with the "ice cream" that came from her teats. Four rivers of milk flowed from her teats. Audumla licked the salty blocks of ice for nourishment and on the first night, a man's hair rose out of the ice. She licked more the next day and the 2nd night out of the ice came a man's head. As she continued licking the ice on the 3rd night a whole man emerged from the ice. He was named Buri, the First God! Buri (the first primeval god) was tall, strong and handsome, he fathered Bor. Bor married Bestla, a daughter of one of the Frost Giant, Bolthor. She had 3 sons. Odin was her first son, the second was Vili and the third was Ve. Ymir was evil from the beginning, but, as time wore on he grew even worse and grew so large that the 3 gods killed him and used his body to create the universe. Midgard was his eyebrow, a place for humans to live, The first humans were Ask (ash) and Embla (elm).

Pete Hegseth – 6/06/1980

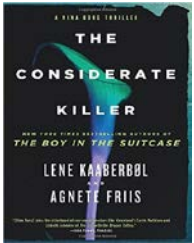


Peter Brian Hegseth was born on June 6, 1980 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His father was a teacher and his mother a housewife. Pete grew up in Forest Lake, Minnesota and graduated from the Forest Lake High School in 1999. Pete's heritage is 100% Norwegian! His ancestors migrated from Norway to America in 1866. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2003 from Princeton University and in the same year joined the National Guard. He is an Infantry Captain and has served in Afghanistan, Iraq and Guantanamo Bay. He has been awarded with 2 Bronze Stars and a Combat Infantryman Badge. In 2013 Pete earned his Masters in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Today he is CEO of Concerned Veterans for America and was the executive director of Vets for Freedom. Plus, he is still in the Army National Guard and a Fox News Contributor. Pete has been married twice, the first ended in divorce. They had one son. He is currently married to Samantha and they have 2 sons, Gunner, born in 2010 and Boone, born in 2012. Pete's main focus today is on his family and as an advocate for the Vets!



We have several special days in September, Labor Day, 9/17, Constitution & Citizenship Day, 9/14 the day Francis Scott Key wrote the “Star Spangled Banner”, 9/18 U.S. Air Force was established, 9/29, VFW was established and so on. But, did you know, also, on September 29 it is **U.S. National Cat Day?**

CULTURAL BOOK REPORT



“The Considerate Killer” By Lene Kaaberbøl & Agnete Friis

Nina Borg and her husband, Morten traveled to a Filipino beach resort to try to save their marriage. Six months later Nina realizes horrific repercussions of that trip followed her home to Denmark. While grocery shopping on a cold and icy day she’s attacked outside of the store. Before going into unconsciousness she hears her attacker asking for forgiveness. A while later she realizes he was asking forgiveness for what he plans to do not for the attack on her. While she is investigating her attack she discovers it is all linked to events she encountered in Manila. It is all related to 3 young men whose friendship started in a medical school in Manila. Nina and her attacker both face the same problem, how far can they go to survive!

Lene Kaaberbøl & Agnete Friis’s first book written together was “The Boy in the Suitcase”. It was translated into 30 different languages throughout the world. Half a million copies were sold! At 15 years old, Lene became a professional writer with over 2 million books sold all over the world! Agnete is a journalist. As a team they have authored altogether, 4 books including “The Boy in the Suitcase”, “Invisible Murder”, “Death of a Nightingale” and “The Considerate Killer”. Nina Borg is the heroine in all of their books.

Culture / Folk Art District 3 Convention 2016

I sent out a letter regarding the Folk Art Competition and applications for the Folk Art Exhibition and Competition to all of the 3D Lodges through their Cultural Director, President or any lodge officer with an e-mail address. Also, the first mention of the contest was in the February 2016 TDT and starting in March, I included the letter and application in the TDT (up to the May TDT). The deadline to enter was May 20th. 15 of our 3D members responded, 9 Adult Amateurs, 5 Adult Professionals and ONE Heritage. Several entered more than one item including one participation, who entered 2 categories, embroidery and oil painting! All together 30 items were entered. We are so blessed to have so many talented members in our district! I know that there must many more skilled members in our district, hopefully, they will be inspired to enter their items in our 2018 3D Folk Art Exhibition and Competition! We had the following entries in this year’s contest, 6 embroidery, 1 quilting, 4 hardanger, 1 diamantsøn, 3 needlepoint, 1 punch needle, 4 weaving, 1 sprang, 4 rosemaling, 1 oil painting and 3 knitting and 4 items available for sale. Following is a list of the winners! It was a difficult job for the committee to select the winners out of such beautiful entries!

Winners of Folk Art Competition @ 2016 3D Convention

Heritage

Knitting

FIRST PLACE: Kaitlyn Lorentzen – Nordic Design Pillow

Adult Amateur

Knitting

FIRST PLACE: Lynn Rundhaugen – Red & White Christmas Stocking

SECOND PLACE: Lynn Rundhaugen – Grey & White Selbu Pattern Mittens

Weaving

FIRST PLACE: Chris Loken-Kim – 2 Cottolin Placemats (Rep weave, warp hand-dyed)

SECOND PLACE: Chris Loken-Kim – Green Cottolin Napkins w/rose path border

Embroidery

FIRST PLACE: Karen McIlrath – Cross Stitch – 16”x16” framed picture of a Norwegian Cottage in the winter

THIRD PLACE: Charlotte Berg – Counted Cross Stitch – “Girl as Spring”

Oil Painting

FIRST PLACE: Charlotte Berg – “Winter Morn”

Needlework

FIRST PLACE: Cara L. Blume – Framed diamantsøm design in black, brown, orange, gold, green & white

SECOND PLACE: Annegrete Petersen – Framed 13”x14” Needlepoint – “The Waves”

THIRD PLACE: Annegrete Petersen – Framed 16”x14 ½” Punch Needle “Backyard Cats”

Hardanger

FIRST PLACE: Karen McIlrath – 14”x14” cloth – Blue threads worked on Blue Linen

SECOND PLACE: Karen McIlrath – 27”x12” Table Runner Blue & White Thread on White Hardanger Fabric

Adult Professional

Weaving

FIRST PLACE: Linda M. Hurt – Rigid Heddle Band/Pickup – woven trim – Blue, Green Ground w/Cream Pickup – Snowflakes Pattern (Original)

SECOND PLACE: Linda M. Hurt – Krokbagd Runner/Wall Hanging

Hardanger

FIRST PLACE: Elizabeth Baumgardt – Grey Mat

SECOND PLACE: Elizabeth Baumgardt – White Apron

Rosemaling

FIRST PLACE: Ingrid Keune – Bowl – 14” Diameter, Black & Green Interior, Cream Outer Band

SECOND PLACE: Lise Lorentzen – Nordic Style Plate – 18” Black & Green Telemark

THIRD PLACE: Linda L. Miller – Telemark Design – 12” Plate

BEST IN SHOW: Ingrid Keune – Rosemaled 14” Bowl – Black & Green Interior & Cream Outer Band

PEOPLE’S CHOICE: Karen McIlrath – Hardanger - 14”x14” Cloth – Blue Threads worked on Blue Linen

I’m looking forward to the Folk Art Competition at our 2018 3D Convention on Long Island! Maybe more members will be inspired to participate in 2018. I am so proud of the AMAZING skills that were represented in this year’s Folk Art Convention! Tusen Takk to Kathy Dollymore for her advice and expertise, it was so much help!

CULTURAL RECIPES

Fish for a Prince From “The Norwegian Kitchen” Kjell E. Innli, Editor

Serves 4

1.3 pounds boneless & skinned cod or halibut fillet

1 ½ Tbsp. butter

1 egg yolk

Salt

½ cup peeled cooked shrimp or lobster

1 Tbsp. chopped parsley

2 cups fish stock

2 ½ Tbsp. flour

1/3 cup whipping cream

about 1 Tbsp. lemon juice or sherry

8 cooked asparagus spears



Cut the fish into 4 serving pieces. Poach the fish stock 8-10 minutes. Transfer the fish to a deep serving platter and keep warm. Melt the butter and stir in the flour. Gradually whisk in the stock. Simmer until thickened. Beat the egg yolk into the cream and whisk into the sauce. Season with salt, lemon juice or sherry. Garnish with shrimp and asparagus. Sprinkle with parsley.



STEGT FLÆSK MED ÆBLER (BACON WITH APPLES)

From “Danish Food & Cooking” By Judith H. Dern

September 2016

Makes 4

Apples appear in many savory Danish dishes. In this sandwich, the sweet combination of apples & onions mixed with crisp, salty bacon is rich & satisfying.

8 bacon strips

2 firm apples, peeled & chopped

2 slices rye bread

4 parsley sprigs

1 cup finely chopped onion

2 Tbsp. salted butter, softened

2 leaves lettuce

Fry the bacon over a medium-high heat until crisp; drain on kitchen paper leaving the fat in the pan. Cook the onion in the reserved bacon fat for 5-7 minutes, until translucent but not browned. Add the apples and continue cooking for about 5 minutes, until tender. Crumble 1/2 the bacon into the apple mixture. Butter the slices of bread to the edges, top with the lettuce leaves and cut each slice in 1/2. Leaving one curl of lettuce visible on each piece, spoon the apple & bacon mixture on to the lettuce dividing it evenly among the sandwiches. Break 4 reserved bacon slices in 1/2 and place 2 pieces on each sandwich. Garnish with parsley and serve warm.

Check out the 3D website at the web address above **and** look for information on "Constant Contact" e-mails when you receive them. From now on the TDT will only be sent out on Constant Contact or you can access it at the website above. Facebook page-<https://www.facebook.com/TheThirdDistrictoftheSonsOfNorway>

[Andy Mathisen, 3D Sports Director](#)

The Sports and Recreation side plans on continuing the regular program:

Golf Outings

Bowling competition with lodges

Promote Skiing events in the winter

Sport Medals

Something new: Fitbit Competition between Zones

[Stephen Helmold, Zone One Director](#)

Norden Lodge and friends go to a rainy Ducks Baseball Game.

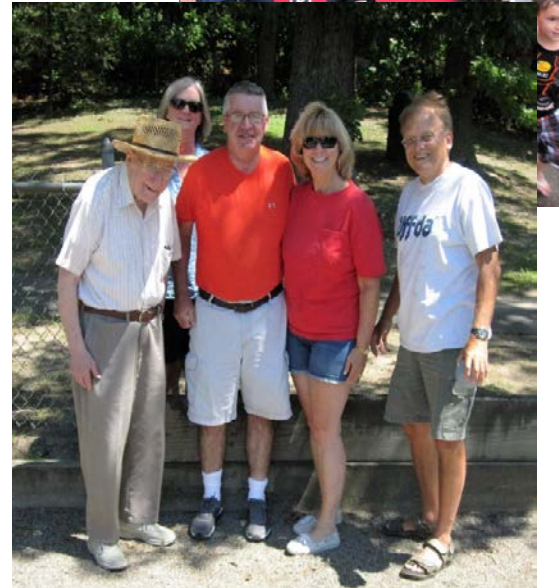
21 members showed for the game that was hours delayed by rain.

Some left and some stayed until the bitter end to watch the ducks win!



Next Norden has their annual family picnic

Ed Andreassen enjoys a game of Bocce with his daughters



Linda and Janice and their husbands.



There was shuffleboard, swimming in LI Sound and lots of great picnic food

The Helmolds (Norden) and the Grabbers (Norge) spend the day together in NYC to see the Viking Exhibition



[Zone 4 – Kari Williams – Director](#)

A GOOD SUMMER TO ALL, THOSE OF US IN CENTRAL AND UPSTATE New York have endured a heatwave, one week of over 90 degrees and too little rain in July, lawns are brown and flowers must be watered every day.

Five of the six Zone 4 Lodges had delegates to the 3D Convention in Myrtle Beach in June. The Convention Committee had found a wonderful hotel with good food, great service. I am sure you have seen pictures from there. The Convention was a success, there is now a new 3rd District Board, picture enclosed, also a picture of the representatives from Zone 4. Zone 4 won 2nd place, Zone 1 took 1st place, in the 3rd District challenge which was a lot of fun. A lot of items were auctioned off at the live auction and the Viking Auction, and we all went home with lots of pictures and great memories. And LAND OF THE VIKINGS will stay open, as long as it is being used!!!!

___Zone 4 members have already made their reservations for the Lobster Fest on August 13th at LOV, and also the Zone 1 and Zone 4 Weekend on October 21st to October 24th, which will include cooking lessons on Saturday and a Halloween Costume Party Saturday evening.

. Members from Troll Lodge, Norrona Lodge and Hudson Valley lodge attended a Renegades Baseball Game on Sunday, July 24th at Dutchess Stadium. Matthew, a grandson of a Norrona member threw out the first pitch of the game, which the Renegades won 11-1 over the Aberdeen Iron Birds. The zone will receive \$ 3.00 per member attending to give a donation to the charity of our choice. In 2015, 31 members attended and zone 4 donated \$ 93.00 to the 3D Charitable Trust. (no final count yet for 2016)

- . Hudson Valley Lodge 3-432: Lodge members will start the season with SOUP DAY at Elvedal on September 10th and members will meet to walk across the Hudson on "Walkway over the Hudson" on September 21st. Saturday, October 8th will be a Leif Erickson Day celebration with dinner.
- . Norrona Lodge 3-467: Lodge members will start the fall season with dinner at a local restaurant Sunday, Sept. 18th
- . Troll Lodge 3-476: Troll members meet on Friday September 9th. Friday September 14th is Oktoberfest with brats, hotdogs and beer, also celebrating Leif Erickson. The Annual Scandinavian Holiday Fair is on Saturday, November 12th, and the annual Troll Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 10th at the Travelers. The Lodge has a committee in place for the 50th Anniversary in fall of 2017.
- . Norsemen Lodge 3-572, Oslo Lodge 3-438 and Scandinavian Heritage Society Lodge 3-433 will be meeting this summer to plan the fall season. As Zone 4 Director for another 2 years, I will be representing Zone 4 at the International Sons of Norway Convention in Tacoma, Washington, August 24-28, 2016, and Arnold Johnson from Hudson Valley Lodge will be a delegate. Looking forward to a great fall season here in "Upstate New York Fraternally, Kari Williams, Zone 4 Director

Zone 6 – Eric Bjorseth– Director

RESTAURATION LODGE 40th Anniversary year

Friday September 9- 7:00pm

Welcome back from Summer- Delegates Report. Program on one of Norway's favorite sport.

Friday October 14- 7:00pm

Have you read your Viking today? Questions from your Viking Magazine.

BONDELANDET LODGE

Friday, September 16

In honor of the Sons of Norway Bondelandet Lodge summer reading challenge, author Jorgen Flood will be speaking. His topic will be "Writing about Norwegian and Scandinavian History in English. Challenges and Obstacles." Jorgen has written a variety of books, both fiction and nonfiction, on the Vikings, medieval history, World War II, Norwegian transportation and the Norwegian Navy. The meeting will be held Friday, September 16 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 301 St. Thomas Road, Lancaster PA, starting with the social hour at 7:00 PM.

Questions: Call Jeanne Addison (717)793-7428.

Friday, October 21

Svein Klinge of Norway Bondelandet Lodge will be speaking about "The Birkebeiners". The meeting will be held Friday, October 21 at ST.Thomas Episcopal Church, 301 St. Thomas Road, Lancaster PA, starting with social time at 7:00 PM. Questions? Call Jeanne Addison (717)793-7428

Nordkap Lodge-

95th Anniversary at the Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD, October 15, 2016 from 1:00-5:00 pm
Contact Shirley Knutsen for information at 410-871-3047

Fredriksten Lodge

September social will be an Oktoberfest on 9/10 at 2:00 pm, with the usual German atmosphere such as food, music, beer, etc. June Hansen Medal and the rest of the social committee are planning that event. Our October social is (and almost always has been) our weekend at LOV – 10/7 to 10/9. I don't have a theme for that as yet. Committee is Astrid (Pettersen)

Luchetti (chair), Joyce (Tepper) Kapusta and Elsie Drackley, who did a fine job with our LOV weekend last year and I expect will do the same again this year.

Zone 7 – Dirk Hansen – Director

It is and has been a busy summer what with 2 conventions. Due to a health issue, I had to miss the District 3 Convention but my belated congratulations to everyone involved in putting it together for a job well done. Also my thanks to all for your well wishes expressed to me. I will see many of you in Tacoma later this month.

I know the lodges of Zone 7 are looking forward to getting back to business in the fall as well as some cooler weather. I will have more to report on the individual lodges in the September TDT but I can report that both Norsk Carolina and Southern Star held summer get-togethers. Deb McConaghy and Eric and Anne Berg hosted their respective lodges earlier this summer.

I am also in the initial planning stages of setting up a zone 7 meeting for the lodge presidents. I hope to have at least a tentative date early fall.

Fraternally, Dirk Hansen

Pictures from around the District



Dovre lodge RI members having a cookout at Anderson residence Warren, RI.



Ralph Peterson – the best auctioneer!





Resolutions from the 3D Convention (we will report separately on the International Convention resolutions)

There were many resolutions resulting the business meeting running late and with little time to spare during the meeting!

We want to address two major items up front and you can read all the actual resolution on the following pages. The resolution to sell LOV was defeated. A resolution to continue the \$3 per member extra dues voted in at the 2014 meeting be continued two more years until December 31, 2018 was adopted. We have been hearing a lot of different things regarding dues increases. Please ask your lodge delegate to report back to you, that is their job!

The resolutions that follow are presented in the order of discussion. Please keep in mind that some of these resolutions relate to the Sons of Norway Constitution and Policies and Procedures. Those resolutions are being brought forward to the International Convention where they will be voted on again. **PLEASE NOTE:** The following is taken from the draft of the Convention minutes which is currently undergoing review. The Convention minutes will be voted on at the Fall 3D Board meeting. It is quite possible that some of the wording may change. By now, your delegates should have reported on the Conventions at your September meetings.

**RESOLUTION #8
Zones Listed in the District Bylaws
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, Paragraph 3.7.1.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution states "The boundaries of the zone shall be fixed by the District Lodge and the description thereof shall be stated in the District Bylaws";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Bylaws be amended by appending a new Article XIV:

ARTICLE XIV COMPOSITION OF ZONES

Amended Resolution # 8 to strike the Lodge names and numbers and just list the Zones (Brooklyn, Long Island, etc.)

**ARTICLE XIV
COMPOSITION OF ZONES**

The composition of Zones shall be made up by territory as follows:

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| Zone 1 | Brooklyn, Long Island, Manhattan |
| Zone 2 | New England |
| Zone 3 | Northeast Pennsylvania, Staten Island, New Jersey |
| Zone 4 | Upstate New York |
| Zone 5 | Florida |

Zone 6 Southeast Pennsylvania, Maryland, DC
Zone 7 Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

**RESOLUTION #12
Number of Delegates per Local Lodge
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

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

WHEREAS, this sometimes means members worthy to serve as District Officers or Directors cannot be considered because they did not obtain one of the few available delegate positions from their lodge; and

WHEREAS, more delegates at conventions would generate more interchange of ideas;

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

4. Each Local Lodge shall be entitled to elect two Delegates for the Lodge, plus an additional Delegate for each ~~100~~50 members or major fraction thereof, based on the last Annual Report before the election takes place. Each Local Lodge may elect an equal or greater number of Alternates (paragraph 4.7.1). All persons who have been members of the Order for at least three months shall be eligible for election as Delegates or Alternates.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$500. This represents the extra cost for binders and certain printed materials at the convention. No other District costs would increase, as each additional delegate pays their own package and hotel. There will be an additional cost to local lodges that subsidize their delegates in whole or in part.

Means by which funds are obtained: Funds would come from existing dues. The estimate is rather high, and the cost divided by the number of members in the District comes to about \$0.10 per member.

FAILED

**RESOLUTION #13
Detailed Dues Notices
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3**

WHEREAS, the Sons of Norway dues structure is somewhat complicated and not uniform; and

WHEREAS, this complexity and non-uniformity is necessary in most cases for reasons of fairness; and

WHEREAS, the basic problem is that it is hard to explain to members exactly how their dues are calculated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Home Office modify the dues notices to give a detailed breakdown of how the dues were calculated for that particular notice. For example, the breakdown should include:

Fixed portion of International dues

Variable portion of International dues (one line for each variable, e.g. Viking magazine, family membership, Golden Member, Unge Venner, etc.)

c. Fixed portion of District dues

d. Variable portion of District dues (one line for Fraternal Fee, extra dues, etc.)

e. Fixed portion of local dues

f. Variable portion of local dues (Golden Member, Unge Venner, etc.)

The breakdown need not show items that do not apply. The breakdown may include negative values (i.e. discounts), when the description of the calculation would thereby be made simpler. For variable portion of dues, the description must show why a particular level was applied (e.g. a Fraternal Fee that varies in three levels depending upon distance from a camp should show the particular distance category used).

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

Unknown. This resolution would cause a certain amount of work by the Sons of Norway programmer(s). The programming job should not be too difficult, as the algorithms for generating the dues are already in place. All that should be needed is to add print statements at each step of calculating the dues, which should be relatively inexpensive (no more than \$1.00 per member, and probably less than half that).

Means by which funds are obtained:

Funds would come from existing International dues. If necessary the International dues could be raised to cover this cost, but the amount per member should be relatively small.

FAILED

RESOLUTION #14

**District President Ex Officio Membership
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, it would be good if the District President were an ex officio member of all appointed committees; and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rules states that a President is not automatically a member unless the Bylaws so specify; and

WHEREAS, sections 4.16.1.3 and 4.16.1.4 of the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures Manual already describe similar duties for a Local Lodge President;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that section 3.16.1.3 of the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures Manual be amended, and a new section 3.16.1.4 be added, to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

3.16.1.3. Appoint all standing or special committees, unless otherwise ~~determined~~ expressly provided; 3.16.1.4. Be a member ex-officio of all appointed committees except the Nominating and Auditing Committees;

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This only affects the District President's membership of appointed committees.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION #17
District President Local Lodge Visits
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, requiring the District President to "visit each Local Lodge at least once each biennium to the best of his/her ability" is a hardship for many worthy candidates with full-time jobs; and

WHEREAS, the District has grown in geographical area over the years; and

WHEREAS, visiting every Local Lodge could be expensive for the District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V, Section 4 of the Third District Bylaws be amended to read

Visit as many local lodges at least once each biennium as practical and whenever s/he deems it necessary.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution will actually save money, since it does not require the President to visit all the Local Lodges during his or her term.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #22
Resolution Re: District Board Reporting to District Lodge
Submitted by Nor-Bu Lodge #3-427

WHEREAS requests are made to the District Board; and

WHEREAS it is reasonable that delegates and members be informed of the response to such requests,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District Board reports to the following Biannual District Lodge Meeting of actions taken.

This resolution has no financial impact on the District.

Resolution referred back to the Resolutions committee for clarification.

RESOLUTION #24
Local Lodge Nominating Committee
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506

WHEREAS, Robert's Rules of Order recommends excluding the current President from a Nominating Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Paragraph 4.11.4 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (inserted text underlined):

At a regular meeting, not later than September of each year, a Nominating Committee of three (3) or five (5) members shall be elected. The Lodge President shall not be a member of the Nominating Committee. At the first regular meeting in October, the Committee shall present to the Lodge its slate of candidates recommended for office. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of election.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

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

Means by which funds are obtained:N/A **FAILED**

RESOLUTION #25
District Nominating Committee
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506

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

WHEREAS, this exclusion is too restrictive, as there may be candidates for District office (such as Zone Directors) who would also make good Nominating Committee members; and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rules of Order only recommends excluding the current President;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 3.11.5.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended by replacing the sentence "No member of the Nominating Committee shall be a candidate for election as District Lodge Officer or Director." with "The District President shall not be a member of the Nominating Committee."

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

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

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

FAILED

**RESOLUTION #28
Definition of Local Lodge Board of Directors
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506**

WHEREAS, the definition of the Local Lodge Board of Directors in the Sons of Norway Constitution is ambiguous; and

WHEREAS, it is important that it be clear who is and who is not a member of the Board of Directors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 4.13.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):
The Local Lodge Board of Directors shall consist of only those elected Officers and Directors that the Local Lodge specifies in its Bylaws, and must consist of at least the following elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one of Financial or Membership Secretary, and one of Social or Cultural Director and such other Officers or Directors that the Local Lodge specifies in their Bylaws.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution only affects the interpretation of Local Lodge Bylaws.

Means by which funds are obtained: FAILED

RESOLUTION #29
Governance Decisions Recorded in Bylaws
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506

WHEREAS, the Sons of Norway Constitution leaves certain decisions on governance to the District or Local Lodges; and

WHEREAS, confusion and delay can result when questions of governance arise, and the decisions of the District or Local Lodges have not been memorialized in the Lodge Bylaws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended as follows:

A. In Paragraph 3.6.1, change "Until otherwise determined by a District" to "Unless otherwise specified in the District Bylaws".

B. In Paragraph 3.11.5.1, change "as set forth by the District Lodge" to "as set forth by the District Lodge in its Bylaws".

C. In Paragraph 3.11.6, change "may be determined by the District" to "may be specified in the District Bylaws".

D. In Paragraph 3.11.7, change "if it so desires" to "if it so specifies in its Bylaws".

E. In Paragraph 3.17.2, append the sentence "The Fraternal fee shall be specified in the District Bylaws."

F. In Paragraph 3.18.2, change "as determined by the District Lodge" to "as specified in the District Bylaws".

G. In Paragraph 3.18.3, change "as determined by the District Lodge" to "as specified in the District Bylaws".

H. In Paragraph 3.20.1, append the sentence "The District Dues shall be specified in the District Bylaws."

I. In Paragraph 3.23.2, change "as determined by the respective District" to "as specified in the respective District Bylaws".

Resolutions Committee submitted a Substitute Resolution to keep A through I and removing J through L.

Substitute Resolution ADOPTED.

J. In Paragraph 4.11.11, append the sentence "Such compensation shall be specified in the Local Lodge Bylaws."

K. In Paragraph 4.20.1, change "shall be determined by the Lodge" to "shall be specified in the Local Lodge Bylaws."

L. In Paragraph 4.20.2, change "may be determined by each Local Lodge for itself" to "(if any) shall be specified in the Local Lodge Bylaws."

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution only affects the interpretation of Lodge Bylaws.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE amended
Substitute Resolution for Resolutions 30,31,32,33
Dealing with LOV finances etc.**

WHEREAS, we have owned the property known as Land of the Vikings (LOV) for 38 years and during that time it has served us wonderfully in facilitating our compliance with the Sons of Norway Constitution, General Provision, para 1.2.4 “The Objectives and Purposes of the Sons of Norway”. The ways that these provisions have served us are as follows:

During that time LOV has served the Third District as a meeting place for Third District Board and other meetings.

LOV has enabled our District to operate our youth camp passing our Norsk culture including archery, woodcarving, language, the Norwegian table prayer, the Norwegian anthem and other sports to our next generation.

LOV has absorbed countless hours “sweat equity” greatly improving the facility, primarily but by no means exclusively from the nearby lodges. Our “Sweat Equity” volunteers were consistent and generous with cash donations.

Our facilities were provided at low cost for zone meetings, golf outings, adult Hardanger & Rosemaling classes and member lodges weekends. These facilities also enabled us to host Ski for Light and Sports for health.

WHEREAS, the demographics of our membership have changed to an older less mobile group; and

WHEREAS, many of our membership have moved substantially farther away from LOV making travel and access more onerous; and

WHEREAS, our membership has substantially declined; and

WHEREAS, the property now has an undocumented value beyond the original purchase price with corresponding increases in taxes, maintenance, insurance, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the property has had a troubled financial history; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no chance that the property will ever be financially self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the cessation of insurance payments would put our organization at substantial financial risk; and

WHEREAS, the cessation of property tax payments would quickly lead to a tax auction resulting in substantial losses; and

WHEREAS, the Third District has no access or capital reserve to fund this sort of expense; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of our fraternal fees would endanger our interest in this property, and

WHEREAS, an abandoned facility would quickly deteriorate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Third District begin the necessary steps to sell the property and report on its progress at our Fall Board Meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these sections be added to Article VII of the District Bylaws:

4. The District Dues shall be \$8.50 per member.
5. The Fraternal Fee shall be \$3. The Fraternal Fee shall be transferred to Third District Ltd (commonly referred to as the Landlord) to support Land of the Vikings.
6. The extra District dues shall be levied at \$9 effective January 1, 2017. These extra dues shall be transferred to Third District Ltd to support Land of the Vikings.
7. The Fraternal Fee and the extra District Dues shall cease on the following January 1 after the closing of the sale of Land of the Vikings is complete (“the closing of the sale”).
8. After the closing of the sale, all extra dues collected from January 1, 2017 through the closing of the sale shall, if possible, be refunded to the Lodges of the Third District in proportion to their adult membership as of the December 31, prior to the closing of the sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if possible, and in order to provide security, our operations be continued for as long as we own the property.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the closing of the sale, all donations and loans received from members after January 1, 2014, to either 3D or 3D LTD or LOV LTD for the purpose of keeping LOV open, be returned to the donors, (i.e., Zones, Lodges, Individuals), prior to any disbursement, especially to 3D LTD or 3D.

Financial Impact

The lack of funding via a membership fee could result in the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of decreased property value dollars. After the property is sold, there will be substantial savings as compared to the past operation of the facility.

After the resolution was read, George Iliff and Stephen Helmold gave opposing points of view on the resolution. The Resolutions Committee asked for a postponement until later in the day.

RESOLUTION #1
Recruitment Lodge Representation
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, the Sons of Norway Constitution clearly specifies in section 3.23.2 that members of Central Lodges (i.e. 000) are entitled to representation at District Lodge meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is not clear how members of recruitment Lodges (e.g. 999) can be represented at District Lodge meetings although they are full members of Sons of Norway;

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

3.23.3.2. For the purpose of representation at District Lodge meetings, the members of recruitment Lodges are considered to be members of their District's Central Lodge.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. There is already a system in place for electing delegates from the Central Lodge.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #2
International Delegate Elections
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, paragraph 2.6.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution was modified in 2014 to specify that each District is entitled to two Delegates "plus one (1) Delegate for each 300 members, or major fraction thereof"; and

WHEREAS, it would be reasonable if the District Lodge could use the same number (300) in its calculation of the number of International Delegates and Alternates each zone may nominate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 3.7.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

3.7.1. OPTIONAL DIVISION Each District Lodge may be divided into several geographical zones for the purpose of nominating candidates for Delegates and Alternates to the International Lodge meeting. If so divided, the members of the District Lodge from each zone shall have the right to caucus and nominate one (1) candidate as Delegate for each ~~400~~300 members in the zone.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution only affects the calculation of the number of International Delegates and Alternates each Zone may nominate. It does not affect the total number of International Delegates the District may elect.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A

ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION #3
International Delegate Elections
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, paragraph 2.6.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution was modified in 2014 to specify that each District is entitled to two Delegates "plus one (1) Delegate for each 300 members, or major fraction thereof"; and

WHEREAS, it would be reasonable if the District Lodge could use the same number (300) in its calculation of the number of International Delegates and Alternates each zone may nominate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that if the number 400 is changed to 300 in Paragraph 3.7.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution at the 2016 International Convention, that Article X, Section 3, of the Third District Bylaws be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

3. The District Board shall allot to each Zone the number of International Delegates and Alternates which each may nominate at their caucus meeting. The basis shall be the number of times the Zone's total Local Lodge membership is divided by ~~400~~300. All Zones and Local Lodges shall be informed of the allocations.

a. Following the divisions, the remainders shall be aggregated and combined with the District's portion of the Central Lodge membership. The total membership thus established shall be the basis for: i. Allocating a nomination privilege to any zone not having ~~400~~300 members and thus otherwise ineligible to nominate a Delegate or Alternate. ii. Determining the number of Delegates and Alternates to be nominated and elected at-large at the Convention.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution only affects the calculation of the number of International Delegates and Alternates each Zone may nominate. It does not affect the total number of International Delegates the District may elect.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #11
Two-Year Terms for International Directors
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, it can be hard to find good candidates willing to serve a four-year term as International Director;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 2.11.6.2 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

2.11.6.2. Terms of Directors. Director terms shall be one ~~four~~ two-year term (time served as an alternate shall not be counted in the ~~four~~ two years) or until their successors have been elected and installed.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 2.11.6.4 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

2.11.6.4. Term Limits. No International Officer can be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms in any one office. International Directors cannot serve more than two consecutive ~~four~~ two-year terms, and cannot serve a two-year term consecutive to a four-year term.

This resolution would take effect starting with the ~~2014~~2016 International Convention for International Directors elected that year. For Directors in the middle of their four-year term, the resolution would take effect at the end of their current term.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution simply affects the length of the term of International Directors.

Means by which funds are obtained:N/A.

FAILED

RESOLUTION #27
Election by Majority Vote
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506

WHEREAS, the Sons of Norway Constitution requires election by acclamation in cases where there is only one (1) candidate for an office; and

WHEREAS, this could result in the election of someone favored by only a few members, because no one else was ready to run for that office at that time; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Lodge may prefer the Board to select someone other than the one nominated candidate;

***With the approval of the submitting Lodge, Norumbega # 506 to amend the third whereas to insert "of the Lodge". Amended without objection**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 2.11.5.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

2.11.5.1. Ballots shall be used in all cases where there are two (2) or more candidates for any office, otherwise ~~election shall be by acclamation~~ ballots may be dispensed with. If there is one (1) candidate for an office, a vote for or against the candidate must be taken. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 3.11.5.2 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

3.11.5.2.1. **Time of Elections.** The officers are elected at the regular meetings of the District Lodge by the International Officers, International Directors, District Officers, District Directors, and District Delegates present, all being the current members of the District Lodge.

3.11.5.2.12. **Ballots.** Ballots shall be used in all cases where there are two (2) or more candidates for any office, otherwise ballots may be dispensed with. If there is one (1) candidate for an office, a vote for or against the candidate must be taken. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election; ~~otherwise election shall be by acclamation.~~

3.11.5.2.13. **Candidates.** If more than two (2) candidates have been nominated for an office and none receives a majority on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall withdraw, and so on until one (1) candidate gets a majority. ~~When there is only one (1) candidate for any office, vote by acclamation is permissible.~~

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 4.11.5 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

4.11.5.1. Time of Election. The election of Officers shall take place not later than the first meeting in November of each year.

4.11.5.2. Ballots. In all cases where there are two (2) or more candidates for any office, ballots shall be used, otherwise ~~election shall be by acclamation~~ ballots may be dispensed with. If there is one (1) candidate for an office, a vote for or against the candidate must be taken. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election.

4.11.5.3. Candidates. If more than two (2) candidates have been nominated for an office, none of whom receives a majority on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall withdraw, and so on until one (1) candidate gets a majority.

~~4.11.5.1. Time of Election. The election of Officers shall take place not later than the first meeting in November of each year.~~

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution only affects election procedures.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

FAILED

**RESOLUTION #9
Excluded Matters
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, the Welcome Ceremony in the Sons of Norway Guide for Leadership states "we require that you never introduce any matter of a political or religious nature into the lodge"; and

WHEREAS, this policy and similar ones are not explicitly stated in the either the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitutions or the Policy and Procedures Manual;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures Manual be amended by adding the following new section:

1.2.3. EXCLUDED MATTERS

1.2.3.1. COMPETING INSURANCE PRODUCTS

Insurance or other financial products that compete with products offered by Sons of Norway shall not be introduced into the lodge.

1.2.3.2. POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS MATTERS

Matters of a political or religious nature shall not be introduced into the lodge. In particular, this means that members shall neither advocate nor denigrate particular political parties, candidates, or religions. This prohibition does not exclude members from saluting the flag, singing national anthems, urging members to vote, giving religious greetings, holding Christmas parties, discussing the history of politics and religion in Norway, or anything similar, as long as the behavior is optional and not threatening.

1.2.3.3. ILLEGAL OR OBNOXIOUS BEHAVIOR Illegal acts are prohibited,

as is behavior that conflicts with the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitutions, the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures, the District's Bylaws and Policies, or the Local Lodge's Bylaws, Policies, and Rules.

1.2.4. MEDIA POLICY Excluded matters shall not be displayed in posters, recordings, videos, lodge newsletters, websites, or other social media.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution simply affects behavior during meetings and in media.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION # 23
District Nominations from the Floor
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental democratic right of assemblies to elect any officers of their own choosing; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 3.11.5.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended by appending the sentence "Nominations must be allowed from the floor during District Lodge meetings at times determined by the District Lodge."

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

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

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #10
Cutoff Time for Nominations
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, it is important that delegates to a convention have time to evaluate the candidates for office; and

WHEREAS, last minute nominations from the floor can prevent that evaluation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V, Section 5, Paragraph b of the Third District Bylaws be amended to read (deleted text struck through, inserted text underlined):

Nominations of Officers shall be opened the afternoon of the first business day of a regular District Lodge meeting (Convention), at which time the Nominating Committee shall present their candidates. Additional eligible nominations may be made at any time up to noon of the day prior to the vote for the office involved.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution simply affects the nomination procedure during conventions.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

Amendment to strike the word convention – **ADOPTED**

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION #20

**Nominating Committee for International Director Clarification
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, the Laws Committee delivered a report at the International Convention in Jacksonville, Florida in August of 2014, in which Law Proposals from several districts were rewritten for clarity; and

WHEREAS, an omission from the original proposals was made inadvertently by the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this omission was not corrected during the discussion period regarding the proposal; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of all districts to seek out as many qualified candidates from as wide a pool of members and from as many sources as possible; and,

WHEREAS, this is the same language that already appears in Section 3.11.5.1 Nominating Committee for District officers:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter and Constitutions, section 3.7.7, be amended to read as follows:

3.7.7 The District Board of Directors shall elect a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) members of the District Lodge. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to identify, review, and recommend eligible candidates for the election of International Director. The Nominating Committee shall elect the Committee Chair from the elected committee members. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be a candidate for election as International Director. Members of the District Lodge may submit candidates to the Nominating Committee as determined by the District Lodge. Candidates for nomination to the International Board of Directors shall be benefit members and must meet all eligibility criteria as set forth by the International Board. The Nominating Committee shall review the qualifications of the candidates and present them to the Lodge and place the candidates on the ballot.

Other procedures and deadlines for the nomination of candidates for International Director shall be determined by the District Lodge or District Board. (8/14)

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #26
Removal of Officers and Directors
Submitted by Norumbega Lodge #3-506

WHEREAS, paragraphs 2.11.8, 3.11.8, and 4.11.8.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution state that an Officer or Director can only be removed provided that the Officer or Director concerned "has been given an opportunity to defend" himself or herself; and

WHEREAS, the phrase "opportunity to defend" is subject to multiple interpretations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 2.11.8 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended by appending the sentence, "The Officer or Director concerned must be given a copy of the written complaint, and must be allowed to appear in person before the Board to defend, or to send a written response to the Board, or both."; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 3.11.8 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended by inserting the sentence, "The Officer concerned must be given a copy of the written complaint, and must be allowed to appear in person before the Board to defend, or to send a written response to the Board, or both." before the words "The Officer shall then be suspended ..."; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 4.11.8.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended by appending the sentence, "The Officer concerned must be given a copy of the written complaint, and must be allowed to appear in person before the Board to defend or to send a written response to the Board, or both."

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution only affects the procedure for removal of Officers and Directors.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

Resolution postponed until later in the day, to give Brother Don and Sister Anita time to write an amendment.

Amend to add in all three resolves “be given 45 calendar days from the receipt of the written complaint to prepare a response”.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Amendment #2, insert “be sent by return receipt certified mail” in all three resolves

AMENDMENT #2 ADOPTED

Amend #3: Amend the amendment to change the word “prepare” to ‘submit” in the resolves.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #4

**District Telephone Conference Meetings
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, paragraph 2.14.1.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution allows for the International Board of Directors to meet via telephone conference; and

WHEREAS, meeting via telephone conference would allow District Boards to respond to issues quicker, and potentially save money by shortening the agenda at regular District Board meetings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a new paragraph 3.14.1.1 be added to the Sons of Norway Constitution to read:

3.14.1.1. Telephone Conference Meeting. A conference among members of the District Board of Directors by any means of communication through which the District Board of Directors may simultaneously hear each other during the conference, constitutes a meeting of the District Board of Directors, if the same notice is given of the conference call as would be required for a District Board of Directors "Special" Meeting, and if the number of District Board members participating in the conference call would be sufficient to constitute a quorum at a regular District Board of Directors Meeting. Participation in a meeting of the District Board of Directors by teleconference constitutes personal participation in such Meeting.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution may actually save money, since it does not require travel by Board members to participate in a meeting via telephone conference.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

Amend Telephone conference meeting to Teleconference.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION #16

Telephone Conference Meeting -- 3D Bylaws

Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, meeting via telephone conference would allow the District Board to respond to issues quicker, and potentially save money by shortening the agenda at regular District Board meetings;

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

4. The District Board shall meet immediately after each District Lodge meeting (Convention) and at least once every year thereafter. The District Board or the President shall decide the meeting time and place. The District President or a majority of the officers may call additional meetings. The District Board may meet via conference call by any means of communication through which the District Board of Directors may simultaneously hear each other during the conference, if the same notice is given of the conference call as would be required for a District Board of Directors additional meeting, and if the number of District Board members participating in the conference call would be sufficient to constitute a quorum at a regular District Board of Directors meeting. Participation in a meeting of the District Board of Directors by conference call constitutes personal participation in such meeting.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution may actually save money, since it does not require travel by Board members to participate in a meeting via telephone conference

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A.

Amend to strike convention. ADOPTED.

Amend #2 to change every conference call to teleconference. ADOPTED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #18
Eligibility of District Officers and Directors
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, it is sometimes difficult to find good candidates among the members of a District Lodge for election as District Officers or Directors; and

WHEREAS, there may be good candidates among the members of the District, but who were unable to attend the District Lodge meeting (Convention), whether for personal reasons (such as illness), or because they were not elected as delegates (the Local Lodge might choose for its few delegates those members who can attend the Convention, but who are not willing or able to serve as District Officers or Directors);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 3.11.1 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, added text underlined):
Only voting members of the District Lodge who are also benefit members shall be eligible to hold elected District Lodge offices. The benefit provision for District Board members shall not be required for countries, provinces or states where Sons of Norway is not authorized to sell financial benefit products.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 3.11.7 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended to read (deleted text struck through, added text underlined):

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of District President, the Vice President shall succeed to the office of President for the unexpired term. In such event the District Board of Directors shall elect from its members a Vice President to fill the unexpired term.

When other vacancies occur in any other District offices, they shall be filled by the District Board of Directors from among the members of the District Lodge. A District Lodge may, if it so desires, elect Alternates for the purpose of filling vacancies occurring among the other members of the District Board of Directors.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This resolution only affects the eligibility of candidates for District Officers and Directors.

Means by which funds are obtained:

N/A. **ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION #19
Nominating Committee for International Director
Submitted By District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, all districts have Nominating Committees to identify, review and recommend eligible candidates for International Director as set forth in Charter and Constitutions section 3.7.7; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the organization to have a large number of members eligible to serve on this Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the current Charter and Constitutions limits the Committee to members of the District Lodge,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter and Constitutions section 3.7.7 be amended to read as follows:

The District Board of Directors shall elect a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) members of the District.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #34
Disqualification to hold office
Submitted by Nansen Lodge #3-410

WHEREAS in the past there were members who committed acts brought before the International Board of Directors that took time away from other official business, resulting in significant legal expenditures, arbitration fees, and other expenses not budgeted for or unrelated to normal Board business, and

WHEREAS there is no procedure in either the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitutions or in the Third District Bylaws to disallow a person properly removed from either the International or District Board levels within the Sons of Norway from holding office again,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that paragraph 6 be added to Article V of the Third District Bylaws stating: Anyone properly removed from office within Sons of Norway at either the International or District levels, according to the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitutions Chapters 2.11.8, 2.11.8.1, 2.11.8.2, 2.11.8.3, or 3.11.8, subsequently be disallowed from ever seeking or holding office again at the Third District Board level.

This resolution has no financial impact on the District.

Amend the resolve by striking “subsequently be disallowed from ever seeking or holding office again at the Third District level” and inserting “If that person seeks office at the Third District level again, the prior removal from office must be disclosed on the candidate leadership application”. Unanimous consent to change “Disqualification” to “Qualification”

AMENDMENT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED

**Amended Substitute Resolution for Resolutions 30, 31, 32, 22
Dealing with LOV finance etc.**

WHEREAS, we have owned the property known as Land of the Vikings (LOV) for 38 years and during that time it has served us wonderfully in facilitating our compliance with the Sons of Norway Constitution, General Provisions, para 1.2.4 “ The objectives and Purposes of the Sons of Norway”. The ways that these provisions have served us are as follows:

During that time LOV has served the Third district as a meeting place for Third District Board and other meetings.

LOV has enabled our District to operate our youth camp passing our Norsk culture including: archery, woodcarving, language, the Norwegian table prayer, the Norwegian anthem and other sports to our next generation.

LOV has absorbed countless hours “Sweat equity”, greatly improving the facility, primarily but by no means exclusively from the nearby lodges.

Our “Sweat Equity” volunteers were consistent and generous with cash donations.

Our facilities were provided at low cost for zone meetings, golf outings, adult Hardanger & Rosemaling classes and member lodges weekends.

These facilities also enabled us to host Ski for Light and Sports for health.

WHEREAS, the demographics of our membership have changed to an older less mobile group; and

WHEREAS, many of our membership have moved substantially farther away from LOV making travel and access more onerous; and

WHEREAS, our membership has substantially declined; and.

WHEREAS, here as the property now has an undocumented value beyond the original price with corresponding increases in taxes, maintenance, insurance, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the property has had a troubled financial history; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no chance that the property will ever be financially self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the cessation of insurance payments would put our organization at substantial financial risk; and

WHEREAS, the cessation of property tax payments would quickly lead to a tax auction resulting in substantial losses; and

WHEREAS, the Third District has no access or capital reserve to find this sort of expense; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of our fraternal fees would endanger our interest in this property;
and

WHEREAS, an abandoned facility would quickly deteriorate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Third District begin the necessary steps to sell the property and report on its progress at our Fall Board Meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these sections be added to Article VII of the District Bylaws:

4. The District Dues shall be \$8.50 per member.
5. The Fraternal Fee shall be \$3. The Fraternal Fee shall be transferred to Third District Ltd (commonly referred to as the Landlord) to support Land of the Vikings.
6. The extra District dues shall be levied to \$9 effective January 1, 2017. These extra dues shall be transferred to Third District Ltd to support Land of the Vikings.
7. The Fraternal Fee and extra District Dues shall cease on the following January 1 after the closing of the sale of Land of the Vikings is complete (“the closing of the sale”)
8. After the closing of the sale, all extra dues collected from January 1, 2017 through the closing of the sale shall, if possible, be refunded to the Lodges of the Third District in proportion to their adult membership as of the December 31 prior to the closing of the sale.

Motion made to amend and add #8 to Resolution. Motion adopted.

Motion made to add the words “and loans received from members”; Motion adopted

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if possible, and in order to provide security, our operations be continued for as long as we own the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after the closing of the sale, all donations and loans received from members after January 1, 2014, to either 3D or 3D LTD or LOV LTD for the purpose of keeping LOV open, be returned to the donors (i.e., Zones, Lodges, Individuals), prior to any disbursement, especially to 3D LTD or 3D.

Financial impact:

The lack of funding via a membership fee could result in the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of decreased property value dollars. After the property is sold, there will be substantial savings as compared to the past operation of the facility.

President Andersen stated that “two microphones are set up. One for the sale of Land of the Vikings and one against the sale of Land of the Vikings. Speak only to the issue being debated. You will have 2 minutes to speak to the issue. You cannot speak twice to the same issue. This debate will be limited to 90 minutes in total.”

Debate ensued with 90 minutes of pros and cons of keeping or selling Land of the Vikings.

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 30, 31, 32, 33

Eric Bjorseth **MOVED** to amend the Resolution to add #8.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #8 After the Motion to amend the amendment to under #8 Under Therefore be it further resolved #8 after the closing of the sale, all donations and loans received from members

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Motion made to amend the Substitute Resolution to add #8 **THEREORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** after the closing of the sale, all donations and loans received from members after January 1, 2014 to either 3D, 3D LTD or LOV LTD for the purpose of keeping LOV open be returned to the donors, i.e. zones, lodges, individuals prior to any disbursement especially disbursements to 3D LTD or 3D.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

Vice President Peter Vatne moved to divide the Resolution into four parts and vote separately on each part.

MOTION FAILED.

A ballot vote was taken to determine the outcome of the resolution.

The results of the substitute resolution

Number of votes cast 104; necessary for adoption 70

Number of votes for the sale of Land of the Vikings 47

Against the sale of Land of the Vikings 57 **RESOLUTION FAILED.**

RESOLUTION #5

Fraternal Fee Limit

Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, paragraph 3.17.2 of the Sons of Norway Constitution limits a Fraternal Fee to \$3 per member; and

WHEREAS, this limit was last revised in 2004;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 3.17.2 of the Sons of Norway Constitution be amended by changing the limit of \$3 to \$4.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: Varies, depending upon the decision of District Lodge on how much to charge for the Fraternal Fee.

Means by which funds are obtained:

The Fraternal Fee is collected when members pay their annual dues.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION #6
Stepped Fraternal Fee and Extra Dues
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, some members of the Third District are too far away from the Land of the Vikings to take advantage of its facilities; and

WHEREAS, it would be fairer if members who were farther away from the Land of the Vikings paid less than members who were closer to the Land of the Vikings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fraternal Fee be \$3 for members whose Lodge is less than or equal to 250 miles* from Land of the Vikings (which shall include Lodges 3-000 and 3-999), \$3 for members whose Lodge is more than 250 miles and less than or equal to 400 miles from Land of the Vikings, and \$2 for all other members; and

THREREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that Extra Dues be \$4.50 for members whose Lodge is less than or equal to 250 miles from Land of the Vikings (which shall include Lodges 3-000 and 3-999), \$2 for members whose Lodge is more than 250 miles and less than or equal to 400 miles from Land of the Vikings, and \$0 for all other members; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that should Land of the Vikings be sold, the Fraternal Fee and Extra Dues will be cancelled as of the following January 1 after the closing of the sale is complete.

*Mileage as calculated via Google Maps from the Lodge meeting location to the Land of the Vikings

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

Varies per member. Most members will pay \$1.50 more, some \$1 less, and some \$4 less.

Means by which funds are obtained:

The Fraternal Fee and extra dues are collected when members pay their annual dues

Motion made to eliminate the first resolve, change the second resolve, by adding “will continue until December 31, 2018.” In the next resolve, strike “the Fraternal Fee and”.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED

**Motion made to strike out "or equal to" in the amendment
MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT FAILED**

MOTION TO AMEND FEE FROM \$2 TO \$3 and \$0.00 to \$1.

The Parliamentarian stated that since this amendment is outside the scope of notice of what was published to everybody beforehand which was \$2 and \$0 being the bounding limits, the Parliamentarian suggested to suspend the rules to allow that to occur.

Motion to suspend the rules ADOPTED

MOTION TO AMEND THE FROM \$2 TO \$3 AND \$0 TO \$1 ADOPTED

RESOLUTION AS AMENDED FAILED.

RESOLUTION #22

**Resolution Re: District Board Reporting to District Lodge
Submitted by Nor-Bu Lodge #3-427**

WHEREAS requests are made to the District Board; and

WHEREAS it is reasonable that delegates and members be informed of the response to such requests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District Board reports to the following Biannual District Lodge Meeting of actions taken.

This resolution has no financial impact on the District

This resolution was referred back to the Committee for clarification.
Amended in First **Whereas** to add on occasion are not followed and,
The second **Whereas** to add in writing to ensure that the requests are followed

Therefore be it resolved add in writing and delete "Biannual" and "in response to requests made at the previous District Lodge Meeting".

President Andersen stated that this Resolution is deleterious because we already do this and declared this resolution out of order.

RESOLUTION #21

**Resolution to continue the \$3 per member Extra Dues until December 2018
Submitted by Norden Lodge #3-407**

WHEREAS, at the 2014 meeting, the 3rd District Lodge voted to institute a \$3 per member extra dues until Dec. 2016 to help pay for taxes and insurance for LOV to give LOV a two- year period to re-open and resume business; and

WHEREAS, many members and lodges have shown their support for LOV by donating large sums of money to help the reopening effort; and

WHEREAS, there were debts such as attorney fees that were incurred before the 2014 meeting of the 3rd District Lodge but unknown to the membership at that time; and

WHEREAS the damage to the heating system was greater than anticipated at the 2014 meeting of the 3rd District Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the Third District Board has taken a loan from two members totaling \$8,000 to finish fixing the heating system; and

WHEREAS, LOV was not able to open until more than one year after the 2014 meeting of the 3rd District Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd District youth camp was held and will continue to be held at LOV as long as it remains open, And whereas, the 3rd District Board has met at LOV and will continue to meet at LOV as long as it remains open; and

WHEREAS, the opening of LOV has been successful and LOV is just starting to recover from being out of business for 2 ½ (two and one-half) years; and

WHEREAS the \$3 extra dues will end automatically as of December 31, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the \$3 per member extra dues voted in at the 2014 meeting be continued two more years until December 31, 2018.

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #7
Fraternal Fee and Dues in the District Bylaws
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board

WHEREAS, the current Fraternal Fee and District Dues should be specified in the District Bylaws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that these sections be added to Article VII of the District Bylaws:

4. The District Dues shall be \$8.50 per member.

5. The Fraternal Fee shall be \$3 for members whose Lodge is less than or equal to 250 miles from Land of the Vikings (which shall include Lodges 3000 and 3-999), \$3 for members whose Lodge is more than 250 miles and less than or equal to 400 miles from Land of the Vikings, and \$2 for all other members. The Fraternal Fee shall be transferred to Third District Ltd (commonly referred to as the Landlord) to support Land of the Vikings.

6. The District Dues shall be temporarily increased by \$4.50 for members whose Lodge is less than or equal to 250 miles from Land of the Vikings (which shall include Lodges 3-000 and 3-999), by \$2 for members whose Lodge is more than 250 miles and less than or equal to 400 miles from Land of the Vikings, and by \$0 for all other members. This increase shall be transferred to Third District Ltd to support Land of the Vikings, and shall cease on January 1, 2018.

7. In the event that Third District Ltd sells Land of the Vikings, the Fraternal Fee and any temporary increase in District Dues shall cease on the following January 1 after the closing of the sale is complete.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount: \$0. This resolution simply calls for the District Bylaws to be updated with specific information.

Means by which funds are obtained: N/A.

Amendment submitted by Vice President Peter Vatne:

WHEREAS the current Fraternal Fee and District Dues should be specified in the District Bylaws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that these sections be added to Article VII of the District Bylaws:

4. The District Dues shall be \$8.50 per member.

5. The Fraternal Fee shall be \$3. The Fraternal Fee shall be transferred to Third District Ltd, commonly referred to as the Landlord) to support Land of the Vikings.

6. The Extra District Dues shall be \$3 EFFECTIVE January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018. These Extra District Dues shall be transferred to Third District Ltd to support Land of the Vikings.

7. In the event that Third District Ltd sells Land of the Vikings, the Extra District Dues shall cease on the following January 1 after the closing of the sale of Land of the Vikings is complete.

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

No change from the existing District Dues, Fraternal Fees, and temporary Extra Dues.

Means by which funds are obtained:

Member dues.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

RESOLUTION #15

**Only One Signer for Small Amounts
Submitted by District Lodge No. 3 Board**

WHEREAS, section 3.16.5.3 of the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures Manual states that it is the duty of the District Treasurer to "make all payments by check or comparable banking transfer, issued by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, or Secretary, as determined by the Board of Directors"; and

WHEREAS, section 4.16.1.10 of the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures Manual states that it is the duty of the Local Lodge President to "countersign all checks, bank and postal transfers issued by the treasurer"; and

WHEREAS, this seems unnecessary for small amounts, particularly if covered by a budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 3.16.5.3 of the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures Manual be amended to read (inserted text underlined):

3.16.5.3. Make all payments by check or comparable banking transfer, issued by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, or Secretary, as determined by the Board of Directors, unless the District Bylaws specify an exception to countersigning for budgeted amounts under a specified limit; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that section 4.16.1.10 of the Sons of Norway Policy and Procedures Manual be amended to read (inserted text underlined):

4.16.1.10. Countersign all checks, bank and postal transfers issued by the treasurer, unless the Lodge Bylaws specify an exception for budgeted amounts under a specified limit;

Financial Impact Statement

Estimated Amount:

\$0. This only affects the Treasurer's ability to sign checks for small amounts without a co-signer.

Means by which Funds are Obtained:

N/A.

RESOLUTION FAILED

State of LOV Report

Roy Berntsen, LOV Chair

Hi Everyone, I hope you will not get tired of hearing from me but Mary asked me at convention if I would accept to be the Chair of LOV again for this term. I told her yes. As in the past I will write each month to keep you informed on the progress at LOV.

The convention held this past June had a lot to do about LOV. The committees and the delegates had resolutions and financial reports to consider. The "What If" committee gave their presentation. The LOV Board gave a presentation on the 11 months that we were open and the clientele that have come back to enjoy our home away from away. This answered the questions brought by the delegates. As chair, I wrote a LOV Report giving a snapshot month by month account of the past two years. {It is available by contacting Barbara or me.} There were resolutions to close LOV or to sell LOV. Those resolutions were defeated. The delegates did not have enough information to make a thorough decision. There was no information on a selling price or even if we would have a buyer. There were resolutions concerning the additional dues structure for each member. The resolution to keep the dues structure, the way it had been for the past two years, passed by a large majority. The passing of this resolution will give the LOV Board and all our membership another two years to see how it will prosper. Our additional dues will remain at \$3.00 for another two years. The delegates had a chance to speak to all the issues and the LOV Board amended an issue where there may have been miscommunication and/or misunderstanding when it comes to LOV. There is a lot of concern throughout the district concerning the finances at LOV. In my understanding; LOV was a place where our members could come to enjoy getting away for a weekend or week. It was meant to sustain itself and not cost the district or 3D Ltd. additional costs but it was not meant to be overpriced nor make sizeable profits from our own members who support LOV. It was meant to "help" offset the cost of having a cultural center. We are always trying our best to balance what is best as a profit for LOV without being too expensive that people cannot afford to come and bring their family. The selling and the closing of LOV is the responsibility of the 3D Ltd. Board as they are the owners of the property if ever the 3D Ltd. Board deems it necessary to take that action to sell.

The Third District Board will meet to nominate and elect me and the other LOV Board officers nominated by President Andersen. I accepted her nomination to be the LOV Chair for the next two years, William Taylor accepted to remain as the Marketing Chair, Barbara accepted to remain as the Secretary, but we have a new Buildings & Grounds Chair Rick Budrick who accepted the position, and Helen Timoney accepted to be the Treasurer. **We all hold temporary positions at this time.** We also have additional members who will be part of the LOV Team. Billy Karpack has agreed to be part of the Buildings and Grounds team and Debbie Martin has agreed to help the LOV Board all she can. Maureen Cooper agreed to continue with our Facebook page. If you would like to join the team, please let me or the secretary – Barbara – know. Again the five LOV Officers: Rick, Barbara, Helen, William and myself, will be nominated at board meeting and elected, if the board approves. I welcome their assistance. As in the past, please continue to contact me with any thoughts or suggestions. Nothing is too big or too small.

We owe a big "THANK YOU to the FIDJE Family." Jorgen, Gordon, and Ester were at LOV during July and they rebuilt the front stoop. You can check out the pictures on the LOV Facebook page. Not only did they donate the material grey "Shop Trex" plastic planking for the stoop and the white railings but they installed it too. It looks beautiful and was truly needed. The porcupines had the steps so eaten it was becoming a safety issue. Thank you so much Jorgen, Gordon, and Ester.

We had a wonderful donation of a set of Farberware pots and a bottle of wine. The pots were donated from Barbara and Bob Bensen and the wine from Karen and Steve Helmold. We raffled them off this weekend at the Lobster Fest and raised \$345. Thanks you so much Barbara, Bob, Karen & Steve. Check out the Facebook page on: <https://www.facebook.com/Landofthevikingslov/> or just put in Land of the Vikings and it will take you right to the Facebook page and the district web site.

The Lobster Fest went very well. Not only was the food exceptional, but we had 35 guests stay and 20 guests visit for the lobster dinner. We had a good time.

The liquor license is approved and this year it was an easy renewal. Barbara was prepared for all the questions and forms to complete, but it was an easy sign-up on-line. What a relief not to have the hassle, or needing to fill out the same forms several times, and wait months as we did last year. We were pleased.

Bev and Marie will attend the Food Safety conference/seminar and take the test for the application. It is a requirement by the PA Board of Health to take the class as they do not accept any license taken on-line. They will attend the seminar and take the test the end of the month or in early September.

We had many weekends booked for the summer and fall already, but you can join the fun on any of these weekends. Some dates may change, but this is how it stands at the moment. Please join us. Besides our Third District Youth Camp we had:

June 3 rd = Omholt Family	November Hunting for New York
June 25 th = Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner	
July 17 th week = Fly Fishing Youth Camp	December 10 th = Basket Social
July 29 th weekend = Wedding Party Pario	
August 1-8 th week = Sports for Health	December 30-1 stay = LOV New Year's Eve
August 13 th weekend = LOV Lobster Fest	
Sept. weekend = a possible family reunion.	Dec 30 – Jan 1 = New Year's Eve Gala.
September 16 – 18 = Work Weekend	
September 30 th weekend = Oktoberfest	2017
Oct. 7 - 9 weekend = Fredriksten/Restauration	
Oct. 21 – 23 weekend = Zone 1 & 4 Halloween Party	January weekend = Johannessen Family
October 28 th weekend = 3D Bd Meeting	
November 10 – 13 = Ski for Light	February 19 – 26 week = Ski for Light
November Hunting for Pennsylvania	

In addition to the weekends that are booked already we had Sports for Health. They came back for the week. We will also have Ski for Light back in November and February. We have other weekends planned and need to decide on the dates. We are working on the schedule for 2017. The dates above are on the books. Another *Lobster fest* is planned. An *antique car show/vendor* weekend, a *Meet the King* play weekend, *Ole & Lena* weekend, the *golf* weekend, and others. If you have an idea, please let William know at: awtou@aol.com and we would be glad to add it to our list.

Next month on September 16 – 18 will be a work week to get prepared for the winter months. There are a few safety items that will be on the schedule to get completed. If you would like to join us for the work weekend, PLEASE contact me, Barbara, or Rick at vikingland@tds.net. You do not need to be a carpenter or plumber or professional. We can always find things that need to be done. I want to thank you in advance for joining us and look forward to seeing you.

There was no Third District Publicity Director elected at the convention. So please send to Barbara at: barbaraib1230@optonline.net if there is anything you think should be added to our web or to our Facebook sites. Maureen Cooper is doing a great job and she said our viewership continues to go up. We are hoping to be able to post information on other web sites to gain more exposure. It is such a viable way to spread the news. Looking to the future we are also checking out the sites for antique car shows to invite them for August 2017, alongside inviting vendors and having a basket social. The LOV Board hopes to involve the community to bring in more business.

Come and visit with us. I know you will not be disappointed.
Remember we must "use it or lose it."

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