



# VIRGINIA VIKING

## SONS OF NORWAY HAMPTON ROADS LODGE NO. 3-522

President: Leonard Zingarelli Vice President: Michael Solhaug Secretary: June Cooper Treasurer: Ragnhild Zingler



### The President's Corner

The President's Corner Happy New Year! This promises to be another banner year for our lodge. However, it will be hard to achieve a higher number of new members joining the lodge this year compared to last year where we had 30 new members join. They join because they see how we share our Norwegian culture and heritage by our camaraderie, and they want to be a part of it.

We finished 2019 by having our best Christmas party yet. We had a record attendance of near 100 members and guests. We had a good dinner, sang Christmas songs, danced around the Christmas tree and enjoyed each other's company. We have a lot of exciting lodge events planned for the lodge this year. It starts out with a Fellowship Lunch on 11 January and then the January lodge meeting being a Potluck dinner on Saturday the 18th of January with the "Ghost of the Norwegian Lady" being the program after dinner. In February, we have our New Member's Breakfast. In March, we visit the Edvard Munch Exhibit at Chrysler Museum, we tour/lunch when the Norwegian tall ship Statsraad Lehmkuhl visits Norfolk, and we hold the Norwegian Lady Ceremony at the beach. Lots of activities planned for you to pick and choose, although I recommend you attend most since they are all fantastic. The specifics of where and when will be sent out to the membership beforehand and also found in the lodge's Schedule of Events that is updated and sent out to all each month. You can also view our lodge's schedule by reading it in our Virginia Viking Newsletters (cut it out and place on your frig), attached to my membership group e-mails once a month, and found on our web site ([hrson.org](http://hrson.org)) and Facebook page (Hampton Roads Sons of Norway Home-Facebook. Hope to see you at our first lodge meeting of the new year, the Potluck dinner at 5 pm on 18 January (Saturday) in the Fellowship Hall of Bayside Presbyterian

January 02, 2020

Board Meeting at Bayside Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm.

January 11, 2020

Fellowship Lunch at Surf Rider North Restaurant 928 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 (Cypress Point Shopping Center) at noon.

January 18, 2020

Potluck Lodge Meeting at Bayside Presbyterian Church at 5:00 pm. In the Fellowship Hall. Program: "The Ghost of the Norwegian Lady" by guest speaker.

February 6, 2020

Board Meeting at Bayside Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm.

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## Fra Presidenten, Kathy Dollymore, 3rd District President

Godt nyttår alle sammen! Fra Kathy Dollymore, Third District President I hope that you all had a great Christmas, and Santa found his way to your home. Was your Juletreff just what you hoped for? Did you sing some Norwegian favorites and dance around the tree? Did you enjoy visiting with friends and family you haven't seen in a while? I hope it was the most wonderful time of the year for you all!! I also hope that many of you took the opportunity to enroll your family and friends in the wonderful organization we call "Sons of Norway" for their gift this year. There are some attractive new products in the financial area of our organization that make it beneficial to call out to SON International or your local FBC representative. Speaking of FBC's there are a number of new representatives so call SON to check that out. 2019 had been a tremendous year for new members – especially in the "Tremendous Third". We reached our goal of new memberships but need to work on retention. Sometimes this takes some shaking up of lodge meetings. New ideas, meeting time, programs, shared leadership, using technology, etc. Get some input from your members and see what works for your lodge. We want 2020 to outshine 2019 in membership growth and retention. January will see some new lodge officers installed. I want to thank and congratulate all the officers for taking on their new positions. Know that there are people you can go to for guidance, past lodge officers, Zone Directors and the District Board is always ready to assist. The District Presidents have been working on updating our Guide for Leadership into modules for each lodge to use, so watch for that on the website. I also appreciate the officers who will either be continuing or returning to positions. I want to emphasize that a lodge cannot run with just the same people changing hats, so I encourage membership to assist in whatever capacity you are able. Get involved! I am sure that you will find it rewarding. Lodge of the Year forms are being filled out now. These forms show our activities and document that we are a not-for-profit organization and keep our tax status intact. I hope you have found the Fraternalgives.com convenient to use once you get the hang of it. I would like to see all our lodges fill out the forms even if they are hard copy. There are awards presented at the convention and your lodge may receive one of the awards. All members should be recognized for their work and efforts through the year. A sad decision was made at the suggestion of the Land of the Vikings Board that you may have already read/heard about. The decision to cease operations at Land of the Vikings. Closing LOV was a hard suggestion for the LOV Board to make but I congratulate them for making it. The suggestion was approved by the Third District Board and now we are in the process of looking into the assessment value and see if we can find a buyer for the property. I suspect that the families and lodges who have gathered at LOV will continue under the new ownership, with the District not having to pay taxes and insurance on the property, so if we can find a buyer, I consider it a win for everyone. In June our delegates will travel to Jacksonville, FL for our 3D meeting and convention. Start thinking about who will represent your lodge as a delegate. There are time frames for resolutions, reporting delegate names, cultural entries, registrations, etc. There will be more information coming from the Convention committee and the District Secretary. All the forms will be on the 3dsofn.org website soon so be on the look out for those. I've already decided 2020 will be amazing!! KATHY

This is to clarify a part of my President's letter. I wanted to make sure everyone understood that we are in the PROCESS of establishing a committee to move forward with an assets value and to HOPEFULLY find someone who would want to keep the property as a lodge type facility such as we are utilizing now, but there is no guarantee who might be interested, and there is no information yet on anything.

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Fraternally, Kathy

## **Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday) To the Following Members in January**

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|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Scott Brown     | Gerald Blau    | Shelly Foster    | Mary Friesen     |
| Kathryn Haugan  | Richard Keever | Robert Larsen    | Aaron Lindenberg |
| Kitrian Meagher | Vera Ryan      | Hudson Salvigsen | Scott Salvigsen  |
| Carol McCarthy  | Berit Mc Carty | Kaden Pratt      | Mbali Reynolds   |
| Richie Sanoba   | Jason Sprague  | Andrew Truitt    | James Zingler    |

## **New Year Celebrations in Norway**



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Norway, New Year is considered as the time of celebrations, amusements, and carousing. People leave no stone unturned to make sure that they bid a grand farewell to the Old Year, and welcome New Year with lots of bliss and joy. Everyone seems to be too contented during the time, and expresses the same by celebrating New Year with lots of zeal and fervor. Without drawing any distinction, everyone irrespective of their age and gender is encouraged to be a part of these celebrations. They eat, drink, dance, and celebrate till the midnight time arrives, when firecrackers show are set off.

On New Year's Eve, almost everyone make sure to get into the hottest party of the town. Both, the inhabitants as well as the tourists party all day and all night till the early hours of the first day of the New Year. The spectacular time, and the fun and cheer reach its optimum with the arrival of the midnight, with clock turning twelve. Apart from those present in the social parties and those on the streets, people who are spending New Year's time with their friends and families at home also come out of their houses to witness the sumptuous

Norway sky turning out different colors and lights. Toasts are raised, followed by exchanging of wishes and greetings for the coming time with one another.

Celebrations and revels are given as much significance, as given to spending time with friends and family. Apart from being adequately present at the social parties thrown during the time, one do makes sure to celebrate and spend ample time with family and close friends on the special occasion. Someone can be find partying hard in any night club, pub or discotheque on New year's Eve, but the same person can be find chilling out at home, on a nearby beach, or on some beautiful countryside site. They do make sure to revive the festive spirit. Usually, the house celebrations have close friends and members of the extended family coming and celebrating the time. A special feast is organized with special dishes on the platter. Wine is considered to be compulsory part with which celebrations truly boast off. In traditional dishes, pork, lamb, and turkey dishes are necessarily meant to be served. Eating pork is considered to be a symbol of abundance of food resources in one's life in the coming year. Apart from eating and drinking, music and dance are integrally involved with New Year celebrations in Norway.

## New Year Traditions in Norway

There is also a tradition as a part of which small children went to all the houses in the neighborhood, while singing special New Year songs. In turn, people give them candies. There is also a Halloween like tradition followed in Norway during the time of New Year, which is referred as 'Nyttarsbukk'. As a part of it, people dress up fancily, and make a visit to friends and family members who in turn treat them with drinks. As a part of New Year traditions, people also prepare the symbolic dish of rice pudding with an almond in between it. It is sweet in taste, and eating it is believed to confer one with a sweet year ahead. Also, one who gets the hidden almond out of the rice pudding is considered to have a lucky year ahead, with lots of wealth and fortune in favor.

## Hampton Roads Christmas Party Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at Holiday Inn Greenwich



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