



VIRGINIA VIKING

SONS OF NORWAY HAMPTON ROADS LODGE NO. 3-522

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The President's Corner We had our first event last month, our first in-person lodge meeting in over one and half years. It was a potluck dinner, and we all had a wonderful time eating and getting reacquainted. Because the rules and policies are changing so often with respect to Covid, we will continue to evaluate and set whatever the current safety rules are at the time.

That way, you can be assured that we can continue meeting and socializing while at the same time, be safe. As you know, this same approach is being used everywhere else, allowing us to start returning our world back to normal. With respect to our lodge's upcoming schedule in October, I have a few items to point out that you should strongly consider participating in. To start with, we have our annual celebration of Leif Erickson on 9 October at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News. We will do this at noon on the 9th, in front of the museum where Leif Erickson's statue is located. This only takes a few minutes which allows us to also have a fellowship lunch just down the street afterwards. The details have been sent out earlier that allows you to rsvp. Secondly, we will be having another in-person lodge meeting or a ghost tour by our honorary member Robert Hitchings. More detail will soon follow to allow you to plan it into your calendar.

I also wanted to mention that our annual Christmas Scandinavian bazaar (both in Virginia Beach and Williamsburg) will happen this year, with safety measures in place for the pandemic. A lot more to follow on this event so stay tuned in the following weeks. This is always our largest event that requires the most of us working together as a team to be successful. Finally, October is Foundation Month at Sons of Norway. Please help us celebrate and support the services that the Sons of Norway Foundation provides to members. Annually, SON provides over \$35,000 in grants to lodges and partners that advance the core values of Sons of Norway and over \$110,000 in scholarships to members, the children of members, and the grandchildren of members. We would not be able to provide this assistance without you! Please read some more about SON Foundation and how to contribute and apply for these services within this newsletter.

Stay safe and healthy

Lenny

Thursday Oct 7,
Zoom Board Meeting at 7: 00 pm

Saturday Oct 9,
Leif Erickson Celebration by the statue at the Mariner's Museum and Park at **noon** in Newport News. Fellowship Lunch following the brief ceremony at Smoke on 10900 Warwick Blvd.

TBD
Lodge Meeting or Ghost Tour

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[Fra Presidenten, Kathy Dollymore, 3rd District President](#)



I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the many splendors that summer had to offer and now Fall has finally arrived-I cannot believe we are already into the 10th month of 2021. Autumn is here with SON Lodge events and holidays to attend and celebrate this coming season! This time of year always brings changes to the weather and colorful scenery. It's also a nice time for a road trip and leaf peeping! You can tell that fall is here as all of the unhealthy indulgences at the super markets and coffee shops are available in Pumpkin Spice.

I was pleased to be able to visit Norumbega Lodge and present them with their 50 (+1) lodge anniversary plaque. What a welcoming group of lodge members. After some music on the accordion by Luanna Jøsvold, some speech-a-fying and a wonderful potluck, visiting with friends, both old and new, I traveled to Bernt Balchen Lodge.

This lodge can really appreciate the change of colors in the Pennsylvania Mountains. They have new signage on the highway welcoming folks to "Little Norway" Rowling, Pa, home of SON Bernt Balchen. How nice to see that! Bernt Balchen hosted the Zone 3 meeting. Fredheim, Nor-Bu, Noreg, Pleasant Point and Bernt Balchen were all in attendance and Zone Director Audun Gythfeldt ran a great meeting. It was a wonderful visit with new friends sharing information and news about our Third District and then a terrific pot luck meal. We do have some fine cooks in our Third District.

October looks just as busy with the Nordkap celebrating their 100 years on October 2 and Hudson Valley celebrating 75 years on October 9th and a Zone 2 meeting later this month. The 3D District board will meet at the end of this month by Zoom. Your District Board has been, and will continue, working to make the 3D stand out in all the lodges of Sons of Norway, and I congratulate the local lodges for doing their part in making us a shining star.

Your lodge may have started back with a welcome back from summer event and now moving forward with nominations, elections, Thanksgiving events, Juletreffest parties. Let's show our support for these functions and all those hardworking people who give up their time to make these lodge functions a success. Remember, it is your Lodge and your support is needed.

Speaking of nominations and elections, please consider becoming involved with any of the committees in your lodge. You don't have to handle the roll of officer on your own- share the position and it will be light work. Thank you all for supporting your lodge and the Third District and I hope to see you at one of the upcoming functions!!!

Last but not least you all know that October is Foundation month. The SON Foundation supports our members and their communities by offering a wide range of scholarships and grants focused on promoting Norwegian heritage and culture. Take the opportunity to make an October meeting a fundraiser (a 'fun'draiser)—an excuse to get people together to have a great time, while raising money for a good cause. A 'fun'draiser can help support the Foundation, and engage and bond your membership, while providing another opportunity to make the community aware of your lodge and all that it has to offer. Tapping into friends and neighbors not only attracts more potential members but can also increase the amount raised for the Foundation.

**Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)
To the Following Members in October:**

Norma J Castellano
Cassie L Elverum
Floyd A Friesen
Darrell Heim
S Joan Losen
Hanni B Peterson
Michael D Pettry VA
Laurie M Porter
Martha Rudell
Thordis Russell
Catherine L Williamson
Leonard Zingarelli
Ragnhild Zingler

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Applications for Scholarships open on October 1. This year we are offering 16 different scholarships, including, for the first time, the Elaine Nelson Scholarship for student members studying Business, Agriculture, or Education. You can find descriptions of all the scholarships we offer and apply on our website: <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>. We encourage everyone to visit the site to learn more and facilitate applications.

Donating to the Foundation is an opportunity to incorporate your passion for the Sons of Norway into your charitable giving plans. This year with our “Together We are the Future” fundraising campaign, we are trying to raise \$150,000 to support our grants and scholarship. Visit <https://www.sofn.com/give2021/> to learn more and donate!

Sons of Norway Scholarship Programs

Each year Sons of Norway award scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway and provide assistance to our members, lodges and their communities. You may e-mail questions on any of these scholarships to foundation@sofn.com prior to submission. Application forms are available from www.sonsofnorway.com.

The Astrid G. Cates Scholarship

Applicants must have a certificate of completion from high school and be enrolled in post-secondary training or education (college, vocational or trade school) and be a current member of SON or children or grandchildren of a current member of districts 1-6. Applicants must have a strong financial need and be between the ages of 17 and 22. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1st (please mail all required items in one envelope. Incomplete applications will not be considered).

The King Olav V. Norwegian-American Heritage Fund

Any North American, 18 years or older, who has demonstrated a keen and sincere interest in the Norwegian heritage and/or any Norwegian who has demonstrated an interest in American heritage and who desires to further the study of these heritages at a recognized educational institution is eligible to apply. Deadline for application is March 1st.

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship:

Applicants must be female American citizens between 17 and 35 years old on the date the application is submitted. The applicant must be a full-time undergraduate who has completed at least one term, majoring in chemistry or physics, or in chemical, electrical or mechanical engineering. They must also be SON members or children or grandchildren of members (employment at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland may be substituted in lieu of belonging to SON).

Oslo International Summer School Scholarship:

Award decisions are based upon academic potential, benefits to SON or the larger Norwegian community, involvement in school and community activities, financial need and other, e.g., work experience. Deadline March 1st.

The Sons of Norway Foundation Heritage and Cultural Fund

This is an endowment fund from which only interest will be spent. Two types of grants are available:

The SON Foundation/Local Lodge Partnership Grants. These are small matching grants awarded to lodges. A maximum of \$500 may be given. Deadline – May 1 of each year.

The General Heritage and Culture Grant

These may be awarded to individuals, groups or organizations. Up to \$3000 may be received. Deadline January 15 of each year.

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Pot Luck Dinner and Meeting



Election Results 2021: Norway Set for New Prime Minister

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Norway has spoken! Jonas Gahr Støre's Labour Party (Ap) wins the Norwegian parliamentary election, giving him the PM job if he can strike an expected deal with the Socialist Left (SV) and the Centre party (Sp).

As expected, Norway will soon welcome a new prime minister following the 2021 election. While still to be officially declared, the preliminary results show a clear picture. Here's what we know so far.

Norway went to the polls on 13 September to elect its representatives for the next four years. Let's take a look at the results so far and the forecast...

Norway election results in brief

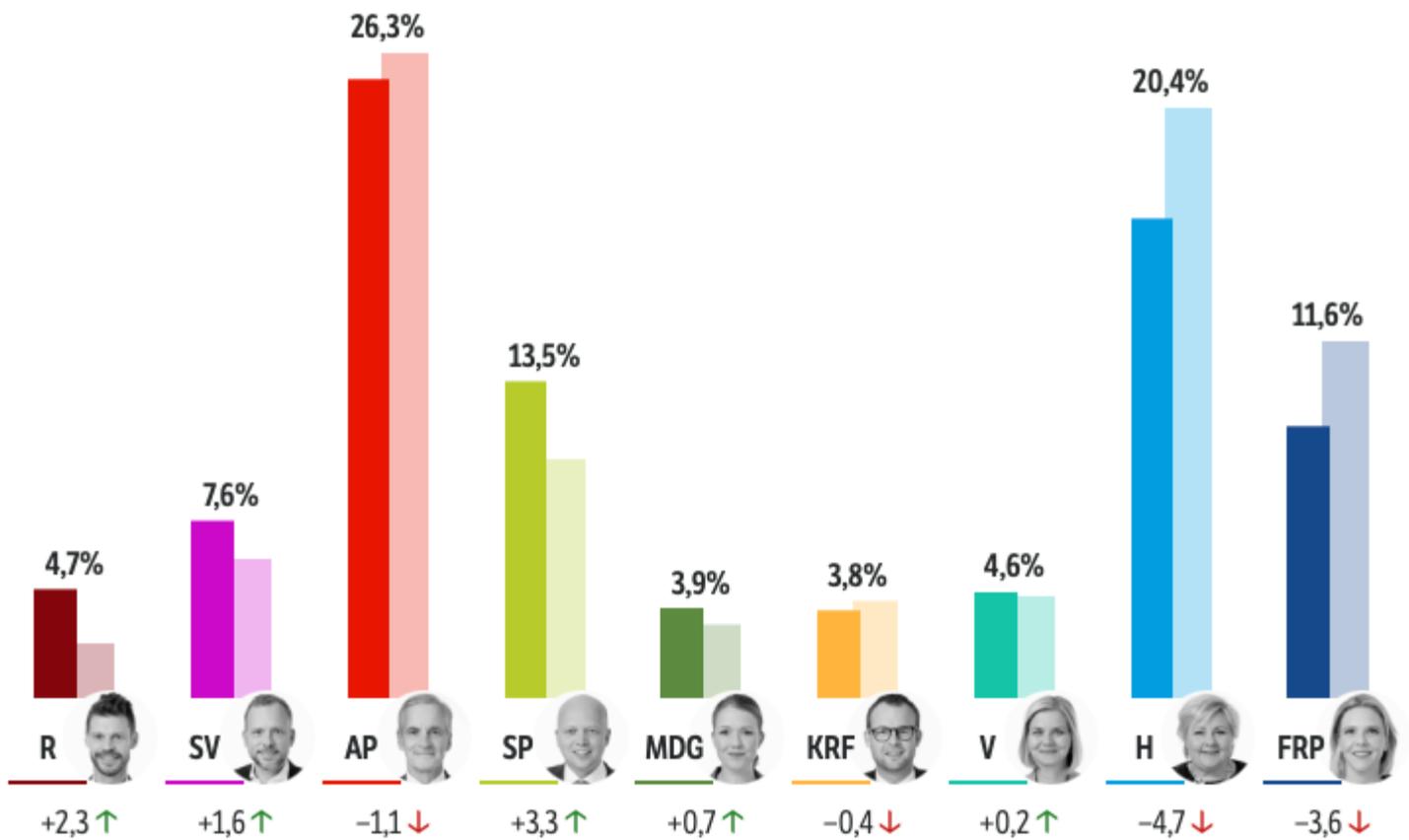
- Jonas Gahr Støre's Labour Party is the biggest single party. He is set to be Norway's next prime minister, leading a coalition of Labour, Socialist Left and the Centre party.
- Erna Solberg's 8-year tenure as prime minister is over. She has congratulated Støre on his victory.
- The battle for the 4% threshold to win leveling seats was a fascinating one. Far-left party Rødt made it over for the first time, winning an expected 8 seats.
- Venstre were the only former government party to retain support, staying above the threshold to retain 8 seats.
- Despite a very visible campaign in the closing weeks, the Green Party failed to make it over the threshold, picking up just an expected 3 seats.

What we know so far

At this point, **100%** of the votes have been counted but verification process is ongoing. So while there may be some minor adjustments, there is not expected to be any major changes to the overall result.

Erna Solberg's Conservatives (Høyre) lost significant numbers of voters, making it impossible for Solberg to put together any kind of coalition in order to extend her 8-year tenure in the top job. This is exactly **what the polls have predicted** for many months now.

The Labour party (Ap) are the biggest single party, despite one of their worst ever performances at a national election. This puts leader Jonas Gahr Støre in pole position to become prime minister.



The preliminary result (vote share) from the 2021 Norwegian election. Image: [NRK](#)

A coalition agreement between Ap, Socialist Left (SV) and the Centre Party (Sp) will be enough to form a majority government that puts Støre in power. This was Støre's preferred coalition, but there are still negotiating hurdles to overcome before an agreement is struck.

The battle for the threshold

While the result was as expected, the battle for the leveling seats was a dramatic one. Rødt (R), Green (MDG), Venstre (V), and the Christian Democrats all jostled to make it over the 4% threshold. This mechanism is explained later in the article.

Rødt made it over the threshold for the very first time—an outstanding result for the far-left party. Despite not looking good in the early projections, Venstre also made it over, leaving Venstre as the only former government party to retain their seats.

Former coalition partners the Christian Democrats (KrF) failed to make the threshold, as did the Green party (MDG), somewhat surprising after a very vocal campaign about the future of **Norway's oil and gas industry**.

What happens now?

Votes must now be verified at county level meaning the official result is still several days away. However, party leaders will quickly begin the negotiations based on the results of the preliminary count.

We must then wait for a deal to be struck that forms a formal coalition government that can command a majority in the **Norwegian parliament**. This normally takes a couple of weeks.

In the meantime, Erna Solberg remains in her post as prime minister, as do all other government ministers. The work of government goes on!



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