



VIRGINIA VIKING

SONS OF NORWAY HAMPTON ROADS LODGE NO. 3-522

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



The President's Corner

A new year and a renewed outlook in 2022 for our lodge. Although there remains a risk from Covid 19 and all its variants, I feel there is light at the end of the tunnel. Our membership grew greatly, both in the Tidewater area and in the Williamsburg area.

Your Sons of Norway Hampton Roads lodge and its satellite Norge Norsemen are doing better every year with the great support from its members.

We enjoyed a very fun and well attended Christmas party last month. I hope everyone had a good time. We were able to hold two Christmas parties, one here in Virginia Beach and the other in Williamsburg. A few of us were able to attend both.



Be on the

lookout for some very important and fun upcoming events. To start with, Ole and Lena will be getting married at our monthly lodge meeting 5 pm on Saturday the 15th at our meeting church Bayside Presbyterian Church. There will also be a New Member's Breakfast later in January or February for our new members. This will be a good opportunity to meet everyone, learn about the Sons of Norway and your lodge, and get a free breakfast for new members on the lodge.

In late March, the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers will once again be visiting Hampton Roads and will be performing at the Norwegian Lady Ceremony at the beach and at our meeting church. Much more to follow on this as we get closer to the event. Hope to see you soon. Stay safe and healthy.

Lenny

EVENTS

January 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom General Membership Meeting

January 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Membership Lodge Potluck Meeting at
Bayside Fellowship Hall

January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Norge Norsemen meeting at The Viking Hall

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Norge Norsemen New Member Breakfast
(Date and Time to be decided)

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Fra Presidenten, Kathy Dollymore, 3rd District President



January is a great time to look back on 2021 and to also look forward to 2022. This type of introspection gives us an idea of how far we've come and also reminds us of what is yet to be done.

I enjoyed my lodge's 45th anniversary/ Juletefest and hope you also have had some pleasant times whether with your lodge, family, church or friends. I want to wish you and yours a prosperous and Happy New Year. As we leave the year there are reasons to be optimistic. Multiple COVID-19 vaccines are approved and are available to the public. As you gather for the holidays, I hope you are taking all the precautions that are available and warranted. Let's keep everyone safe. This should put us on a path to a degree of normalcy as the year progresses looking forward to our in-person lodge meetings, events, dinners out, and of course our convention in Jacksonville. If you are interested in being considered for a leadership role, please contact a current officer or nominating committee members Barbara Berntsen at barbarajb1230@optonline.net, or Gail Martinsen at gail8402@aol.com to better understand the commitment.

The District Board approved the-motion that each and every lodge in our District receive a check from the Third District to go toward any kind of Lodge event or used to cover operating expenses. We want you to know even with how bad things had gotten during this pandemic, when push came to shove your lodge members came through and your lodge is prevailing. Let us know what you found your lodge using this little bit of "Good will" for.

Keeping the lodges informed is essential to developing and maintaining strong membership participation. We are working hard on a District level and are also keeping in touch with the International Board to keep our Sons of Norway 3rd District's membership informed about what's going on in Sons of Norway. It's an ongoing process and the updating of the Sons of Norway Bylaws is continuing.

Following, I'm repeating what our District Secretary Jeanne Addison has to say about important deadlines. Please have your lodges follow-through with these.

You can find a good list of yearly important deadlines for Lodge business on the Sons of Norway website www.sofn.com at Log In/Member Resources/ Lodge Leadership Resources/ Administrative Resources/ Important Deadlines.

IMPORTANT 2021-2022 DEADLINES:

December 2021– D17 and D18 forms, instructions, and timeline sent to lodge treasurers

Dec. 16, 2021 – Application deadline for Sons of Norway Foundation Community Partnership Grant

Dec. 31 or sooner, 2021 - Lodge Officer Update/ D63 form due to Sons of Norway Membership Services. All lodges, whether in an election year or not, must complete.

Dec. 20, 2021 – Mail an expense receipt and a brief statement to District Secretary for the \$100 Fraternal Fund reimbursement.

Dec. 31, 2021 – Application deadline for Sons of Norway Foundation's Lodge Helping Hands to Children Grant, Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant, and Lodge Vitality Grant.

Jan. 1, 2022 – Some Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship applications due.

Jan. 10, 2022 – Third District Directory Order Form (on www.3dsofn.org) due to District Secretary.

Over the next few months, lodge will begin for preparations for 3D convention 2022. This will include selecting and voting for delegates, looking into fund raisers for your elected delegates, writing resolutions that you may want your lodge to present, getting your folk-art crafts ready for competition, donations to the Viking Auction, journal ads, etc. I recently traveled to the Jacksonville Hotel chosen for the convention and what a wonderful site it is. Right on the St. John's River and the Riverwalk. The water taxis that pick-up just out the door and the riverside pool and sundeck. It's going to be a great couple of days doing District 3's business, seeing some old friends, making new ones and having some fun while were working for the betterment of our lodges and District 3.

Finally, for the majority of calendar year 2021 the focus has been on navigating the pandemic and incorporating safety measures throughout Lodge operation and social activities. The last 20 months have been hard on all of us but it is so wonderful to see how much we have accomplished together. Thanks to you all we'll be going into the new year with strength to build on. A new year that will bring new opportunities and challenges.

In closing, please stay safe, look out for family and friends.

"Let our new year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word." - Hans Göran Persson, former Prime Minister of Sweden

Fraternally, Kathy Dollymore

Photos from Sons of Norway Christmas Dinner



Photos From Williamsburg Norsemen Christmas Dinner



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

Scott Brown	Gerald Blau	Louis Nordstrom	Janice Petty
Kathryn Haugan	Richard Keever	Robert Larsen	Aaron Lindenberg
Kitrian Meagher	Philip Petty	Karen Sciance	Carol McCarthy
Kaden Pratt	Mbali Reynolds	Jerry Gillett	
Richie Sanoba	Jason Sprague	Andrew Truitt	James Zingler

Hydrogen projects also won state aid

December 17, 2021



After finally landing electricity bill relief for most Norwegians, Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre could also announce state investment of more than NOK 1 billion in projects that will produce and use hydrogen as an energy source. Three major companies behind the industrial projects will use hydrogen as part of Norway’s efforts to move away from fossil fuels and fight climate change.



Fertilizer producer Yara, one of Norway’s biggest companies, plans to use hydrogen in its production of ammonia at its Herøya plant here in Porsgrunn, southwest of Oslo. PHOTO: Enova

Støre has been promoting more use of hydrogen, not least at the recent UN Climate Summit in Glasgow. “What we’re doing here today is delivering on marching orders from the climate summit in Glasgow, where the **message we got was to turn words into action**,” Støre said, adding that the projects can also both cut emissions and create jobs. The state energy investment company Enova will distribute up to NOK 283 million to industrial firm Yara Norge (in which the state also holds a major stake), NOK 261 million to TiZir Titanium and Iron, and NOK 482 million to Horisont Energi. State broadcaster NRK reported that another NOK 1.6 billion has also been allocated to the three companies’ hydrogen projects through the research council *Forskningsrådet*, Innovation Norway, Enova itself and Gassnova, triggering an additional NOK 2 billion from the business sector.

Hydrogen has been launched as an alternative to electric motors, gasoline, oil and natural gas. When used as fuel, its steam generates the only emissions and is therefore viewed as climate-friendly as long as it's produced through a low-emission process. Yara, for example, plans to use hydrogen in its production of ammonia at its Herøya plant in Porsgrunn, southwest of Oslo, and to produce emissions-free fuel for shipping and carbon-free fertilizer for agriculture.



TiZir plant to replace coal with hydrogen at its smelter here in Tyssedal. PHOTO: TiZir Tyssedal/Enova
TiZir, meanwhile, is running a project in Tyssedal that would use hydrogen instead of coal in production of iron, through a process that can cut emissions not only in Norway but also internationally. Its project is one of the first from Norway to be included as an IPCEI (Important Project of Common European Interest) project for industrial use of hydrogen and can be a prototype for others.

Horisont Energi is working with state oil company Equinor and Vår Energi to build a full-scale plant called Barents Blue for low-emission ammonia production outside Hammerfest. The project will use new and energy-efficient technology in connection with access to gas and the capture and storage of carbon dioxide. The ammonia can be an important and green source of energy in several sectors, also within shipping and process industry.

Reaction to the hydrogen plans was positive, with environmental organization *Bellona* calling them “extremely important” for the development of a hydrogen industry in Norway and Europe. The projects chosen represent industries and technology needed to reach Norway’s climate goals, said Frederic Hauge of Bellona. “Production and use of low-emission hydrogen must occur in tandem,” Hauge said. “Enova has understood that, and this gives the project portfolio high demonstration value both in Norway and Europe.”

Espen Barth Eide, Støre’s government minister in charge of environmental and climate issues, said the “transition to a zero-emission future” demands implementation of climate and industrial policy. “The government wants Norway to succeed at grabbing opportunities in the green shift,” Eide said. Government funding of serious projects can help that happen, he noted

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