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Sons of Norway Lodge 3-438



Oslo Lodge Mission Statement

“The mission of Oslo Lodge, Sons of Norway 3-438, is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic Countries.”



New York - The Empire State

Oslo L♥dge in the heart of Central New York

From Oslo Lodge President Bjorn Solli:

Dear members and friends,

First, I would like to thank everybody who helped out with the Memorial Service: Rev. Marc Haynes for a beautiful service; Fred, Jim and Jenny for helping out during the service and Sabrina Krantz for the piano music. She also sang a Norwegian hymn and it was criminal that we did not charge entrance fee. I also want to thank Mike McCadam, the Bentleys, the Roseens, the Gustavsens and Jann Dickson for their help. Last but not least I would like to thank Karin McCadam for organizing everything and for all the work she did. We had people from all the lodges there and everybody said it was very well done.

At the Zone 4 meeting, Karin was also recommended as the new Zone 4 Director and will be voted in at the District Convention in June. Mike, Karin and myself will be at the convention and I'm sure we will learn a lot of new things that we will bring back to the lodge.

We have a picnic scheduled at my house on June 19th. I will be looking for someone to be in charge of the weather, we would like a nice sunny day with a temperature around 80, also bring a chair. We have a lot to be proud of as a Lodge, we did a lot of work last year. We have a lot of new young members, and we hosted a couple of big events the last year so let's get together and celebrate.

I also would like to congratulate Eric Burrows (grandson of Sarge and Anne-Grete Larsen) and Sallie Steiner with winning the Zone 4 Scholarship for 2010.

Bjorn Solli, President
3-438 Oslo lodge

OLSO LODGE meets September through April at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 7444 Buckley Rd, Syracuse, New York 13212.

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Oslo Lodge 2010

Sun. May 9th – Mothers' Day is an opportunity to recognize the women in your life. For some, our moms are no longer here. If so, then we celebrate other women, whether mothers or not, who might appreciate a "just thinking of you" phone call or even a card. Also, it is a day to share childhood memories (the telling and the listening). So enjoy! And we wish all mothers, grandmothers, aunts and so on, a very happy day for all the love and sacrifices you have given to children.

Wed. May 12th – Norwegian Concert
Sabine Krantz' lunch hour recital at the Everson Museum of Art. See page 3.

May 16 "Syttende Mai Parade" Brooklyn One of the largest Norwegian Constitution Day Parades in the world. This year's theme is: "**Ja, vi elsker dette landet**". Join Oslo Lodge in an experience to remember. If you are interested then please contact an Oslo Lodge officer as soon as possible.



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Mon. May 17th Norwegian Seamen's Church in New York. Enjoy an authentic Norwegian Syttende Mai. It begins with a church service, kids parade, entertainment and classic 17 May cuisine - pølser, brus and is (hot dogs, soda, & ice cream). The Bergen Police Corps, Bergen Norway will play during the service and also for the kids parade. Schedule follows:
1.00 pm: Church service
3.30 pm: Kids' Parade & Program
7.00 pm: 17 May Party

Everyone is welcome to the Seamen's Church, but please be aware that service and speeches will be conducted in Norwegian. More info www.kjerka.com

May 31, 2010 Memorial Day – In the United States it was formerly known as Decoration Day when all men and women who had died in military service for the USA were commemorated. It is traditional to fly the flag of the United States at half mast from dawn until noon. Many communities hold Memorial Day parades and many families visit cemeteries in honor of their loved ones who have passed, especially those who served in the military. Especially this year, may we all remember the significance of Memorial Day in our communities and in our country.

June 5 DENMARK Constitution Day

June 6 SWEDEN Constitution and Flag Day

June 9-13 61st 3D Third District Convention Join the family fun in Harrisburg PA. It is not too late! If you cannot take in all the days, then please try to get there for part of the fun. More details found on page 7.

June 17 Iceland - National Independence Day

June 19 Oslo Lodge Sankt Hans Aften Picnic – Don't Miss The Fun! What a great opportunity to get together as we did last year. Everyone brings a dish to pass, and the lodge does the rest. Bring your own lawn chairs and if you have a lawn game bring it along. Whether "vi snakker pa Norsk", just relax or watch the kids, it is a very pleasant Saturday afternoon.

July 24 Zone 4 Picnic at Elvedal, Saugerties, NY, hosted by Hudson Valley. (Zone meeting at 12 noon, followed by the picnic). Please see details page 5.

August 2010 Weekend at LOV. Repeat of 2009 summer picnic + LOV weekend. Swim, hike, relax, bonfire, games, snakker Norsk, scrapbooking, scavenger hunt and orienteering! Come for an afternoon picnic or spend the weekend. Join in all the fun with Oslo Lodge.



August 2010 Sons of Norway International Convention Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. www.sonsofnorway2010.com

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OSLO LODGE NEWS



Members on the Mend. If you know of someone who has a need, then email secretary@oslolodge.org

Oslo Lodge Needs You! If you are excited by Nordic culture, then please share some of your time with us. You can be a greeter and help newcomers feel welcome, or, help us out in another area. Please speak to one of the Officers soon!

Social Director Oslo Lodge has been blessed with a very special couple: Charlie and Lorraine Bentley. They have been involved with the rebirth of Oslo Lodge since the beginning in January 2007. We appreciate them so very much, and, now Lorraine has offered to serve as Social Director. Lorraine has some great ideas, so give her your support and also lend a hand on a regular basis. Thanks so much Lorraine for all that you do!

Oslo Lodge College Corner

Oslo Lodge has two Zone 4 Scholarships (\$500) winners: Sallie Steiner (Unge Venner member) and Eric Burrows. Sallie was a 2009 scholarship recipient and this is the first year for Eric, who is the grandson of AnneGrete & Sarge Larsen. For all college students, even if you did not apply, you are still winners with us.

Oslo Lodge, a Family Lodge

Let's have fun with the **Cultural Skills Program** and the **Sports Program**, both of which members of all ages can earn medals. Come out and learn more!

Sons of Norway Sports Medal can be earned via your own leisure activities. Miles walked, laps in the pool or other activities count. Learn more in June.



OSLO LODGE NEWS

Sabine Krantz Concert at the Emerson Museum

For those of us fortunate enough to be at the Zone 4 Memorial Service, we were blessed to have Sabine Krantz, accomplished pianist, play the prelude, postlude as well as accompany us. However, it was also thrilling and inspirational to be blessed by her beautiful rendition of a Norwegian folksong appropriate for the Memorial Service. Now **don't miss the chance** to hear her give a 45 minute recital at the Everson Museum of Art on Wednesday May 12th at 12:30 pm. It will be a completely Norwegian program where she will play. There will be a violinist and a pianist to accompany Sabine when she sings some of the songs. There will be folksongs at the beginning and the concert will end with the Grieg piano sonata. The concert is free, just find parking or car pool & share the parking cost.

OSLO Vikings is the Oslo Lodge club for Youth

Each month there is a fun activity along with Nordic culture for our youth. We met on April 11th but also again on April 21st (5 moms & 12 kids) at Onondaga Lake Park. Our Youth Director, Sarah Barbuto, does an awesome job, but is open to having other parents join her! And the kids love it!

Summer Camp at Land of the Vikings

Want to give your child (ages 8-11 or 12-16) a week of camp in a beautiful setting full of fun and culture? Then go to <http://www.3dsofn.org/forms/index.html> and look for more information as well as applications. And if you are interested, you can join your child at camp for one week! This is made possible if you volunteer your time and talents that week for the success of the camp. The Third District Youth director Evelyn Karpack is great to work with and she would love to have you lend a hand. Come enjoy Summer Camp at Land of the Vikings!

Oslo Lodge Contributes to Central New York

Every month Oslo Lodge members volunteer their time at schools, churches, agencies, and special events. Most often our members are not representing the Lodge, but when we volunteer, we help Oslo Lodge maintain non-profit status. Marsha Roseen keeps a log of all our volunteer hours, so please fill in your hours on Marsha's sign-in sheet at **each** lodge event. Thanks Marsha!

April 11th Oslo Lodge Fun for All

It was wonderful to have so many new faces at the Oslo Lodge program on April 11th. The theme of the day was Royalty and Commoners.

As always we began with refreshments such as cheese & crackers and veggies and dip. Marsha Roseen even brought some delicious herring! For dessert we had: Fyrstekaker (aka Prince's or Aristocrat's Cake), lovingly baked for us by Marsha Roseen along with vaffler baked by our own lodge President, Bjorn. Finally we were treated to a version of Tilsørte Bondepiker (Veiled Farm Girls' Dessert), also known as Änglamat, "Angel's food", in Sweden, which the children had made!

The family story hour with a reading of "Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns" written by Princess Martha Louise was enjoyed by our ten children along with the adults. Then the adults had an awesome time with humor of Ole & Lena, while the kids expelled some of their wonderful energy in organized play in the beautiful sunshine.

Finally the adults enjoyed our Third District President, Ralph Petersen, who shared updates from the Third District. He also presented certificates and pins to those who have met special milestones in membership, with a special 30-year pin going to Judith Watland Mc Intyre. Then Zone 4 Director Arnie Johnson recognized various members for their recruitment efforts in 2009. Bjorn Solli, Oslo Lodge President conducted a short business meeting and we learned all is well with Oslo Lodge due to the efforts of so many.

Sons of Norway Membership is a passport that opens doors to history, language, rich Nordic culture, artisan crafts and much more! Every month receive the Viking magazine and an invitation to a local lodge event. Please see, call or email any Lodge Officer for an application to become a member or to give someone the gift of membership!

May 1st 2010 Zone 4 Memorial Service

Oslo Lodge hosted the Zone 4 Memorial Service on



Saturday May 1st. Zone 4 members from near and far (including a number who drove four hours to be there) were welcomed by our own greeters, Jann Dickson and Else Gustafson and all enjoyed light refreshments at 11:00. It was a great opportunity to appreciate so many people who are committed to preserving Nordic culture. And Oslo Lodge members in attendance did a wonderful job helping them all to feel welcome!

The Memorial Service was a beautiful tribute to members who have passed since the 2009 Memorial Service. Our own Fred Watt, Counselor opened the service with a welcome to all. Rev. Marc Haynes shared wonderful words of comfort and hope with those who were gathered. Sabine Krantz, who also accompanied the singing of the anthems as well as two hymns, graced us with the beautiful solo. Jenny K. Hammond lead us in Fadar Var. Jim Mostrom along with Jenny lit candles and handed the roses to loved ones as a candle was lit in memory. Arnie Johnson did a wonderful tribute to each of the deceased.

Before the Memorial Lunch in the Fellowship Hall, Sabine Krantz led us in the singing of the Norwegian table prayer. Then all had a delicious, nutritious and satisfying lunch. (Our sincerest gratitude to the Kitchen Crew: Lorraine & Charlie Bentley; and, Karin & Mike McCadam.) Marsha Roseen brought beautiful floral arrangements for each of the tables and it made the meal outstanding. The Roseens also brought the Viking Ship and a beautiful Oslo Lodge photo album. A delicious cake and fresh fruit followed the lunch for everyone to enjoy. Then those who needed to stay for the Zone 4 meeting did, while others went safely on their way home. This was the first time that Oslo Lodge hosted the Zone Memorial Service in many, many years. It was our pleasure. And, may we add, for those of you who missed it, you missed a very moving service and a wonderful afternoon. We will not be hosting this again for another seven years!

Around Zone 4 – Happenings

Zone 4 Director’s Letter

April 24 Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner at Land of the Vikings was a huge success. Please read more in the next column.

Dear Friends and Members of Zone 4 Sons of Norway:

Sat. July 24 - noon Zone 4 Picnic hosted by Hudson Valley Lodge at their property, Elvedal in Saugerties. The host lodge will sell hamburgers, hot dogs, hot and cold beverages or you can bring your own picnic items. Camping is available for both Friday and Saturday. Please contact one of the Oslo Lodge Officers if you need more information. The new Zone 4 Director will preside over meeting

Another great 4th Zone Scholarship award night at LOV is over, and I want to thank all our members and friends who supported the scholarship raffles, and in particular the people who came to LOV to support our scholarship recipients as they received these well deserved awards. Unfortunately as in any competition there are only so many winners. I could see from the application packages that the students that applied for the scholarships were all high caliber individuals and the future of our country will be in good hands. As in any competition I know there is great disappointment when we don’t win, but I hope if our applicants are eligible again next year, they will apply.

October Zone 4 meeting at LOV – more information will be forthcoming.

The seven 2010 scholarship winners were Eric Burrows and Sallie Steiner from Oslo Lodge, Robert Garrett and Amy Lindland from Norrona Lodge, Helene Rell and Allison Sapienza from Hudson Valley Lodge and Nicole Horgen from Fram Lodge. All recipients received a \$500 scholarship award. Unfortunately only 3 of the recipients were able to attend because of other commitments and travel distance from school, but those who did not attend sent thank you notes and regrets for not being able to attend.

Dates to Save in 2011

April 18 Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner – LOV (this date does not conflict with Easter weekend). We will recognize the 2011 Scholarship winners and enjoy a wonderful time with our fellow Nordics from the 7 lodges in Zone 4. There will be another fun Viking Auction that will be organized by Hudson Valley Lodge.

Our speaker for the evening was Rev Leroy Ness (US Army Ret.), a member of Hudson Valley Lodge. His address to the recipients and attendees was about being proud of your culture and doing the best you can do in life regardless of your choice of avocation. The address was well received by all.

2011 Zone 4 Memorial Service hosted by Norrona. Date and details as these become available.

The 3 raffle book prizewinners were as follows:
1st prize (\$200): Dr.& Mrs. Erik Wang, Providence RI;
2nd prize (\$100): Kathryn Matthews, White Plains, NY;
and, 3rd prize, a weekend at Land of the Vikings, Pegg Serra Lima, Old Chatham, NY.

**Zone 4 - 7 New York Upstate Lodges
Lodge President**

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| Fram, Cairo | Solfrid J Kugler |
| Hudson Valley, Kingston | Randi Tolfsen |
| Oslo, Syracuse | Bjorn Solli |
| Norrona, Pearl River | Solveig Hellstrom |
| Norseman, Oneonta | Roy Bjercke |
| Scand. Heritage, Roc. | Susan Mayback |
| Troll, Mahopac | Kari Williams |

If you didn’t attend, you missed a good time; but if you mark the month of April 2011 on your calendar and plan ahead, maybe we will see you there next year.

SKI FOR LIGHT Fram Lodge – Bjorg Dunlop (VP) confirmed that only three of the Zone 4 lodges are contributing to Ski for Light. Perhaps we can ask Bjorg to speak to Oslo Lodge about Ski for Light.

This being my last Scholarship Program as Zone 4 Director, I want to thank all the members of the 4th Zone for all the help and support I have received on Zone projects during the last 4 years. Thanks again.

Fraternally,
Arnie Johnsen, Director Zone 4
Third District, Sons of Norway

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17 Mai Nasjonaldagen..National Day

Syttende Mai or May 17th is Norway's Constitution Day, much like July 4th in the U.S.A. May 17th, as a Norwegian National holiday, is fully celebrated. Everywhere one sees red, white and blue, and beautiful bunader as Norwegians commemorate the historic signing of their Constitution ("Grunnloven") in 1814. That year marked the beginning of Norway gaining her independence, which was finally and successfully realized in 1905.

The 17th of May was also very important when Norwegians experienced the Nazi occupation (1940-45), at which time the celebration of Syttende Mai and the display of the Norwegian flag was strictly forbidden. All over Norway, Norwegians found ways to stand united against their oppressors! Near Fagernes, in Valdres, there is a stone cliff where daring Norwegians painted the Norwegian flag at night during the Nazi occupation, since the Norwegian flag was not allowed to be flown! This site is still seen today!

Children's Parade Royal Palace, Oslo



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On Syttende Mai in Norway, parades are held in large and small communities, where happy faces exemplify the Norwegian pride in history, national resilience and the honor of those who founded their constitutional government and thereby gained national independence.

Royal Guard Norwegian



Photo by Kjetil Bjørnsrud, cached from Wikipedia

Community bands and school groups, followed by younger children and adults, exemplify the parades! Everywhere the flag of Norway waves red, white and blue – a reminder of the true spirit of the people.

In the Oslo Parade, Norwegian Royal Guard is the only military presence, and they demonstrate their drill expertise. The Royal Guard Marching Band also participates in the Children's Parade with many school marching bands. It should be noted that the Royal Guard has served with distinction, particularly in World War II, when they prevented the Wehrmacht from capturing the Royal Family and the Cabinet at the battle of Midtskogen Gard in April 1940. Later the Guards fought with valiantly at Dovrefjell and also near Lillehammer, winning their second battle honor. During the campaign in central Norway they were known among the German soldiers who fought them as "die schwarzen teufel" or "the black devils", due to their ferocity and dark uniforms!

Memorial Stone commemorates battle.



"Here Norwegian forces stopped the enemy's attempt to capture the King, Crown Prince, parliament and cabinet."

In smaller communities, the parade proceeds to a local town hall or monument, for a few words by a dignitary, the singing of the National anthem. Then all enjoy hot dogs and brus (soft drinks) and Norwegian ice cream! Often families and friends will gather in one home or go visiting. Celebrations even occur in the nursing homes! Hurra, Hurra, Hurra for Syttende Mai!

Fun Activities for Everyone



The Pride of the Susquehanna

The greater Hershey-Harrisburg area offers many activities at affordable prices, or even free! See St. Peter's Basilica and the Paris Opera House, without leaving PA! Tours are held Monday through Friday, 8:30- 4:30, every ½ hour (no tours at noon) and Saturday, Sunday, and holidays 9-4. Info: 717-787-6810.

Compared to the Carlisle Barracks, Harrisburg's Capitol Complex barely scratches the surface of history. Chosen by George Washington in 1757 to house the country's first arsenal, it's now the nation's second oldest active military post. Tour the 1777 Hessian Guard House, the Omar N. Bradley Museum and the grounds of the Carlisle Barracks. Info: 717-245-3434.

The two-block stretch of Harrisburg's Riverfront Park from Emerald Street to Maclay Street is a sanctuary dedicated to the pursuit of peace and the preservation of the Earth. Known as the Peace Garden, featuring plaques with quotes about peace by renowned statesmen.

National Civil War Museum

Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park,
Harrisburg, PA 17101; 717-260-1861

Harrisburg Senators Baseball

Riverside Stadium/City Island,
Harrisburg, PA 17105; 717-231-4444

Friends of Wildwood Lake Sanctuary

100 Wildwood Way,
Harrisburg, PA 170110; 717-221-0292

The Doll House Museum, 2000 State St.,

Harrisburg, PA 17103; 717-233-3099
Water Golf at City Island, City Island,
Harrisburg, PA 17101; 717-232-8533

<http://www.visithhc.com/harrisburg-attractions.shtml>

“EXPLORE YOUR HERITAGE” Third District Convention, June 9-13.



It is definitely NOT TOO LATE to make the decision to come to CONVENTION! Learn more ways to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and how we can better celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries. Learn how to promote and grow your local lodge. Watch the convention proceedings or wander into the Juried Cultural Handcrafts Room. Or, take a break and just relax by the pool! And, whether with friends or family, explore Harrisburg, along the shores of the Susquehanna River. Check out the details at <http://3dsofn.org/newsletter/convention.html>

FACTS TO KEEP IN MIND

1. Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, Pa 17070 1-717-774-2721 (group code SON) with room cost of \$101 per night + taxes. Rate is honored 3 days pre / post.
2. Convention Tickets (does not include rooms) include the following: registration fee; President's Reception; Thursday & Friday lunches; Saturday Banquet and Dancing; cultural displays, Viking presentation; five (5) coffee breaks; 25 tickets for the Viking Auction. Transportation from airport, bus or train station or parking for your auto. Convention Ticket Cost: Delegates, \$285.00; and, Non-Delegates, \$200.00. You can be present at the hotel, but will not be able to participate in any of the convention activities if you are not either a delegate or a non-delegate. Non-delegates (\$200 registration) and get everything mentioned above.

Kids & Adults love to explore Hershey Park!



<http://www.visithhc.com/hersheypa.shtml>

or,

call 1-800-HERSHEY.

Is Norway looming in your summer plans? Then read more about the Sons of Norway District 3 - 2010 Group Cruise or log onto www.3dsofn.org 7-day Norwegian Coastal Voyage - July 17. Price starts at \$2,040/person. 12-day Norwegian Coastal Voyage - July 17. Price starts at \$2,915/person. JENSEN TRAVEL at 1-866-552-0371 or email: USBooking@hurtigruten.com

News from Norway via websites!

- www.aftenposten.no/English
www.aftenposten.no/webcam
www.NorwayPost.no
www.norway.org

Save these Fall/Winter Lodge Dates

Sept 12 Planning & Nominations Come out for a fun low-key afternoon.

Oct. 17 2010 Central New York Scandinavian Day Culture, Crafts, Fun and Membership Dinner. Fun for the kids, seniors and everyone in between.

Nov 14 Elections for 2011-12 Officers.

Dec 5 Juletefest - FUN for ALL!

Dec 6 FINLAND Independence Day

Dec 10 Nobel Prizes awarded

Tubfrim

Help support Norwegian children and adults living with multiple disabilities by bringing cancelled stamps to Martha Williams at Oslo Lodge



International Coastal Drives:



Norway's Atlantic Road, Averøy to Vevang, 5 miles

The short-but-impressive Atlanterhavsveien route in Norway's western fjords opened in 1989—and is a marvel of creative engineering. Called Norway's "Construction of the Century," the route includes eight bridges that hopscotch from one island to the next, sometimes curving midway through a span in ways that make them seem to defy gravity. Many people visit in autumn, when storms that lash the coast add a touch of drama. If the weather is clear, drive the longest bridge, the 853-foot Storseisundet, and stop to take pictures—you might spot seals and, occasionally, minke whales close to shore. Another place to pull over is Kvernes Stave Church, a wooden house of worship dating from the 14th century. Post-and-beam Christian churches like Kvernes were once ubiquitous in this region; only 28 survive in Norway today.

http://www.bing.com/travel/content/search?q=Coastal+Drives%3a+Norway's+Atlantic+Road

Of the seven International coastal drives listed, three are from the Nordic countries. We brought you Iceland in April and will bring you Sweden in June.

Sons of Norway Foundation!

"Pass the Piggy" funds are used to help those who have experienced disasters.





May 2010

Third District Today

Morn Morn alle sammen.

While it is rather nice today along the East Coast our brothers and sister in Norway are busy dodging fallout from Iceland. I think snow is a better deal.

As the District Convention draws closer and our normal business still needs to be attended to, I think my old high school English teacher, Mrs. Kunkle, would be proud of me. I am not talking about the quality of my writing but the required quantity of prose that has been and remains challenging. My two M & M Board members, Marci and Mary, are **exceptionally** good at deadlines, but thank goodness they are or we would still be looking at stuff for January.

Our latest two lodges are still growing. The Gulf Stream Vikings are now up to 92 members and Drammen has broken the 50 member mark. Congratulations to both. If you have any ideas about a location for our next lodge please let our VP know as we need to continue to grow to remain the viable organization that we are.

As I mentioned the District Convention is growing close. The delegate count is still not complete as I write this note but with the District Officers included the count stands at 137 so there is a possibility we will break 140. We needed 141 to meet our goal of increasing attendance by 5%. International Vice President Marit Kristiansen, CEO Eivind Heiberg, Director of Agencies Len Carlson, Foundation Director Cindy Olson and several of our FBC will be attending the convention as well.

If you are looking for information on the convention check this site out. <http://3dsofn.org/newsletter/convention.html> There will be more information there concerning the convention as it becomes available. We will be posting the reports book as well. We will also be blogging from the convention so if you are not able



to attend you will be getting daily updates.

The number of visitors to the web site continues to grow. We averaged 135 daily visitors during the first 3 months of 2010. This month, through the 16th, we are averaging 151 visitors. The most heavily read pages are the events pages. Twice as many people read the events page as any other page so it is important for

your lodge to list your events if you want to attract outside visitors. It is important to do that all year long but very important for the Florida lodges looking for those "snow birds". Check out the forms page as well. There is much helpful information there. <http://3dsofn.org/forms/index.html>

The March LOV financial report was good. So far this year we're in the black. Let's hope we stay that way. Keep those rooms filled!!! Our fuel and electrical costs are significantly down so far compared to the last 2 years and that has greatly helped the bottom line.

I had a great time last weekend when AnneGrete and I along with Zone 4 Director Arnold Johnson and his wife visited Hudson Valley and the Oslo lodges. While Hudson Valley has been a large successful lodge for many years, Oslo was basically written off 3 years ago. Last weekend they were both great places to visit. Both held festive, well attended meetings. Young and old folks as well as children had a great time. I did make it to each of the Zones during the past 2 years but try as I may, I only made it to half the lodges and I enjoyed every one of them.

I am in the process of reviewing the lodge of the year applications. I plan to write a note on this process and it should be on our web site under "what's the buzz" sometime soon. <http://3dsofn.org/newsletter/news.html> Some lodges are still not submitting applications and I am sure a couple of them would have been in the running for awards and recognition for their members.

If you haven't made plans to attend the convention as a visitor or a delegate please put it on your calendar. We want to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hei alle sammen,

Fraternally,

Ralph Peterson, President
District Three, Sons of Norway



May 2010

Third District Today

*Fra Vise Presidenten Gail Ekloff*

May—Time to celebrate Syttende Mai. How do you and your lodge celebrate this moment in Norwegian History? I've spent most of my 20 years celebrating it in Brooklyn, New York ...What a treat members from the District join together to show off their "Norwegian Pride". The array of floats, banners and bunads is a sight. The field of colors changes the streets of Brooklyn into river of Norwegian beauty. Those too far from Brooklyn celebrate in their own fashion...hope to see the pictures and stories on the 3D web site.

It was encouraging to see lodges had membership events for "March Membership Madness". Those that did added on new members, both regular and heritage!! Good job! And my thanks to your Financial Advisors for a fine job informing all those present on what Sons of Norway has to offer its members. (Remember: the financial services support our fraternal programs and resources.)

I'd like to take this opportunity to address the Vice Presidents of the lodges—between the 15-20th of each month I will forward membership information via your email. Please look for them. If you haven't received them, check your SPAM. If they aren't there, please notify me and see how we can correct this problem. For Vice Presidents with no emails, I will send quarterly reports. Thank you for your help in keeping the flow of membership information going. Have a spectacular Syttende Mai!!!!

Alt for denne gangen, Gail

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