

**SONS OF NORWAY 2018 SCANDINAVIAN JULEFEST -
SUNDAY, DEC. 9 1:00-4:00 P.M
RAMADA INN-MANDARIN 3130 HARTLEY ROAD**

Buffet Served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

APPETIZERS: Fruit and cheese, seasonal melons, pineapple and strawberries, gourmet crackers.

LUNCH BUFFET: Italian pasta salad, garden salad bar,
Grilled Salmon with Cucumber Mint Relish

Pepper Seared Sirloin Beef Tips with Mushroom Gravy

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Corn

Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Cash Bar

Cheesecake with Lingonberries



Appearance by Santa Claus

Live Holiday Music Performed by the Talented Corbins



Christmas Viking Raffle

Ramada Inn, 3130 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257

\$33 per person

Family and Friends are Welcome with Reservation

Discounted Rate on Guest Rooms

Deadline for Reservations is Dec. 6



RESERVATION FORM FOR SCANDINAVIAN JULE FEST

NAMES _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (\$33 PER PERSON)

CHILDREN'S BUFFET FOR AGES 3-10 IS \$10. Names: _____

Detach this form, complete and return with a check made payable to Sons of Norway.

Mail to Mr. Kent Larson, 4013 Moresburg Court East, Jacksonville, FL 32257

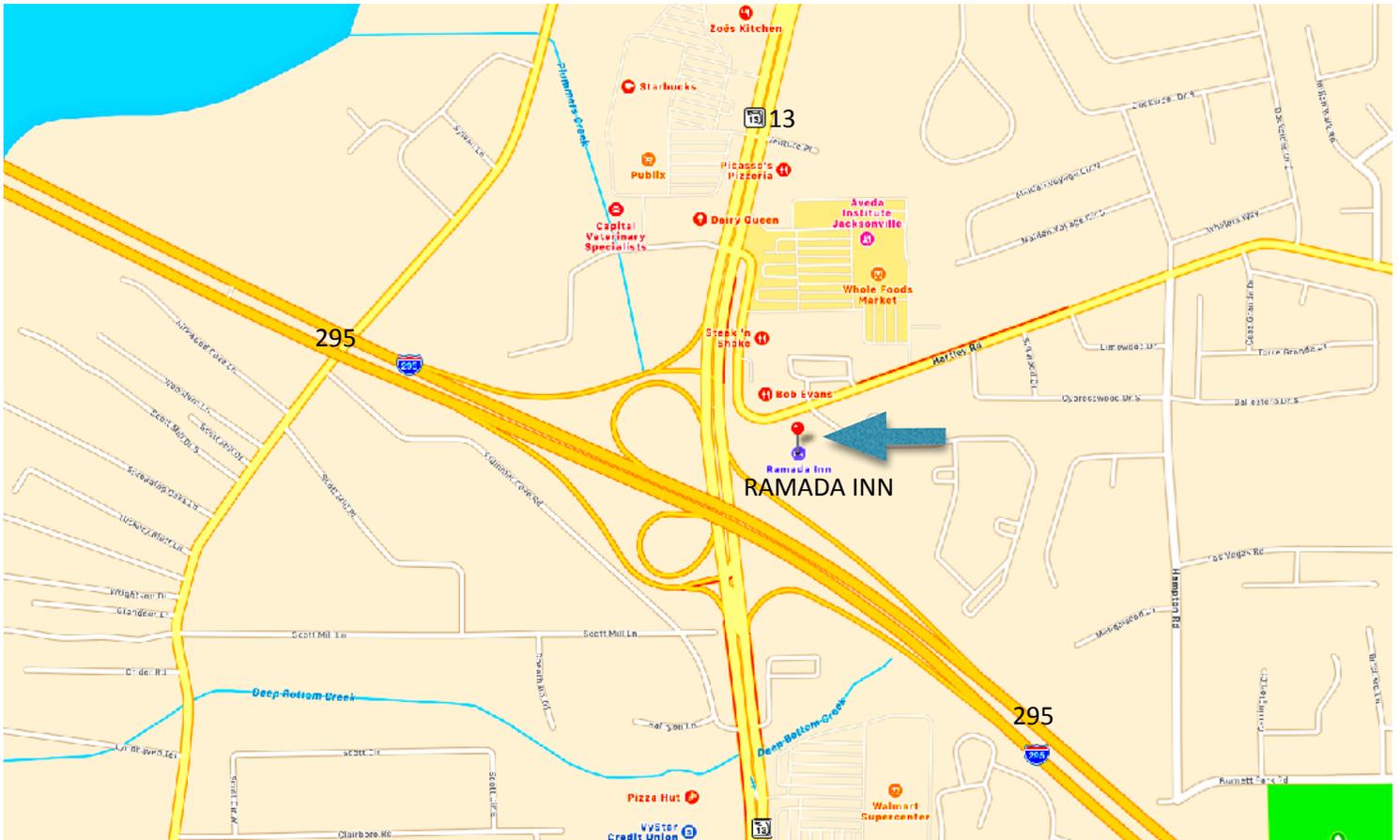
If you have any questions please contact Kent at 260-4064.



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
BESKJED FRA PRESIDENTEN**



God Jul to the SON members and friends,

December has descended upon us and with it comes the shopping and the holidays. Our Lodge is having our annual Christmas dinner and celebration Sunday, Dec. 9, so take a break from running and spend an afternoon with your friends and family at the Mandarin Ramada Inn from 1 to 4 p.m. The food will be bountiful as always and if we are "good," I think Santa will visit as well. The Corbins – Lou and Mae Britt – will provide holiday and other music. Anna and Bill Large and their assistant Marci Larson will have lots of lovely raffle items. Please see the reservation form in the newsletter and get your money into Kent as soon as possible.

While we are to give thanks every day, and especially now as we close another lodge year and head "full steam" into the holiday season, I have many people to thank for helping make our lodge meetings/programs, lodge dinners, our boat program, our community outreach so successful. Our Thanksgiving meeting was a major success so I'd like to thank Kent Larson for roasting a second turkey and spending one day shopping; Laura Sage for her sauce and stuffing and meal planning/kitchen assistance; Gail Yerkes for her popular green bean casserole; Po Chu Svendsen who is always helping in the kitchen; to my wife Ida (PI) for her appetizers and kitchen assistance, and probably others whom I have not mentioned.

Many members have contributed "gifts" for our Viking auctions so thanks to you for your donations; also for those who purchase tickets. Thanks to the members

who come early to help set tables, those who help in the kitchen and those who stay after the meeting to clean up. This requires lots of volunteer time and support, so lend a hand when you can. We have jobs both big and small for everyone. Thanks to Karen and Laura for planning/preparing our meals and to Cheryl and Anna for cultural programs. Thanks to Gail Yerkes, our newsletter editor of 20 plus years, who keeps us connected with news during the year. This is a huge undertaking so let her know you appreciate her many hours of work. A shout out to our "boat boys" who keep our two Viking ships in great condition and find maritime experiences for our members. Thanks to the lodge board and executive team for keeping our business, cultural and other affairs on track. I could go on but my job as lodge president is not possible without the hundreds, perhaps thousands of volunteer hours given to SON and our lodge. It is truly fraternalism at its best!!

As we move into 2019 we have scheduled our annual strategic planning session Saturday, Jan.12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall (not the house) at the lakeshore campus of Shepherd of the Woods off Greenland Road. This meeting is very important and is open to all members. We need your ideas!!! We will develop our calendar of events, lodge programs and other activities. We will also begin in earnest our 2020 district convention planning, since we are the host lodge. Following the strategic session, we will have a lodge meeting that will include lunch and a business meeting.

Tusen Takk to all for allowing me to be the lodge president. It has been a fun year with one more to go. Gledelig Jul og Godt Nytt År

Marty Iverson
Lodge President



NOVEMBER LODGE MEETING



Lodge members ate a delicious traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner.



Po Chu Svendsen, Gail Yerkes, Laura Sage & Marci Larson served the Thanksgiving meal.

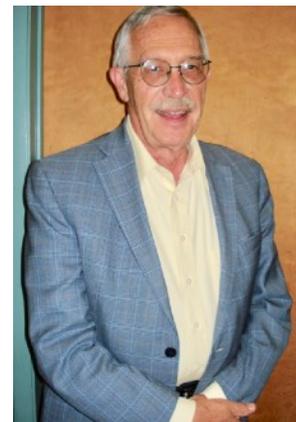


Tammy Mayer, Evelyn Hopkins and Maj-Britt Corbin hope they played the winning raffle ticket



2018 NORWEGIAN HOLIDAYS

Dec 2	First Sunday Advent
Dec 9	Second Sunday Advent
Dec 16	Third Sunday Advent
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 23	Fourth Sunday Advent
Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Boxing Day
Dec 31	New Year's Eve



David Jones was our guest speaker. He talked about getting to know your family: why and how.

Photos by Marty Iverson & Gail Yerkes

Fra District 3 Presidenten

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." -John Wooden

GET INVOLVED
Make a Difference!



Here we are six months into a new board. You may wonder what we have been doing. So, let me reflect on our accomplishments so far, and to check in with you to



make sure what we're delivering is meeting our membership needs.

We've been monitoring lodges where there may be a need for some assistance in programming, leadership, or any number of requests that have come to the board. Our goal is to provide support if a lodge feels they need it. By visiting the lodges, I want to show that we are there to help. I've been out to SON headquarters relaying our D3 issues to SON International.

We have committees working on updating our Bylaws and Policy and Procedure manuals.

I've been out to SON headquarters relaying our D3 issues to SON International and they are being timelier in responding to membership applications.

We have also started to update and refresh our 3D website, it is a work in progress but we hope to make it more palatable to first time guests and more informative to returning visitors. Communication is key in celebrating Sons of Norway and between the lodge newsletters, the website, social media and the Third District Today (TDT) I hope we are getting the word out as to what a great organization the SON is.

If you haven't been on our Facebook or website, why not take a peek and see how hard we are working to improve our communication and celebrate our membership. I hope you'll take the opportunity to connect with us.

The Tremendous Third is a district for members, led by members and the more you get involved the more you'll get back from your membership.

The holiday season reminds me to think about the people in my life. My family, my friends, and my Brothers and Sisters of Sons of Norway. They give me the opportunity to grow and succeed. As we close out 2018, I'd like to thank our members for making this a District I am proud to be part of.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Gledelig jul og glade nytt år!

Kathy Dollymore

SAINT LUCIA'S DAY

Saint Lucia's Day, also called the **Feast of Saint Lucia**, is a Christian feast day celebrated on 13 December in Advent, commemorating Saint Lucia, a third-century martyr under the Diocletianic Persecution, who according to legend brought "food and aid to Christians hiding in the catacombs" using a candle-lit wreath to "light her way and leave her hands free to carry as much food as possible". Her feast once coincided with the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year before calendar reforms, so her feast day has become a Christian festival of light.

Falling within the Advent season, Saint Lucia's Day is viewed as an event signaling the arrival of Christmastide, pointing to the arrival of the Light of Christ in the calendar, on Christmas Day.

Saint Lucia's Day is celebrated most commonly in Scandinavia, with their long dark winters, where it is a

major feast day, and in Italy, with each emphasizing a different aspect of the story.

In Scandinavia, where Saint Lucia is called Sankta Lucia in Norwegian, Swedish and Danish, she is represented as a lady in a white dress (a symbol of a Christian's white baptismal robe) and red sash (symbolizing the blood of her martyrdom) with a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Norway, Sweden and Swedish-speaking regions of Finland, as songs are sung, girls dressed as Saint Lucia carry cookies and saffron buns in procession, which "symbolizes bringing the light of Christianity throughout world darkness." In both Protestant and Catholic churches, boys participate in the procession as well, playing different roles associated with Christmas, such as that of Saint Stephen.

It is said that to vividly celebrate Saint Lucia's Day will help one live the long winter days with enough light.

From Wikipedia



A NORDIC CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

Deep within the Norwegian mountains, the town of Røros, Norway, transforms into a magical Christmas market for one weekend, every year. The streets of Røros are lined with more than 60 market stalls, Christmas food and traditional activities. Drawing in hundreds of visitors, Røros offers a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

Experience Røros by taking a romantic sleigh ride, exploring the nooks and crannies of the old copper mining town or warm up with some freshly made gløgg. This picturesque, Nordic town was the inspiration behind Disney's movie, Frozen. Kids can meet the beloved reindeer Sven, build snowmen or try tobogganing.

Temperatures regularly dip below freezing, but the Christmas market thrives every year. This year's festivities will be taking place on December 6-9. To learn more about the Christmas market held in Røros, visit <https://www.roros.no/en/the-roeros-christmas-fair/>

More about enchanting Røros can be found online in the November 2016 Viking. Log in at www.sonsofnorway.com, then access the Viking archive by clicking on the Norwegian Culture drop down menu on the homepage.

CHRISTMAS WORD MATCH

Can you match these holiday themed words with their Norwegian counterparts?

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| 1.Green | A. Stømpe |
| 2.Songs | B. Gave |
| 3.Snow | C. Nyttår |
| 4.Christmas | D. Vinter |
| 5.Christmas Eve | E. Grønn |
| 6.Greeting | F. Julegrøt |
| 7.Cookies | G. Sletktninger |
| 8.Stocking | H. Pulk |
| 9.Gift | I. Sanger |
| 10.Reindeer | J. Juletre |
| 11.New Year | K. Krans |
| 12.Snowflake | L. Reinsdyr |
| 13.Sleigh | M. Engler |
| 14.Red | N. Snøfnugg |
| 15.Wreath | O. Småkaker |
| 16.Relatives | P. Jul |
| 17.Winter | Q. Snø |
| 18.Angels | S. Julaften |
| 19.Christmas Porridge | T. Rød |
| 20.Christmas Tree | U. Hilsen |

Answers: (1)E (2)I (3)Q (4)P (5)S (6)U (7)O (8)A (9)B (10)L (11)C (12)N (13)H (14)T (15)K (16)G (17)D (18)M (19)F (20)J

KRINGLE

Add your own Christmas twist to this Old Norse inspired cookie.

Submitted by Christopher Mohs, Vikingland Lodge 1-495, Detroit Lakes, MN

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 cup buttermilk (or 1 cup regular milk soured with 1 tbsp of lemon juice or white vinegar)
- 1 tsp baking soda (added to the buttermilk)
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom
- 3 cups flour (may take more)

Directions:

In a mixer, add sugar, melted butter, egg, salt, cardamom and the buttermilk mixture (that includes the baking soda). Mix together well and then add the flour, 1/2 cup at a time until the dough becomes stiff. (It will still be a little slack, slightly looser than a sugar cookie dough.) Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

The next morning pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees and remove the dough from the refrigerator. On a floured board roll out approximately 1 1/2 tbsp of dough into ropes that are approximately 6-8 inches in length. Dipping your finger in water lightly, wet both ends of the rope and seal together to make a ring or circle. Give the ring one twist to form a figure eight and place on a parchment lined baking sheet, leaving approximately 1/2 inch between each one to allow for the rise while baking (they will double in size). Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until just starting to brown. Remove and let cool before enjoying.

Find more of Christopher's recipes on his blog, Pumpnickel & Rye



2018 Lodge Calendar (Subject to Change)

Sunday, Dec. 9	Scandinavian JuleFest, 1-4 p.m. @ Mandarin Ramada Inn
Wed., Jan. 2	Newsletter deadline for January Små Snakk
Sat., Jan. 12	Strategic Planning Meeting/Lunch @ SOTW Fellowship Hall from 9-1:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 8	5 -9:30 p.m., lodge dinner/presentation in the fellowship hall/SOTW Southside
Friday, March 8	5 -9:30 p.m., lodge dinner/presentation in the fellowship hall/SOTW Southside



LODGE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND LUNCHEON

Meet on Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Lake Shore fellowship hall (not the house): 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a lodge strategic planning and lodge luncheon. The address is: 6595 Columbia Park Ct.

SUNSHINE NEWS

Cheryl Drabek, Co-Cultural Director and Sunshine Committee, has mailed birthday cards to members wishing them a happy birthday in December.

Lodge members send condolences to our Financial Benefits Counselor and friend Ann Krause on the loss of her husband, Skip. Lodge Vice President Kent Larson attended his memorial service in Sarasota. Members of 3 SON lodges were present.

Anna-Rita Perkins is recuperating from surgery. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

To report sunshine news please contact Cheryl Drabek at ceejay611@yahoo.com, 904-860-3174 or Anna-Rita Perkins at annarita@bellsouth.net, 904-396-7692.



We are pleased to welcome Jay Hochstein as our newest member to our lodge.



VIKING BOATS BOOSTER CLUB

BOOSTER NAME	DATE EXPIRES
ADMIRALS (\$100)	
Eugene & Gail Yerkes	October 2019
Marci & Kent Larson	December 2019
Stewart Svendsen	October 2019
Roger & Margaret Winslow	December 2018
Roy Hauge	March 2019
Eric and Laura Nord	May 2019
CAPTAINS (\$50)	
Bonnie Hardman	December 2019
Marty Iverson	November 2018
SEAMEN (\$25)	
Po Chu Svendsen	October 2019
Clint & Laura Sage	December 2019
Ida Iverson	February 2019

WANT TO BE A VIKING BOATS BOOSTER? Here's what you do!

In order to help defray maintenance and storage costs for our two replica Viking boats, the lodge has started a booster program similar to our newsletter booster program. It's very simple with three levels of annual giving: Admiral - \$100, Captain - \$50, and Seaman - \$25

Hagar and Tapper Viking have been a lodge "center piece" for many years. They have enhanced our visibility for Sons of Norway in North Florida as we participate in varied light parades, the annual Opening of the Beaches parade, zone regattas, festivals and farmers markets.

There are many expenses related to the maintenance, insurance, registration and storage of the Viking boats and trailers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated to help offset the costs. Your name will be listed in the newsletter as a Viking Boats Booster.

Sports Director Eugene Yerkes can answer questions and accept your donation either in cash or check made payable to Gateway to Florida SON Lodge. Mail to 1742 Lord Byron Lane, Jacksonville, FL, 32223. Eugene can be reached at eugene.yerkes@att.net or 904-268-9924.

The Real 12 Days of Christmas

The well known carol was used to teach children Christian doctrine during a time of persecution in 16th century England.

The First Day - Partridge in a pear tree - The partridge was known as a valiant bird, willing to fight to the death in order to defend its young. The bird's readiness to die made it an ancient Christian symbol of Christ. The pear tree represents the cross. John 10:14-15

The Second Day - Two turtledoves - When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple and brought a sacrifice of two turtledoves. Luke 2:22, 24

The Third Day - Three French Hens - These were costly birds that symbolized the three valuable gifts brought by the wise men. Matthew 2:10-11

The Fourth Day - Four Calling Birds - Reminders of the four Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. John 20: 30-31

The Fifth Day - Five Golden Rings - Valuable and treasured - the rings represent the the first five books of the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 34:10, 12

The Sixth Day - Six Geese a-laying - Eggs represent new life and become reminders of the six days of creation. Genesis 1: 1, 31

The Seventh Day - Seven Swans a-swimming - Symbolize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Romans 12:6-8

The Eighth Day - Eight maids a-milking - Represent eight unique teachings of Jesus sometimes called the Beatitudes. Matthew 5:3-12

The Ninth day - Nine Ladies Dancing - Reminds us of the nine different fruits that The Holy Spirit produces in the lives of God's children. Galatians 5:22-23

The Tenth Day - Ten Lords a-leaping - They symbolize God's ten basic laws, known as The Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:3-17

The Eleventh Day - Eleven Pipers Piping - represent the eleven apostles who were chosen by Jesus and remained faithful to him. Mark 3: 16-19

The Twelfth Day - Twelve Drummers Drumming - Represents the twelve vital Christian beliefs as stated in the Apostle's Creed.

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Pete & Launi Evenson	December	2019
Dolores Fosaaen	January	2019
Bonnie Hardman	August	2019
Roy Hauge	October	2019
Marty & Ida Iverson *	October	2018
Stewart & Po Chu Svendsen	July	2019
Jay Vogeley	October	2020
Ellen Wallwork	March	2019
Roger & Margaret Winslow	December	2022



FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR'S MESSAGE



What if it were me?

How often have you driven by an accident and thought, "what if it were me?" Are you prepared for a long recovery from an accident or even worse, death? How would your family deal with your disability death? Could they pay next months bills or next years bills? Would your hopes and dreams end with you?

Contact your Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor today and find answers to these questions.

Ann Krause, FIC, LUTCF
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GATEWAY TO FLORIDA LODGE HONORS:

District 3 Lodge of the Year 2003, 2007, 2009, 2010, Large Lodge of the Year 2014. Membership Lodge of the Year 2007-2008, Founders Award for Membership Achievement 2007, 2008-09, 2010-11. President's Gold Merit Award for Fraternal Excellence 2007, 2008-09, 2010-11, President's Special Recognition Gold 2010 and 2011; World of Nations First Place/Best Country 2006, Grand Overall Winner Jacksonville Boat Light Parade 2008, First Place Palm Valley Boat Light Parade 2008, 2010, Organized Club Winner Jacksonville Light Parade 2009, 2010, First Place Whitey's Fish Camp Boat Light Parade 2010, Grand Prize Best Overall St Augustine Holiday Regatta of Lights 2009. Winner of Fall Blitz Recruitment Contest in Large Lodge Category 2009. Third District Golden Newsletter Award for Medium Size Lodge Division in 2009. Newsletter Honorable Mention 2011. Certificate of Recognition Newsletter Contest Third Place Category A 2014, First Place Category A Newsletter Contest 2016. Gold Merit Award 2014.

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