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It's Movie Night on St. Patrick's Day, March 17

Wear your green and be prepared for the Norwegian version of a "Cool and Crazy" St. Patrick's Day as we skip the corned beef and cabbage for assorted pizza, salad, dessert and beverages as we enjoy the 90-minute film about the members of a male choir in a tiny Norwegian fishing village close to the North Pole. This film is offbeat and very entertaining (see more details below). We'll have plenty of movie snacks. Donation for the movie and dinner is \$15. Bring extra cash for the raffle. **Please RSVP to Marci Larson @ 307-2888 or mlarson@northfloridatpo.com by Friday noon, March 17.** We had to move our meeting to the third Friday since space at both church locations was booked.



Marci Larson, Social Director

FILM IN REVIEW; 'Cool & Crazy'

Directed by Knut Erik Jensen. In Norwegian, with English subtitles. Not rated, 89 minutes

A cult film waiting for a cult, Knut Erik Jensen's "Cool & Crazy" is probably the finest documentary ever made about the members of a male choir in a tiny Norwegian fishing village within striking distance of the North Pole.

"Cool & Crazy," The Berlevag Male Choir is a casting agent's dream, a group of about 30 men who range in age from early 30's to late 90's, each with a spectacularly weather-beaten Nordic face and an endearingly shy demeanor. The village of Berlevag isn't what it used to be, Mr. Jensen tells us. Where once hundreds of fishing boats and dozens of canneries were kept busy by the dense aquatic population of the Barents Sea, the local industry is now down to one forlorn factory and a handful of battered vessels. The decline in the local economy isn't the only hardship the Berlevagians have to face: there are also the brutal weather with its nonstop ice and snowstorms and the severe shortage of available women nearby. The residents don't have much to occupy their time apart from their choral rehearsals; their music, mainly traditional ballads and hymns, has become the center of their lives.

For Mr. Jensen, these frail but determined seamen are the modern-day descendants of the Vikings, a link to a mythic past that seems seriously out of joint with the diminished present.

In the film's final third, the chorus takes a bus through a neighboring region of Russia to a concert in Murmansk. As they pass through the miles of ruined landscapes and industrial detritus left by the failure of Communism, the men bemoan the damage inflicted on nature by the human race, speaking as if they were emissaries from an idyllic past that will never return. "Cool & Crazy" is consistently offbeat and entertaining; at such moments, it is also quite moving. DAVE KEHR, The New York Times

Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church, 7860 Southside Boulevard, is located on the parallel service road between JT Butler and Old Baymeadows Road. For entry use the service road off Baymeadows on Southside Boulevard or by the Skinner Parkway traffic light. A large white cross is near the driveway. Park and enter behind the building.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
BESKJED FRA PRESIDENTEN**



GREETINGS FELLOW
MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS,

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY this month. We are going to celebrate by having our movie night with pizza and popcorn and all the goodies that go along with being at the movies on March 17th. Please come and have fun with us.

If you missed our February meeting, you missed a fun evening. We had so many good stews and soups and desserts brought by members. Thank you so much to our wonderful cooks. Thank you to all who shared their wedding pictures and how they met. It was interesting and fun to hear each couples' stories.

Kent and Marci Larson, Marty Iverson and I went to Tampa on Sunday, February 26th for a Memorial Service to honor deceased members in our zone and a zone meeting. The memorial service was very emotional.

While we were there, we thought it might be nice to volunteer our lodge to do the memorial next year and have a Regatta and Zone meeting all in one. We need to decide on a date that would be good for everyone.

We have a lot going this month. We will

be bowling on the 19th of March at Bowl America in Mandarin. Please come and play or cheer us on. We had a fun time the last time we bowled.

We will be walking again on the 11th of March. The members who walked on the beach had a good time and then went to lunch after. Eugene Yerkes and Tammy Mayer will be telling us more about the sports events at our next meeting.

Todd Knudson had a great suggestion about having the blood mobile at one of our meetings, for us to set up a blood bank for our lodge. I think it is a great idea. Thank you, Todd for helping us with that. I am ready to give.

Please everyone, don't forget to make your reservations for the 2017 Spring Fest Regatta in St Augustine on April the 7th and 8th. We need to know who will be staying at the Hampton Inn and Suites on Vilano Beach and who will be attending the Reception on Friday night from 5:30 to 7:30 with heavy appetizers and beverages. The Regatta starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Usina Boat Ramp. Then lunch and awards after the Regatta. Please come. We need a lot of people to attend. Ask your friends, too. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Don't forget Movie Night!!!! See you there.

Evelyn R Hopkins, President
Gateway to Florida Lodge 3-541

SMÅ SNAKK BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERS

Your donation is a voluntary act. The Små Snakk booster fee is \$20. This donation helps pay for publication and distribution of the Små Snakk newsletter. Make your check payable to Sons of Norway and mail to Gail Yerkes, Editor. Tusen takk for your support.

BOOSTER NAME	DATE EXPIRES	
Adolph & Jane Baste	June	2017
Pete & Launi Evenson	May	2018
Bonnie Hardman	May	2018
Roy Hauge	June	2017
Marty & Ida Iverson	October	2018
Carol Scott	April	2017
Jay Vogeley	May	2018



SONS OF NORWAY 2017 SPRING FEST REGATTA ST. AUGUSTINE, APRIL 7/8



The 2017 Spring Fest Regatta is being held in historic St. Augustine, Florida, and hosted by the award-winning Gateway to Florida Lodge in Jacksonville April 7/8. With events combined into two days, this Viking Regatta promises to be a weekend of friendship and camaraderie with extra time available to explore the 450-year-old city with cobblestone streets, quaint cafes and unique shops. The fun starts late Friday afternoon with a casual and relaxing welcome reception and then dinner on your own to explore the city's varied cuisine. Saturday guests can enjoy breakfast at the hotel before the regatta on the Intracoastal Waterway and conclude the official regatta weekend with lunch at a local restaurant yet to be selected but near the hotel.

Friday Evening Reception and Dinner

Your weekend begins with old and new friends at the Hospitality Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites, St. Augustine/Vilano Beach, 95 Vilano Road from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with assorted appetizers and beverages. The donation is \$15 at the door with a cash bar for adult beverages. Dinner choices at area restaurants are abundant.

Saturday Breakfast and Lunch

Start your Saturday with a complimentary breakfast in the hotel (included with room) before going to Usina Beach a few miles away for the Regatta. Following the Regatta, lunch will be at local restaurant to be determined with everyone ordering from the menu and covering individual costs. Several restaurants are near the hotel.

The Regatta

The friendly but highly competitive Regatta will be held on the Intracoastal Waterway at the Usina Boat Ramp, 603 Euclid Avenue, St. Augustine, FL, 32084 (adjacent to Aunt Kate's Restaurant) just north of downtown St. Augustine. The standard regatta schedule will be followed with the Captain's meeting at 10:30 a.m. and the races to follow. Preliminary heats are scheduled with men's (mixed) crews and a women's race followed by the men's final race. The Regatta is open to the public with no admission charge. You may want to bring a lawn chair.

Hotel Accommodations

For our out-of-town guests planning to stay in St. Augustine Friday and/or Saturday nights, rooms are reserved at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Vilano Beach, 95 Vilano Road, St. Augustine with rates from \$169 plus tax per night. These are non-smoking rooms. Hotel room rates have increased since the 450th anniversary in 2015. The hotel number is 904-827-9797. **Room reservations must be picked up and guaranteed by credit card by March 10.** They will provide extra parking for the Viking boats.

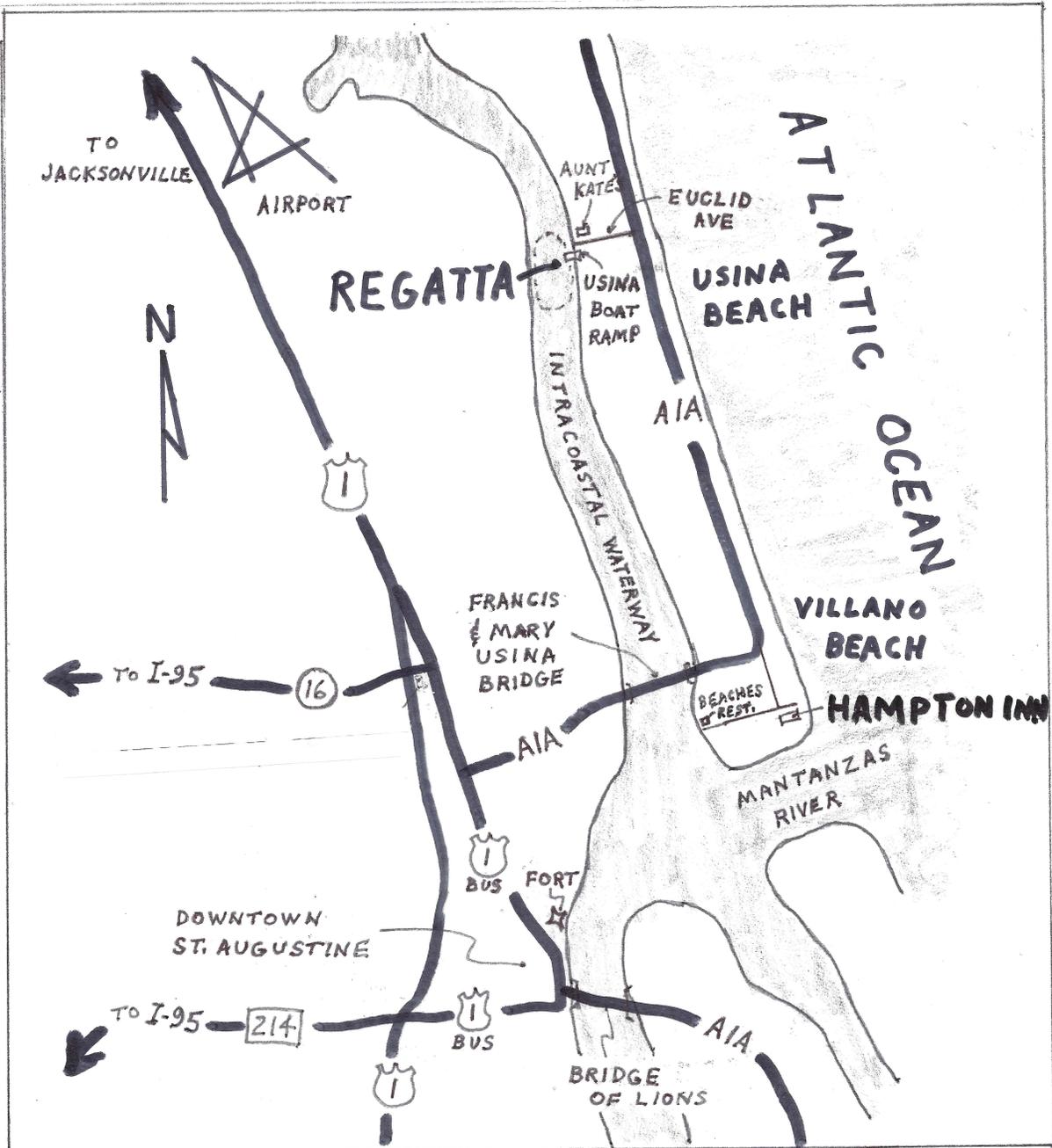
About St. Augustine

No matter if this is a first or repeat visit to St. Augustine be ready for a unique cultural experience. St. Augustine was the first permanent European settlement in the U.S. In April 1513 explorer Ponce de León landed near St. Augustine, staking a claim for the Spanish crown. While he did not establish a settlement, he sent word back that Florida was an ideal place for a colony. Fifty-two years later, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés left Spain under the king's direction to establish St. Augustine in 1565. And as they say the rest is history!

For Regatta questions call Eugene Yerkes at (H) 904-268-9924 or (C) 904-476-8885. For the special events, contact Kent Larson at 904-614-7111 or Marci Larson @ 904-307-2888. Check this web site for additional information:
www.augustine.com.

LOCATION MAP

SONS OF NORWAY
2017 SPRING FEST REGATTA
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL.
APRIL 7-8



**PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING FORM
SONS OF NORWAY SPRING FEST REGATTA-ST. AUGUSTINE
Friday and Saturday, April 7-8, 2017**

I (we) plan to attend the Friday evening reception. Cost is \$15 per person for appetizers; modestly-priced cash bar.

NAME(S):

I (we) plan to attend the Saturday lunch.

NAME(S):

I (we) plan to stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites St. Augustine/Vilano Beach:

NAME(S):

Contact Info:

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Please return this form to:

Kent Larson
4013 Moresburg Court East
Jacksonville, FL 32257
Email: kmlmal@bellsouth.net



LODGE 2017 SPORTS SCHEDULE

March 19, Sunday	Bowling Party	Bowl America
March 25, Saturday	Viking Boat Practice	Hooters in Mandarin
April 7 & 8 Friday & Saturday	Spring Fest Viking Boat Regatta	Aunt Kate's in St. Augustine
April 22, Saturday	Sports Medal Walking Competition	Jacksonville Botanical Gardens
April 30, Sunday	Opening of the Beaches Parade	Jacksonville Beach
May 20, Saturday	Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Game	Baseball Grounds
June 17, Saturday	Sports Medal Walking Competition	Riverside Arts Market Riverwalk
Sept 16, Saturday	Sports Medal Walking Competition	Timucuan/Fort Caroline
November 4, Saturday	Sports Medal Walking Competition	Hanna Park

DISTRICT 3 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Is anyone interested in bowling? The Third District is having their Bowling Challenge again this year. To support this, we are having a bowling party on **Sunday, March 19 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** The party will be at the Bowl America Bowling Lanes at 10333 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville.



We will divide into teams of 4 persons each. Each person will bowl 3 games. The cost to participate will be \$4.69 per game. Bowling shoes and balls will be provided free of charge. For each team we'll send in the score and a team photo to the Third District Sports Director.

Please let me know if you plan to participate. Let's have some fun!

Eugene Yerkes, Sports Director
Home: 904-268-9924
Cell: 904-476-8885
e-mail: eugene.yerkes@att.net

Lodge Calendar (Subject to Change)

Wed., March 22	Newsletter Deadline for April Newsletter
Fri. March 17	Pizza & Movie
Sun. March 19	District 3 Bowling Challenge
Tues. March 28	Board Meeting @ 7:15 p.m.
Fri & Sat April 7 & 8	Springfest Viking Boat Reception/ Dinner & Regatta in St. Augustine
Sun. April 30	Opening of the Beaches Parade @ Jacksonville Beach
May 5-7	John Karlsen Memorial Golf Tournament
Tues. May 9	Board Meeting @ 7:15 p.m.
Fri. May 12	Youth of the Lodge
Sat. June 10	New Member Brunch & Welcome Ceremony 9 a.m.-12:30
Tues. June 20	Board Meeting @ 7:15 p.m.
July & August	NO MEETINGS
Tues. Sept 5	Board Meeting @ 7:15 p.m.
Fri. Sept 8	Lodge Meeting & Dinner
Tues. Oct 10	Board Meeting @ 7:15 p.m.
Fri. Oct 13	Lodge Meeting & Dinner
Sat. Oct 28	Trick 'n Trunk at Lakeshore
Tues. Nov 14	Board Meeting @ 7:15 p.m.
Fri. Nov 17	Lodge Meeting & Dinner
Sun Dec 3/10	Scandinavian JuleFest

You can view the complete 3rd District Newsletters on the internet at: <http://www.3dsofn.org/>

FEBRUARY LODGE MEETING

MARCH BIRTHDAYS
GRATULERER MED DAGEN

2	Peter Evenson
3	Eugene Yerkes
3	George Teigland
5	Evelyn Hopkins
9	Karen Madrigal
12	Aage Lindstad
13	Julia Fluker
14	Kaare Bakke
20	Mason Whiteley
25	Freya Lindstad
28	George Prom
31	Colleen Brew



Ida Iverson, Po Chu Svendsen, Eugene Yerkes and Tammy Mayer served delicious lapskaus, stews, clam chowder and chili to hungry members.



Ruth Morrison holds a Valentine craft with candy provided by Social Director Cheryl Drabek.



March 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins



March 20
First Day of Spring!

HISTORY OF IRELAND (800-1169), EARLY SCANDINAVIAN DUBLIN, AND NORSE GAELS

The Vikings pillaged monasteries on Ireland's west coast in 795 and then spread out to cover the rest of the coastline. The north and east of the island were most affected. During the first 40 years, the raids were conducted by small, mobile Viking groups. By 830, the groups consisted of large fleets of Viking ships. From 840, the Vikings began establishing permanent bases at the coasts. Dublin was the most significant settlement in the long term. The Irish became accustomed to the Viking presence. In some cases they became allies and married each other.

In 832, a Viking fleet of about 120 invaded kingdoms on Ireland's northern and eastern coasts. Some believe that the increased number of invaders coincided with Scandinavian leaders' desires to control the profitable raids on the western shores of Ireland. During the mid-830s, raids began to push deeper into Ireland, as opposed to just touching the coasts. Navigable waterways made this deeper penetration possible. After 840, the Vikings had several bases in strategic locations dispersed throughout Ireland.

In 838, a small Viking fleet entered the River Liffey in eastern Ireland. The Vikings set up a base, which the Irish called a longphort. This longphort eventually became Dublin. After this interaction, the Irish experienced Viking forces for about 40 years. The Vikings also established longphorts in Cork, Limerick, Waterford, and Wexford. The Vikings could sail through on the main river and branch off into different areas of the country.

Norwegian Vikings and other Scandinavians conducted extensive raids in Ireland. They founded Limerick in 812, then established Waterford in 853, founded the only Viking capital city in the world outside the Nordics in Dublin, and founded trading ports in Cork in the 9th century. Predominantly Norwegians, and to a smaller extent other Scandinavians, settled down and intermixed with the Irish. Literature, crafts, and decorative styles in Ireland and Britain reflected West Norse culture. Vikings traded at Irish markets in Dublin and solidified Dublin as an important city. Excavations found imported fabrics from England, Byzantium, Persia and central Asia. Dublin became so crowded by the 11th century that houses were constructed outside the town walls.

One of the last major battles involving Vikings was the Battle of Clontarf on 23 April 1014, in which Vikings fought both for the Irish over-king Brian Boru's army and for the Viking-led army opposing him. Irish and Viking literature depict the Battle of Clontarf as a gathering of this world and the supernatural. For example, witches, goblins, and demons were present. A Viking poem portrays the environment as strongly pagan. Valkyries chanted and decided who would live and die.

From Wikipedia



Jacksonville Beach walkers: Tammy Mayer, Laura Sage, Marci Larson, Eugene & Gail Yerkes, Pete Hopkins, Kent Larson.

SPORTS MEDAL WALKING CONTEST

Hello everyone-

Thank you to all who participated in our first walk for the sports medal contest (see attached photo). We walked a total 1.9 miles on Jacksonville Beach and enjoyed lunch at the new Surfer The Bar restaurant. In order to help track steps on a daily basis for the contest, I have attached the spreadsheet that Eugene had created. I will be sending an email to request your monthly step totals for February (and January if you have a Fitbit) next week. I would suggest saving a blank copy, then creating a spreadsheet for each month.

Since meeting for the beach walk was popular last month, our next walk will be at the Tree Hill Nature Center in the Arlington area on Saturday, March 11. Below is a web site link.

<http://www.treehill.org/Home.aspx>

There is an entrance fee of \$5. Let's meet around 11:00 a.m. to walk for about an hour, then have a picnic lunch at noon. Please bring your own lunches. I can bring a large cooler for everyone to keep their lunches cool.

There are several short trails that are easy to intermediate difficulty to walk. The area looks like there is adequate tree cover, so it shouldn't be too hot. Let me know if you are interested in going. If you know of anyone else that would like to join us, please invite them.

If you have any questions, please email or call me at 904-982-4651 cell. If you haven't sent me your step totals for February, please send them at your earliest convenience.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday!

Tammy Mayer
904-982-4651 cell

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FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR'S MESSAGE

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When you belong to Sons of Norway, you have a stake in the organization. Our successes are your successes. Our stability is your stability. You are an owner. As a fraternal benefit society, we give our profits back to our lodges and members.

The next time you are ready to make a move with your finances, think of Sons of Norway. We have been relating to our members for many years. Give us the opportunity to show you how we can work with you to achieve your financial goals. Although we've grown and evolved, the mission we set of helping each other in times of financial hardship back in the 1800's hasn't changed. Call your Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselor and let's get to work.

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SUNSHINE NEWS

Cheryl Drabek, Cultural Director, has mailed March birthday cards to members wishing them a happy birthday.

We gladly welcome Po Chu Svendsen back to the membership.

To report sunshine news please contact Cheryl Drabek at [ceejay 611@yahoo.com](mailto:ceejay611@yahoo.com), 904-860-3174 or Anna-Rita Perkins at annarita@bellsouthnet, 904-396-7692.

Sunshine Coordinators: Cheryl Drabek and Anna Rita Perkins

CULTURE COMPETITION from Gail Martinsen, Cultural Director

I am starting a Cultural Competition for our Third District Lodges starting this month. Members earning the most pins for the many different cultural categories will receive a special prize and a plaque at our next convention and the lodge with the most members participating in the competition will receive a plaque. Be sure to notify your lodge's Cultural Director (Cheryl Drabek) or President (Evelyn Hopkins) of each pin you earn and they should notify me with the lodge name, member's name and the pin earned. I will keep a record of each member, lodge and pin they earned.

I hope many participate; it will be so rewarding to learn about your heritage, many skills and the wonderful items you can learn to make!! Among the many skills you can work on are: Norwegian Cooking, Norwegian Literature, Rosemaling, Genealogy, Hand-Knitting, Norwegian Language and Culture, Hardanger, Figure Carving, Weaving, Ornamental Woodcarving, Chip Carving and Folk Dancing.

GOOD LUCK to everyone!

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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