

SMÅ SNAKK SONS OF NORWAY

115 days to International Convention

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CELEBRATE SYTTENDE MAI

Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m. and beyond! Along the picturesque Intracoastal Waterway amid the old Florida landscape, Pete and Evelyn Hopkins once again invite lodge members and friends to their hideaway home for our lodges annual picnic and Syttende Mai celebration.

The fun begins about 1 p.m. and ends whenever! The catered lunch will include bar-b-q chicken and pork, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, corn bread, varied desserts, assorted beverages, and beer and wine. A \$15 donation is requested. Please bring a chair, even though picnic tables and seating are available. If you need a ride call Kent Larson at 904-260-4064.

A raffle will be held.

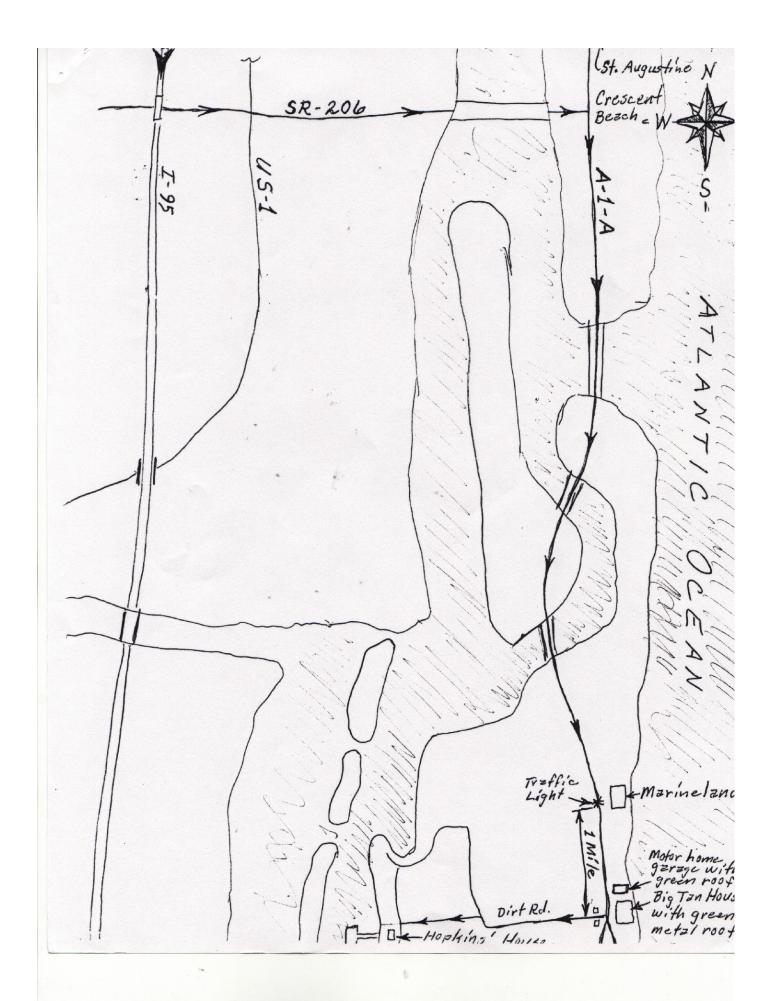
Bring your children, grandchildren or adoptees for the day. Children age 16 and under are free.

Viking boat Hagar will be at the Camp for your rowing pleasure.

VERY IMPORTANT: RSVP to Evelyn Hopkins by May 1 at 733-4268 or cell 625-5686.

DIRECTIONS TO HOPKINS CAMP: Drive south on I-95 past St. Augustine. You will cross over SR-16 and SR-207. About 5 1/2 miles south of SR-207 is SR-206. Exit on SR-206 Crescent Beach Exit and head east to Crescent Beach. Turn right on A1A and head south towards Marineland. Go across Matanzas Inlet and continue south to Marineland. There's a traffic light at Marineland. Go exactly 1 mile south and on your left is a large two story tan colored house on the beach with a green metal roof. Next to it is a separate tan colored garage with a green metal roof. The garage is large enough to hold a Greyhound bus. On your left at the same point is a green road sign that says "Hammock"; and the road then splits into a divided four-lane road. Just beyond the "Hammock" sign is a palm tree and a dirt road with two large wooden gate posts that is directly across from the tan house with the green roof. Turn right and follow the power line in and it will lead you directly to the "Camp," a gray two story house on the Intracoastal Waterway.

See the map on page 2.



APRIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL BESKJED FRA PRESIDENTEN

Greetings Fellow Members and Friends,



I hope to see many of you at the annual picnic May 3, once again hosted by Evelyn and Pete Hopkins. We have a great menu so it promises to be a great meal and fun day. If anyone needs a ride, let me know. (Please see associated details on the front page.)

Our 40th lodge anniversary was a nice celebration. Thanks to many people who made it happen: Int. Vice President Ralph Peterson, who joined us from Virginia Beach; Ron and Gail Martinsen, representing District 3 and Zone 5 from Spring Hill; Evelyn Hopkins and Bert Rasmussen who gave a historical overview of the lodge's beginning, since their parents were actively involved; to the several former presidents who participated; to our "always on the job" social committee headed by Larry Nelson with assistance from Pete Hopkins, Natasha Petrovich, Christine Martinuzzi and Tammy Mayer; Sharon White for bringing the historical books; and, of course, a huge thank you to our wonderful "boat boys (Eric Nord, Eugene Yerkes, Rich Brew) and girls" who keep the flotilla floating.

The lodge's four delegates to the District Convention - Evelyn Hopkins, Rita Tweed Morrison, Franklin Morrison and me - are set to attend the bi-annual event in Albany, NY June 11-14. That's when the lodges in District 3 come together to conduct the business affairs. Of course, the days are sprinkled with nice events so it's a fun time to meet and greet old friends and make new ones. We will give an overview of convention business conducted at our annual New Member Brunch and Welcome Ceremony June 21. Please also remember that we have no meetings in July and August so we can focus exclusively on planning and implementing the International Convention Aug. 17-24.

And speaking of the International Convention we are approximately 115 days away from welcoming our first While the planning committee has accomplished many things, now is the time for everyone to come aboard the volunteer train. Cheryl Drabek is coordinating volunteer needs so she can be reached at ceejay611@gmail.com or 860-3174 to learn more about the varied opportunities available. We have a volunteer job for everyone. A handful of members cannot make this convention the shining star we know it will be. Co-chairs Evelyn and Marci are preparing an outline of events and volunteer needs to be emailed to members in the next couple days. Cheryl is waiting by her computer and phone to receive your message, "I will help." award-winning lodge ready and able to put our best foot forward for the best International Convention in 119 years of Sons of Norway.

Kent Larson Lodge President



VELKOMMEN NYE MEDLEMMERS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kent Larson recruited new members Peter & Launi Evenson. Their e-mail is Pete.Evenson@Gmail.com & e3602@hotmail.com. Their address is 1191 Beachwalker Road, Amelia, Island, FL 32034.

Pete's cell 336-210-9062 Launi's cell 336-255-0352



CALLING ALL MEMBERS CONVENTION JOURNAL BOOSTERS NEEDED

As we continue our International convention planning, all members are asked to find convention boosters to be listed in the 2014 International Convention Journal. What does that mean and how do you help? Ask family, friends, co-workers, individuals from church, other organizations, just any one in your circle to become a booster by donating \$5, \$10 or \$20. For a \$5 donation, the person's name will be listed in a 12 point font, for those donating \$10, the font size increases to 18 point and for those who donate \$20 their names will appear in 24 point, which is quite large. The forms are attached in the e-mailed newsletter. If you would like to receive the Booster sign-up sheet in the mail, please contact Gail Yerkes at 904-268-9924. When you have money to turn in, please contact either Marci Larson @306-7513/307-2888 or Evelyn Hopkins @733-4268/625-5686, convention cochairs. If you raise \$500 or more you will receive a free ticket to the Welcome Reception at the Cummer Museum Thursday evening, Aug. 21.

LODGE KALENDER

	Subject to Change
April 21	Newsletter Deadline for May
April 27	Beach's Parade
April 27	Myrtle Nesset's 100th Birthday Celebration
May 3	Shrimp Fest & Lodge Picnic, 1-5 p.m.,
,	Hopkins Intracoastal Camp
May 5	Board & Convention Planning Meetings,
'	7 p.m., SOTW
May 9-10	Syttende Mai Regatta, Luncheon, Zone
'	Meeting, in Clearwater
June 3	Convention Planning Meeting,
	7 p.m., SOTW
June 11-15	District 3 Convention in Albany, NY
June 21	New Member Brunch & Welcome, SOTW

NO BOARD OR LODGE MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST

12:15 p.m., SOTW

from 10 a.m. - Noon

Convention Planning Meeting @

CONVENTION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

July 8 July 22	Convention Planning Meeting @ 7 p.m. Convention Planning Meeting @ 7 p.m.		
August 1-16	Convention Planning Activities/Meetings		
August 17-24	International S.O.N. Convention @ Omni		
Sept 9	Board & Convention Recap Meetings 7 p.m., SOTW		
Sept 12	We Survived the International Convention		
	Celebration & Thank You!		
September	District 3 Golf Tournament, Myrtle Beach,		
	S.C.		
October 10-12	Leif Erikson Regatta, Banquet & Zone		
	Meeting @ Jensen Beach		
October 17	Lodge Dinner & Program @ 6:30 p.m.		
October 18	Trick or Trunk Halloween @ SOTW		
	6-9:00 p.m.		
October 24-26	District 3 Executive Committee & Board		
	Meetings		
Nov 4	Business Meeting @ 7 p.m., SOTW		
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Parade		
Nov 14	Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner & Program @		
	SOTW, 6:30 p.m.		
Nov 29	Jacksonville Boat Light Parade		
Dec 7, 14, 21	Area Light Parades		

SUNSHINE NEWS

to be Determined

Scandinavian JuleFest, 1-4 p.m. Location

If you have news call me at 904-268-9924 or egyerkes@bellsouth.net.

Gail Yerkes

Dec 7

June 21

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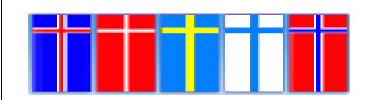
Lorraine Drummond, 89, a Golden Member and lodge member since 1977, passed away March 29. She is survived by 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Lorraine will be greatly missed.

2014-2015 SONS OF NORWAY GATEWAY TO JACKSONVILLE **SLATE OF OFFICERS**

President	Kent Larson	260-4064	
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Assistant Treasurer	Open		
Financial Secretary	Peggy McCann	504-8583	
Assistant Finchcial Sec.	Dee Simpson	210-0092	
Social Director	Larry Nelson, Coor	dinator 220-6151	
Cultural Director	Evelyn Hopkins/Marci Larson		
Sports Director	Eugene Yerkes	268-9924	
Assistant Sports Dir	Eric Nord	699-0460	
•	Rich Brew	443-6331	
Youth Director	Charlotte Fluker	396-8006	
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Trustee II	David Fluker	396-8006	
Trustee III	Pete Hopkins	733-4268	
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Foundation Coordinator	Marty Iverson	726-0626	
Marshalls	Stewart Svendsen	565-9001	
	& Bo Fosaaen	237-7700	
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	Bonnie Hardman	537-9163	
	Karen Ansell	242-8893	
	Evelyn Hopkins	733-4268	
Editor	Gail Yerkes	268-9924	
Web Master	Franklin Morrison	III 303-6344	
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Sunshine	Open		
Tubfrim	Beverly Teigland	641-7796	
Insurance Rep	Karen Ansell	242-8893	
Librarian	Carol Scott	447-1672	
Raffle Coordinator	Judy Silvey	260-6383	
Adopt A School	Charlotte Fluker	396-8006	
Musician	Tony Cruz	221-0460	

Read news from District 3 at http://www.3dsofn.org/



MAY BIRTHDAYS GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- 1 Jane Baste
- 2 Henry Henningsen
- 2 Joseph Dickinson
- 2 Todd Sack
- 3 Jane Slater
- 4 Martin Rasmussen
- 6 Stela Chepenik
- 7 Ann Pederson
- 10 David Wilson
- 11 Laura Sage
- 15 Emma Ellefsen
- David Sharp Sack 17
- 21
- Hannah Woody Sara Kate Harris 25
- 25 Carol Jarrell
- 29 Carol Thorsen-Hood
- 30 Thea Genet
- 31 Kira Soyland

THE MISSION OF SONS OF NORWAY

- is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway
- to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic
- and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members



NEW HEADS FOR OUR VIKING BOATS



Franklin Morrison III posed with the new dragon head designed for our Viking boat Hagar.



Sports Director Eugene Yerkes put finishing touches on the wolf head for our Viking boat Tapper Viking.



Stewart Svendsen carved details on the wolf's head.

40TH LODGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT MARITIME MUSEUM APRIL 5



International Vice President Ralph Peterson, and past lodge presidents Eric Nord, Eugene Yerkes, Marci Larson, Frank Morrison II, and Kent Larson.



Charter members
Bert Rasmussen
and his sister
Evelyn Hopkins
talked about the
birth of our lodge.
Sharon White,
center, represented
the Fossaen family.
Her father, Knute,
was president in
1976.









Inside Maritime Museum.



Tapper Viking and Hagar raced on the St. John's River.

Announcing The Sons of Norway Chronic Illness Accelerated Benefit Rider

People are living longer than ever. Longevity has its benefits, but it also presents challenges. You may need to plan for the increased likelihood that you may develop a chronic illness such as disabling heart disease, Parkinson's disease, or Alzheimer's disease. The Chronic Illness Accelerated Benefit Rider can be added to your Nordic Elite I, II, or III life insurance certificate. It is a convenient and practical way to help you pay for your long term care expenses.

Did you know...

- •People who reach age 65 have a 70% chance of developing a chronic illness covered by the Chronic Illness Accelerated Benefit Rider¹
- •4 of 10 people retired early to care for a spouse or other family member²
- •1 of 3 caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease provide care for 5 years or more³
- •Most long-term care is provided at home by a family member⁴

The Chronic Illness Accelerated Benefit Rider is a flexible, low cost addition to your life insurance certificate. It allows your certificate to do more for you. It **Provides Regular Monthly Payments** if the insured is under medically prescribed long term care.

The benefit may be used for **At Home Care** or **Nursing Home Stay.**

It's easy to use. **No Receipts Or Care Plan Are Needed**. Certificate holders can decide how their monthly payments are spent.

The Chronic Illness Accelerated Benefit Rider is available as a rider with **No Additional Underwriting** when added to your application for a new Sons of Norway Universal Life certificate. It can be **Added to Existing Nordic Elite I, II and III Policies** with new underwriting. It's available for **Issue Ages 18 - 85.**

For *free, no obligation* information about *The Sons of Norway Chronic Illness Accelerated Benefit Rider*, please contact your Financial Benefits Counselor, Karen Ansell, at (904)242-8893 or email kbansell@comcast.net.

Happy Mother's Day Mother Day

NORSKE JÆRHØNS

The Norske Jærhøns are a breed of chicken developed in the 1920's with the support of the national government from native stock near Stavanger. They were imported to Washington State in 1994 by Dr. Bjorn Netland. Jærhøns are small, hardy, active chickens and they can fly well. The hens often wear themselves out laying a large amount of large white eggs. The rooster weighs about 45 pounds and the hen weighs up to 3 ½ pounds. They have 2 color varieties dark and light (brown-yellow & yellow-brown). Their color patterns are unique. Jærhøns are the only Norwegian chicken breed. You can tell the sex of the chicks when they are only a day old by their color.







A Light Yellow cockerel

A Dark Brown hen

trio of Jærhøns







Light Yellow cock & Dark Brown Hen

Jærhøn chicks, left, cockerel & right, Pullet

From Sun Viking Lodge Flygebladet Newsletter, April 2014

LEARN NORWEGIAN FROM TRANSPARANT LANGUAGE

Norwegian word: jente English translation: girl Part of speech: noun

Norwegian example: Den skjønne jenta med den

flotte bunaden heter Tuva.

English example: That beautiful girl with a lovely

bunad (folk outfit) is named Tuva.

Norwegian word: språk English translation:language

Part of speech:noun

Norwegian example: Norge snakker folk minst tre

språk.

English example:In Norway, most people speak at least three languages.

CULTURAL CORNER: THE 112 EIDSVOLLSMEN

In 2014 it will be 200 years since the signing of Norway's Constitution on the 17th of May in 1814 in the town of Eidsvoll. It occupies a special place in Norwegian history. Not only did it shape the foundations for democratic development, it was also instrumental in providing Norway with its stature as an independent country.

After hundreds of years under Danish or Swedish rule, this hasty formation of a Norwegian Constitution could be viewed as a strategic move to liberate the country, even more than a wish to embrace its democratic principles. These 112 men in the Constituent Assembly Eidsvollsmen produced one of the most liberal constitutions in the world at the time. Inspired by the United States Declaration of Independence and the French Constitution, the Norwegian constitution was crafted around three principles: separation of powers, the safeguarding of civil rights, and parliamentarianism.

The union between Denmark and Norway had begun 434 years before. Denmark-Norway had allied itself with Napoleon Bonaparte in the French emperors wars with the European nations. Following Bonapartes defeat peaceful negotiations were opened in the port city of Kiel. The punishment for Denmark-Norways support for France forced Denmark's King Frederik VI to cede his Norwegian territories to Sweden. Denmark's viceroy in Norway, Crown Prince Christian Frederik, opposed the treaty, arguing that he was the rightful heir to the Norwegian crown and entitled to take over as king because Frederik VI's rule no longer applied there. Initially the Crown Prince sought the advice of his good friend Carsten Anker, owner of the Eidsvoll Verk ironworks. Then he embarked on a journey up the Gudbrandsdalen Valley and over the Dovre Mountains to Trondheim to gain support among the people. Having returned to Eidsvoll he convened a council of the country's leading men. At this meeting, on February 16th, he presented his plan to declare himself king and, when time allowed, gave the country a constitution.

Norway's freedom was centuries in the making, but it was the 112 Eidsvollsmen, having sworn a solemn oath to defend Norway's independence and risk life and blood for the beloved Fatherland, to become those who put ink to paper to forge the independent future of Norway. These 112 trailblazing men met in Eidsvoll, to draft, adopt, and sign Norway's Constitution in May of 1814 to forever secure Norway's independence from 500 years of Danish rule. TheEidsvolls men represented two (2) political parties: the Independence Party and the Union Party. The majority of The Constituent Assembly at Eidsvoll in May 1814 members belonged to the Independence

Party by a margin of almost 3 to 1. They arrived from towns and cities all over Norway and came from all walks of life, varied wealth, and professions. There were no representatives from the northern Norwegian counties in attendance as road conditions were poor and the delivery of the mail took just as long as the trip would. For eksempel erdet kjent at amtmannen i (nå Troms og Finnmark) mottok beskjeden om at det skulle holdesriksforsamling først fire dager etter at denne var trådt sammen. Many northerners received word after the signing. They were ironworkers, merchants, sheriffs, chief justices, lawyers, military men both enlisted and officer, vicars, priests, farmers and seamen. Many farmers had dual jobs thus awarding farmers the total of almost a third of the assembly. Of those 112 members of the National Assembly, 33 were selected particularly among the military, while 25 were selected from towns and 54 from rural areas. Government officials dominated the meeting with 57 representatives, while there were 37 farmers, 13 merchants and 5 landlords. They ranged in age from their 30s to their 60s and the average age was 42. These 112 dedicated men met for five weeks, spring of 1814, formulating the constitution that was written. The retention of a king and a constitutional church was a traditionalist move, however, the kings power was curtailed, and the church was under the control of the elected body. The right to vote would extend only to men who were farmers that possess their own land, civil servants, or urban property owners. With this, about half of all Norwegian men were granted the right to vote.

The Norwegian Constitution has been amended more than 400 times since 1814, as it is considered to be a working document. Norway's Constitution is Europe's oldest and the world's second oldest written constitution still in operation today.

By Barbara Berntsen



GATEWAY TO FLORIDA LODGE HONORS:

District 3 Lodge of the Year 2003, 2007, 2009, 2010. 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.

Lodge Web site: http://www.sonjax.com. Third District Web site:http://www.3DSofN.org.
Sons of Norway Web site: www.sonsofnorway.com
http://twitter.com/SonsofNorwayJax, http://goo.gl/cKc21

SMÅ SNAKK BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERS

Your donation is a voluntary act. At the Board Meeting on 3/5/2012, the Board made the following resolution: Små Snakk booster fee be increased from \$15 to \$20 effective 6/1/2012.

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 Month Year	
Roy Hauge	06	2015	
Marty & Ida Iverson	01	2015	
George W. Prom	09	2015	
Carol Scott	10	2014	
Jenny Spilling	06	2014	
Rita Tweed	10	2014	
Roger & Margaret Winslow	10	2016	

May we add your name here? A * next to your name means it's time to renew.





IN CELEBRATION OF SYTTENDE MAI Et dikt a delve ved

When you mention nationality and think of "what you are" it often brings up references of foreign lands afar. Of course, we know "American" is our nationality but all of us have ethnic roots that denote our family tree. For my part, I claim Norwegian as my ancestral tie And I believe that Viking look still lingers in my eye. A thousand years ago, they say, the Vikings ruled the seas

And conquered many kingdoms in long boats made from trees.

Leif Ericson went sailing with Viking ships and crew And they discovered Vinland around one thousand two. The land's now called America...history tells us that, Discovered by a Norseman back when the world was "flat."

Rocky's Norway's climate and meager farming land Made out ancestor emigrate, as we can understand. And so here in America we have so many "sons" Like Olson, Nelson, Hanson, and Johnson's by the tons. We have Gunsmoke's own Matt Dillon, who's a Norwegian boy

Knute Rockne and Sonia Henie were America's pride and joy.

Many thousand others have brought their Nordic skill And made us proud of heritage that lingers with us still. It's OK to be German, or Pole, or Dane, or Swede And even being English would make me proud indeed. But somehow there's a special feeling that fills me deep inside

And that is being NORWEGIAN, for it is my ethnic pride. So all you sons of Norway, and all you daughters too Remember Norwegian heritage and what it means to you.

With lutefisk and lefse and other Norsky food We keep that special feeling, that real Norwegian mood. I'm glad to be Norwegian and all that it implies Of honest working people with good, strong family ties. We love our land, America, in everything we do And glad are we to say, that we love Norway, too.

Author unknown, appeared in the Nordisk Tidende Den 18 September 1980

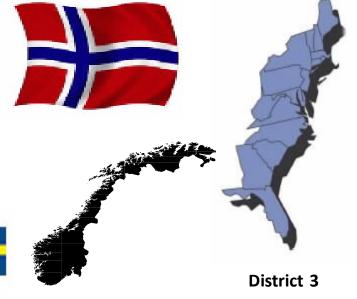
from Gulf Coast Viking Messenger May 2013

The Award Winning Gateway to Florida Lodge:

District 3 Large Lodge of the Year 2010
President's Gold Merit Award for 2010 and 2011
President's Special Recognition
Gold 2010 and 2011
Founders' Membership Certificate 2010 and 2011









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