



NEWS FROM YOUR ZONE 5 DIRECTOR - MAY 2018

Five has drive!



Spring Fest Regatta – Clay County, FL

Hosted by Gateway to Florida - Jacksonville



By the time you read this, we will have been up to the 2018 Spring Fest Regatta and back. Members and guests from all Zone 5 lodges, except Viking World Orlando, Scandia and Space Coast Lodges were present. We had three great crews – the photo is of the winning crew – Hagar! We had a great meet-up Friday evening with members from Sarasota Lodge, Suncoast Lodge, Tampa Bay Lodge, Gulf Coast Lodge, Lauderdale Lodge and our hosts from Gateway to Florida – Jacksonville Lodge. If you have not already seen the pictures I posted, please do a search for Facebook page: [Sons of Norway Gulfstream Lodge](#). If anyone has pictures from this event, please email them to me: ingrid3@comcast.net.

First Place Crew - Hagar

After the boat races, I held a Zone 5 meeting where we conducted a vote for a new Zone Director and Assistant Zone Director. I am happy to report that we elected **Arnold Johnson (Arne)** as our new **Zone 5 Director**. He will head up our Zone 5 Committee of Assistant Zone Directors. They are Christine Taylor, President of Suncoast Lodge, Kent Larson of Gateway to Florida Lodge and myself. The committee feels that we will have better representation with four of us working together for unity – two members representing the Florida lodges on the Gulf Coast and two members representing the lodges on the East Coast. We will help to get things done for the zone to the best of our ability. We all know each other well and have worked together before. We are a good team!

Kent Larson was elected Zone 5's International Delegate to the SofN International Convention in Minneapolis, MN in August 2018. There will be other opportunities to be a delegate to this convention at our 3D Convention coming up in June 6-10, 2018 in Long Island if you so desire.

After the zone meeting we headed for the Crossroads Lutheran Church in Fleming Island, FL (near Orange Park). Pastor Ida Iverson led the beautiful service, and members from all lodges stood up to receive a rose in memory of SofN members who have passed away from 2016 through 2017. We were once again reminded of the fleeting and transitory nature of human life in this world where nothing is permanent except change and nothing is certain except death. We had 19 members total who pass away these past two years.

At last, after the memorial service we all went to Whitey's Fish Market (Restaurant) for some delicious "fishy" food! It was wonderful – and everyone had a fun time with Kent going around and making sure all the meals were delicious and served on time! Thank you Gateway to Florida for doing a fantastic job as always. Your commitment to our Viking Boat Regattas' is appreciated by all!



Third District Convention – June 6-10, 2018 Hauppauge, NY

The time is getting closer ... soon your elected lodge delegates will be on their way to Hauppauge, NY for this convention. There will be lots of fun getting reacquainted with old and new members of the Third District, and there will be a lot of District business conducted as well. My 2-year term will come to an end at this convention and Arne Johnson will be installed as our new Zone 5 Director. He is a member of Suncoast Lodge #562, Clearwater and an Affiliate Member of Hudson Valley Lodge #432, Kingston, NY.



17th of May Celebration 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Norwegian Constitution Day

at the Norwegian Seaman's Church, Davie, FL

2950 Flamingo Rd. Davie, Florida 33330 USA

Dear friends,

We welcome you to come and celebrate **Norway's Constitution Day** with us and the Norwegian Seamen's Church in Davie on May 17th at 5 pm. **There will be a church service, speeches, parade, children's games, food sale, and raffle.**



There will be a silent auction for Lauderdale Lodge's Viking ship "Tor". This Viking ship has been used in the church's 17th of May parade for many years and it includes a trailer, sail, oars and Viking shields (see attached picture). And you can now be the proud owner! Bids start at \$500 and last day of bids is May 31. Winning bid will be split equally between Lauderdale Lodge and the Norwegian Seaman's Church. We hope the new owner is willing to bring the Viking ship to future celebrations at the church.

The address of the event and more information can be found below. Hope to see you all there!

Warm regards, Sons of Norway Lauderdale Lodge

History of the Sons of Norway Viking Boats:

Three wooden boats were brought from Norway. The first one came in 1967 and the other two came over in 1972. One "4-kjeiping" came from Haugsdal, another from Solheim, and one "3-kjeiping" came from Haugsvær, which are all in Inner Masfjorden on the West coast of Norway. The first boats were made by Lien & Nilsen. It is believed that the "4-kjeiping" from Haugsdal was made into a fiberglass mold for eleven new boats in 1972. They went to different lodges in Florida, such as Lauderdale Lodge, and one to New York. In 1994-95 four more boats were made and these were made by Audun Tangen and Mr. Stan Isaksen. Two of these boats went to Long Island and one old boat went to Fredheim Lodge on Staten Island in New York. Lauderdale Lodge hosted in 1976 Florida's first Sons of Norway Viking Boat Regatta called the Leif Erikson Regatta at Jensen Beach in Fort Pierce. Lauderdale Lodge's boat called "Tor" was restored in 2007 after not being in use for many years. Today, sailing regattas are still held around Florida every year.

Pictures from last year's event can be found here:

[Sjømannskirken Miami](#)

<https://www.sjomannskirken.no/miami/>

Sad News



Two former Third District Board members recently joined Lodge Eternal. We were all saddened to learn of the passing of former 3D President and International Director Sandy Ginsberg and Past 3D Counselor Alf “Kris” Rasmussen. Condolences can be sent to Sandy’s wife Lena Stenwall Ginsberg at 454 Manhattan Avenue #6N, New York, NY 10026 and to Kris’ wife Christine Rasmussen at 5 Briarroot Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787.



Membership *By Kathy Dollymore, 3D VP*

It’s important to take the opportunity to connect with your new members, this is an important aspect of your membership committee. Your letter, phone call or email offers a chance to outline the benefits of membership and acknowledge the member’s valued support. But it can also instill some excitement for the coming year – activities, programs or events made possible by their member dues. This will be a way to connect to those renewal members or lapsed members you may not have seen at a meeting for a while. They have been there, they know what it is like to belong...you just have to ask. It may simply be they have forgotten to renew.

News from the Charitable Trust *by Peter Hanson, 3D Counselor*

Recently the Third District Charitable Trust had the privilege of assisting a member with a onetime gift to help resolve with an emergency. It sometimes requires the diligence of a Sons of Norway brother or sister to bring a significant need of another to the attention of the Trustees of the Trust. This is what the Trust was designed to be. When a District member finds themselves in a temporary financial situation which requires a little help to get beyond, it may take the actions of a friend to start the ball rolling.

The Third District Charitable Trust is unique in the Sons of Norway Order. We are the only District that has such a Trust. While we have some significant investments that support the Trust we rely on the generous gifts from individuals and lodges to support the current need. With the help of these gifts the Trust can maintain its investments, which in turn maintains the dividend income that we receive on an annual basis. The combination of both dividends and cash donations are the backbone from where we make the ongoing support funds available. Many donations come in many forms such as memorial gifts while others are simply individual or Lodge gifts. Whatever motivates you to consider helping others through a gift please go to the District web site, locate the Charitable Trust portion and download the donation form.

www.3Dsofn.org/Charitable-Trust

May is National Military Appreciation Month

- May 1st Loyalty Day
 - May 6th through May 12th Public Service Recognition Week
 - May 8th Victory in Europe Day (VE-Day)
 - May 11th Military Spouse Appreciation Day
 - May 19th Armed Forces Day
 - May 28th Memorial Day
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Members who need a local lodge to belong to: Zone 5 lodges, please look and see if anyone lives near your lodge meeting place. Make a call and welcome them to come to your socials!

Address Changes/Corrections #3-000 Lodge

9465037 Brennan Mari F 3507 54th St E Palmetto FL 34221-6951 Phone - (631) 468-8763

Suspended: #3-000 Lodge (Lauderdale – call these people)

9305839 Vere, Atle H PO Box 558255 Miami FL 33255-8255 Phone - (305) 978-8249 actioncomp@earthlink.net

9368098 Wiik, Roy 1000 Kings Hwy Unit 284 Port Charlotte FL 33980-4208 royann@sunline.net

New members #3-000 Lodge (Lauderdale – call these people)

9466441 Corbo, Denise R 88 Golf Club Dr Key West FL 33040-7920 Phone - (703) 517-3728

9466402 Kofoid, Oliver W 3312 Northside Drive 405, Key West FL 33040 Phone - (305) 797-1097

Members of #3-000 Whose Dues are Over 45 Days Past Due (Call these people and see if they would like to transfer into your lodge!

9406619 Bjerkmann/ Odd H 8598 SW 88th Loop Ocala FL 34481-4600 1/05/2018

Phone - (727) 363-1931 oddem@hotmail.com

9426239 Damato, Ralph 14030 Appalachian Trl Davie FL 33325-6503 1/26/2018

Phone - (475) 286-0000 ntensel@bellsouth.net

9280280 Ganyo, Judith L 85122 Sagaponack Dr Fernandina Beach FL 32034-8730 3-541 Phone - (904) 225-5977(previous lodge #541)

Pulvirenti, Emanuele 3655 NW 87th Ave., Miami, FL 33178-2418

nosolution@hotmail.com (393) 477-9824

To be Installed at the June 2018 Convention:

I am grateful to have served as your Zone Director for the past two years, and I intend to be a vital part of the zone again as an Assistant Director, along with the rest of the team! Let us know if we can help, don't be afraid to call or email one of us. Our email addresses are below:

- Arnold Johnson – Zone 5 Director – 845-516-5082 Email: johnsens@hvc.rr.com

Co-Assistant Zone 5 Directors (the committee):

- Christine Taylor – Suncoast Lodge #562 727-510-3195 Email: christy33774@gmail.com
- Ingrid Hammen – Gulfstream Lodge #514 772-233-2133 Email: ingrid3@comcast.net
- Kent Larson – Gateway to Florida – Jacksonville Lodge #541 Home: 904-260-4064 Cell: 904-614-7111 Email: kmlmal@bellsouth.net
- [5/6/18/AIO/docs/2018/zone5/newsfromyourzone5directorMay 2](https://www.dropbox.com/s/5/6/18/AIO/docs/2018/zone5/newsfromyourzone5directorMay2)