

Hei Alle Sammen! Well by now most of us have had our first fall meeting, organized our nominating committee (if needed), got our bazaar assignments lined up and are ready to go. Fall is here!!

I was invited to visit the Vikings of the Smokies Lodge in Knoxville TN where they were presented with their charter and charter pins. They are already over 70 members and growing. Just like our new lodges they are a very dynamic lodge.

Our Charlotte lodge needs a bit of help. They have 37 members and are looking for 3 more so we can plan their Institution. If you know of a potential member in that area have them contact the NORSK Carolina President, Carol King @ ckingnc@bellsouth.net. They already have two membership events planned for the fall but a little help would be good.

Our Insurance Department in Minneapolis has applied for a license that will allow us to sell insurance in Georgia. When it is approved we will be able to sell insurance in all D3 states except Maine, Vermont, Delaware and West Virginia. Plans are being made to apply in Maine in the future. Our insurance department is looking for additional Financial Benefit Counselors in D3. If you know of someone who would be interested in working for the SON Insurance Department they should contact Len Carlson at 800-945-8851.

There are a lot of SON activities going on in D3 in October and many of them are listed on our WEB site so check it out, <http://www.sofn3d.org/>. The events are also found in the "3D Today".

Our Sports and Recreation Director has organized a system of Sports Medal competition between the Zones. Check the September issue of 3D Today for more details. I hope that you participate. I am on my way to earning an enamel medal in the Sykkelmerke category if I don't slow down this month. If I can do it you can do it. This is an excellent way for our Heritage members to join us in a SON activity. Let's put a run on the Sports Medal stores in Mary's store room in Minneapolis. For more information on the various categories of Sports Medal Competition check out the SON web site and look for the members benefit section after you login.

While you are logged in to the web site, check out the Cultural Medal program. There are several, they are well prepared and you should find something there that will interest you.

I just heard that the District Golf outing in Myrtle Beach was very successful. We all thank Brother Keith for all his hard work on that project. I understand that we had close to 40 golfers and many more at the banquet. Perhaps next year we can even do better.

Have you checked out the new SON blog? If not, please do so, they have very interesting news there. You can find it at <http://www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com/>

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Gulfstream Leif Erikson weekend. It should be a wonderful time. Check out the events section on the SON web site for all the information.

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