

Friendly Fifth Friday News

April 29, 2022

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com. Feel free to share this with your lodge members!

Many District 5 Convention Deadlines are NOW!

https://sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/program_advertisements.php

- Well Wishers
- Ads

<https://sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/registration.php>

- Delegate registration
- Non-delegate registration
- Hotel rooms- due May 25 to get on room block

<https://sonsofnorway5.com/library/original/docman/SonsofNorwaySangerfestRegistrationFINAL021122.pdf>

- Sangerfest activities

https://sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/convention_events.php

- Cultural Arts Display
- Trip to Koshkonong
- Classes- Genealogy, Hardanger and Rosemaling (due May 1 on registration forms)

2022 Lodge Banner Contest at D5 Convention



2022 District 5 Banner Contest Pdf

The District 5 Board of directors would like to encourage each lodge to create a Lodge Banner to display for publicity purposes during their lodge events, conventions, etc. To maintain a standard for the Lodge Banners, we have provided some specifications below.

We encourage each Lodge to participate in this contest and display (on their own banner stand) their Lodge Banners at the 2020 District 5 Convention in Madison, WI where they will be voted on by convention attendees. There will be two categories: commercial or hand made.

If your lodge already has a Banner that meets these specifications, please bring it to the Convention. Three prizes will be given based on convention attendees votes.

- 1) 'People's Choice Over All' gift card (monetary amount to be determined)
- 2) 2 'Honorable Mention' [one for Commercial and one Lodge/handmade] gift card (monetary amount to be determined)

Lodges look at what other Lodges have made for your lodge idea. Additional handouts to help will be found on the D5 Website:

- ☐ [Tips for Creating Hanging Banners \(Download Pdf\)](#)
- ☐ [How to make a telescoping banner stand/flag stand Banner \(Download Pdf\)](#)

Specifications

- 1) Suggested Size between 2 ft x 3 ft up to 3 ft x 6 ft.
- 2) Hang the banner vertically on a 1" diameter wood dowel with 2 eye screws (one on each end) for hanging purposes.
- 3) A Base stand to hang the banner
- 4) Material: Any material except paper (drapery fabric works well).
- 5) Lodge name appears somewhere on the banner
- 6) Banner theme relates to the individual lodge.
- 7) Banners can be made in any color.
- 8) Banners will belong to their lodge but will be displayed throughout the District Convention.

Questions can be directed to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity Director eber01dj@gmail.com or cellphone 608-577-590

Banner info-

https://sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/convention_contest.php

From Vice President Cheryl Wille-Schlesser

The Sons of Norway (SofN) lost a stalwart employee when Doris Kamstra from the Fraternal Department unexpectedly passed away. The director of the Fraternal Department and Foundation Development is Connie O'Brien. You may contact her with any fraternal questions.

Sherry Gorse, known to many lodge officers, remains in the fraternal department. Her longevity allows her to answer most questions regarding a lodge's membership and functioning. Updating information for a member's profile can be completed with her help. In addition, she can send back issues of the Viking to display at your events. Finally, Sherry is an excellent contact if you want to speak to a specific person about a program in the Sons of Norway.

The attached reports this week are from Connie O'Brien. Please note the changes in membership from February 2022 thru March 2022. In addition, district 5 has added 42 additional members in March. The second file indicates the activity in each of the eight districts of the Order.

46.8% of our members own a benefit product: life insurance, an annuity, or end-of-life coverage.

Some concerns that members often express about the Sons of Norway products are:

1. They have secured other investments and do not wish to change them.
2. In addition, the return from SofN is not as great as some other providers, such as Thrivent.
3. Their state does not allow the sale of SofN products. We have a solution for that!

Delegates coming to this June's convention may purchase a product on-site! Purchasing insurance for grandchildren, nieces, or nephews is an affordable way to begin your company ownership!

The Sons of Norway was founded as a fraternal organization. As such, its primary responsibility is to the benefit-holders. The Minnesota Department of Commerce has reinforced this idea, as it regulates insurance companies.

Why is product ownership important to the 5th district? First, the pool of members who own a product helps us seat a practical, hard-working, and creative board of directors and officers. As we approach the District 5 Convention in June, we will be looking to this talented pool of delegates for assistance in the future. In addition, with the introduction of virtual communication formats such as *Zoom or Go to Meeting*, distance is no longer a deterrent to serving on the district five board.

I look forward to meeting our delegates in Madison (Middleton) at the convention site. It will be our pleasure to show you great Wisconsin hospitality. With the cooperation of the Sangerfest Board, this convention will be one for the books! Please consider joining us.

Registration is due May 1st.

Tusen Takki, Cheryl

SONS OF NORWAY

MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
March YEAR-TO-DATE 2022									
District:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members 01/01/2022	11,176	9,688	12,155	4,378	6,553	6,998	1,207	592	52,747
Dues Paid Lodge Members**									
Joining	615	364	1,294	108	475	213	23	4	3,096
Voluntarily Leaving	377	232	490	83	192	243	13	10	1,640
Involuntarily Leaving	116	64	120	35	65	54	9	2	465
Members 03/31/22									
Adult & Juv - Dues Paid	11,298	9,756	12,839	4,368	6,771	6,914	1,208	584	53,738
Ins Mem Non-Dues	2,376	884	744	714	734	585	3	15	6,055
Heritage Mem Non-Dues	<u>717</u>	<u>1,021</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>4,264</u>
03/31/22 Total Members	14,391	11,661	14,169	5,733	7,939	8,057	1,479	628	64,057
% Members Owning Ins	51.3%	20.4%	52.0%	27.8%	46.8%	35.4%	1.4%	6.7%	39.9%
Membership at December 31, 2021									
Members 12/31/21									
Adult & Juv - Dues Paid	11,176	9,688	12,155	4,378	6,553	6,998	1,207	592	52,747
Ins Mem Non-Dues	2,390	884	736	717	731	587	4	15	6,064
Heritage Mem Non-Dues	<u>712</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>415</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>4,216</u>
12/31/21 Total Members	14,278	11,572	13,470	5,741	7,699	8,149	1,481	637	63,027
% Members Owning Ins	51.1%	20.6%	51.1%	28.0%	46.1%	35.4%	1.5%	6.6%	39.5%
MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
YEAR-TO-DATE 2021									
District:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members 01/01/2021	8,783	9,488	6,667	4,545	4,862	5,739	1,135	703	41,922
Joining	1,030	231	1,603	53	677	481	28	8	4,111
Voluntarily Leaving	422	312	328	191	183	174	17	23	1,650
Involuntarily Leaving	112	49	41	51	46	45	7	1	352
Members 02/28/21									
Adult & Juv - Dues Paid	9,279	9,358	7,901	4,356	5,310	6,001	1,139	687	44,031
Ins Mem Non-Dues	2,713	1,106	2,767	534	1,508	1,257	10	22	9,917
Heritage Mem Non-Dues	<u>711</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>667</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>4,150</u>
02/28/21 Total Members	12,703	11,467	11,202	5,557	7,223	7,788	1,414	744	58,098
MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
Mar-22 Dues Paid Adult & Juvenile									
District:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members 02/28/22	11,277	9,725	12,575	4,379	6,710	6,971	1,197	583	53,417
Joining	229	147	521	41	196	81	16	1	1,232
Voluntarily Leaving	209	123	270	44	139	134	8	1	928
Involuntarily Leaving	31	15	31	13	15	19	2	1	127
Members 03/31/22	11,266	9,734	12,795	4,363	6,752	6,899	1,203	582	53,594
Increase for Month	-11	9	220	-16	42	-72	6	-1	177

* THIS REPORT INCLUDES JUVENILE MEMBERS **Column descriptions reflect dues and non dues member status

Mar-22			Membership by Lodge			Change in Membership							
Dist	Ldg	Zone	12/31/2021			3/31/2022			Adults		Adults & Juv		
			Adults	Juveniles	Adults & Juv	Adults	Juveniles	Adults & Juv	Number	%	Number	%	
5	0	0	3,166	55	3,221	3,406	58	3,464	240	7.6%	243	7.5%	
5	999	0	71	0	71	66	0	66	-5	-7.0%	-5	-7.0%	
		sub-total	3,237	55	3,292	3,472	58	3,530	235	7.3%	238	7.2%	
5	29	1	74	9	83	73	9	82	-1	-1.4%	-1	-1.2%	
5	53	1	55	3	58	55	2	57	0	0.0%	-1	-1.7%	
5	220	1	20	5	25	21	5	26	1	5.0%	1	4.0%	
5	353	1	66	13	79	69	13	82	3	4.5%	3	3.8%	
5	625	1	19	1	20	19	1	20	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
5	670	1	17	0	17	17	0	17	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
		sub-total	251	31	282	254	30	284	3	1.2%	2	0.7%	
5	28	2	218	15	233	215	15	230	-3	-1.4%	-3	-1.3%	
5	286	2	15	0	15	15	0	15	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
5	457	2	86	3	89	87	3	90	1	1.2%	1	1.1%	
5	496	2	38	1	39	38	0	38	0	0.0%	-1	-2.6%	
5	534	2	31	6	37	30	5	35	-1	-3.2%	-2	-5.4%	
5	556	2	32	2	34	31	2	33	-1	-3.1%	-1	-2.9%	
5	580	2	30	0	30	28	0	28	-2	-6.7%	-2	-6.7%	
5	609	2	27	7	34	27	7	34	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
5	616	2	45	1	46	43	1	44	-2	-4.4%	-2	-4.3%	
5	627	2	62	0	62	64	0	64	2	3.2%	2	3.2%	
		sub-total	584	35	619	578	33	611	-6	-1.0%	-8	-1.3%	
5	74	3	128	9	137	125	9	134	-3	-2.3%	-3	-2.2%	
5	314	3	239	2	241	237	2	239	-2	-0.8%	-2	-0.8%	
5	513	3	174	14	188	175	13	188	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	
5	544	3	35	2	37	34	2	36	-1	-2.9%	-1	-2.7%	
5	642	3	37	1	38	35	1	36	-2	-5.4%	-2	-5.3%	
5	650	3	32	8	40	32	8	40	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
		sub-total	645	36	681	638	35	673	-7	-1.1%	-8	-1.2%	
5	82	4	186	5	191	186	5	191	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
5	183	4	105	11	116	105	10	115	0	0.0%	-1	-0.9%	
5	491	4	68	6	74	68	6	74	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
5	549	4	46	5	51	44	5	49	-2	-4.3%	-2	-3.9%	
5	632	4	69	2	71	69	1	70	0	0.0%	-1	-1.4%	
		sub-total	474	29	503	472	27	499	-2	-0.4%	-4	-0.8%	
5	100	5	139	13	152	130	13	143	-9	-6.5%	-9	-5.9%	
5	168	5	74	4	78	74	4	78	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
5	472	5	65	3	68	63	3	66	-2	-3.1%	-2	-2.9%	
5	525	5	63	3	66	60	3	63	-3	-4.8%	-3	-4.5%	
5	593	5	32	0	32	30	0	30	-2	-6.3%	-2	-6.3%	
5	689	5	35	0	35	37	0	37	2	5.7%	2	5.7%	
		sub-total	408	23	431	394	23	417	-14	-3.4%	-14	-3.2%	
5	378	6	174	0	174	176	0	176	2	1.1%	2	1.1%	
5	490	6	25	0	25	25	0	25	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
5	523	6	45	1	46	46	1	47	1	2.2%	1	2.2%	
5	568	6	31	0	31	30	0	30	-1	-3.2%	-1	-3.2%	
5	600	6	50	0	50	49	0	49	-1	-2.0%	-1	-2.0%	
5	610	6	80	3	83	89	3	92	9	11.3%	9	10.8%	
5	614	6	93	2	95	94	2	96	1	1.1%	1	1.1%	
5	657	6	83	0	83	82	0	82	-1	-1.2%	-1	-1.2%	
5	662	6	44	0	44	41	0	41	-3	-6.8%	-3	-6.8%	
5	677	6	67	0	67	71	0	71	4	6.0%	4	6.0%	
5	681	6	47	0	47	48	0	48	1	2.1%	1	2.1%	
		sub-total	739	6	745	751	6	757	12	1.6%	12	1.6%	
Total District 5			6,338	215	6,553	6,559	212	6,771	221	3.5%	218	3.3%	

Deadlines and Dates! **Changes in red!**

May 1, 2022

- **Most of the convention registrations are due- delegate registration, non-delegate registration, classes, ads, well wishers, Sangerfest activities, tour to Koshkonong. Hotel room rate block until May 25. Don't delay and get those registrations done TODAY!**

May 10, 2022

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at eber01dj@gmail.com

May 15, 2022

- D18 property association financial form is due from the lodges to Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Fraternal Funds Report due to Sons of Norway Headquarters
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.

June 10, 2022

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at eber01dj@gmail.com

*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required

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DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19, 2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting ~~will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. The convention will be held August 31st to Sept 4th 2022, with first time delegates arriving on the 30th of August for the First Timers Training. Delegates will depart the 2nd of September.~~

~~(<https://youtu.be/S7TljcinVCU> — Omni Hotels and Resorts, Omni Viking Lakes Hotel, 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, MN 55124~~

Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (www.sonsofnorway5.com) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209)

FFFN Basics

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by 4 am on Thursday morning. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

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