

## Friendly Fifth Friday News August 21, 2020

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### Correction on District Alternates for Board Members

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
<b>OFFICER ALTERNATES</b>	
Secretary	Mary Bennett
Treasurer	Geoff Wodell
<b>ZONE DIRECTOR ALTERNATES</b>	
<b>Zone 1</b>	David Hermundson
<b>PRIORITY</b>	Patricia Hermundson
<b>Zone 2</b>	Sherrie Framness
<b>PRIORITY</b>	LaVonne Wier
<b>Zone 3</b>	Dennis Westgor
<b>SPECIFIC TO KAREN EBERHARDT</b>	
<b>Zone 3</b>	Lucy Ghastin
<b>SPECIFIC TO CHERYL WILLE-SCHLESSER</b>	
<b>Zone 4</b>	Michaela Decker
<b>SPECIFIC TO JUDY GHASTIN</b>	
<b>Zone 4</b>	Diane Overby
<b>SPECIFIC TO PEGGY SCHROEDER</b>	
<b>Zone 5</b>	Lisa Solak
<b>SPECIFIC TO THOMAS MAXSON</b>	
<b>Zone 5</b>	Ken Johnson
<b>SPECIFIC TO CONNIE KROSS</b>	
<b>Zone 6</b>	Merle Hanson
<b>PRIORITY</b>	Holly Jensen
<b>International</b>	Cheryl Schlessner
<b>Delegate</b>	

## **Zone Alignment Committee Survey Packet for the District's **Input Due Sept. 1****

Committee: Darlene Arneson (Chr), Karen Broadhead, Judy Ghastin, Sandy Olson and Kathy Secora

The Zone Alignment committee has met many times the past year to discuss possible ways to propose changes to our zones. We began this process two years ago in committee discussion. In February 2020 we sent out a survey to all District 5 lodge officers via the FFFN. We used the results in our discussion preparing for the spring District 5 Board Meeting and discussion during the meeting. The direction given during the meeting was to proceed with developing some options, getting feedback, and then move forward with some concrete ways to more evenly divide our District. We did another survey in May and received more feedback. We used that feedback, along with the discussion in March and April, and came up with various proposals that have been discussed by the committee and board during conference calls, and then changed, modified, or eliminated! We have four options for you to review and the fifth option is to do nothing. If adding another zone or an additional director to one zone if the preferred route, that leads to an expense to the District of additional board members for two board meetings, convention expenses, and other expenses zone directors incur. We have asked District Treasurer Mike Palecek for a financial impact for adding additional directors- it is estimated at \$2,900 per board member for a biennium.

**We would like to invite the District to review four options plus the “don’t do anything option” which we have narrowed down through many calls, emails, survey results, and discussion. We also have explored how to proceed and based on the recent referendum passed by the 2018 International Lodge to allow Districts conduct business via electronic communications, that we can make these changes without reconvening the delegate body in-person.**

**Any change would take effect at the District Lodge Meeting in June 2022 – on that Saturday when the delegates go to caucus.** The delegates would be going to the new zones as they elect board members, alternates and delegates/alternates to the International Lodge meeting.

### **Our proposed timeline:**

1. July- September 1- get feedback from lodge members, officers, and board
2. September- Committee meets to finalize a proposal for a district bylaw change
3. October Board Meeting- Board reviews the proposal and moves a motion to send it to the 2018 delegates (District Lodge) for action
4. November 1- send the proposed bylaw change to the delegates to vote
5. By December 31, 2020 complete the voting process on the bylaw change

We want to complete this process by early 2021 as the new nominating committee has to be elected at the spring board meeting (April 2021) of the year preceding the convention. The committee needs to know what the district and zones looks like to start their work.

## **Recent International Lodge Action giving the District the ability to electronically vote**

June 8, 2020

Greetings 2018-2022 International Lodge Members:

This is to notify you that the [referendum presented to you](#) (deadline May 8<sup>th</sup>) has **passed**.

As you recall the International Board asked you to give authority to the District Boards to conduct business with their delegates through electronic communications in addition to standard mail. (See **3.10.4.** of the Charter and Constitutions for current law).

The referendum passed unanimously! We had 102 electronic yes votes and 5 paper yes votes – for a total of 107. Unfortunately, this means that more than 40 of our International delegates did not vote at all. I would like to remind you that your participation in the governance of Sons of Norway is very important to our effective operation. Please give priority to acting upon the messages you receive from me and the International Board.

**District Bylaw section dealing with zones and how to change. They don't have a provision for pandemics (cancelled District Lodge meetings and have not been changed since Nominating Committee rules have begun so the spring prior to the convention is not realistic and this should be changed as well!)**

### **ARTICLE VI . . . ZONES**

Par. 1 For the purpose of the election of representatives and alternates to the International Lodge, and members to the District Board of Directors, the District shall be divided into Zones by the District Lodge that will provide the most equal representation and provide for reasonable proximity between lodges. A new lodge shall be assigned to a Zone by the District President, subject to confirmation at the next District Lodge Meeting.

**The District Board shall make a recommendation to the Lodge after reviewing the District population at the Spring Board Meeting prior to the Convention regarding the make-up of the Zone.**

Par. 2 Description of Zones

Zone 1- Loven 29, Valkyrien 53, Trygvason 220, Viking 625, Ulseth 670, Dovre 353, and Sjoland 635

Zone 2- Wergeland 28, Jotunheimen 286, Solvang 457, Fossen 534, Fagernes 616, Rib Fjell 496, Elvedal 556, Norskeland 580, Myrmarken 609 and Vennligfolk 627.

Zone 3- Idun 74, Mandt 314, Vennelag 513, Nordland 544, Vakkertland 570, Ostestaden 642. and Norsemen of the Lakes 650.

Zone 4- Fosselyngen 82, Nordlyset 183, Hafrsfjord 206, Norse Valley 491, H R Holand 549, and Gronnvik 632.

Zone 5- Skjold 100, Valhall 168, Polar Star 472, Cleng Peerson 525, Trollhaugen 417 and Elvesund 593.

Zone 6- Nordkap 378, Samhold 473, Sonja Henie 490, Sognefjord 523, Christian Radich 568, Scandiana 600 Askeladden 610, Circle City 614, Edvard Grieg 657, Arctic Circle 662, Vikings of the Smokies 677 and Music City Vikings 681

## **ARTICLE XI . . . CHANGES OF THESE BY-LAWS**

Par. 1 These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the District Lodge #5, provided notice thereof has been given to the District Secretary at least 45 days prior to the date of said meeting by any lodge in the District or has been submitted by the District Board of Directors.

Proposed amendments originating in the local lodges, or by the District Board of Directors, must be submitted to the Chairman of the Laws Committee as soon as possible prior to the date of said meeting. The Laws Committee may recommend changes at the said meeting.

Par. 2 Any change must receive a 2/3 majority of the votes cast to become law.

We hope that you are able to join us on Wednesday night. If you can't, please feel free to share your thoughts with us via email to the whole committee please so we have that information for the call.

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**Karen Broadhead also looked up mileages:**

Ulseth (Hancock, MI) and Christian Radich (Suttons Bay MI) seem to be two lodges we're on the fence about where to put them. Curiosity made me do some checking on distances, and here's what I found:

Woodville WI (current zone director) to Hancock MI—321.4 miles 5hrs. 14 min.

Green Bay to Hancock—182.9 mi. 3 hrs. 45 min.

Hancock to Suttons Bay—385 mi. 7 hrs. 3 min.

Suttons Bay to Lansing MI —195.3 mi. 3 hrs. 15 min.

Suttons Bay to Muskegon MI—123.99 mi. 2 hrs. 55 min.

Hancock to Lansing—496.3 mi. 7 hrs. 44 min.

Thank you!

Darlene Arneson chr

## **The options!**

The following are the current zones and then the four options. We welcome your input and suggestions on these, changes that could be made, additional options, and whatever else!! If we find there are major concerns with any of the four options, we can certainly modify them or start over! We also don't need to take action.

Be more concerned about the lodges in the zone and not if they are on the left or right hand column of that zone. That tends to change as zone assignments get made after the new board is elected. We just placed them as we felt they ideally might be. It's more important to focus on the zone as a whole!

Please send your survey responses to me by September 1, 2020 so the committee can review them!

# Current Zones- July 2020

## District 5 Lodge Assignments 2018-2022 Updated June 29, 2020

Zone 1	
Sandy Olson	Audrey Severson
Loven 29-Eau Claire, WI Dovre 353- Barron, WI Valkyrien 53-Woodville, WI	Trygvason 220- Osseo, WI Ulseth 670-Hancock, MI Viking 625-Mondovi, WI
Zone 2	
Karen Broadhead	Tom Boudreau
Wergeland 28- LaCrosse, WI Jotunheimen 286- Viroqua, WI Solvang 457- Westby, WI Fossen 534- Black River Falls, WI Fagernes 616- Blair, WI	Rib Fjell 496- Wausau, WI Elvedal 556- Wisconsin Rapids, WI Norskeland 580- Scandinavia, WI Myrmarken 609- Marshfield, WI Vennligfolk 627- Stevens Point, WI
Zone 3	
Karen Eberhardt	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
Idun 74- Madison, WI Vakkertland 570-Wisconsin Dells, WI Norsemen of the Lakes 650- Elkhorn, WI Nordland 544- Janesville, WI	Mandt 314- Stoughton, WI Vennelag 513- Mt. Horeb, WI Ostestaden 642- Monroe, WI
Zone 4	
Judy Ghastin	Peggy Schroeder
Fosselyngen 82- Milwaukee, WI Nordlyset 183- Racine, WI	H R Holand 549- Sturgeon Bay, WI Gronnvik 632- Green Bay, WI Norse Valley 491- Appleton, WI
Zone 5	
Connie Kross	Thomas Maxson
Valhall 168- Rockford, IL Polar Star 472- Montgomery, IL Cleng Peerson 525- Ottawa, IL	Skjold 100- Palatine, IL Trollhaugen 417- South Holland, IL Elvesund 593- La Grange Park, IL
Zone 6	
Andrew Johnsen	Deloris Bumpers
Nordkap 378- Farmington Hills, MI Sonja Henie 490-East Lansing, MI Sognefjord 523- North Muskegon, MI Christian Radich 568- Suttons Bay, MI Scandiana 600- Chesterton, IN Askeladden 610- Kalamazoo, MI	Circle City 614 –Indianapolis, IN Edvard Grieg 657- Cincinnati, OH Arctic Circle 662- Canton, OH Vikings of the Smokies 677- Knoxville, TN Music City Vikings 681- Nashville, TN Shawnee Skogen 689- Alto Pass, IL

**Option 1 for survey**

Zone 1	
Loven 29-Eau Claire, WI Dovre 353- Barron, WI Valkyrien 53-Woodville, WI Viking 625-Mondovi, WI	Trygvason 220- Osseo, WI Wergeland 28- LaCrosse, WI Fagernes 616- Blair, WI Fossen 534- Black River Falls, WI
Zone 2	
Jotunheimen 286- Viroqua, WI Solvang 457- Westby, WI Vakkertland 570-Wisconsin Dells, WI	Rib Fjell 496- Wausau, WI Elvedal 556- Wisconsin Rapids, WI Norskeland 580- Scandinavia, WI Myrmarken 609- Marshfield, WI Vennligfolk 627- Stevens Point, WI
Zone 3	
Ostestaden 642- Monroe, WI Nordland 544- Janesville, WI Valhall 168- Rockford, IL	Mandt 314- Stoughton, WI Vennelag 513- Mt. Horeb, WI Idun 74- Madison, WI
Zone 4	
Fosselyngen 82- Milwaukee, WI Nordlyset 183- Racine, WI Norsemen of the Lakes 650- Elkhorn, WI	H R Holand 549- Sturgeon Bay, WI Gronnvik 632- Green Bay, WI Norse Valley 491- Appleton, WI Ulseth 670- Calumet, MI
Zone 5	
Polar Star 472- Montgomery, IL Cleng Peerson 525- Ottawa, IL	Skjold 100- Palatine, IL Trollhaugen 417- South Holland, IL Elvesund 593- La Grange Park, IL
Zone 6	
Nordkap 378- Farmington Hills, MI Sonja Henie 490-East Lansing, MI Askeladden 610- Kalamazoo, MI Scandiana 600- Chesterton, IN	Sognefjord 523- North Muskegon, MI Christian Radich 568- Suttons Bay, MI
Zone 7	
Circle City 614- Indianapolis, IN Edvard Grieg 657- Cincinnati, OH Arctic Circle 662- Canton, OH	Vikings of the Smokies 677- Knoxville, TN Music City Vikings 681- Nashville, TN Shawnee Skogen 689- Alto Pass, IL

## Option 2 for survey

Zone 1	
Dovre 353- Barron, WI Valkyrien 53-Woodville, WI Loven 29-Eau Claire, WI	Trygvason 220- Osseo, WI Viking 625-Mondovi, WI Fagernes 616- Blair, WI
Zone 2	
Wergeland 28- LaCrosse, WI Jotunheimen 286- Viroqua, WI Solvang 457- Westby, WI Fossen 534- Black River Falls, WI	Rib Fjell 496- Wausau, WI Myrmarken 609- Marshfield, WI Vennligfolk 627- Stevens Point, WI
Zone 3	
Vakkertland 570-Wisconsin Dells, WI Elvedal 556- Wisconsin Rapids, WI Norskeland 580- Scandinavia, WI	Mandt 314- Stoughton, WI Vennelag 513- Mt. Horeb, WI Ostestaden 642- Monroe, WI Idun 74- Madison, WI Nordland 544- Janesville, WI
Zone 4	
Fosselyngen 82- Milwaukee, WI Nordlyset 183- Racine, WI Norsemen of the Lakes 650- Elkhorn, WI	H R Holand 549- Sturgeon Bay, WI Gronnvik 632- Green Bay, WI Norse Valley 491- Appleton, WI
Zone 5	
Valhall 168- Rockford, IL Polar Star 472- Montgomery, IL Cleng Peerson 525- Ottawa, IL	Skjold 100- Palatine, IL Trollhaugen 417- South Holland, IL Elvesund 593- La Grange Park, IL Scandiana 600- Chesterton, IN
Zone 6	
Nordkap 378- Farmington Hills, MI Sonja Henie 490-East Lansing, MI Askeladden 610- Kalamazoo, MI	Ulseth 670- Calumet, MI Christian Radich 568- Suttons Bay, MI Sognefjord 523- North Muskegon, MI
Zone 7	
Circle City 614- Indianapolis, IN Edvard Grieg 657- Cincinnati, OH Arctic Circle 662- Canton, OH	Vikings of the Smokies 677- Knoxville, TN Music City Vikings 681- Nashville, TN Shawnee Skogen 689- Alto Pass, IL

### Option 3 for survey

Zone 1	
Loven 29-Eau Claire, WI Dovre 353- Barron, WI Valkyrien 53-Woodville, WI Viking 625-Mondovi WI	Trygvason 220- Osseo, WI Fagerness 616-Blair WI Fossen 534-Black River Falls WI Wergeland 28-La Crosse WI
Zone 2	
Jotunheimen 286- Viroqua, WI Solvang 457- Westby, WI Elvedal 556-Wisconsin Rapids WI Vakkertland 570 WI Dells WI	Rib Fjell 496- Wausau, WI Norskeland 580- Scandinavia, WI Myrmarken 609- Marshfield, WI Vennligfolk 627- Stevens Point, WI
Zone 3	
Gronnvik 632 Green Bay WI Norse Valley 491 Appleton WI H.R. Holland 549 Sturgeon Bay WI Ulseth 670 Calumet MI	Vennelag 513 Mt. Horeb WI Idun 74 Madison WI Mandt 314 Stoughton WI Ostestaden 642 Monroe WI
Zone 4	
Fosselyngen 82 Milwaukee WI Nordlyset 183 Racine WI Norsemen of the Lakes 650 Elkhorn WI Nordland 544 Janesville WI	Valhall 168 Rockford IL Skjold 100 Palatine IL Polar Star 472 Montgomery IL Cleng Peerson 525 Ottawa IL
Zone 5	
Scandiana 600 Chesteton IN Circle City 614 Indianapolis IN Elvesund 593 La Grange Park IL Trollhaugen 417 So. Holland IL	Music City Vikings 681 Nashville TN Vikings of the Smokies 677 Knoxville TN Shawnee Skogen 689 Alto Pass IL Edvard Grieg 657 Cincinnati OH
Zone 6	
Sognefjord 523- North Muskegon, MI Christian Radich 568- Suttons Bay, MI Askeladden 610- Kalamazoo, MI	Arctic Circle 662- Canton, OH Nordkap 378 Detroit MI Sonia Henie 490 East Lansing MI



### Option 4 for survey

Zone 1	
Loven 29-Eau Claire, WI Dovre 353- Barron, WI Valkyrien 53-Woodville, WI Viking 625-Mondovi, WI	Trygvason 220- Osseo, WI Fagernes 616- Blair, WI Wergeland 28- LaCrosse, WI Fossen 534- Black River Falls, WI
Zone 2	
Jotunheimen 286- Viroqua, WI Solvang 457- Westby, WI Vakkertland 570-Wisconsin Dells, WI Elvedal 556- Wisconsin Rapids, WI	Rib Fjell 496- Wausau, WI Norskeland 580- Scandinavia, WI Myrmarken 609- Marshfield, WI Vennligfolk 627- Stevens Point, WI
Zone 3	
Nordland 544- Janesville, WI Ostestaden 642- Monroe, WI	Mandt 314- Stoughton, WI Vennelag 513- Mt. Horeb, WI Idun 74- Madison, WI
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## District 5 Zone Alignment Survey

Please send responses by September 1, 2020 to Darlene Arneson ([arnesonfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:arnesonfamily5@gmail.com)) or 2056 Skaalen Road, Stoughton, WI 53589

Rank from 1-5 (1- your favorite, 5- least favorite) options

\_\_\_\_ Option 1

\_\_\_\_ Option 2

\_\_\_\_ Option 3

\_\_\_\_ Option 4

\_\_\_\_ Leave them the same as they are now

**Comments and observations about each option. Also include if you think it would be hard to find eligible directors and alternates for the board from these options.**

Option 1-

Option 2-

Option 3-

Option 4-

Leaving them the same-

**What are your concerns, needs, ideas for improving our zones, zone meetings, activities and lodge support?**

## **From Vice President Cheryl Schlessner**

By now most lodges have received a letter from me providing its leadership with some helpful membership information for the next biennium. I have received some bounce-back e-mails and am working to resolve those issues.

I have received some membership information that might help locals to understand the difference in the cost of the memberships for our members who elect to register on-line or who opt for membership and placement in the Central Lodge.

Thank you,

Cheryl Wille-Schlessner  
D5 Vice President  
[rogcher@mhtc.net](mailto:rogcher@mhtc.net)  
608-219-4464

The following communique was received from International Vice President Mark Agerter.

*All 999 (on-line sign-up) members pay the full \$60 in dues. If a person is using the SofN website to register a new member, you will see the \$60 dues provision.*

*Understanding the memberships of 000 financial members who purchase a financial product without embedded dues included have two options. If they join a local lodge, they pay the \$60 for a single membership. If they elect to not join a lodge, they pay \$24. However, one of the trade-offs is that without a Sons of Norway membership, they will not receive the Viking magazine. Receiving our award-winning publication is a great incentive to join a local lodge.*

Mark D. Agerter  
International Vice President  
Sons of Norway  
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God dag, alle sammen (Good day, everyone),

You are receiving this message because you serve your local Sons of Norway Lodge in a position of leadership, specifically for membership. Some individuals may be local presidents, vice presidents, or membership chairs. Numerous people are sharing email addresses, so please forward my communications to the person at your residence or in your family who serves in this capacity.

Recently, the District 5 Board of Directors made some reorganizational changes in its leadership positions. I want to share that I will now be assuming the position vacated by past Vice President Kathy Secora.

It is my goal to share with you monthly communication that you should find helpful in working with your lodges. About me: My name is Cheryl Wille-Schlessner, and I am a retired educator with over 30

years of experience. I have been a Sons of Norway member for 21 years, initially joining a lodge to learn more about my maternal great grandparents and their story of relocating to Wisconsin.

I have served Vennelag Lodge in Mt. Horeb, WI in a variety of offices and chairmanships, the last six years as its president. During that time, I helped to build the membership of that lodge to where it is today at 165 members. Currently, I serve as Lodge Counselor and am the editor of our newsletter, *The Vennelag News*.

Our lodge will be hosting Dana Kelly, Executive Director from the Norwegian American Genealogical Center in Madison, WI in September. If you would like to join us, simply make me aware, and I will send a link for this virtual presentation.

I am beginning my seventh year on the District 5 Board of Directors. While on the Board, I served as the director of our heritage camp, Masse Moro for two terms. I have also served as the District's Sports and Recreation Director for two years. The Barnebirkie was my responsibility. Now, my focus turns to membership, as we battle COVID-19 together and look forward to keeping our lodges vibrant and growing.

I want you to know that I have been working with new on-line registrants who are currently placed in the Spirit of the New Century Lodge. My goal is to contact these new members and help them to locate a lodge close to their home where they can share the Nordic lifestyle and traditions of their ancestors with other likeminded individuals. Should a new member wish to join your lodge, you will serve as my contact person.

Last Saturday, International Vice President Mark Agerter conducted a meeting for District Vice Presidents from across the Order. He shared a document that I believe you will find helpful when speaking to your members or when hosting a membership event. I have also shared this document with the Zone Directors assigned to your lodges.

I have been posting membership ideas in the Friendly Fifth Friday News. Please take a moment to read that member newsletter each week, as it provides updates on a variety of topics. If there is something that I can help your lodge to address, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information provided below.

Tusen takk,

*Cheryl*

**INTERNATIONAL SONS OF NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL- International Vice President Mark Agerter**

**INSURANCE PRODUCTS**

1. New – Guaranteed Issue Whole Life - 5 to 25K, no med exam, fixed premium
2. New – Simplified Issue Whole Life – 10 to 50K, 5 health questions, no exam, fixed premium
3. Universal Life – payments & benefits not fixed
4. Viking Voyager – children's life, single premium, guaranteed insurability, age 0-17, 10, 15 or 25K
5. Whole Life – guaranteed premium & death benefit
6. Term Life
7. Medicare Supplements
8. Long Term Care

## ANNUITY PRODUCTS

1. Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity – 1% 1<sup>st</sup> year bonus, no sales charge, tax-deferred interest
2. Single Premium Deferred Annuity – lump sum rollover, min deposit \$10,000, tax-deferred interest
3. Bonus Single Premium Annuity – one time deposit, bonus of 4-8%, fixed future payment, min \$10,000
4. Multi-Year Guarantee Annuity – min. \$10K, 3, 5 or 7 year guaranteed int rate
5. Immediate Annuity – Can begin payments within 30 days of purchase – predictable income stream

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

1. The Viking magazine
2. Travel and maps
3. Language lessons
4. Recipes
5. Member discounts
6. Local, district & International events
7. Sports Medals program
8. Cultural Skills program
9. Youth camps
10. Adult heritage camps
11. Tubfrim – stamps collected and sold to assist sick and disabled children

## FOUNDATION

1. Scholarships
  - a. King Olav V – To fund activities in which heritages are explored
  - b. Oslo ISS – Summer school in Oslo
  - c. Helen Tronvold – Ages 18-23 for cross-cultural experiences
  - d. Lund Fund – Post high school study abroad
  - e. Warne-Eng – To attend educational institutions in Norway
  - f. Cates/Beinhauer – Post-secondary training, vocation/trade school or college
  - g. Nancy Lorraine Jensen – For a female, full-time undergraduate majoring in chemistry, physics or engineering
  - h. Winjum Memorial – To assist with college tuition for American citizens of Norwegian and/or German heritage
  - i. Anker – To assist with college tuition costs for students without parents or being raised by a single parent
2. Grants
  - a. Community Partnership Grant – to promote projects that preserve culture and heritage of Norway
  - b. Helping Hands to Children Grant – funds to establish educational programming and/or mentoring for children
  - c. Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant – funds to promote projects that help preserve the Norwegian culture and heritage
  - d. Lodge Vitality Grant – For Funds to assist lodge with lodge maintenance and growth
  - e. Helping Hands to Members Grant – \$1,000 per member family to assist recovery after natural disasters
  - f. Lodge Improvement Grant – To assist lodges in buying, building or remodeling their hall

SONS OF NORWAY

MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
June YEAR-TO-DATE 2020									
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 01/01/2020	8,257	9,486	5,181	4,860	4,339	5,264	1,185	754	39,326
Local Lodge Members									
Joining	750	504	783	143	454	515	35	12	3,196
Voluntarily Leaving	520	511	346	259	183	337	-19	43	2,180
Involuntarily Leaving	128	80	61	65	66	58	17	5	480
Local Members 06/30/20									
Adult & Juv	8,359	9,399	5,557	4,679	4,544	5,384	1,222	718	39,862
Ins Non-Lodge Mem	2,325	905	653	739	706	538	2	16	5,884
Heritage Members	<u>686</u>	<u>1,035</u>	<u>509</u>	<u>703</u>	<u>401</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>4,177</u>
06/30/20 Total Members	11,370	11,339	6,719	6,121	5,651	6,450	1,499	774	49,923
% Members Owning Ins	41.4%	19.9%	31.8%	28.0%	36.6%	25.0%	1.6%	5.4%	29.4%
Membership at									
December 31, 2019									
12/31/19 Local Lodge									
Adult & Juv	8,257	9,486	5,181	4,860	4,339	5,264	1,185	754	39,326
Ins Non-Lodge Mem	2,330	920	653	755	722	532	2	17	5,931
Heritage Members	<u>717</u>	<u>1,070</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>4,312</u>
12/31/19 Total Members	11,304	11,476	6,349	6,342	5,466	6,334	1,484	814	49,569
% Members Owning Ins	42.6%	20.0%	28.7%	27.6%	35.2%	23.6%	1.8%	5.6%	28.8%

MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
YEAR-TO-DATE 2019									
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 01/01/2019	7,925	9,092	4,660	5,096	4,292	5,120	1,176	800	38,161
Joining	621	629	458	198	287	324	30	22	2,569
Voluntarily Leaving	457	338	205	325	362	238	8	50	1,983
Involuntarily Leaving	118	93	60	71	64	69	14	4	493
Local Members 06/30/19									
Adult & Juv	7,971	9,290	4,853	4,898	4,153	5,137	1,184	768	38,254
Ins Non-Lodge Mem	2,331	908	662	762	720	537	2	18	5,940
Heritage Members	<u>744</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>4,268</u>
06/30/19 Total Members	11,046	11,174	6,038	6,398	5,271	6,221	1,484	830	48,462

MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
Jun-20									
Local Lodge 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 05/31/20	8,300	9,452	5,441	4,693	4,489	5,370	1,209	719	39,673
Joining	158	46	175	19	87	74	6	0	565
Voluntarily Leaving	76	88	47	22	14	50	-9	1	289
Involuntarily Leaving	23	11	12	11	18	10	2	0	87
Members 06/30/20	8,359	9,399	5,557	4,679	4,544	5,384	1,222	718	39,862
Increase for Month	59	-53	116	-14	55	14	13	-1	189

\* THIS REPORT INCLUDES JUVENILE MEMBERS

## More from Mark Agerter

International Vice President Mark Agerter held a virtual meeting with the District Vice Presidents on Saturday, August 15, 2020. The meeting provided a forum for idea exchange and problem-solving. A synopsis of the meeting is below.

### Going Forward

- ❖ Despite the challenges of COVID, all lodges are encouraged to hold a lodge board meeting for the purposes of conducting business and planning for lodge reopening.
- ❖ The membership of the Sons of Norway is now 50,000+ members, many coming to the organization through the purchase of benefit products. Check [www. SofN.com](http://www.SofN.com) for new offerings.

### Foundation

- ❖ The Sons of Norway Foundation had a goal of generating \$240,000 this year and is halfway to meeting its goal.
- ❖ In addition to the giving that our lodges provide, funds are also raised through private donations, estates, endowments, and District fundraisers.
- ❖ October is Foundation month, and holding an event is challenging. Consider other options such a virtual bidding, collect donations from members, or find a safe place to display items for bidding. Follow your state and county regulations.
- ❖ Contact Foundation Director, Anne Olson, at [www.SofN.com](http://www.SofN.com) for further assistance.

### Goals for 2020

- ❖ Maintain your membership roll at 100%.
- ❖ Meet your lodge's goal set by the International Board of Directors.

### Food Pantry Engagement

- ❖ Nearly 50 lodges contributed donations to their local food pantries.
- ❖ This project is likely to return in 2021 with hopes of more lodge involvement.

### Communication, Communication, Communication

- ❖ Keep your virtual presence up to date: newsletter, website, and Facebook page.
- ❖ Print copies of the *Viking for Kids* and get them into the hands of youngsters.
- ❖ Print copies of your newsletter for your senior members and send to their home address.
- ❖ Contact your members, especially the aged, to make them feel valued.

### Continuity of Memberships

- ❖ With stretched budgets and unexpected financial losses in the employment sector, entertain the sponsorship of someone's membership for the next year.

### Retention

- ❖ Consider conducting an exit interview with those members who opt to leave your lodge. Discover their cause for leaving and offer help and options. Revisit your lodge's Membership Satisfaction Survey. Reconvene your lodge's membership committee for further discussions.

### Local Events

- ❖ Consider holding a drive-thru event for any fall or winter food sales.

### Virtual Meeting Ideas

- ❖ Watch an episode of the Nordic News, which is scheduled and maintained by District 5, Tuesday evenings at 6:20 PM, Central time.
- ❖ Ask members to share a personal antique or Norwegian family artifact.
- ❖ Contact a local specialist such as someone who raises Norwegian buhunds, Elkhunds or Norwegian forest cats.

## 2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

### Changes in red!

#### September 1, 2020

- Responses due to the Zone Alignment Committee

#### September 2020

- Lodge liability premium sent to all lodge treasurers. This package includes information regarding the coverage, a certificate of insurance for the lodge and an invoice for the lodge's share of the premium.
- September 10 – Foundation Board of Governors applications due. If you are someone who loves nonprofits, governance and your Nordic values, running for a Foundation board position may be a perfect fit!

#### September 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

#### October 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 form and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- The Sons of Norway Foundation portal is available for lodges and individuals to apply for grants and scholarships.
- Lodge Achievement, Family Lodge of the Year and AFA Year-end report forms and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- Lodge Baneløpet Coordinators are encouraged to contact Sons of Norway Headquarters to discuss plans for anticipated events.

#### October is Foundation Month

- Help support our grant and scholarship recipients and share your Nordic values by celebrating Foundation month! Please consider a donation directly to the Foundation or plan a fundraising event through your lodge.
- October 1 Grant applications open – Our lodge grants award amounts go up to \$500-\$1,500 depending on a lodge's project.
- October 1 Scholarship applications open – Scholarship opportunities start at \$1,000 with an average scholarship of \$3,000.

#### October 9-11, 2020

- District 5 Board Meeting ~~in Illinois~~

#### October 10, 2020



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**October 15, 2020**

- Lodge liability premium is due to Sons of Norway Headquarters.

**November 10, 2020**

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**December 2020**

- D17 and D18 forms, instructions and timeline sent to lodge treasurers.

**December 10, 2020**

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

**December 15, 2020**

- District 5 Sports Challenge ends

**December 16, 2020**

- Application deadline for:
  - Community Partnership Grant applications are due to Sons of Norway Foundation.
- Date that new member applications (paper forms) must be **received** at HQ to ensure processing in time for end-of-year delegate calculation and recruitment challenge recognition. (Online applications may be submitted through December 31.)

**December 31, 2020**

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 information is due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Last day to enter new membership applications into the database for delegate calculations and 2019 recruitment challenge recognition. (**Paper applications should be received at headquarters by December 15** to ensure adequate time for processing.)
- Application deadline for:
  - - Lodge Helping Hands to Children Grant\*
    - Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant\*
    - Lodge Vitality Grant\*
- Deadline to order Barneløpet supplies.

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**DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING**

Idun Lodge will host the meeting in 2022 in Madison, Wisconsin. Hotel to be determined.

**INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING**

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022. The location has not been announced.

## Viking Chest Rotation

- The rotation will begin again with this rotation.
- The zone directors are responsible for keeping track of the whereabouts and letting their lodges know that the chest is in their zone for that time period.
- The chest should be brought back to the District Board Meeting to be given to the next zone.

<b>Time period</b>	<b>Zone with chest</b>
October 2019-April 2020	5
April 2020-October 2020	2
October 2020-April 2021	4
April 2021-October 2021	6
October 2021 – April 2022	1
April 2022 – October 2022	3

## **Zone Meeting Schedule 2020**

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hosted by</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Thursday, Feb 20 at 1:15	Zone 1 Directors	Veterans Community Center, Hayward during the volunteer reception after Barnebirkie
2			
3	Sat. January 25	Mandt Lodge	Stoughton, WI
4			
5			
6			

### **Note:**

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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.
- The District 5 Convention will be June 25-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 19-23, 2020 in Ringsaker Norway

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## **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](mailto: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 Wednesday night. 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@sonsofnorway.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway.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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