

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 5, 2015

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!**

Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary

Think of Sons of Norway when shopping for the holidays!

- **New- I forgot the obvious one! Give a Sons of Norway membership to friends or family. You can set it up so that you always get the billing notice or that you pay the first gift and then the new member gets the renewals. For more information, contact Sherry Gorse at fraternal@sofn.com .**
- Have kids to shop for? Consider giving them the gift of two weeks at Masse Moro, the District 5 Heritage Camp for youth ages 9-15. Check out the details at www.massemoro.org. The camp is in Fall Creek, Wisconsin (by Eau Claire). There is District matching funds for those that lodges provide the other part of the match. For more information, check out the website or contact Youth Director, Cheryl Schlessner (contact information on District 5 website).
- We still have District 5 potholders and cheese slicers for \$5 each (plus shipping). Great for stocking stuffers! Contact Darlene to order them- quantities are limited.
- Give a gift to the SN Foundation in honor of someone! Check out the website at www.sonsofnorway.org/foundation for the various options.
- There are a limited number of items on the Sons of Norway shopping area. Also some items in the Supply Catalog. Visit www.sonsofnorway.org and then go to the Members Only section.
- Does your lodge have newsletter advertisers, local businesses that support your lodge, or donators to your fundraisers? Encourage members to shop at their businesses during the holiday season!
- Giving the gift of some of the Norwegian related resources: A membership to the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library (<http://www.nagcnl.org>), Vesterheim (<http://vesterheim.org/>), or Norwegian American Weekly (<http://www.na-weekly.com/>) or a local historical society.
- Also memberships in the various lags which focus on the genealogy and history of a particular area of Norway. Visit the overall organizing group to link to the lags of your area: <http://www.fellesraad.com/index.htm>

New on the District 5 Website: www.sonsofnorway5.com

District Five Scholarships

2016 District Five scholarships applications are now posted. March 15, 2016 is the deadline for all District Five scholarships. Don't delay download forms [here](#).

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You can read messages from District Five Board members [here](#). Scroll down to read them all.

From the International Office- **Dear Lodge Officers,**

If you read Sons of Norway's *Viking* magazine, then you know it offers one of the best ways for your lodge to share its events and programs, as well as its members' accomplishments: The District Happenings Section. Each month *Viking* dedicates 8 pages of content to helping lodges and districts share the things they are most proud of in the true spirit of fraternalism.

Lately, though, we have received some questions about the photo submission process from lodges. So, in an effort to make the process as simple and efficient as possible, we have assembled a number of resources into a [single document that you can download](#).

Not only does it explain the steps of the photo submission process, from the local lodge up through to *Viking* magazine, it also gives you a number of trouble-shooting tips. These can be especially helpful if you are unsure whether or not your photos are of a high enough resolution or appropriate composition.

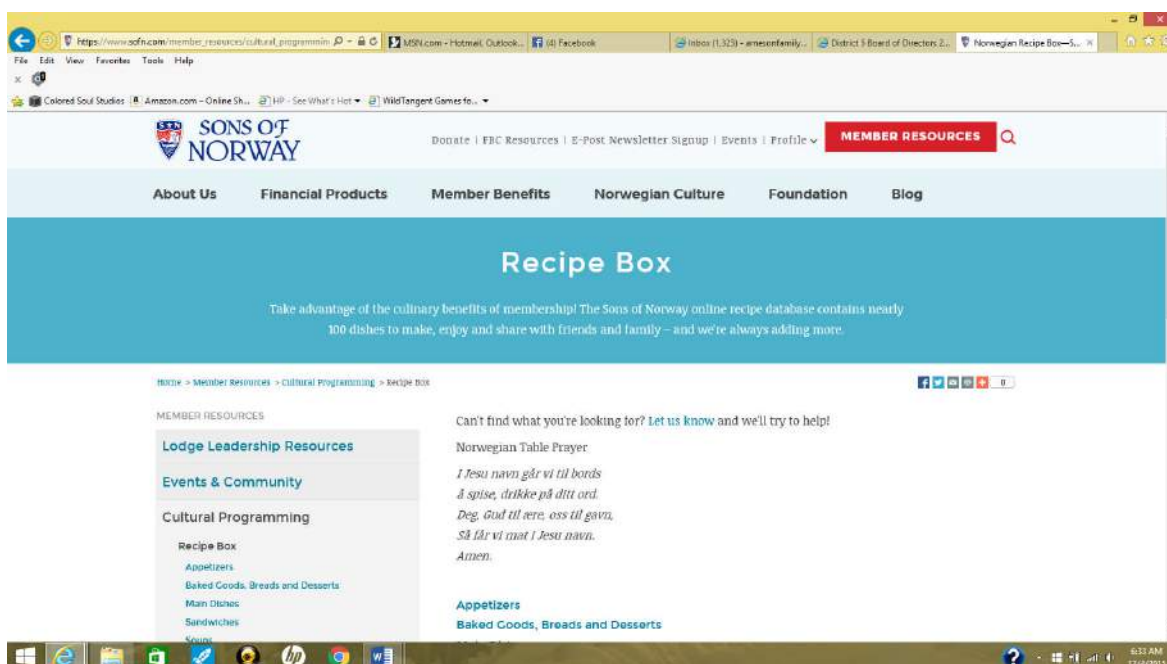
I am confident these photo submission guidelines will be useful for all lodges, so I highly encourage you to review the attached document and then submit some photos to the District Publicity Director to be considered for future inclusion in the District Happenings Section. It's a great opportunity for your lodge to show what it's doing in the community.

In the meantime, however, if you still have questions about photo submissions, I encourage you to contact your **District Publicity Director, Joy Bashara** at joybaing@gmail.com or **Melissa Johnson** at mjohnson@sofn.com.

Respectfully,

Linda Pederson
Fraternal Director
Sons of Norway

Looking for new Christmas recipes? Try the Sons of Norway website in the Members Only section!



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Sons of Norway website. The page is titled "Recipe Box" and features a navigation menu with options like "About Us", "Financial Products", "Member Benefits", "Norwegian Culture", "Foundation", and "Blog". A search bar labeled "MEMBER RESOURCES" is visible. The main content area includes a search prompt: "Can't find what you're looking for? Let us know and we'll try to help!". Below this, there are sections for "Norwegian Table Prayer" with a prayer in Norwegian, and "Appetizers" and "Baked Goods, Breads and Desserts". A sidebar on the left lists "MEMBER RESOURCES" with sub-categories like "Lodge Leadership Resources", "Events & Community", and "Cultural Programming". The browser's address bar shows the URL: https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/cultural_programming.

Need a Christmas Program or new activity? Have you tried the skits in Idea Bank (www.sonsofnorway.com- Members Only- in the Cultural Program section)

Skits

Skits are a popular way to get your members actively involved in lodge programs –some of the options here were written by other Sons of Norway members.

- [#4](#) This is Your Life Skit - a program to "star" one of your members
- [#19](#) American Fever - an audience participation play
- [#25](#) Skits for Fun & Learning - text using Norwegian & English
- [#26](#) Christmas Memories - a lodge play
- [#29](#) The Troll & the Leprechaun Skit
- [#34](#) About Nisse & Other Matters Skit
- [#35](#) Christmas in Norway - script & songs
- [#39](#) The Unfinished Saga Skit
- [#47](#) Viking Dinner Fantasy
- [#51](#) About Norway's National Anthem
- [#57](#) The Enemy of the People

Or try the Mini Presentation section

Holidays

- [#311](#) Easter Vacation (Revised 10/2010)
- [#312](#) Syttende Mai (Revised 10/2010)
- [#313](#) Olsok - St. Olav's Day
- [#321](#) Valentine's Day
- [#322](#) Vikings in Ireland
- [#324](#) Midsummer Fest
- [#328](#) Summer Vacation
- [#358](#) Romjula - The days between Christmas and New Year

Food

- [#336](#) Lutefisk
- [#337](#) Lefse
- [#339](#) Favorite Norwegian Foods
- [#379](#) Norwegian Drinks

More lutefisk dinners (note the new listing)!

December 5- St. Olaf Lutheran Church- Rubicon, WI

St. Olaf Lutheran Church is holding their annual lutefisk & meatball dinner from 11:00-5:00 on Sat. Dec.5th.

Other items in the meal include: jello salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, flat bread, lefse, rutabaga, fruit soup, milk, coffee, and Norwegian cookies.

Cost is \$15. No reservations necessary.

There will also be a bake sale and gift shop featuring Scandinavian crafts and collectibles.

St. Olafs is located W653 Roosevelt Rd. Rubicon Wi. Approximately

8 miles south of Hartford, 10miles north east of Oconomowoc.

Questions - contact Jane Christenson at [414-217-2240](tel:414-217-2240) or St. Olaf Church at [920-474-7042](tel:920-474-7042).

December 5- Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton, WI

700 County B, Stoughton, WI 53589 608-873-9353

By reservation only- times from 11am – 6 pm

Adults \$18, children 4-12 years old- \$7, and under 4 are free

Lutefisk, meatballs, rutabagas, lefse, cranberries, coleslaw, rommegrot, Norwegian cookies, coffee and milk. Contact Gerry Ross, 608-835-8520 or stoughtonlutefisk@gmail.com

New!!

Music City Vikings- JuleFest with lutefisk and meatballs on December 5

The Music City Vikings lodge # 5-681 in Nashville, TN has an annual JuleFest. This year the date is Sat. Dec 5th and it consists of a Scandinavian dinner that includes lutefisk, Norwegian meatballs, (made by the members) baked cod, boiled new potatoes, a vegetable, lefse, coffee and iced tea. They also have a dessert table that includes some Scandinavian desserts. The festivities include a silent auction, door prizes and a bake sale (includes some Scandinavian baked goods) Cost is \$20 per adult. \$12 for children under 12 and no cost for age 5 and under. For more info call Susan Collier [\(615\) 356-0375](tel:615-356-0375)

Dovre Lodge is also going to have their annual Lutefisk/Meatball dinner. Here are the details:

Sons of Norway Dovre Lodge invites reservations to their annual Lutefisk and Meatball Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 8, 6:00pm, Rolling Oaks Restaurant, Barron WI. Entertainment will follow the dinner along with door prizes. The dinner is \$16 for non-members and \$12 for members, pay at the door with reservations. Donations of canned goods for a local food panty are welcomed. For reservations, please call Robin at [715-924-4111](tel:715-924-4111) or e-mail rkfossum@gmail.com.

Takk!

Robin,

President

Sons of Norway Lodge 5-353

2016 Dinners

The Norway Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Wind Lake (Milwaukee SW suburb) has a Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on Sat. Feb. 13, 2016 with seatings at 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

I don't have further details right now, but you could contact Marilyn Canfield (she's also church secretary at Norway Lutheran Church, as well as President of the Norway Historical Society) at 262-895-2281. Her email is: majacanfield@gmail.com. Source info: <http://www.norwaylutheranchurch.org/home/calendar>

Don't forget the District 5 Cultural Skills Contest

District 5 has initiated skills contest. For the time period of July 1 - December 31, 2015, the lodge with the most members that receive cultural pins will receive a prize. The member in District 5 that receives the most cultural pins in the same time period will also receive a prize. If several people all get the same number of pins, then a name will be drawn from this group of people. The next contest period will be January 1 - May 31, 2016. The awards will be handled in the same manner. All awards will be presented at the 2016 District 5 Convention, June 25, 2016. The awards will be a one-time prize. If you have any questions you may contact Esther Charlton at esthersofn@aol.com.

The District 5 Secretary Challenge!

If all of our lodges submit their D63 reports to both the International Lodge and to me by December 15, I personally will give \$100 towards Masse Moro for 2016. I will keep you posted as to the progress. This includes having the hard copies postmarked by December 15 and online updates must be done so that I get the email on December 15.