

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 15, 2017

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

Send all web posting info to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

Questions on the new dues structure? 2018dues@sofn.com

Today's the day!

D63 – Officer Election Report- You must submit it whether it's an election year for your lodge or not!

Each year the D63 (Officer Election Report) is due on December 15. This report is either emailed or mailed to the lodge secretary from the International office.

If your lodge does not elect officers this year, the report still needs to be filed!! You can do this online or send in the form and check the box (no changes) and that's all you have to do! But you HAVE to file it.

If your secretary or whoever reports the officer election changes has questions, have them contact Sherry Gorse (fraternal@sofn.com) or I'd be happy to help them too!

The easiest way to do the update is to go online.

1. Download your membership list as you will need the membership number of the new officer when you enter the changes.
2. If there is a change in the officers listed, type in the number in the box on the right.
3. If you are adding new positions, then click on "Add a new position" (towards the top). It will give you a drop down menu of a long list of positions, select one and then add the membership number. Enter save changes.
4. At the end, go to the bottom and click "Submit changes" and you are done! It will go to both the International office and to me.
5. If you need assistance, it's best to call Sherry Gorse at the home office.

D-63 Reports sent in

Update- Dec 15 morning

Zone	Lodge	D63 Election Report in
1	Dovre 353	
1	Løven 029	hard copy Dec 13
1	Nordlandet 620	voted to disband ?
1	Norrøna 27	voted to disband
1	Sjoland 635	
1	Solheim 278	
1	Trygvasson 220	online
1	Ulseth 670	online
1	Valkyrien 53	online
1	Viking 625	online
2	Elvedal 556	online
2	Fagernes 616	online
2	Fossen 534	hard copy
2	Jotunheimen 286	hard copy
2	Myrmarken 609	online
2	Norskeland 580	hard copy Dec 13
2	Rib Fjell 496	
2	Solvang 457	online
2	Vennligfolk 627	through Sherry- phone
2	Wergeland 28	
3	Idun 74	online
3	Mandt 314	online
3	Nordland 544	online
3	Norseman of the Lakes 650	online Dec 13
3	Østestaden 642	online Dec 13
3	Vakkertland 570	online
3	Vennelag 513	online
4	Fosselyngen 82	online
4	Grønnvik 632	online Dec 13
4	H.R. Holand 549	hard copy
4	Hafrsfjord 206	online
4	Nordlyset 183	online
4	Norse Valley 491	online
4	Vennskap 622	voted to disband
5	Cleng Peerson 525	
5	Elvesund 593	online Dec 13
5	Leif Erikson 97	disbanded
5	Polar Star 472	online
5	Skjold 100	online
5	Trollhaugen 417	
5	Valhall 168	online
5	Cleng Peerson 525	
6	Arctic Circle 662	hard copy
6	Askeladden 610	hard copy
6	Christian Radich 568	
6	Circle City 614	online

6	Edvard Grieg 657	through Sherry- phone
6	Music City Vikings 681	hard copy
6	Nordkap 378	online
6	Samhold 473	online
6	Scandiana 600	hard copy
6	Sognefjord 523	online
6	Sonja Henje 490	online
6	Tre Elver 628	disbanded
6	Vikings of the Smokies 677	online

Share the fun...invite new members...and win an exclusive prize package for your lodge.

With 2017 coming to a close, I want to share an important update with you. Congratulations to the [56 lodges](#) that have met or exceeded their 10% member recruitment goal. We'll be shipping out their lodge prize packages in early 2018.

Your lodge still has time to invite new members to join us! But please act now. **Your 2017 new member enrollments are due by December 20th.**

Don't miss out on a free prize package for your lodge. It's valued at more than \$300. The exciting lodge prize package includes:

- **\$200 cash card** - Your lodge deserves to celebrate success with a special event.
- **Exclusive access to new membership programs** - Topics include history and travel.
- **Newly designed Sons of Norway banner** - Display this handsome banner at your meetings and events.
- **Certificate of honor** - In recognition for a job well-done.
- **Recruiter recognition pin** - Recruiting members will proudly wear this handsome pin, featuring the updated Sons of Norway logo.

Thank you for everything you do make Sons of Norway a welcoming, active organization in your community. Best of luck with your new member recruitment efforts.

Sincerely,

Doris Kamstra

Membership Manager

P.S. Help boost your lodge's growth by adding more new members now. Our [#Growingto2020 initiative](#) is counting on your efforts to ensure a vibrant future for Sons of Norway.

New Membership Application Forms for U.S. Lodges



Helping a prospective member apply for membership? Please be aware:

* The current application form should be used until Dec. 31, 2017 with the existing dues rates. As a reminder: A separate application should be submitted for each new member. (Lodges in Canada and Norway should continue using the existing form in 2018.)

* After Dec. 31, 2017 the new application form should be used with the new dues rates (\$60 for an individual member, \$95 for a Family membership).

Looking for a great Christmas gift?

Order a 3x5 foot Norwegian flag for your favorite Nordic-American. This flag is 210 denier nylon with four-row edge stitching on fly edge, made for frequent outdoor use. Your order helps support SON District 5 heritage activities, too. We have 23 in stock. Send your \$30 check to the "SON D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation" (or \$100 for 4 flags to one ship-to) to Mike Palecek, SON D5 Treasurer, [5747 Sandy Ln., Racine WI 53406](mailto:5747.SandyLn.Racine.WI.53406). Include your contact info: ship to name, address, email, phone and lodge.

Year-end Reports

A packet of year-end forms were mailed to lodge secretaries at the beginning of November. The packet included:

Lodge Achievement Form

This form, with yes and no questions about lodge programming and activities done during 2017, can be completed online or by returning the completed paper form to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.





Barnebirkie! Cookie information

District 5 Cookie Baker's Needed!!

The 2018 Barnebirke is coming up in February!

We need **COOKIES**, **COOKIES**, **COOKIES**!!!

The Barnebirke is scheduled for February 22, 2018. Sons of Norway has always been a huge supporter of this event. Last year we donated 12,000 cookies and they were loved by everyone in Hayward, Wi. We would love to match that number this year! If you need help getting the cookies to the Barnebirke, please contact me and we can arrange a pick up. (michaeladecker@wi.rr.com or 262-498-2085)



ALLERGY ALERT:

Remember cookies must be made without nuts!!

SAVE THE DATE!



Zone 3 Officer Training

Sons of Norway Zone 3 Officer Training Seminar

Saturday, January 27, 2018, beginning with registration at 8:30 AM

Welcome at 9 AM, Nordland Lodge, 418 W. Milwaukee St., Janesville WI 53545

Hosts: President Bill Hendrickson and members of Nordland Lodge, 5-544

*Please share this opportunity with your Board, especially new officers and lodge members; ask for volunteer attendance.

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Please clip along the dotted line and return to: Lucy Ghastin, 7130 Century Ave., Middleton, WI 53562 by January 12, 2018. You may also copy and paste the form and return via e-mail to: leghastin@gmail.com. Thank you!

LODGE NAME: _____ LODGE NUMBER 5-

Attendee Names: _____

Please select any of the concerns your lodge has at this time and check the items below. List other items in the space provided. Thank you!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> D5 2018 Convention | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> FFF News |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget for Intl Conv | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Masse Moro Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forms to file | <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge interaction | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sons of Norway Blog | <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> S of N perks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Forms/Fraternal Gives | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Lodge Officer Seminar (a chance for new officers to ask questions) | | |

OTHER?

Important dates and deadlines on the International website!

These are found at www.sofn.com

https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/important_deadlines/

Please note dates are subject to change.

December 1, 2017

- Community Partnership Grant applications are due to Sons of Norway Foundation.

December 15, 2017

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 information is due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- To be recognized for achieving a 10% growth for the 2017 recruitment challenge, membership applications should be received by December 15 so that they can be entered into the database before the end of the year.
- Deadline to order Barneløpet supplies.
- Grant Applications due to Sons of Norway Foundation:
 - Helping Hands to Children Grant*
 - Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant*
 - Lodge Vitality Grant*

December 31, 2017

- Active members listed for each lodge at the end of the year will be used to determine delegate count for district and international conventions. Please submit any membership applications as early as possible (recommended receipt date is December 15, 2017) to make certain that they are entered into the database prior to the end of the year.
- Tubfrim cards should be postmarked by December 31, 2017 to be entered into a drawing to win a plane ticket to Norway (up to \$1,000 toward a ticket purchase).

January 1, 2018

- Simplified dues structure takes effect for U.S. lodges.

January 2018

- D17 financial form and 990 filing instructions will be mailed to lodge presidents and treasurers.

January 15, 2018

- Scholarship applications for educational opportunities that involve international travel are due to Sons of Norway Foundation:
 - Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship
 - Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship**
 - Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship*
 - King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship
 - Lund Fund Scholarship*
 - Oslo International Summer School Scholarship*

February 1, 2018

- 2018 officers will be listed in the online lodge directory.
- Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Community and Fraternal activities and hour totals, using AFA Year-end report form or online reporting at Fraternalgive.org, are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

February 15, 2018

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges to their district president.

March 1, 2018

- D17 financial form is due to Sons of Norway Headquarters from the district presidents.
- Scholarship applications for study in the United States are due to the Sons of Norway Foundation:
 - Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship*
 - Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship
 - Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

May 15, 2018

- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.

*Social membership with Sons of Norway required.

**Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required.