

Friendly Fifth Friday News

December 22, 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

Deadlines from the International

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).

District 5 Scholarship Applications Available Soon

Do you know a youth who could benefit from additional funding for college? Please direct any students to the District 5 webpage for more information (sonsofnorway5.com) on our offerings. **Please Note:** Prerequisites may apply.

- ✓ Completed applications are due on March 15, 2018.
- ✓ Two books scholarships are offered each year.
- ✓ An application for Oslo Summer School is available.
- ✓ One Norwegian folk high school application is provided.

***The Sons of Norway Foundation** provides numerous scholarships to our member families (SofN.com). Click the Foundation ribbon at the top of the page to begin.

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.

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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.



Christmas in Norge, God Jul!

- ♣ Norwegian homes have trees decorated with julekurver-woven heart baskets and streamers of Norwegian flags.
- ♣ Gifts are exchanged on Christmas Eve.
- ♣ Children believe the Julenissen (Santa) or another helpful nisse delivers the gifts.
- ♣ A sheaf of wheat called a julenek is often left outside for the birds to eat.
- ♣ Rice porridge is left for the nisse whose job it is to guard the farm animals.
- ♣ Candles are lit on Christmas Eve and can be seen burning until New Year's Day.
- ♣ Christmas celebrations began in Norway between the years of 1000 to 1100 AD when Christianity arrived in Norway.
- ♣ Previously homage was paid to the old Scandinavian gods. The people celebrated jul in the middle of winter-a celebration of the past harvest and a time to look forward to spring.
- ♣ Much juleøl (beer) was brewed and enjoyed. Nisseøl is made at home, most often sans alcohol.

- ♠ Each year a huge Norwegian pine is sent to the UK to honor the British for their help during WWII. The tree stands in London at Trafalgar Square.
- ♠ One baking tradition is to make "sju slag" seven different types of cakes.
- ♠ A special rice porridge (risgrøtkrem) is eaten on Christmas Eve either as a meal at lunchtime or at dinner. The person who finds a whole almond in the porridge wins a special prize—a pink or white marzipan pig! SOURCE: *WhyChristmas.com*

 A little holiday humor...

WHAT DOES SANTA SUFFER FROM WHEN HE GETS STUCK IN THE CHIMNEY?
Claustrophobia

WHAT DO REINDEER HANG ON THEIR CHRISTMAS TREES?
Hornaments

WHY ARE CHRISTMAS TREES SUCH BAD SEWERS?
The always drop their needles!

WHICH OF SANTA'S REINDEER NEEDS TO BE REMINDED OF HIS MANNERS
Rude-olf!

WHAT DO SHEEP SAY AT CHRISTMASTIME?
Wool-tide bleatings or Merry Christmas to ewe!

Countdown to January 1, 2018, for U.S. Lodges

posted on Mon, Dec 11 2017 1:49 pm by Sons of Norway

Reminders about the new Simplified Dues Structure

The Simplified Dues Structure will take effect on Jan. 1, 2018, for lodges in the U.S. Here are some key features:

Application Forms

A new application form will be used beginning Jan. 1, 2018. Do not distribute the old form to prospective members after Dec. 31, 2017.

Membership Categories & Dues Rates

Individual membership will be \$60 and family memberships (all members who reside at the same mailing address in a single family residence) will be available for \$95.00 for the household.

The Unge Venner membership category will no longer exist. Former Unge Venners will pay either \$60 for an individual membership or fall under the family membership umbrella (\$95 for all members at the same mailing address).

Heritage memberships (youth ages 0 to 15) will continue to be free.

Golden memberships earned before Jan. 1, 2018, will continue to receive a reduced dues rate.

No Golden memberships (30 years of membership and age 65+) will be awarded after Dec. 31, 2017 (U.S. only).

Renewal dates

Renewal notices going out now, for a renewal date after Dec. 31, 2017, reflect the new dues rates and provide instruction on payment options.

All those in a household (Family membership) will have the same renewal date, which will be the latest date in the year for members who reside at the same address.

Renewal notices for individual memberships will continue throughout the year on the same schedule (same month and day as the 2017 renewal). Individual memberships will not be switched to a January 1 renewal date.

Questions on the new Simplified Dues Structure? Send an email to 2018dues@sofn.com.

Year-end Report Reminder

posted on Thu, Dec 21 2017 2:24 pm by Sons of Norway

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A packet of year-end forms were mailed to lodge secretaries at the beginning of November. The packet included a Lodge Achievement Form, a Family Lodge of the Year Form and an American Fraternal Alliance Year End Report.

The Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters by Feb. 1, 2018. Do not mail the forms to the District President or Zone Director.

The American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Year End Report form is also due Feb. 1, 2018. However, lodges who reported their events and volunteer hours throughout 2017 using FraternalGive.org do NOT need to send in this form. Their data will be extracted directly from the website by Sons of Norway Headquarters. Please be sure all your entries for 2017 on FraternalGive.org are completed by February 1.

In order to qualify for Lodge Achievement and Merit Awards, lodges MUST either send in a completed AFA Year End Report form or have recorded their 2017 data through FraternalGive.org.

All forms can be found on the [Lodge Form](#) page, in the administrative section of the website.

Announcement of Winners

District Lodge of the Year, Merit Awards and Family Lodge of the Year plaques and certificates will be awarded at district conventions during the spring of 2018. International Lodge of the Year for 2016 and 2017 will be awarded at the Sons of Norway International Convention in August of 2018.

