

## Friendly Fifth Friday News

### December 25, 2020- **Merry Christmas Everyone!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at [inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com)

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## December 31 Deadlines!

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## From District Secretary on your D63 Reports- Due December 31!!

### D63 Officer Updates for 2021

Here is my latest list of who has completed their D63 form online. If your lodge is highlighted in yellow, please complete your D63 by December 31! If there is an X in the right column and your lodge name is NOT highlighted, then I received the email that the form was completed online.

If you have questions, please contact me. I'm home throughout the holiday weekend. I work from home Monday, Tuesday and Fridays so those are the best days to get in touch with me or any evenings. Darlene

Zone	Lodge	D63 in
1	Dovre 353	
1	Løven 029	x
1	Trygvasson 220	
1	Ulseth 670	
1	Valkyrien 53	x
1	Viking 625	
2	Elvedal 556	x
2	Fagernes 616	
2	Fossen 534	
2	Jotunheimen 286	x
2	Myrmarken 609	x
2	Norskeland 580	
2	Rib Fjell 496	
2	Solvang 457	
2	Vennligfolk 627	

2	Wergeland 28	x
3	Idun 74	
3	Mandt 314	x
3	Nordland 544	
3	Norseman of the Lakes 650	x
3	Østestaden 642	x
3	Vakkertland 570	
3	Vennelag 513	x
4	Fosselyngen 82	x
4	Grønnevik 632	x
4	H.R. Holand 549	
4	Nordlyset 183	x
4	Norse Valley 491	x
5	Cleng Peerson 525	
5	Elvesund 593	x
5	Polar Star 472	x
5	Skjold 100	
5	Trollhaugen 417	disbanding
5	Valhall 168	x
6	Arctic Circle 662	
6	Askeladden 610	
6	Christian Radich 568	
6	Circle City 614	
6	Edvard Grieg 657	x
6	Music City Vikings 681	
6	Nordkap 378	x
6	Scandiana 600	
6	Sognefjord 523	x
6	Sonja Henje 490	x
6	Vikings of the Smokies 677	
6	Shawnee Skogen 689	x

## Need help?

Your lodge's Officer Roster for 2021 should be reported online via a current lodge officer's profile page on [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com). These changes are typically registered by the Lodge Secretary. Please indicate your 2021 officers even if there have been no changes.

To notify Sons of Norway Headquarters of your 2021 officers:

- Sign on with your username and password to [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com).
- As a lodge officer, you will immediately land on your Profile Page.
- Click 'Lodge Officer Updates' from the menu to the left of your name.
- Need to change your meeting place or times? Click the gray 'Change Meeting Information' button, enter your changes and then select 'Save'. Your changes will be recorded, but won't be reflected on the website until 1/15/2021.
- To register your 2021 Officer Roster, click on the light gray 'Officers' button.
  - No changes? Click the gray 'No Changes for Upcoming Year' button at the top of the page.
  - Adding a completely new officer position in 2021? Click 'Add a new position' and then enter the title and member number of the person filling the office. Hit Submit. Then hit 'Save the Changes'.

- To indicate the change in officer, delete the member number of the 2020 officer in a position and type in the member number of the 2021 officer. The names will NOT change on the screen at this point.
- If your lodge will no longer have a certain position in 2021, click the 'Remove this position' button for that entry.
- Once you have made ALL your changes, click the 'SUBMIT CHANGES' button at the bottom of the page.
- You will see a list of your changes. If they are correct, click 'Save the Changes'.
- Your 2021 roster of offices has been recorded! Any changes will not be live on the website until 1/15/2021.

Even though not all lodges will be holding elections this November due to social distancing restrictions, all lodges should affirm or change their lodge officer rosters by 12/31/2020.

There will be no paper D63 Lodge Officer update forms mailed out this year.

Please contact Sherry Gorse at 612-821-4643 or [Fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:Fraternal@sofn.com) with any questions.

**District Secretary Darlene Arneson's YouTube how-to video is found at <https://youtu.be/G1zUTRpGtGc>**



### **Hei og God Jul, Allesammen (Hello and Merry Christmas Everyone)**

As December draws to a close, Karen and I would like to remind all of our lodge presidents to file their D63 reports (update your lodge officer list) with the home office in Minneapolis. While many of our lodges have completed this task, several have yet to do so. This can be taken care of quickly on-line by accessing the [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com) website and updating the list.

If your lodge *does not* have any changes, click the tab at the top of the page that says *No Changes for the Upcoming Year*, and you're finished! If you need to make changes, remove the name of the current officer indicated and substitute it with the new person's name and

membership number. The membership numbers can be found on your lodge rosters under each member's name. We are here to assist you if there are any questions.

We would also like to remind each lodge of the next Zone 3 Training Seminar scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2021. The meeting will be in a virtual format on Zoom beginning at 9 AM Central time. We ask that lodge presidents who have never attended a Zone training be present, and we would also suggest that lodge presidents choose others from their leadership team to attend. In addition, this meeting will be open to all members. It is a good idea to be looking for new leaders within your lodge and suggest that they consider joining us. The meeting link will be published in the January 15<sup>th</sup> FFFNews.

We want to inform lodge leaders of any changes that could affect lodge operations in 2021. This year, International Vice President Mark Agerter will join us for the meeting. He will share news from the International Board meeting held in November, and he will share membership information for 2021. According to the latest news reports, we should be able to resume our normal activities by the end of July or early August, and membership recruitment must be a top priority.

Greg Ragan, one of the Sons of Norway insurance professionals (IPs) has also received an invitation to our meeting. In addition, Robin Fossum, District 5's International Director will provide a report on news from the Foundation Board and its 2020 fundraising campaign.

We would like to address questions or concerns you may have in leading your lodge. Please send these concerns to us for attention so we can prepare a meaningful presentation.

Tusen takk,

Karen Eberhardt

Zone 3 Director and D5 Publicity

608-845-6910

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser

Zone 3 Director, D5 Vice President

608-219-4464



District 5

**SAVE THE DATE...ZONE TRAINING**

January 23, 2021

9 AM

A Zoom Virtual Event

Meeting link to be shared via the  
January 15<sup>th</sup> FFFNews document

Open to all members of the 5<sup>th</sup> District

**Special Presenters:**

International Vice President Mark Agerter-Membership

Greg Ragan-Sons of Norway Financial Options

Robin Fossum, International Director Report

Darlene Arneson-Zone Alignment

Michael Palecek-District Finances, Fundraising, and Coursework Offered

Cheryl Wille-Schlessler, Karen Eberhardt-Lodge Resources and Updates

**SECOND VIRTUAL GENEALOGY CLASS OFFERED**

The Sons of Norway District 5 Cultural Committee is pleased to offer the second opportunity for you to develop your genealogy research skills while connecting with others from throughout the district who share your interest.

If you are just beginning your family history research, or have little or no experience with Norwegian genealogical records, this class is for you. Topics covered in the class include common genealogical records for Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogy, Norwegian naming customs, locating your ancestor's birthplace in Norway, Norwegian spelling variation, an introduction to DNA testing, and earning the genealogy cultural skills pin.

The class will be repeated on January 9 and January 16 at 10:00 a.m. Central. Class duration is from 10 am to 2 pm central with 30 minutes for lunch. There can be time to visit informally during lunch.

The special fee for Sons of Norway members for this special class is \$125 for the two-day class and includes 30 days of access to on-line genealogy information through NAGC&NL and a copy of the updated "Research Guide for Norwegian Genealogy: For Beginning and Experienced Genealogists" (a \$25 value). Non-member friends may participate by either joining SofN or paying an additional \$25.

The instructor for the virtual genealogy classes is Dana Kelly, who serves as Executive Director of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library in Madison, Wisconsin. She has been researching her own family history for nearly 30 years which led her to a Scandinavian Studies degree from UW-Madison where she learned to speak, read and write Norwegian. She has served on the board of directors for the Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society since 2009 and is a member of several Norwegian cultural and genealogical organizations including Sons of Norway, Vesterheim, Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, Dane County Area Genealogical Society, and International Society of Online Genetic Genealogists.

To register for the class, give a class as a gift, or request further information, contact Diane Maurer at [dmaurer@nagcnl.org](mailto:dmaurer@nagcnl.org)

**Norwegian American  
Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library**  
415 W. Main St., Madison, WI 53703

[608-255-2224](tel:608-255-2224) (w)

## **<http://sonsofnorway5.com/events/details/620-Virtual-History-Course>**

Event Date: January 23rd, 2021

**[Norwegian History Enrollment Form](#)**

### **Details:**

The D5 Norwegian-American virtual history course, "**Norwegian-American Settlement in IL, MI and WI**" will start with sessions offered on **Saturday, January 23 (9:00-10:30 AM CT/10:00-11:30 ET) and Monday, January 25 (6:30-8:00 PM CT/7:30-9:00 PM ET).**

**[The course will be 16 weeks long.](#)**

**Weeks 1-3** will be an introduction to Norwegian-American history in the D5 area.

**Weeks 4-14** will be a book club format, with readings and discussion on the three books and a DVD which will be used for the course.

**Weeks 15-16** will be short participant presentations on topics they chose for the course.

An example of a participant project might be doing local Norwegian-American history research to provide community and lifestyle background for a family genealogy project.

***The virtual class will be offered on Zoom and recorded.***

**Faculty include:**

Bill Injerd, historian of The Sloop Society;  
Kirk Mies, vice president of The Sloop Society;  
Dave Johnson, president of the Norske Museum in Norway, Illinois;  
Dana Kelly, executive director of the Norwegian-American Genealogy Center; and  
Mike Palecek, editor/author of The First Norwegian Settlements in America.

*To get the most out of this course, we recommend that participants purchase the following books (\$99 w/tax and shipping) and begin reading them ASAP: -  
The First Norwegian Settlements in America; Palecek, Mike (ed.) -  
History of the Norwegian Settlements; Holand, H.R. -  
Sons of the Old Country; Ager, Waldemar -  
Kaskaland DVD (Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society)*

Our faculty believe that these books are very accessible reading which gives the beginning historian a very good overall background about Norwegian-American history from early settlement through 1880. It is a great Christmas gift for yourself or someone you want to share Norwegian-American history with.

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Five scholarships for teachers are available for an online Norwegian-American history course: "*Norwegian-American settlement history in Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan.*" This course is being offered on Zoom for 16 weeks, starting on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 9:00-10:30. It is also being repeated on Monday, January 25 at 6:30-8:00 PM. The scholarship will cover the cost of the three books and DVD for the course, as well as the course fee.

Apply for a scholarship by January 8, 2021.

Email application to: [mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com](mailto:mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com)

**BOOK/COURSE FEE - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level teaching \_\_\_\_\_

School teaching at \_\_\_\_\_

School district \_\_\_\_\_

Why you would like to take our Norwegian-American history course and how you would use it in your school courses:

# 2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

## Changes in red!

### Nordic News Weekly Program- Every Tuesday night

Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday.

By computer: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>

By phone: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557)

By iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone: download the GoToMeeting app from the Apple or Google Play Store. Launch the app and enter the meeting code: SofN-D5

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

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#### January 8, 2020

- **Scholarship due for Virtual History Class**

#### January 9 and January 16, 2021

- NAGC & NL and District 5 Genealogy Class

#### January 23, 2021

- **Zone Meeting via ZOOM**

#### February 4, 11 and 18, 2021

- **Jimmy Miller's Woodcarving class**

#### February 25-27, 2021

- Barnebirkie and Birkie Ski Races Hayward, WI. Cookies will not be needed this year from the lodges.

#### April 16-17, 2021

- District 5 Board Meeting- Nashville, TN



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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.

### Viking Chest Rotation

The Viking Chest has not traveled since the health emergency began, and the new schedule cannot be announced until it is safe to hold in-person meetings. Therefore, the rotation schedule is suspended until further notice.

### 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.

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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**

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 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.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com