

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 9, 2016

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

UPDATED- Masse Moro Promotional Materials

Thank you everyone who did some proofing and to Sarah Barnes for editing the promotional tools for lodges to use in newsletters, as handouts or book marks, and in other ways to promote Masse Moro, for members to sponsor their children/grandchildren and other loved ones, and to place in local libraries, schools and other places!

You can print them locally in color, gray scale (if color printing is too expensive) and share them on your social media, emails and other outreach to members!

Watch the Masse Moro website for more details! <http://massemoro.org/>

Deadlines this week!

December 2016

- December 15 –SN Foundation **Local Lodge Partnership and Helping Hands to Children grants**
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<https://www.sofn.com/foundation/grants/> for the two grant applications!

Helping Hands to Children grants are only available to Sons of Norway Lodges. All lodges in the Canada, Norway and the United States are eligible to apply. **Eligible projects:** The Helping Hands to Children Grant will provide matching funds to be used to establish educational programming and/or mentoring for children. Examples of eligible projects are: Adopt-A-School, Barnas Norsk Klubb, children's heritage programming, books for reading programs, school equipment, mentoring services, supplies and other special programs for children. Lodge building repairs do not qualify.

Local Lodge Partnership grants are only available to Sons of Norway Lodges. All lodges in the Canada, Norway and the United States are eligible to apply. **Eligible projects:** Projects that promote and preserve the culture and heritage of Norway are eligible. Examples of previously funded projects are cultural classes, cultural fairs, equipment that will allow a lodge to host a cultural activity, hosting of visiting groups, instructional videos, etc. Lodge building repairs do not qualify.

Christmas ideas on the International Website- go to the website and all these links will be live. You will need to log in to get some of the resources!

https://www.sofn.com/member_benefits/e-post_archive/2016_epost/celebrating_a_norsk_jul_in_your_own_home/

Celebrating a Norsk Jul in Your Own Home-



Are you set for a Norwegian Christmas? On December 25, families around the world will be coming together and spending the day with food and cheer. In the members section of the Sons of Norway website, you'll find plenty of resources to make your holiday planning easier – whether you're planning a gathering for adults or a family affair.

For a family-centric Christmas, a great place to start is the [Family Matters section](#). These quarterly sections of *Viking* are archived on the Sons of Norway website and are a terrific resource for family friendly programming. A few of them are particularly good around Christmas time. First is the [Kids in the Kitchen program](#), which introduces youngsters to the basics of baking – just in time for Christmas cookies. Another timely unit is [Branch Out](#), which encourages kids to explore their family and cultural roots. With the whole family coming together, Christmas is a great time to get a young generation interested in genealogy. Finally, the [Kids in the Great Outdoors](#) is a good option if you're worried about kids having too much energy. It'll expose youth to different outdoor activities and may get them tuckered out so the adults can enjoy their own holiday activities.

There are also the [Youth Cultural Skills](#) units, designed to get a new generation interested in their Norwegian heritage. Adding one of these units to your holiday party may spark an interest that will last a lifetime!

Sons of Norway has plenty to offer for adults, too, starting with the ever popular [glogg](#), a staple of Norwegian Christmas gatherings. In addition to glogg, the Sons of Norway website has plenty of other Christmas culinary favorites like [rømmegrøt](#) and [juleskinke](#). Besides food, your guests might be interested in learning a bit more about Norwegian Christmas traditions. In the Info Bank units, you'll find an overview of [Norwegian Christmas](#), lyrics to [Norwegian Christmas carols](#) or [Romjula](#) – the time between Christmas and New Year's.

Of course, like the youth cultural skills units, a family Christmas gathering may be an opportune time for your family to begin exploring Norwegian arts and crafts together. In that case, consider checking out the [Cultural Skills program](#) for adults. There's sure to be something to pique the interest of your guests this Christmas!

Officer Election Reports Due December 15 – that's Thursday!

I will be sending out an update this weekend as to who I've gotten hard copies and email notifications from! Remember, even if you DON'T elect this year, you have to still file the form!

Most lodges hold their election for officers in November. Whether your lodge has new officers or no changes, please report your list of officers to Sons of Norway Headquarters by December 15, 2016. Timely reporting is needed to ensure accurate information for the upcoming district directories.

Option A: Online

Change your officers line-up quickly and easily by signing on to the member area of www.sonsofnorway.com and go to your member profile screen. You can do this by clicking on the word 'Profile' which is to the left of the 'Member Resources' button in the top right hand corner, then clicking on 'Member Profile.' 'Lodge Officer Updates' is the second option on the left hand side of the screen. Click on that link and then click on the 'Officers' button under the 'Select' heading.

No changes for 2017? Click the 'No Changes For Upcoming Year' button at the top of the screen.

Step 1: Adding a new office title to your list (Begin with this step.) Do you have an office title on your roster that is new for your lodge, such as Volunteer Coordinator? Perhaps you have an extra Social Director this year. Here is how you add an office: • At the top of the officer list, click the button for 'Add a New Position.' • Select a title from the drop down menu. • Enter the member number for the person assuming the office. • Click 'Submit' and agree to the change.

Step 2: Replacing a 2016 officer or removing an office title • Click into the field containing the member number of the member who held the office in 2016. Highlight that number and delete it. • Type in the member number of the member who is taking over the position. Note: the name of the new member will not appear on the line until after you have submitted your changes.

If an officer from 2016 is continuing in the same capacity in 2017, you do not need to make any changes to that line. If a position will not be filled in 2017, click the 'Remove this position' box. You can add it later if the position gets filled. Please make sure to make all changes before clicking the 'Submit Changes' button under the officer list.

NEW: If you need to make more changes or corrections, click on the 'Go back to make corrections' button. The names listed will not have changed, but the member numbers will be for the 2017 officers you've already entered.

Change in Meeting Location and Time These changes can also be made online by selecting 'Change Meeting Information' on the left side of the 'Lodge Officer Updates' intro screen. • Click on the 'Change Meeting Information' button. • Make changes as needed and hit 'Save.'

Updating Officer's Contact Information Lodge officers cannot make changes to another person's contact information via the Sons of Norway website. Individuals can sign on themselves and make

these changes. If you are aware of an address, phone number or email change for an officer, you can email the change(s) to Sherry Gorse at fraternal@sofn.com or by calling (800) 945-8851 ext. 643.

Option B: On Paper

The 2017 Lodge Officer Update D63 form was mailed to lodge secretaries at the end of October. This form lists your 2016 officers on the left-hand side of the page. Any changes in officers can be recorded on the corresponding blanks running down the right-hand side. Member numbers, names and contact information for new officers will be needed to complete the form. Changes to the addresses and contact information of continuing officers, as well as the lodge's meeting place and time, can also be recorded.

Sending to your District Secretary If you file your D63 on paper, some district secretaries require their own copy. See the instructions that came with the D63 form (mailed to the lodge secretary) for more information.

No Changes for 2017? If your officers are staying the same for 2017, you can make note of this online or on the D63 form. Just follow the directions included with the mailing. You can also notify Sons of Norway Headquarters by contacting Sherry Gorse.

Elections Not Completed by Dec 15? Please send in the information you have and/or contact Membership Services (Sherry Gorse) to explain the situation. Updates made after December 15 should still be reported. There is a possibility that updates reported after the deadline may not be reflected in your district's Lodge Directory.

2016-2018 Biennium District 5 Lodge Calendar and Other Deadlines **Last updated November 11, 2016**

December 2016

- December 15 –SN Foundation **Local Lodge Partnership and Helping Hands to Children** grants
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January 2017

- January 2 - SN Foundation **Scholarships -King Olav V Scholarship, Oslo International Summer School, Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship, Lund Fund Scholarship and Warne-Eng Scholarship** all due
- Install officers
- Member submit volunteer hours to lodge secretary
- January 1- District Bowling Tournament begins and ends April 30

February 2016

- February 1- Deadline for **LA** and **FLAF** forms (see February)- send to International Office (NEW- this is a date change and also a change that they are NO LONGER SENT to the zone directors)
- February 1- Updates for FraternalGive.org should also be completed (NEW)
- February 1- New form for lodges who do not use FraternalGive.org to record their activities. It is the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Year End Report. It is also due to the International Office. (NEW)
- Complete lodge financial audit so the **D17– Financial Report** can be finished by March 1
- Elect District Convention Delegates in even years
- **No date yet**- Wisconsin Regional Ski for Light - Rosholt, WI
- February 22- (Wednesday) Volunteer dinner for Barnebirkie volunteers, cookie exchange and tally, Cookie goal :1,000 dozen cookies
- February 23 (Thursday) Barnebirkie Race in Hayward, WI, Volunteer meal provided in the PM

March 2017

- March 1 – SN Foundation **Astrid G. Cates & Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships** due
- March 1- Deadline for **D17 Financial Report** – send to International
- March 15- District Scholarship Applications due
- March 18- Zone 3 meeting hosted by Vakkertland Lodge – Mauston
- March 31- Chili Cook off information and pictures due to Sports Director Michaela Decker

April 2017

- April 1 - **Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship** due
- April 7-8- District 5 Board Meeting in Stoughton, WI
- April 30- District Bowling Tournament Ends. Send forms in by May 10 to District Sports Director

May 2017

- May 10- Bowling forms due to District Sports Director
- May 15- Deadline for filing the **990 form**
- May 17- Early registration deadline for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** to qualify for additional deductions in the cost of camp from the Draxten Fund.

June 2017

- June 27- Balance due for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** registrations.

July 2017

- July 16-29 - **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** - Beaver Creek Reserve - Eau Claire, WI

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.

- The District 5 Convention will be June 27-July 1, 2018 at Hotel Radisson in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August ____ in Minneapolis, MN.

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