

## Friendly Fifth Friday News November 11, 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

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**If you can open the FFFN – it is posted each week on the District 5 Website. Any other attachments are also posted in their appropriate places.**

**Thank you to our veterans!**



### **Officer Election Reports**

The D63 – Officer Election Report information was sent from the International to the Lodge Secretary. After your elections, copies should have been sent to both the International Office and to the District Secretary by December 15! The sooner I get all reports in from lodges, the faster I can get the 2017 Lodge Directory completed. A copy of the new directory will be sent to the Lodge President and Lodge Secretary. Email is a very cost effective way to communicate with our members so we hope you have included the officer's email addresses. **Please make sure your members and officers know that you have a directory.** We print a limited number of directories and do charge for additional copies.

You also need to still submit your report if you elect officers for two years and this is your "off year". There is a place that you check "No changes" – this HAS TO BE DONE.

If you submit your changes online, I will get a notice that they have been updated and you don't need to send me a hard copy.

# Sons of Norway District 5

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off!

There are as many different types of chili as there are members in each Lodge! Share your best chili in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual District 5 chili cook-off! Pick a meeting and make it a social extravaganza by getting members to create their famous chili for one and all to enjoy! Each Lodge will judge all chili entries and decide on a winner—either by a panel of experts or by a consensus of the members. The winners will get their names (and hopefully a picture) on the D5 website, a blue ribbon, a certificate and most importantly, “bragging rights” for the year! **Please complete the activity and report to District Sports Director Michaela Decker by March 31, 2017 by emailing report and photos to [michaeladecker@wi.rr.com](mailto:michaeladecker@wi.rr.com)**



## Fall is a great time for bake sales, baking workshops and other outreach!

As we prepare for the holidays or those cold winter months after the holidays are done, keep in mind the great opportunity this offers our lodges to reach out and share our knowledge of Norwegian baking and cooking.

Did you have members who joined as they wanted to learn how to make cookies, lefse or other dishes?

Are there people in your community that are Norwegian and who might want to learn?

You can organize a variety of different activities that help you share your skills and expertise including:

- Baking workshops where people register
- Open house type workshops where lodge members are demonstrating a variety of cookies or other foods
- Bake sales
- Mat Klub (food clubs)- an activity where a smaller group (10-15) sign up for a meal, determine a menu, someone does the shopping, and the group gathers where there is a kitchen to prepare and share the meal. Split the grocery bill.
- Food Fair- have a number of foods available for sampling and charge an entry fee to get in

Look at what other lodges are doing, ask questions, attend their events and don't miss this chance as people prepare for the holidays or look for those inside winter activities! Use the Recipe box on the Sons of Norway website for new recipes or have members share "their favorite"!

This is a great way to reach new members, prospective members, young and old, and foodies in your area!

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'Featured Recipes' page on the Sons of Norway website. The page has a light blue header with the 'SONS OF NORWAY' logo and navigation links for 'Convention', 'Donate', 'FBC Resources', 'E-Post Signup', 'Events', 'LOG IN', and 'JOIN/RENEW'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'Financial Products', 'Member Benefits', 'Norwegian Culture' (which is highlighted), 'Foundation', and 'Blog'. The main content area has a large blue banner with the text: 'Featured Recipes. Sons of Norway members enjoy full access to all the recipes in our files, from soups and salads, to desserts and main dishes. Our recipe box is overflowing with traditional Norwegian dishes, and the ones on this page are just a few of our favorites.' Below this banner is a sidebar with 'NORWEGIAN CULTURE' and a list of 'Featured Recipes' including 'Gløgg', 'Rømmegrøt', and 'Lefse'. The main content area features a recipe for 'Gløgg' with the heading 'Vær så god! (Bon Appetit!)'. The text for the Gløgg recipe reads: 'The most important part of this recipe? Plan ahead - you want the mixture to stand for at least 12 hours before enjoying!' and includes a 'VIEW RECIPE' link. To the right of the text is an image of a glass of dark mulled wine (Gløgg) surrounded by cinnamon sticks and nuts. At the bottom of the page, there is a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system tray showing the time as 6:40 AM on 11/11/2016. A notification for 'Software download complete' is visible in the bottom right corner.

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

### November 2016

- Elect Lodge Officers for coming year (unless you have two-year officer terms)

### December 2016

- December 1 – SN Foundation **General Heritage and Culture** grants due
- December 15 –SN Foundation **Local Lodge Partnership and Helping Hands to Children** grants
- December 15- **D-63 Report of Elections** due. Send one copy to International Headquarters and one to District Secretary.

### 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](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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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