

Friendly Fifth Friday News November 20, 2020

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

From Sports Director Audrey Severson

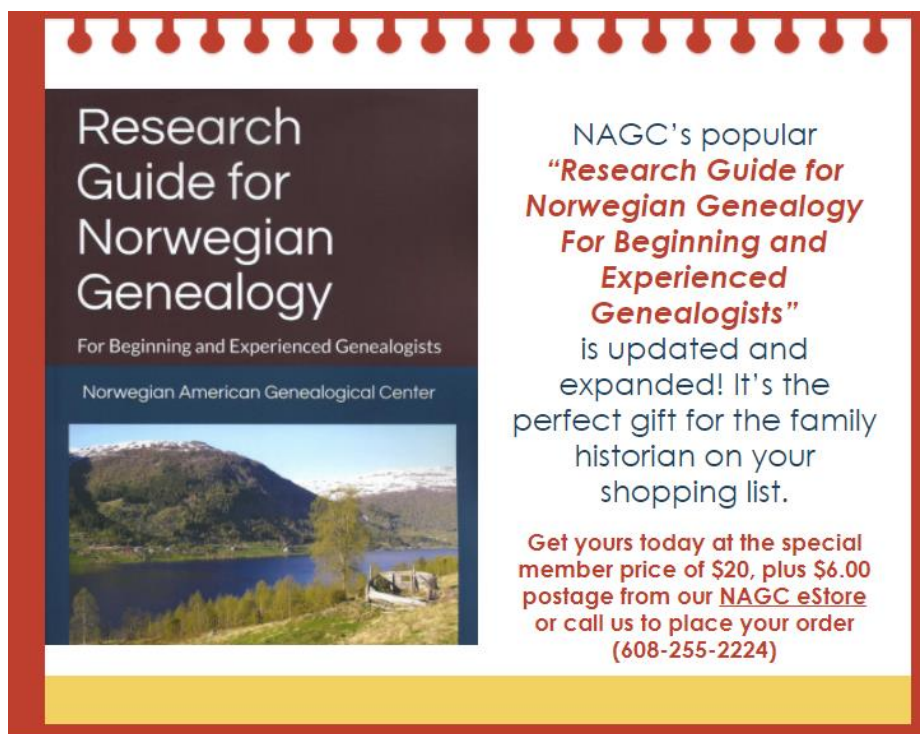
Dear Lodge Leader,

We are pleased to announce that we are implementing a new, streamlined process for ordering supplies from Sons of Norway. **This change applies to most supply orders, including Sports Medals and Cultural Skills pins, as well as general lodge supplies like table flags, placemats and napkins.**

Starting today, you will be able to order supplies online from the Sons of Norway store. The supply section of the online store is only available to lodge leaders. To order supplies, you will need to access the store using this link: <https://sofnlodge.logoshop.com/>. You can also find this link in your member profile after logging in at sofn.com. (This link is only for lodge supply items and is not the same as the public online store for general Sons of Norway merchandise.)

Please note that orders from the online store will appear on your credit card or bank statement under the name of our vendor, PHUSION, LLC.



New from NAGC & NL in Madison- <http://www.nagcnl.org/product-category/publications/>



**Research
Guide for
Norwegian
Genealogy**
For Beginning and Experienced Genealogists
Norwegian American Genealogical Center

NAGC's popular
**"Research Guide for
Norwegian Genealogy
For Beginning and
Experienced
Genealogists"**
is updated and
expanded! It's the
perfect gift for the family
historian on your
shopping list.

Get yours today at the special
member price of \$20, plus \$6.00
postage from our [NAGC eStore](#)
or call us to place your order
(608-255-2224)



Virtual Genealogy Classes for Sons of Norway Members

NAGC is excited to partner with Sons of Norway District 5 to offer beginning Genealogy Classes online this winter.

The first two-day class will be held Monday, November 30 and Tuesday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. Central.

The class will be repeated on Saturday, January 9 and Saturday, 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 two-day 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.

You can register by phone at 608-255-2224 or send an email to genealogy@nagcnl.org

Nordic News this week...

Last week's "Nordic News" **Olivia Cook's** "Christmas Traditions in Norway" is a "MUST WATCH" Nordic News presentation. Olivia is a member of Vennelag lodge in Mount Horeb WI. Her talk helps us understand the cultural differences between holiday celebrations in Norway and the U.S. View it at: <https://www.screencast.com/t/dn5ggdf7my0Z>



Sjokolade



Godteri



"Olena – Ole Bull's Ill-fated Pennsylvania Colony" will be the topic of the **November 25th Nordic News**. World famous violinist Ole Bull wanted to help the common Norwegian come to the U.S. and bought a large tract of land in the Pennsylvania wilderness to start a colony. Problem was that Ole Bull was swindled by crooked land agents who didn't really own the land they "sold" him. Ole Bull played benefit concerts to try to keep the colony going, but it eventually failed, and some of the colonists resettled in the Midwest, including northwest Wisconsin.

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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You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

Virtual History Course

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.

NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT IN IL-MI-WI

ENROLLMENT FORM

___ (\$25) I want to enroll in the Saturday (16 week) course, beginning on Jan. 23

___ (\$25) I want to enroll in the Monday (16 week) course, beginning on Jan. 25

___ I understand that the virtual classes are recorded and give my consent to my image and voice being recorded as part of participating in the class.

___ (\$25) I want to take the class as "independent study"; email me info on how to do this

___ (+\$25) I am not a **D5** Sons of Norway member and will pay the additional \$25 non-member fee

___ (\$99) I want to order the book/DVD collection (tax and shipping included; if ordered before Dec. 10, you will get them before Christmas)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Email (required): _____

Phone: _____ Lodge: _____

Comments: _____

Mail this form plus a check to:

Nordic Legacy Foundation

5747 Sandy Ln.

Racine WI 53406

Questions: contact mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com

I have been elected...Now What?

November is typically the month that District 5 Lodges elect their new slate of officers. Installations are usually held in January. Although 2020 is an anomaly, this work can now be satisfied virtually, making for smooth transitions. Bad weather will longer hold us hostage! Your Zone Directors can install officers in this same manner. Please ask.

For some lodges, a leadership role may mean a one-year term, while other lodges seat their directors or officers for two years. Becoming a lodge leader is an honor and coming with the position is a great responsibility. Your members look to you for enthusiasm, guidance, creativity, and a positive attitude as the lodge members celebrate their heritage as well as the customs and the culture of Norway.

Planning exciting and new programs will keep your members coming back for more! Your leadership team is the face the community sees, and it is important to equip your leadership team with the information they need to be successful. Make certain that they are able to identify the leadership team, are equipped to speak about upcoming lodge programming, can explain how one is able to enroll using the on-line process, and ask them to invite others to your meetings. Knowing others who are members of your lodge will raise the probability that a new person will consider membership.

Training your leaders and highlighting the lodge's constitution and other standing rules of order under which your lodge operates is a good idea. Distribute to the leadership team a copy of the Sons of Norway Constitution so that they can use it as a reference guide for help in clarifying issues that may arise. Consider asking a specialist to lead your team through the Sons of Norway Constitution and highlight those sections which carry the most weight.

Take time to bring your by-laws up to date with the new additions that have recently been shared from the International Board. Operation of the lodge will be like clockwork if the framework is in order. Consider storing your lodge's information virtually, to avoid the pitfalls that may come with changing leadership, the death(s) of local leaders, or other calamities that may befall your lodge.

Use this time away from your lodge meetings to prepare for the events that will be on your 2021 calendar. Many lodges will be attempting a lodge recruitment activity of some kind. Plan for it now and realize success at your event. Will it be a breakfast, lunch, or dinner event? Many lodges have an assigned Insurance Professional; invite them to join you. The financial and the fraternal divisions work in tandem to recruit new members and to provide members with investments, as needed. Will you have a presence elsewhere in your community for membership recruitment? Is there a community fair or festival where your lodge could obtain an information space?

One person has recently questioned, how do I manage the many communications that come my way in one week's time? A suggestion is to create folders on your desktop that allow you to categorize the information. One could consider: *Notes I need to read NOW*, *Information that can wait until LATER this week*, and *LONG-TERM* concerns I need to address. Establish which day(s) of the week you will work on communications.

Watch the training and information videos that are sent by David Crabb from Headquarters. If you are a new lodge leader, he has been featuring different programs or divisions of the International Office and how they can assist you with local operations. Ask past lodge leaders for help if you require it.

The Sons of Norway website (SofN.com) has much information for consideration. Set-up a username and a password. Once you have entered the site, you will find administrative resources to help you with lodge management. Invest some time to discover where different pieces of information are stored. A special tab is available for lodge presidents which includes information about cultural programming, required forms, and mandatory reporting. The Blog includes current news from Norway to share with your members. This is a great perk to point out to your younger members who prefer social media sites or websites for their information first, rather than using printed materials.

Please make me aware if there is something additionally that I can do to help.

Thank you,
Cheryl Schlessler, 608-219-4464 (rogcher@mhtc.net)

Send in a Song for Sons of Norway's 125th Anniversary Party!

To round out our anniversary year in a spirit of festivity and virtual togetherness, we will be hosting a three-day virtual event on December 8, 9 and 10. You can help us celebrate by showing off your musical talents as a featured part of the festivities!

We are seeking video recordings of all age groups playing a musical instrument and/or singing. These performances will be available for viewing on YouTube and on our website. See below for details.

Submission deadline: November 30, 2020

[Application Guidelines](#)

For more information about our 125th Anniversary Virtual Party visit sofn.com/125years/virtual-party/.

Our NEW issue of *Viking for Kids* is here

The November issue of *Viking for Kids* is now available for download. This issue includes fun facts about reindeer and the legends of the northern lights, plus a kid-friendly recipe and other exciting features.

Viking for Kids is a quarterly digital publication with Scandinavian-inspired articles, quizzes, coloring pages and more! We are excited for our Heritage members to have a magazine of their own and we look forward to seeing it in use!

Viking for Kids is also archived online at sofn.com/vikingforkids



Leadership Resource

A Newsletter for Sons of Norway Lodge Leaders - October 2020

Member Recruitment Update

Through September 30, you've helped **recruit 5,128 new members**. **Congratulations to the 28 lodges that have met their recruitment goal.** [View the 2020 Campaign FAQs, lodge goals and quarterly recruitment results here.](#)

https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/sons-of-norway-2020-member-recruitment-campaign/

Build Awareness of Upcoming Lodge Events AND Membership

*Is your lodge planning a takeout meal or virtual holiday event that will be open to the public? Don't forget to post your events details [here, on the Sons of Norway Events Calendar](#) and on our [Official Sons of Norway Facebook Group page](#). Sharing your lodge event information online is an easy way to build greater awareness of your event AND attract new members to your lodge. *Hosting a curbside pickup or takeaway dinner?* Be sure to tuck information about your lodge in with the tasty meal, along with a join form! Get ready now by ordering new member enrollment forms—contact Supply@sofn.com.*

D63 Officer Updates for 2021

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

https://www.sofn.com/resource_blog/d63-officer-updates-for-2021/

Back to School: Learn a New Skill

The change of season from summer to fall typically accompanies back-to-school preparation, the return to regular Sons of Norway meetings, and a new concert and theater calendar. While some of these activities are currently on hold, or have moved online, lodge members can still learn and share new skills from home. Here are some ideas to share with your lodge.

https://www.sofn.com/resource_blog/web-tip-viking-magazine-available-online/

Weekly Leader Resource Videos

Our weekly lodge leader resource videos are going very well. Each week, we deliver a new video on a different practical topic for lodge leaders. This month included videos on lodges and social action, leadership principles, and an interview with District 3 President Kathy Dollymore. You can find the entire catalog of videos [on this page](#).

https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/training_and_presentation_resources/leadership-resource-videos/

October was Foundation Month! This is a time to celebrate the Sons of Norway Foundation and the value it brings to our members and their communities. During Foundation Month we ask that you find a way to support the Foundation, whether through a personal donation or by collaborating with your lodge. **Thanks to the generosity of Sons of Norway leadership, any gift to the Foundation between October 1 and the end of the year will be MATCHED, up to \$50,000.** https://www.sofn.com/resource_blog/foundation-month-2/

Announcement: Lodges May Now Hold Referendums Via Electronic Vote

Dear Lodge Leaders:

The COVID-19 crisis has stymied many lodges' efforts to carry out their business, as they are not able to meet in person to vote on important matters as they usually do. In light of this problem, the delegates to the Sons of Norway Convention, the supreme governing body of Sons of Norway, voted last week to approve a new referendum. This new referendum will give local lodges the ability to hold referendums via electronic vote or postal mail. This gives lodges the ability to move forward with important business in the face of this unprecedented global health crisis.

In addition to having this option to vote electronically or by post, lodges may also opt to keep their current slate of officers in place for another year if they would like to avoid holding an election this year altogether.

You can find the text of the approved referendum [here](https://www.sofn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/referendum_092020.pdf). https://www.sofn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/referendum_092020.pdf

If you have any questions about what this new referendum means for your lodge, please don't hesitate to reach out to with questions.

Fraternally,
David Crabb

If you have questions about any of the topics in this issue, or if you would like to share a programming/recruitment tool that your lodge uses, contact us at sonsofnorway@sofn.com.

Fraternally,
Sons of Norway

2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

Changes in red!

Nordic News Weekly Program- Every Tuesday night

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November 30- December 1, 2020

- NAGC & NL and District 5 Genealogy Class

December 2020

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

December 8-10, 2020

- **Virtual 125th Celebration-** <https://www.sofn.com/125years/virtual-party/>

December 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

December 15, 2020

- District 5 Sports Challenge ends

December 16, 2020

- Application deadline for:
 - Community Partnership Grant applications are due to Sons of Norway Foundation.
- Date that new member applications (paper forms) must be **received** at HQ to ensure processing in time for end-of-year delegate calculation and recruitment challenge recognition. (Online applications may be submitted through December 31.)

December 31, 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 information is due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Last day to enter new membership applications into the database for delegate calculations and 2019 recruitment challenge recognition. (**Paper applications should be received at headquarters by December 15** to ensure adequate time for processing.)
- Application deadline for:
 - - Lodge Helping Hands to Children Grant*
 - Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant*
 - Lodge Vitality Grant*
- Deadline to order Baneløpet supplies.

January 9 and January 16, 2021

- NAGC & NL and District 5 Genealogy Class

April 16-17, 2021

- District 5 Board Meeting- Nashville, TN

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting in 2022 in Madison, Wisconsin. Hotel and dates to be determined.

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@sonsofnorway5.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