

Friendly Fifth Friday News

November 3, 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

From our Cultural Director Esther Charlton!

Cultural Skills Pins
Awarded to District 5
January 1 to June 30 2017

For 2017, a decision was made that there would be a winner for each zone in District 5. Although Vennligfolk had more members receive pins, they had already won as a lodge in a previous segment of the contest. Where there were two people that were equal, a name was pulled for the winner.

Zone 2

Lodge 496 – Rib Fjell
Mary Henkelman – Literature 2
Lodge 627 – Vennligfolk
Elaine Anderson – genealogy 2, Literature 2,3
Winner for Zone 2
Mark Hansen – Genealogy 1
Judith Pesanka – Genealogy 1
Carol Rasmussen – genealogy 2,3
Lynn Rasmussen – Genealogy 1
Karen Trzebiatowski – Genealogy 1
Donna Van Dreser – Genealogy 1

Zone 3

Lodge 314 – Mandt
Sharon Vance – genealogy 1
Winner for Zone 3

Zone 4

Lodge 183 – Nordlyset
Mike Palecek – Literature 1,2,3
Winner for Zone 4

Zone 5

Lodge 472 – Polar Star
Carol Vigsnes – Folkdancing 1
Richard Vigsnes – Folkdancing 1
Lodge 525 – Cleng Peerson
Sheila Gunderson – Literature 1,2,3
Winner for Zone 5

Lodge 593 – Elvesund
Margaret Bisberg – Genealogy 2
Richard Egeland – Literature 2

Zone 6

Lodge 614 – Circle City
Jean Bittner – genealogy 1
Lodge 677 – Vikings of the Smokies
Jeannette Lively – Hardanger 3
Winner for Zone 6

Update on Family Membership under the new dues structure

On January 1, 2018, Sons of Norway is converting to a simplified dues structure for U.S. lodges. The new plan includes a Family Membership, something that has been requested for years. This new membership category requires that all members in a household share the same renewal date. For this first year as we transition to the new dues structure, we will be using the renewal date of the household resident that is the latest in the year. (For instance, if one member has an April renewal date and the other has a September date, both renewals will occur in September.)

The new membership card that U.S. members receive when they renew during the remaining months of 2017 should reflect the latest renewal date in 2018 for members of their household.

If you have any questions, please email us at 2018dues@sofn.com.

What is a Household?

In order to qualify for a Family Membership rate of \$95 (U.S. members only), members must have the same mailing address in the Sons of Norway database. In addition, that mailing address must be for a single family residence.

Protecting our Members

Does your lodge copy membership applications before sending the originals Sons of Norway Headquarters? If so, please make certain that if a credit card is used for payment, the number is not included on the copy nor maintained by the lodge in any other documentation.

Please protect your members' credit card information as if it were yours.

Privacy Policy

Sons of Norway values the privacy of our members and is vigilant in our protection of information that we collect, including credit card numbers. Our [privacy policy](#) is sent to all members and certificate holders annually.

Year End Reporting

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Attention: Lodge Secretaries

In early November, a packet will be mailed from Sons of Norway Headquarters to lodge secretaries. This packet will include the Lodge of the Year form, Family Lodge of the Year form and the AFA Year End Report, all of which are due back to Headquarters by Feb. 1, 2018.

Reporting Tips

Online survey formats for both Lodge of the Year AND Family Lodge of the Year will be available. Links to both reports have been added to the [Membership Profile](#) screens of the top 5 lodge officers. (This is the first screen seen when logging into the members section.)

Completing the paper forms and mailing or faxing them to Sons of Norway Headquarters continues to be an option.

Do not send Lodge of the Year forms to your zone director or district president.

Completing either or both forms online? Do not send a copy to Headquarters. Responses to the questions are automatically sent.

AFA Year End Report

In order to qualify for any awards, a lodge must report the number of events and volunteer hours for 2017 either using [FraternalGive.org](#) or by completing an AFA Year End Report. Lodges that have been tracking their Membership and Community activities and hours online using [www.FraternalGive.org](#) throughout 2017 do NOT need to submit an AFA Year End Report. Sons of Norway will transfer all the event and hours totals electronically. NOTE: All 2017 tracking on [FraternalGive](#) should be entered by 02/01/2018. Lodges that have not been using [FraternalGive](#) need to complete a paper AFA Year End Report.

Lodge of the Year and Merit Awards

Lodges that complete the required forms will be eligible to win Gold, Silver and Bronze Merit Awards, District Family Lodge of the Year, District Lodge of the Year and International Lodge of the Year.

Member Privacy Promise

Sons of Norway respects your privacy. Your information is personal, and we promise to keep it confidential. We want you to understand what personal information we collect, how we use it, and how we protect it.

Information We Collect

Sons of Norway may collect nonpublic personal information about you from your applications or other forms, such as name, age, post office and email address, marital status, and social security number. We may also collect other information that you authorize us to obtain, such as medical records, medical exam information, and information from consumer reporting agencies. You have provided all of the information to us, or you have authorized Sons of Norway to obtain it.

What Information We Share

Unless you tell us not to, we share your information within Sons of Norway so that we provide you with membership services or financial products, and to administer to the lodge system and the Sons of Norway Foundation. We disclose information as required by law. As permitted by law, we also may disclose:

- Limited information, such as name, phone number post office and email address, to organizations with whom we have agreements to provide you certain products, services or benefits, like *Ski for Light* and *Visa*.
- Information about you to organizations that provide business services, such as reinsurance, printing, and mailing services. These organizations must adhere to the same strict standards of confidentiality as we do.

We never share your personally identifiable medical or financial information for any purpose other than underwriting insurance applications.

Security & Confidentiality Safeguards

Sons of Norway has administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect your information. Our safeguards include policies and procedures on handling your information, restricted access to only those who need it in order to provide you service, restricted computer access, technical controls, confidentiality requirements with our outside organizations, ongoing review of our procedures, and staff training to respect and guard your information.

Accuracy & Your Access to Information

We strive to keep your records accurate. If you see any inaccuracy in your statements or in other communications from us, please call us at (800) 945-8851. You may request access to and correction of your information at any time, by writing **Sons of Norway**, 1455 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Sons of Norway may change our privacy policy to conform with changes in the law and in our business practices. You will be informed of these changes.

We will inform all members of our Privacy Policy at the beginning of our business relationship and annually after that. If you would like more information, you may request a copy of our Privacy Policy and Information Security Program by writing **Sons of Norway**, 1455 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Form PP-L (04-2014)

Lutefisk dinner season ahead – the list grows!

If your lodge has a lutefisk dinner or there are ones in your area, please send me the information so we can share it.

I need the: name, date, time, street address, price, phone number of who to call, and if they need reservations.

I do NOT want all the other event flyers for other types of events and dinners. Please post that on the District calendar. I just have time to do the lutefisk dinners! We'll post them on our Facebook page, District calendar, and in this document!

District Calendar of Events: (new items in red)

November 2017

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

December 2017

- 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.

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 16-18, 2018 in Minneapolis, MN.

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