

## Friendly Fifth Friday News October 14, 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.**

### 2016-2018 Biennium District 5 Lodge Calendar and Other Deadlines Last updated October 14, 2016

September 2016

- September 23-24- District 5 Board Meeting in La Crosse, Wisconsin

October 2016

- October 15- **Lodge liability premium due** to International SN office
- Nominating Committee report due to Lodge

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

#### 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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## **Track your lodges activities and volunteer hours with FraternalGive.org.**

Lodge secretaries should be tracking their lodge's activities and volunteer hours throughout 2016. Paper forms were sent in the mail in March along with instructions for utilizing FraternalGives.org, which has proved a useful tool in accomplishing this necessary task. Last year, 65 lodges used FraternalGive to report 2,500 activities, during which lodge members clocked 94,000 volunteer hours. Of these activities, 450 were community focused activities with 27,000 hours, while 2,050 were membership focused with 67,000 hours. In March, Sons of Norway Headquarters compiled the rest of the activity and hour data from the Lodge Achievement forms, along with financial data from the Financial Statement D17 which were completed by the lodge treasurers. Look for the final activity, volunteer hour and money totals in a future copy of the Viking Resource and in the annual report published in the May issue of the Viking magazine.

Have questions about using FraternalGive.org or the paper forms? Contact Sherry Gorse, Membership Services, (800) 945-8851 ext. 643 or fraternal@sofn.com.

## **I am attaching a copy of the Spring 2016 Viking Resource that has several pages of information on how to use FraternalGives.org**

### **It's that time of year again... send the lutefisk dinner information!**

I am willing to compile a list of lutefisk dinners but need to ask for your help. Last year I was sent a variety of different file types, information and "lack of" information!

Please send the information in this format:

- Paragraph form with no pictures and pdf's. I can't cut and paste the information if it's in a pdf
- No flyers!
- I just want 4-5 sentences with the name of the dinner, location, price, and who to call for information.
- No other events or dinners. Use the District 5 website calendar to submit that information please.