

## Pros Cons Survey August 25, 2023 for the SN D5 Task Force- 22 responses

### What zone activities have you participated in over the years?

Training meetings;Picnics;Virtual meetings

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Training meetings;Virtual meetings;district board meetings in the past four years

Training meetings;Tours or outings

Training meetings;Tours or outings

none

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### How often do you interact with lodges within your zone?

2-5 times a year

Never

Never

More than six times

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Once a year

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less than once a year  
More than six times

**Do you interact much with lodges outside of your zone for activities or events?**

Not on a regular basis;At adult camps or Masse Moro;On ZOOM Calls or virtual meetings  
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At adult camps or Masse Moro;Only at convention;We try to attend other lodge's fundraisers or events;On ZOOM Calls or virtual meetings  
Not unless it's a D5 event.  
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Not on a regular basis  
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My lodge has a picnic with Osseo Lodge each July.  
Not on a regular basis;Only at convention;On ZOOM Calls or virtual meetings;interact with members of other lodges (not lodges)  
At adult camps or Masse Moro;We try to attend other lodge's fundraisers or events;On ZOOM Calls or virtual meetings

**Do you feel that leadership and officer training could be done virtually instead of in-person?**

Yes, in that case we could have them more often.

Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
No  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Maybe  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes

Certainly a lot of training can be done by virtual meetings but never undererestimate the value of in person meeting and training.

Maybe

Yes

Yes

Yes

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Yes

Yes

**Do you feel it's important to have in-person social, leadership or other activities with lodges in your zone on an annual basis?**

Yes

No

Maybe

Yes

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very helpful to meet other lodge members

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No

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**Do you feel there should be some zone representation on the District Board or would "at large" be okay?**

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At large from 2-3 geographical areas. Do we need/want representation like the House of Representatives?

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### **What are the five best things (pros) about having zones or zone activities?**

meeting new people, getting new ideas, seeing what other lodges have for activities

After much thought I see no purpose for having a zone

Officer installation provides a link to D5

activities provide chance to meet members of other lodges who have similar ideas

Meeting people face to face. I do not like zoom meetings

I've never been to a shared Zone activity except when I was on the District board in California

â€¢formal protocol for governing purposes â€¢system is already in place and is easy to continue with what we have been doing. â€¢

Person to person contact; idea sharing; encouragement; interaction, supporting

1.It was nice sharing ideas with people who have the same lodge position as you. 2. It is very nice getting to know each other. 3. Having meetings sort of keeps you on track. 4.You can do bigger things if you do them together. 5. Sharing resources is helpful.

Dedicated resource for that zone. Smaller group to work with.

Meeting like-minded people face-to-face, hearing about their activities and ways of resolving certain issues, getting ideas to bring back to the lodge that might be successful, developing personal relationships with other lodge members with whom we can participate in other activities.

Ideas from others, visiting with other members,

Find out what other lodges are doing. Get new ideas.

meet lodge leaders; share lodge problems and information; have lodges interact and share problems, concerns and membership positive activities

getting to know other members, finding new activities to do at meetings

Getting to know the people and encouraging them.

Larger population- greater activity and help. Pool Resources- but this doesn't seem to happen. Have a (optional) zone convention/activity on the alternate year of the D5 convention.

Leadership training, social aspects, supporting each other, sharing ideas and programs, we have done joint activities

### **What are the biggest challenges (cons) of having zones or zone activities?**

Traveling distances

Distance

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time schedule, traveling, willing able leadership

travel time, weather, deer

DISTANCE

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“zone activities are extremely hard to schedule for a reluctant audience. zone activities seem to need to be entertaining nowadays compared to the learning from serious training back in the 80s. zone training is viewed by many “experienced” members as boring. certain areas have difficulty finding people to serve on the Board.

Travel

To find time to meet; to find a centralized location; how to deal with universal concerns of inactivity in our lodges.

1. Finding a date that is good for most people. 2. Finding a location that is good for most people. 3. Getting a presenter. 4. It seems to be a problem finding "qualified" candidates to be directors. 5. It's hard to find willing candidates to be directors.

Distance between some lodges in zones can be challenging. Inconsistency of activities between zones.

In Zone 6, the biggest challenge for most people is the distance between lodges. That doesn't stop a few members but it is a valid excuse for most.

Scheduling, distance sometimes

Travel requirements are too great. I'm in Michigan.

travel may be too far for the zone director

travel distances, time to go

Getting the lodges to follow through on suggestions to keep lodge active and growing.

Need people to plan and carry out. Grass root support (time, money, people), Too much already in members' lives

In other zones, the distance between lodges is the biggest obstacle. Having zone directors who are comfortable with virtual platforms has been a challenge in reaching out to their assigned lodges.

### **Do you feel that visits from your zone director have been helpful?**

Not really

Not really

Yes- nice but not critical

Yes- nice but not critical

Yes- nice but not critical

Yes- nice but not critical

Not really

Yes- nice but not critical

Yes- very helpful

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**Other comments that you have about pros and cons of zones**

Zones should be separated into areas where the lodges are close to have meetings together as far as possible.

At this point in time with the internet and zoom, totally see no purpose for zones.

Zones are not really needed in this day and age

I feel the zone assignment may feel like a restriction.

Zones, if continued, should not be by lodge membership, but by location

I think not having zones could provide freedom to interact with more lodges without the feeling of borders constraining where we should go.

Work together with other zones; provide virtual for those who can not attend in person.

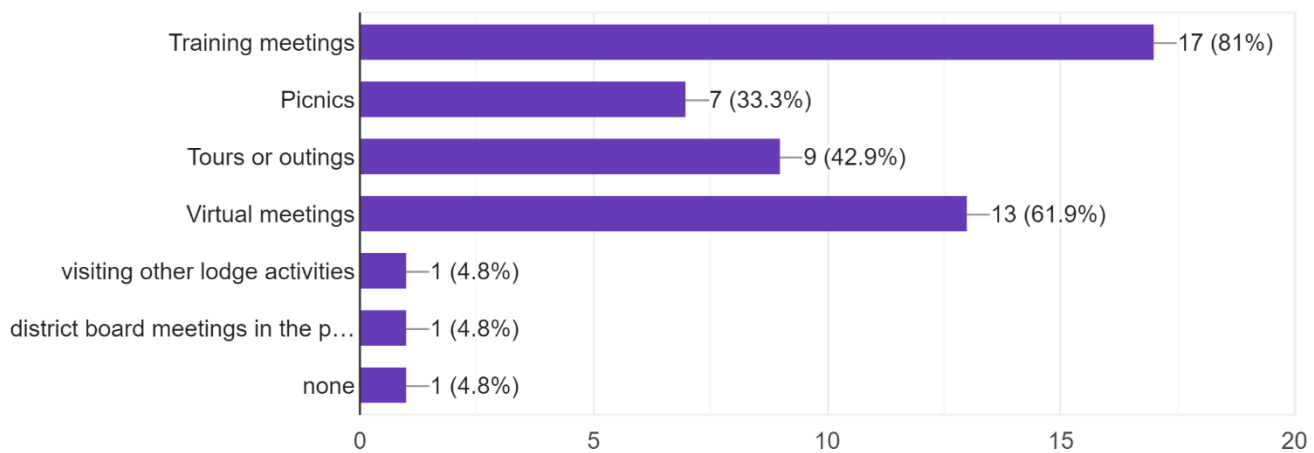
I think if we do away with Zones and the Zone Director that we are doing an injustice to the District. We're still trying to figure out how to work post-pandemic so we should keep trying to rebuild and grow more ideas for all lodges to become better and more creative. Directors we are doing our District an injustice. I am not in favor with doing away with Zones. I think we need to continue to build them up because we have undergone a close-down because of the pandemic and now we need to come on strong to rebuild and grow what our lodges together can

I found it helpful to get lodge presidents and officers meet with other lodge officers

The needs, capabilities, interests, ect of the "urban" populous northern vs the southern part of the District are different and unique.

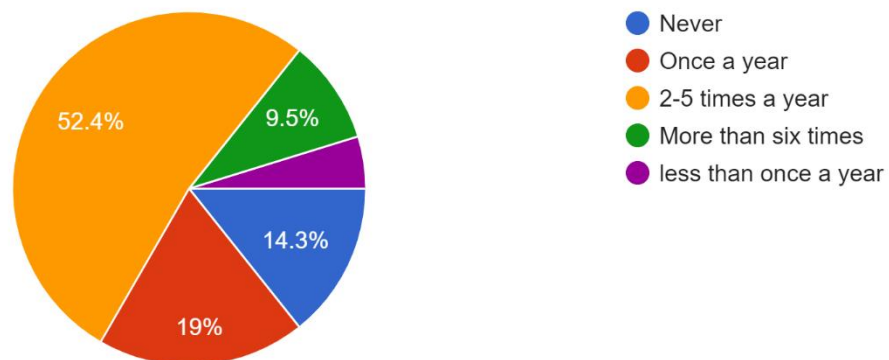
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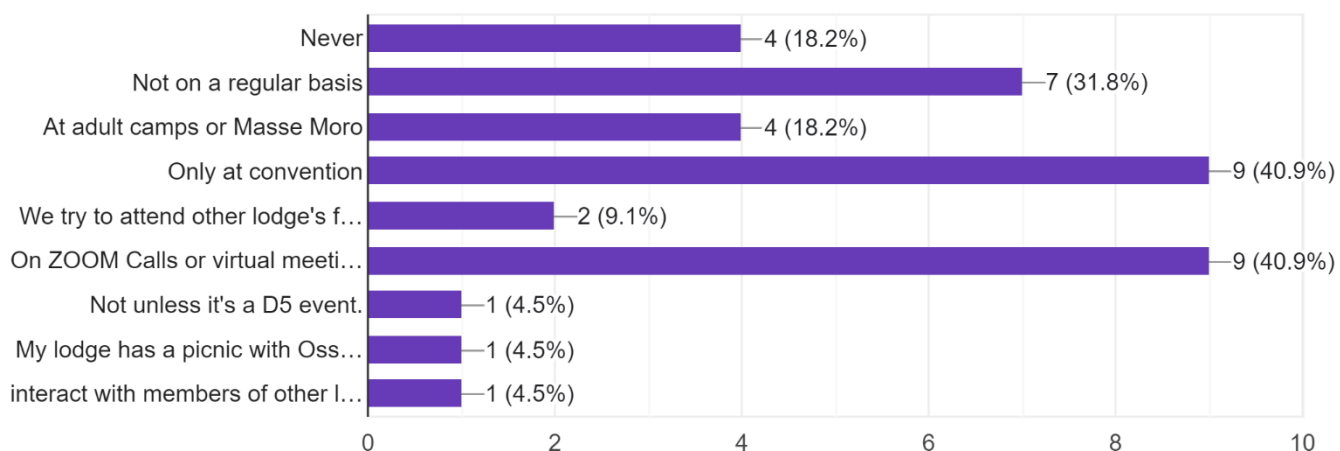
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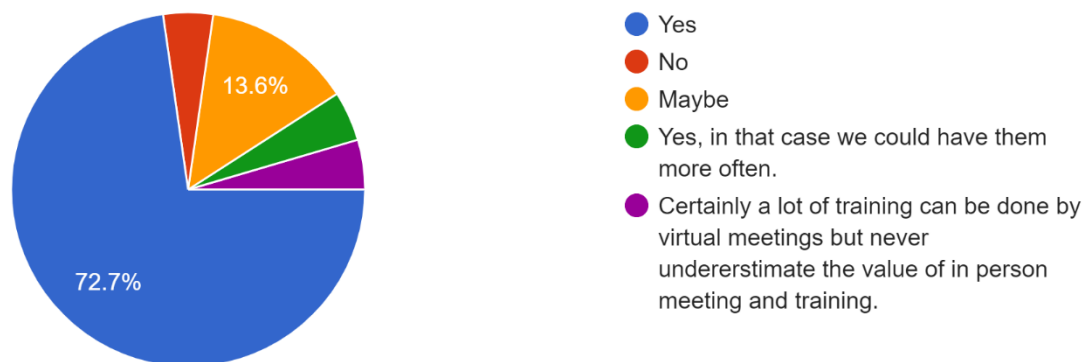
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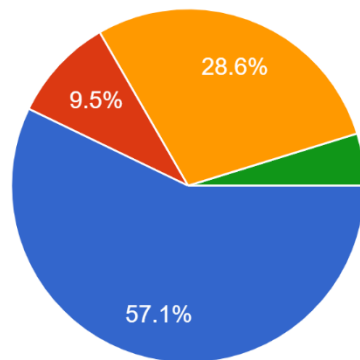
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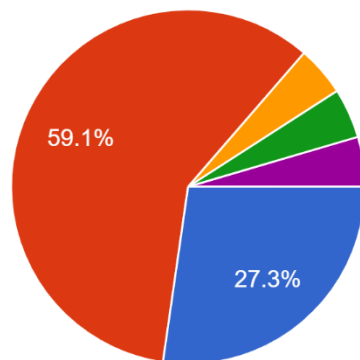
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