

Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News September 15, 2023

Sons of Norway District 5 Convention Indianapolis Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel 2501 S High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46241 June 19-22, 2024 Cultural Arts Display

RACING TO THE FUTURE



Calling all members of Sons of Norway District 5!
Prepare your cultural arts projects for display at the District 5
Convention

in June, 2024 in Indianapolis. Any cultural arts project completed since June of 2022 is eligible for display. An important part of the convention is the presentation of folk art projects completed by members. Your work will be appreciated by members from throughout the district. What a wonderful opportunity to display your skill and show others your contribution to carrying on traditional skills.

This year our display space is somewhat limited, so it is more important than usual to register your pieces as soon as they are completed. The judging will be people's choice; there is no fee; pre-registration is needed; work must have been finished after the last convention; SofN members only may enter; work must be completed by the person registered as the artist; each item must have appropriate identification attached; items will be kept in a locked room overnight; volunteers will monitor the display during the day.

Cultural Skills Categories include: rosemaling, Norwegian weaving, Nordic or Sami-influenced knitting, Norwegian needlework (Hardainger embroidery, Klostersøm, Diamantsøm, Nålbinding), crocheting, tatting, wood carving (figure, relief, chip carving), bent wood construction, photography, painting, knife-making, stained glass, kolrosing.

Cultural arts items may be checked in at the display area Thursday, June 20th between 1 pm and 3 pm.

Items may be sent with someone if the artist is not attending the convention

Send questions to Judy Ghastin at judy62ghastin@gmail.com.

Judy Ghastin
District 5 Cultural Director

Sons of Norway District 5 Convention

Indianapolis Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel

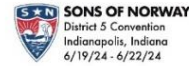
2501 S High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46241

June 19-22, 2024

Cultural Arts Display

Item Registration Form

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Artist Name _____ email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Lodge name & # _____

Category & Description

Item 1

Item 2

Item 3

Send this form to Judy Ghastin, 718 Bruce Ct., Madison, WI 53705.

Attach an ID tag to each item submitted.

Item 1 Artist name

Item 2 Artist name

Item 3 Artist name

Membership Report from District VP Wendy Kay Winkelman

I am attaching the Jan - Aug membership report for District 5.

We have lost 395 members in our District since 12/31/2022. This includes loss of members in 000/999.

Jan thru Dec 2023
Membership #s - District 5

		Last Year			This Year			Change in Membership			
		12/31/2022						Adults		Adults & Juv	
		Adults	Juveniles	Adults & Juv	Adults	Juveniles	Adults & Juv	Number	%	Number	%
Januar	2023	6,776	191	6,967	6,729	189	6,918	-47	-0.7%	-49	-0.7%
Februar	2023	6,776	191	6,967	6,685	187	6,872	-91	-1.3%	-95	-1.4%
Mars	2023	6,776	191	6,967	6,627	187	6,814	-149	-2.2%	-153	-2.2%
April	2023	6,776	191	6,967	6,589	187	6,776	-187	-2.8%	-191	-2.7%
Mai	2023	6,776	191	6,967	6,564	187	6,751	-212	-3.1%	-216	-3.1%
Juni	2023	6,776	191	6,967	6,505	185	6,690	-271	-4.0%	-277	-4.0%
Juli	2023	6,776	191	6,967	6,455	183	6,638	-321	-4.7%	-329	-4.7%
August	2023	6,776	191	6,967	6,381	181	6,562	-395	-5.8%	-405	-5.8%
September	2023	6,776	191	6,967							
Oktober	2023	6,776	191	6,967							
November	2023	6,776	191	6,967							
Desember	2023	6,776	191	6,967							

In Jan 2023, there were 3,683 adult members in lodge 000 and 999.

In Jan 2023, there was a gain of membership as follows:

Zone 1	-1	
Zone 2	2	SON Finl is not selling as many policies as in 2022 ?
Zone 3	0	
Zone 4	0	Up 4 local members in January (possibly Xmas Gifts?)
Zone 5	0	
Zone 6	3	
Zone 000	-42	
Zone 999	-9	
	-47	

In Feb 2023, there were 3,657 adult members in lodge 000 and 999.

In Feb 2023, there was a loss of membership as follows:

Zone 1	-1	
Zone 2	-1	
Zone 3	-4	
Zone 4	-1	
Zone 5	-4	
Zone 6	-3	
Zone 000	-68	
Zone 999	-9	
	-91	

In Mar 2023, there were 3,631 adult members in lodge 000 and 999.

In Mar 2023, there was a loss of membership as follows:

Zone 1	2	
Zone 2	-6	
Zone 3	-13	
Zone 4	-5	
Zone 5	-14	
Zone 6	-10	
Zone 000	-90	
Zone 999	-13	
	-149	

In Apr 2023, there were 3,590. adult members in lodge 000 and 999.

In Apr 2023, there was a loss of membership as follows:

Zone 1	3	
Zone 2	-8	
Zone 3	-15	
Zone 4	-7	
Zone 5	-14	
Zone 6	-2	
Zone 000	-116	
Zone 999	-28	
	-187	

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12/31/2022			This Year			Adults		Adults & Juv	
Adults	Juveniles	Adults & Juv	Adults	Juveniles	Adults & Juv	Number	%	Number	%

In May 2023, there were 3,555 adult members in lodge 000 and 999.									
In May 2023, there was a loss of membership as follows:									
Zone 1		10							
Zone 2		-10							
Zone 3		-17							
Zone 4		-11							
Zone 5		-16							
Zone 6		11							
Zone 000		-144							
Zone 999		-35							
		-212							

In Jun 2023, there were 3,506 adult members in lodge 000 and 999.									
In Jun 2023, there was a loss of membership as follows:									
Zone 1		11							
Zone 2		-19							
Zone 3		-16							
Zone 4		-14							
Zone 5		-17							
Zone 6		12							
Zone 000		-187							
Zone 999		-41							
		-271							

In Jul 2023, there were 3,580 adult members in lodge 000 and 999.									
In Jul 2023, there was a loss of membership as follows:									
Zone 1		10							
Zone 2		-27							
Zone 3		-21							
Zone 4		-15							
Zone 5		-22							
Zone 6		8							
Zone 000		-211							
Zone 999		-43							
		-321							

In Aug 2023, there were 3,440 adult members in lodge 000 and 999.									
In Aug 2023, there was a loss of membership as follows:									
Zone 1		4							
Zone 2		-32							
Zone 3		-25							
Zone 4		-27							
Zone 5		-26							
Zone 6		5							
Zone 000		-247							
Zone 999		-47							
		-395							

The 98th annual meeting of the Slooper Society of America

Schedule of events for October 8th:

- 12:00 pm: Doors open for sign-in
- 12:30 pm: Slooper business meeting
- 1:00 pm: "A Taste of Norway" will be served
- 2:00 pm: program "The Sloopers of 1825" by Dale Goodman
- Afterwards: visit of Norsk Museum

This meeting is not limited to just Slooper descendants but anyone with an interest in Norwegian-American history and culture. RSVP is required to guarantee a seating. Check out the link for details.

[98th Annual Slooper Meeting Invite](#)

** If this email has been sent in error, please email [remove] and your email address will be deleted.

Tusen takk, Dave Johnson, Historian, Slooper Society of America, Board President, Norsk Museum, (815) 343-5070, david7dog@yahoo.com, www.NorskMuseum.org

Destination Stoughton- SN District 5 Adult Camp

October 27-29, 2023

Details on all of the events and activities will be continuously updated on the **Chamber website, District 5 Website and Facebook: Sons of Norway Stoughton WI**

Lodging: Make reservations on your own. There are a number of events happening in our area which prevented us from being able to get room blocks. Check these local listings:
<https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/category/lodging-52>,
<https://www.oregonwi.com/list/category/hotels-motels-49>,
<https://www.mcfarlandchamber.com/members/category/lodging-and-travel>
or google your own! There are Air Bnb's (<https://www.airbnb.com/> and then put in Stoughton, WI and the dates), Bed and Breakfasts (<https://naesetroe.com/>, Altemus Corners House Bed and Breakfast) and other options around our area.

Friday, October 27- Mt. Horeb, Madison and Stoughton

Out and about options for the morning and afternoon

Madison

- Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library- NAGC will be open from 9-4 exclusively for District 5 Adult Camp participants. The staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist visitors with finding research materials and answer genealogy questions. The daily use fee will be waived for that day. Limited off-street and on-street parking is available at no charge. **To register, contact NAGC directly at 608-255-2224 or genealogy@nagcnl.org.** They are located at 415 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703

Mt. Horeb area

- **Hauge Log Church-** Built in 1852, the Hauge Log Church was the first Norwegian Lutheran Church constructed in western Wisconsin. Adjacent to the church is a small cemetery where members of the first congregation are buried, including Arne Ruste who cut the first log used in building the church. Howard Kietzke will lead our tour. Visit www.haugelogchurch.org to learn more! Address: 1359 County Hwy Z, Blue Mounds, WI 53517. You will have a guided tour and time to explore this fascinating part of Hauge history!
- **Driftless Historium-** open 10-4 on Fridays- <https://www.mthorebhistory.org/>. Regular admission is \$5 for Seniors (60+) and \$7 for Adults, and can be paid that day at the front desk. Driftless Historium

The Driftless Historium is an unexpectedly big-time museum in the heart of small-town Mount Horeb, with something for everyone!

- Stroll through the award-winning exhibit, “Life and Change at the Edge of the Driftless.” You’ll experience the stories and see the stuff of generations of Native Americans, migrants, settlers, farmers, innovators and others who have lived, loved and died here.
- See “History in 3D” in our newest exhibit that invites you to use special glasses to get a three-dimensional view of Wisconsin’s past. Available for a limited time only!
- Soak up some culture via a rotating slate of local art installations.
- Indulge in retail therapy in our fully-stocked and eclectic gift shop and bookstore.
- Snap a selfie with Mount Horeb’s FIRST troll, the “Chicken Thief.” (Teaser: you’ll see how nature took back what this mischievous troll swiped.)

The museum store features the Village’s largest book selection: local author-signed works and histories, Wisconsin-themed titles, a children’s section and a wide variety of other tomes chosen to entertain and enlighten. You’ll also discover a delightful and quirky array of miscellany, from Troll Town souvenirs, locally-produced artistry, vintage-inspired toys and kitchenware, to ethnic gifts, yard art and cast-iron statuary, t-shirts, jewelry and more. And a colony of trolls waiting to join your family! **We specialize in carrying an array of genuine, vintage, crazy-haired trolls, scouted from estate sales, basements and attics—and, of course, our exclusive Mount Horeb trolls!** The three-building facility also serves as the base of operations for the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society. Genealogists, historians and researchers are encouraged to take advantage of the Society’s expansive archival and artifact holdings, with free research visits and commissioned research services available by appointment. The Driftless Historium calendar includes special events and programs for all ages.

- **1:30 PM**- A presentation by Brian Bigler on the Norway House (limited to 50 people) at the Historium’s Community Room. Brian Bigler, is an expert on the Norway Building that sat on the Little Norway grounds for over 80 years. He recently published an article about it in the *Wisconsin Magazine of History* (see here: <https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/wmh/id/53863/rec/2>), and has given several lectures on the topic.

The Norway Building of the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair: A Well Traveled Building
Constructed in Norway in the winter and spring of 1892 -93 the Norway Pavilion outlived its temporary purpose as a World’s Fair showpiece by traveling from Illinois to Wisconsin and landing back in the place it was built 122 years later – Norway. This presentation will follow the building on its journey through 5 constructions and 5 disassembles with several ownership’s from wealthy tycoons and estate owners, its tenure at a Wisconsin tourist attraction and back to the mother country and its environs. Attendees will also learn of the making of the World’s Fair and its long-lasting influence, the development of a Wisconsin tourist attraction and the efforts by a group of Norway’s citizens to save the building from being lost to history.

- Shopping and lunch on your own in Mt. Horeb- <https://www.mounthorebchamber.com/>

Stoughton

- Livsreise- Norwegian Heritage Center- 277 W. Main Street. New hours: Open from 9:30-5:00 but closed from 12-12:30 PM. Free admission. *Innovators and Inventors* is an exciting new exhibit on loan from the Vesterheim Museum that celebrates the creativity and ingenuity of Norwegian immigrants and their descendants in America. This exhibit will also highlight some contemporary women inventors or innovators and others with ties to Wisconsin. Livsreise is also hosting an exhibit of several Norwegian immigrant trunks, all of which belong to someone who settled in the Midwest. If they could talk each one would tell a story of trials and tribulations, hopes and dreams for a better life in America.
- Visit our stores and local businesses! <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/QL/shopping-specialty-retail-23>, <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/ql/restaurants-food-beverages-22>, and <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/QL/arts-culture-entertainment-3>.
- Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge- 317 South Page Street
 - 6 PM- Supper with reservations only- meatball supper- Meatballs, potatoes, hot vegetable, cucumber salad, bread item, milk, coffee or water. Norwegian dessert. \$20/person
 - 7:30 PM – SHS Norwegian Dancer Presentation- Trip to Norway and how the Dancers can help your lodge!
 - 8:15 PM- Gary Nauman and Nathan Peterson, The Authors and Illustrators of *Vidar and Hans*, will share their story of starting an independent comic book right when the pandemic hit. The Vidar and Hans Series is about a Viking and a Troll hanging out in Stoughton, hiding their secret identities, and aspiring to be superheroes. This comic book is a love letter to Stoughton, Celebrating its heritage, artiness, beauty, charm, and entrepreneurial flare. Hear about the challenges and opportunities of this unique indie endeavor.
 - Later evening - *Kaskeland* movie downstairs about the Koshkonong Prairie
 - Socializing and idea sharing

Saturday, October 28- Stoughton

- The Wisconsin State Rosemaling Association's Holiday Bazaar: 9 AM – 2 PM. Our community loves to be creative! During our annual Fall Bazaar, see how our members get creative with the rosemaling styles and add so much fun to this amazing heritage art. It's a 'gotta-be-there' event! Finding rosemaled Christmas ornaments is an annual tradition for many rosemaling fans. We will have traditional rosemaled pieces along with nordic holiday handiwork and lots of fun! This is your opportunity to purchase rosemaled items and learn more about this group's activities, classes, competitions, and sales. A wide variety of quality items will be offered – you won't want to miss this shopping opportunity. Location: Stoughton Fire Department's Training Room, 401 East Main Street, Stoughton, WI
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which belong to someone who settled in the Midwest. If they could talk each one would tell a story of trials and tribulations, hopes and dreams for a better life in America. Livsreise is right next door to Mandt Lodge!

- Stoughton Historical Society Museum Open- 10:00 – 1:00 for tours (self-guided or scheduled)
324 South Page, will be open from 10:00-3:30. For a \$2 donation, visit Stoughton's museum featuring displays including Ever-changing Main Street, bunads, rosemaling, military history, various Norwegian collections, a fire truck, much more! The museum is right across from Mandt Lodge! Make a \$2 donation to visit the museum- you won't be disappointed!
- Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers: Community Building - 320 North Street. One performance at 4:30 PM. Join the dancers at the Community Building after the downtown adventures for their 4:30 performance, more treats with the dancers, and autograph and meet & greet opportunities!
- Lunch on your own- <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/ql/restaurants-food-beverages-22>

Events at Sons of Norway-Mandt Lodge- 317 South Page Street, Stoughton

- 11:00 am – 12 noon- Card Kit Class - \$22. Includes: 1 NLF stamp set, grid stamp block, black stamp pad, tape runner, notions, pre-cut cardstock for one card plus envelope. Instruction sheets on how to use stamps and make the card. (NLF Stamp Set order form included). You must pre-register for this class!
- 12:30-1:30 PM- St. Paul's LLC – A Vossa-land Church- Roxy Engelstad- The presentation will focus on the early history of the church, which is the oldest Norwegian Lutheran church in the U.S. that has continuously held worship services in the same sanctuary. Roxy Engelstad will share her research on the Norwegian immigrants (and many of them were Vossings) that built the church and how they constructed one of the largest limestone and mortar structures in this area during the 1850s. Major renovations to the church were completed in 1914, and now the congregation at St. Paul's has initiated a second renovation to hopefully sustain the church for the next one hundred years. Please join us as Roxy talks about the details of the renovations, both in 1914 and 2019.
- 1:30-2:30 PM- Author Talks- Steve Fortney (Colonel Heg) - Hans, Christian Heg what is the highest union officer to have died in the Civil War. He was a Norwegian immigrant and settled with his family and the wind Lake Wisconsin. He had been elected to the Wisconsin prison commissioner before the war, which was the highest elected office a Norwegian, American have ever been elected to in Wisconsin up until that point. He was the volunteer colonel of the 15th Wisconsin, the all Scandinavian regiment in the union army. It fought many battles led by Heg until his death of Chickamauga in 1863.
- 2:45-4:00 PM District 5 Updates and Masse Moro Presentation
- Adjourn at 4:00 for the 4:30 PM- Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancer Performance at the Community Building.

- 6:00 PM- Supper at Mandt Lodge- Fish chowder, sandwich/wrap, milk, coffee, water and a Norwegian dessert. \$15/person
- 7:00 PM- Yahara Chocolate Presentation- Brook Johnson- Brook Johnson has been collecting chocolate for more than 20 years and started Yahara Chocolate & Tea in 2019 to share his knowledge of chocolate with Stoughton. Come to learn about the history of chocolate, chocolate making, and enjoy samples from all over the world including from Freia and Fjåk from Norway. Brook will start over 4,000 years ago in the jungles of South America and finish in Norway on the opposite side of the world. Your registration covers the cost of this presentation- otherwise a \$5 charge/person.
- 8:15 PM- Bill Amundson - Stoughton's Norwegian Culture: An Outsider's Guide- details to come but be ready for a fun, humorous and educational program to end our day!
- Socializing and visiting afterwards

Sunday, October 29- Cambridge and Deerfield area

- 9:00 AM- Church service at East Koshkonong Church- 454 E. Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523 <http://www.eastkoshkonong.org/Worship.aspx> . East Koshkonong is the first Norwegian American congregation started by a Church of Norway missionary. J.W.C. Dietrichson preached his first sermon in the United States for the people on the eastern part of the Koshkonong Prairie on September 1, 1843. These pioneers made a commitment to start a congregation on October 9, 1843. We have two buildings, what we fondly call the "Upper Church," which is the historic church to the west, and the "Lower Church," the primarily used building to the east. The twin steeples are a prominent landmark in our community.
- 10:00 AM- tour of the historic East Koshkonong Church and cemetery (same address)
- 11:15 AM- tour of Liberty Prairie Church - 3494 Oak Park Road, Deerfield, WI 53531. St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church has a rich and interesting history. Though it has not been officially confirmed, the church may be the oldest Norwegian Lutheran Church in the United States that has been continuously worshiped in, and that has not been moved from its original site. In the late 1840s, faithful Norwegian immigrants settled on Liberty Prairie. A nearby pastor, J.W.G. Dietrichson, began to preach in the neighborhood. When Pastor Dietrichson returned to Norway in 1850, Reverend A.C. Preus – encouraged by the faithfulness of those who gathered in the area – decided to begin a mission congregation on Liberty Prairie. A group of people began worshiping in the home of Sjur Reque, but it soon became clear that their mission required a building.
- Lunch on your own as you head home, or we can find a place to gather as a group in Cambridge or Deerfield!

Sons of Norway District 5 Adult Camp Registration Form 2023

One form per person please! Registrations are due October 15, 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lodge: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Make check out to: **Nordic Legacy Foundation**

Mail to: Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary, 2056 Skaalen Road, Stoughton, WI 53589.
If you have any questions, contact Darlene at arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-514-4951

Registration includes coffee and treats at Mandt Lodge, all speakers and presenters at Mandt Lodge and on

Sunday, and District's expenses for hosting the event. Additional costs are listed in the two sections below.

Activity	Cost	Total
Registration	\$40/person	\$
Friday Night Meatball Supper	\$20/person	\$
Saturday Card Making Class	\$22/person	\$
Saturday Night Fish Chowder Supper	\$15/person	\$
Total enclosed		\$
These activities have a charge at the door and are NOT part of this order form but we need to know you are going!		
Driftless Historium and Brian Bigler Presentation (Bigler presentation limited to the first 50 to register for it)	\$5 seniors (60+) and \$7 adults under 60 years old. Pay when arriving.	
Stoughton Historical Society	\$2 donation at the door	
NAGC & NL	Must pre-register with them directly!	

Office use: Received on _____ Amount enclosed \$_____

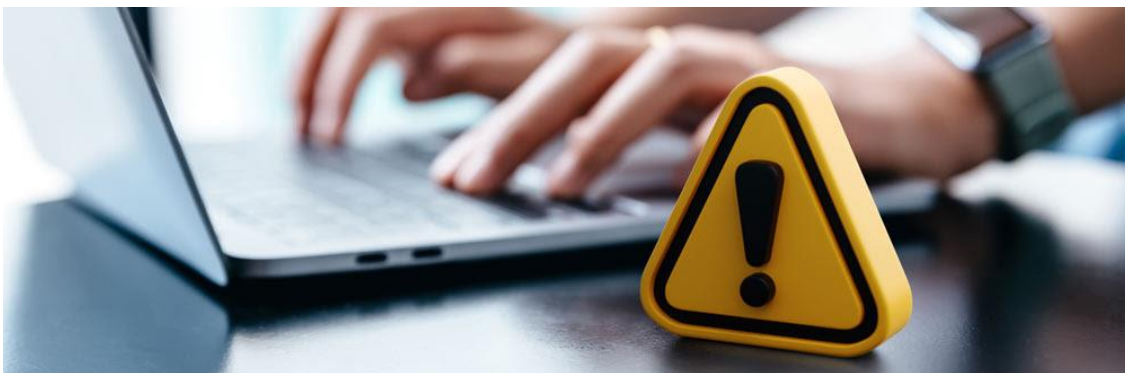
Type of payment: ____ cash ____ check Confirmed registration _____

***Did you see the email from International this past week? Must log in to follow links!
Mark Your Calendars!***



Officer Updates and the **D-63** will be due **December 31**. More information on how to submit that to come.

Online Lodge Directory



Phishing scams happen all the time. **If you are ever suspicious of an email, do not open it!** Please note that Sons of Norway uses MailChimp for all group emails, such as Leadership Resource and E-post. Also, we are making changes to how the lodge directory works on the website and people will not be able to create a custom message. Instead, leaders will receive a standard notification that someone is interested in the lodge and ask you to reach out to them.

Staff Announcements

Please join us in congratulating Amy Tuchenhausen on her promotion to Director of the Sons of Norway Foundation. Amy has taken over management of the Foundation reporting to Connie O'Brien, Vice President of Fraternal and Foundation Development.

Amy has been with Sons of Norway in the capacity of Member Engagement Manager and has had a tremendous impact on the training and support for our lodge leaders. Prior to joining Sons of Norway, she worked as a Major and Planned Giving Officer for St. Catherine University, in St. Paul, MN for over five years. Her experience in portfolio management, solicitations and prospecting will serve our foundation well.

Amy holds her Master of Business Administration and her Bachelor's from the University of St. Catherine. She also earned a Fundraising Certificate from the University of St. Thomas Executive Education.

She looks forward to advancing the mission of the Sons of Norway Foundation into the future.

You can reach Amy at atuchenhausen@sofn.com



Kirsten Lehman

Fraternal Membership Engagement Manager

klehman@sofn.com

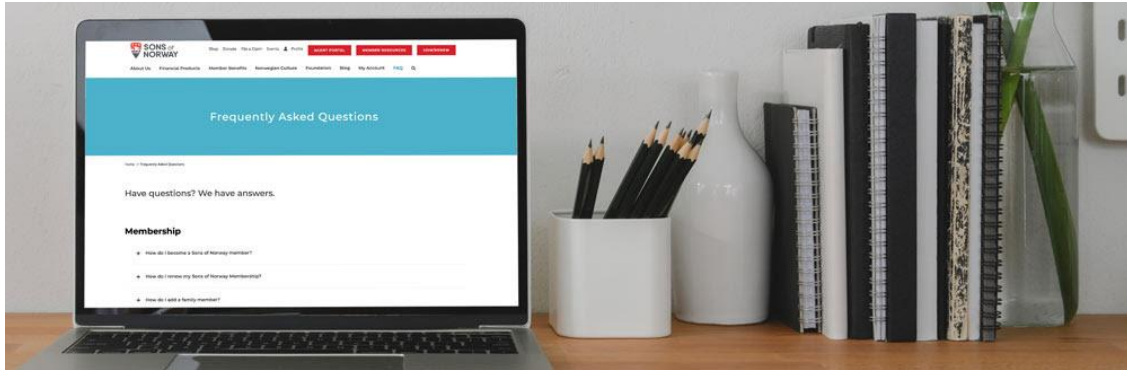
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We are pleased to welcome Kirsten Lehman to Sons of Norway as our Fraternal Membership Engagement Manager. In this role, Kirsten will be responsible for developing cultural and heritage programs, growing our member benefit programs, establishing key external relationships within the community, and providing member support and lodge officer training.

Kirsten joins us from Ebenezer Senior Care where in the last 10 years she has served in various roles with increased responsibilities in activities, volunteer services, human resources, and project management. Her most recent role was as Director of Lifelong Learning for their Minneapolis senior living campus. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Northwestern and a Master's in Gerontology from Bethel University.

You can reach Kirsten at klehman@sofn.com.

New FAQs Section on Sofn.com



We have added a frequently asked questions (FAQ) page to the Sons of Norway website. This page helps facilitate self-service for questions after-hours, on weekends, and when call volumes are high.

Sons of Norway's Fraternal and Customer Service teams collaborated to provide answers to our top member questions. The questions and answers are succinct and will link you to the page you need or provide a how-to video.

Find the FAQs at sofn.com/faq/

Barneløpet Supplies



As of August 2023, **Barneløpet** supplies will no longer be carried on the Lodge Leader Store.

With waning demand for medals and bibs, we do not have the quantities required to carry these items in the store. Going forward, event planners will need to source their own Barneløpet products.

AFA Reporting



Reporting 2023 hours for the AFA will be changing. **We will be switching from the Fraternal Gives platform to Survey Monkey.** These surveys will be emailed out in early February. Also, the reporting forms you can use will change to a user-friendly spreadsheet format. Watch your inbox for more detailed information.

Lodge Liability Invoices



These will be sent out during September to all lodge treasurers. **Please watch for these and pay immediately so that dues are not withheld.**

Membership Applications



We are always looking to add new members to our lodges! **Lodge leaders are often the first to hear, “How do I join Sons of Norway?”**. Our website is the one-stop shop for forms that you need, including membership applications. You can access them in two ways:

1. Go to the FAQ section of the website

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

2. Clicking on Member Resources > Lodge Leadership Resource > Administrative Resources > Lodge Forms > Membership Forms:

- [Heritage Member Form](#)
- [US Member Enrollment Form](#)
- [Canada and Norway Enrollment Form](#)

Foundation Annual Report



The 2022 Sons of Norway Foundation Annual Report is now available on the [Foundation's webpage](#). The report captures accomplishments in the Foundation's exciting grant and scholarship programs, and thanks the individuals and lodges that supported the mission in 2022. Learn more about our culture of philanthropy.

Together We Are the Future Campaign



Ever wonder how we are able to extend those scholarships to our young members? Or where the funds come from to award the grants that support programming in your lodges and communities? It is gifts to the Foundation that help make it possible. Please consider making a gift to the *Together We Are the Future* campaign between October 1 and December 31. [Visit our website](#) and please consider a gift to advance the mission.

Grants & Scholarships

A collage of scholarship announcements from the Sons of Norway Foundation. The main headline reads "The Future is Bright!" with an illustration of a graduation cap and a trophy. The text states: "We had an impressive response to our 2023 Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship program this year, receiving a record 222 applications for 14 scholarships. This year, we will award over \$190,000 in scholarships to students planning to study at local colleges and universities far from home. Some will even have the opportunity to experience summer school in Oslo for several weeks! These awards really do have the potential to change a student's life. Gratitude must be expressed to the people that made these scholarships possible. Thank you! If you would like to make a gift in any size to any of the funds listed on the following pages, please reach out to Amy Tuchenbagen at 612-821-4655 or atuchenbagen@sonsofnorway.com. Scholarship applications came from metropolitan areas and county seats, from budding scientists and those eager to teach young minds. Congratulations to all the winners!" The collage also features the Myrtle Beinbauer Scholarship, the Douglas Warne-Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship, and the Oslo International Summer School Scholarship, each with a photo of a recipient and a quote. The Myrtle Beinbauer Scholarship recipient is Maya Warren, a 2022 recipient. The Douglas Warne-Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship recipient is Asher E. Wertheimer, a 2022 recipient. The Oslo International Summer School Scholarship recipient is Luke Bethun, a 2022 recipient.

Join us in congratulating our Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship winners. **There were over 220 applications, and we were able to award over \$190,000 in scholarships.** The September/October issue of Viking highlights the winners and a summary of the scholarship funds, for both the US and Canada.

Scholarship and grant applications will open again on October 1. Please encourage applications! Visit [Foundation | Sons of Norway](#) to get all the details. Please note, deadlines have been shortened to early 2024, so review the materials carefully.

As usual, the Helping Hands to Members grants are reviewed throughout the year. The two categories are Disaster Relief grants and Medical Relief grants. Please encourage these benefits for our members in need. Learn more at: [Grants | Sons of Norway](#).

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

Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

- October 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- October 7- Zone 2 Meeting in Blair
- October 13-14- District 5 Board Meeting in Mt. Horeb, WI
- October 27-29- District 5 Adult Heritage Camp and Destination Stoughton Weekend in Stoughton, WI
- November 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier
- December 5- Viking photo submissions due to LaVonne Wier

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- For anything fraternal- Connie O'Brien (COBrien@sofn.com) or Amy Tuchenhausen (ATuchenhausen@sofn.com). Sherry Gorse is no longer employed at Sons of Norway.
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851
- If you need something related to sales, you can use sales@sofn.com

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4 – Contact Connie Aiello and Judy Ghastin to reserve them

Trunk--zone 3 – Contact Scott Wegner and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser to reserve them

Oct 2023 to Apr 2024:

Chest--zone 6

Trunk--zone 5

Apr 2024 to Oct 2024

Chest--zone 2
Trunk--zone 1

Oct 2024 to April 2025
Chest--zone 3
Trunk--zone 4

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 4 am on Thursday morning. 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.

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