

Friendly Fifth Friday News September 25, 2020

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

Why a Foundation Month?

The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live. Be it through a student's scholarship for study, a cultural exchange experience, or assisting lodges to provide quality programs and community events – the Sons of Norway Foundation is true to its mission. Established in 1966, our focus and offerings have grown to include several categories of scholarships and four categories of grants.

Our passion is focused on the following areas- creating opportunities for higher education as a means for success, showcasing our unique Norwegian heritage to wider audiences, exploring cross-cultural exchanges, providing humanitarian support to Sons of Norway members who are victims of natural disasters. We have awarded \$1,375,000 in scholarships, \$390,000 in grants and more than \$500,000 in humanitarian aid.

Take a closer look at our efforts, the results, and opportunities to get involved by visiting <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>

Over the next issues of FFFN, on the District's Facebook page, and emailing out to lodge Foundation Directors, I will share a number of resources with you about the Foundation, how to support it, what it has to support you as a member or lodge, and other information!

You'll note that there was an envelope in the most recent Viking magazine. If your lodge is not doing a fundraiser this year due to COVID, please encourage your members to send in a donation in that envelope or to give online.

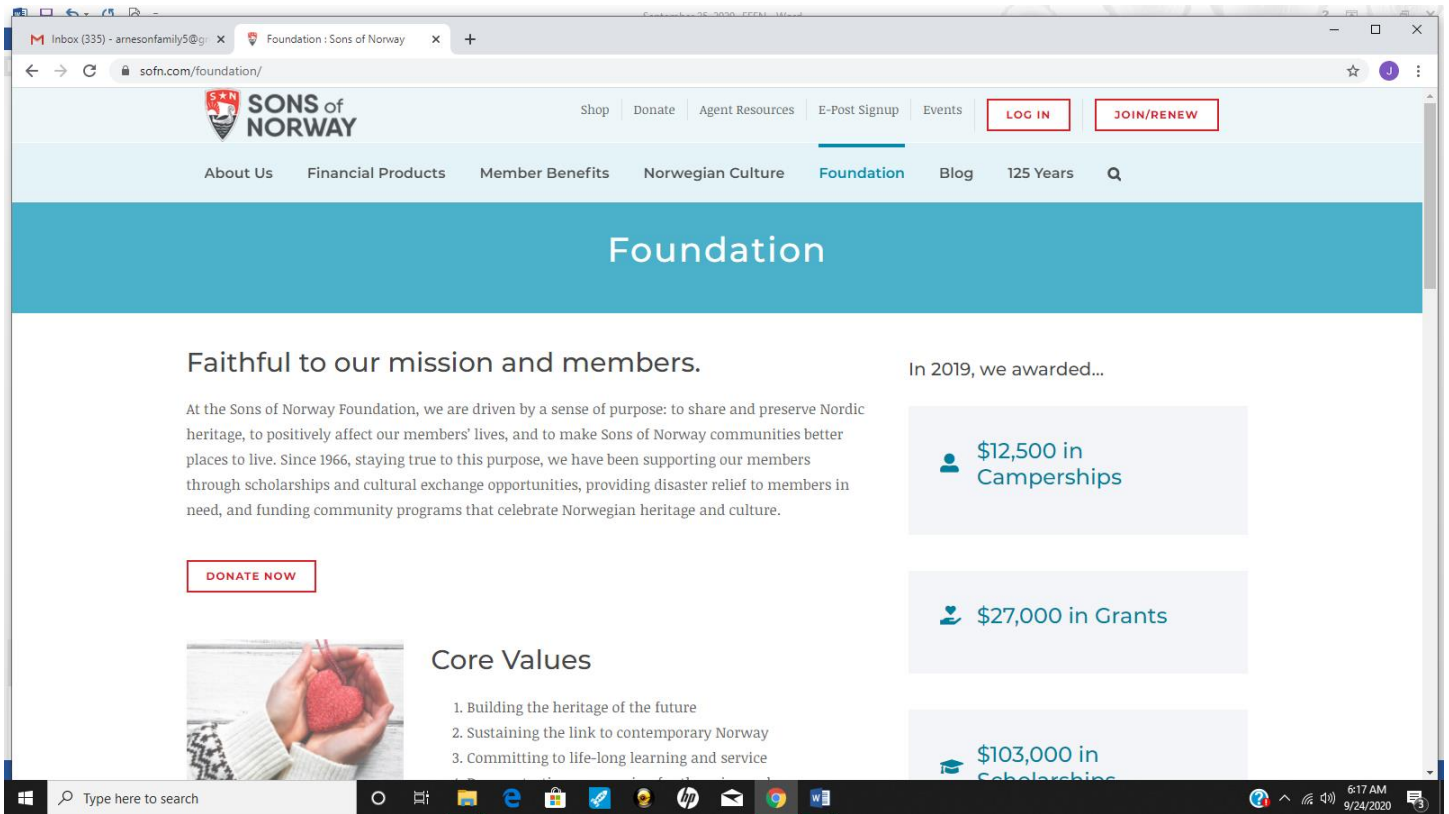
We also have a pretty exciting year-end drive that will be announced in October!

Our lodge is exploring some of the online auctions available to non-profits. One we are exploring is 32Auction as a number of larger non-profits in our area have used it. I also have been part of Facebook closed group auctions that have gone really well for our Relay For Life event. Some lodges have had picnics where they could social distance. District Publicity Director Karen Eberhardt also shared a way to conduct an auction that I'll include in this issue.

Please contact me if you have any questions on Foundation related items.

Thanks-
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Lots of resources available on <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>



Lodge Foundation Fundraiser – non-contact version- Karen Eberhardt idea

2 months before event

- Lodge predetermines who (one or more) will be the coordinator for lodge Foundation Fundraiser event. This person(s) would coordinate the list of items for sale; collect tickets from members and the monetary funds; do the drawing of the basket awards; set up collection and distribution of baskets at a pre-determined location and time. The lodge treasurer will mail proceeds to Int'l Foundation.
- Have lodge members email or call with a 'basket or item' commitment to the fundraiser coordinator with the name or theme of their basket/item and the items contained in their basket. This information then can be put on a lodge foundation fundraiser basket email list for the lodge to view and make their selection(s).
 - Those members without an email will need to have a hard copy of the event timeline and the item list mailed to them along with a ticket sheet so they can also participate. (Ticket sheet is a separate attachment.)

1 month before event

- Publish list of baskets/items that are for the Foundation Fundraiser drawing and email/regular mail out item list with individual ticket sheet.
 - Correspondence will need to indicate the last day to mail back the basket selections with payment. Best if the date is 10 days before the drawing selection date so return mail will have time to be delivered to the event coordinator.
 - Indicate on list form how/who the check should be made out to the lodge. You decide if you may or may not receive cash.
- Send the Word document/pdf 'Ticket Sheet' to be filled out by lodge members and mailed back to coordinator with their monetary contribution. Payment will be based on how many tickets the member fills out on their sheet.
- Ticket will indicate to print lodge member Name; Telephone number; and Basket # for that ticket's selection. Individual tickets will be \$1 a ticket.
- Send completed ticket sheet(s) to the event coordinator(s) with payment or can have members bring or drop-off their tickets and money to a modified lodge meeting event or contact person.

Event Date – Tracking of tickets

- For all the mail-in tickets the coordinator(s) would be cutting apart the tickets (so not to lose any single tickets) and putting them into individual envelopes for each basket drawing at the meeting/drawing date.
 - Doing this ahead of time would help keep all the tickets in the correct group for drawing.
 - Coordinator would need to take the basket envelope contents out for the bowl/container drawing when it's each basket's turn.
 - A list of member's # of tickets with the amount paid will help with record keeping. Optional tracking would be the basket selection #s per member.

Event Date – either lodge drawing or modified lodge meeting

- Using the pre-determined list of basket and item donations. Go through the list by individually selecting a ticket winner and writing it on a Lodge Winner List next to the basket or item number.
- If doing this by non-meeting drawing, email/mail the Basket/Item Winner list to lodge members. Use this list for the basket/item pick-up day/time.
- Basket distribution - Have a pre-determined Drop Off and Pick-up Date and Time (will need person(s) watching or supervising the baskets.
 - Suggest having a drop-off 30 – 60 minutes before the pick-up time OR at the same time.
 - Can use a building or parking lot with trunk distribution
 - Can have basket/item makers deliver them to the lodge member who won the item. This may be a little tricky if participants live a distance apart.

Lodge Foundation Fundraiser \$1 per ticket, Print your information

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From District Vice President Cheryl Schlessner

Reaching Out to Our Members

Spread Some Joy (even from a distance)

Let your members know that their membership is valued.

Your lodge newsletter reaches your members, but what is truly *felt* is usually something more personal.

Ask your local Board to set-up a call list to reach all of your members at one time or another. Lodge presidents could organize a phone tree so everyone is included.

Consider implementing any of the following ideas to reach your membership.

Cover a member's sidewalk with happy message and doodles made with chalk. If children live there, leave a bucket of chalk behind!

1. Cut out hearts from colors of paper and make a rainbow in your window. Those that were made earlier this year may need refreshing.
2. Paint rocks with bright colors and write a hopeful thought; deliver to a member in need of uplifting.
3. Assemble a gift basket for an elderly member. Your lodge president may have a list of older members who would appreciate this surprise.
4. If you have a lodge member who is an essential worker, prepare a special basket for them. Include candles, a good book, chocolates, gum, or their favorite snack.
5. Surprise a member who lives far away and send them an old-fashioned piece of snail mail!
6. Arrange for a balloon or candy bouquet to be delivered to a member of your choosing. Think of those members who keep your lodge ticking.
7. Text a cute animal picture to someone who needs a picker-upper; write a short personal message. Ask them to Zoom or meet virtually in another format.
8. Start a Norwegian or Nordic puzzle swap.
9. Leave a basket of sweets or drinks for lodge members who live in assisted living communities.
10. Plan a drive-by event for Leif Erikson Day-October 9.
11. Help with a member's fall lawn or garden clean-up, leave some Norwegian flags behind.
12. Purchase inexpensive food coupon and send it to a member who would appreciate a special surprise (Culver's, A&W, Mc Donald's, Chick Fil-A, Wendy's, Burger King).
13. Remember your youth members with a small token of your appreciation for their help with your events, i.e. a plate or krumkake, rosettes, or Norwegian sugar cookies. A pizza coupon would bring a smile.

We will weather the pandemic together: wash your hands, wear a mask, and keep your hand sanitizer at close reach. Like many of you, I look forward to resuming lodge activities in 2021.

Adapted from bellagracemagazine.com

Nordic News this week...brought to you by Mike Palecek

Last week's "Nordic News" featured several photographers throughout the district in "[D5 Photo Contest – Local Lodge Winners.](#)" Nordic News celebrated the arrival of the D5 Scandinavian playing cards, with over 500 card orders being shipped out on September 18th.

In this Nordic News, Diane Piper (5-457), Susan Herman (5-657), Joan O-Brien (5-610), Jean Sivertson (5-029), Erik Duus (5-378), Corlene Bartels (5-650), Glenn Borreson (5-028), Sharol Hopwood (5-681), Beth Nelson (5-183) and Bob Giles (5-378) all shared their "behind the photo" stories.

Next week, Glenn Borreson will present "Norwegians in Logging Camps: Immigrants in the Wisconsin Pineries."

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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

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D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest update...

Only 279 of the 1000 decks of the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest playing cards are still available.

What people are saying about the D5 Scandinavian playing cards:

They look fabulous! What a slick, professional product, from the message and graphics on each playing card box to the look of the photos on the cards themselves. – Louise Giles

Got the cards today (9/21/2020) and they look great! – Glenn Borreson

They are so nice. – Jean Sivertson

Awesome, thank you so much! – Michael Charman

Mange tusen takk – Art Andersen

Our playing cards arrived and they look great! I think people really enjoyed it, and the cards look great. Besides, we could likely be spending a lot of evenings playing cards this winter. – Linda Hash

Very cool! – Diane Piper

I love the cards. Four trolls. Fabulous! – Joy Bashara

They are first class. – Chuck Johnson

Order form is at the D5 website: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district_5_merchandise.php

<http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/library/original/docman/SofN-D5Scandinavianplayingcardsorderform.pdf>

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The index for the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest playing cards is on the D5 merchandise page, where it says "Click here to download a pdf copy of the file." The idea behind the index is to share with you everything the photographers wrote describing their photos. It is a great way to learn more about some important Norwegian sites. Tusen takk to Christina Fairchild (Valhall lodge – Rockford) and Nancy Andersen (Polar Star – Montgomery IL) who organized this index.

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com.php56-23.dfw3-2.websitetestlink.com/library/content/D5photocontestindex_0816201.pdf

Fall is in the air and the evenings are getting a little brisk. Dress for the weather with these high quality District 5 sweatshirts and caps. All proceeds benefit Nordic heritage and cultural activities of the Nordic Legacy Foundation, including the Masse Moro Norwegian heritage youth camp.



Sweatshirts are available in BLACK or NAVY BLUE - sizes: M, L, XL, 2XL.

The embroidering will attract attention and is a conversation starter. Use it to talk about Sons of Norway.



I was wearing my NAVY BLUE Norge baseball cap while out shopping. The husband of one of our lodge members saw me while I was out shopping, and said "I thought that was you, but with the Norwegian hat, I was sure that was you." I have worn this hat daily for over a year and it still looks and feels great. This is a very high quality, comfortable cap.

FALL NORDIC CLOTHING ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Lodge: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nordic items purchased:

_____ Norge flag hat (navy blue) x \$15 = _____

_____ Explore your Nordic heritage sweatshirt x \$25 = _____ (size: _____)

___ Black ___ Navy Blue

Sizes: M, L, XL, 2XL

Prices do not include shipping

(\$8 shipping for any single product.) (Add \$4 for each additional product)

(Email for shipping on multiple items)

Shipping _____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

Mail your check to Nordic Legacy Foundation and order form to:

Mike Palecek

D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation

5747 Sandy Ln.

Racine WI 53406

Tusen takk for your help in supporting Nordic heritage projects for the D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation. If you have any questions, or need additional items, please contact Mike Palecek, 262-886-5547 or mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com

2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

Changes in red!

September 2020

- Lodge liability premium sent to all lodge treasurers. This package includes information regarding the coverage, a certificate of insurance for the lodge and an invoice for the lodge's share of the premium.

October 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 form and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- The Sons of Norway Foundation portal is available for lodges and individuals to apply for grants and scholarships.
- Lodge Achievement, Family Lodge of the Year and AFA Year-end report forms and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- Lodge Baneløpet Coordinators are encouraged to contact Sons of Norway Headquarters to discuss plans for anticipated events.

October is Foundation Month

- Help support our grant and scholarship recipients and share your Nordic values by celebrating Foundation month! Please consider a donation directly to the Foundation or plan a fundraising event through your lodge.
- October 1 Grant applications open – Our lodge grants award amounts go up to \$500-\$1,500 depending on a lodge's project.
- October 1 Scholarship applications open – Scholarship opportunities start at \$1,000 with an average scholarship of \$3,000.

October 9-10, 2020

- District 5 Board Meeting in ~~Illinois~~ **Illinois**

October 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.

October 15, 2020

- Lodge liability premium is due to Sons of Norway Headquarters.

November 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 2020

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

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 Barneløpet supplies.



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 rotation will begin again with this rotation.
- The zone directors are responsible for keeping track of the whereabouts and letting their lodges know that the chest is in their zone for that time period.
- The chest should be brought back to the District Board Meeting to be given to the next zone.

Time period	Zone with chest
October 2019-April 2020	5
April 2020-October 2020	2
October 2020-April 2021	4
April 2021-October 2021	6
October 2021 – April 2022	1
April 2022 – October 2022	3

Zone Meeting Schedule 2020

Zone	Date	Hosted by	Location
1	Thursday, Feb 20 at 1:15	Zone 1 Directors	Veterans Community Center, Hayward during the volunteer reception after Barnebirkie
2			
3	Sat. January 25	Mandt Lodge	Stoughton, WI
4			
5			
6			

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 25-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 19-23, 2020 in Ringsaker Norway

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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.

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