

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 30, 2022

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Julebukking: December's Trick or Treating



Although Halloween has come and gone, there is still time to participate in the Scandinavian Christmas version of trick-or-treating known as *julebukking*. *Julebukk* translates to “Yule goat” and was brought to the United States by Norwegian and German immigrants. It originated in Norway during Viking times to honor the god Thor, as he would often travel in a goat-drawn chariot. As part of the [pagan celebrations](#), a person would carry a goat head, dress in goatskin, and burst in on the party.

Over the years julebukking has taken on a few different forms. It usually occurs between Christmas and New Year's. In one of the more common forms, julebukkers would dress in masks, hats, costumes, etc. and travel from door to door making their friends and neighbors guess who was behind the mask. They often would disguise their voices to make it even more difficult. Once their identities were revealed, they would be gifted candy, cookies, or holiday treats and continue to the next house. In [another version](#) from the early 20th century, julebukking involved dressing up with a group of friends, going house to house, and singing in exchange for alcohol. It's said that this version died out due to Prohibition. A more festive form of julebukking includes singing Christmas songs from door to door and is one of the more common forms of julebukking in present day.

Although some say julebukking ended in their towns around the mid-20th century, others boast that it continues to this day. In fact, it is still observed in some [rural Midwest towns](#) such as Stoughton, WI, Decorah, IA, and Spring Grove, MN. What these places have in common is a large population of people of Scandinavian descent.

If you've never tried julebukking or want to spruce up your yearly Christmas caroling, it is great fun and helps tie us to our ancestral traditions.

One more lutefisk dinner

Norway Lutheran Church (Wind Lake WI) is having a lutefisk and meatball dinner on February 11, 2023. Here's the URL:

<https://www.norwaylutheranchurch.org/lutefisk-2023>

Zone 3 Meeting Notice and Input Wanted

Godt Nytt År, Alle sammen!

With the calendar set to turn to 2023, the opportunity of leadership training and member education comes to mind!

***I would ask that each Zone 3 President identify a team of officers and/or members who can attend the Zone 3 meeting and represent their lodge. If new officers were elected in November, those individuals would be prime candidates. If a lodge president is in their last year of service, I would suggest identifying others who can lead your lodge forward.*

One goal is to keep this meeting short and sweet, so all may depart early in the afternoon. Ostestaden Lodge will provide morning snacks and beverages and a soup and sandwich luncheon. Those with specific dietary needs should pack a lunch that day. There is no cost for attendance, and door prizes will be awarded. Please plan to carpool for safety in the event of wintry weather.

Equipping additional people with knowledge about the Sons of Norway, specifically zone 3, positions your lodge for leadership changes in the event of an emergency. Attendees should bring a list of interactive activities that were enjoyed by your members this past year. Run off 20 copies of the list for distribution. Include contact information for speakers and presenters.

Takk skal du ha,

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Zone 3 Directors

Please select from the following options to guide your zone directors in planning a meaningful seminar.

I/We would like to hear more about...

Where to send stamps now that Tubfrim has ceased operations, any incentive for stamp collection

Updates from the International Board of Directors via Duane Kittleson, the D5 International Director

Required reporting, updates and changes, via District Secretary Darlene Arneson

D5 Spring Board meeting in southern Illinois, April 14-15, 2023

Financial status of the district via Duane Kittleson and incoming treasurer Corey Olson

Information obtained at the District President's meeting from the district president

Barnebirkie

Winter friluftsliv activities in our zone

- ___ Great movies for lodge viewing
- ___ Scholarships, Deadlines are quickly approaching
- ___ Masse Moro-new youth director and plans for the 2023 camping season
- ___ Ideas for fundraising
- ___ Syttende Mai celebrations: banquets, parades, lodge gatherings, traditional Norwegian fare
- ___ Summer travel options for members and for member recruitment
- ___ Midtsommer plans
- ___ Foundation fundraising update from Emily Stark
- ___ Increasing membership and finding new lodge leaders
- ___ Other, please indicate

D63 Officer Election Forms – Due Dec 31

The new changes will not go into effect until 01/15/2023. If you need to make changes that will go in place immediately, please contact Sons of Norway Headquarters.
If you need to make changes to officers' addresses, phone numbers or emails, please also contact Headquarters.

For help or questions, contact Sherry Gorse at 612 821 4643 or fraternal@sofn.com

Sherry Gorse

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International Website Navigation Video

In this edition of Leadership Videos, we hear some tips and tricks for navigating the Sons of Norway website from Angie Eckel, our Digital Strategist.

<https://youtu.be/3tEfhmtZ7BY>

New Deadline Calendar from International

Important Deadlines on the Horizon

12/31/2022

- **Lodge Officer Updates** for 2023 due at Sons of Norway Headquarters. Lodge secretaries should record any changes or lack of changes in the lodge officer roster via their profile page on www.sofn.com. The D63 Lodge Officer form can also be downloaded from the forms section.

3/15/2022

- **D17 Financial Statements** are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. Lodge Treasurers can file electronically from their profile page on sofn.com. An editable PDF is also available from the forms area of the website.
- **Lodge of the Year (LOY), Family Lodge of the Year (FLOY), and AFA Year End Reporting** forms are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. Lodge secretaries can file the LOY and FLOY electronically via the forms section of sofn.com, where they can also download PDF versions of the LOY, FLOY and AFA Year End Reporting Forms. Note: lodges using www.fraternalgive.org don't need to file an AFA Year End Reporting form.
- **D64 Property Officer Forms** are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters from lodges with property/building associations. These forms can be downloaded from the forms section. Online entry is not yet available.

5/15/2022

- **D18 Lodge Property Association** forms are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. They can be entered electronically via the lodge treasurer's profile page. A PDF can be downloaded from sofn.com.
- **990** The 990 tax forms are due to the IRS by 5/15/2023. Lodges who fail to file a 990 three years in a row will lose their not-for-profit status and cease being a Sons of Norway lodge.

See the "The Profile Page" article in this same Resource for information about accessing your Profile Page on www.sofn.com.

The forms section of the website can be found here: [Lodge Forms | Sons of Norway](#) Contact Sherry at 612-821-4643 or fraternal@sofn.com with any questions.

Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

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- **December 31- SN Foundation Grants due (all except Disaster and Medical grants)**
- **January 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com**

- January 15- Some SN Foundation Scholarships Due (see deadline list- <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>)
- February 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- February 11- Zone 3 meeting in Monroe
- March 1- Some SN Foundation Scholarships Due (see deadline list- <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>)
- March 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
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- April 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- April 14-16- Spring District 5 Board Meeting in southern Illinois
- May 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- May 15-
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- June 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- July 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Oct 2022 to Apr 2023:

Chest--zone 1
Trunk--zone 2

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4
Trunk--zone 3

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!**

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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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