

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 9, 2022

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com. Feel free to share this with your lodge members!

From our Members...



Shawnee Skogen 5-689, in the Carbondale, IL, area

Fabulous Facts: Christmas in Norway

1. Each year, Trafalgar Square in London features a massive Christmas tree. That tree is actually a present from Norway. Oslo has been sending a tree to England every year since 1947 as a thank-you for British support during World War II.

2. The julenisse is Norway's elusive Christmas gnome, who sports a white beard and a red cap. Historically the julenisse has been known to help lighten the farmer's chores and keep the farm safe. Nowadays, the nisse brings gifts to well-behaved Norwegian children. Don't forget to keep him happy by leaving out a generous bowl of porridge!

3. "Tre nøtter til Askepott," a Cinderella tale, has been a Christmas TV tradition since the 1990s. Strangely enough, this is a Czech version of the classic story, dubbed into Norwegian by a single actor. Watching it is so popular that it airs annually on NRK, Norway's national broadcasting channel. To see the trailer from the 2021 Norwegian remake of "Tre nøtter til Askepott," click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-YVi_UsGqo

4. Find the almond! This is a game where the family eats rice porridge on Christmas Eve. There is one almond hidden in the porridge, and whoever gets it is the proud recipient of... a pig made of delicious marzipan!

5. Everyone eats well during Juletiden, Christmastime, and even the birds. It's common to see sheaves of wheat or oats placed in the trees for the birds to feast on.

*A reminder to all lodge newsletter editors or newsletter teams...please send your lodge's newsletter to the D5 webmaster, Christina Fairchild, for posting.

Wishing you a fun-filled time of busy holiday preparations!

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Zone 3 Meeting Date Set

Members in Zone 3 will have the opportunity to learn more about the workings of the district and will receive updates from the International Office in MPLS. The 2023 training seminar will be held in Monroe, WI. I'd like you to please note this date on your calendar and identify multiple lodge members who can attend. If it is necessary to change our meeting, that will be communicated via the FFFNews.

Thank you,

Scott Wegner
Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
Zone 3 Directors

Don't forget! Viking Photo Submission Time!


Photos with a photo submission form are due to me by December 10th. Please remember that a separate form is needed for each photo. The people in Minneapolis need to know who is in the photo and the occasion in order to consider it for publication. After you've done one or two of the forms, they will be easier to complete. I've included the form in this notice. All submissions have to be done online.


Several changes have come down the pike. By now you know the Viking will be published bi-monthly. I will still have you submit pictures monthly, and I will send them to headquarters monthly.

The pictures NOT used in the Viking may possibly be published in the new online feature, "Happenings". It is **very new**, so there aren't a lot of pictures there yet. At this time, you can see this feature by: Logging on to www.sofn.com. Click on the magnifying glass used to search. It is right beside "My Account" at the top of the page. Type in "Happenings" and hit enter. This area is set up by district, similar to what we used to see in the Viking. I assume this feature will be in one of the "drop down" menus after a while. It will be nice for you to see more of the

photos that were sent into me, but that didn't make it into the Viking.



I received very few photos in November from you all.  Please don't let the photo submission requirement keep you from sending them. I'm looking forward to seeing pictures from your

December/Christmas/Juletrefest events!  Send them to 2nor1rus@gmail.com

Fraternally, LaVonne Wier, District 5 Publicity Director



Get those D63 Officer Election Forms Done by December 31

Dear Lodge Secretaries,

It is time to update your lodge officer rosters for 2023!

To record your new officers or to let us know there are no changes, please sign on to www.sofn.com with your username and password:

1. Once you have signed on, click on the word 'Profile' at the top of the page to enter your membership profile.
2. On your membership profile, Click "Lodge Officer Updates"
3. Click 'Change Meeting Information' if the location or time of your meetings will change for 2023.
4. Click 'Officers' to change your officer roster. You will need member numbers for new people taking over offices in 2023.
5. IF you have no changes click 'No Changes for Upcoming Year'.
6. If you are adding a new officer position, for example if you didn't have a Youth Director in 2022 but WILL have a Youth Director in 2023, click 'Add a New Position'. Then choose the title and add the member number for the person taking on the new office. Click Submit. Then click, Save the Changes.
7. If you are removing a position for 2023, click the box 'Remove this position' under the title of the office.
8. To record the new member holding an officer for 2023, type their member number in the Officer Member No. box. Add all the new officers before going to the next step. The names will NOT change on the screen in front of you.
9. Click 'SUBMIT CHANGES'
10. Click 'Save the Changes'.

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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Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

- December 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- December 31- D63 Officer Election reports due to International or online
- January 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- **February 3- Zone 3 meeting in Monroe**
- February 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- March 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- 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
- 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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