

Friendly Fifth Friday News February 3, 2023

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!

Thank you for the well wishes!

Rich and I would like to thank everyone for their continued thoughts, prayers, emails and cards.

Rich is finally home and on the mend. He is slowly getting his strength back.

This was completely unexpected. Thankfully his doctor realized there was a problem during his physical and ordered an Echocardiogram. Our God is an awesome God! He put the right people in place at the right time.

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Richard & Christina Fairchild

Sons of Norway District 5 Webmasters

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It's Viking Photo Time Again!

Hello all -

It's already February. Please send photos you would like to see in the Viking or Happenings to me by February 5th. We have an earlier deadline than in previous months.

I don't have the new listing of presidents yet, so you are getting this e-mail even if you have a new lodge president. Maybe I'll have the updated listing by March.

Sending photos to me in the regular mail through the post office **does not work**. A scanned picture is **not good**, either. When I scan or take a "picture of a picture", the quality is not good enough for publication. A photo *can* be sent to me directly from your cell phone. I find it works best if I download the picture to my computer into the photos library, and *then* send it in an e-mail.

I still occasionally receive photos without the photo submission form. Both the form and the picture should be sent together. The form answers the information needed on who, what, where the photo was taken. I can't submit your photo without the photo submission form. I'm sending the photo submission form as an attachment to this e-mail.

I've noticed a sharp decline in the number of photos being submitted recently. I assume one reason may be that the Viking is not published monthly anymore. Some of the photos I submit don't make it into the Viking. They might, however, be included in the

Happenings part of the www.sofn.com website. I recently requested that the webmaster create a dropdown menu item from the main screen so it is easier to access the Happenings area. I hope to see it appear soon.

This e-mail is being sent to your publicity director/editor.

I'm sharing with you a ditty I learned in grade school back in the sixties. I remember it every winter. Here it is:

"January, February, March. You make my nose blue and my fingers stiff as starch.
January, February, March, please pass! Hurry up, April, and bring the green grass."

Fraternally,

LaVonne Wier
D5 Publicity Director

Movies, movie, movies!

Nordic Films for Use at a Lodge Meeting-screen your choices first.

www.netflix.com Choose from a series or individual releases. Some popular titles are:

- Narvik-Norwegian
- Against the Ice-Icelandic
- Black Crab-Swedish
- Bombardment-Danish
- Bonus Family-Swedish
- Norsemen-Norwegian
- Rita-Danish
- The Rain-Scandinavian
- Troll-Norwegian
- www.heartmybackpack.com
- Buddy
- Elling
- Fools in the Mountains
- Kitchen Stories
- Kon-Tiki
- O'Horton
- Max Manus
- Welcome to Norway
- The Olson Gang
- The King's Choice
- The Last King
- The Pinchcliffe Grand Prix
- The Twelfth Man
- Troll Hunter

Changes in home office staff and who to contact

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
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Where to find

- a. D17 videos – [Amy \(Olson\) Tuchenhagen discusses the D17 financial statement in this 2 part video - YouTube](#)
- b. Anthems- <https://youtu.be/aK-2uWrUSs8>
- c. Resource videos-
https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/training_and_presentation_resources/leadership-resource-videos/
- d. Leadership Presentation PowerPoints -
https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/training_and_presentation_resources/presentations/
- e. Local Lodge Bylaws Template – <https://www.sofn.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Local-Lodge-Bylaws-Template-Jan2023.pdf>
- f. Other forms-
https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/lodge_forms/
- g. Lodge Directory (Yeah! 😊)-
https://apps.sofn.com/service1/lodgedirectory/?_ga=2.43277157.155035143.1675176692-382800131.1674420980

[The District will post the MS Word version of this on the District website so you can edit it. https://sonsofnorway5.com/about/bylaws_and_policies.php](https://sonsofnorway5.com/about/bylaws_and_policies.php) or email Darlene for a copy!

Local Lodge Bylaws Template

Procedures for Submitting Local Lodge Bylaws for Approval

1. Local Lodges must use the attached bylaw template. Should a lodge wish to include items not specifically referenced in the template, those additional items should be added after Article VIII of the template form.
2. Please reference **Chapter 28, sections 28.4 and 28.5** of the Sons of Norway Policies & Procedures on the Sons of Norway website for procedures and requirements for Local Lodge bylaws. Please keep in mind that **Section 28.5.2** provides that Local Lodge bylaws should be few and limited to such matters as have not already been covered by the Sons of Norway Charter, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures (CBPP).

3. Local Lodge bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the lodge members present at a lodge meeting provided that such bylaw changes were **presented in writing and read at the prior meeting of the lodge**.
4. Upon proper approval by the Local Lodge, the bylaws must be submitted to Lonna Hanson (LHanson@sofn.com) at Sons of Norway headquarters for approval by the CEO and Legal Counsel.
5. **A copy of the lodge meeting minutes whereby the approval of the bylaws is referenced** must accompany the properly executed bylaw template. If the above requirements are not met, the bylaws will not be approved and will be returned to the Local Lodge.
6. The proposed bylaws are not effective until approved by the CEO and Legal Counsel. Lodges will be notified within 30 days of such approval.

Local Lodge Bylaws

Article I

1. The name of this lodge shall be: _____, No. _____, Sons of Norway.

City
State/Province
District

2. Regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as the lodge itself shall determine. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the CBPP of Sons of Norway.

Article II

Membership, Qualifications and Privileges

1. To become a member of Sons of Norway, the applicant must possess requirements outlined in the CBPP. Membership in the lodge is effective immediately upon ONE of the following (check one):
 - payment of dues; or
 - affirmative vote of the Lodge.
2. The membership shall consist of financial benefit members and social or non-benefit members either of whom may be Life, Golden, Family, Juvenile, Heritage, Unge Venner or Honorary members in accordance with the CBPP.

3. Life membership shall be extended to all members who were 65 years of age or older, and who had been members in good standing in the Society for 30 years or more by Jan. 1, 1999. Years of membership need not be consecutive. Life membership shall be extended to any member who has served as President/Chair of the International Board of Directors (IBOD).
4. Golden membership shall be extended to all members who attained 65 years of age after Jan. 1, 1999, and who have been members in good standing in the Society for 30 years or more. Years of membership need not be consecutive.
5. In all respects, Life or Golden members shall enjoy all rights and benefits they previously held in the lodge as full dues paying members. Those transferring to another Local Lodge shall maintain their Life or Golden membership status.
6. All members shall enjoy equal privileges, except that only financial benefit members shall have the right to vote on matters concerning financial benefits.
7. Affiliate Membership. Members possessing a current membership card of a different lodge may petition for affiliate membership. Affiliate members may not vote within the lodge for, or become, District convention delegates from this lodge and are not counted in the member totals for determining representation.

Article III

Fees and Dues

1. The IBOD sets the dues rate for all lodges in the order. All lodges are subject to an identical dues structure within their respective countries. A member's dues will be divided into three parts – one part to International, one part to the District, and one part to the Local Lodge. Only a vote by the IBOD can change the dues amount.

The IBOD sets the dues rate in the local currency (US or Canadian dollars or Norwegian Kroner). Sons of Norway headquarters will not adjust dues based on the exchange rate. Dues paid by credit card from a non-US bank may be subject to an exchange rate and/or servicing fee set by the bank and/or credit card processor.
2. In the unlikely event that a Local Lodge does not need its share of the dues collected, it is allowed to refund the local dues income to its paying members.
3. Life members are exempt from all dues – International, District, and Local.
4. Members of United States lodges who achieved Golden status before January 1, 2018 pay 50 percent of International dues and 100 percent of District dues. U.S. members who achieved Golden status after December 31, 2017 will not receive a discounted dues rate.
5. Members of Canadian and Norwegian lodges who achieved Golden status before January 1, 2020 pay 50 percent of International dues and 100 percent of District dues. Canadian and Norwegian members who achieved Golden status after December 31, 2019 will not receive a discounted dues rate.

5. The lodge shall participate in the mandatory liability insurance for District and Local Lodges as secured by the International Headquarters. This insurance does not cover lodge-owned real estate or buildings, or liquor liability claims.

Article VI

Compliance

1. The lodge must operate in full compliance with all governmental laws, regulations and applicable requirements and maintain in force all licenses, permits and approvals required for its operation.
2. The lodge must operate in full compliance with all laws, regulations and applicable requirements as outlined in the latest edition of the CBPP of Sons of Norway, and as otherwise communicated to the lodge by the International Headquarters of Sons of Norway. These include, but are not limited to, the timely annual filing of IRS 990 forms, the D63 and D17 reports for lodges, the D64 and D18 reports for building corporations, if applicable, and the timely payment of the Local Lodge liability insurance assessment.

Article VII

Dissolution and Distribution of Assets

1. Dissolution, either voluntary or involuntary, shall be made only in accordance with the procedures as set forth in the Sons of Norway CBPP.
2. In the event of dissolution of the lodge corporation(s), both lodge and building association, if applicable, it is *recommended* that the corporation's remaining assets shall be distributed to the Sons of Norway Foundation [an IRC 501(c)(3) organization], if in existence when the distribution occurs or, if not, to a like designated and purposed entity or entities.
3. Upon dissolution of the lodge, lodge assets may not be transferred to individual members for personal benefit.
4. The plan to distribute lodge assets must be approved in advance by Sons of Norway Headquarters. However, Headquarters shall not oppose any plan of distribution that complies with relevant state and federal laws and regulations.

Article VIII

By: _____

Chief Executive Officer

By: _____

Legal Counsel

Deadlines and Dates! **Changes in red!**

- February 5- 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 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- **March 10- Bylaw proposal ballots due to District Secretary from the District 5 Lodge members**
- March 15-
 - **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. **This can only be filed online this year- no hard copies or email versions!**
 - **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.
- April 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- April 14-16- Spring District 5 Board Meeting in southern Illinois
- **April 15- Sarah Paulsen Scholarships due to Scandiana Lodge for Masse Moro**
- May 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- May 15-
 - **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.
- June 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- July 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- July 16-21- Masse Moro Camp

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

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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@sonsofnorway.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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