

## Friendly Fifth Friday News February 14, 2020

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### District President Har Ordet

Kjære Venner,

I has been a while since I sent my last message to the members of the Fifth District. For this I apologise. We all live busy lives and I do not want to send out messages that wastes the time of others.

The deadline for the return of Fifth District 2019 D17 is February 15th. There has been some confusion with some of the lodges in the district as to where the forms should be sent. Send the completed and signed 2019 D17 forms to Sons of Norway Headquarters just as it is stated on the bottom of the forms. Please do not send the forms to me.

We are now in the final year of the membership drive, "Growing to 2020". For those lodges that would like to host a prospective membership function, that is a luncheon or dinner, the Sons of Norway Headquarters or the Fifth District will reimburse District Lodges for the expenses related to the membership functions. If your lodge is not growing this is a problem that must be rectified. Lodges that do not actively recruit new members will sooner or later cease to exist. I have seen this happen to many times in our District.

This coming June the Fifth District will be holding its District Lodge Meeting and Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Fifteen percent of the District's lodges did not send any Delegates to the Meeting/Convention that was held two years ago in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. With the increased membership dues rebate now going to every lodge in the District there should be no excuse why a lodge cannot send at least one Delegate to Madison in June.

I hope all our members and their families are enjoying the winter season. I will be going up to Hayward, Wisconsin next week to deliver cookies and to volunteer for the Barnebirkie. I will also be attempting my 40<sup>th</sup> Birkebeiner Ski Marathon.

Med beste hilsen,

Andrew Iver Johnsen

Sons of Norway Fifth District President

## **Masse Moro Video to share!!**

Scarlett "Nina" Anderson, a young 2019 Masse Moro camper, has made a video with her grandfather. In this short video, Nina answers questions asked by her grandfather about Masse Moro and some of the fun events. Nina's father, Travis has given us full permission to use this video as a tool in our marketing campaign. I think the video is done very well and it is a very clever idea. They did an awesome job.

The link is: <https://youtu.be/qQ9kOGYR0AE>

## **Greetings from Sons of Norway team!**

We are excited to introduce you to two new members of our team who are working with Fraternal and Foundation. You will have the chance to meet both of them in the coming months as we make travel arrangements to the district conventions, but for now we want to take a moment to introduce you to David Crabb, Fraternal Engagement Manager, and Anne Olson, Foundation Director.

### FRATERNAL

David Crabb, Fraternal Engagement Manager

David started working at Sons of Norway in November. He came to us from Thrivent, another fraternal organization here in Minneapolis, where he worked in the fraternal department around member growth and engagement. He is tackling a number of projects for us here at SONS including lodge leadership development, member growth, and member benefits. We are excited to have him as part of the fraternal team!

### FOUNDATION

Anne Olson, Foundation Director

Our new Foundation Director, Anne Olson, joined our team at the end of January. Anne relocated from Milwaukee, where she has served as the Development and Public Relations Director for COA Youth & Family Centers. Anne brings a strong skill set and great experience, including comprehensive fundraising, grant administration, public relations and nonprofit administration. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. We are excited to have Anne's leadership with the Foundation!

Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

Connie O'Brien  
Director of Fraternal Development & Marketing

# **Please note the THREE REQUIRED REPORTS DUE ON SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 15- HAVE YOU STARTED YOURS YET?**

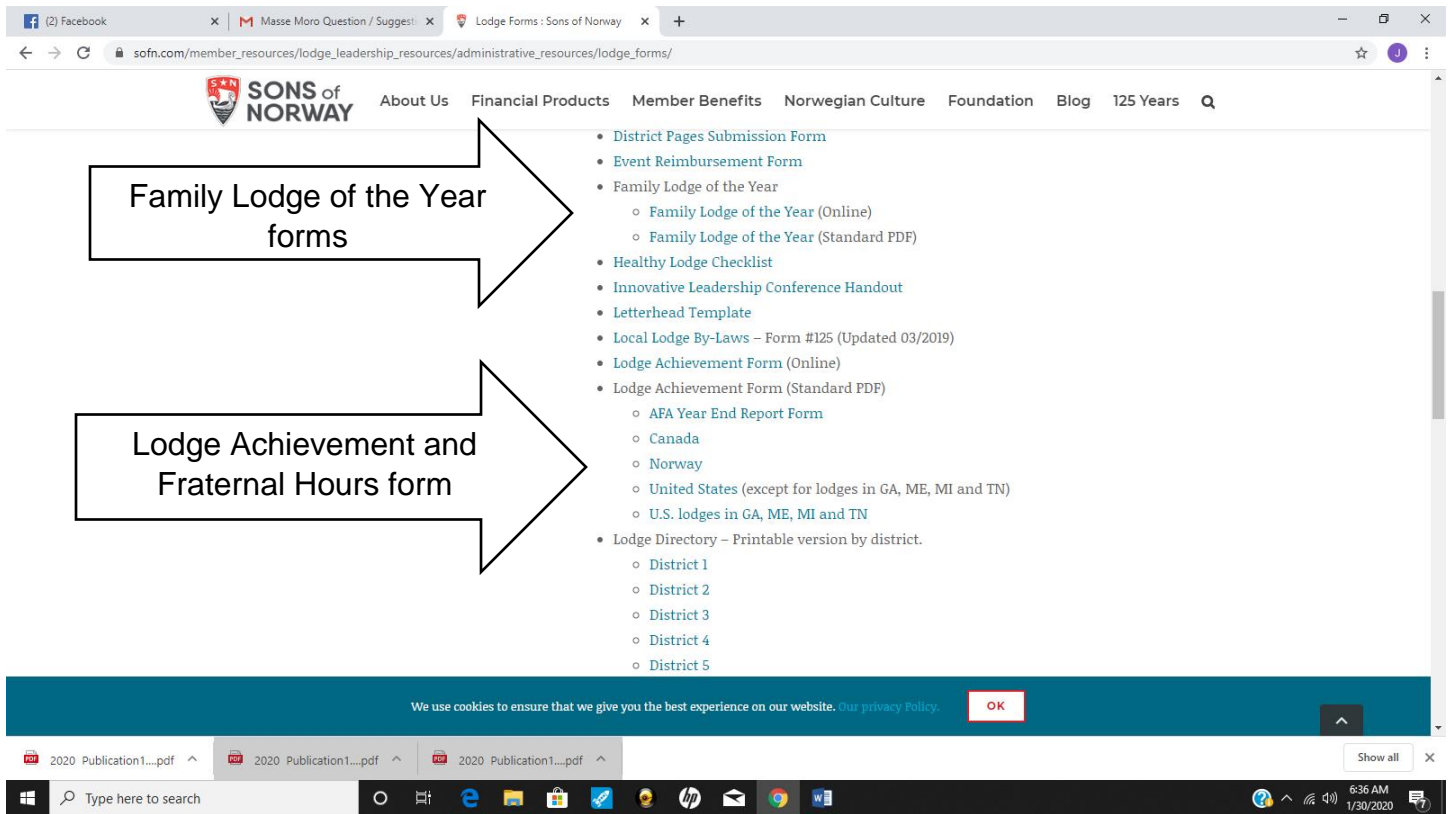
**Forms found on [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com) under the Member Resources and forms section!**

**February 15, 2020**

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges to the International Office.
- Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Community and Fraternal activities and hour totals, using AFA Year-end report form or online reporting at [Fraternalsgive.org](http://Fraternalsgive.org), are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

The screenshot displays the Sons of Norway website's 'Lodge Forms' section. A callout box with an arrow points to the 'Lodge Financial Statement' link in the left sidebar, containing the text 'D17 FORMS AND HELP GUIDE'. The main content area lists various forms such as 'Dues Update - Form 231', 'Local Lodge Financial Statement - D-17 (online)', and 'Lodge/District Deposit Fund - Form 18'. The website header includes navigation links like 'About Us', 'Financial Products', and 'Member Benefits'. A cookie consent banner is visible at the bottom of the page.

**Send D17 forms to the International Office!**



Lodge Achievement Form 2019 Lodge name and number:

DIRECTIONS: All lodges should complete Part 1 and then Part 2.

NOTE: In order to qualify for Merit and Lodge of the Year awards, lodges must report their 2019 activities by using [FraternalGive.org](http://FraternalGive.org) or by submitting their American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Year End Report by February 15th. A PDF version and an online version of the Lodge Achievement Form is available on [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com).

SUBMITTING: Do not send your form to your zone director or district president. Instead, submit it to Sons of Norway Headquarters by February 15th. Sons of Norway, Attn. Lodge Achievement, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408 Fax: (612) 827-0658, Email: [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com)

If the online version is utilized, answers will automatically be sent to Sons of Norway Headquarters. A formatted version of the form will be sent to the lodge later in March for its records.

QUESTIONS? Contact Sons of Norway Headquarters at (800) 945-8851 x4654 or [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com).

# **2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines**

(Updated 2//6/2020- changes in red)

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## **February 20, 2020**

- **Zone 1 Meeting during Barnebirkie in Hayward at 1:15 PM at the Veterans Community Center**

## **March 2020**

- Fraternal Funds packet is sent to the district treasurers.

## **March 1, 2020**

- Deadline — Domestic scholarship applications due to Sons of Norway Foundation:
  - Astrid G. Cates Scholarship\*\*
  - Bernt Anker Scholarship
  - Dan and Betty Rude Scholarship
  - Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship\*\*
  - Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship\*\*
  - Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship

## **May 15, 2020**

- Fraternal Funds Report due to Sons of Norway Headquarters
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.
- D17 & 990 filing deadline for lodges that own property

\*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required

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## **DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING**

June 24-28, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison

## INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

August 16-23, 2020 in Hamar Norway

### 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.

Rotation for sharing the Viking Chest will continue as follows:

Zone 5 Oct. 2019 - Apr. 2020  
Zone 2 Apr. 2020 - Oct. 2020  
Zone 4 Oct. 2020 - Apr. 2021  
Zone 6 Apr. 2021 - Oct. 2021  
Zone 1 Oct. 2021 - Apr. 2022  
Zone 3 Apr. 2022 - Oct. 2022

### Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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 24-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 16-23, 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!**

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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](mailto: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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