

Friendly Fifth Friday News

January 3, 2020

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What Happens Now? The timeline for officer changes, directories, delegate counts and all that stuff!

Directory and officers

- Sherry Gorse and I have about six lodges we are following up on who didn't file their D63 by December 31. I hope to wrap them up by the weekend if I'm lucky!! Some of you sent in hard copies to Minneapolis so it takes staff some time to enter all of those in by hand. Those of you who updated your officers online or who had no changes are in the system already.
- Once Sherry has all the changes made, she will send me the master list of all District 5 lodge officers. That is what I use for the 2020 District 5 Directory. I also will share this with the board members so they can use it for various purposes.
- Until Sherry gets all the D63 forms from all lodges from all districts, you won't see any of your updates online! Once she has them all inputted, then she rolls it over and then 2020 changes will be posted. So please be patient! I know you might have sent your form in a month or two ago, but until they are all in and all changes made, the online lists won't change.
- I also will use my old FFFN contact list so if you have new officers, just forward it to them until I tell you I'm using the new list. If you have officers that are stepping down, they will continue to get the FFFN until the new list comes out.
- If you didn't have your officers check their membership profile to make sure it's accurate, have them do it right away!! If they make the changes, then the information in the directory will be accurate. If they have old emails, phone or addresses on their membership profile, that is the info base that we use so we'll have old data.

Delegate counts

- The memberships closed on December 31 and that adult membership is what will be used to calculate delegate counts for the District Lodge Meeting. Sherry Gorse will compile the reports and the District Secretaries should have them in the next ten days. I will then calculate what each lodge has for delegates and send the President and Secretary a note telling them how many delegates to elect and how many alternates.
- If your lodge has a member on the District Board, they are automatically a delegate as a District Board member. They DO NOT have to be elected again by your lodge and will not take from your delegate count.
- In the meantime, I encourage you to always download your membership list at the end of each month and especially at year end. You can probably calculate your own delegate count if you want to. Here's what I use (from our District bylaws)

ARTICLE III . . . MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION

.Par. 1 The regular meeting of the District Lodge shall be held once every two years, but the closing date shall not be less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the International Lodge Meeting of the same year.

Par. 2 Every local lodge in the District shall be entitled to two representatives for the lodge, and one representative for every 100 members or major fraction thereof, based on the last Semi-Annual Report prior to the election of delegates. All members in good standing are eligible representatives. If a lodge has exhausted its list of elected alternates, the Delegate Leader may designate a potential alternate to the credentials committee which may recommend to the District Lodge the seating of the alternate.

- Hopefully the directory changes come out first and then once I have the year-end numbers, I am sending the delegate information to the 2020 lodge president and secretary. Timing is the key and so much is based on how fast those D63 reports get processed!!

Consider being a delegate to the 2020 District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention!

All across District 5, elections will be held in January and February as lodges elect their delegates and alternates for the District 5 convention. Some of your members may be sharing their experiences as delegates at your meetings so members are more aware of what happens at conventions, what their role is, and the experience they have had. To help new members and those without convention experience, here are some things to consider and share with your membership:

Who can be a delegate or alternate?

- You do NOT have to be a benefit member to serve as a delegate to the District Convention.
- Current District 5 Board members cannot serve as delegates for their local lodges.

Time Requirements

- The District 5 Convention is June 24-28, 2020 in Madison, Wisconsin.
- Your delegates may be asked by the District President to serve on a committee. This would require them to attend committee meetings on the Thursday morning and afternoon (or until committee work is done and the committee is dismissed).
- The opening ceremonies will be on Friday morning. **The first official business and seating of the delegates is also Friday morning and all delegates need to be in all sessions Friday and Saturday.**
- As times and schedules are finalized, watch the District 5 website (www.sonsofnorway5.com) and future mailings for schedules and timelines.

What does a delegate do?

- Represents and speaks on behalf of your lodge on District business, resolutions, proposed changes
- Accepts your lodge's recognition and awards

- Attends all delegate sessions, zone meeting (Saturday noon) and votes on behalf of your lodge
- May serve on a committee if asked to by the District President
- A delegate is the only member (along with current District 5 Board Members) that can run for the District Board (if a benefit member or if they purchase a benefit product at the convention).
- A delegate can run for a delegate spot for the International Convention (August 16-23) in Ringsaker, Norway, if they are a benefit member or if they purchase a benefit product at the convention.
- Learn about Sons of Norway by attending workshops, visiting displays and visiting with other members
- Bring back many ideas, activities and enthusiasm that will benefit your lodge
- Report to your lodge about what they learned, business conducted and report on elections held at the convention
- Have a wonderful time and go home ready to carry out the mission of Sons of Norway!

What is a Benefit Member? Someone who owns a Sons of Norway insurance certificate.

How do you pay for delegates? Each lodge handles this differently. Many will help the delegates with convention costs, registration, travel and hotel costs in varying amounts, paying it in full, or a portion. Some lodges will have a special fundraiser or event to raise money for delegate expenses.

Thank you for electing delegates and alternates and your consideration to serve as one! If you have further questions, contact your lodge president, zone officer or a District Board member!

For Just \$5 (or \$8) a Month- by Mike Palecek

“All of this can be yours for \$5 (or \$8) a month...” was something I heard a presenter say while I attended one lodge’s membership recruiting breakfast.

For some, writing out a \$60 check yearly (or \$95 family) for Sons of Norway membership is a hardship.

At this membership recruiting breakfast, there was a nice PowerPoint presentation, showing action photos of all the fun Nordic activities that their lodge does. Everyone certainly got the message that this was a great place to explore their Nordic heritage.

After the PowerPoint, one of the presenters asked prospects to open up a folder, which had a lodge newsletter in one pocket and a Viking magazine and some Sons of Norway brochures in the other pocket. After pointing out some articles and the calendar of events in the lodge newsletter and talking about the great articles in the Viking, she held up the membership application, and said “you saw all

of the fun Nordic heritage things you can do in our lodge... all of this can be yours for \$5 a month, or \$8 a month to enroll all family members who lives at your address. You can affordably pay by credit card or automatic bank withdrawal.”

Later, I asked an officer in that lodge about this unique approach. She said “some of our members are on fixed incomes, so being able to pay a little bit at a time makes a difference to them. Most people still write out a yearly check.”

Consider using this approach, either when signing up new members, or when talking to members whose membership has lapsed.

Looking for a family fiddle....

I received this communique from a family who is trying to track down a Hardanger fiddle once in their possession.

Could you share it with your members in hopes of assisting in their efforts?

Thank you,

Cheryl

From: Duane and Kristen Klein <kleinsfour1989@gmail.com>

My great-grandfather, Gunnar Lean, was a violinist in Norway who immigrated to the United States with his family in 1920 and settled in rural Argyle. At the time of his emigration he owned at least three violins. He had to leave one in Norway, but brought at least two with him to the United States. One was of the style that most people think of when they think of violins, but the other was a Hardanger and was very special to him.

Great-grandpa Lean played his Hardanger whenever he had a free moment. My father, Arthur Richard Cresson (of Verona), remembers visiting his grandparents and hearing his grandfather play often. My aunt, Norma Cresson Schenkel (of New Glarus), remembers how her grandfather would be eager to see any new music she brought home.

Many years ago, when my great-grandfather was near the end of his life and in the nursing home, Tony Arneson (of Blanchardville) bought the Hardanger from him. Efforts by our family to buy it back were in vain. Mr. Arneson then eventually sold the violin to Clarence Alfred (also of Blanchardville) and there the trail goes cold. It is possible that the violin was sold at the auction that was held after

Clarence's passing in 1978, but neither the auctioneer nor anyone from Mr. Alfred's family knows where it went from there.

The disappearance of this family heirloom has been a great loss for my family and I have been actively searching for it for some time. Gary McKenzie of the Pecatonica Leader will be running an article about our search for the violin, but he also suggested that I contact you. I am hoping that some of your members might know something that could lead us to the violin's whereabouts. I have attached a few pictures that might help with identifying the violin.

We would be so grateful to hear from anyone with information about Grandpa's Hardanger. They may contact me directly at 920-478-3792 or via email at GrandpasViolin@gmail.com.

Thank in advance for any help you can offer.

Sincerely,

Kristen Klein
250 W. Porter St.
Waterloo, WI 53594
920-478-3792

Zone 3 Meeting Survey

Hei, Alle...

Please share the following information with your members who have indicated an interest in attending the 2020 Zone training in Stoughton on January 25, 2020. I would highly encourage any new officers to attend this meeting.

The attached sheet has a list of possible topics of interest to be addressed. Please know that other topics are possible, so we ask that you indicate them on the lines provided.

If you cannot open the attached document, please let me know so that I can send you a scanned copy.

Tusen takk og Godt Nyttår,

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser and Karen Eberhardt
Zone 3 Directors

Godt Nyttår!
Happy New Year! Happy 125th Anniversary Sons of Norway!

There's no better way to start a New Year than by attending the Zone 3 Member Seminar, and I am happy to share that one has been scheduled! One of our goals during this yearly training is to provide new or additional information to any Sons of Norway member who resides in Zone 3. A second goal is to introduce the more finite details of membership to those who are newly elected local leaders or to those who would be willing to serve your lodge when asked. A third emphasis is to gel Zone together so that we can learn about each other's needs or celebrations and how to provide support. We are fortunate that our zone is geographically close, and we can reach one another within a couple of hours.

The Zone 3 Training will occur on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Mandt Lodge in Stoughton, WI, beginning with registration at 8:30 AM. The Lodge is located at 317 S. Page Street. Should weather become a safety factor, an email will be sent to local presidents. I ask that local presidents notify their members of any change to the schedule.

President Darlene Arneson and her members will serve as hosts that day. Breakfast bites will be available to satisfy your appetite. The coffee is always on at Mandt Lodge, so know that your caffeine needs will be met. If you require something specific, please bring that drink with you.

Karen Eberhardt and I, your Zone 3 Directors, will be coordinating the meeting, and other leaders within Zone 3 may be asked for assistance. We have received confirmation that our financial benefits counselor Greg Ragan will be in attendance that day to answer any questions you may have and to details any new products that are available.

Anyone who chooses to attend this training should select the items that are of interest to them by placing a check in front of the topic. This list is fluid and can be expanded, as your desires indicate. We look forward to receiving your lodge's responses.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> District 5 website ins and outs | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Programming and Medals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sons of Norway Blog | <input type="checkbox"/> Masse Moro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Report from the International Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Required reporting forms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tubfrim | <input type="checkbox"/> Succession of Officers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Director Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Challenge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using the Resource | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial update from D5 Treasurer Mike Palecek |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fraternal Give Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Electing Delegates to the D5 Convention in Madison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barnebirke Volunteer Options | <input type="checkbox"/> International Convention to be held in Norway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Submitting items to The Viking Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> D5 Convention-Madison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upcoming Tours | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation and District 5 Scholarships |

OTHERS? Please provide. _____

Please return your responses to Cheryl Wille-Schlesser: rogcher@mhtc.net no later than **January 15, 2020**. Additional questions: **Cheryl-608-219-4464** or **Karen-608-577-5906**

Thank you! Cheryl and Karen

2019-20 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

(Updated 11-28-2019- changes in red)

January 15, 2020

- Deadline — International travel scholarship applications due to Sons of Norway Foundation:
 - Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship
 - Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship*
 - Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship**
 - King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship
 - Lund Fund Scholarship**
 - Oslo International Summer School Scholarship**

February 15, 2020

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges to District Presidents.
- 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 Fraternalgive.org, are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

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

**Membership with Sons of Norway required (social or insurance)

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) 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 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!**

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@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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