

# Friendly Fifth Friday News

## January 5, 2018

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!**

Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary

**Send all web posting info to [inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com)**

**Questions on the new dues structure? [2018dues@sofn.com](mailto:2018dues@sofn.com)**

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## Year-end Reports

A packet of year-end forms were mailed to lodge secretaries at the beginning of November. The packet included:

### Lodge Achievement Form

This form, with yes and no questions about lodge programming and activities done during 2017, can be completed online or by returning the completed paper form to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.



**This Year-End Report mailing contained three documents. All are due February 1, 2018!! This was sent to the lodge secretary and Mandt's was postmarked November 14. If you have a new secretary, they need to get it from the previous secretary!**

- American Fraternal Alliance Year End Report- one page and if you enter the hours online at FraternalGives.org, you don't need to fill out the form.
- Lodge Achievement Form- this is a REQUIRED REPORT. Due February 1, 2018.
- Family Lode of the Year- not required but I highly recommend you fill it out. Due February 1, 2018 and needs to be signed by the Lodge President and Secretary.

Also due in February, the D17 Lodge Audit Report! I don't have a copy of this one so am not sure of the instructions. It will be sent to the lodge treasurer. If you own a building, both the lodge and the building corporation must fill these out! It is due February 15, 2018.

# Important dates and deadlines on the International website!

These are found at [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)

[https://www.sofn.com/member\\_resources/lodge\\_leadership\\_resources/administrative\\_resources/important\\_deadlines/](https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/important_deadlines/)

*Please note dates are subject to change.*

## **January 2018**

- D17 financial form and 990 filing instructions will be mailed to lodge presidents and treasurers.

## **January 15, 2018**

- Scholarship applications for educational opportunities that involve international travel are 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 1, 2018**

- 2018 officers will be listed in the online lodge directory.
- 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.

## **February 15, 2018**

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges to their district president.

## **March 1, 2018**

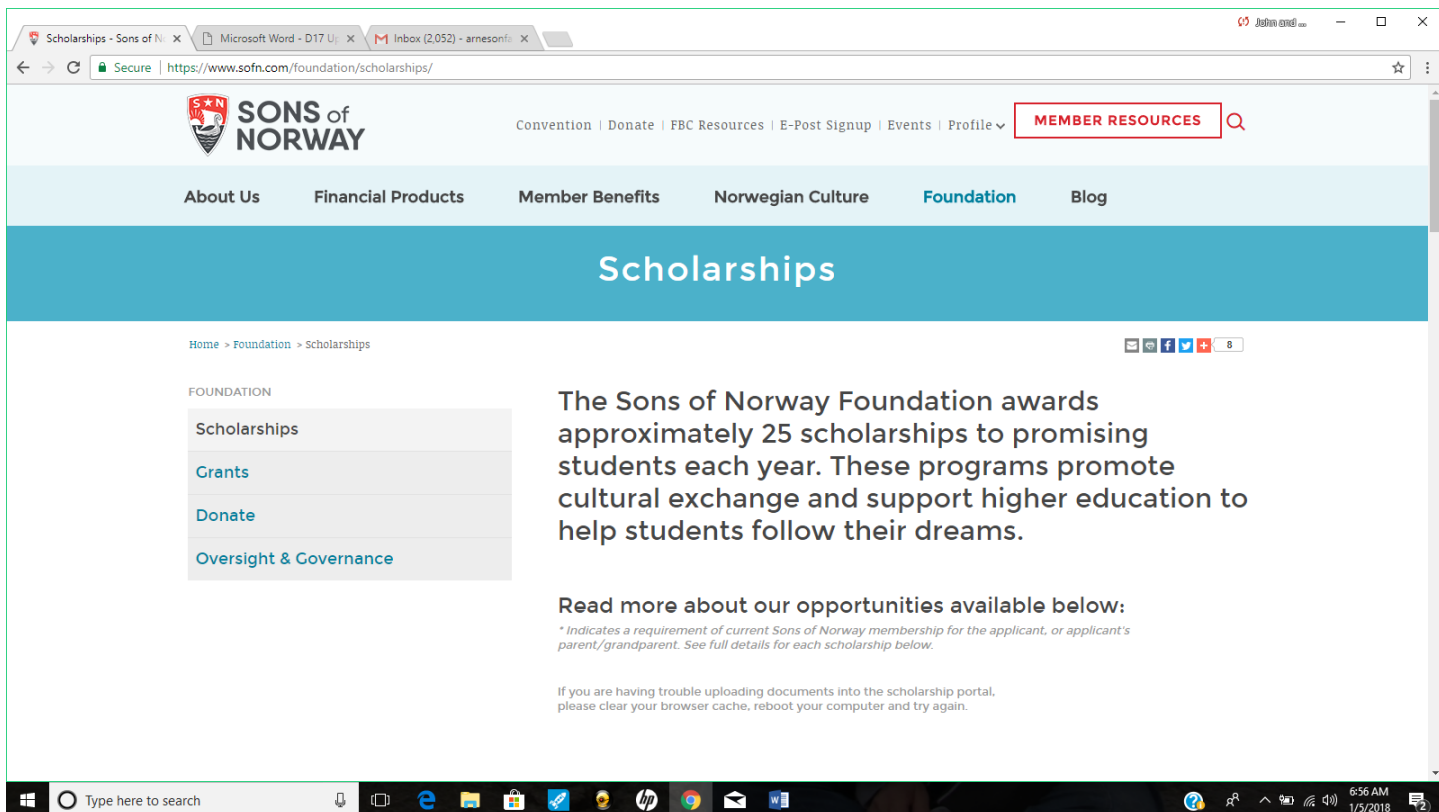
- D17 financial form is due to Sons of Norway Headquarters from the district presidents.
- Scholarship applications for study in the United States are due to the Sons of Norway Foundation:
  - Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship\*
  - Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship
  - Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship\*

## **May 15, 2018**

- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.

\*Social membership with Sons of Norway required.

\*\*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required.



**The SN Foundation Scholarships are due January 15. Please send a notice to your members and refer them to the website for all the details, requirements and applications!**

**Questions?**

**For more information on scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation, send us an email at [scholarships@sofn.com](mailto:scholarships@sofn.com) or call (800) 945-8851.**

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## **Convention delegate update:**

I just got the final list of membership numbers on Wednesday night so will work this weekend on the calculations and mailing to the lodge president and secretary. I don't have the updated full list though of new officers as some didn't send a hard copy to me or called the office. So I still am operating off of last year's list. My goal is to email out the information as soon as I have it done and then to get the hard copy sent off next week. That was why it's so important to properly do these Officer Election Forms so that both the International and District get the changes and we can get delegate info out faster! We're doing our best to get the information out. Here is an information sheet that I use to help promote delegate interest. Feel free to edit and use with your lodge.

# Consider being a delegate to the 2018 District 5 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 27-30 in La Crosse, WI.
- 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](http://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 16-18, 2018) in Minneapolis, MN, 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!

# **Sons of Norway D5 bowling tournament starts soon!**

From January thru April you can help the Sons of Norway Foundation by bowling and having fun!

Rules: A \$5 donation (per person) to the Foundation is required. Bowl, record your scores, send in results and have fun!!



Categories include: youth 12 and under, youth 12-17, adult females, adult males and WII bowlers.

Please send in your score sheets and checks (made out to Sons of Norway District 5) to:

Michaela Decker

1247 Center St Racine, Wi 53403

Phone # 262-498-2085



It's time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual chili cook-off in District 5!

Do you make a great chili? Is it a recipe handed down for generations? Or have you created a chili that will make others weep in joy? Please share it with your lodge!

Who in your lodge will win "bragging rights" for 2018? Who will win a blue ribbon and certificate?

The chili cook-off will go from January thru April. Send in your pictures and get them put on the D5 website.

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## District 5 Cookie Baker's Needed!!

The 2018 Barnebirke is coming up in February!

We need **COOKIES**, **COOKIES**, **COOKIES**!!!

The Barnebirke is scheduled for February 22, 2018. Sons of Norway has always been a huge supporter of this event. Last year we donated 12,000 cookies and they were loved by everyone in Hayward, Wi. We would love to match that number this year! If you need help getting the cookies to the

Barnebirke, please contact me and we can arrange a pick up. ([michaeladecker@wi.rr.com](mailto:michaeladecker@wi.rr.com) or 262-498-2085)

**ALLERGY ALERT:**

**Remember cookies must be made without nuts!!**