

Friendly Fifth Friday News

November 18, 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!

Sons of Norway District 5 Application Form – Cultural, Sports, and Membership Pins Shipping Grant

Please fill out the form below and submit it via U.S. Mail or by email. Attach all receipts.
Reimbursement check will be mailed to the Treasurer.

Lodge Name and Number: _____

Name of Person Requesting Grant: _____

Lodge Position: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of the Lodge Treasurer: _____

Address of Treasurer: _____

Date(s) of pin order(s): _____

- Attach copy of receipts for pin orders with shipping cost circled.
- No follow-up report is required, but comments are welcome.
- This Grant applies to shipping costs starting January 1, 2022.

The District 5 Board thanks you for acknowledging your members in this way.

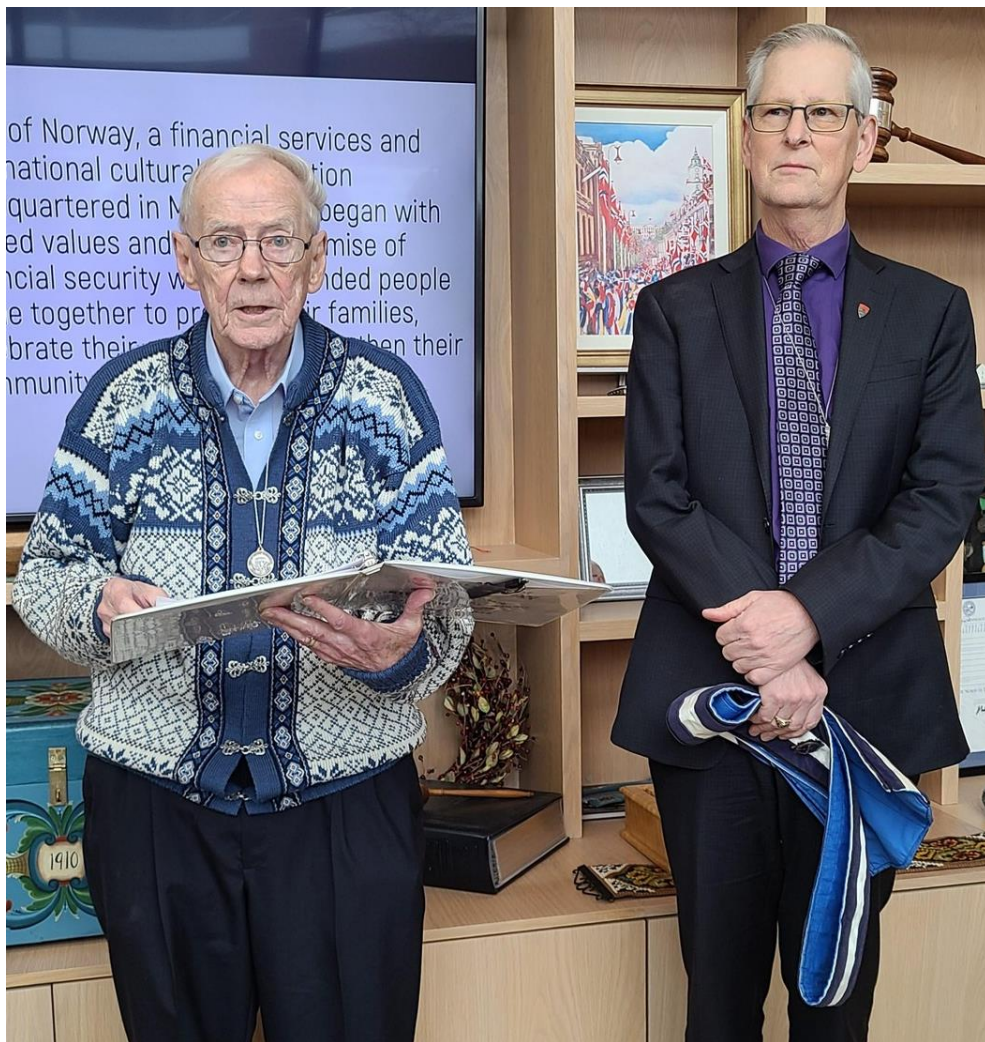
Submit applications and receipts to:

Wendy Winkelman
District 5 Vice President
6525 Water Valley Road
Cobden, IL 62920
wendyathadeland@yahoo.com

TUBFRIM and Stamp Update

We are continuing to explore options for lodges to send their stamps too. The International Board is also going to be discussing this. We did learn from Darlene Henderson in Indiana that The Sisters at St. Mary's college, in Notre Dame, South Bend Indiana, have a stamp room. They sell the stamps to collectors everywhere and use the \$\$\$ to feed the hungry and such. They publish a booklet and list the donors. Another option to consider!

Past International President Jon Tehven and current president Ron Stubbings installing the 2023 International Board and Officers at Sons of Norway Headquarters. Congratulations Robin Fossum and Duane Kittleson!



Updates from International

In Loving Memory on Sofn.com

Celebrating a life well lived is an important aspect of our Nordic culture. As we honor those who have been members alongside us in our lodge community, we invite you to take notice of their name which has been remembered on the Sons of Norway website located in our new “In Loving Memory” section: sofn.com/inlovingmemory/

*Please note that you will be able to look back to July 2022 to find the names of your loved ones.

Lodge Liability Insurance for 2022/2023

Each year, Sons of Norway lodges with over 25 members receive a bill to help pay for the upcoming year’s liability insurance for lodges and districts. These bills are sent in the mail to lodge Treasurers and are typically due in late September or early October.

This year, there has been a delay in getting these bills out to lodges. It is important to note that our lodges are currently covered by the new policy, even though they have yet to receive a bill.

Lodge Treasurers should have gotten the renewal notice. Please contact Sherry at 612-821-4643 or fraternal@sofn.com with any questions or requests for liability insurance certificates.

Reaching Lodge Support

When a member or lodge officer calls Sons of Norway at 1-800-945-8851, they are given several options in order to be directed to the appropriate department.

- Option #1 Customer Service – Members should choose #1 when they have questions about their dues payments, address changes or other questions about their membership. Customer Service also helps with issues relating to individual life insurance policies and annuities.
- Options #2 through #5 – These are options for agents to call with questions about sales and commissions.
- Option #6 - Lodge Support – This is the important option for lodge officers. Lodge Support answers questions about lodge programming, such as Cultural Skills, Sports Medals and Lodge Deposit Funds. They administrate the different campaigns throughout the year: D63 Lodge Officer Updates, Lodge of the Year, D17 Financial Statements and more. We can also help with policies and procedures at the lodge level. Lodge Officers can also call Lodge Support directly at 612-821-4643.

Contact Sherry at 612-821-4643 or fraternal@sofn.com with any questions.

Lodge Officer Updates Due December 31, 2022

It's time to report them to Sons of Norway Headquarters with your officer list for 2023.

Once a lodge has held its election in November (or if you don't elect this year, it still needs to be submitted!), the lodge secretary should document the changes (or lack of changes) via their profile page on sofn.com:

1. Sign on to sofn.com with your Username and Password
2. 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.

Hei, hei, allesammen,

This week Duane Kittleson from Vennelag Lodge in Mt. Horeb, WI, was installed as a member of the Sons of Norway International Board of Directors (IBOD). His 25 years of insurance experience are a plus for the board and for the Fifth District. Former SofN president Jon Tehven was the officiating officer.

The district presidents also met and discussed a variety of topics. Numerous home office staff presented updates from their departments. Each district president shared the pros and cons of its operations since their district conventions this past summer. Connie O'Brien advised the group.

A troublesome bit of news came this week when the international office shared that numerous lodges in our district were in non-compliance and had not submitted their IRS 990 forms and/or the D17 lodge financial statements. I have contacted some of these lodges and discovered that some had indeed submitted their reporting. The way these forms are tracked at the international office is not adequate, and the reporting of the receipt of lodge IRS990 forms lacks accuracy on the IRS website.

There are additional presidents who will be receiving a call this week. If your lodge neglected to file these documents during the COVID-19 pandemic, please do so. Failure to do so will cause a series of events to occur and it could lead to the loss of your lodge's charter. The non-compliance could also affect the tax-exempt status of the international organization.

If you are a lodge president, mark March 1 for filing the D17 form and May 1 for submitting the IRS990 document. There is no need to wait, you may file ahead of these suggested dates! Remember to have your audit committee members sign the D17 document.

All of the 8 districts are grappling with recent cost-saving measures handed down from the IBOD which will directly affect our operations. In the event that you missed a recent announcement, each district will no longer receive the dues from Central Lodge members. The Central Lodge is our largest lodge. An approximation of the loss is \$2,000 per month. It will be necessary to further tighten our belts as we deal with this news.

The IT Dept. is ready to roll out its geo-tracking software that will show where lodges are located in each district. Hopefully, prospective members will find this tool helpful when searching for a lodge to call home.

With Tubfrim no longer being a viable depository for stamps, the international office offered an alternative. Richard and Christina Fairchild, our webmasters are investigating additional groups that could benefit from our stamps. Mary Benett shared that she will process all of the stamps she has received thus far. She made known that the district president is in charge of the stamp program. She and I will discuss the options when I return home at the end of the week. District 5 will be responsible for delivering or shipping our stamps to the receiving entity.

I am thrilled to report that all of our board positions are nearly full! We will hold a Zoom meeting to install new directors and proceed with the business of the district. To those who stepped up with your willingness to serve, thank you very much. Announcements of these servant leaders will be made following successful vetting.

Ha en god helg,
Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
District President cwschlesser200bc@gmail.com 608-219-4464

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 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@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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