

Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News

November 8, 2024

A District Weekly Newsletter to Keep Us Up to Date!



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Rosemaled Old Rogaland
Ornament

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Show your Norwegian pride this holiday season by adding the 2024 Sons of Norway commemorative ornament to your Christmas traditions. With its Old Rogaland-style design, this elegant ornament will be a treasured addition to your holiday decor. Packaged in a silver-stamped gift box containing a Christmas greeting from Sons of Norway and an informative description of the Old Rogaland style of rosemaling, this ornament is a unique gift for someone who enjoys their Norwegian heritage as much as you do. This limited-edition ornament is bound to sell out quickly, so order yours now! This special keepsake is only \$24 plus tax, S&H. **** YOUR CREDIT CARD WILL REFLECT PHUSION LLC - NOT SONS OF NORWAY **** Additional Information ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE - WE DO NOT ACCEPT PHONE ORDERS

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<https://sofn.logoshop.com/ProductResults/?ProdSetIds=109764>

Sons of Norway Membership Benefits you should try!

There are many membership benefits that most of us either aren't aware of, don't take advantage of, or don't know where to find them. Having time at meetings to show them **how to log-in** is a big first step as that opens up so many resources for members! Here is the video on how to do that:

<https://youtu.be/4q-7Mxuwv5Q?si=BNqdhKdlv2V687DT>

19. Leadership Roles and Guidelines

https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/leadership_roles_guidelines/

Discover the roles, responsibilities and guidelines for achieving success for each leadership position in your Sons of Norway lodge. Click each title to download the full description and details.

President

The highest ranking lodge office, responsible for ensuring lodge compliance with the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitution while overseeing and guiding all lodge activities.

Vice President

Leads lodge recruitment efforts and strategies while helping develop programming that encourages member retention.

Secretary

Manages daily operations of the lodge.

[Financial Secretary](#)

Handles membership records and many of the business matters for the lodge.

[Membership Secretary](#)

Handles membership records and many of the business matters for the lodge.

[Treasurer](#)

Oversees all lodge finances.

[Social Director](#)

Plans social activities and quality programs to enhance the sense of enjoyment, excitement, commitment and community within the lodge.

[Cultural Director](#)

Plans activities to help members and community develop a lasting appreciation for the culture of Norway.

[Social/Cultural Reference](#)

Helps Social/Cultural Directors plan the lodge's annual schedule of social and cultural activities.

[Sports & Recreation Director](#)

Plans and supervises a well-rounded activity program that interests all members and enhances their well-being.

[Publicity Director](#)

Publicizes interesting lodge events and promotes Sons of Norway within the immediate community.

[Foundation Director](#)

Increase members' awareness of the Foundation and its value while promoting the Foundation to members and the community and helping it grow financially.

[Editor](#)

Keeps lodge members informed of lodge news and events via a lodge newsletter.

[Support Officers](#)

Guidelines for the lodge counselor, marshal, assistant marshal, greeter, trustees, historian, librarian and musician.

[Youth Director](#)

Leads the mission to engage young people in the activities of the lodge.

[Webmaster](#)

Manages the online presence of the lodge.

[Order of Ceremonies](#)

A guide to enhance the dignity and pageantry of lodge and business meetings.

[District Guide](#)- Guidelines for individual Sons of Norway districts, as defined by geographical areas.

[Auditing Guidelines](#)- Comprehensive guideline to conducting a periodic audit of the financial condition of the lodge.

Leader Training Series- log in to view!

Available trainings:

- Intro to Sons of Norway – [Intro to Sons of Norway Training](#)
- Sons of Norway Foundation – [Sons of Norway Foundation Training](#)
- Local Lodge Leader Training – [Local Lodge Leader Training](#)
- Publicity Training – [Publicity Training](#)

Paying for Membership- please share with members!

There are three options to pay for your membership:

- Check – annual payment, please put your membership number in the memo
- Credit Card – annual payment, online only, does not auto renew yearly
- ACH – monthly payment, automatically made withdrawn until you end it

Sons of Norway Foundation Grants-

<https://www.sofn.com/foundation/grants/>

Check the grants out! Is there a group near you that can consider the Community Partnership Grant? That's for groups outside of SN! And check out the details for all the other grants- would this help out your lodge with new/existing activities?

The Sons of Norway Foundation distributes over \$30,000 in grants every year. We're dedicated to empowering youth and supporting Nordic cultural projects throughout your communities.

Applications for our Helping Hands to Member grants are open year-round. For all other grant opportunities.

Heritage and Culture Fund

- [Community Partnership Grant](#)
- [Lodge Heritage and Culture Grant](#)
- [Lodge Vitality Grant](#)

Humanitarian Fund

- [Helping Hands to Children Grant](#)
- [Helping Hands to Members – Disaster Relief Grants](#)
- [Helping Hands to Members – Medical Relief Grants](#)

Please contact foundation@sofn.com with any questions or for more information.

District Board Meeting this weekend in Chicago!

The District Board will have its first in-person meeting since the District Lodge Meeting and Convention this weekend in Chicago. They have a lot of reports to review (over 40 pages!) and some great ideas to discuss. Watch for meeting updates in future issues of the FFFN.

Due November 15

Annual Lodge Liability Insurance

Invoices for 8/1/24 – 8/1/25 lodge liability coverage will be sent out to all lodge treasurers once we get them from our provider. The updated certificate can be found on the website:

[Certificate of Liability Coverage 2024-2025](#)

Please reach out to fraternal@sofn.com with questions or if you don't receive your invoice by the end of October. All payments are due by November 15, 2024. If not received by that date, a \$25 late fee will be applied, and dues will be withheld until the amount owed has been satisfied.

Other Dates to Note (changes in red)

November 8-9- District 5 Board Meeting- northern IL (Chicago area)

November 15- Lodge Liability Payment Due

November 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

December 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

December 31- D63 Officer Election Reports Due

2025 Calendar

January 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

February 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

February 20- Barnebirkie Race in Hayward, WI

March 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

April 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

May 17- Masse Moro Lodge Supporting Grants Due

May 17- Masse Moro Registrations Due

May 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

June 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

July 13-26- Masse Moro- Youth Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI

July 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

August 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier
September 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier
October 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier
November 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier
December 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- **Foundation, Scholarships & Grants- Amy Tuchenhagen**
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- **Fraternal & Membership- Connie O'Brien and Kirsten Lehman**
fraternal@sofn.com, (612) 821-4643
- **Culture, Viking & Language: Jana Velo**
jvelo@sofn.com
- **Insurance Sales: Michael Godbout**
sonsofnorwaysales@sofn.com, (833) 707-0012 – option 2
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851

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 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!**

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 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@sonsofnorway5.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.