

Friendly Fifth Friday News October 22, 2021

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Membership Updates!

The past year might have felt like a long and confusing journey. As a lodge leader, the desire to gather and stay connected, while keeping the health and well-being of members in mind, has been paramount. Despite ongoing challenges, I applaud the new pathways you've explored to keep members connected.

Thank you for your outstanding leadership. And for your willingness to consider new ideas that engage current and new members in these extraordinary times.

Our Sons of Norway family has welcomed 13,800 new social and financial members this year. There are 52 lodges that have met their recruiting goal for 2021. [View the latest recruitment campaign results by district and lodge through September 30 at sofn.com](#). Or download the results report now using the button below.

From Zoom meetings, to drive-through dinners and virtual classes, we've heard terrific ideas to keep members engaged. Do you have a tip to share about engaging members? Please email it to membership@sofn.com.

Members sometimes ask *what they get as a member* while lodges are unable to hold their usual events or meeting less often. From lodge newsletters with your local news to online resources like our Recipe Box, Cultural Skills subjects, Sports Medal Program and *Viking* magazine available by mail or online—members can enjoy their membership at home, until it is safe to gather. You can also suggest members visit our [updated member benefits page](#) to learn more about exclusive, members-only benefits and discounts including Films of Norway, PerkSpot and more.

Thank you again for your support of fellow members and service as a Sons of Norway lodge leader in 2021.

Best, Doris Kamstra
Membership Manager and Sons of Norway Member



2021 New Members per Lodge

District	Lodge	2021 YTD										2020 Total	2021 Target* Minimum = 4 Members	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL			
5	000	134	185	296	241	239	253	156	180	137	1821	774		
5	028	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	7	6	7	MET GOAL
5	029	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	6	7	
5	053	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	4	2	4	MET GOAL
5	074	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	7	8	
5	082	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	3	4	MET GOAL
5	100	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	6	5	6	MET GOAL
5	168	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	4	5	MET GOAL
5	183	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	7	
5	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	
5	286	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	
5	314	2	0	4	2	1	1	1	3	5	19	15	16	MET GOAL
5	353	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	
5	378	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	21	22	
5	417	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	
5	457	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	
5	472	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	9	10	
5	490	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	6	
5	491	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	6	7	
5	496	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	
5	513	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	9	8	9	MET GOAL
5	523	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	
5	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	4	
5	534	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	
5	544	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	4	
5	549	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	
5	556	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	
5	568	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	
5	570	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	Disband pending 10/2021
5	580	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	
5	593	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	
5	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	
5	609	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	
5	610	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	20	
5	614	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	
5	616	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	
5	625	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	
5	627	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	
5	632	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	
5	642	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	
5	650	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	4	
5	657	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	4	
5	662	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	4	6	7	
5	670	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	
5	677	0	5	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	12	8	9	MET GOAL
5	681	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	10	11	
5	689	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	4	5	
5	999	5	5	6	4	7	3	12	4	4	50	103		
Total D5		153	208	316	250	259	261	189	196	152	1984	1,069	285	

Foundation Month Continues!

It is Foundation Month at Sons of Norway. Foundation month was established to celebrate and support the services that the Sons of Norway Foundation provides to members. We provide over \$35,000 in grants to lodges and partners that advance the core values of Sons of Norway and over \$110,000 in scholarships to members, the children of members, and the grandchildren of members, annually. We would not be able to provide this assistance without you!

Our Mission is to share and preserve Nordic heritage, positively affect our members' lives, and

make Sons of Norway communities better places to live. **We hope that you will again join us in this Mission.** This year with our “Together We are the Future” fundraising campaign, we are trying to raise \$150,000 to support our grants and scholarships.

Sons of Norway's leadership will generously match the first \$50,000 in donations made before the end of the year!

Click <https://www.sofn.com/give2021/> to learn more and donate today to double your impact!

October is Foundation Month

In this week's video, Emily Stark reminds leaders that all the Grants and Scholarships offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation opened for applications on October 1st and that we rely on donations to make these gifts possible. Watch at <https://youtu.be/OzaMqro6p74>

Lutefisk dinner season is here!

2021 Lutefisk Dinners (as of October 20, 2021)

October 24

The North Beaver Creek Church's Lutefisk Dinner will be a drive-thru like last year on Oct. 24, 11-4. Pre-orders are required with payment by Oct. 18. Call 608-525-7203 and state number of dinners and time you will pick them up. Cost is \$15 each and includes Lutefisk, Lefse, Meatballs, potatoes and gravy, rutabagas and dessert. Send payment to Lutefisk Dinner, N24939 Lunde Coulee Lane, Ettrick, WI 54627. Write checks to NBC Lutefisk Dinner. Dinners will be delivered to your car at the drive-thru.

October 28 but orders should be in by Sunday, Oct 3 for pick-up on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021

Our Savior's Lutheran Church 73rd Annual Lutefisk Covid Take-out 2021
N6450 530th Street. Beldenville, WI 54003 - 15 miles south of Baldwin I-94 exit
See website www.oursaviorschurch.info for the link to order items separately.
Orders should be in by Sunday, Oct 3 for pick-up on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021
Of order by phone daytime 715-273-4570 and evenings 715-273-5019

November 6

The Blair Lutheran Church Lutefisk Dinner will be Nov. 6, 11-4. Pre-orders are necessary. Details were sketchy at the time of this publication. For more information call 608-989-2818.

November 13, 2021

Christ Lutheran Church in De Forest, WI

November 13th will be here before we know it ~ the date for Christ Lutheran's Lutefisk & Meatball dinner! Because of concerns related to COVID-19, and the safety of our workers and guests, we will be holding a “**Carry Outs by Pre-Paid Reservation Only Dinner.**” No walk-ins will be served. The

carry-out dinners will include lutefisk and lefse, meatballs, potatoes, rutabagas, coleslaw, cranberries and pie.

We hope that you and your family will make reservations for this delicious dinner! Please tell your friends and neighbors about the dinner too.

Cost:

Adults \$20.00

Kids (4-12) \$9

Kids (0-3) Free with paid Adult Carryout Reservation

Carryout Reservations begin the first week of September and end October 25, 2021. No reservations after October 25, 2021 and no walk-ins.

Important: All reservations must be pre-paid, with payment received or post-marked by October 25 or the reservation will be cancelled.

Carryout Dinner Reservation Pick-up Times: Begin at 11:00 am and will continue every 20 minutes with 6:00 pm as the last pick up time.

Reservations may be made several different ways:

1. Selecting your Carryout Time and Dinner options and paying online via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eabaf22a1f94-lutefisk8>
2. Selecting your Carryout Time and Dinner options online, but paying via check. Send payment to Christ Lutheran Church at 220 S Main St. DeForest WI 53532. You may also drop off the payment at the church office or in the drop box located by the office door facing Sunset Dr.
3. Calling the Church office – **Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at 608-846-4718 to make your reservation. Then send payment to Christ Lutheran Church at 220 S Main St. DeForest WI 53532. You may also drop off the payment at the church office or in the drop box located by the office door facing Sunset Dr.
4. Stopping in the Church office **Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** to make your reservation and pay for the reservation.

Thank you everyone for your support!

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Norse Valley 5-491 Lutefisk Dinner

4:30 pm cash bar, 5:00 pm meal

Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Dr., Kimberly, WI.

Adults \$25, Children 7-12 \$10 and Children 6 and under, free.

Reservations at <https://forms.gle/UbUuK5sszYWvrRKt7> by Wednesday, November 10.

Reservations are not confirmed until payment has been received.

Pay by Venmo sent to @lindahashsofn by Wednesday, November 10. Please include "Lutefisk Dinner" and your name. Any questions? Email norsevalley@gmail.com or call Sharron at 920-427-4877

Saturday December 4th 2021

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Rubicon, WI

920-474-7042

<https://www.st-olaf.org/events/st-olaf-lutefisk-scandinavian-dinner-bake-sale/>

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Online ticket purchase available until Friday December 3rd at 3:00 pm.

Tickets will then be available at the door.

Halloween in Norway

Halloween is an American holiday which didn't catch on in the rest of the world until recently. However, it has increasingly become a phenomenon in various parts of the globe. One country that has grown well-acquainted with Halloween is Norway. The traditions of Halloween were "imported" to Norway in the late 90's and are now quite common, at least in the larger cities.



The way that Norway celebrates Halloween looks very similar to the customs of the United States. Around October 31st, houses are decorated with pumpkins, bats, and candles. Stores are stocked with candy and ghoulish decorations. Families take part in pumpkin carving. Kids wear their costumes to school and of course, they go trick-or-treating. However, instead of saying "trick or treat" when they knock on people's doors, they say "[knask eller knep](#)" or "[digg eller deng.](#)" which roughly translate to the English phrase.

Not only do Norwegian kids enjoy Halloween festivities, adults also have their own fun with Halloween. Many pubs plan Halloween festivities and some even have costume parties like [Café Amsterdam](#) in Oslo. Private house parties are also quite common among middle-aged Norwegians as is common in North America.

Although Halloween is now common in Norway, it has only recently gained stride. As mentioned by the [The Local](#), "Since 2015, discussion of Halloween in Norway has moved from being framed around whether it should be celebrated, to how it should be celebrated." Another reflection of the growth of Halloween in Norway is the five-fold increase of pumpkin sales between 2012 and 2018. Though there's more agreement on how Halloween should be celebrated, there are still some that don't take part at all. Interestingly, "The number of people who said in the survey that they left the house on Halloween to avoid trick-or-treaters increased from 6 to 13 percent."

There will always be two sides of the coin and people with differing opinions, but it seems that Halloween has made its way into Norwegian culture for good.

Two Frequently Asked Membership Questions

Transferring a Member into your Lodge

If someone contacts you about transferring their membership into your lodge, and your lodge is happy to accept them as a member:

- You do not need to collect any money when a member transfers in, unless their membership is suspended or cancelled.
- Get their name and member number, and the names and member numbers of any other family members who are transferring into your lodge.
- Send an email to fraternal@sofn.com with the word “Transfer” in the subject. Include your lodge’s name and number, your name and officer position and the names and member numbers of the people transferring in.
- Sons of Norway Headquarters staff will transfer the member(s) into your lodge and send the ones who are 16 or older a new membership card in the mail.
- You can also request a transfer by mail: download the [Transfer Request form](#) from the Forms area of sofn.com. Fill out the first ‘A’ section and mail it to Sons of Norway Headquarters. If you want a prorated portion of their local lodge dues portion, fill out section ‘C’ and mail it to the Financial or Membership Secretary of their former lodge.
- You do not need to collect any money when a member transfers in, if their membership is already current.

Adding a New Family Member into a Household

Sometimes an Individual Member wants to change to a Family Membership by adding a new person to their household. Or, sometimes an already existing Family Membership needs to include a new person. To accomplish this:

- The member can go to www.sofn.com.
- They should click on the Join/Renew button in the upper right corner.
- They should select “Add a Family Member” which is the third button down.
- They need to enter their first and last name, and their member number.
- Once in, they can enter the new member’s name and birthdate, among other choices.
- Click “Add Member” and the member will be added to the household. They will be given the same due date as the member signing them up, and they will be listed as their recruiter.
- This can also be done by mail by filling out a New Member Form for the new person. At the top of the form, write “Adding to Family Membership” and the name and member number of a person already at that address. Do not collect any money at this time.
- If the type of membership is being changed from an Individual to a Family Membership, **you do not need to collect any money**. The Family Membership dues rate will be charged on their next due date renewal notice.
- If the person they want to add to the household is **ALREADY a member**, please contact Sherry at fraternal@sofn.com, and she can update the records in the system. Otherwise, there can end up being duplicate records.

Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

November 10, 2021

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at eber01dj@gmail.com

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DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19, 2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. The convention will be held August 31st to Sept 1st 2022, with first time delegates arriving on the 30th of August for the First Timers Training. Delegates will depart the 2nd of September. Here is the information about the venue, be sure and watch the virtual tour of the site!

<https://youtu.be/S7TIjcinVCU>- Omni Hotels and Resorts, Omni Viking lakes Hotel, 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, MN 55121

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@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.

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