

## Friendly Fifth Friday News October 7, 2022

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at [inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com). Feel free to share this with your lodge members!

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### Viking Photos Due

October 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com) with any questions.

***Volunteer pin now available to order!***

**<https://sofnlodge.logoshop.com/>**

As promised, the new volunteer pin is available for order in the Sons of Norway online store. Leaders, make your list and check it twice for those amazing volunteers who go over and above for their Sons of Norway community. [Here's the link to order](#). (Note: The pins are to be awarded by leaders to other leaders and/or members.)





The long-awaited Adult Heritage Weekend of activities begins on Friday!

Plan to meet at the Giants of the Earth Center in Spring Grove around 3 PM.

If you indicated that you want to go on the hayride, please bring your coziest Norwegian sweaters and outdoor gear warm enough to survive a cold Minnesota night! Mittens or gloves and a hat would be good additions.

Should you prefer to stay indoors, there will be a movie option.

Uff-da Fest kicks off on Friday evening, so those who wish to celebrate can go to the fest grounds. In addition, I have arranged some live music for your enjoyment. Our participants will have complimentary entry, while others will pay a nominal fee.

To the best of my knowledge, a top-floor quad room remains at Big Raven Farm ([www.bigravenfarm.com](http://www.bigravenfarm.com)). Joleen Emery is the contact. The room would be best shared by four women or four men, helping reduce the space cost. A couple could rent the entire space.

I am excitedly waiting for the festivities to begin! Alt for Norge-Sønner av Norge that is!

Fraternally,

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser  
District 5 President  
[cwschlesser200bc@gmail.com](mailto:cwschlesser200bc@gmail.com)  
608-219-4464

## **Newsletter Service- Use this resource from SN (must log in)**

### ***Newsletter Content-***

**[https://www.sofn.com/member\\_resources/lodge\\_leadership\\_resources/administrative\\_resources/communications\\_tool\\_kit/newsletter\\_content/](https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/communications_tool_kit/newsletter_content/)**

Looking to enhance your newsletter? We've created an archive content that you use for your own lodge newsletter.

### **2022**

- January/February
  - [Word Doc](#)
  - [Google Doc](#)
  - [Royalty-free images](#)

- March/April
  - [Word Doc](#)
  - [Google Doc](#)
  - [Royalty-free images](#)
- May/June
  - [Word Doc](#)
  - [Google Doc](#)
  - [Royalty-free images](#)
- July/August
  - [Word Doc](#)
  - [Google Doc](#)
  - [Royalty-free images](#)
- September/October
  - [Word Doc](#)
  - [Google Doc](#)
  - [Royalty-free images](#)
- November/December
  - [Word Doc](#)
  - [Google Doc](#)
  - [Royalty-free images](#)

## ***Foundation Update***

Grant and scholarship applications open October 1 on the Sons of Norway Foundation website! Applications for grants are accepted through the end of the year for any projects that are planned for 2023. Scholarships are open through March 1 and available to members, children of members AND grandchildren of members, so please help us spread the word about these fantastic opportunities. For a full breakdown of all the different grants and scholarships the Foundation offers, visit [www.sofn.com/foundation](http://www.sofn.com/foundation).

## ***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 keep an eye out for this mailing in October. Please contact Sherry at 612-821-4643 or [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com) with any questions or requests for liability insurance certificates.

## ***New Member Applications on [sofn.com](https://sofn.com)***

Lodge officers and other members can download New Membership Application forms for new members who aren't able to join online. To find the document:

1. Go to [sofn.com](https://sofn.com)
2. Enter your Username and Password
3. Click Member Resources
4. Click Lodge Leadership Resources
5. Click Administrative Resources
6. Click View Lodge Forms
7. Scroll down to the bottom of the page
8. Click U.S. Member Enrollment Form or Canada and Norway Member Enrollment Form
9. Save the PDF to your computer in place that is easy to find
10. Print it on your home printer or bring it to the library to print

By downloading and the printing the form, you can have an endless supply of applications at your fingertips.

Please contact Sherry at 612-821-4643 or [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com) with any questions.

## ***Lodge Officer Updates***

November is coming fast! That means it will soon be time for most lodges to vote on their officer rosters for 2023 and report them to Sons of Norway Headquarters.

Once a lodge has held its election in November, the lodge secretary should document the changes (or lack of changes) via their profile page on [sofn.com](https://sofn.com):

1. Sign on to [sofn.com](https://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](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com).

## ***Sons of Norway Book Club***

The Sons of Norway Book Club has been a big hit! Our thanks to those who volunteer to make it happen. If you'd like more information or if you would like to join the Book Club, email your name, lodge name and contact information to [SonsOfNorwayBookClub@gmail.com](mailto:SonsOfNorwayBookClub@gmail.com).

### ***Author Presentation Mondays***

October 10, 2022

***Brooklyn Girl: Growing up Norwegian in New York City***

Jan Carol Simonsen



# International Convention Summary



The 2022 International Convention took place virtually August 31 and September 1. The 168 Delegates heard an update from International President Ron Stubbings and CEO Chris Pinkerton provided a summary about the business of the Foundation, Fraternal and Insurance areas of Sons of Norway.

Though the event was virtual, some of the traditions remained, like the Memorial Service, where we honor those International Board leaders who passed away within the past two years. We enjoyed cookie and coffee breaks, this time with the music of International Board member Robin Fossum on her Hardanger fiddle. Another video presented the American, Canadian and Norwegian national anthems.

One of the goals of the International Convention is to seat the new International Board members. The delegates were successful in seating our new Board. The new International Board members and International Directors are:

## **Executive Committee:**

International President - **Ron Stubbings**  
International Vice President - **Mark Agerter**  
International Treasurer - **Mary B. Andersen**  
International Secretary - **Robin Fossum**  
5th Member\* - **Dean Stiller**

## **International Directors:**

District One Director - **Dennis Rusinko**  
District Two Director - **Chris Hicks**  
District Three Director - **Kathy Dollymore**  
District Four Director - **Claudia Berg**  
District Five Director - **Duane Kittleson**  
District Six Director - **Luella Grangaard**  
District Seven Director - **Erik Brochmann**  
District Eight Director - **Per Mikalsen**

\*Dean Stiller was nominated and appointed by the Board at the September 2022 Board meeting.

Dean was also appointed to the Executive Committee as 5th Member.

## 2022 Lutefisk Dinners (as of September 28, 2022)

### Norway Museum- October 8

Norsk Museum in Norway, Illinois presents

# Norwegian Smørgåsbord

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Seating at 3:30 and 5:30 or carryout

Norway Community Building in Norway, Illinois  
GPS: 3667 E 2603rd Rd, Sheridan, IL 60551

You can take a bit of Norway home with you by stopping by our dessert table to purchase some specialty Norwegian treats!

<p>No tickets will be available at the door</p> <p><b>Advance ticket sales only:</b></p> <p>\$25 for adults and \$10 for children [under 8]</p> <p>Carry Outs will also be available</p> <p>Call (815)343-5070 for tickets</p>	<p>Sons of Norway Polar Star and Cleng Peerson Lodges and the Norway Store are joining forces to make this the greatest smorgasbord yet!!</p> <p>Please note: this is not an all-you-can-eat buffet due to the second seating</p>
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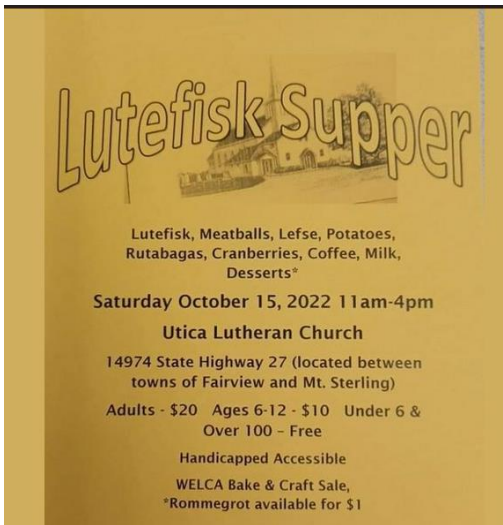
Proceeds benefit the Norsk Museum and Stabbur Building Fund

The Norsk Museum is open 1-5, so stop by for a quick tour and work up an appetite! The museum is just across Cleng Peerson Memorial Hwy (Rt. 71), behind the Norway Store.

### Utica Lutheran Church- October 15

Mailing address: 14974 State Highway 27 Ferryville, WI 54628 608-734-3051





## October 18- Myrmarken Lodge Dinner

Tuesday, October 18 6:00 PM Eagles Club 1104 S. Oak St. Marshfield \$16.00 call 715-305-9699 or 715-207-0550 for reservations. Lutefisk, meatballs, lefse, potatoes, rutabagas, salad, & great desserts!



## October 22: Orfordville Lutheran Church, Orfordville, WI

<https://orfordvillelutheran.org/OLC/events/norwegian-dinner/>

## NBC Lutheran Church- October 23



**Serving Since 1938!**

**North Beaver Creek  
Lutheran Church**

W10767 County Rd. C, Ettrick, 4.5 miles east of Beaches Corner

**LUTEFISK DINNER**

**CARRYOUT ONLY**

**\$16**

**DINNER INCLUDES:**  
LUTEFISK • MEATBALLS • POTATOES  
GRAVY • RUTABAGAS • LEFSE

**Sunday, October 23**

**Serving 10:30am-3:30pm**

Dinners will be delivered to your vehicle.

**Worship Service 9am at the brick church.**

All dinners must be  
**PRE-PAID by October 16.**  
Debit/Credit card Pre-orders by calling:  
**608-484-0303**  
OR SEND CHECK/MONEY ORDER TO:  
NBC Lutfisk Dinner  
N24939 Lunde Coulee Lane  
Ettrick, WI 54627



## **Our Savior's Lutheran- October 27, Beldenville, WI**

Our Savior's 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutefisk Supper

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Serving 2:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Limited Tickets – Order Early – Reservations Required

Dine-In time reservations required.

[www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info)

715 273 4570

Email: [admin.os@hbc.com](mailto:admin.os@hbc.com)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

N6450 530<sup>th</sup> Street

Beldenville, WI 54003

**Lyster Lutheran Church**- Saturday, November 5- W1771 Co Rd D, Nelson, WI 54756

**Sons of Norway Norse Valley – November 5, Oshkosh, WI**



**\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***



**Reservation for Norse Valley Lodge Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner**

**Sunday, November 6, 2022**

**4:30 pm social (cash bar)/5:00 pm meal**

**LaSure's Banquet Hall 3125 S. Washburn St. Oshkosh, WI**

**Reservations required.**

This delicious meal includes lutefisk, Norwegian meatballs, potatoes, rutabaga casserole, coleslaw, lingonberries, lefse, and other Norwegian goodies.

Name	Phone	E-Mail
	Number	Cost = Total
SofN Member Adult and Adult guests*	_____ x	\$29 \$ _____
Non-member Adults	_____ x	\$32 \$ _____
Children (7 - 12)	_____ x	\$15 \$ _____
Children (6 and under are free)	_____	N/A
<b>Total</b>	_____	\$ _____

We will also be offering rosemaled and gnome themed t-shirts for sale at the Dinner. Perfect for Holiday gift giving or to show your Norwegian pride!

There will also be 2 silent auction baskets available for bidding – one will be Troll & Nisse themed and the other will be Hardware themed.

Cash and Check payments only

\* Sons of Norway Member price applies to all adult reservations included on this form.

Registering member please indicate your Lodge name below for verification of membership.

Lodge Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form **postmarked by Monday, October 24th** to:  
Norse Valley Lodge c/o Sharron Huss 1407 W Starview Dr. Appleton, WI 54913

Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received. Please enclose a check made out to Norse Valley Lodge with your registration form.

Questions? Email [norsevalley@gmail.com](mailto:norsevalley@gmail.com) or call 920-427-4877

## **Christ Lutheran Church- DeForest, WI – November 12**

### LUTEFISK DINNER RESERVATIONS -2022

<https://www.christlutherandeforest.org/outreach/lutefisk/>

#### **It's time to think about Lutefisk 2022!**

Fall is in the air...a sure sign that it's time for the annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner at Christ Lutheran Church! We expect about 1,200 members, friends and neighbors to come to enjoy this wonderful meal, which includes the area's best-tasting lutefisk, homemade meatballs, the best potato lefse around, as well as rutabagas, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, cranberries and delicious pies.

**Date:** Saturday, November 12, 2022

**Time:** Seatings begin at 11:00am, and continue every hour until 5:00pm

#### **Cost:**

Adults = \$23.00

Children (Ages 4-12 yrs) = \$11.00

Children (0-3 yrs) = Free

**Reservations:** can be made beginning Wednesday, September 7, 2022 through Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at NOON. There are 2 ways to make a reservation:

**Online** – Use the Sign Up Genius – Lutefisk Reservation link shown below

#### **Sign Up Genius – Lutefisk Reservations**

Call the Church Office at (608) 846-4718

**Payment:** Those making reservations must pay for their spots ahead of time. **Payments must be received by November 9, 2022.** There are 3 ways to submit payments:

**Mail:** Checks and cash can be mailed to the church at 220 S Main St, DeForest WI 53532

**Office:** Checks and cash can be dropped off in the office or in the outside box located by the office door – 220 S Main, DeForest WI 53532

**Online:** When making your reservations online, there is also an option to pay for your reservations right in the same spot. One-stop shopping! There is a small convenience fee when paying online

**Walk-ins and carry out meals are also welcome!**

### **Another update:**

The Town of Norway Lutheran Church traditionally has a dinner in early Feb. They cancelled for covid, but I think have it next year. Barbara

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### **Lutefisk dinner**

Karen Lauer will be selling the Lutefisk tickets for Lyster Lutheran church supper on **Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022.**

Telephone: **715-283-5231**

Tickets go on sale **October 23** at church at **9:30** and at **noon** at her home.

Seating is every hour for about 100 starting at 11:00 a.m., to last sitting at 7:00 p.m.

~Pat Hermundson

### **Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!**

- October 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- October 28-29- District 5 Board Meeting- **Eau Claire, WI**
- November 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- December 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)

- January 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- February 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- March 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- April 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- May 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- June 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- July 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)

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## Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Apr 2022 to Oct 2022:

Chest--zone 5  
Trunk--zone 6

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](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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.

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary ([arnesonfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:arnesonfamily5@gmail.com) or 608-873-7209)

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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](mailto: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@sonsofnorway.com](mailto: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.

Darlene Arneson – [arnesonfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:arnesonfamily5@gmail.com)