



SONS OF NORWAY - DISTRICT TWO

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Greetings all –

As you know by now, October is Foundation month for Sons of Norway. The attached “Together We Are The Future” flyer will give you a little more insight as to what our foundation is and what it does. The most important statement in that flyer is that *“Your participation really does make a difference in our mission to celebrate Nordic heritage and culture through grants and scholarships.”* It’s true. Without generous gifts from our members, none of the good work we do would be possible!

On a whim I checked out the Sons of Norway Foundation on the website charitynavigator.org. Charity Navigator evaluates various non-profits and this is what they said about our foundation: “This charity’s score is 92%, earning it a Four-Star rating. (their highest) If this organization aligns with your passions and values, you can give with confidence. This overall score is calculated entirely from a single beacon score, (based on 12 rating criteria) weighted as follows: 100% Accountability & Finance.”

More about Charity Navigator: “Since 2001, we’ve empowered millions of donors by providing free access to data, tools, and resources to guide philanthropic decision-making. With more than 225,000 charities rated, our comprehensive ratings shine a light on the cost-effectiveness and overall health of a charity’s programs, including measures of stability, efficiency, and sustainability. The metrics inform donors of not just where their dollars are going but what their dollars are doing.”

One more thought – Officer and Director elections are coming up. If you don’t have one already, won’t you please help your lodge to vote in a Foundation Director? It is not a difficult or time-consuming job but it does so much for our members, lodges and communities. And remember, I am here to assist with any questions or concerns he/she might have and to help in any way that I can. I truly appreciate any effort you and your lodge can make in this regard.

Thanks for listening.

Mark Agerter

Foundation Director

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