



November 7, 2021

Greetings,

This is a reminder of the process for the election of delegates and alternates to the 2022 District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention. The notification of the number of delegates allowed for each lodge will be sent out in January 2022, after the year end membership reports are available. From the District Six Bylaws, Article V, paragraph 12: *Every lodge within the District shall be entitled to two delegates for the lodge and one for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, based on the last semi-annual* (membership) *report prior to the election.* From the Charter and Constitutions – *Election of Delegates must take place prior to the month of April before a District Lodge Meeting. At the same time, an equal or greater number of Alternates shall be elected to fill the places of duly elected Delegates prevented from attending the meeting, the first duly elected alternate filling the first vacancy, the second the next vacancy, etc. Exceptions to the above time limit may be recommended by the eligibility committee and may be approved by a two-thirds majority of seated delegates. (8/18)* 

## **2022 District Six Convention** at Sheraton Mesa Hotel, Mesa, AZ June 2 – 5, 2022

<u>Thursday</u>, June 2 – Morning Board Meeting and Committee meetings, afternoon Cultural Sessions (open to all) <u>Friday</u>, June 3 – Member Workshops, presentation by Headquarters Staff, Vendors, Folk Art Exhibition, afternoon Opening Ceremonies, Memorial Service, and President's Reception, Cultural Night w/Bunads <u>Saturday</u>, June 4 – District Lodge Meeting, Recreation Center Meeting, Vendors, Folk Art Exhibition <u>Sunday</u>, June 5 – District Lodge Meeting, Folk Art, Installation of new Officers, Banquet and Awards <u>Monday</u>, June 6 – morning meeting of the newly elected District Board of Directors, including outgoing board

Delegates are required to be in attendance for the entire Saturday and Sunday District Lodge Meeting, and preferably for Friday events, as well. Come early for the educational and fun Sessions on Thursday and Friday. Plan your days of participation accordingly. Remember, any lodge member may attend as a guest. Check out the Convention website often as information is added periodically: <u>2022.sofn6.org</u>

Costs are a key concern for delegates and lodges. Now might be the time to start a discussion about special fundraising to assist in sending delegates to the Convention. The delegate package is \$325 (\$250 if received and paid by April 15); guest package is \$285. Room costs at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel are \$105/night plus 14.02% tax, roughly \$120 per night total (plus \$10.00 per night for each guest over double occupancy). Assistance with finding a roommate will be available – note such request on your registration form.

If you are running for a district office, you must notify your lodge so that you can be elected as a delegate. Attending a District Convention is fun and educational: you learn more about Sons of Norway; you are updated and informed about the state of District Six; you meet folks from other lodges; you gain insight from cultural sessions and a member workshop session; you help chart the course of our organization; and of course, you enjoy seeing wonderful entries in the Folk-Art Exhibition. Delegates come back enthused with new ideas to help lodges grow and thrive. Conventions are including more heritage and culture, but be assured, there's business to attend to as well. Next year's Convention will be full of fun, heritage, and culture as well as the business of our future. We hope to see you there.

Fraternally, Nancy Madson, District Six Secretary