



## 2024 American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Survey

### Purpose and Instructions

Sons of Norway is required as a fraternal organization to report volunteer hours and other key data to the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) each year. Please answer all questions so that we can submit the most accurate information.

The below questions are information that is included in that report. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Data on financial contributions will be taken from the lodge D17 for the same year.

Completion of this survey is worth 10 points. An extra 5 points will be awarded for submissions by or on March 15.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Sons of Norway headquarters at (612) 821-4643 or [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com).

### Lodge Information

- \* 1. Lodge Name
- \* 2. Lodge District
- \* 3. Lodge Number
- \* 4. Lodge City
- \* 5. Lodge State/Prov/Country

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Questions 10-15 are new to the survey this year. They are taken directly from the form that we are asked to fill out as an organization. We recognize many lodges have causes they support that may not fall into these categories and you will not be penalized for answering "no" to some or all of the questions.

All answers should reflect Jan-Dec 2024.

### Definitions:

This information should be pulled from your Secretary Hour Tracking form.

**Community Service Event** - any function, project or gathering of two or more members designed to assist needy individuals or the community at large. The event must be organized or sponsored by the organization or one of its local lodges to qualify.

**Community Service Hours** - measure the total hours contributed to Community Service Events by lodge members or others who work on projects directly sponsored by the local lodge.



**Fraternal Events** - number of functions or gatherings that local lodge members conducted to carry out the business of the local lodge, promote fellowship among members, advance the purposes of the society or assist in the personal development of its members.

**Fraternal Member Hours** - personnel hours devoted by local lodge members towards lodge functions and activities other than community service functions. Hours include time attending, organizing, planning or working fraternal events. Hours by paid workers are not included.

6. Number of Community Service Events:

7. Total Community Service Hours (Event & Individual):

8. Number of Fraternal Events:

9. Total Fraternal Member Hours (Event & Individual):

10. Did your lodge participate in any initiative focused on improving the environment?

- Yes
- No

11. Did your lodge participate in any initiative focused on disaster relief?

- Yes
- No

12. Did your lodge participate in any initiative focused on ending hunger and food insecurity?

- Yes
- No

13. Did your lodge participate in any initiative focused on military and veteran outreach or support?

- Yes
- No

14. Did your lodge participate in any initiative focused on underprivileged children?

- Yes
- No



15. Did your lodge have established partnerships with any of the following nonprofits listed below:

- American Red Cross
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Feeding America
- Habitat for Humanity
- Salvation Army
- Toys for Tots
- Veterans Foundation
- None of the above

16. Does your lodge partner with any Nordic non-profit organizations? Check all that apply.

- Vesterheim
- Norwegian American Genealogical Historical Association
- Ski for Light
- Norwegian American Historical Association
- Other (please specify)

17. Please list any other organizations that your lodge partners with.

18. Additional Comments

### **Final**

Thank you for taking the time to report this information. We appreciate all you do for your lodge and Sons of Norway! Don't forget to record the time it took to do this survey as part of your volunteer hours for 2025.

Please click on "Done" to submit your responses. To get a copy of your survey, contact [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com).

\* 19. Submitted by - Name

\* 20. Officer Role