



Sons of Norway
HERITAGE PROGRAMS



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SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL— THIS IS YOUR LIFE (SKIT)

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One Successful Social

This is Your Life

1. The key to a successful social is preparation.
2. The key to a good turnout is communication.
3. Socials should be different and of interest to all.
4. A social is a time to honor a deserving member.
5. A “THIS IS YOUR LIFE” social does just that.

It is a takeoff from the TV program of the same name, and is run in a similar manner. The TV show selected people from all walks of life, collected information on their lives, and hunted up people who knew them—preferably persons they had not met for years. All this was, of course, kept a secret from the selected persons, and they were completely surprised when they came to the studio and were presented with old memories and old friends and acquaintances. With small changes, this type of program can be a fine lodge event:

A lodge member (or several) is selected to be the “star” of the night and the choice is kept an absolute secret.

Information about the life of this member(s) is collected: birth date, marriage date, date of joining Sons of Norway or other groups and organizations, names of children—any information that will add to the story of the person’s life.

Skits put on by members are used to portray the various events, episodes, hobbies, and type of work in which the selected member is or has been involved.

To add interest, props may be made for the skits. This is a fine way to get as many members involved as possible.

The clothing worn in the skits should be from the same era that is portrayed in the skit. This adds humor to the program.

Keep the show interesting and humorous, fast-moving, and polite.

A social of this type could be an annual event, and one that draws on the abilities and talents of all the members.

Again, remember to keep it a secret so that the selected member is truly surprised.