



Sons of Norway
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**SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL—
HONOR YOUR MEMBERS**

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The program is a take-off on the Miss America Pageant, and is conducted in a similar manner.

PURPOSE: To give recognition and thanks to lodge members who have extended themselves beyond the involvement of the average member.

TO BE HONORED: Women, age 65 or older.

PREPARATIONS:

- Get suggestions for “misses” from lodge members.
- Get information from the participants: birthplace or family roots in Norway, year joined Sons of Norway (if participants are encouraged to wear *bunads*, the origin of the bunad should be stated).
- Make a large rosette with the “miss” title on it—to wear for the event and to keep as a remembrance.
- Provide a long-stemmed rose for each participant.

PRESENTATION: “Misses” are presented one-by-one by name, title, and personal data based on collected information. If spotlights, drums, or fanfares are available—fine. But keep it short.

A member of the escort team or the Junior Lodge escorts each “miss.”

Participants, who have been asked to prepare a one-to-two minute comment on something humorous or special that has happened to them, are interviewed.

With a few changes, the men in your lodge or other groups of members, can be honored in a similar manner.