

Friendly Fifth Friday News April 7, 2017

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary

Send all web posting info to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

From our friends at Fosselyngen

Please pass this e-mail on your members for an important event at Fosselyngen Lodge #82 in Milwaukee. As you may have heard, the building that Fosselyngen Lodge #82 occupies is being sold. In preparation for the sale, Fosselyngen is moving forward to downsize items that Fosselyngen has in the building. We invite your members to attend a 2-day sale on April 29 and 30 (11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) at Norway House, 7507 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee. Items include, Viking paintings, framed prints, painted wooden plates and other items (not Rosemaled), used books from the Lodge's extensive library, collection of nearly 100 antique Norwegian dolls (will be sold individually), and much more. This sale is being held at the same time as the Norse Rosemalers' Show, so stop in and see what they have to offer too. Also, Fosselyngen's Norsk Butikk is offering 20% off all merchandise in the store. CASH PREFERRED, although we will take a check, SORRY NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

We are sorry to hear this news....

Dear President Johnsen-

I just wanted to let you know that Leif Erikson lodge 5-097 of Chicago and Tre Elver lodge 5-628 of Fort Wayne, Indiana, are now officially disbanded in our system.

I've attached the letters sent to members advising them of their opportunities to transfer into other local lodges or remain as Central lodge membership.

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Fraternal Department
Sons of Norway

For those lodges close to Leif Erikson and Tre Elver

Please work with your zone directors in inviting these lodge members to consider being a part of your lodge. Central Lodge is an "at large" membership lodge but obviously doesn't have the activities that a local lodge does. You may also contact me for any assistance reaching out to these members. The members have gotten contact information for your lodges as well and hopefully you will all connect.

Sons of Norway Gronnvik Lodge Green Bay.

Join us Tues., Apr. 18, on a Scandinavian Odyssey at our annual travel meeting. Featured speaker is member Jill Larsen sharing her adventures throughout Finland, Estonia and Norway. Visitors are always welcome!

We're at The Rite Place, 1580 Bellevue, Green Bay for this dinner meeting including Baked and Broasted Chicken and Baked Fish with lots of side dishes and desserts. Price per person is \$15.00. Reservations by Apr. 13 to gronnviklodge@gmail.com

Not everyone gets the FFFN- why not?

I've had a few emails asking why not all their officers don't get the FFFN? It's been a busy week and I apologize if I haven't gotten to everyone's questions.

If they aren't getting it, it's for one of several reasons:

1. Their email is not on their member profile. That is where the officer lists were pulled from and what I use to send out the FFFN.
2. Their email is incorrect. Each week I probably get 15-20 bounce backs because the email is incorrect for that officer. I don't always have time to go one by one to see who it belongs to.
3. They've asked to not get it!

I will try to get caught up on those this week but encourage you to check your profiles and contact information.

MASSE MORO IS CALLING!

Camp Masse Moro (Lots of Fun) will be held this summer at Beaver Creek Reserve near Fall Creek, WI from July 16th thru July 29th. Youth ages 9-15 may attend. Youth do not need to be a member of the Sons of Norway to attend, but for those with family connections, there are some financial perks. Local Lodges offer scholarships to youth in the amount of \$150.00. District 5 matches a local amount up to \$150.00, and the Sons of Norway International also contributes a small stipend. With the total cost of Camp at \$800.00 for an all-inclusive two week experience, and a \$300.00+ deduction, a family can send their child(ren) to Camp for \$500.00.

Compared to many other summer camps, this is quite a bargain. In order to qualify for these special deductions, *a student must apply for funding by May 17th-Syttende Mai!* Notify me of your wishes and I can get the ball rolling! More information about Camp can be obtained at the [Masse Moro.org](http://MasseMoro.org) website. One can download the Lodge Supporting Grant form from the sonsofnorway5.com website. Scholarships are also available and can be obtained from the same website.

Not only do kids participate in many sporting events at Camp, they also have the opportunity to choose from projects such as wood-burning, rosemaling, leathercrafts, clay, and creative writing. They may bring their instruments to play, as music is also a vital part of Masse Moro's program. Mythology, drama and skits, language classes, Norwegian historical events, genealogy, and cooking ethnic foods also figure prominently. An observatory and a nature center can also be found at this location, and our students are fortunate to have access to programs presented by specialists who work at these venues.

But the best aspect of our program is connecting with others who share a passion for their family's ancestry. This year's enrollees are coming from distant parts of the U.S.: Texas, Washington, D.C., Arizona, and California just to name a few in addition to numerous Midwestern states. This is a perfect time for our youth to network with others in their peer group and to learn more about their family's story. A worthy side note is that our youngest campers now have parents who also attended Camp years ago. How exciting!

DON'T DELAY IN APPLYING FOR Masse Moro; the 17th of May will be here before you know it! Take advantage of this great offering of the 5th District of the Sons of Norway. If you would like to know more about Camp, or if you would like to speak to a family whose children attend, please let me know. I can help you make a connection with youth and their parents have said that our camping experience is life-changing!

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Don't forget!! **HEAR, YE, HEAR, YE!**

Two new scholarships have been made available through the Sons of Norway Foundation. The due dates are **April 10, 2017**. Go to the Sons of Norway website: www.sofn.com and select Foundation. A dropdown menu will appear.

The names of the new scholarships are: the Bernt Anker Scholarship and the Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship. Restrictions apply.

Lykke Til Alle sammen!

2016-2018 Biennium District 5 Lodge Calendar and Other Deadlines

April 2017

- April 7-8- District 5 Board Meeting in Stoughton, WI
- April 10- **Bernt Anker Scholarship and the Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship** applications due
- April 30- District Bowling Tournament Ends. Send forms in by May 10 to District Sports Director

May 2017

- May 10- Bowling forms due to District Sports Director
- May 15- Deadline for filing the **990 form**
- May 17- Early registration deadline for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** to qualify for additional deductions in the cost of camp from the Draxten Fund.

June 2017

- June 27- Balance due for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** registrations.

July 2017

- July 16-29 - **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** - Beaver Creek Reserve - Eau Claire, WI

September 2017

October 2017

- October 15- **Lodge liability premium due** to International SN office
- Nominating Committee report due to Lodge

November 2017

- Elect Lodge Officers for coming year (unless you have two-year officer terms)

December 2017

- December 1 – SN Foundation **General Heritage and Culture** grants due
- December 15 –SN Foundation **Local Lodge Partnership and Helping Hands to Children** grants
- December 15- **D-63 Report of Elections** due. Send one copy to International Headquarters and one to District Secretary.

Note:

- **Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (www.sonsofnorway5.com) websites for any updates and changes**Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.
- The District 5 Convention will be June 27-July 1, 2018 at Hotel Radisson in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August ____ in Minneapolis, MN.

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