

Friendly Fifth Friday News August 16, 2019

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Here Comes Troll Mountain!

A fitting tribute to former Vennelag President George Sievers has begun to take shape. Located just north of the first roundabout on Mt. Horeb's eastside, this rock sculpture will be difficult to miss. Stones were moved into place and tall grasses which will make the troll's hair wave have been planted. Beneath the troll's eyes are additional plantings which will be visible next year. Grass has been sown completing the vision of a troll rising forth from the hill.

Vennelag Lodge, in addition to many additional District 5 Lodges, as well as groups, and individuals have contributed to the funding of this project. Janice Sievers, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Mt. Horeb are working jointly on bringing this venture to fruition. It only seems fitting that the Troll Capital of the World should be home to another great troll presence.

Look for a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held in the near future, possibly in conjunction with Mt. Horeb's Fall Vintage Market, October 5-6, 2019. A dedication plaque will be placed near the troll with further details. A graveled parking area will be located behind the troll for those who wish to take photos. Many thanks are extended to all who have made George's vision a reality.



Update on Fall Leadership Conference

The District Executive Committee had a conference call this past Sunday to solidify the agenda. We have some follow-up in asking presenters for the various sessions and are waiting on a couple of other details. We hope to have it all finalized by September 1.

In the meantime, please promote the information we shared last week and I'll insert some of it again for your use. Discuss it at your officer meetings and lodge meetings to see who might be interested in attending and if your lodge will provide any financial support. We will encourage carpooling from various areas and you can also request to share a room to help save money.

Thanks!

District 5 Executive Committee

Sons of Norway- Fifth District Leadership Conference (D5LC)

October 18-20, 2019

**Cedar Lake Ministries
13701 Lauerman St.
Cedar Lake IN 46303**

If you would like registration information for this conference, please email mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com.

We hope your lodge will send one or more key lodge officers to the D5LC, because:

- 1.) you will get ideas to make your lodge better.
- 2.) you will learn about important issues of concern to lodges.
- 3.) this will be a forum for you to share your lodge's best practices and state your opinions and concerns.
- 4.) you will develop valuable contacts with other lodges for resource and idea sharing.

To make this the best possible conference, we:

- 1.) picked a non-profit venue as close to the geographical center of our district, to make the conference as assessable as possible for all.
- 2.) reached out to over 350 lodge officers to via survey pick session topics.
- 3.) received a SON Foundation grant and used District 5 funds to help keep lodge costs as low as possible.

4.) are providing scholarships to help lodges who need financial assistance to attend.

5.) offer a mix of whole group and breakout sessions to keep the program interesting and to facilitate networking and idea sharing.

We are still analyzing survey results, but based on current responses, conference topics will include:

- Lodge membership retention ideas
- Lodge membership recruitment ideas
- Monthly lodge program ideas
- Identifying and developing future lodge officers
- Developing a rapport with first year members
- Using a website as a lodge communication tool
- Succession planning of key lodge leadership
- Making your lodge board a high performing team
- How can a District 5 zone director help my lodge?
- Characteristics of successful lodges

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 18

1:00 - 4:30 PM - registration
5:00 PM - dinner
6:30 - Keynote session
8:00 - "About me" game

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 19

8:00 AM - breakfast
9:00 - final topics to be determined

12 NOON - lunch
1 PM - topics to be determined
Mid-afternoon break to enjoy the outdoors

5:00 PM - dinner
6:30 - final topics to be determined
8:00 - entertainment

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 20

8:00 AM - breakfast

8:45 - final topics to be determined

11:00 - Departure

ABOUT CEDAR LAKES MINISTRY

This Chicagoland Cedar Lakes Ministry camp is on the shore of beautiful Cedar Lake in Lake County, Indiana. It is four miles east of the Illinois-Indiana border and thirty miles south of downtown Chicago.

Cedar Lake Ministries is a conference center, used by religious and non-profit groups. Learn more at: www.cedarlakeministries.org/what-are-retreats-and-rentals

We are using the Rest-a-While and the Conference Center. Rest-a-While has bedrooms with single beds and their own bathrooms. The most economical way to stay is by using double occupancy, but single occupancy is also available. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed on the grounds.

All of the spaces which we are using are handicapped accessible. **REGISTRATION FEES**

(all rooms are double occupancy)

includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast

\$320 - Double occupancy, per person

\$480 - Single occupancy, one person in a room

\$180 - Off campus rate - if you wish to stay off campus and attend the conference (all five meals are included).

REGISTRATION NOTES

WE WILL SOON BE SENDING OUT REGISTRATION PACKETS

Multiple people from a lodge can attend.

Registrations must be received by September 30.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten \$100 scholarships will be available to lodges.

Please see registration materials for more information. If you need a scholarship, call Mike Palecek, D5 treasurer, 262-497-2761. Your inquiry is confidential.

We will do whatever is needed to help someone from your lodge attend the D5LC.

Is your lodge electing officers this fall?

There are many resources available to assist you with publicizing the officer positions, nominating committees, and other details!

1. List of general duties and pdfs in specific duties
https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/leadership_roles_guidelines/
2. Governing Documents-
https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/governance/
The governing documents of our organization are the Charter, Constitutions, Policies and Procedures, which is available for download. PLEASE NOTE: Any reference to the P&P in the Charter and Constitution refers to the Policy and Procedures and any reference to the C&C refers to the Charter and Constitution. These documents will help educate you on how many officers, minimum and other details!

And what does your local bylaws/constitution have for officer elections? Some may be specific!

3. Nominating committees- Each lodge should elect a nominating committee. Some will have a small committee, some use current officers, and others have other ways to elect/select them. Start with publicizing what your lodge's officer positions are, ask current officers if they are interested in continuing, seek new nominees and then elect!
4. D63- Officer Election Report- Last year they moved the due date to December 31. You must report your officers whether you elect new ones or not! It is critical on convention years that we get all the officer elections in on time so plan ahead!!

2019 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

(Updated 5/30/2019- changes in red)

September 10, 2019

Photos for the Viking are due to District Publicity Director Karen Eberhardt- eber01dj@gmail.com

September 14, 2019

Sons of Norway Nordkap Lodge 5-378 celebrates its 90th anniversary

October 10, 2019

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October 18-20, 2019

District 5 Leadership Conference in Cedar Lake, IN

November 10, 2019

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December 10, 2019

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DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

June 24-28, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

August 16-23, 2020 in Hamar Norway

Viking Chest Rotation

- The rotation will begin again with this rotation.
- The zone directors are responsible for keeping track of the whereabouts and letting their lodges know that the chest is in their zone for that time period.
- The chest should be brought back to the District Board Meeting to be given to the next zone.

Time period	Zone with chest
October 2017-April 2018	4
April 2018-October 2018	6
October 2018-April 2019	1
April 2019-October 2019	3

Zone Meeting Schedule 2019

Zone	Date	Hosted by	Location
1	Thursday, Feb 21	Zone 1 Directors	Veterans Community Center, Hayward during the volunteer reception after Barnebirkie
2	April 27, 2019	Tom Boudreau and Karen Broadhead	Woodland Church ; 190 Hoover Ave., Plover WI.
3	Sat. Feb 16	Idun Lodge	Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison
3	Sunday, June 9	Cheryl Schlessler	Picnic and Fisheree - Edgerton
4	June 15	Mike Palecek	Heg Park, Wind Lake

5	Saturday June 8, 2019 9 am - 2 pm	Skjold Lodge 5- 100	All Saints Lutheran Church 630 S. Quentin Road Palatine, IL
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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 24-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 16-23, 2020 in Hamar Norway

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FFFN Basics

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!**

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With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you’d like me to consider putting in, please send it by Wednesday night. Please do not send pdf’s as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me.

Don’t forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I’ll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I’ll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

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