

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 18, 2015

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

Sorry for the delay- I've had an extremely busy week and company from Norway that came on Friday! So I apologize for being late...

The District 5 Secretary Challenge!

As of this morning, I only have one lodge yet to report- Trollhaugen 417. As of the deadline, I still had 11 that weren't in but due to some wonderful cooperation from the lodges, we have gotten this down to 1 after just a few days! Thank you to Sherry Gorse too for her help. I'll get the changes made and I hope to get the directory out ASAP. I appreciate all your efforts and John & I will still give a \$100 donation to Masse Moro.

Don't forget the District 5 Cultural Skills Contest

District 5 has initiated skills contest. For the time period of July 1 - December 31, 2015, the lodge with the most members that receive cultural pins will receive a prize. The member in District 5 that receives the most cultural pins in the same time period will also receive a prize. If several people all get the same number of pins, then a name will be drawn from this group of people. The next contest period will be January 1 - May 31, 2016. The awards will be handled in the same manner. All awards will be presented at the 2016 District 5 Convention, June 25, 2016. The awards will be a one-time prize. If you have any questions you may contact Esther Charlton at esthersofn@aol.com.

2016 Dinners

The Norway Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Wind Lake (Milwaukee SW suburb) has a Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on Sat. Feb. 13, 2016 with seatings at 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

Contact Marilyn Canfield (she's also church secretary at Norway Lutheran Church, as well as President of the Norway Historical Society) at 262-895-2281. Her email is: majacanfield@gmail.com. Source info: <http://www.norwaylutheranchurch.org/home/calendar>.

2016 Calendar

I need to confirm a number of dates for the District and will get the updated calendar hopefully out to you in next week's version. This will be deadlines and District activities. Lodge events should be sent to our webmaster Duane Kittleson.

How to type Norwegian letters on our computers!

Method 2 - use Alt key.

Windows allows you to compose characters not found on the keyboard by holding down the Alt key while keying a sequence on the numeric keypad to the right of the keyboard. For some of the Norwegian characters there exist both 3-digit and 4-digit sequences that seem to work, for some only the 4-digit sequences seem to work.

Alt Sequences		
Char	3-digit	4-digit
æ	145	0230
Æ	146	0198
ø	---	0248
Ø	---	0216
å	134	0229
Å	143	0197

As the year ends, start to consider being a delegate to the 2016 District 5 Convention!

All across District 5, elections will be held in January and February as lodges elect their delegates and alternates for the District 5 convention. Some of your members may be sharing their experiences as delegates at your meetings so members are more aware of what happens at conventions, what their role is, and the experience they have had. To help new members and those without convention experience, here are some things to consider and share with your membership:

After December 31, I (Darlene) will get the final membership numbers for lodges. I will calculate how many delegates and alternates your lodge will need to elect. That information should be mailed to the Lodge President and Secretary (I'll also email it) by mid-January. The sooner I get it from the International Office, the faster I can get it to you.

Please start promoting the convention with your members so they start thinking about who wants to be a delegate and looking at vacation time, budgets and ect.

Who can be a delegate or alternate?

- You **do NOT** have to be a benefit member to serve as a delegate to the District Convention.
- Current District 5 Board members cannot serve as delegates for their local lodges.

Time Requirements

- The District 5 Convention is June 22-25 in Marshfield, Wisconsin (middle of the state).
- Your delegates may be asked by the District President to serve on a committee. This would require them to attend committee meetings on the Thursday morning and afternoon (or until committee work is done and the committee is dismissed).
- I don't have the schedule but usually the first official business and seating of the delegates is on Friday morning and all delegates need to be in all sessions Friday and Saturday.
- As times and schedules are finalized, watch the District 5 website (www.sonsofnorway5.com) and future mailings for schedules and timelines.

What does a delegate do?

- Represents and speaks on behalf of your lodge on District business, resolutions, proposed changes
- Accepts your lodge's recognition and awards
- Attends all delegate sessions, zone meeting (Saturday noon) and votes on behalf of your lodge
- May serve on a committee if asked to by the District President
- A delegate is the only member (along with current District 5 Board Members) that can run for the District Board (if a benefit member or if they purchase a benefit product at the convention).
- A delegate can run for a delegate spot for the International Convention (week of August 22-28) in Tacoma, WA, if they are a benefit member or if they purchase a benefit product at the convention.
- Learn about Sons of Norway by attending workshops, visiting displays and visiting with other members
- Bring back many ideas, activities and enthusiasm that will benefit your lodge
- Report to your lodge about what they learned, business conducted and report on elections held at the convention
- Have a wonderful time and go home ready to carry out the mission of Sons of Norway!

What is a Benefit Member? What is a Benefit Member? Someone who owns a benefit product which includes: Nordic Elite, a term product, Viking 23, Viking Voyager, Annuities (\$2,000 minimum), Whole Life, and Single Premium Whole Life.

How do you pay for delegates? Each lodge handles this differently. Many will help the delegates with convention costs, registration, travel and hotel costs in varying amounts, paying it in full, or a portion. Some lodges will have a special fundraiser or event to raise money for delegate expenses.

Thank you for electing delegates and alternates and your consideration to serve as one! If you have further questions, contact your zone officer or a District Board member!