

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 30, 2016

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

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Sons of Norway ***2017 Bowling Tournament Instructions.***

Tournament Dates: January 1, 2017- April 30, 2017

Categories: Adult men lane bowlers

Adult women lane bowlers

Youth ages 12-17 lane bowlers

Youth ages 11 and under lane bowlers

WII bowling (all ages)

There is an entry fee of \$5.00 for each bowler that bowls in the tournament. Please make checks payable to *Sons of Norway District Five Scholarship Fund.*

Rules: Lane bowlers shall submit electronic results from the bowling facility or the WII bowling results including the entry fee to Michaela Decker by May 10, 2017. The bowling score used to determine the high scoring bowlers will be the average of 3 games. The high-scoring bowler for each category will receive a District 5 Bowling Certificate and also will be acknowledged on the D5 website. Please be sure to include the lodge name and number, the category for each bowler and the high-scoring bowler's names and addresses when submitting results.

Please submit the bowling results, bowler's and lodge information and entry fees to:

Michaela Decker, D5 Sports Director

1247 Center St., Racine, WI 53403 Email: michaeladecker@wi.rr.com

Sons of Norway District 5

1st Annual Chili Cook-off!

There are as many different types of chili as there are members in each Lodge!

Share your best chili in the 1st annual District 5 chili cook-off! Pick a meeting and make it a social extravaganza by getting members to create their famous chili for one and all to enjoy! Each Lodge will judge all chili entries and decide on a winner—either by a panel of experts or by a consensus of the members. The winners will get their names (and hopefully a picture) on the D5 website, a blue ribbon, a certificate and most importantly, “bragging rights” for the year! Please complete the activity and report to District Sports Director Michaela Decker by March 31, 2017 by emailing report and photos to michaeladecker@wi.rr.com



Date: December 23, 2016

To: District 5 Newsletter Editors- for publication in your next newsletter.

From: Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, District 5 Youth Director

Following the District 5 Convention held at Marshfield, WI in June, 2016, there has been a flurry of activity coming from Kaia Ellis and Sarah Barnes, the administrators who oversee District 5's youth summer heritage camp, Masse Moro. New marketing materials have been written and the website has been redesigned under Sarah's leadership. Fundraising efforts continue to expand led by Kaia.

District 5 Board Treasurer Michael Palecek has begun writing articles of incorporation to establish a 501C3 tax status with the Internal Revenue Service. The breadth of the 501C3 document has yet to be finalized and may include more than Masse Moro alone. In addition, local lodges have begun contributing financial support for Camp, recognizing its importance to our youth and ultimately to our lodges, in general.

These actions will all aid in making our Camp more solvent, by hopefully attracting more campers and providing more accountability to the members of District 5, as Camp generates more revenue. It will allow our administrators more flexibility when applying for grants from Scandinavian heritage organizations, which require a tax exempt status as part of their application process. People who contribute to the 501C3 will be able to realize a tax exemption on their federal income taxes, once our documents are approved.

As contributions are given, listings of the Lodge names are posted on the *Masse Moro* Facebook page. Donations may be sent to me at the following address: 200 Beth Circle, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572. Please indicate whether you have a specific designation such as: the general fund, scholarships, naturalist programs, equipment purchases, or speakers. You may also choose no designation, allowing the staff to use your contribution to help in the best way possible.

If you would like to see the updates that have been made to the website, please search [Masse Moro.org](#) Youth directors in local lodges may also find this information helpful, as youth begin to inquire about life at Camp and ask for Lodge Supporting Grants.

Our Camp CD is available for purchase at the Masse Moro website. It is also listed on [sonsofnorway5.com](#) website. Kaia is working with Camp families to generate additional funds. Recently, a lefse fundraiser she led brought in over \$600.00!

One goal of the Masse Moro team is to cast a wider net in 2017 to attract campers from all of Sons of Norway's Districts. We will be working with Linda Pederson at the International Office to get our materials posted on the [SofN.com](#) website where youth will be able to access our information.

If you would like to hear more about our plans for Masse Moro, or you would like to become a Masse Moro partner by making a contribution, we welcome you! Please know that Kaia, Sarah, and I are available to speak to members at Lodge meetings. You may contact me at: rogcher@mhtc.net or by phone: 608-219-4464 to arrange a time. Thank you!

Cultural Skills Contest

For 2017, there will be a slight change to the contest. The contest will still go in six month segments, January-June and July-December. Now there will be a winner for each zone. The lodge with the most members receiving cultural skills pins in the six month period will win for that time period. The contest will end at the end of 2017. Then it will be evaluated during the spring of 2018, when the decision will be made as to the best format for the contest. Remember, you can only be a winner one time, so if you have won, be a mentor to another member and help them with a cultural skill. Plan some of your lodge meetings around a cultural skill. If you have questions, please contact Esther Charlton, esthersofn@aol.com

2016-2018 Biennium District 5 Lodge Calendar and Other Deadlines **Last updated November 11, 2016**

January 2017

- January 2 - SN Foundation **Scholarships -King Olav V Scholarship, Oslo International Summer School, Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship, Lund Fund Scholarship and Warne-Eng Scholarship** all due
- Install officers
- Member submit volunteer hours to lodge secretary
- January 1- District Bowling Tournament begins and ends April 30

February 2016

- February 1- Deadline for **LA** and **FLAF** forms (see February)- send to International Office (NEW- this is a date change and also a change that they are NO LONGER SENT to the zone directors)
- February 1- Updates for FraternalGive.org should also be completed (NEW)
- February 1- New form for lodges who do not use FraternalGive.org to record their activities. It is the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Year End Report. It is also due to the International Office. (NEW)
- Complete lodge financial audit so the **D17- Financial Report** can be finished by March 1
- Elect District Convention Delegates in even years
- **No date yet-** Wisconsin Regional Ski for Light - Rosholt, WI
- February 22- (Wednesday) Volunteer dinner for Barnebirkie volunteers, cookie exchange and tally, Cookie goal :1,000 dozen cookies
- February 23 (Thursday) Barnebirkie Race in Hayward, WI, Volunteer meal provided in the PM

March 2017

- March 1 – SN Foundation **Astrid G. Cates & Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships** due
- March 1- Deadline for **D17 Financial Report** – send to International
- March 15- District Scholarship Applications due
- March 18- Zone 3 meeting hosted by Vakkertland Lodge – Mauston
- March 31- Chili Cook off information and pictures due to Sports Director Michaela Decker

April 2017

- April 1 - **Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship** due
- April 7-8- District 5 Board Meeting in Stoughton, WI

- 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

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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