

## **Friendly Fifth Friday News February 10, 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

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### **Loss of Tre Elver Lodge**

We have been notified from the International Office that Tre Elver lodge 5-628 sent us their final paperwork for disbanding. Linda Pederson the Fraternal Director and Dean Nelson the Comptroller have approved their funds disbursement plan (which they've already done. Sherry Gorse is going to send out a letter to the remaining lodge members about transferring to another lodge and then will disband Tre Elver in their system.

We certainly appreciate all that the members of Tre Elver, current and former members, have done to promote Norwegian heritage and culture in our District, their participation and leadership, their time and effort in lodge activities. We will miss them.

If your lodge is struggling, PLEASE contact your zone director, a board member, or the International office for assistance. That is what all of us are there for- to help as much as we can. I am attaching our board list again for you to use in contacting any of us and I strongly encourage you to read the Resource and then keep that back page with all of the home office staff contact information.

### **D17 Financial Report (Audit) Report- Due February 10 and send to District President Andrew Johnsen, 11906 Hawthorne Place Cedar Lake, IN 46303**

This form is the one that I didn't catch the changes of due date or the information requested on it. This is now where you show how many \$ were spent for Community Service and Fraternal activities.

- If your lodge owns its own building, both the lodge AND the building corporation must fill out a D17. You also should be filing a 990 for both entities.
- This also is due earlier than before- February 10.
- Send to: Andrew Johnsen, SN District 5 President, 11906 Hawthorne Place Cedar Lake, IN 46303
- If questions on the D17, contact Lindsey Rasmussen, but use the [taxinfo@sofn.com](mailto:taxinfo@sofn.com).
- Don't worry about the second District Officer signature. That is something the International Office can deal with.
- If it asks you to list an item, be sure to write down what that category is.

## **Tubfrim Update from Mary Bennett- February 2017**

Tusen takk to all District 5 lodges that donated stamps to Tubfrim in 2016. Thanks to your efforts, District 5 sent 250 pounds of stamps to Norway. Your help will improve the quality of life for handicapped children and youth.

If your lodge is not involved with the Tubfrim program, I encourage you to participate. Clip stamps from envelopes or postcards leaving a margin of at least 1/4 inch. Tubfrim also accepts stamp collections, old envelopes, covers and postcards. If envelopes and postcards are more than 50 years old do not cut off the stamp, send the whole item. Stamps may be given to your zone director, brought to conventions or mailed to me at 6414 Irving Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590. For every one pound of stamps, the lodge can mail in an entry card for chance to win \$1,000 towards a ticket for a trip to Norway. Cards are available from the home office. If you have any questions, contact me at [608-837-8335](tel:608-837-8335) or [mjbenn4@gmail.com](mailto:mjbenn4@gmail.com).

### **Thank you from our District Treasurer Mike Palacek**

Thank you notes have been sent, but here are some recent donations that District Five has received:

#### **JANUARY DONATIONS:**

##### **Barnebirkie:**

Myrmarken Lodge  
Trygvason Lodge  
Nordlyset Lodge  
Hafrsfjord Lodge  
Nordkap Lodge

##### **Masse Moro**

Nordic Heritage Fund - \$500 (programming grant)  
Ostestaden Lodge  
Polar Star Lodge

##### **Memorial - Ray Knutson**

Vakkertland Lodge

##### **Masse Moro (Hidden Heroes books - over \$100, includes individual member orders)**

Askeladden Lodge  
Valhall Lodge  
Scandiana Lodge

#### **OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2016:**

##### **Masse Moro**

Norslaland Lodge  
Tre Elver Lodge

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**Masse Moro (Hidden Heroes books - over \$100, includes individual member orders)**

Mandt Lodge  
Valkyrien Lodge  
Circle City  
Askeladden lodge  
Gronvik Lodge  
Rib Fjell Lodge  
Wergeland Lodge  
Nordlyset Lodge  
Fosselyngen Lodge  
Nordkap Lodge  
Samhold Lodge  
Edvard Grieg Lodge  
Vikings of the Smokies  
Idun Lodge  
Skold Lodge  
Loven Lodge  
Fossen Lodge  
Elvedal Lodge

**2016-2018 Biennium District 5 Lodge Calendar and Other Deadlines**  
**Last updated January 20, 2017**

February 2016

- February 10- Deadline for **D17 Financial Report** – send to District President (NEW)
- 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 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](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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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