

# Friendly Fifth Friday News

## January 29, 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

### Our Deepest Sympathy

It has been a week of losses for our District. Here are some of the notifications that I received:

### George Sievers (Vennelag Lodge)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sons of Norway District 5 website. At the top, there is a banner for "Saturday, 30 January 2016" and "Sons of Norway District 5". Below the banner are navigation tabs for Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee. On the right side, there are two announcements: "Zone Three Leadership Workshops, Saturday, January 23, 2016" and "Submit Volunteer Hours to Lodge Secretary Sunday, January 31, 2016".

The main content area features a "Death Notice" section. The notice reads: "George Sievers, Sons of Norway member since 1978, died on January 27, 2016 at the age of 61. George was active in the Sons of Norway throughout his whole career. He held leadership positions at all levels. International Secretary, International Director, District Five Secretary and Treasurer and many local lodge Vennelag 5-513 leadership roles. He was often selected to participate in committees at the various levels. George created in 1998 and maintained up until August 2015 the [sonsofnorway5.com](http://sonsofnorway5.com) district website."

Below the text is a photograph of George Sievers, a man with glasses and a dark shirt with green suspenders, smiling. The photo is attributed to Duane Kittleson.

At the bottom of the page, there are two more sections: "Solvang 457, Westby, WI - 100th Anniversary" and "Sarah Paulsen Scholarship 2016".

The website footer includes logos for HP, Google Chrome, and Microsoft Word.

**Opal Cutler(1924 - 2016) (Valhall Lodge)**

From Vicki Rudh-Jones: Just recently I was notified via email that Opal Cutler passed away on January 1st, 2016 in her home. Opal served as President and other officer positions during her 30 plus years of membership to Valhall.

Jackie (her Daughter) and Richard Jewell have also been members of the lodge for 30 years. Theresa Norwood (Granddaughter) has helped with many Jultre Fest celebrations with her daughters in attendance.

Condolences can be sent to the family at:

**Richard and Jacqueline Jewell  
4516 Burningtrees Drive  
Rockford, IL 61114-5306**

OPAL B. CUTLER, 91 ROCKFORD - Opal B. Cutler, 91, of Rockford, IL, formerly of Shelbyville, IL, passed away at 9 a.m. Friday, January 1, 2016 in her residence. Opal was born on January 24, 1924 on the family farm near Sylvan, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Everett and Christina (Hanson) Higginbotham. Opal graduated from the Lone Rock High School in Lone Rock, WI. Following high school, Opal earned her airplane pilot's license. She married William K. Cutler on November 19, 1947 at the First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville, IL. Opal and her husband Bill owned and managed the Hilltop Restaurant in Potosi, WI. As a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Rockford, IL, she was active in the 3 M's and Sarah Circle. Opal was very involved in the Sons of Norway and the Daughters of Valhall, where she served as president and on the executive board. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, where she held the position of Worthy Matron. Opal volunteered as a tutor at Haskell School and in her earlier years had been a Girl Scout Leader. She loved her family and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Opal enjoyed fishing and camping, bird watching, bike riding, exercise classes and traveling. She especially loved her trip to Norway, to return to the family homestead. She also enjoyed spending winters in Florida. Opal is survived by her husband of 68 years, William K. Cutler; daughters, Jacqueline E. (Richard) Jewell and Janet S. (Terry) Carter all of Rockford, IL; grandchildren, Theresa (John) Norwood, Rich (Lisa) Jewell and Christina (Jerry) Rudolph all of Rockford, IL; great grandchildren, Katerina (Steven) Rockwell of Oak Creek, WI, Brittany and Grace Jewell, twins, Carter and J.R. Rudolph and David Rudolph all of Rockford, IL; brother, Dan (Jeanette) Higginbotham of Wausau, WI; and several nieces and nephews. Opal was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Harold, Lester and Clarence Higginbotham; and sisters, Bessie Cooper and Letha Dull. Special thanks to Dr. Phalen and his nurse Julie, Nancy and Jody, and also to Hospice Care of America for all of their help on her journey home. Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2016 in Howe and Yockey Funeral Home, Shelbyville, IL., with Rev. William T. Dahlberg officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Shelbyville, IL. Memorials may be given to Salem Lutheran Church, 1629 South Sixth Street, Rockford, IL 61104. Send condolences at [www.howeandyockey.com](http://www.howeandyockey.com).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

### **Judith Torgersen**

**SCHAUMBURG** - Judith Torgersen passed away on Friday, January 22, 2016. She passed away peacefully at St. Alexius Hospital with family members at her side. On February 20, 2016 she would have been 85.

Judith is survived by three children; Michael Schmalz of Orlando, FL, Christine Kujawa of Baraboo, WI and Cynthia Stark of Schaumburg, IL. Judith was born in Chicago, IL in 1931. She was a proud grandmother of 6; Michael Schmalz Jr., Michelle Palmberg, Charisse Korslund, Shannon Schmalz, Laila Stark, Kristoffer Stark and a great-grandmother of 8; Emma, Karl, Megan and Kate Schmalz, Alexandra, Olivia and Jaqueline Palmberg and Seth Lucas.

She was an active member of Sons of Norway, Skjold Lodge in Palatine, IL and the VFW Post 9284 in Elk Grove Village, IL for many years. She also enjoyed traveling to visit family in Norway whenever possible. As a resident of Friendship Village since 2010, Judith enjoyed being active with the many activities that they provide, including winning a silver medal in Wii Bowling. She was an avid reader and enjoyed painting, sewing and many other projects.

Judith will be buried at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights, IL next to her late husband, Theodor Torgersen who passed in January of 2010. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, January 28th, 2016 at 10:30am in the chapel at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights, IL.

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### **Norman A. Berg (Skjold Lodge)**

Norman A. Berg, 78 of Wheaton, IL, passed away on January 11, 2016 in Wheaton. He is survived by Sheree, his loving wife of 51 years; his two children, Eric (Andrea Yao) and Susan (David) Lyon; and his five grandchildren, Henry and Marit Lyon and Alexandra, Katherine, and Sonja Berg. Norm graduated from University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1963, with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He retired from American Steel Foundries in 1995, after a successful 31 year career. Norm was a 39 year resident of Wheaton and was active in the broader community. He was awarded the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Citation in 1990 and served on the board of Finlandia University. Norm was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, the Chicago Athletic Association, Mid-America Club and Medinah Country Club. He was a Shriner and a Mason. Visitation on Friday from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Williams-Kampp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton (1blk. East of Naperville Rd.). Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 802 E. Geneva Rd., Wheaton, IL. Interment Wheaton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the Shriner's Hospital for Children : [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org). Funeral info: [630-668-0016](tel:630-668-0016) or [www.williams-kampp.com](http://www.williams-kampp.com)

## 2015 Lodge Achievement Form Activities

These are the events which lodges may list on their achievement form for 2015.

1. Completed and submitted D17, D63, and Form 990.
2. Provided cookies, funds or volunteers to Barnebirkie.
3. Provided funds, treats or volunteers to Wisconsin Regional Ski for Light.
4. Sponsored a child to Masse Moro Heritage Camp.
5. Attended a zone meeting, picnic or event.
6. Members participated in the Cultural Arts Competition, sporting events (like District 5 Bowling Tournament) or workshops.
7. Had a lodge member earn a Cultural Skills Medal.
8. Had a lodge member earn a Sports Medal.
9. Participated in a local or District 5 event celebrating Scandinavian or Scandinavian heritage; for example reading a saga, reviewing a book by a Scandinavian author, or going to a play by a Scandinavian playwright.
10. Established and/or maintained a lodge Web-site.

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District Five President

### Delegate Election Information!!

January 26, 2016

Dear District 5 Lodge Presidents and Secretaries:

The District 5 Lodge Meeting will be held June 22-26 at Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield, WI. Hotel Marshfield: 2700 S. Central Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449. Phone: [715.387.2700](tel:715.387.2700) or Toll Free: [855.583.2700](tel:855.583.2700). Room rates: Ask for Sons of Norway room block. \$109 for two beds (sleeps four) or king (sleeps 2), \$119 for studio suites and \$129 for two room suites. Delegate fee: \$65 and include Friday lunch and Saturday lunch, four coffee breaks, and registration materials.

The Sons of Norway District 5 By-Laws, Article 111, Paragraph 2 states: *Every local lodge in the District shall be entitled to two representatives for the lodge, and one representative for every 100 members or major fraction thereof, based on the last Semi-Annual Report prior to the election of delegates. All members in good standing are eligible representatives.*

Delegates should be elected using the formula above based on December 31, 2015 membership figures. You should also elect a corresponding number of alternates, on a priority basis, that will serve should any of your delegates be unable to attend. These elections must take place in the months of January and February 2016. Each lodge secretary is receiving a Report of Election included with this letter, which is to be completed and returned to the District Secretary immediately following the

election. (Sons of Norway Constitution reads: "The Secretary of the Local Lodge shall prepare a report of election giving names and addresses of the duly elected Delegates and Alternates. This report shall be signed by the Local Lodge President and Local Lodge Secretary and forwarded to the District Secretary no later than five days after the election.") Please be sure the names are written plainly and spelled correctly! I am asking that you include their membership number, address, city, state, zip, phone and email address on the form and return it to me postmarked no later than March 5, 2016. Please send it to me at: Darlene Arneson, 2056 Skaalen Rd, Stoughton, WI 53589 or email a scanned copy to arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

Your lodge may wish to propose resolutions to be considered at the District or International Conventions. These resolutions, along with any proposed changes to the District 5 By-Laws or International Constitution, must be submitted to the District Secretary no later than April 1, 2016. If your lodge is interested in hosting the 2018 District Lodge Meeting, you are asked to send a written notice of your intention to the District Secretary prior to April 1, 2016. Should your lodge wish to present a bid, we ask that you make arrangements for a "walk through" of the facilities by a District 5 Board Member. This should be done prior to the June convention in order to identify proposal merits as well as needed additions or changes.

For this convention, we will again try to utilize email and the website as much as we can to post documents and keep everyone updated. BUT A HARD COPY OF ALL CONVENTION RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND OTHER NEEDS WILL BE MAILED TO THE LODGE PRESIDENT. IF A DELEGATE OR OTHER MEMBER DOESN'T HAVE EMAIL OR CAN'T OPEN ATTACHMENTS, THEY WILL NEED TO CONTACT THEIR PRESIDENT FOR A COPY. We hope that this will help eliminate some of the problems that arose during the 2014 convention process.

Once I get the Delegate Election Forms back, then I give the lists to the Convention Committee and they will send out information to the delegates about registration and other convention news. I also give a list to President Christianson who will appoint convention committees. Members who serve on committees will be notified and given the specifics of their tasks.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance. You should be electing the number of people listed in the highlighted column that is titled "2016 Total Del. and Alt." For example, Mandt Lodge has a number 4 in that column so we need to elect 4 delegates and 4 alternates.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this convention call! My home email is arnesonfamily5@gmail.com and cell number is 608-514-4951 if you need to contact me!

Fraternally,

Darlene Arneson, District Secretary

## 2016 Delegate Counts

## District Delegates

LODGE	LODGE NAME	2014	2015*	Auto	Each 100 and major fraction	2016 Total Del. And Alt.
027	Norrøna	57	55	2	1	3
029	Løven	151	140	2	1	3
053	Valkyrien	68	73	2	1	3
220	Trygvason	43	41	2	0	2
353	Dovre	78	78	2	1	3
620	Nordlandet	52	41	2	0	2
625	Viking	50	45	2	0	2
635	Sjøland	43	40	2	0	2
670	Ulseth	30	27	2	0	2
<b>Total Zone 1</b>		572	540	18	4	22
028	Wergeland	391	383	2	4	6
286	Jotunheimen	18	18	2	0	2
457	Solvang	96	110	2	1	3
496	Rib Fjell	47	45	2	0	2
534	Fossen	39	39	2	0	2
556	Elvedal	60	48	2	0	2
580	Norskeland	52	49	2	0	2
609	Myrmarken	33	33	2	0	2
616	Fagernes	57	52	2	1	3
627	Vennligfolk	46	56	2	1	3
<b>Total Zone 2</b>		839	833	20	7	27
074	Idun	138	135	2	1	3
314	Mandt	179	189	2	2	4
513	Vennelag	116	122	2	1	3
544	Nordland	73	63	2	1	3
570	Vakkertland	41	41	2	0	2
642	Ostestaden	61	52	2	1	3
650	Norsemen Of Lakes	50	51	2	1	3
888	Gjemtedal Central Disbnd	10	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Zone 3</b>		668	653	14	7	21
082	Fosselyngen	287	275	2	3	5
183	Nordlyset	96	97	2	1	3

206	Hafrsfjord	57	51	2	1	3
491	Norse Valley	87	79	2	1	3
549	H R Holand	83	84	2	1	3
622	Vennskap	56	57	2	1	3
624	F M Christiansen Disbnd	6	0			0
632	Grønnvik	71	68	2	1	3
<b>Total Zone 4</b>		743	711	14	9	23
097	Leif Erikson	98	94	2	1	3
100	Skjold	153	148	2	1	3
168	Valhall	92	86	2	1	3
417	Trollhaugen	20	20	2	0	2
472	Polar Star	65	66	2	1	3
525	Cleng Peerson	97	96	2	1	3
593	Elvesund	40	39	2	0	2
<b>Total Zone 5</b>		565	549	14	5	19
378	Nordkap	117	114	2	1	3
473	Samhold	47	46	2	0	2
490	Sonja Henie	19	25	2	0	2
523	Sognefjord	102	96	2	1	3
568	Christian Radich	43	45	2	0	2
600	Scandiana	69	69	2	1	3
610	Askeladden	67	71	2	1	3
614	Circle City	133	125	2	1	3
628	Tre Elver	21	17	2	0	2
634	Knute Rockne	29	19	2	0	2
657	Edvard Grieg	82	77	2	1	3
662	Arctic Circle	50	49	2	0	2
677	Vikings Of The Smokies	67	58	2	1	3
681	Music City Vikings	58	57	2	1	3
<b>Total Zone 6</b>		904	868	28	8	36

000	Central	286	285	2	3	5
999	Spirit New Century	117	107	2	1	3
	<b>Total Central &amp; SNC</b>	403	392	4	4	8
	<b>District Five Totals</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>4,546</b>			
	<b>District Board count for delegates</b>					12
	<b>Total Delegates authorized</b>					168