

Friendly Fifth Friday News January 10, 2019

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It's time to start thinking about Masse Moro!

Dear 2019 Masse Moro Campers, Parents, Sponsors, Staff, Volunteers and Friends:

I would like to wish you a wonderful and happy 2020! Our 2019 Masse Moro camp was a terrific experience thanks to all of you and to our wonderful staff. We were privileged to have campers come from ten different states and two staff members from Norway. Thirty six campers of our fifty three were sponsored and received scholarships from Lodges throughout District 1 and District 5.

To all of our 2019 Masse Moro graduates, we thank you for participating and we look forward to your continued support for Masse Moro 2020.

Our Masse Moro camp will be held for the 41st time this summer from **July 12 – 25, 2020** at the beautiful, rustic Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek, Wisconsin.

As you may realize, our expenses for camp have increased, but thanks to our Sons of Norway District 5 Board, I am pleased to inform you that we have only increased our tuition by \$50.00.

The 2020 tuition for two weeks of exploring your Norwegian heritage through crafts, music, language class, Olympics, great food and meeting wonderful friends and counselors is only **\$850.00** compared to similar programs that cost over \$2000.00.

We appreciate the assistance of our Masse Moro campers, graduates, parents, staff, volunteers and sponsors to spread the word and encourage others to attend Masse Moro and experience “lots of fun” at camp. “Word of Mouth” is a terrific recruitment tool, so spread the word to your siblings, relatives, friends and neighbors who are from 9 to 15 years old to join us at camp.

Remind them that you do not have to be Norwegian to join us for lots of fun. In addition, they do not have to be a Sons of Norway member (but it sure helps). Check with your local Lodge or the Lodge of their relative for financial support.

To employ our very talented staff, I would encourage you to mail your application along with your \$50 deposit by **April 1, 2020**. By applying early, I will be able to secure our staff at a more reasonable time. Masse Moro is a very special experience, in large part, due to our dedicated, loyal, proficient staff. To insure that our staff returns. I would like to offer them their positions earlier rather than later; so I can do that if our campers apply early. Therefore, please go to www.massemoro.org and apply as soon as possible (only 60 positions are available).

Again Tusen Takk to all of our 2019 Masse Moro graduates, volunteers, staff and friends; we look forward to the return of our campers for an exciting Nordic heritage experience this summer at Masse Moro 2020!

Hilsen fra Masse Moro!

Sandra Olson, Youth Director, (651) 208-3333 packerland@baldwin-telecom.net



The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarships for year 2020.

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Committee announces the following:

There will be 2 scholarships made available for the year 2020, each in the amount of \$220.00 to cover 25% of the total fee for the year 2020 District 5. Heritage Youth Camp.

Like last year, the Scholarship Committee will not do any direct mailings to any Lodges or Lodge Officers. The committee feels and hopes that with your help this announcement can, via the Dist. 5 Web site, be shared with Lodges and members throughout District 5.

To everybody reading this message: Please, share this information with your newsletter Editor and fellow members.

All interested Camp Applicants can also request application form(s) from the Scandiana Treasurer, Oleif Olsaker

114 Maplewood Trl.

Michigan City, IN 46360

Telephone 219-874-7457

E-mail olsaker@comcast.net

The completed Application must be postmarked by April 15th, and mailed to the address above

I am really happy to see us still being able to continue this scholarship program this year and for several years to come. Hopefully it will help promote 2 weeks of **MASSE MORO**, and providing an award for each of the deserving applicants.

Fraternally

Oleif Olsaker, Treasurer



The Sarah L. Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Rules

In August 1995 eight year old Sarah Paulsen of our lodge passed away.

Because Sarah was very involved with the Sons of Norway, and was fascinated with her family's background and with Norwegian culture, friends and family, along with the Scandiana Lodge felt a scholarship established in Sarah's name would be appropriate.

The scholarship will not only carry on her love for the Norwegian Heritage, but will also enable other children to have the opportunity to attend the Sons of Norway Heritage Camp in Eau Claire, in honor of Sarah.

The scholarship will cover one quarter of the camp cost.

Parents may be concerned that getting this scholarship would prevent them from utilizing the District 5 Matching Fund Grant, but this award will have no bearing on other matching funds. This scholarship could be given in addition to District 5 and Local Lodge Matching Fund Scholarships. However, if the applicant's Local Lodge is financially unable to give their children Matching Fund Scholarships, the Sarah Paulsen Scholarship would qualify them for the District 5 Matching Fund Scholarship.

Rules:

1. The scholarship is open to any child age 9-15, who is interested in learning about the language and culture of Norway.
2. The applicant must be a heritage member or a child or grandchild of a Sons of Norway member, and belonging to a District 5 Lodge.
3. The applicant will write an essay of no more than 500 words. The topic is "Why I believe it is important to know about our heritage" or "Why I want to attend Norwegian Heritage Camp".
4. All applicants will complete a brief application form.
5. Applicant will include 2 letters of reference, including one from a local Lodge officer.
6. Applications must be postmarked by April 15. Decisions will be made by May 1, and winners will be notified by mail. Checks will be issued and mailed directly to the Scholarship Recipient before June 1.
7. Judges will be the Scandiana 600 Sarah L Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee.

What to do if someone won't join- by Mike Palecek

Darlene Arneson, president of Mandt lodge in Stoughton, just laughed when I once asked her “If someone keeps coming to lodge activities and won't become a member, what do you do?”

Darlene said, “I figure that sooner or later, they will find enough value in what we are doing for them that they will JUST JOIN... Even if they don't, we are still fulfilling our lodge's mission to share our Nordic heritage with our community...”

“There are lots of people in Dane County who come to our heritage workshops, watch Norwegian interest movies here, enjoy buying Norwegian foods, and even play bingo, who aren't members...” Then she paused and said, “YET.”

For me, one of the benefits of being involved in District Five is in networking with key leaders of successful lodges, learning and sharing the secrets of their success. Our lodge's old policy was “visit twice, join up or don't attend.” After sharing Darlene's viewpoint, our lodge dropped this old policy which helped us become more welcoming.

Maybe Darlene didn't directly say it, but she challenged me to keep asking myself and my fellow lodge officers “Is our lodge offering enough value to prospective members so that they want to join? Are we fulfilling our promise to our members, so they want to continue to belong? Are we doing everything we can to share our Nordic heritage with our community?”

2019-20 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

(Updated 11-28-2019- changes in red)

January 15, 2020

- Deadline — International travel scholarship applications due to Sons of Norway Foundation:
 - Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship
 - Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship*
 - Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship**
 - King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship
 - Lund Fund Scholarship**
 - Oslo International Summer School Scholarship**

February 15, 2020

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges to District Presidents.
- Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

- Community and Fraternal activities and hour totals, using AFA Year-end report form or online reporting at Fraternalgive.org, are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

March 2020

- Fraternal Funds packet is sent to the district treasurers.

March 1, 2020

- Deadline — Domestic scholarship applications due to Sons of Norway Foundation:
 - Astrid G. Cates Scholarship**
 - Bernt Anker Scholarship
 - Dan and Betty Rude Scholarship
 - Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship**
 - Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship**
 - Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship

May 15, 2020

- Fraternal Funds Report due to Sons of Norway Headquarters
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.
- D17 & 990 filing deadline for lodges that own property

*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required

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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.

Rotation for sharing the Viking Chest will continue as follows:

Zone 5 Oct. 2019 - Apr. 2020

Zone 2 Apr. 2020 - Oct. 2020

Zone 4 Oct. 2020 - Apr. 2021

Zone 6 Apr. 2021 - Oct. 2021
Zone 1 Oct. 2021 - Apr. 2022
Zone 3 Apr. 2022 - Oct. 2022

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 Ringsaker, 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@sonsofnorway.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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