

Sons of Norway – District Lodge 5 – “The Friendly Fifth”

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Delegate Election Information!!

January 13, 2018

Dear District 5 Lodge Presidents and Secretaries:

The District 5 Lodge Meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel located in downtown La Crosse, Wisconsin on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 through Saturday evening, June 30, 2018. The rates are, not including taxes, with standard occupancy: Standard king bed room: \$125.00 and Standard two queen bed room: 135.00. The board approved the Delegate registration fee of \$95.00 at our October 2017 board meeting.

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, 2017 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 2018. 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, 2018. 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 or by-law changes 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, 2018. If your lodge is interested in hosting the 2020 District Lodge Meeting, you are asked to send a written notice of your intention to the District Secretary prior to April 1, 2018. 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.

We will use email and the website as much as we can to post documents and keep everyone updated. Hard copies will be sent of the Reports Book. Your 2016 delegates have received a copy of the approved minutes. 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 Johnsen 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 "2018 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!

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Darlene Arneson, District Secretary