

Friendly Fifth Friday News July 15, 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

District Presidents Message

Kjaere Vanner,

Tusen Takk for electing me as your new District President. I appreciate the almost unanimous support that was given to me by the delegates at the District Convention in Marshfield, Wisconsin. I have some big shoes to fill, shoes that were left from our past President Owen Christenson. During his tenure as President, Owen demonstrated the leadership qualities that are necessary to be an effective District President.

As your new President, I will continue the progress that was made during Owen's Presidency. There are a number of items that will need attention in the months ahead including: finances, funding, retention, membership, and zone alignment. I am looking forward to working with the newly elected Fifth District Board of Directors. I think that each and every board member will do their part to help make our district a standout among the other districts in Sons of Norway. Our local lodges are strong and will be even stronger as they offer more to their members, thus attracting new Sons of Norway members of all ages. The Sons of Norway at its inception started in 1895 with eighteen members and an idea. Today we are 52,000 members with thousands of ideas that will ensure our future as we work together to continually improve the Sons of Norway.

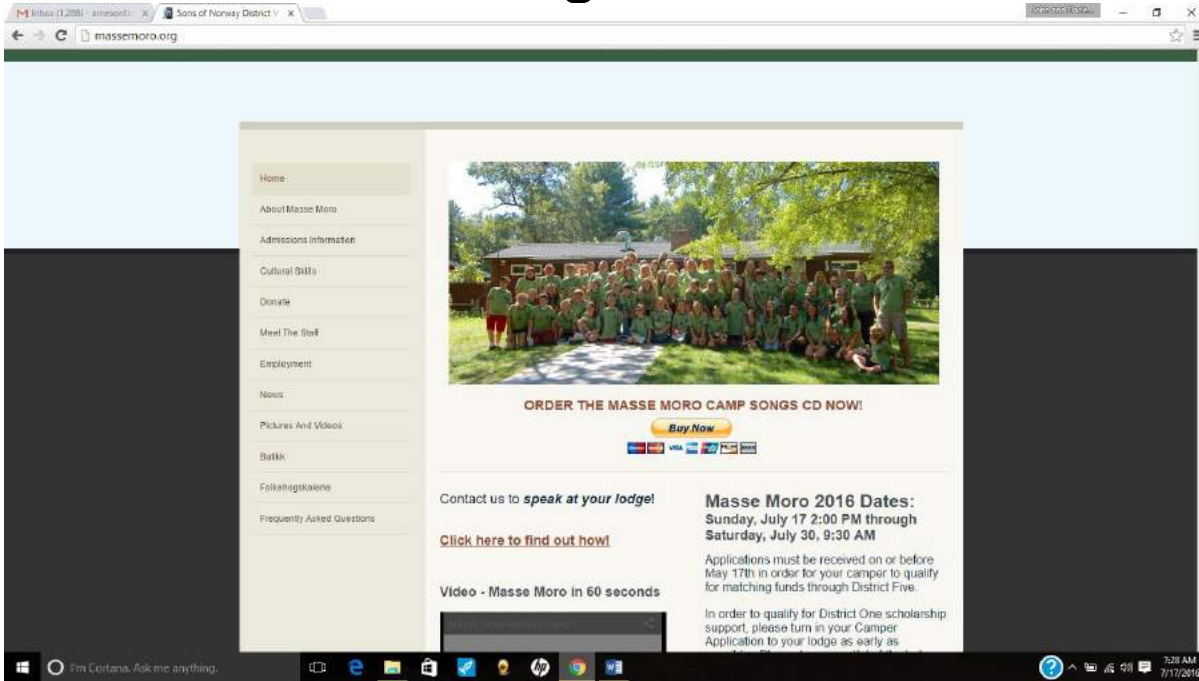
Over the next two years I hope to meet many of the members of our district. When we meet, I would like to talk to you about your local lodge and hear the ideas you may have that would strengthen our fraternal.

Please take the time to view the new Fifth District Website at: www.sonofnorway5.com

Fraternally og beste hilsen,

Andrew Johnsen

Follow Masse Moro online the next two weeks- July 17-31! www.massemoro.org



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The best place for photos and videos is our Facebook page!

Please visit us on Facebook and join the group at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/159567087439207/794794960583080/?notif_t=group_activity



Stoughton Kubb Invitational July 23

“But our lodge doesn’t have a team”- this IS your chance to learn!

Thank you to those of you that responded to my email about our kubb tournament. Our lodge’s goal is to help other lodges learn how to play the game. Our sports director, Jens Arneson, led a demonstration/play at the District Convention and we also want to teach lodges. So for this tournament, you can come down with a minimum of 2 people on a team to play. If you haven’t played, we have all skill levels so the teams will be helping those that want to learn. Or just come to observe!

Stoughton will be the host of the 2016 **Stoughton Kubb Invitational** which will take place on July 23rd at John Nygaard Virgin Lake Park. The Stoughton Kubb Club along with its partner sponsors, the Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge 5-314 and the Dane County Friends of Scandinavian Culture will team up to provide a full day of Kubb learning and play for any whom may be interested. While there is a team entrance fee of \$40 per team (two to six players per team), kid teams of 12 years and younger can play for free. Registration for the event will take place on the day of the event starting at 8:00 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. Come participate and help spread the fellowship of Kubb. All proceeds will go to local charities. You can find out more about the Stoughton Kubb Club or the upcoming Kubb Invitational by looking for the flyers posted all over town, or by finding them on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/stoughtonkubbclub/>.

Kubb (which rhymes with “tube”) also known as “Viking Chess”, is a Scandinavian game rumored to have been started over a 1,000 years ago by the Vikings who used the skull and femur bones of their enemies as game pieces. The more probable explanation is that the game of Kubb began using scraps of firewood since the word “kubb” is derived from the Swedish word *träkubbe* which literally means “block of wood”.

The game of Kubb is quickly gaining popularity locally as well as around the world as a new hip and trendy game that can be played by both young and old alike. It is an ideal family game since teams typically consist of between 2 and 6 players. In addition, the rules of Kubb can be taught quickly and the basic skills easily learned. But Kubb is not limited to just back-yard games. Since 2011, Kubb tournaments, particularly in the Mid-West have become more prevalent, wherein skilled teams meet to compete for trophies and often times cash prizes. But even within these tournaments, people of all skill levels are extremely welcome. The more experienced Kubb’ers relish the opportunity to share helpful tips and provide encouragement. For Kubb transcends from merely a game to spiritual enlightenment for many. Kubb organizations and clubs have formed to share the game that links traditions with local and regional identities. These organizations share a common mission of promoting the game for the enjoyment of all.

You may be surprised to learn that the City of Stoughton is home to one such organization. The Stoughton Kubb Club was formed in 2016 to bring together individuals who would like to learn, play, and even compete in the game of Kubb. Working with the Stoughton High School physical education department, the Stoughton Kubb Club has been active in promoting the game with local high school students offering educational demonstrations and hands on learning.

For more information about the tournament, contact Todd Fossum at tfossum@eci-consulting.com.

2016 Sons of Norway Zone 3 Picnic- but other lodges are welcome to come too!

Sunday, August 7, 12:30 PM-John and Darlene Arneson home- 2056 Skaalen Rd, Stoughton, WI 53589

Join members from our neighboring lodges for some food and fellowship at the home of John & Darlene Arneson. **Please bring a dish to pass!** Tableware, coffee, juice and other beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring along yard games if you'd like. There will be Kubb available so you can test out your Viking skills!

All members of your lodge, prospective members, and Masse Moro campers (past and present) are encouraged to attend. Bring along items for "Remarks for the Good of the Order". For more information, call Darlene Arneson at 608-873-7209 or email arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

From Madison via Interstate:

Go east from Madison going towards Chicago on the Interstate 39-90. Exit 147 on Hwy N and turn right. Go about 2-3 miles and you will come to a 4-way stop. Turn left on Skaalen Road and go about 1 ½ miles. We are the first long drive way on the left after you pass the housing development. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.

From Madison via Hwy 51:

Go south on Hwy 51 from Madison, through McFarland and almost to Stoughton. Before you get to town, take a left on Hwy B by the Evergreen State Bank. Stay on Hwy B until you come to the 4-way stop sign at Hwy B and Hwy N (the county garage will be on your left). Go straight and the road turns into Skaalen Rd. Go about 1 ½ miles. We are the first long drive way on the left after you pass the housing development. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.

From Oregon: (2 options)

- ✓ Come to Stoughton on Hwy 138. You can go all the way through town on Main Street and continue out of town on Hwy 51. After about 1 ½ miles, turn left on Pleasant Hill Road. Come to a t-intersection with Skaalen Rd, take a right and we're the first long drive way to the left. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.
- ✓ **Or** when you come into Stoughton on Hwy 138, take a left on Hwy 51. Go out to Hwy B and take a right on Hwy B (by Evergreen State Bank). Stay on Hwy B until you come to the 4-way stop sign at Hwy B and Hwy N (the county garage will be on your left). Go straight and the road turns into Skaalen Rd. Go about 1 ½ miles. We are the first long drive way on the left after you pass the housing development. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.

From the South (Janesville):

Come west towards Madison on the Interstate 39-90. Exit 159 at Coachman's Golf Club and Hwy 51. Go about 2 miles and take a right on Pleasant Hill Road. Come to a t-intersection with Skaalen Rd, take a right and we're the first drive way to the left. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.

Calendar of events

July 2016

- July 17-30 - **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** - Beaver Creek Reserve - Eau Claire, WI

August 2016

- August 7- Zone 3 picnic at John & Darlene Arneson's- 12:30 potluck. All are welcome!
- August 22-27- International Lodge Meeting and Convention- Tacoma, Washington

September 2016

- September 23-24 District 5 Board Meeting in LaCrosse

The District website- You can add content by emailing it to: inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com