

Friendly Fifth Friday News July 6, 2018

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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Thank you to all!

A big thank you to Wergeland Lodge and their leadership team who hosted a wonderful convention last week. They had things very well organized, great speakers and tours, lots of great vendors to shop from, a well-organized schedule, and lots of help for all involved! Hotel staff and services were very nice and in the heat, they did their best to make everyone comfortable! Thank you so much!

Thank you to our delegates and those serving on committees. It was a week of work, fun, and learning for all of us. As our business meetings have evolved over the years and shortened some parts of the business, it's probably time to really look at the schedule and best use of our delegate's time.

Thank you to the out-going board and newly elected board members. As one biennium ends and the next begins, we thank those who have given many years of leadership and service to their lodge, District and International. We also welcome 8 new board members and look forward to their energy, ideas and enthusiasm during the next two years.

Follow-up:

- The International delegates and resolutions that needed to be forwarded to the International Lodge Meeting were sent earlier this week.
- I am working on finalizing the minutes and will send them out to the Board to start reviewing. They will be approved at our fall board meeting along with the updated Bylaws.
- Updated materials and documents will be sent to the new board for their review and the start of updating. These also will be approved at the fall board meeting.
- President Johnsen will be assigning our District Committees (mostly made of Board members) and the zone assignments. With the change of board members, sometimes the geographic logistics may lend to reassigning a board member from serving one lodge vs. another.
- We have posted many of the pictures on the Facebook page and will continue to get the rest uploaded.
- Once I have documents finalized and approved, I'll get them to our webmaster and update the website.

Some of the highlights from the convention!

2018-2020 District 5 Board

District President	Andrew Johnson	Zone 6
Vice President	Kathy Secora	Zone 5
Secretary	Darlene Arneson	At Large
Treasurer	Michael Palecek	At Large
Sports & Recreation Director	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser	Zone 3
Publicity Director	Karen Eberhardt	Zone 3
Cultural Director	Geraldine Lachman	Zone 4
Youth Director	Sandra Olson	Zone 1
Director Zone 1	Audrey Severson	Zone 1
Director Zone 2	Tom Boudreau.	Zone 2
Director Zone 2	Karen Broadhead	Zone 2
Director Zone 4	Peggy Schroeder	Zone 4
Director Zone 5	Connie Kross	Zone 5
Director Zone 6	Dee Bumpers	Zone 6
International Director Nominee	Robin Fossum	
International Director Alternate Nominee	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser	

International Lodge Meeting Delegates

District Representatives- Andrew Johnsen and Darlene Arneson (unanimous consent)

District at Large -Robin Fossum, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, David Hermundson
Alternates: Tom Maxson, Peggy Schroeder and Christina Fairchild

Zone 1- (1) Sandra Olson
Alt- Patricia Hermundson

Zone 2- (2) LaVonne Wier and Sherrie Framness
Alt- Douglas Framness and Karen Broadhead

Zone 3- (2) Lucy Ghastin and Jean Busker
Alt- Dennis Westgor and John Arneson

Zone 4- (2) Mike Palecek and Judy Ghastin
Alt- Diane Overby and Don Overby

Zone 5- (1) Connie Benson Kross
Alt- Tom Maxson

Zone 6- (2) Gene Steensma and Dee Bumpers
Alt- Holly Jensen and Burt Bittner

Central (1)- Geoff Wodell
Alt- Jane Grinde

Congratulations!

Lodge Achievements:

2016 Large Lodge - Wergeland

2016 Small Lodge – Ostestaden

2017 Large Lodge- Valhall

2017 Small Lodge- Ostestaden

Family Lodge of the Year

2016- Mandt

2017- Nordkap

2020 District 5 Lodge Meeting

Idun Lodge of Madison submitted a bid for the 2020 District 5 Lodge Meeting. It was approved by the delegates.

Their proposal:

On behalf of Idun Lodge, 5-074, Sons of Norway, I am submitting this bid to host the 2020 District convention June 24-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison.

Jon Grinde, past district president; Lucy Ghastin, district 5 director; and I visited the site Friday, June 15, after initial visits by Jon and me earlier in the week. Our contact with the hotel sales office is Alora Newbery, business development specialist. She will prepare packets for distribution at the district lodge meeting in La Crosse and may be able to join the three of us as we present the bid at the lodge meeting Friday morning.

Regarding the site criteria, the the two-story Radisson meets each one.

- Dining Facilities. A large, recently renovated restaurant is on site. Free hot breakfast is provided to those staying at the hotel. Other restaurants are nearby, including several within easy walking distance.
- District Lodge Meeting Room. The grand ballroom provides adequate space for the lodge delegates sitting at tables, classroom style, as well as room for observers and tables for the silent auction.

- Caucus/Committee Rooms. The hotel has enough rooms for committee and caucus meetings, as well as a large room for vendors, a room for the convention office, space for cultural displays, and an accessible registration area.
- Sleeping Rooms. The hotel has 153 sleeping rooms, including 10 sets of adjoining rooms, 10 suites, and two conference suites, all renovated in 2013. As noted above, those with rooms get a free hot breakfast in the restaurant.
- Parking. Ample free parking is available, near each section of the sleeping rooms.
- Exhibit space. As indicated above, ample space is available for vendors and cultural displays.
- Air Conditioning. The facility is air conditioned.
- Public Transportation. The hotel has a shuttle service to and from the airport, and Madison Metro Bus Service is also available. The hotel is located near WestTowne Mall, with easy access to the Beltline as well as to downtown Madison.
- Banquet. The grand ballroom, to be used for the lodge meeting, is available for the banquet and can easily be set up following the installation of officers.
- Coffee Breaks. The hotel has agreed to allow us to bring in cookies for the coffee breaks which will be held in close proximity to the vendors and displays.

In initial discussions on costs, we expect the room rates to be less than \$120 and will include free hot breakfast. We have talked about the cost of the meeting rooms which seem reasonable and have received the catering menu which has some flexibility.

Madison and the area offer a rich opportunity for experiencing the Norwegian-American culture, and our lodge will warmly welcome delegates and friends to the convention.

Jane Grinde and Lucy Ghastin- Co Chairs

2018 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

(Updated 7/6/18)

July 7, 2018

Final payments due for Masse Moro

July 15-July 28, 2018

Masse Moro Camp

August 16-18, 2018

International Sons of Norway Lodge Meeting and Convention, Minneapolis, MN

August 26, 2018

Zone 3 and Mandt Lodge Picnic at Arneson's in Stoughton, WI

September 30, 2018

Lodge liability premium due to International SN office

October 19-21, 2018

District Board Meeting and Training- Madison, WI area

December 15, 2018

D-63 Report of Elections due. Send one copy to International Headquarters and one to District Secretary.

June 24-28, 2020

District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention in Madison, WI

Viking Chest Rotation

Zone 6 now has the chest! Check with Andrew Johnsen or Geraldine Lachman to schedule!

- 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.

Time period	Zone with chest
April 2018-October 2018	6
October 2018-April 2019	1
April 2019-October 2019	3

Zone Meeting Schedule 2018

Zone	Date	Hosted by	Location
1			
2			
3			
3- Zone Picnic	August 26, 2018	John and Darlene Arneson	2056 Skaalen Rd, Stoughton
4			
5			
6	June 28	Esther and Andy	Perkins in La Crosse

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.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 16-18 in Minneapolis, MN.

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