

Friendly Fifth Friday News June 22, 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!**

Send all web posting info to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

Questions on the District Convention: check www.sonsofnorway5.com and click on the convention tab!

Questions on the new dues structure? 2018dues@sofn.com

Zone Meeting Schedule 2018

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2018 District 5 Convention Updates!

<http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/>

- The District Board and Idun Lodge will be presenting a bid for the 2020 convention.
- Instructions for the convention committees will be/have been sent by President Johnsen and those members will receive the emails from him on their service and any suggested topics to discuss.
- We will be having a silent auction so donations from lodges or individuals are welcome! There will be a Heads n Tails again at the Friday luncheon too that the board will conduct. More info will be posted and sent out soon!



District 5 Sons of Norway Lodge Banner Contest

The District five Board of Director's would like to encourage each lodge to create a Lodge Banner to display for publicity purposes during their lodge events, Conventions, etc. This is an optional activity and **NOT** a requirement!

The purpose of this contest is to encourage lodges to have a display banner they can use at events, in their community, at fundraisers, and to gain attention for their lodge. The Publicity Committee hopes it will be a useful tool for them in promoting their lodge.

We are encouraging each Lodge to participate in this Contest and display their Banners at the 2018 Convention in the main meeting room, where they will be voted on by the delegates. Banners should be brought to the delegate meeting room by Thursday night at 6 PM or see Darlene Arneson or Christina Fairchild.

Deadline for votes will be by the first Saturday Morning Coffee/Cookie Break. Three prizes will be given: (1) \$100.00 "People's Choice" gift card and (2) \$50.00 "Honorable Mention" gift cards

If your lodge already has a Banner that meets these specifications, please bring it to the Convention.

To maintain a standard for the Lodge Banners, we have provided some specifications below:

1. Suggested Size: 3' x 6' finished banner or close to those measurements. They don't have to be exact.
2. At the convention, the banners must be displayed in a base and not hung from a wall.
3. Material: Any material except paper.
4. Banners can be handmade, computer generated, or made by a commercial service.
5. Lodge name should appear somewhere on the banner.
6. Banner theme should relate to the individual lodge.
7. Banners can be made in any color.
8. Banners will belong to their lodge but will be displayed throughout the District Convention.

Questions: Contact District Publicity Director, Christina Fairchild – phone: 815-624-4478 or Email: cfairc56@gmail.com

2018 District Lodge Meeting – Welcome to LaCrosse! June 15, 2018 update from Darlene

Please share this and discuss with your members and those serving as delegates!

Just a few items as we all get ready for the District Convention in a few weeks. It's been a really busy time and I hope that everyone is ready for a few days of getting Sons of Norway business accomplished, having some fun, and meeting with our members.

As we prepare:

- Please bring along your copy of the 2018 Report's Book that was mailed to you. If your lodge had a change of who is serving as a delegate since it was mailed, make sure you get it from the other person!
- Changes in Reports Book- there have been several delegate changes, some schedule changes, changes in who is coming from International, Canadian National Anthem change- so an update will be sent out the week of the convention and hard copies will be at your delegate spot.
- We draw for zone order seating at our Thursday board meeting and will set up the delegate seating Thursday night. So look for your zone sign, then your lodge name and you'll have a packet with your name on it.
- We will have a number of items for you to take home to share with your lodge. Be prepared to have an extra bag, container, box for all your goodies!
- Bring along your walking shoes if you want to join the walkers early in the morning. Michaela Decker has organized two morning outings. If you have questions on your registrations, please contact Shirley at SASLAX@aol.com or 1-608-526-6596
- There will be a bunad parade on Saturday evening during the banquet. Anyone who wants to participate should bring a bunad and talk with Frieda Nowland with the Convention Committee during the Convention.
- If anyone has cultural arts to display in our cultural arts exhibit, please contact Ann Kathan at Kathanville@gmail.com or (202) 365-0199.
- If you have changes in delegates, please let me know ASAP as well as Shirley Schoenfeld. Any materials sent to the original delegate should have been passed along to the alternate.

- Keep in mind that we will be electing District Board Members and International Delegates at this district lodge meeting. Please consider this opportunity, review your benefit member status, and talk to your spouse BEFORE coming to the convention!
- The attire is business casual/business for most events. As leaders of your lodge and as we are in the public's eye, our attire should reflect our roles in the District. The banquet is formal-business/formal, bunads, black tie, Norsk sweaters.
- If you have a camera, take pictures! It would be great to have a nice photo show afterwards or even at the last session. Casual photos are always great so please don't be camera shy!
- If you have stamps, bring them along! We'll send them along with Mary Bennett who is our District Tubfrim coordinator.
- If you have questions or don't understand something, please let us know! We are more than happy to help!
- The hotel is air conditioned and sometimes they have the room cooler when there are lots of people. You may want to bring along a sweater.
- At the Friday luncheon, Shirley Schoenfeld will have all the names of those who signed up to go on the La Crosse Queen cruise in a bowl, and the lucky winner will receive a gold ornament of the Mississippi Queen by the La Crosse bridges.
- La Crosse has a neat little smart phone text link you may want to get. Text the phrase "Laxmap" to 31996 and you will receive a link to detailed maps, dining options, and more. The convention committee will be providing hard copy maps to all Convention attendees and directions for getting this smart phone information.

Thank you for supporting the various fundraisers that will occur during the District 5 Convention. Both the Wergeland Convention Committee and the District Board have put together a variety of fundraisers that you and your lodge are welcomed to support. Many of the items might make great gifts, lodge raffle prizes, speaker gifts, and other places a lodge may need items to give away. Many of the items, including the cash raffles, would benefit all of us and we appreciate the support that many of you have already given us.

This week be sure to check out:

- Convention t-shirts and pins- you were able to pre-order them on the registration form. If you need certain sizes, it's best to let us know ahead and call Adrian at 608-788-7507 and he'll set one aside for them.
- The Wergeland Lodge Host Convention Committee is having a basket raffle that we encourage you to support!

- District's Silent Auction- always a favorite and the items will be in the main delegate meeting area. You can bring items to that room on Thursday and we'll have a check in station where you will fill out the bidding sheet and put it on the item. We'll set up the tables Thursday night. The silent auction starts early Friday and will end before we adjourn on Friday. Thank you so much for bringing items to the convention and for bidding on them!
- District's Heads n Tails fundraiser during the Friday luncheon.
- Our social media posts and please use the hashtag: #2018D5Lacrosse

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Walk-a-thon

Walking along the shores of the Mississippi River and helping out Masse Moro Youth Heritage Camp, what a great way to start the day!! Get your Friends and Family to sponsor you for the one mile walk and enjoy the beautiful scenery while earning money for a great cause! Walkers will meet at 6 am both Friday and Saturday morning at the Riverside doors. There will be a walk-a-thon sign-up sheet at the doors and a District Board member will be on hand to collect the voluntary donations. Happy walking! Please direct questions to Michaela Decker

262-498-2085 or michaeladecker@wi.rr.com

"Heads and Tails" fundraiser at the Friday noon luncheon. Expected revenue: On each table, there will be an envelope marked "Heads and Tails". Anyone interested in participating in the activity places \$5 in the envelope before the activity starts. District Board members collect the envelopes. The leader asks everyone participating to stand up. At the signal, people put their hands on their head or butt – a coin is tossed and if it lands on heads, the people with their hands on their heads continue but the ones with their hands on their butts sit down and are out. This continues until you have 6 people left. They are called up to the front and then continue until one person remains. The winner gets \$50 and the District keeps the rest of the money collected. A minimum of 10 people will cash flow the activity.

I hope this answers some of your questions and helps you prepare for the convention. Have a safe trip to LaCrosse! I won't be arriving in LaCrosse until very late Wednesday night as I have a conference for work in Maine. So it's best if you need something ahead of time, don't call my home phone after Sunday. My cell is 608-514-4951 (call or text). I also will be checking my arnesonfamily5@gmail.com email all week too. That's all for now! Sincerely, Darlene Arneson

2018 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

(Updated 4/30/18)

June 27-30, 2018

District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention in La Crosse, WI

June 29, 2018

Due Date for Masse Moro enrollment

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

December 15, 2018

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

Viking Chest Rotation – Zone 6 now has the chest! Check with Andy or Esther 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
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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 27-June 30, 2018 at Hotel Radisson in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 16-18 in Minneapolis, MN.

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