

Friendly Fifth Friday News

June 5, 2020

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

Please respond this weekend!!

From the Zone Alignment Committee chair Darlene Arneson-

During the spring board meeting, we discussed the results from the zone survey and members thoughts about zones, what works, what doesn't work, and how we can use this "bonus biennium" to address these concerns and strengthen our zones.

Here is the current lodge assignment list. The committee discussed possibly adding another zone. If that is done, what suggestions do you have to make this work so that we have smaller zone assignments, lodges are grouped closer to each other, and how do we reach out to those lodges farther away?

If you can email your thoughts to me, I'd like to compile them and our committee will meet via ZOOM to discuss them, develop some options, and then have members and the board discuss the options. If there is a proposal that is feasible, we may go back to the 2018 District Lodge delegates who are continuing to serve in their capacity, to act on a bylaw proposal by fall. This would allow the next nominating committee to work off of the new zone structure.

Please send your feedback to me by June 6 and email it to arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or send hard copy to Darlene Arneson, 2056 Skaalen Road, Stoughton, WI 53589. Thank you!

District 5 Lodge Assignments 2018-2022

Updated May 28, 2020

Zone 1	
Sandy Olson	Audrey Severson
Loven 29-Eau Claire, WI Dovre 353- Barron, WI Valkyrien 53-Woodville, WI	Trygvason 220- Osseo, WI Ulseth 670-Hancock, MI Viking 625-Mondovi, WI
Zone 2	
Karen Broadhead	Tom Boudreau
Wergeland 28- LaCrosse, WI Jotunheimen 286- Viroqua, WI Solvang 457- Westby, WI Fossen 534- Black River Falls, WI Fagernes 616- Blair, WI	Rib Fjell 496- Wausau, WI Elvedal 556- Wisconsin Rapids, WI Norskeland 580- Scandinavia, WI Myrmarken 609- Marshfield, WI Vennligfolk 627- Stevens Point, WI
Zone 3	

Karen Eberhardt Idun 74- Madison, WI Vakkertland 570-Wisconsin Dells, WI Norsemen of the Lakes 650- Elkhorn, WI Nordland 544- Janesville, WI	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser Mandt 314- Stoughton, WI Vennelag 513- Mt. Horeb, WI Ostestaden 642- Monroe, WI
Zone 4	
Judy Ghastin Fosselyngen 82- Milwaukee, WI Nordlyset 183- Racine, WI	Peggy Schroeder H R Holand 549- Sturgeon Bay, WI Gronnvik 632- Green Bay, WI Norse Valley 491- Appleton, WI
Zone 5	
Connie Kross Valhall 168- Rockford, IL Polar Star 472- Montgomery, IL Cleng Peerson 525- Ottawa, IL	Kathy Secora Skjold 100- Palatine, IL Trollhaugen 417- South Holland, IL Elvesund 593- La Grange Park, IL
Zone 6	
Andrew Johnsen Nordkap 378- Farmington Hills, MI Sonja Henie 490-East Lansing, MI Sognefjord 523- North Muskegon, MI Christian Radich 568- Suttons Bay, MI Scandiana 600- Chesterton, IN Askeladden 610- Kalamazoo, MI	Deloris Bumpers Circle City 614 Edvard Grieg 657- Cincinnati, OH Arctic Circle 662- Canton, OH Vikings of the Smokies 677- Knoxville, TN Music City Vikings 681- Nashville, TN Shawnee Skogen 689- Alto Pass, IL

Don't forget to send in photos to Karen Eberhardt for The Viking!

June 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

Send to eber01dj@gmail.com

An Update from Minneapolis

Minneapolis has been the site of significant riots in the past week. The epicenter of these riots has been Lake St. in south Minneapolis where the new Sons of Norway headquarters building is located.

We at Sons of Norway are grieving the racism that is still so prevalent in our society and the violence we've seen in our streets in response. We continue to hope and work for a more peaceful, just, and inclusive society; and believe our fraternal purpose of strengthening our communities continues to play an important role in achieving this shared goal.

Our staff is safe and no one has been harmed or seen property destroyed. We are most thankful for this.

The new Sons of Norway headquarters has not been damaged. This is in spite of the fact that the building is only a few blocks from some of the worst of the riots. Again, we are so grateful that the new building we are scheduled to move into later this month has not seen any damage.

We have not received our mail the last several days. The post office where Sons of Norway's mail is routed was in the middle of the affected area and has been closed indefinitely. It is possible some mail was destroyed in the damage on May 27th, but limited to afternoon mail only. Since May 28, 2020 we have not been able to receive our mail from the postal service.

We are working with the USPS to retrieve our mail in a timely and expedited fashion, but this serves as a good time to remind all of our members to only mail checks to our PO Box:

**Sons of Norway
PO Box 856812
Minneapolis, MN 55485-6812**

We so appreciate all of your concern for the wellbeing of our staff and Sons of Norway's physical assets. We are continuing to stay focused on our mission and delivering value and excellent service to our members.

SAVE THE DATE: International Day of Friendship is July 30

Celebrate your lodge friendships with a cheery call or card. PLUS: make an extra call or two and invite friends to join Sons of Norway. No matter where they live, it's easy for them to join online at sofn.com. Let's work together to help our Sons of Norway family grow in 2020!

Coming Soon: *Viking for Kids*

As part of our 125th anniversary celebrations, we are delighted to announce the return of *Viking for Kids*. Coming this August, *Viking for Kids* will be a quarterly digital publication that will be available for download on our website. It will include Scandinavian-inspired articles, quizzes, coloring pages and more! We are excited for our heritage members to have a magazine of their own and we look forward to the launch of *Viking for Kids*.

For updates, visit sofn.com/vikingforkids.

Nordic News this week...



Last week's "Nordic News" featured a presentation by Glenn Borreson, "Coffin Ships: Death on the Ocean Crossing and One Family's Story." Glenn is a member of Wergeland lodge in La Crosse WI. He does over a dozen different presentations on Norwegian-American topics.

In this picture, we see a close-up of one of Glenn's slides, showing a burial at sea (circa 1910) with a Norwegian flag over the corpse. Some of the Nordic News participants are shown at left, watching the presentation.

Upcoming "Nordic News"

June 9 - TBD

June 16 – Joy of Norwegian Woodcarving (James Miller, Valkyrien-Woodville WI)

June 23 – TBD

June 30 – Norsk Museum: Norway IL (David Johnson, Cleng Peerson-Norway IL)

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You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

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You have less than a month to get your entries in for the D5 **Scandinavian Photo Contest**. At this week's Nordic News, Sharon Lassiter from Vikings of the Smokies – Knoxville TN said she and her sister Sharol really enjoyed looking over photos of their last Norwegian trip to put together their contest entry.

View the pictures submitted so far: <http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/galleries/details/27-District-5-Scandinavian-Photo-Contest>

Here is a sample of some of awesome photos submitted by D5 members:



Please encourage your lodge members who have been to any Scandinavian country to submit their photos to the contest. Deadline is July 5.

Rules are here: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/convention_contest.php

2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines **Changes in red!**

June 6, 2020

- **Feedback due to the Zone Alignment committee chair Darlene Arneson.**

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July 5, 2020

- Deadline for submitting photos for the **District 5 Scandinavian Photo Contest**

July 10, 2020

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August 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

September 2020

- Lodge liability premium sent to all lodge treasurers. This package includes information regarding the coverage, a certificate of insurance for the lodge and an invoice for the lodge's share of the premium.
- September 10 – Foundation Board of Governors applications due. If you are someone who loves nonprofits, governance and your Nordic values, running for a Foundation board position may be a perfect fit!

September 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

October 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 form and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- The Sons of Norway Foundation portal is available for lodges and individuals to apply for grants and scholarships.
- Lodge Achievement, Family Lodge of the Year and AFA Year-end report forms and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- Lodge Baneløpet Coordinators are encouraged to contact Sons of Norway Headquarters to discuss plans for anticipated events.

October is Foundation Month

- Help support our grant and scholarship recipients and share your Nordic values by celebrating Foundation month! Please consider a donation directly to the Foundation or plan a fundraising event through your lodge.
- October 1 Grant applications open – Our lodge grants award amounts go up to \$500-\$1,500 depending on a lodge's project.
- October 1 Scholarship applications open – Scholarship opportunities start at \$1,000 with an average scholarship of \$3,000.

October 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

October 15, 2020

- Lodge liability premium is due to Sons of Norway Headquarters.

November 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

December 2020

- D17 and D18 forms, instructions and timeline sent to lodge treasurers.

December 10, 2020

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December 15, 2020

- District 5 Sports Challenge ends

December 16, 2020

- Application deadline for:
 - Community Partnership Grant applications are due to Sons of Norway Foundation.
- Date that new member applications (paper forms) must be **received** at HQ to ensure processing in time for end-of-year delegate calculation and recruitment challenge recognition. (Online applications may be submitted through December 31.)

December 31, 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 information is due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

- Last day to enter new membership applications into the database for delegate calculations and 2019 recruitment challenge recognition. (**Paper applications should be received at headquarters by December 15** to ensure adequate time for processing.)
- Application deadline for:
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 - Lodge Helping Hands to Children Grant*
 - Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant*
 - Lodge Vitality Grant*
- Deadline to order Barneløpet supplies.

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting in 2022 in Madison, Wisconsin. Hotel to be determined.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022. The location has not been announced.

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.

Time period	Zone with chest
October 2019-April 2020	5
April 2020-October 2020	2
October 2020-April 2021	4
April 2021-October 2021	6
October 2021 – April 2022	1
April 2022 – October 2022	3

Zone Meeting Schedule 2020

Zone	Date	Hosted by	Location
1	Thursday, Feb 20 at 1:15	Zone 1 Directors	Veterans Community Center, Hayward during the volunteer reception after Barnebirkie
2			
3	Sat. January 25	Mandt Lodge	Stoughton, WI
4			
5			
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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 25-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 19-23, 2020 in Ringsaker Norway

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209)

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!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com 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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