

Friendly Fifth Friday News March 18, 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

From our District Webmaster:

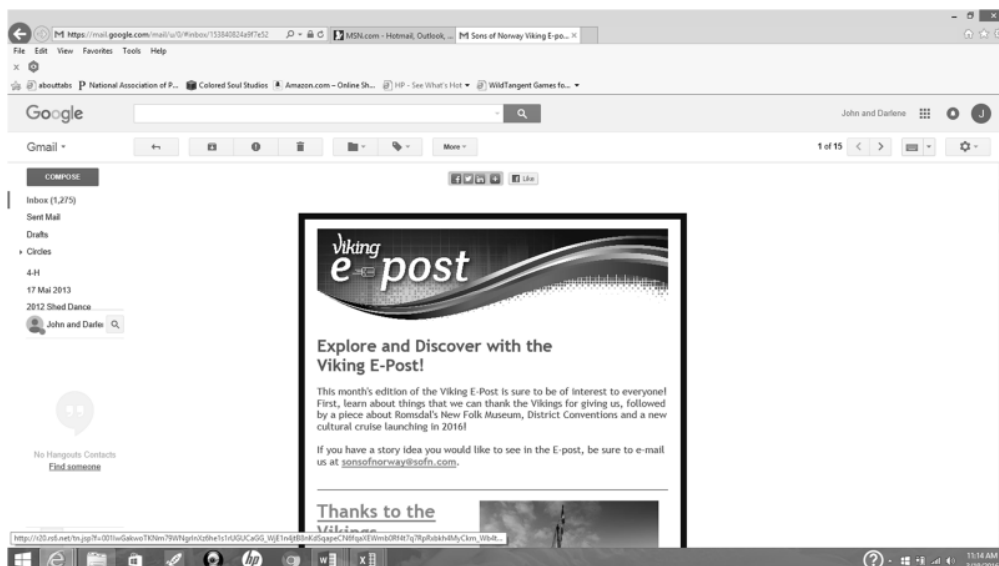
The District Five Board is looking at updating and changing the District Five website (www.sonsofnorway5.com). Have you looked for some item on the District Five website and not been able to locate it? Do you have suggestions for changes or possible other websites you find attractive and easy to locate information? The board is interested in hearing your suggestions. You can provide your input by sending it to the webmaster – Duane Kittleson – email: dkittverona@gmail.com.

Central Lodge Meeting Conference Call on Monday

The District 5 Central Lodge meeting to elect delegates to the convention is scheduled for Monday, March 21, at 8:00 PM (Central time). This will be done via a conference call. District Board members and anyone else interested in participating in the meeting should call 1-888-296-6500 to connect with the conference call. At the prompt use the following pass code - 181879. Anyone interested in being a delegate from the Central Lodge should contact District Secretary Darlene Arneson (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209). At this time, Geoff Wodell and Don Hermanson have expressed interest in being a delegate.

Darlene Arneson, Secretary Sons of Norway District 5

Not getting this? Then you need to update your membership number on your member profile (go to www.sonsofnorway.com)



Convention Update:

The convention planning committee had a conference call tonight in which they reviewed the schedule, all the forms, and other related documents. There are a few changes to be made in them and we hope by mid-week to be able to send them out, post them, and get them to you. Thank you for your patience.

Here's the plan:

- Delegates- I have all but four lodges that have submitted their forms or information. Two have meetings coming up, one I'm waiting for a response, and one needed some more information. We have seven that aren't sending delegates.
- How will information be sent? Darlene Arneson will send out emails along with the FFFN. She will also send a hard copy of all documents to the Lodge Presidents and District Board. If your delegates don't have email, can't open the attachments, or don't want to print items- then the president and lodge can work out a way to get the information to them. Delegates will also get emails – usually from Darlene. When those documents go out, Duane Kittleson will post them to the District website.
- Convention committees- Now that President Christianson has the delegate list, he will appoint his convention committees. The letter of invitation will come from Darlene Arneson and RSVP's will go back to her. The committees will meet on Thursday.

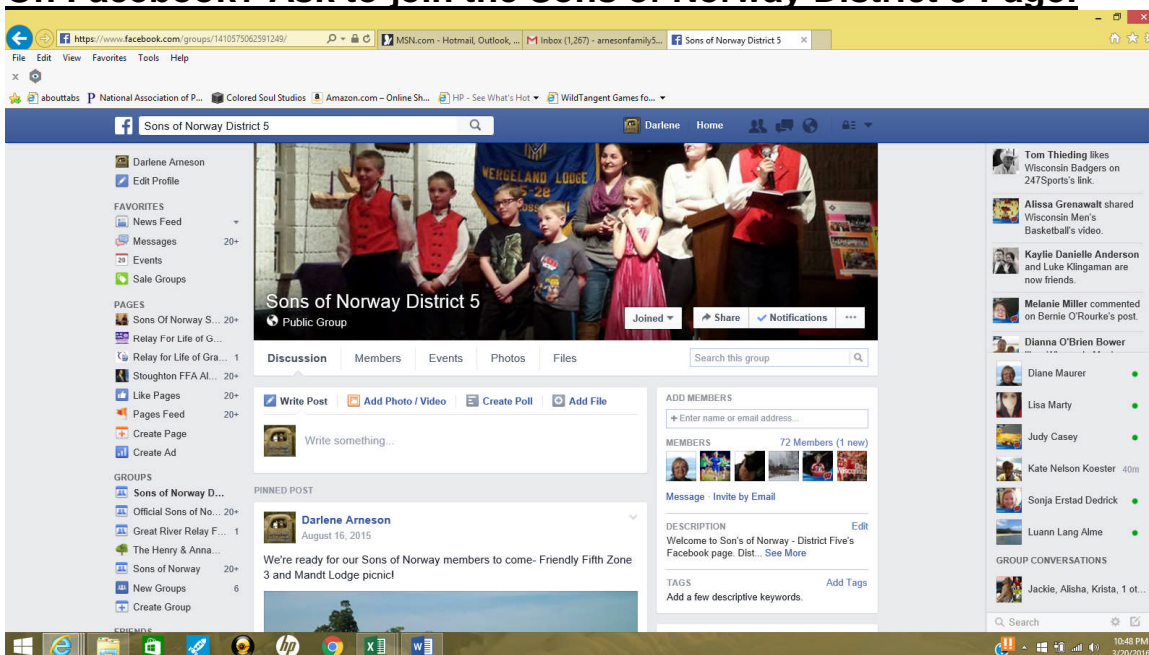
International Convention Ads:

If your lodge or businesses in your area want to place an ad in the International Convention booklet, I've attached the information. There was an error in the original packet (didn't list where to send ads or money) so there is an additional update for that page.

District Directory:

The District Directory is ready to go to the printer. It will not have all the supplementary information in it like I added in past years as I've been putting that in the FFFN. So no sense spending extra district funds to print and pay postage for information you already have. So watch for it if you're a lodge president or secretary. Keep in mind it is to be used for Sons of Norway purposes only!

On Facebook? Ask to join the Sons of Norway District 5 Page!



The screenshot shows the Facebook interface for the 'Sons of Norway District 5' group. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1410575062591249/>. The page header includes the group name 'Sons of Norway District 5' and the user 'Darlene' is logged in. The left sidebar shows navigation options like 'Edit Profile', 'News Feed', 'Messages', 'Events', and 'Sale Groups'. The main content area features a cover photo of a group of people, a pinned post by Darlene Arneson from August 16, 2015, with the text: 'We're ready for our Sons of Norway members to come- Friendly Fifth Zone 3 and Mandt Lodge picnic!'. Below the post are options to 'Write Post', 'Add Photo / Video', 'Create Poll', and 'Add File'. The right sidebar shows a list of members, including Tom Thieling, Alissa Grenawalt, Kaylie Danielle Anderson, Melanie Miller, Dianna O'Brien Bower, Diane Maurer, Lisa Marly, Judy Casey, Kate Nelson Koester, Sonja Erstad Dedrick, and Luann Lang Alme. The bottom of the page shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock indicating 10:48 PM on 3/20/2016.