

Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News
March 15, 2024
A District Weekly Newsletter to Keep Us Up to Date!



Big Deadline Date tomorrow!

March 15

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges and districts to Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Community and Fraternal activities and hour totals, using AFA Year-end report form or online reporting at Fraternalsgiving.org, are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- D64 Lodge Property Officer forms are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Deadlines for Lodge Achievement, Family Lodge of the Year and AFA Reporting.

Almost the 20th of the month- send your Viking Photos to LaVonne!

Photos submitted need to be unedited. The folks at The Viking will do any needed editing. I prefer the photos be submitted through e-mail. Each photo submitted needs to have a Photo Submission Form. https://sonsofnorway5.com/publicity_director_messages/

TIP: To keep this blank form, make a copy of it on your computer. Use the copy to fill in and submit to me, and do that every time. That way, you still have a blank form for the next photo submission, etc. Photos without the submission form will not be sent forward. The people in Minneapolis need to know who, what, where the picture was taken.

When you send a photo, send it in an email to my address, 2nor1rus@gmail.com. Include the copy of the submission form with the photo in the same email.

There has been a slow period lately for photo submissions. I hope the traffic will pick up! I enjoy seeing your photos and sending them forward.

Photos need to be submitted to me by the 20th of each month. That gives me a couple days to get them forwarded by my deadline.

If you have any questions, send me an email. I will try my best to help you with the process. I'm looking forward to seeing more photos come my way!

Fraternally,
LaVonne Wier
District 5 Publicity Director



SONS OF NORWAY DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

VIRTUAL MEETING February 10, 2024

Districts are finding it difficult to form nominating committees. Most districts have a minimum of two individuals serving in this capacity, while others like District 5 have three or more members. Challenges that lie ahead are finding willing and qualified members to serve in key positions, especially those that require additional training or experience such as district treasurer. Once delegates have been elected for convention participation, the nominations committee will be able to begin their search in earnest.

Innovative ideas and new member participation keep our district vibrant and growing. If you are interested in serving as a zone director or would like to serve as a board director or officer, please let your wishes be known. This will make the task of our nominations committee much easier. Those who were elected to serve as our nominations committee are former D5 vice president, Kathy Secora, Zone 5, current vice president, Wendy Winkelman, Zone 6, and Mandt lodge member Janis Wegner, Zone 3. We can look at our present situation with a pessimistic view, or we can approach the future with the idea that all things are possible with help from our members. I prefer the second option.

Part of the challenge that nominations committees will face is the changing feel for the parent organization due to the myriad of changes and the lack of support that was once the standard. Local lodges feel disenfranchised.

No district will offer a Zoom alternative for their convention in 2024. The presidents shared that access to the lodge customer service department remains a challenge.

The home office is interested in more districts supporting the Sons of Norway Foundation. Districts were reminded that their revenue comes from membership dues, and it is appropriate to use these funds for donations to the Foundation. When the International Board chose to remove the 000 dues from each district, all districts lost a sizable amount of money from the coffers.

In the wind is an uptick in the cost of a yearly membership; this move will no doubt happen sooner rather than later. Keeping the company solvent is job one.

Due to changing and continuing updates from the International Board regarding by-law changes, districts are finding writing revisions a futile process. It is possible that by-law committees will need to return to the drawing board, and this has not been well received.

District three held a presentation for all lodge presidents and vice presidents regarding disbanding lodges. Ironically, those who needed this advisement were not present. The leadership from District 3 has suggested to all its lodges to consider a merger with another lodge rather than choosing disbandment. Distance meetings could be held via Zoom if the geographic distance is large. Kirsten Lehman from headquarters contributed to the program.

Lodge growth in District 2 continues with the largest lodge over two thousand members, another at 1400, and a third lodge's membership totals one thousand.

Members in District 1 spent considerable time with the Ski for Light event held in Rhinelander, WI. Minneapolis airport was chosen as the Welcome Committee. The 2025 event will be held in District 6. There has been no update on redistricting the Sons of Norway, so districts, like District 5 are in limbo with the resolution that recently passed. The District Presidents' Advisory Council has been asked for ideas on how to tackle issues, but the suggestions have little sway or outcome for the districts, lodges, or members. It is felt that the suggestions are ignored or passed over, and the fraternal aspect of our organization is lost. It is difficult for our most senior members to see the organization they built, and love being forever changed.

The District Presidents' Advisory Council has asked for a two-day work session this spring. It has not been determined whether this meeting will be scheduled.

The number of lodge members who have Sons of Norway products by district are provided below.

D1-53.1%	D2-18.3%	D3-54.8%	D4-26%
D5-49%	D6-35.6%	D7-7.4%	D8-4.6%

Note: Districts 7 and 8 must have a potential buyer visit a sales rep on U.S. soil to make a purchase. This has deterred sales in these districts. Since International conventions have been scrapped, these districts no longer have the need to require their delegates to purchase a product, and the number of insured in these regions will continue to decline. The only person who must carry a product will be the candidate for International Director from D7 and D8.

Cheryl Wille-Schlessor, District 5 President. 608-219-4464
cwschlessor200bc@gmail.com

Sons of Norway District 5 Convention 2024
June 19-22, 2024
Sponsor Form
Deadline: May 1, 2024



Sponsorships	Price	#	Cost
Includes signage to be displayed on the coffee table, recognition on the daily schedule and in the booklet			
MANGE TUSEN TAKK(MANY THOUSAND THANKS)	\$500+	x	\$
MANGE TAKK (MANY THANKS)	\$250	x	\$
TAKK (THANK YOU)	\$100	x	\$
PRESENTER/COFFEE BREAK	\$200	x	\$
PAYMENT WITH CHECK		Total	\$

Name of Sponsor: _____
 Name of Contact: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Wendy Winkelman at (618)534-0318 (call/text) or email wendyathadeland@yahoo.com Sponsor information should be submitted electronically in final format via email. If this is an issue, please contact Wendy to make other arrangements.

When mailing your check, please include a copy of this form.

Make checks payable to:

SONS OF NORWAY DISTRICT 5

Mail to:
 Wendy Winkelman
 6525 Water Valley Road
 Cobden, IL 62920

District 5 2024 Convention Pin Order Form



Size: 1" wide x 1.5" tall.
Support the District 5 Convention by purchasing these high-quality pins that promote the convention!

Possible uses for convention pins:

- Have your lodge purchase them and have them available for members to buy at meetings and activities.
- Give to your delegates and any members submitting items for Cultural Arts Display, taking classes, or that sign up to be well-wishers!
- Use for door prizes at meetings and events.
- Give to your officers as a thank you gift and incorporate the theme into your lodge's activities.
- Give to your Heritage members.
- Send as a thank you gift to local businesses and encourage them to be advertisers in the convention booklet, sponsors of the convention, or a vendor at the convention!
- Present to your new members as they join your lodge.

Two options for getting pins to you:

1. We can mail you the pins and then you send in the check for the pins and the amount the postage is on the package. In this case, do not send money with your order. Just send one check once you receive your order.
2. Send in the form and payment and we will get the pins to you via a board member or some other way. This option will work if you live close to a board member and if you don't need the pins right away.

Item	Cost per item	Number wanted	Total due for that item
District 5 Convention Pin	\$5		

Option for getting pins and payment- check one

- ☐ Option 1- send me the pins and I will send a check for the pins and postage when they arrive.
- ☐ Option 2- I have enclosed payment for the pins and will get the pins via a board member. I am not in a rush to get the pins.

Send form to: Judy Ghastin, 718 Bruce Ct., Madison, WI 53705. Questions: judy62ghastin@gmail.com

Checks made to: Sons of Norway District 5

Name _____ Lodge _____

Cell number _____ Email _____

Send pins to: Street address (no PO Box Numbers) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

For office use only:

Order received by _____ on _____ (date)

Order filled by _____ Sent on _____ Payment received on _____



VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Sons of Norway District 5 Convention

June 19-22, 2024

Crown Plaza Airport Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN

RACING TO THE FUTURE



Name of Company or Business									
Products / Services: List all products you will be selling, use additional sheet if necessary.									
Vendor Name (s)List all									
Mailing Address									
Email Address									
Website Address									
Contact Phone(s)									
SILENT AUCTION ITEM DONATED									
# of Booths Requested: One space is ~10x10 cost \$125/space and includes one table and 2 chairs.	# Booths _____ x \$125 Total \$ _____								
Additional table (max. 3/same space)you may provide up to 2 additional tables of your own per booth at no additional fee - see disclaimer below	# Tables _____ x \$ 75 Total \$ _____								
Convention Brochure Advertisements All Vendors will be listed for free in the Convention Brochure by Company name. If you wish a larger ad, see chart. Advertisement deadline is May 1, 2024. Please send ads in final form via email to: Wendy Winkelman: wendyathadeland@yahoo.com or mail to: 6526 Water Valley Road, Cobden, IL 62920	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">¼ page approximately 4.75 x 1.75 (horizontal or vertical)</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">\$ 35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">½ page approximately 4.75 x 3.5</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">\$ 70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Full page approximately 4.75 x 7.5</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">\$125.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Front or Back Cover 4.75X 7.5</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">\$175.00</td> </tr> </table>	¼ page approximately 4.75 x 1.75 (horizontal or vertical)	\$ 35.00	½ page approximately 4.75 x 3.5	\$ 70.00	Full page approximately 4.75 x 7.5	\$125.00	Front or Back Cover 4.75X 7.5	\$175.00
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Final Total	Final Total \$ _____								

Vendors must staff their station with at least one representative. Vendor fee of \$125 for three days includes: a table, 2 chairs and a 10' X 10' area. Vendors may either purchase additional tables(@\$75 each) or provide tables of their own not to exceed 2 extras per booth. Table coverings are up to the vendors discretion. If you elect to bring your own tables you must sign the hold harmless waiver on the back of this page. Vendors will receive a map designating their spot and will be able to set up Thursday, June 20 from 12pm - 2:45pm. Vendor area will be open Thursday, June 20, (3-6pm) Friday, June 21, (9 am-6 pm), Saturday, June 22, (9-2 pm). All vendors will provide an item for the silent auction. All vendors will be listed in the Convention Brochure at no additional cost (1 line with their Company name and website). If you wish to place a larger ad in the Convention Brochure, Cost is listed above.

Return form and fees by May 1, 2024. Please Make Checks payable to: SON DISTRICT 5 Send to:

Sons of Norway - District 5
c/o Scott Wegner
953 Taylor Lane
Stoughton, WI 53589

Phone: 608-209-7753 Email: srweg61@gmail.com

VENDOR HOLD HARMLESS DISCLAIMER

I understand I will not hold Crown Plaza Airport - Indianapolis responsible for any damages or loss of personal tables or property I provide for my vendor space.

SIGNED: _____ DATE _____

I certify that I carry insurance and the proper licenses and or Sellers' Permit to sell my products at the Convention. (Please have documentation available at your booth).

SIGNED: _____ DATE _____

I have included a photo /photos of my booth along with my application.

SIGNED: _____ DATE _____

Jorn Langseth Sami Artist Guest Speaker at District 5 Convention

Sons of Norway District 5 will feature a **Norwegian artist of Sami heritage** at the 2024 convention in Indianapolis from June 19-22. **Jorn Magnus Rivojen Langseth** is well-known for his drums and other artistic pieces connected with the Ume Sami culture as well as interesting presentations advocating for Sami language preservation and describing Sami culture and history. He will give presentations on Sami culture, specifically regarding the significance of Sami drums. The presentations will include slides of his drums and other works of art ranging in size from large outdoor installations to small, exquisite knives. Langseth's passion about his Ume Sami heritage fuels his creativity and is expressed in his works to preserve the symbols, language, art, food — every aspect of the Sami culture. He shares his knowledge with others through art shows, personal appearances, and at the Umesamisk ressursstenter in Norway. His art has been featured in shows throughout Norway and in other parts of the world. Arrangements are being made for Langseth's art to be displayed at Vesterheim Norwegian-American museum in Decorah, Iowa next year. Rivojen Art can be found on line for examples of Langseth's work. **Langseth will be available after June 23 for speaking engagements in June and into July.** If your lodge or an organization in your area is interested in arranging a personal appearance, contact **Judy Ghastin**, judy62ghastin@gmail.com.

Please help Promote Masse Moro

<https://www.massemoro.org/> and <https://www.massemoro.org/admissions-info>



JOIN US FOR 2024: JULY 14th - 27th

Masse Moro is a Norwegian heritage camp for youth ages 9-15 years old sponsored by the **Sons of Norway Fifth District**. Since 1979, we've been helping youth celebrate their Norwegian heritage through a cultural experience. Campers will learn Norwegian, build friendships, and gain important life skills like problem-solving, leadership, and teamwork through our Viking Olympics programming. In addition, they will also try their hand at becoming master craftspeople through woodworking, painting, leather work, baking, chip carving, experience exciting tales and Nordic myths, and celebrating Norway's rich history and traditions.

CAMPER APPLICATION FORMS

Application Form

If you are **NOT** a Sons of Norway member, please use the District 1 and 5 Application as well.

Masse Moro Lodge Supporting Grant Form

1. First, find out which district you live in by reviewing the **District Map**. You can also locate a local lodge by **visiting this webpage**.
2. Click on the application that corresponds with the District you live in. Fill out the entire application and submit completed forms according to their instruction.
3. Find out whether or not you are eligible for a scholarship! Contact a member of your local lodge as early as you can!
4. If you live in District Five, please use the District 5 Matching Funds Form and follow instructions for receiving matching funds from the District
5. Lastly, submit your health form (see instructions to the right)
6. Save postage and and send an electronic copy to:

Lisa Rove-Williams
Youth Director
771 W. Dresser Road
DeKalb, IL 60115
rovewilliams@comcast.net



July 14 – 27, 2024 VELKOMMEN!

The cost for our 2 week all-inclusive Nordic Heritage Camp is \$1,200

Please include your \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee with this form.

Complete (please print clearly) and mail the completed application materials to:

Lisa Rove-Williams, District 5 Director, 771 W. Dresser Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

Contact Information:

Make check to: **Nordic Legacy Foundation** or use the PayPal electronic option,
available under the Admissions Information tab on the www.MasseMoro.org website. Tusen Takk!

Sons of Norway Affiliation (please indicate): District 1 ☐ District 5 ☐ None ☐ Other ☐

Name of Camper: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Gender: Female ☐ Male ☐

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Contact Name: _____

Work Contact: _____ Contact Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Norwegian Name at camp, if a previous attendee: _____ Age as of first day of camp _____

Sons of Norway Member/Sponsor Name: _____ Member # _____

Name and Address of Lodge

Relationship to Camper

Authorized person to pick up child on last day of camp? _____ # _____

Cabin request (name of friend or sibling): _____

Campers will receive a free camp T-shirt; please select a size of Camp T-shirt (adult sizes only):

Check the best fit t-shirt size for your child: S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐

DIET: Traditional Diet ☐ Special Diet ☐ Describe _____

How did you hear about Masse Moro? (Check all that apply): Returning Camper ☐ Friend ☐ Relative ☐

Ad in Viking Magazine ☐ Lodge Information ☐ Other (explain): _____

"I will do my best to be an active and cooperative participant at Masse Moro."

CAMPER SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____

"I give my permission for Camp photos and videos of this child to be used in marketing and promoting Masse Moro."

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____

Note: For us to better plan for your child's camping experience, please return by April 13, 2024!



IMPORTANT CAMPER INFORMATION – 2024
(Camper must be at least 9 and under 16 years old on the first day of camp)



Please help your child to have an enjoyable and healthy camp experience by providing the answers to the following concerns. Thank you for assisting our counselors and staff in getting acquainted with your child and in meeting his/her needs more effectively. If necessary, please attach an additional sheet of paper detailing specific concerns.

NAME OF CAMPER: _____ **Age on JULY 14, 2024:** _____

Names and ages of camper's siblings: _____

Has this camper attended Masse Moro before? _____ **If so, when:** _____

Indicate the names of other camps this child has attended. _____

Was their camp experience positive? _____ **Comments:** _____

List any languages this child speaks. _____

Has this child traveled outside of the U.S. _____ **If yes, when and where?** _____

What skills or abilities does this child wish to learn at camp? _____

Health/behavior concerns that could affect camp participation: _____

Please check the items below that best describes your child:

Personal Characteristics: Outgoing __ Inquisitive __ Moody __ Quiet __ Shy __
 Humorous __ Confident __ Nervous __ Insecure __ Friendly __

Physical Coordination: Excellent __ Good __ Fair __ Poor __

Relates to Peers: Very well __ Adequately __ With Difficulty __

Relates to Adults: Very well __ Adequately __ With Difficulty __

Sleep Habits: Sound Sleeper __ Restless Sleeper __ Sleep Walker __

Previous Group Experiences: Scouting __ Music __ Sports __ Other _____

Participates in Group Activities: Easily __ With Encouragement __ Reluctantly; Explain: _____

Indicate any activities that may cause stress or anxiety: _____

Explain: _____

Known fears or weaknesses: _____

Special needs: _____

Please indicate any recent traumatic or other stressful event(s) that our counselors should be aware of:

Note: For us to better plan for your child's camping experience, please return by April 13, 2024!



MASSE MORO
SONS OF NORWAY FIFTH DISTRICT NORWEGIAN HERITAGE CAMP



**Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp
July 14 - 27, 2024**

**** Local Lodge Supporting Grant Endorsement ****

THIS ENDORSEMENT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: **May 17, 2024.**

Please Note: Local Lodges provide varying amounts of support for their Masse Moro campers.

District 5 will match the Local Lodge Supporting Grant up to **\$250.00** per District 5 camper.
Contact your Lodge's president to determine requirements and Supporting Grant amount. Tusen Takk!

Camper or Sponsor complete this section (please print):

Camper Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Sons of Norway Member/Sponsor Name: _____ **Member #** _____

Name and address of Lodge of Sponsor

Relationship to Camper

E-mail: _____ **Phone Number** _____

Camper: complete the above information, then send this form to your sponsoring lodge for further processing.

LOCAL LODGE ENDORSEMENT

The members of _____ Lodge, 5-_____, have voted to endorse this applicant for Masse Moro – Sons of Norway District 5 Norwegian Heritage Camp for the 2022 season.

Enclosed is check number _____ in the amount of \$ _____ Date of Application: _____

Print Lodge President or Secretary

Signature

Phone Number of President/Secretary

❖ **Make checks payable to: Nordic Legacy Foundation**

❖ **Please include the camper's name on the memo line of the check.**

❖ **THE ENDORSEMENT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY May 17, 2024.**

❖ **LODGES: Please send this completed form and the accompanying supporting check to:**

Lisa Rove-Williams, District 5 Youth Director

771 W Dresser Rd

DeKalb, IL 60115

E-mail: rovewilliams@comcast.net



The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarships for year 2024.

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Committee announces the following:

After many years of support for Masse Moro, the Sarah Paulsen Scholarship Fund is approaching complete depletion. This year will be the last year we can support the program To add a little good news to the story, there will be 3 scholarships made available for the year 2024, each in the amount of \$300.00

Like last year, the Scholarship Committee will not do any direct mailings to any Lodges or Lodge Officers. The committee feels and hopes that with your help this announcement can, via the Dist. 5 Web site, be shared with Lodges and members throughout District 5.

To everybody reading this message: Please, share this information with your newsletter Editor and fellow members.

All interested Camp Applicants can also request application form(s) from the
Scandia Treasurer, Oleif Olsaker
114 Maplewood Trl. Michigan City, IN 46360

Telephone 219-877-7457 Mobile 219-877-7457

E-mail olsaker.o@gmail.com

The completed Application must be postmarked by April 15th, and mailed to the address above

I am really happy to see us still being able to continue this scholarship program this year . Hopefully it will help promote 2 weeks of **MASSE MORO**, and providing an award for each of the deserving applicants.

Fraternally

Oleif Olsaker, Treasurer



The Sarah L. Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Rules

In August 1995 eight year old Sarah Paulsen of our lodge passed away.

Because Sarah was very involved with the Sons of Norway, and was fascinated with her family's background and with Norwegian culture, friends and family, along with the Scandiana Lodge felt a scholarship established in Sarah's name would be appropriate.

The scholarship will not only carry on her love for the Norwegian Heritage, but will also enable other children to have the opportunity to attend the Sons of Norway Heritage Camp in Eau Claire, in honor of Sarah.

The scholarship will cover one quarter of the camp cost.

Parents may be concerned that getting this scholarship would prevent them from utilizing the District 5 Matching Fund Grant, but this award will have no bearing on other matching funds. This scholarship could be given in addition to District 5 and Local Lodge Matching Fund Scholarships. However, if the applicant's Local Lodge is financially unable to give their children Matching Fund Scholarships, the Sarah Paulsen Scholarship would qualify them for the District 5 Matching Fund Scholarship.

Rules:

1. The scholarship is open to any child age 9-15, who is interested in learning about the language and culture of Norway.
2. The applicant must be a heritage member or a child or grandchild of a Sons of Norway member, and belonging to a District 5 Lodge.
3. The applicant will write an essay of no more than 500 words. The topic is "Why I believe it is important to know about our heritage" or "Why I want to attend Norwegian Heritage Camp".
4. All applicants will complete a brief application form.
5. Applicant will include 2 letters of reference, including one from a local Lodge officer.
6. Applications must be postmarked by April 15. Decisions will be made by May 1, and winners will be notified by mail. Checks will be issued and mailed directly to the Scholarship Recipient before June 1.
7. Judges will be the Scandiana 600 Sarah L Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee.



The Sarah L. Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2024

This year 3 Scholarships each in the amount of \$300.00 will be made available for children to attend the Sons of Norway Heritage Camp at Eau Claire County Youth Camp,
The completed Application (follow instructions on "The Rules") must be postmarked by April 15, and should be mailed to:
Oleif Olsaker, 114 Maplewood Tr. Michigan City, IN. 46360. E-mail: olsaker.o@gmail.com Telephone 219-874-7457

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Name of Parent (s) Guardian: _____

Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Telephone: (____) _____ e-mail address: _____

Sons of Norway
Membership

Member Name	Relationship to Camper	Lodge Name and No.
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Will your local Lodge apply for Camp Scholarship Matching Fund from the 5th District? Yes _____ No _____

"Why I believe it is important to know about our heritage" or "Why I want to attend Norwegian Heritage Camp":
Add or use separate page(s) as needed.

Camper's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Attachments: 2 written references:

Calendar of Events, Deadlines, and Other Dates to Note (changes in red)

March 15- District 5 Scholarship Applications due

March 20- Viking photos due to LaVonne Wier

April 1- Bids to host the 2026 District Convention are due. Resolutions and Bylaw proposals due for District Lodge Meeting.

April 5-6- District Board Meeting in Stoughton

April 15- Sarah Paulsen Scholarships due to Scandiana Lodge

April 20- Viking photos due to LaVonne Wier

May 1

- **Deadlines for convention vendor applications, sponsorships, Well Wishers, and ads.**

May 15

- D18 property association financial form is due from the lodges to Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.

*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required

**Membership with Sons of Norway required (social or insurance)

May 19- District Sports Challenge Ends

May 19- Deadline to reserve rooms under the room block for the District Convention at convention rates

May 20- Viking photos due to LaVonne Wier

June 20- Viking photos due to LaVonne Wier

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- For anything fraternal- Connie O'Brien (COBrien@sofn.com) or Amy Tuchenhausen (ATuchenhausen@sofn.com).
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851

- If you need something related to sales, you can use sales@sofn.com

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Oct 2023 to Apr 2024:

Chest--zone 6

Trunk--zone 5

Apr 2024 to Oct 2024

Chest--zone 2

Trunk--zone 1

Oct 2024 to April 2025

Chest--zone 3

Trunk--zone 4

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.

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 4 am on Thursday morning. 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@sonsofnorway5.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.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com