

Friendly Fifth Friday News May 13, 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

**I'm not ignoring my emails but it's Syttende Mai Week in Stoughton!
Life will return to normal (or as close as it gets for me) on Monday.**

From Judy Ghastin and the District Convention Committee **Sons of Norway 2016 District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention**

From June 22 to 26, 2016, Sons of Norway District 5 Board is hosting the 2016 Convention at Hotel Marshfield, 2700 S. Central Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449.

There is a special room rate for Sons of Norway until May 22, 2016. Room rates before tax: double queen, \$109 -- sleeps 4; King, \$109 -- sleeps 2; studio suite, \$119 -- sleeps 4; two room suite, \$129 - - sleeps 6. Hot breakfast is included for registered guests and available at a reasonable price for others. Room rates are for the number of people indicated for each type of room. Ask for the special rate when booking your room. Phone: 715-387-2700 or Toll Free: 855-583-2700

There is a small "lift" to access the second floor at Hotel Marshfield. A lift is slower than an elevator, but it does the job. To help keep things moving when you check in, we will try to have enough strong young volunteers to carry luggage to the second floor via the stairs on Thursday. There will be volunteers on call Wednesday afternoon as well. Ask at the hotel front desk if you need help getting luggage to the second floor. We will do our best to help you promptly.

There are other nearby hotels ranging from "drive-up-to-your-door" style to Holiday Inn in case Hotel Marshfield fills up. It is a good idea to book your room as soon as possible.

There will be opportunities for delegates and others to golf or take classes in rosemaling (1,2, or 3 days), Viking wire weaving, Hardanger embroidery or genealogy on Wednesday. Presentations will be offered Thursday and will continue Friday during the business meeting for those who are not delegates. Visitors are also welcome to observe the business meetings.

Thursday evening enjoy a Viking feast with a menu similar to food available in Viking times. After dinner, learn how a Viking longhouse was built, then top off the evening listening to tales from the Sagas around the open outdoor fire. The two events which follow the feast are open to all e good exercise convention attendees.

Bright and early both Friday and Saturday mornings the traditional walk-a-thon will take place with participants following a local guide through a nearby park. The walk-a-thon offers some Good exercise and helps raise money for District 5. The early morning workout ends in time for delegates to prepare for the business meeting.

Friday night dinner is on your own with the option of a burger special at Libby's or ordering pizza in from Scotty's downtown. No reservations are needed for this meal. Friday evening Kubb will be set up in a neighborhood green area. All are welcome to join.

After two days of serious business it will be time on Saturday to honor the outgoing and incoming District 5 officers and directors at the installation ceremony with the banquet later in the evening. Bring your bunad to wear for this festive occasion which includes Scandinavian music and awards.

The committee has done everything possible to keep costs within reach of everyone who wishes to attend. The delegate and non-delegate registration fee is \$65. That is less than four years ago! It includes four coffee breaks, Friday lunch, Saturday lunch and registration materials.

Convention pins at \$5 and T-shirts at \$10 (\$13 for 2X & 3X sizes) can be ordered and picked up at the convention. The order form is with registration materials sent to lodge presidents and on the District 5 website.

Questions may be directed to planning committee members or Districts 5 Board members. Dorothy Berg -- advertising in program book, well wisher lists -- bergdo@msn.com

Diane Hesseltvan Dinter -- vendors, pins & t-shirts, registration, sponsorship, classes, presentations, - bbaclio@gmail.com

Esther Charlton -- cultural display -- esthersofn@aol.com

Andrew Johnsen & Owen Christianson – golf outing AJOHNSEN@ATT.NET., owen.christianson@gmail.com

Owen Christianson -- Viking Feast -- owen.christianson@gmail.com

Judy Ghastin -- volunteers -- judy62ghastin@gmail.com

Delegate and business meeting information: Darlene Arneson (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com) or Owen Christianson – owen.christianson@gmail.com

The 990 must be filed for your lodge annual and if your lodge owns a building, the building corporation must also file a 990.

March 3 email from Liz Reque, International Sons of Norway

Dear Lodge Treasurers,

I know that many of you have already filed your 990-N, but if you have not done so yet please note that there has been a change to the electronic filing. From now on, all 990-N (e-Postcard) must be filed through the IRS website at www.irs.gov/990N. This new process is due to the Urban Institute no longer accepting filings on behalf of the IRS.

To help everyone complete the new process as quickly and easily as possible, I have created a document that includes a set of [visual walk-through instructions](#) that will show how to complete each new step for filing your lodge's 990-N. Please [click here](#) to download the instructions and then go to www.irs.gov/990n to begin your filing.

If you run into any trouble or are unsure how to proceed with your filing please let me know. I can be reached at lreque@sofn.com or by calling [\(800\) 945-8851](tel:8009458851).

Best Regards,

Liz Reque
Executive Administrative Assistant
Sons of Norway

District Calendar!

May 2016

- May 15- Deadline for filing the **990 form**
- May 17- Early registration deadline for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** to qualify for additional deductions in the cost of camp from the Draxten Fund.
- May 17- Convention related deadlines: Vendor tables, Information booths and Well Wishers

June 2015

- June 1- Convention related deadlines: Convention registration, volunteer forms, classes (genealogy, Hardanger, rosemaling and wire weaving)
- June 3- Convention related deadline: Folk Art Exhibit and Competition forms
- June 27- Balance due for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** registrations.

July 2016

- July 1- December 31- Cultural Skills Pin Contest
- July 17-30 - **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** - Beaver Creek Reserve - Eau Claire, WI

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 22-26, 2016 at the Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield, WI. The convention is being hosted by the District 5 Board and a committee of local lodge leaders- Diane Hesselvan Dinter, Owen Christianson, Judy Ghastin and Dorothy Berg.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 22-27, 2016 in Tacoma, Washington.