

Friendly Fifth Friday News November 27, 2015

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

Think of Sons of Norway when shopping for the holidays!

- Have kids to shop for? Consider giving them the gift of two weeks at Masse Moro, the District 5 Heritage Camp for youth ages 9-15. Check out the details at www.massemoro.org. The camp is in Fall Creek, Wisconsin (by Eau Claire). There is District matching funds for those that lodges provide the other part of the match. For more information, check out the website or contact Youth Director, Cheryl Schlessner (contact information on District 5 website).
- We still have District 5 potholders and cheese slicers for \$5 each (plus shipping). Great for stocking stuffers! Contact Darlene to order them- quantities are limited.
- Give a gift to the SN Foundation in honor of someone! Check out the website at www.sonsofnorway.org/foundation for the various options.
- There are a limited number of items on the Sons of Norway shopping area. Also some items in the Supply Catalog. Visit www.sonsofnorway.org and then go to the Members Only section.
- Does your lodge have newsletter advertisers, local businesses that support your lodge, or donors to your fundraisers? Encourage members to shop at their businesses during the holiday season!
- Giving the gift of some of the Norwegian related resources: A membership to the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library (<http://www.nagcnl.org>), Vesterheim (<http://vesterheim.org/>), or Norwegian American Weekly (<http://www.na-weekly.com/>) or a local historical society.
- Also memberships in the various lags which focus on the genealogy and history of a particular area of Norway. Visit the overall organizing group to link to the lags of your area: <http://www.fellesraad.com/index.htm>

More lutefisk dinners (note the new listing)!

December 5- St. Olaf Lutheran Church- Rubicon, WI

St. Olaf Lutheran Church is holding their annual lutefisk & meatball dinner from 11:00-5:00 on Sat. Dec. 5th.

Other items in the meal include: jello salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, flat bread, lefse, rutabaga, fruit soup, milk, coffee, and Norwegian cookies.

Cost is \$15. No reservations necessary.

There will also be a bake sale and gift shop featuring Scandinavian crafts and collectibles.

St. Olaf's is located W653 Roosevelt Rd. Rubicon WI. Approximately 8 miles south of Hartford, 10 miles north east of Oconomowoc.

Questions - contact Jane Christenson at [414-217-2240](tel:414-217-2240) or St. Olaf Church at [920-474-7042](tel:920-474-7042).

December 5- Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton, WI

700 County B, Stoughton, WI 53589 608-873-9353

By reservation only- times from 11am – 6 pm

Adults \$18, children 4-12 years old- \$7, and under 4 are free

Lutefisk, meatballs, rutabagas, lefse, cranberries, coleslaw, rommegrot, Norwegian cookies, coffee and milk.

Contact Gerry Ross, 608-835-8520 or stoughtonlutefisk@gmail.com

New!!

Dovre Lodge is also going to have their annual Lutefisk/Meatball dinner. Here are the details:

Sons of Norway Dovre Lodge invites reservations to their annual Lutefisk and Meatball Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 8, 6:00pm, Rolling Oaks Restaurant, Barron WI. Entertainment will follow the dinner along with door prizes. The dinner is \$16 for non-members and \$12 for members, pay at the door with reservations. Donations of canned goods for a local food party are welcomed. For reservations, please call Robin at [715-924-4111](tel:715-924-4111) or e-mail rkfossum@gmail.com.

Takk!

Robin,

President

Sons of Norway Lodge 5-353

2016 Dinners

The Norway Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Wind Lake (Milwaukee SW suburb) has a Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on Sat. Feb. 13, 2016 with seatings at 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

I don't have further details right now, but you could contact Marilyn Canfield (she's also church secretary at Norway Lutheran Church, as well as President of the Norway Historical Society) at [262-895-2281](tel:262-895-2281). Her email is: majacanfield@gmail.com

Source info:

<http://www.norwaylutheranchurch.org/home/calendar>

Don't forget the District 5 Cultural Skills Contest

District 5 has initiated skills contest. For the time period of July 1 - December 31, 2015, the lodge with the most members that receive cultural pins will receive a prize. The member in District 5 that receives the most cultural pins in the same time period will also receive a prize. If several people all get the same number of pins, then a name will be drawn from this group of people. The next contest period will be January 1 - May 31, 2016. The awards will be handled in the same manner. All awards will be presented at the 2016 District 5 Convention, June 25, 2016. The awards will be a one-time prize. If you have any questions you may contact Esther Charlton at esthersofn@aol.com.

The District 5 Secretary Challenge!

If all of our lodges submit their D63 reports to both the International Lodge and to me by December 15, I personally will give \$100 towards Masse Moro for 2016. I will keep you posted as to the progress. This includes having the hard copies postmarked by December 15 and online updates must be done so that I get the email on December 15.

Please update your contact information! And ask your members to do so as well!

We use the membership lists from the International Office's membership database for so many things. Each week, I get bounce backs on emails that have evidently changed but have not been updated on the individual members membership profile. I can't make those changes- the members must do that. They can either go online to this section or they can fill out a form and send it in. I would encourage you to have all members and especially officers make sure that they are checking their profiles and updating their information!

Thank you so much- I can't begin to tell you how much this will help!