

## Friendly Fifth Friday News November 22, 2019

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### Welcome to our newest lodge- Shawnee Skogen 5-689

International Lodge President Ron Stubbings, District 5 Treasurer Mike Palecek, and District 5 Secretary Darlene Arneson traveled to southern Illinois last weekend to institute the Shawnee Skogen 5-689 Lodge! A big welcome to our newest lodge in the District! They voted to keep their charter open for 60 days so then will complete the process! A huge thank you to Wendy Kay Winkelman and Bill Bultnick for their hard work in getting this lodge started and congratulations to its first President- Bonnie Juul as she leads them forward! Here are a few pictures!





**Cheryl Wille-Schlesser**  
**District 5 Sports and Recreation Director**  
**Zone 3 Director**

Stronger Together

It has been said that we are stronger together, and I full-heartedly echo that sentiment. I am proud to be a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> District where Lodges genuinely care for one another and want to see others succeed. Many members travel back and forth between lodges to support fundraising events. Individual lodges welcome guests to take part in cultural classes or to participate in Norwegian sporting events such as Kubb. Travel opportunities are often inclusive; having fun is central to a successful lodge. These are some of the reasons why District 5 has been nicknamed the “Friendly Fifth.”

Takk for Hjelpen

Are you aware of a lodge that is aging-out and could use a bolster? Could it be helped with a membership event? Do you know a lodge that can't afford to pay for a speaker, but someone in your lodge has a great program? Could your members offer support to a lodge whose treasury is nearly nonexistent? If you are a Zone Director, how have you extended a helping hand?

Promoting the Order

Providing youth opportunities is a niche we can fill. Few people recognize the great offerings that many lodges provide. Toot your own horn! Grab the ear of a local news editor or submit your events to TV station's community calendar. Use the relationship that you have established with the nearest Chamber of Commerce to share the word about your family programming. Today's millennials use social media pages first. Post your events where they will see them! If you don't know how to do this, ask a young person; they are the technology experts. This might be the carrot that a young person needs to feel more involved.

Consider Making a Difference.

Your members will feel needed and the sense of pride that they feel for the Sons of Norway multiplies. Not only will you impact the lodge that you are helping, but you will bring acknowledgement to your own lodge members, as you live up to the ideals of the Sons of Norway: freedom, fraternity, progress, and brotherly love.

This month, as we consider all that we are thankful for, I ask our members to reflect on local programming. What has been done to make your lodge successful? Why is your lodge known as a proud community partner? How is the Mission of the Sons of Norway celebrated in your community?

## **Masse Moro Materials now on the websites!**

Dear District 5 Leaders:

I hope that everything is going well for you.

As the holidays are approaching it is never too early to start talking to our members and young people about camp; more specifically our District 5 Masse Moro Nordic Heritage Camp.

I encourage you to suggest to your members a terrific gift that can be given to our young people - an opportunity for their children to have a lasting heritage gift. Campers, who have attended Masse Moro have cherished this opportunity throughout their lives. What a wonderful gift! Sending their loved ones to our wonderful Nordic Heritage Camp - Masse Moro would be a lasting gift.

The cost is only \$850 for two weeks of a wonderful Nordic experience. This is a real bargain compared to other similar camps which cost well over \$2000.

I will post on the District webstie a flyer; 2020 registration; welcome letter and Lodge supporting grant form. They are also on [www.massemoro.org](http://www.massemoro.org)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Tusen Takk!

Hilsen,

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## **2019 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines**

(Updated 10/31/2019- changes in red)

### **December 10, 2019**

Photos for the Viking are due to District Publicity Director Karen Eberhardt- eber01dj@gmail.com

### **DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING**

June 24-28, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison

### **INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING**

August 16-23, 2020 in Hamar Norway

## 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.

Rotation for sharing the Viking Chest will continue as follows:

Zone 5 Oct. 2019 - Apr. 2020

Zone 2 Apr. 2020 - Oct. 2020

Zone 4 Oct. 2020 - Apr. 2020

Zone 6 Apr. 2020 - Oct. 2020

Zone 1 Oct. 2020 - Apr. 2021

Zone 3 Apr. 2021 - Oct. 2021

### 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 24-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 16-23, 2020 in Hamar Norway

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## **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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