

Reports to Sons of Norway District Lodge 5 1914 - 2018



**54th Biennial Convention and Lodge Meeting
LaCrosse, Wisconsin
June 27-30, 2018**

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, District Secretary

DISTRICT LODGE NO. 5

Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan,
Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin

ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 7, 1914

PRESIDENTS

Finn Mohn	1914-1916	Clarence S. Marzolf	1970-1974
O. G. Kinney	1916-1918	Richard Haugsness	1974-1978
R. N. Qualley	1918-1924	Eugene Steensma	1978-1980
Elif Gythfeldt	1924-1932	Cyril Wittrock	1980-1982
John Jevnaker . . . (1932 - Nov. 1 - 1933)		Clifford Feggstad	1982-1986
Chr. Ludvigsen (Nov. 1, 1933-1934)		Jim Holms	1986-1988
Elif Gythfeldt	1934-1938	Clare Almquist	1988-1992
Carl C. Knudsen	1938-1944	Jon Grinde	1992-1996
Sam Walker	1944-1946	Jostein O. Bakken	1996-2000
Harold E. Pedersen	1946-1948	Raymond P. Knutson	2000-2004
Einar O. Hammer	1948-1954	Harland Anderson	2004-2008
Bernard Jacobson	1954-1958	Mary J. Bennett	2008-2012
Chris Johansen	1958-1962	Don Hermanson	2012-2014
Olav Eide	1962-1968	Owen Christianson	2014-2016
Andrew Vedvik	1968-1970	Andrew Johnsen	2016-2018

SECRETARIES

O. T. Ullsvik	1914-1918	Ruth Nelson	1964-1974
Chr. Lusvigsen	1918-1924	Geraldine Connell (1974-Dec. 31-1978)	
R. N. Qualley	1924-1932	Clare Almquist (Dec. 31-1978-1986)	
Alf Kjeverud	1932-1941	George Sievers	1986-1990
O. T. Ullsvik	1941-1942	Mary Beth Haugen	1990-2000
Conrad Garmager	1942-1956	Mary J. Bennett	2000-2008
Arthur Gunderson	1956-1964	Darlene Arneson	2008-2018

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“The Friendly Fifth”

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District 5 Sons of Norway Board of Director's Contact Information: 2016-2018

Updated: 2/26/2018

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Youth & Zone 3	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser	200 Beth Circle	Mt.Horeb	WI	53572	608-219-4464 C: 608-219-4464	rogrochet@mhtc.net
ZONE DIRECTORS							
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Zone 1	Geoffrey Wodell	3935 Garland Street	Wheat Ridge	CO	80033	303-431-4355 C: 303-887-8312	nyveg@juno.com
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Zone 2	Tom Boudreau	8845 Holz Lane	Nekoosa	WI	54457	715-886-4514 C: 715-459-6174	sibergh4364@gmail.com
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**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT LODGE FIVE DELEGATES
YEAR 2018 DISTRICT LODGE FIVE MEETING RULES**

1. The regular meeting of District Lodge Five shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
2. Delegate badges and voting materials will be issued at the registration desk upon presentation of some form of ID.
3. Delegates shall be seated in their seats at least **FIVE** minutes before the scheduled time. Doors will be closed when each session begins. Persons awaiting admission will be at the direction of the chair.
4. Any delegate may speak to any subject before the lodge. Any delegate who desires to speak shall address the chair by going to the microphone, with identification paddle raised, and state name and local lodge.
5. Each speaker will be allowed **TWO MINUTES**. No delegate shall speak to the motion more than twice, unless allowed by the chair. No delegate will be allowed to speak the second time until delegates stationed at the microphones have spoken.
6. The right to raise a point of order shall be reserved for delegates **ONLY**; the chair will decide its validity.
7. If the previous question is moved and carried, delegates who are in line at the microphone at the time the motion is passed will be permitted to speak.
8. Only duly authorized seated delegates may vote – **ONE** vote per delegate.
9. Ballots shall be used in cases where there are two or more candidates for any office, otherwise election shall be by acclamation.
10. Any messages to delegates shall be relayed through greeters, marshall or assistant marshall.
11. No smoking shall be permitted.
12. Any lodge bidding to host the next district Convention shall present its bid, in writing, to the district board of directors prior to the district lodge meeting. The bids shall be referred to the Committee on Reports which shall present all bids received at the first session of the district lodge. Representatives of the bidding local lodges or district lodge shall immediately thereafter be permitted **TEN** minutes to present their proposal. The vote on convention site selection shall take place at the last session of the district lodge.
13. Any resolution or by-law which has financial impact must be introduced by 12:00 PM Friday so such resolution or by-law may be reviewed by the finance committee to determine the financial impact. The finance committee shall present an impact statement to the delegates.

**Sons of Norway District Five Lodge Meeting
June 27-July 1, 2018
Hotel Radisson, La Crosse, Wisconsin**

AGENDUM

Wednesday, June 27

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Convention Attendees arrive and check in Vendors set up vendor displays Folk art exhibitors submit artwork Cultural classes and speakers set up Attendees explore historic LaCrosse	Hotel Main Lobby Hotel Foyer Iowa Room Various Rooms You choose!
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Thursday, June 28

6:30 - 9:00 am Buffet breakfast (open to all attendees; registration required)

8:00 - 10:00 am District Five Board of Director's Meeting - Ballroom
(District Five Board of Directors only; no Delegates)

10:00 am - Noon District Committee Meetings
(Only Delegates serving on a committee must attend) *Various Rooms*

Nomination Committee	<i>Hotel Restaurant</i>
Credentials Committee	<i>Hotel Restaurant</i>
Reports & Publicity Committee	<i>Hotel Restaurant</i>
Finance Committee	<i>Mississippi Suite</i>
Fraternal Affairs Committee	<i>Wisconsin 1</i>
Laws Committee	<i>Wisconsin 2</i>
Resolutions Committee	<i>Wisconsin 3</i>

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Lodge Name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Nomination - Chair	International Board	Jon	Grinde
Nomination	Fosselyngen	Sue Berg	Roedel
Nomination	H.R. Holand	Diane	Overby
Credentials - Chair	District Board	Darlene	Arneson
Credentials	Løven	Patricia	Hermundson
Credentials	Nordland	Doug	Mahlum
Finance - Chair	Dovre	Robert	Fossum
Finance	Scandiana	Oleif	Olsaker
Finance	Vennelag	Tamiko	Clary
Finance	Skjold	Jim	Secora
Finance- Board Advisor	District Board	Mike	Palacek
Reports and Publicity - Chair	District Board	Kathy	Secora
Reports and Publicity	District Board	Christina	Fairchild
Reports and Publicity	Norse Valley	Judy	Ghastin

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Laws - Chair	Sognefjord	Merle	Hanson
Laws	Valkyrien	Sandy	Olson
Laws	Nordkap	Dennis	Flessland
Laws	Hafrsfjord	Gerry	Lachman
Laws	Circle City	Jerry	Rud
Resolutions - Chair	District Board	David	Hermundson
Resolutions	Samhold	Gene	Steensma
Resolutions	Nordland	Bill	Hendrickson
Resolutions	Elvedal	Susan	Boudreau
Resolutions	Mandt	Scott	Wegner
Fraternal Affairs - Chair	District Board	Cheryl	Wille-Schlesser
Fraternal Affairs	District Board	Lucy	Ghastin
Fraternal Affairs	Dovre	Robin	Fossum
Fraternal Affairs	Scandiana	James	Nelson
Fraternal Affairs	Cleng Peerson	Connie	Kross
Fraternal Affairs	Wergeland	Mark	Quade

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(District Committees, District Board and Convention Executive Committee only)
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- 2:30-3:00 pm Workshop- **Lodge Financials** presented by Mike Palecek – Wisconsin Room
- 3:30-4:00 pm Workshop – **Cultural and Sports Medals Programs** presented by Esther Charlton and Michaela Decker – Wisconsin Room

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Friday, June 29

8:00 am

Call to Order of Lodge Meeting- Grand Ballroom- President Johnsen
(All Delegates must be present). Silent Auction bidding may begin!

Anthems and Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and greetings by President Johnson and LaCrosse Mayor Tim Kabat

Introduction of International Board President Jon Tehven, CEO Eivind Heiberg, International Treasurer Elaine Nelson, Fraternal Director Linda Pederson and Parliamentarian Robert Schuck.

Appointment of Officers- President Johnsen

Tellers will serve the entire District Lodge Meeting

Teller #1	Curt Osborn	Askeladden	5-610
Teller #2	LaVonne Wier	Fagenes	5-616
Teller #3	Liv Ramstad	Edvard Grieg	5-657
Teller #4	Richard Wang	Valhall	5-168

Marshall	Frank Krawczyk	Polar Star	5-472
Asst. Marshall	Jane Grinde	Idun	5-074
Greeter	Don Overby	HR Holand	5-549
Greeter	Diane Lieber	Elvedal	5-556

Introductions: District Five Officers, District Five Directors, International Treasurer, Past Officers and Directors.

Past Officers and Directors:

Past International Director and District 5 President - Eugene Steensma -

Past District 5 Directors and Officers- Susan Boudreau, Thomas Maxson, Thomas Boudreau, Dennis Westgor, Mary Bennett, Mary Zoroufy, Diane Overby, Oleif Olsaker, and Burton Bittner

Past International Director- Geoffrey Wodell

Roll Call of Delegates - Darlene Arneson, District Secretary

Report of Credentials Committee

District Board-Chr	Darlene	Arneson
Løven	Patricia	Hermundson
Nordland	Doug	Mahlum

Seating of Delegates

Report of approval of District Lodge Meeting Minutes- Secretary Arneson

Approval of Rules for 2018 District Lodge Meeting

International Sons of Norway

International Board President Jon Tehven
CEO Eivind Heiberg
International Treasurer Elaine Nelson
Fraternal Director Linda Pederson

10:00 – 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 am Meeting resumes

2020 Convention Bid Presentations

Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch (buffet lunch in Wisconsin Room for Non-Delegates)

1:30 pm Business meeting resumes

Appointment of Officers- President Johnsen

Marshall	David Berge	Rib Fjell	5-496
Asst. Marshall	Peggy Schroeder	Grønvik	5-632
Greeter	Alene Olson	Vakkertland	5-570
Greeter	Allen Olson	Vakkertland	5-570

Report of the Nominating Committee

International Board-Chr	Jon	Grinde
Fosselyngen	Sue Berg	Roedel
H.R. Holand	Diane	Overby

Nominations from the Floor

Report of the Finance Committee

Dovre- Chr	Robert	Fossum
Scandiana	Oleif	Olsaker
Vennelag	Tamiko	Clary
Skjold	Jim	Secora
District Board- Board Advisor	Mike	Palacek

Report of the Reports/Publicity Committee

District Board-Chr	Kathy	Secora
District Board	Christina	Fairchild
Norse Valley	Judy	Ghastin
Idun	Mary	Bennett
Vikings of the Smokies	Dee	Bumpers

Report of the Laws Committee

Sognefjord-Chr	Merle	Hanson
Valkyrien	Sandy	Olson
Nordkap	Dennis	Flessland
Hafrsfjord	Gerry	Lachman
Circle City	Jerry	Rud

3:00 - 3:45 pm **Coffee break**

3:45 **Business meeting resumes**

Report of the Resolutions Committee

District Board-Chr	David	Hermundson
Samhold	Gene	Steensma
Nordland	Bill	Hendrickson
Elvedal	Susan	Boudreau
Mandt	Scott	Wegner

Report of the Fraternal Affairs Committee

District Board-Chr	Cheryl	Wille-Schlesser
District Board	Lucy	Ghastin
Dovre	Robin	Fossum
Scandiana	James	Nelson
Cleng Peerson	Connie	Kross
Wergeland	Mark	Quade

4:30 pm **Silent Auction ends- announcement of winning bids**

4:40 pm **Remarks by International Director Jon Grinde**

5:00 pm **Recess Lodge Meeting and pick up silent auction items**

5:30 pm **Fish fry buffet dinner at the Radisson (open to all; sign-up required)**

7:30 pm **LaCrosse Queen departs for river sightseeing cruise - Riverside Park (open to all; sign-up required)**

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Saturday, June 30

6:30 - 9:00 am **Buffet breakfast (open to all; registration required)**

Fifth District Business meeting schedule—all Delegates must attend:

8:00 - 10:00 am **Call to Order to Resume Business Meeting- Ballroom- President John**

Appointment of Officers- President Johnsen

Marshall	Arno Morton	Vennligfolk	5-627
Asst. Marshall	David Fischer	Trygvason	5-220
Greeter	Melvin Sorensen	Scandiana	5-600
Greeter	Lynnette Johnson	Cleng Peerson	5-525

Roll Call of Delegates- Secretary Arneson

Remarks by International Treasurer Elaine Nelson

Recall Committees

Finance

Reports/Publicity

Fraternal Affairs

Laws

10:00 - 10:30 am **Coffee Break**

10:30 am **Business meeting resumes**
Vote on 2018 Convention Bids

Recall Nominations Committee

Election- District Officers and Directors

Noon **Lunch and Zone Caucus- Award presentations in caucus**

Zone 1	<i>Wisconsin 1</i>
Zone 2	<i>Wisconsin 2</i>
Zone 3 and Central Lodge	<i>Wisconsin 3</i>
Zone 4	<i>Minnesota A</i>
Zone 5	<i>Minnesota B</i>
Zone 6	<i>Illinois</i>

1:00 pm **Business Meeting Resumes**
Resume Lodge Meeting- President Johnsen

Marshall	Dennis Westgor	Norsemen of the Lk. 5-650
Asst. Marshall	Cedric Veum	Solvang 5-457
Greeter	Burton Bittner	Circle City 5-614
Greeter	Jean Busker	Ostestaden 5-642

Memorial Service- Grand Ballroom

Elections International Delegates at Large
International Delegates and Alternates by Zone
International Delegates and Alternates from Pool

Recall Nominations committee

Elections International Alternate (2 year term)

Recall Resolutions Committee

Appreciation

Final Lodge Meeting Actions

Adjournment

Announcements

3:30 pm Installation of District 5 Board – Grand Ballroom
Photographs- New and out-going board members

5:00 - 6:00 pm Social Hour - Hotel Foyer

6:00 pm Banquet, Awards and Entertainment with The Foot-Notes — Ballroom

7:00 pm Bunad style show - Ballroom

7:15 pm Entertainment and dancing continue - Ballroom

Sunday, July 30

8:00 am District Five Board of Director's Meeting- New and out-going board members- Iowa Room

District 5 Year End Membership Numbers

2018 District Lodge meeting

LOGDE LODGE NAME	ST	2016	2017*	% Growth	Loss
027 Norrona	WI	50	35	-30.0%	
029 Løven	WI	115	104	-9.6%	
053 Valkyrien	WI	64	59	-7.8%	
220 Trygvason	WI	34	35	2.9%	
353 Dovre	WI	80	79	-1.3%	
620 Nordlandet	WI	42	30	-28.6%	
625 Viking	WI	40	33	-17.5%	
635 Sjøland	WI	37	31	-16.2%	
670 Uiset	MI	27	26	-3.7%	
Total Zone 1		489	432	-11.7%	

028 Wergeland	WI	368	344	-6.5%	
286 Jotunheimen	WI	19	21	10.5%	
457 Solvang	WI	116	113	-2.6%	
496 Rib Fjell	WI	45	42	-6.7%	
534 Fossen	WI	37	35	-5.4%	
556 Elvedal	WI	47	47	0.0%	
580 Norskeland	WI	46	42	-8.7%	
609 Myrmarken	WI	29	30	3.4%	
616 Fagernes	WI	51	58	13.7%	
627 Vennligfolk	WI	54	61	13.0%	
Total Zone 2		812	793	-2.3%	

074 Idun	WI	125	110	-12.0%	
314 Mandt	WI	193	191	-1.0%	
513 Vennelag	WI	140	163	16.4%	
544 Nordland	WI	63	58	-7.9%	
570 Vakkertland	WI	42	42	0.0%	
642 Ostestaden	WI	49	44	-10.2%	
650 Norsemen Of Lakes	WI	48	46	-4.2%	
Total Zone 3	TOTALS	660	654	-0.9%	

082 Fosselfyngen	WI	255	236	-7.5%	
183 Nordlyset	WI	98	97	-1.0%	
206 Hafrsfjord	WI	46	46	0.0%	

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491 Norse Valley	WI	72	63	-12.5%	
549 H R Holand	WI	82	78	-4.9%	
622 Vennskap	WI	59	59	0.0%	
632 Grønnavik	WI	61	61	0.0%	
Total Zone 4		673	640	-4.9%	

097 Leif Erikson Disbd	IL	91	0	-100.0%	
100 Skjold	IL	140	173	23.6%	
168 Valhall	IL	82	90	9.8%	
417 Trollhaugen	IL	19	18	-5.3%	
472 Polar Star	IL	64	85	32.8%	
525 Cleng Peerson	IL	89	87	-2.2%	
593 Elvesund	IL	48	50	4.2%	
Total Zone 5		533	503	-5.6%	

378 Nordkap	MI	111	109	-1.8%	
473 Samhold	MI	44	39	-11.4%	
490 Sonja Henie	MI	25	24	-4.0%	
523 Sognefjord	MI	92	87	-5.4%	
568 Christian Radich	MI	47	41	-12.8%	
600 Scandiana	IN	68	70	2.9%	
610 Askeladden	MI	67	64	-4.5%	
614 Circle City	IN	113	110	-2.7%	
628 Tre Elver Disbd	IN	9	0	-100.0%	
657 Edvard Grieg	OH	74	82	10.8%	
662 Arctic Circle	OH	46	41	-10.9%	
677 Vikings Of The Smokies	TN	57	56	-1.8%	
681 Music City Vikings	TN	49	44	-10.2%	
Total Zone 6		802	767	-4.4%	

000 Central		377	438	16.2%	
999 Spirit New Century		10	58	480.0%	
Total Central		387	496	28.2%	

District Five Totals 4,356 4,285 -1.6%

**Delegate Apportionments to the 2018
International Lodge Meeting**

Zone	Members	Delegates	To Pool
1	432	1	132
2	793	2	193
3	654	2	54
4	640	2	40
5	503	1	203
6	767	2	167
Central Lodge	438	1	138
Spirit of the New Century	58	0	58
Totals	4285	11	985

District Representatives	2
Delegates at Large	3
Total Delegates	16

International Sons of Norway Convention and Lodge Meeting

Delegates must have sons of Norway Insurance or Certificates (Benefit Members)

Totals are determined by: 1 delegate for every 300 members. The rest go to the pool.
The District receives 2 representatives + zone delegates + delegates at large

August 16-18, 2018-

International Sons of Norway Lodge Meeting and Convention, Minneapolis, MN