

Friendly Fifth Friday News September 8, 2017

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

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Questions on the new dues structure? 2018dues@sofn.com

From our District Preseident – District Presidents Message

Kjaere Vanner,

A year has already passed since the 2016 Fifth District Convention in Marshfield, Wisconsin. The Board of Directors has met twice since June of 2016. Two of the latest changes to Sons of Norway have been the new simplified dues structure and the, "Growing to 2020", recruitment program. In order for the goals of the 2017 recruitment program to be achieved all lodges and their members must take an active part in the recruitment of new members. Going hand in hand with recruitment is retention. Too many of our new members drop their memberships after having been members for only two or three years. We must be, "All We Can Be As Lodges", to be attractive to all our members. I encourage lodges to hold short business meeting and to provide excellent lodge programs. The Sons of Norway Financial Benefit Counselors offers a free membership luncheon to lodges that would like to hold a recruitment luncheon. When was the last time your lodge held a membership luncheon? Contact your FBC and he or she will provide all the details for conducting a successful luncheon.

The Fifth District will be hosting a President's Leadership Conference on October 20,21, and 22 at the Wonderland Camp and Conference Center at Camp Lake, Wisconsin. It is not a requirement that you are a President of your lodge in order to

attend the conference. You must be a current member of the Sons of Norway and have an interest in improving and strengthening your lodge. By attending the conference you will be able to meet with other Sons of Norway members to discuss problems you may be having with your lodge and come up with solutions to those problems. Please make the effort to send at least one member of your lodge to the President's Leadership Conference. The deadline for registering for the conference is September 30.

Please take the time to view the Fifth District Website at: www.sonofnorway5.com

Fraternally og beste hilsen,

Andrew Johnsen

Are you following? Ostestaden's Jamie Larson is on Alt for Norge!!

Monroe man is 'Alt for Norge'
Larson appears on Norwegian reality television show

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MONROE — Thanks to his love of his heritage, Monroe resident Jamie Larson will appear Sunday on a Norwegian reality show about Americans of Norwegian descent.

Larson will appear as a contestant in the eighth season of "Alt for Norge" — meaning "All for Norway," the nation's national motto — a show that challenges Norwegians, Americans with ties relating to Norwegian history, language and culture.

"My family always talked about Norway when I was a kid," Larson said. Larson's grandmother's family emigrated from Norway to Canada, and Larson grew up hearing stories about the family's ancestral home.

Larson, now 31 years old, keeps scores of pieces of Norwegian memorabilia at his Monroe residence and has several tattoos of Norwegian iconography.

Now, as a contestant on "Alt for Norge," Larson was able to visit Ulmø, the Norwegian village where his family once lived and the home of the Ulmø Stone Church, oldest medieval stone church in the world.

"My great-grandpa was baptized there," Larson said of the nearly 1,000-year-old church. "His parents were married there."

Larson found out about the show through video clips on the Internet.

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Princess on a Pony
Four-year-old Alexis Sporer of Monroe rides on a pony from MMH Pony Rides out of Brownstown during "Cinderella Comes to the Square" Thursday. "Snow White" is currently her favorite princess. The event was presented by the Monroe Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Colony Brands. For more photos from the event, turn to Page A3.

Wisconsin budget committee to finish work in September
MADISON (AP) — Wisconsin lawmakers who control the Legislature's finance committee finally resumed work on the stalled state budget Thursday after two months off, promising to wrap up revisions to the spending plan within the next two weeks.

The most significant action the Joint Finance Committee took Thursday was signing off on language eliminating the state portion of the property tax. The panel planned to follow up with votes on school aid Monday. That would leave road funding as the last big address before sending the two-year spending plan to the full Senate and Assembly.

The committee's co-chairs, Rep. John Nygren and Sen. Alberta Darling, said the panel expects to finish revising the budget the week of Sept. 5. The Assembly is expected to vote on the budget the following week with the Senate following suit the next week, they said.

State law requires lawmakers to finish the budget by July 1, but work halted in June amid GOP hickering over how to pay for road work in light of a nearly \$1 billion shortfall in the state's transportation fund. Gov. Scott Walker and Senate Republicans want to borrow more money and delay major projects. Assembly Republicans have called for raising more money, perhaps by raising the gas tax or vol-

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The screenshot shows the Facebook page for 'Alt for Norge'. The page header includes the name 'Alt for Norge' and a search bar. The main content area features a large image of a group of people standing outdoors in winter gear, with a red diamond-shaped graphic overlaid that says 'ALT FOR NORGE SØNDAG 20.00'. Below this image are 'Like', 'Follow', and 'Share' buttons. To the left is a navigation menu with options like 'Home', 'About', 'Photos', 'Videos', 'Konkurranse', 'Posts', and 'Community'. To the right is a sidebar with 'YOUR PAGES' and 'CONTACTS' lists. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with the time 6:19 AM on 9/8/2017.

Project Heimatt / Prosjekt Heimatt

This project was established Nov 10 2014 with the purpose of bringing home to Orkdal The Norway Pavilion, a stave church copy made for The World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago 1893. Within just one year The Pavilion came - in parts from Mt. Horeb, WI to Orkanger harbor. Restoration and reconstruction is well underway, and The Grand Opening is scheduled for September 9 2017. A group from Vennelag Lodge have travelled over to be part of the dedication tomorrow! Follow them on Facebook!

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Top Ten Reasons for sending a member to the District 5 President's Conference

1. **Networking with other lodge members and discussing success, frustrations and challenges.**
2. **Our International President Jon Tehven will be there discussing the new dues structure and other SN items.**
3. **Time to learn about strategic planning and how to set long-range plans for your lodge- something we don't often take time to do.**
4. **The issues that many lodges face will be addressed and collectively we hope to provide help and support to them.**
5. **International Fraternal Director Linda Pederson will be covering the many resources that Sons of Norway has to offer! Many are there but we just don't realize it.**
6. **A beautiful setting, good food, entertainment and time to socialize with others!**
7. **A time to rejuvenate your lodge on an off-convention year.**
8. **Providing a chance to really focus on the help that lodges need. The small investment of the registration fee will pay off in huge dividends as members return with new tools to address issues.**
9. **Some time to get some one-on-one help from the District and International on issues or concerns.**
10. **Great workshops and presenters with many asking participants to share their best practices!!**

A registration form is attached and we encourage your lodge to send a representative. We can help with providing lists of those attending so that you can carpool and save expenses!! Pictures are also attached so you can see the facility!

Please consider this great opportunity!! The registration deadline is September 30!

District Calendar of Events: (new items in red)

September 2017

- September 30- **Lodge liability premium due** to International SN office
- **September 30 – Registration deadline for the District 5 President's Conference**

October 2017

- October 20-22- District 5 Local Lodge President's Conference and District 5 Board Meeting
- Nominating Committee report due to Lodge

November 2017

- Elect Lodge Officers for coming year (unless you have two-year officer terms)

December 2017

- December 1 – SN Foundation **General Heritage and Culture** grants due
- December 15 –SN Foundation **Local Lodge Partnership and Helping Hands to Children** grants
- December 15- **D-63 Report of Elections** due. Send one copy to International Headquarters and one to District Secretary.

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 27-July 1, 2018 at Hotel Radisson in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 16-18, 2018 in Minneapolis, MN.

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