

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.

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