

Myravisen



April 2023 Myrmarken
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Marshfield, WI 54449



Kjære Friends,

Spring is a time for chirping birds, rain showers, and emerging flowers. In northern parts, the snow melts, (even in Ashland, WI), the weather gets warmer, and people begin spending more time outside. Spring in Norway is quite similar. Some years it comes early and some it comes late.

Thanks to Tom Stram for his work and to Roger Krogstad for the book report on "The Viking Heart" at our last meeting. So much history! Thank you!

Tom Boudreau, our zone director, will bring back to our meeting on Saturday the Viking Chest. We are the lodge where it all started when our past president, Owen Christensen, built the chest and we put our family genealogies in it. It will be interesting to see what has been added by all the other lodges of D5. Our planned Norwegian exchange student, Oscar, has left for Florida & will not be with us Sat. We have a second Norwegian exchange student contacted. We hope that Bjorg, who has her parents visiting here, will hopefully come by. We do have a backup plan, should she be unable to come. So, this Saturday, April 8th, see some of Norway through a tourist's eyes. We meet at 9am this Saturday at Scotty's Pizza.

Hilsen fra Doug

God Påske!

Easter is one of Norway's biggest holidays, just as big as Christmas. The entire country seems to shut down during the week of Easter to enjoy the holiday with family, friends and nature. The Norwegians' idea of having a *god påske* consists of hiding away up in the mountains, skiing the last available snow or basking in a wall of early spring sunshine known as *solveggen*.

Påskeaften, Easter Eve on Holy Saturday is the big day of celebration. Children get to open large colorful Easter eggs filled with candy, families organize ski races and hikes in the mountains and the biggest meal of the week concludes the day with an Easter lamb or chicken. Easter Sunday gets underway with a special breakfast at the family *hytte* or at home, sometimes followed by church. It is common to enjoy homemade Easter bread on Sunday. Pastel-colored Easter bunnies, chickens, daffodils and eggs cover the table to set the mood. No Easter break is complete without the popular *påskekrim* (Easter crime) novel.



FUN FACT

Norwegians eat more of their beloved chocolate covered four-finger wafer, **Kvikk Lunsj**, at *Pasketid* than at any other time of year.



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District 5

District 5 Task Force

Forty unique callers on the ZOOM call on March 4, 2023, met to discuss problems and possible solutions.

Selections from the PowerPoint presentation by Duane Kittleson:

- Why does this task force exist?
 1. The district nominating committee experienced extreme difficulty in finding eligible and willing candidates for district officer and zone director positions.
 2. Many local lodges elected delegates which were not benefit members putting limits on possible candidates within a zone.
 3. The nominating committee requested a resolution be put on the floor of the district lodge to pursue ideas and options to assist in the selection of future candidates.
- How do SON members become district board members?
 1. Local lodges elect delegates to a district lodge meeting. The number of delegates is determined by the count of members in the local lodge.
 2. District officers at the district lodge meeting are elected from those delegates who own a SON life insurance or annuity product (benefit member)
 3. The zone director is elected within the zone caucus meeting. Only benefit members within their zone are eligible to be elected from that zone.
- How does the District Board do its job?
 1. Board members are assigned by the district president to mentor local lodges in their vicinity (within a zone)
 - a. Visit lodges
 - b. Attend lodge events
 - c. Be available to help with questions from members
 - d. Provide leadership training
 2. Board members serve in office positions such as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, youth director, publicity director, cultural director and sports & recreation director.
 3. Currently District 5 has six (6) zones with two district board members assigned to each zone (referred to as zone directors). The zone directors may also hold an officer position requiring additional duties for the district.

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Currently there are 6 zones: 4 in Wisconsin, 1 in Illinois, and 1 for the lodges of Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and Michigan.

What if:

.....the number of Zones would be reduced, i.e., East Wisconsin, West Wisconsin, North Illinois & Indiana, All of Michigan, and South Illinois, Southwest Ohio and Tennessee?

..... more of the officer positions were relieved from zone director responsibilities such as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Youth director all at large with no zone responsibilities; and, Cultural, Publicity, and Sports & Recreation Directors retain zone responsibilities

.....benefit member status could be eliminated for all District Board members?

Board of Directors BOD					
	Number of Zones	Officer with Zone Duties	Officer w/o Zone Duties	Zone Director	Total BOD
Currently*	6	5	3	7	15
Option 1	5	3	5	4	12



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Children ages 9 to 15

Fall Creek, Wisconsin

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District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation



Ukjent Arving - Genealogy Mysteries



An unknown caller tells you that a distant relation has left you 5 million kroner (roughly US \$500,000). But you have never heard of this relative- how did they track you down? What happens when a Norwegian citizen dies without creating a will? NRK tv series Ukjent Arving (Unknown Heir) places genealogy at the forefront as host Tarjei Strøm and genealogist Kai-Samuel Vigar dt race the clock to locate rightful heirs. Each year between 10 and 20 Norwegians pass away without a will or any known next of kin. If no heir is found and proven within ten years, the deceased's estate goes to the Norwegian government. Often in the process of searching, the program uncovers poignant details about the life of the deceased, reconnecting heirs with lost family stories. Do you have a genealogy mystery to unravel? **The Sons of Norway Cultural Skills unit on Genealogy** is great place to begin- log into sofn.com and click Genealogy under the Member Resources menu. For tips on planning a will, refer to page 10 of your January/February 2023 copy of Viking.

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