

Friendly Fifth Friday News

April 21, 2023

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District 5 Nordic Stamp Sets Order Form

Stamp Set	Cost* (S&H included)	Quantity	Total
Nordic Alphabet 1 (Decorative block)	\$16		
Nordic Alphabet 2	\$16		
Nordic Thanks (Syttende Mai)	\$16		
Nordic Sympathy (Rosemaling)	\$16		
Nordic Wishes (Animals/Troll)	\$16		
Nordic Christmas 1	Coming 2023		
Nordic Christmas 2	Coming 2023		
Nordic Easter	Coming 2023		
Nordic Viking	Coming 2023		
		TOTAL	

*Shipping is only available in the U.S. and Canada

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lodge: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Interested in a stamping class: YES NO

Make check out to: **Nordic Legacy Foundation**

Mail to: Connie Aiello
Nordic Legacy Foundation
6237 Hilltop Drive
Mt Pleasant, WI 53406

If you have any questions, contact Connie at NLFstamps@gmail.com or at 623-252-8861.

For stamping ideas please visit

<https://sonsofnorway5.com/> or on Facebook @sonsofnorwaydistrict5

District 5 Fundraising Sale!

Items available as of April 20, 2023. **Before sending your order, please contact Darlene Arneson to see if there are items left as we are liquidating this line of products.** Once you confirm that you can get the desired items, Darlene will mail you the items. Return the invoice along with the postage that was used to send the items. Form to Darlene Arneson, 2056 Skaalen Road, Stoughton, WI 53589. **DO NOT SEND PAYMENT UNTIL THE ORDER IS CONFIRMED OR FILLED AS INVENTORY IS BEING LIQUIDATED!**

Darlene Arneson- arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or call 608-873-7209

Item	Information	Cost per item	Number wanted	Total due for that item
Norwegian Flags	3 x 5 flags	\$20		
Blue sweatshirts	Medium	\$25		
Flag pins	Sweden	\$2		
Flag pins	Denmark	\$2		
Flag pins	Iceland	\$2		
Flag pins	Finland	\$2		
Flag pins	Norway	\$2		
The First Norwegian Settlement book		\$20		
Flags on Sticks	Smaller flag on wooden stick	\$5		
Why Me Game	Packet and board	\$5		
		Total items		
		Total amount due		

Checks: Made to D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation.

Name _____ Lodge _____

Cell number _____ Email _____

Send products to: Street address (no PO Box Numbers) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

For office use only: Order received by _____ on _____ (date).

Order filled by _____. Sent on _____. Payment received on _____

Sons of Norway Fifth District Board Meeting Highlights
Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, 2023
 Davie School, 301 S Green St, Anna, IL 62906

President Wille-Schlesser **installed** Corey Olson as Treasurer, Connie Aiello as District 4 Director, and although absent, Lisa Rove-Williams as the Youth Director.

A **Sons of Norway District Five Nordic Legacy Foundation grant** for \$150 to Valkyrien Lodge to purchase a new banner for their upcoming event.

Bylaw Proposal - Darlene reported that out of the 101 possible ballots, 78 were returned in favor, 2 opposed so the bylaw proposal passed and approved the bylaws as the proposal indicated.

Par. 4 All Zones shall be entitled to exactly (2) representatives on the Board. The Secretary and Treasurer shall not be counted as a representative against a Zone. An alternate for the Secretary and Treasurer shall also be elected. In the event of a vacancy or resignation, the Board can elect an officer who would be a third representative from a Zone but the said officer would not be a Zone Director.

Par. 6 No District Officer or Director shall be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms in any office except the Secretary and the Treasurer whose term shall not be limited. In the event a caucus cannot find a willing nominee to serve as a Zone Director and the current Zone Director has completed two consecutive terms, the Zone Director can complete a third term.

District 5 Board of Directors Committee Assignments 2022-2024 (as of March 31, 2023)

Executive Committee

Darlene Arneson, Wendy Winkelman, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, Corey Olson

Nordic Legacy Foundation

Darlene Arneson, Wendy Winkelman, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, Corey Olson

Auditing Bill Bultinck, Chr. Robert Fossum LaVonne Wier Corey Olson- for questions Tom Boudreau	Budget and Finance Corey Olson Chr. Connie Aiello Robert Fossum Wendy Winkelman	Fundraising Connie Kross, Chr. Corey Olson Robert Fossum Wendy Winkelman Scott Wegner
Foundation Darlene Arneson, Chr. Sandy Olson Scott Wegner	Heritage & Grants/Masse Moro Lisa Rove-Williams, Chr. LaVonne Wier Sandy Olson Scott Wegner Connie Aiello	Publicity LaVonne Wier, Chr. Connie Kross Connie Aiello Lisa Solak
Lodge Dev. & Support & Zone Alignment Darlene Arneson, Chr. Connie Kross	Cultural Judy Ghastin, Chr. Connie Kross Scott Wegner	Membership Wendy Winkelman, Chr. LaVonne Wier Tom Boudreau

Judy Ghastin Bill Bultinck Duane Kittleson (Task Force)	Sandy Olson	Scott Wegner
Convention Site Review Judy Ghastin, Chr. Bill Bultinck Scott Wegner Lisa Solak	Sports and Recreation Robert Fossum, Chr. Corey Olson Tom Boudreau Lisa Solak	Credentials Darlene Arneson, Chr. Lisa Solak Sandy Olson

District Lodge Assignments- 2022-2024

Updated: January 15, 2023

Zone 1-Robert Fossum robertfossum@gmail.com	Zone 1-Sandy Olson packerland@baldwin-telecom.net
Løven 29-Eau Claire, WI	Trygvason 220-Osseo, WI
Dovre 353-Barron, WI	Ulseth 670-Hancock, MI
Valkyrien 53-Woodville, WI	Viking 625-Mondovi
Zone 2-LaVonne Wier 2nor1rus@gmail.com	Zone 2-Tom Boudreau sjbergh4364@gmail.com
Wergeland 28-LaCrosse, WI	Rib Fjell 496-Wausau, WI
Jotunheimen 286-Viroqua, WI	Elvedal 556-Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Solvang 457-Westby, WI	Norskeland 580-Scandinavia, WI
Fossen 534-Black River Falls, WI	Myrmarken 609-Marshfield, WI
Fagernes 616-Blair, WI	Vennligfolk 627-Stevens Point, WI
Zone 3-Cheryl Wille-Schlesser cwschlesser200bc@gmail.com	Zone 3-Scott Wegner sweg61@gmail.com
Nordland 544-Janesville, WI	Idun 74-Madison, WI
Mandt 314-Stoughton, WI	Østestaden 642-Monroe, WI
Norsemen of the Lakes 650-Elkhorn, WI	Vennelag 513-Mt. Horeb, WI
Zone 4-Judy Ghastin judy62ghastin@gmail.com	Zone 4-Connie Aiello cdaiello31@gmail.com
Fosselyngen 82-Milwaukee, WI	H R Holand 549-Sturgeon Bay, WI
Nordlyset 183-Racine, WI	Norse Valley 491-Appleton, WI
Grønnavik 632-Green Bay, WI	
Zone 5-Connie Kross conkross@aol.com	Zone 5-Lisa Solak lisa.solak@gmail.com
Valhall 168-Rockford, IL	Skjold 100-Palatine, IL
Polar Star 472-Montgomery, IL	Elvesund 593-La Grange Park, IL
Cleng Peerson 525-Ottawa, IL	
Zone 6-Bill Bultinck Dist5zone6@gmail.com	Zone 6-Wendy Winkelman wendyathadeland@yahoo.com
Nordkap 378-Farmington Hills, MI	Circle City 614-Indianapolis, IN
Sonja Henie 490-East Lansing, MI	Edvard Grieg 657-Cincinnati, OH
Sognefjord 523-North Muskegon, MI	Arctic Circle 662-Canton, OH (disbanding?)
Christian Radich 568-Sutton's Bay, MI	Vikings of the Smokies 677-Knoxville, TN
Scandiana 600-Chesterton, IN	Music City Vikings 681-Nashville, TN
Askeladden 610-Kalamazoo, MI	Shawnee Skogen 689-Alto Pass, IL

*District Secretary-Darlene Arneson-arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

*District Treasurer-Corey Olson- clobadger87@gmail.com

*D5 International Director -Duane Kittleson- dkittverona@gmail.com

The current version of the **International Charter and Bylaws** (updated in December 2022) were recently changed by the IBOD to change the disposition of lodge funds when a lodge is disbanding. Darlene shared that there is another section dealing with the District nominating committee soliciting International Board members is incorrect.

District 5 Goals- Wendy and Cheryl reviewed the goals that we have set for this biennium:

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Accomplished? Not Accomplished</u>
1	Fill all board and alternate positions by Dec. 1, 2022	Lisa Rove-Williams will be installed in 2023 as well as Connie Aiello, Zone 4 Dir.
2	Recruit members of the Friendly Fifth Faces our Future Campaign and begin working on the timeline.	88 people were recruited, and the first Zoom call was on March 4, 2023.
3	Improve promotion of NLF fundraisers, grants, and scholarships through the FFFN, website and other ways	Will wait for the fundraising committee and NLF report.
4	Enroll 50 Masse Moro participants each year.	<u>2018</u> : 51 <u>2019</u> : 53 <u>2020</u> : Virtual <u>2021</u> : 44 maximum allowed in WI due to Covid <u>2022</u> : 46 <u>2023</u> : Goal 50+
5	Have 60 participants in the second Adult Camp	<u>2022</u> : 55 Members (75 total w/people who helped) <u>2023</u> : Goal 60+
6	Have 100% of lodges supporting the SN Foundation	2020: 27 lodges for \$8,688 2021: 31 lodges for \$9,493 2022: 31 lodges for \$13,755
7	Encourage each lodge to have a net gain of three new members for calendar years 2023 and 2024	Will work on promoting the Membership Committees suggestions after the Spring April board meeting.

International Director Report- The last two months have been quite busy with MS Team meetings for the Finance and Auditing Committees. The full board met via Zoom to review the 2022-year end reports. Just recently the board approved a change to the Charter and Bylaws document to change the disposition of lodge funds when a lodge is disbanding.

I am assisting Connie and Amy with the monitoring of the D17 filings. Last count there were about 52 lodges still needing to file the 2022 D17. At the end of April another update will be sent to the District

Presidents with a list of their lodges which are delinquent. Then the list will also be given to the IBOD members at the spring board meeting.

I have an auditing committee meeting later in April to review the audit report and prepare a report for the IBOD meeting. In our effort to save money, the spring IBOD meeting will be held via Zoom in 4-hour sessions each day on May 23, 24 & 25.

Under the direction of the Treasurer, Mary Andersen, the Finance Team is creating a procedure manual outlining in detail the duties and responsibilities of auditing and finance committee members. The goal is to establish criteria and benchmarks to verify if the company is on track to continue a profitable road to success.

I have heard about a few fraternal support delays. With the staff reductions which occurred in January it was a little bit of a baptism under fire to get up to speed on some of the issues. I hope things have improved to a satisfactory level and I expect the service will get to a great level very soon. If you experience or are informed of a service issue which is not acceptable, please let me know. I am very impressed with the Home Office staff. They are committed to getting the job done.

Fraternally,

Duane Kittleson, International Director – District 5

Adult Heritage Weekend- Connie Kross and Darlene Arneson

There was a ZOOM call with lodge members from the Norway, IL area, Norway Museum, and The Sloopers to discuss having an Adult Heritage Camp in October 2023. The general consensus of the group was that they are not able to host the camp along with all their other responsibilities. They would prefer to wait until 2025 when The Sloopers have their big 200th anniversary and hopefully a weekend sometime that summer or fall would work better.

Darlene offered to host the 2023 Adult Heritage Camp in the Stoughton/Dane County area on October 27-29, 2023 and will have details soon about the agenda, hotels, and registration.

Treasurer's Report-Corey Olson, D5 Treasurer

Treasurer transition

Corey Olson took over the Treasurer position effective January 1, 2023. Duane Kittleson has graciously made himself available for questions on activity prior to January 1, 2023 and to help Corey as he takes over the Treasurer responsibilities. Ken Johnson has agreed to fill the Alternate Treasurer position.

Filings

1099's – Duane prepared the 2022 1099's using QuickBooks and they were timely filed with the IRS and mailed to recipients.

WI sales and use – Corey prepared and filed the 2022 WI Sales and Use tax form and payment by the due date.

D17 – Corey prepared and timely submitted the 2022 D17 forms to International after review by the Audit Committee.

IL Non-profit Registration – Corey will work on completing registration (May 1) and report (May 20) for submission.

990 – Corey will work on completing the 990 for submission to the IRS after it has been reviewed by the Audit Committee. (May 15)

WI Non-stock report – Corey will work on completing the report for submission. (June 30)

SN District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation

We discussed the current forms and determined that all are up-to-date with Corey's address. We discussed some challenges with checks being made to individuals for NLF projects. The current forms include the donation form, brochure, shipping grant, and Barnebirkie. We also have the Mini-Grants. Corey shared that we need to encourage people to write out SN Nordic Legacy Foundation on checks, so the bank doesn't question whether they are to the District or NLF.

Membership Committee-

- Membership Tips – will continue doing monthly on Facebook. Committee members will continue to send me tips to submit.
- 999 Spirit New Century Lodge & 000 Central Lodge emails will continue to be emailed out to lodge President and VP's. Several lodges are taking advantage of this opportunity to recruit new members.
- Membership Reports from Home Office: As of Dec. 2022, we are up 497 members in 999/000 lodges and down -59 members in the local lodges. This is a continuing trend that I have seen over my 20 years in Sons of Norway.
- Disbanding Lodges:
 - Artic Circle - Canton, OH
 - Fossen - Black River Falls, WI

The board approved a District Membership Drive for the months of August, September, and October 2023, for NEW memberships (no transfers, heritage, or not adding adults to an existing Adult Family memberships) and give \$10/new member and \$20/new Family membership to the local lodges.

There was a suggestion that we ask International to reinstate the Unge Venner membership category to keep young adults in the SN system.

Lodge Development and Support/Zone Alignment/Task Force Report-

We discussed how to communicate with the District members to get input for the zone changes and discussion. Posting the task force call notes, PowerPoint, FFFN, emails to leadership, and direct presentations to lodges were discussed.

The board wants to have the Task Force engaged in getting feedback. A combination of in-person listening sessions and ZOOM meetings might work. Having a template to lead these meetings would give board members consistent talking points and resources.

The timeline we'd like to see:

- April – Hold a call with the Task Force to discuss a timeline and what the board discussed
- May– July- hold listening sessions in-person and via ZOOM
- August- have another Task Force Call and see what the feedback is and develop two main proposals to take to lodges for input
- August – September- get feedback on the two proposals

- October- have a report to the board
- October – December- take a bylaw proposal to the District 5 members (delegates in Middleton)
- January – announce results so the Nominating Committee can move forward

Heritage and Grants:

Barnebirke: The new youth director represented this committee at the Barnebirkie and at the expo's Masse Moro table in February. Various photographs were taken and posted to social media. Donations for Masse Moro were received in the amount of \$1,370.

Scholarships: No applications were received for either the International Summer School Scholarship or the Norwegian Folk School Scholarship. Four applications were received for the remaining four scholarships. Of the four applications, three applicants were recipients of awards last year. Those three applicants will each be awarded the same scholarship this year. All four applicants are exemplary students.

The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- Cyril K. Wittrock (\$800) – **Mathea Diedrich** of Deforest, WI (Luther College)
 - Olav J. Eide (\$500) – **Britta Elsbernd** of Mason City, IA (Luther College)
 - 1st District 5 (\$500) – **Abby Olson** of Woodville, WI (University of Minnesota)
 - 2nd District 5 (\$500) – **Tessa Berg** of Marshfield, WI (UW- LaCrosse)
- (Award winners will be notified by May 1)

Masse Moro: This summer will mark the 44th year of year of camp. For the second year, the cost of the two-week camp will be \$1,000. 23 campers have registered for camp so far. (18 are returning campers; 5 are first-time campers.) At this time last year, 41 campers had registered, so there is a pressing need to recruit additional youth to meet the desired level of 50-55 campers. Last year there was a total of 46 campers; 7 of whom are no longer age-eligible.

Reminders about camp have been sent to past campers and to lodge presidents, and more reminders will be forthcoming. Lodge presidents were offered use of power point presentations, virtual presentations, and in-person presentations where possible. No requests for such presentations were received. Camp reminders have been made on the Masse Moro and District 5 websites, as well as the Masse Moro and District 5 Facebook pages. Other social media, ones more frequented by youth, are in the planning stage, and an Instagram page will be added first.

Currently, a \$25 credit is offered to campers who recruit a first-time camper.

The dates for this year's camp are July 16-29, with staff reporting for orientation on the 14th. Leif Williams and Keir Kristiansen are serving as co-camp administrators.

Foundation Update- Darlene explained the role of the District Foundation Director and that with her work schedule, she is unable to make daytime meetings.

The description is: District Foundation Directors (DFD) are appointed by the District President, have no term limits, and serve without pay. Their activity is directed the FBG DFD/CC. Their job description includes educating/informing the District Board about the SON Foundation, encouraging District Board to financially support the Foundation, encouraging all District Board members to promote the Foundation in their local lodge, and working with Lodge Foundation Directors to carry the

Foundation mission and core values to local lodges, encouraging local lodge fund raising, helping identify potential scholarship or grant recipients, seeking opportunities to make Foundation presentations when appropriate, inviting scholarship or grant recipients to make a presentation at a District Board meeting, writing congratulatory letters to scholarship/grant recipients, and training/educating District Board members how to use the Foundation website. The DFD keeps in communication with their District Board of Directors, encouraging all members to donate, especially during the 'Together' campaign. Keeps in communication with Lodge Foundation Director by conducting quarterly teleconference/Zoom training/informational meetings, ensuring that their lodges are getting the Foundation news releases and providing support as needed.

Upcoming meetings for District Directors are all at 11:00 a.m. CST:

- a. Thursday, June 29
- b. Thursday, August 31
- c. Thursday, October 19

At the board meeting, Sandy accepted the District Foundation Director's role appointment. Because Sandy will be in Norway in June, Cheryl will sit on the call.

Fundraising-

The "stamping" project is still part of our fundraising and the board would like to promote the inventory we have and Connie Aiello is willing to do workshops, video clips, and other promotion. The board reduced the price of flag pins to \$2. The board identified several other projects to explore for possible fundraisers that would engage members of the District.

Cultural Committee – The committee had previously voted to grant \$150 to Valkyrien lodge to purchase banners for their float. The committee drew up a list of possible cultural classes to offer at the convention in June, 2024. Suggested topics are: types of carving (acanthus, chip, figure, etc.), fiber arts (embroidery, knitting, weaving, etc.), rosemaling, Norwegian language, Nordic jewelry making, and kolrosing. They discussed promoting the cultural skills program and the D5 grants. They agreed on the approximate size for a third container to join the Viking Chest and the Immigrant Trunk. Owen Christianson has been contacted and is willing to build the container.

Virtual classes- Connie Aiello shared that she has taped two cooking classes for Sons of Norway International. Cooking classes might be an option to look at for future fundraising.

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4 – Contact Connie Aiello and Judy Ghastin to reserve them

Trunk--zone 3 – Contact Scott Wegner and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser to reserve them

Publicity- We discussed some ideas for lodges to use for publicity. A great resource is to contact local radio, TV and newspapers that will advertise events and meetings for free. Many newspapers require a fee, but we should utilize those venues that will help with publicity as a public service. It just takes a little time to inquire about their policy. Being visible is a great way to spread the word about Sons of Norway. Volunteering at local events, such as pancake breakfasts, can give awareness of the lodge to the community. Many times, a table/tent at these places is free if non-profit organizations are not selling any merchandise. Lodges can think of sponsoring a meeting or event that is directed at a specific age demographic, such as the 30 - 50-year-old group. Having a Facebook page that is well maintained and interesting is a good idea. We still need to remember the folks who aren't computer

savvy. Printed flyers to advertise can still be useful. Keeping some members informed may require snail mail notices.

Viking photos- There have been fewer submissions since the requirement to use the submission form.

Webmaster Report

- We are continuing to see an increase in lodge participation in posting their newsletters to the website. We uploaded sixty-one newsletters from seventeen lodges from the prior 6-month period.
 - Askeladden, Circle City, Edvard Grieg, Fagernes, Fosselyngen, Gronnvik, Idun, Mandt, Mymarken Lodge, Nordkap, Norsemen of the Lakes, Polar Star, Shawnee Skogen , Valhall, Vennelag, Vennligfolk, Wergeland
- We created Banners for the current board members to bring the viewer's attention to the message when one has been posted.

2024 Convention Site Committee-Judy Ghastin (chr), Bill Bultinck, Lisa Solak, and Scott Wegner communicated by email to decide on two possible convention 2024 sites to visit. Those potential sites are in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Indianapolis, Indiana, a part of the district that has not hosted recent conventions. Committee members Bill Bultinck and Judy Ghastin, and 2022 convention chair, Lucy Ghastin toured the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport hotel in Indiana. Lucy and Judy toured The Sheraton Grand Rapids in Michigan. Both hotels are newly renovated and have similar costs. A comparison chart was sent to committee members after the site visits detailing how each hotel would meet our needs. The same information will be given to D5 Board members when the committee gives the site presentation at the April Board meeting. Vice-President Wendy Winkleman is developing a PowerPoint to be part of the presentation. Since the 2024 convention will be hosted by D5, the Board will choose the site. After the location of the convention is decided, the Convention Site Review Committee will continue with plans for the convention as directed by the Board. There was a motion to have the District 5 Sons of Norway Convention on June 19-23 in Indianapolis, Indiana. We will need to send the proposed contract to the home office for approval.

The next meeting date is October 13-14 and Darlene will look for a hotel in the Madison area.

Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

- April 14-16- Spring District 5 Board Meeting in Anna, Illinois
- April 15- Sarah Paulsen Scholarships due to Scandiana Lodge for Masse Moro
- May 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- May 15-
 - **D18 Lodge Property Association** forms are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. They can be entered electronically via the lodge treasurer's profile page. A PDF can be downloaded from sofn.com.
 - **990** The 990 tax forms are due to the IRS by 5/15/2023. Lodges who fail to file a 990 three years in a row will lose their not-for-profit status and cease being a Sons of Norway lodge.

- June 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- July 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- July 16-21- Masse Moro Camp
- **October 13-14- District 5 Board Meeting in Madison, WI area**
- **October 27-29- District 5 Adult Heritage Camp and Destination Stoughton Weekend in Stoughton, WI**

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- For anything fraternal- Connie O'Brien (COBrien@sofn.com) or Amy Tuchenhagen (ATuchenhagen@sofn.com). Sherry Gorse is no longer employed at Sons of Norway.
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851
- If you need something related to sales, you can use sales@sofn.com

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Oct 2023 to Apr 2024:

Chest--zone 6

Trunk--zone 5

Apr 2024 to Oct 2024

Chest--zone 2

Trunk--zone 1

Oct 2024 to April 2025

Chest--zone 3

Trunk--zone 4

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.

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209)

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 4 am on Thursday morning. 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.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com