**Friendly Fifth Friday News**

**April 27, 2018**

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 to** **inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com**

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

**Convention and other deadlines!**

**The convention registration deadline has been moved to May 5!**

**April 30, 2018**

Building corporation D-17’s due to District President.

**April 30, 2018**

* Bowling forms are due to Michaela Decker, District Sports Director
* Chili cook-off information due to Michaela Decker, District Sports Director

**May 1, 2018**

* District 5 Convention class registrations due
* District 5 Convention ads due
* District 5 Well Wishes forms due

**May 5, 2018**

* District 5 Convention registrations due
* District 5 Convention t-shirt registrations due

**May 15, 2018**

IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.

**May 17, 2018**

* Masse Moro Scholarship Application due for first-time and returning campers
* Masse Moro Lodge Supporting Grant Endorsements due

**May 30, 2018**

District 5 Convention room block ends- make your reservations by then!

**June 27-30, 2018**

District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention in La Crosse, WI

**Why a non-delegate fee?**

At the October 2017 District 5 Board meeting, the convention planning committee presented the dues package for the board’s approval. It contained their non-delegate fee and their reasoning for it:

*In calculating the Non-delegate registration fee, it does not include any meals for the Non-delegate attendee.  We know that historically the Non-delegate registration fee has included two meals, but given the location of the 2018 Convention and the unique, multitude of dining and entertainment opportunities for Non-delegates, we believe it would be unfair to lock the Non-delegates into a meal schedule.  Also, not including meals keeps the Non-delegate registration cost down and will help to promote more Non-delegate registrations.  For those reasons, we are sticking with the $25.00 Non-delegate registration fee.  The Steering Committee will finalize the registration form shortly.*

The board approved the registration fee package they presented and in the last few weeks, the convention committee has had several questions and complaints about it. The board voted to approve the non-delegate fee (which has been used at several other conventions).

I (Darlene Arneson, D5 Secretary) will add some other reasons for it:

*It isn't "just give a nametag". The name tag allows them to come to the coffee breaks and the convention is paying for coffee and other beverage choices, people will ask for a program book so they know what's going on- that takes printing costs, and will ask for other services that they may need assistance for. That all takes volunteer time, expense and something that this nominal fee helps to cover.*

**Who got the delegate packet mailing?**

This convention committee is following the precedence of past planning committees and trying to not spend a fortune on printing and postage. All the delegates with email were emailed all their registration information and forms. If they delegate didn’t have an email, I understand they were sent a hard copy. If someone requested a hard copy, the committee would send it. The benefit of emailing them out as they can get their emails wherever they are if they have internet access. If it’s only hard copied to the address provided, then some don’t get it until returning back home from vacations, time down south….

All Lodge Presidents, regardless of whether they are a delegate or not, were also sent a packet and this also follows the recommendation of convention planning committees and the District Board. It has been done for the last three conventions.

The purposes of sending one copy to the President include:

* Keeping the local lodge informed. Some of the convention related items might be of interest to non-delegates- attending classes, workshops, banquet, placing ads in the booklet, well-wishers, and other opportunities. Therefore the President can add these things to their communications to members, bring them up at meetings, and post them at the lodge.
* In case a delegate can’t open the attachments, it is a spare copy of all needed information for the President to then give to their delegate.
* The copy you received may be given to the delegate who requests it or if the President wants a copy for their use/file, they can make copies.
* If one of your delegates can’t attend and you go to an alternate and getting the packet from the now not-going delegate to the alternate doesn’t happen (i.e. they live farther apart, they tossed it, they can’t find the email), then you have a complete set to give them.

**Convention information, documents, classes, registration forms, hotel info and more can be found at:**

**http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/**

**Sons of Norway District Five Convention - June 27-30, 2018**

**Radisson Hotel - LaCrosse, Wisconsin**

**Master Schedule**

Cultural events are noted in *purple*.

Wednesday, June 27

7:00 am - 5:00 pm Convention Attendees arrive and check in Hotel Main Lobby

 Vendors set up vendor displays Hotel Foyer

 Folk art exhibitors submit artwork Iowa Room

 Cultural classes and speakers set up Various Rooms

 Attendees explore historic LaCrosse You choose!

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 who have been asked to serve on a committee must attend)*

Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon - Wisconsin Room

 *(District Committees, District Board and Convention Executive Committee only)*

1:00 pm District Committee Meetings resume

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

Late afternoon and evening are open for exploring LaCrosse and dinner on your own.

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**THURSDAY** Cultural Classes and Speakers (open to all Delegates who are not serving on a Committee):

*8:00 am - Noon Sami bracelet (wire weaving) class - Minnesota B*

*8:30 am - Noon Hardanger class - Illinois Room*

*8:30 am - Noon Intermediate Knitting - Minnesota A*

*12:45 - 6:00 pm Bus departs for day trip to Coon Valley and Norskedalen*

*1:00 pm Speaker event - The Norwegian Crop: Tobacco by Glenn Borreson - MN A*

*2:00 pm Tour of Dahl Auto Museum (on your own, pay at the Museum)*

*3:00 pm Speaker event - Wisconsin 15th Volunteer Regiment by David Glomstad - MN A*

Friday, June 29

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

Fifth District Business meeting schedule—all Delegates must attend:

8:00 am Call to Order of Lodge Meeting- Grand Ballroom- President Johnson

 *(All Delegates must be present)*

 Anthems and Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and greetings by President Johnson and LaCrosse Mayor Tim Kabat

 Introduction of: International President Jon Tehven, CEO Eivind Heiberg,

Foundation Director, Len Carlson andFinancial Benefit Counsellors, and Parliamentarian.

 Appointment of Officers- President Johnson

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

 Roll Call of Delegates - Darlene Arneson, District Secretary

 Report of Credentials Committee

 Seating of Delegates

 Report of approval of District Lodge Meeting Minutes- Secretary Arneson

 Approval of Rules for 2018 District Lodge Meeting

10:00 – 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 am Meeting resumes

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

1:30 pm Business meeting resumes

3:00 - 3:45 pm Coffee break

3:45 Business meeting resumes

5:00 pm Recess Lodge Meeting

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FRIDAY Cultural Classes and Speakers (Delegates will not be able to attend due to the business meeting):

*8:30 am - Noon Hardanger class - Illinois Room*

*8:30 am - Noon Intermediate Knitting - Minnesota A*

*9:00 am - 10:15 Genealogy Session I - Minnesota B*

*10:30 - 11:45 am Genealogy Session II - Minnesota B*

*1:00 pm Speaker - Viking Presence in Ireland - Minnesota A*

*2:00 pm Speaker - “No Wadmal at Walmart” - Illinois Room*

*3:00 pm Speaker - Viking Pottery and Weaponry - Minnesota B*

*4:00 pm Group event - Share your Immigrant Ancestor’s Stories - Minnesota A*

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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)

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 Johnson

10:00 - 10:30 am Coffee Break

10:30 am Business meeting resumes

Noon Lunch and Zone Caucus Meetings

1:00 pm Business Meeting Resumes

 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 1

8:00 am District Five Board of Director’s Meeting - New and out-going Board Members

 (*District Five Board of Directors only; no Delegates)*

**District Convention 2020 bids**

We did not receive any bids for the 2020 District 5 Convention. If none are received, the District Board will host the convention. If there are any lodges that still might be interested, please contact Darlene Arneson as soon as possible as we could still explore a bid and present it at the District 5 Lodge Meeting in June.

**Viking Chest Rotation – Zone 6 now had the chest so check with your Zone Directors to reserve it!**

* The rotation will begin again with this rotation.
* The zone directors are responsible for keeping track of the whereabouts and letting their lodges know that the chest is in their zone for that time period.
* The chest should be brought back to the District Board Meeting to be given to the next zone.

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| **Time period** | **Zone with chest** |
| April 2018-October 2018 | 6 |
| October 2018-April 2019 | 1 |
| April 2019-October 2019 | 3 |