



February 6, 2020

Dear Lodge Presidents and Secretaries,

Idun Lodge, 5-074, Madison, Wisconsin, looks forward to hosting the 2020 District Convention at the Madison West Radisson June 25-27.

The greater Madison area is rich in Norwegian/Scandinavian history and culture, and we invite attendees—delegates and friends—to share their own histories and journeys at this gathering. Summer in Madison is quite delightful; and with the competitive rates for the Radisson, we suggest coming a day early to attend the Concert on the Square on Wednesday evening and partake of the many things to see and do in the area.

The registration form will be sent separately and posted on the District 5 website by early March. In the meantime, we want to give you a preview of the convention and enclose the submission form for well-wishers and ads for the convention booklet. We encourage you to promote your lodge with an ad in the program booklet.

As posted on the District 5 website, room reservations need to be made directly with the Radisson at (608)833-0100; ask for the Sons of Norway convention rate which is available from June 24 to 27. Rooms, either double queen or king, are \$109 plus taxes and include a complimentary buffet breakfast, parking, free shuttle service, and access to an indoor pool and fitness center. Suites are available at \$119.

We have kept the delegate cost to \$100 and nondelegate fee to \$25. The delegate fee includes lunches on Friday and Saturday, coffee breaks, and a reception with Scandinavian music on Thursday evening. The nondelegate fee includes coffee breaks and the reception. All registrants will receive the convention bag with a special gift from Idun.

Thursday evening will be a complimentary reception with cash bar and Scandinavian music at the Radisson. District 5 Sports and Recreation director Cheryl Wille Schlessler is planning a special event within walking distance of the hotel that same evening. Stay tuned.

Friday evening will include options for the famous Wisconsin Fish Fry and a special history event at the hotel or a pontoon ride with food on Lake Mendota, the most studied lake in the world. Saturday night banquet will feature more culture and music.

The registration form will include the list of classes that will be available during the convention. This year we are adding a special member photo exhibit in the cultural arts display area. Watch for more details.

As we celebrate 125 years of Sons of Norway in our country, let's continue our journey together!

Sincerely,

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Convention Co-Chairs

Enclosure: Well-wishers and advertising submission form