

Friendly Fifth Friday News

February 10, 2023

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com. Feel free to share this with your lodge members!



Near Odda's Låtefossen

An Update from the District 5 President, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser

All District 5 Zone Directors should have the topic of zone meetings on the agenda. The timing of your meeting is at your discretion.

Lodge D 17 reports are due at the home office in Minneapolis soon. Your audit teams should have met to review your lodge's finances. The reports need to be signed by audit team members before submission.

I have some sobering family news to share. My husband Roger was taken to the ER last Sunday with heart issues that we thought were related to atrial fibrillation. Once he was admitted, the many tests used to diagnose him revealed so much more.

He has extensive heart damage that is inoperable. A scan found aggressive cancer in three separate locations. He is too weak to endure chemotherapy. He has chosen to return home and will have his care managed by hospice services. I will be his primary caregiver, with the assistance of family, friends, and neighbors who have stepped forward.

Please know that the business of the Fifth District will continue under the direction of our executive board members and International Director Duane Kittleson. I will be as involved as possible. I will need to cut back on in-person lodge visits. Know that I can still attend your Zoom meetings. Please schedule them with me well in advance.

Soon, the district's mandated Task Force work will begin. If you received an invitation to participate, I encourage you to do so. This is the perfect time to voice your opinions and have a say in district operations. With continued changes coming from the international office, it is wise for our district to be proactive in how we want to reorganize and operate while district finances are in check.

The host lodges for the fall Adult Heritage Weekend, Polar Star and Cleng Peerson lodges are discussing a possible itinerary and the feasibility of the event in Norway, IL. Once again, I would like to tip my hat to Fosselyngen Lodge in Milwaukee, WI, who has given the district \$5,000 to assist with associated costs.

The district 5 board will meet near Cobden, IL, the weekend of April 14-16, 2023. If your lodge is in that area and you would like to join us, stay alert for further information.

The D5 Youth Director, Lisa Rove-Williams, has dug in deep to organize this summer's Masse Moro camping experience for our youth ages 9-15. We have identified some individuals who can serve as cooks, and their interviews are scheduled.

TUSEN TAKK FOR ALL YOU DO TO KEEP THE FRIENDLY FIFTH ON THE MOVE!

Foundation Update and THANK YOU from Jon Tehven, Chair

On behalf of the Sons of Norway Foundation Board of Governors, I want to thank our lodges and members for their financial support during the 2022 'Together We Are The Future' fundraiser.

You will recall that our first 'Together We Are The Future' fundraiser was in 2020 and the goal was to raise \$100,000 for the Foundation between October 2020 (Foundation Month) and January 15, 2021. The total donated by our lodges and members was \$137,000.

Our 2021 'Together . . .' goal was to raise \$150,000. Again, our lodges and members exceeded the goal by donating \$158,276.

And our 2022 'Together . . .' goal was to raise \$175,000. Our lodges and members responded by donating an amazing **\$198,867!**

A total of 136 lodges in Districts 1 through 6 donated \$93,009 in 2022.

In District 5, 32 lodges, including the District 5 lodge, donated \$12,850.

When the final report is completed, we'll be sharing more information.

So, thanks to all who joined in making the 2022 'Together . . .' campaign another success.

Also, scholarship applications are due on March 1. Please check the Sons of Norway website under Foundation for more details.

In addition, check out the Humanitarian Fund Grants for Disaster and Medical Relief. These grants are up to \$5,000 for members who have experienced financial loss due to property loss as a result of natural disasters or due to extreme illness or injury. Again, check out the SON website under Foundation.

District 5

Edvard Grieg 5-657

Løven Lodge 5-29

Wergeland Lodge 5-28

Askeladden Lodge 5-610

Dovre 5-353

District Lodge 5, 5-000

Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Skjold Lodge 5-100

Askeladden Lodge 5-610

Trollhaugen Lodge 5-417 - DISBANDED

Viking Lodge 5-625

Fosselyngen Lodge 5-82

Mandt Lodge 5-314

Idun Lodge 5-74

Nordland Lodge 5-544

Vennelag Lodge 5-513

Elvesund Lodge 5-593
Grønnevik Lodge 5-632
Fagernes Lodge 5-616
Scandiana Lodge 5-600
Nordkap Lodge 5-378
Fossen Lodge 5-534
Ostestaden Lodge 5-642
Myrmarken Lodge 5-609
Valkyrien Lodge 5-053
Norse Valley Lodge 5-491
Elvedal Lodge 5-556
Sognefjord Lodge 5-523
Solvang Lodge 5-457
Elvedal Lodge 5-556
Myrmarken Lodge 5-609

If you find there is an omission and your lodge is not listed, please contact Emily Stark at the home office at ESTark@sofn.com.

Stamp Program Update

Mary Bennett reported that 15 Computer paper boxes and about 12 Shoe boxes full of stamps are on their way to Indiana by way of Rockford, IL. Mary still have stamps to sort through but what a great effort by her to work through these! Mary gives thanks to Darlene Henderson of Scandiana Lodge and her daughter, Ann, for facilitating this project. Ann picked up the stamps and Darlene will store them until she delivers them to the Sisters at St. Mary's College in Nortre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. Again refer to our updated stamp program options for places for your lodge to send stamps as we are trying to reduce the amount going to the District.

Barnebirkie 2023 Update and Request

The 2023 Birkebeiner will be held in Hayward WI as planned. Sons of Norway District 5 is proud to be a sponsor of the events surrounding the main race. In particular we provide coffee and cookies at a booth in the EXPO Center on Thursday and Friday, 23 and 24 February 2023. The Expo Center is where skiers register for the various races, where exhibitors display their goods and where visitors can get a cup of coffee and a cookie at the Sons of Norway booth. We also provide cookies at the finish tent in downtown Hayward on the day of the Barnebirkie children's race on Thursday 23 February 2023.

Sons of Norway contributions to the events during the week have been recognized in the past as the organization received an award from the organizers of the race several years ago. So our efforts are really appreciated.

In order to fully prepare for the Barnebirkie Race on Thursday 23 February and the EXPO Center Booth on Thursday and Friday 23-24 February I am asking the lodges to inform me of

- The number (in dozens) of cookies they plan to contribute.
- How these cookies will get to Hayward.,
- How many volunteers will be coming to work in the cookie line at the finish tent.
- How many volunteers will be helping at the EXPO Center.

This information should be sent to robertfossum@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your helping with this great event.

Robert Fossum
Sports Director
District 5
Sons of Norway

Zone 3 Meeting on Saturday Reminders

Zone 3 Training Seminar--Saturday, February 11, 2023

Hosted by Ostestaden Lodge at Union Presbyterian Church, 2707 5th Street, Monroe, WI 53566. Led by Zone 3 Directors Scott Wegner and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, District 5 President Darlene Arneson, and International Director Duane Kittleson.

Coffee and light snacks will be served at 8:30 AM, with the meeting beginning at 9 AM. A light soup and sandwich luncheon will follow. Door prizes will be awarded. We plan to adjourn around 2 PM but if members need to leave early, we appreciate their attendance as long as they can stay!

Attendees should bring a list of interactive activities that were enjoyed by your members this past year. Bring 30 copies of the list for distribution. Include contact information for any speakers or presenters.

Please contact Darlene if you have not registered or have questions!

Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

- February 11- Zone 3 meeting in Monroe
- March 1- Some SN Foundation Scholarships Due (see deadline list- <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>)
- March 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- **March 10- Bylaw proposal ballots due to District Secretary from the District 5 Lodge members**
- March 15-
 - **D17 Financial Statements** are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. Lodge Treasurers can file electronically from their profile page on sofn.com. An editable PDF is also available from the forms area of the website. **This can only be filed online this year- no hard copies or email versions!**
 - **Lodge of the Year (LOY), Family Lodge of the Year (FLOY), and AFA Year End Reporting** forms are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. Lodge secretaries can file

the LOY and FLOY electronically via the forms section of sofn.com, where they can also download PDF versions of the LOY, FLOY and AFA Year End Reporting Forms. Note: lodges using www.fraternalgive.org don't need to file an AFA Year End Reporting form.

- **D64 Property Officer Forms** are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters from lodges with property/building associations. These forms can be downloaded from the forms section. Online entry is not yet available.

- April 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- April 14-16- Spring District 5 Board Meeting in southern 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

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

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Oct 2022 to Apr 2023:

Chest--zone 1

Trunk--zone 2

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4

Trunk--zone 3

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.

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