

Friendly Fifth Friday News February 17, 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!

Meet our new Board Members!

District Treasurer- Corey Olson Norse Valley Lodge-Appleton, Wisconsin

Corey Olson is an experienced accounting professional and has worked both in Public and Private. He is currently the State Tax Reporting Manager for Kimberly-Clark Corporation. He graduated with an Economics degree from UW-Madison and an Accounting degree from Central Michigan University. He has served as treasurer for numerous non-profit organizations such as churches, a parochial school, and a high school booster club. He is honored to serve as treasurer for Sons of Norway District 5 and the Nordic Legacy Foundation. He attends Norse Valley, lodge 5-491, out of Appleton, WI.



Message from new Youth Director!

I am the new Youth Director for District 5. It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I look forward to the 2023 Masse Moro camp. The camp administrators, Leif Williams and Keir Kristiansen, are in the process of planning a terrific camp experience, and I know that they hope to increase attendance over recent years. I am therefore reaching out to our lodges for help spreading the word about this wonderful camp. I've tried to include each lodge's president as well as its publicity director (or secretary if there is no designated publicity director) in this email, since I'm using a 2022 list which may not have the most current information. If you are no longer holding an office in your lodge, please forward this email to the appropriate individual.

Please see the full-page color flyer advertising Masse Moro on the next page. It would be greatly appreciated if each lodge would electronically share the flyer with its respective members.

Please note that scholarships are available to help reduce the cost to families. The deadline to apply for financial assistance is a month from now, March 15.

My contact information is shown below, and I am more than happy to answer any questions that you or your members might have about Masse Moro. In the event that you would like a presentation at a lodge meeting, please let me know. We would be happy to organize an in-person, video, or power-point presentation for you.

With thanks,

Lisa

Lisa Rove-Williams

SON D5 Youth Director

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The Directory is coming- we are one step closer!

Good morning! I just received the District 5 officer list so I hope to use that for sending out the FFFN notice this week. I haven't gotten the updated lodge meeting location list, websites, and IP lists. Once I get that, then I can do the directory. So we are one step closer to getting it printed and sent to the lodge presidents and secretaries. But I will get the 2023 officer lists out to the District Board members so they can start using them.

Darlene Arneson, D5 Secretary



District 5

Give a lasting gift to your children or grandchildren!



Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp

July 16 –29, 2023

Children ages 9 to 15

Fall Creek, Wisconsin

For more information: www.sonsofnorway5.com or massemoro.org

District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation



MASSE MORO

SONS OF NORWAY FIFTH DISTRICT NORWEGIAN HERITAGE CAMP



A message from Sons of Norway International Director Duane Kittleson

The delegates to the District 5 Lodge Meeting held in Middleton, WI on June 2022 passed a resolution instructing the District 5 President appoint a Special Committee (Task Force) to offer solutions to the difficulty the District Nomination Committee has in finding willing and qualified candidates to serve on the District 5 Board of Directors from the current zone alignment.

Here is the resolution as passed:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the 2022-2024 District President shall appoint a Special Committee consisting of but not limited to current District Board members, past District Board members and District Members at large. The committee shall meet during the next biennium and present a recommendation of proposed solutions at the District Lodge meeting in June 2024. The Task Force should include diversification of selected appointees to include past, present, younger, older, different genders and from distant geographical areas that includes a more all-inclusive demographic appointee (s).

President Cheryl has asked me to help get this Task Force started and begin the work. Many of you Sons of Norway District 5 members have volunteered or agreed to help with this project. Thank You! **I am asking District 5 Secretary Darlene Arneson to set up a ZOOM call at 10 AM CST Saturday, March 4.** We will attempt to send an email invite to everyone that provided an email address. We will also publish the ZOOM call information in the FFFN which will be posted on Friday, March 3. If you were not contacted previously and would like to be a part of this task force please join us.

A most important question that I am sure many of you have is ***what is the purpose of a Sons of Norway District or Zone.*** Well Jon Grinde, past International Director, past District 5 President and member of Idun 5-074 lodge in Madison, provided this perspective.

At the 11th Head Lodge (Followed by Supreme Lodge, and now International Lodge) Convention of Sons of Norway in Grand Forks, ND, July 7, 8, & 9, 1910, a constitution for district lodges was adopted. District lodges, which would have charge of the organization work, were to be established in states where there were at least 1000 members. ...The head lodge alone was authorized to establish districts. (Abbreviated from History of Sons of Norway, by Carl G. O. Hansen, Minneapolis, MN, December 1944)

Organization has always been the key word, in my experience and opinion, as to why districts and zones (formerly in District Five known as sub-districts) were established. The Home Office or Sons of Norway Headquarters depended on the districts to establish new lodges and to educate, guide, and instruct all lodges in the proper management and operation of Sons of Norway within their jurisdictions. Even with the ever-evolving nature of Sons of Norway today, I believe the Home Office continues to depend upon the districts to carry the load of organization.

Zones or sub-districts were established within districts to further shoulder some of the organizational work and maintain ties between lodges in close proximity to each other. A sort of "Divide and Conquer." All levels of leadership and organization within Sons of Norway have played strong roles over the history of the Society to maintain its motto of "Freedom, Fraternity, and Progress."

Jon M. Grinde

Barnebirkie Plans 2023 for next week! Contact Robert Fossum to see who is heading up from your area and who could transport your cookies!

Date: February 23, 2023

Location: Hayward, Wisconsin

D5 Sports Director: Robert Fossum-robertfossum@gmail.com, or 715.924.4111 or text me at 715.642.2872

WISCONSIN BARNEBIRKIE 2023 COOKIES AND VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

As of this date, the Hayward Birkie Foundation is planning a Barnebirkie that will look more usual with the event being held on Thursday, February 23, 2023. A Celebration Cookie Tent is in the plans with Sons of Norway District 5 providing cookies for the young skiers Thursday morning. Details below. We have also reserved a table in the Expo Center to provide cookies and coffee for the adult/attendees. We need volunteers for the tent Thursday morning and also for volunteers to keep coffee flowing in the Expo on Thursday and Friday during the day. We can divide the Expo into 2 shifts if necessary. If you are interested, please contact Robert Fossum at robertfossum@gmail.com, or 715.924.4111 or text me at 715.6422872 as soon as possible. We are asking Lodges to contribute cookies homemade or purchased without nuts to prevent nut allergies. Healthy oatmeal, lower-sugar or gluten free type cookies for the Barnebirkie and Expo are sometimes requested. They usually have over 900 Barnebirkie skiers so we need lots of cookies for the Barnebirkie and many cookies at the registration area at the EXPO Center. **If you are sending cookies, please email Robert Fossum the estimated number you will be sending up so he can plan accordingly.**

To find a way to transport your cookies, check with Robert Fossum to see who is going from your area and watch the FFFN for updates! Please put your lodge name and #dozen of cookies on each non-returnable container. We ask that none of the cookies have nuts please! Thank you!

Colleen Graham, Barnebirkie Finish Line Chief, knows that Sons of Norway will provide cookies and send a crew to serve cookies for the event. The details are as follows. Race day is Thursday, February 23. The first of three waves starts at 11:30 so we would expect to start seeing skiers in the tent by 11:45. Most likely all will have been through the tent around 1:00 PM.

Volunteer cookie crew members must register in order to participate. The volunteer website can be found at <https://birkie.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=69124> and the password 23BarneFinish needs to be entered in order to see the Barne slots. Please, if you plan to be on the cookie crew, enter your info and complete the waiver at your earliest convenience. The Birkie office orders lunches based on volunteer sign-ups.

Barnebirkie Kjeks

Remember that District 5 Sons of Norway lodges contribute cookies (kjeks) and volunteers during the Barne Birkie race on 23 Feb 2023 and during registration at the EXPO Center on 23 and 24 Feb. 2023. How cookies will get to Hayward for the 23rd Feb will be announced later. Happy New Year.

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Deadlines and Dates! **Changes in red!**

- February 23- Barnebirkie in Hayward, WI
- March 1- Some SN Foundation Scholarships Due (see deadline list- <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>)
- **March 4- Task Force ZOOM call at 10 am CST**
- 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!**

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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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