

Friendly Fifth Friday News January 11, 2019

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

Our deepest sympathy



Nicholas P. "Nick" Baldukas

RACINE - Nicholas 'Nick' P. Baldukas, 70, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 12, 2019 surrounded by his loving family and friends. A lifelong resident of Racine, he was born on April 21, 1948, son of the late Peter Nicholas and Gladys (Kanyuh) Baldukas. Nicholas was a graduate of Wm. Horlick High School "Class of 1966." His working career was primarily at Twin Disc, where he ushered in Computer Numeric Control (CNC) manufacturing. During his 21 years there, he continued studying engineering, attending Bradley University, UW Parkside, Carthage and numerous workshops and seminars at major manufacturers around the US. He also worked at Styberg Engineering before switching careers to land development and general contracting. He designed and developed Mallard Shores on property he and his wife owned surrounding Halter Lake. Nick loved his new career and continued designing and building high end homes in southeastern Wisconsin, until illness required him to retire. In 1985 he married Dr. Ann-Mari (Ingebrigtsen), his soul mate and loving companion. Together they pursued their common love of tennis, hiking, skiing, travel and spending time at their lake home on Castle Rock Lake where he developed lasting friendships, especially with Dave and Karen Janssen. He loved taking off on road trips throughout the US and going to Norway to meet with Ann-Mari's family and friends. Nick loved speed,

whether driving his corvettes on deserted country roads or speeding over Lake Gogebic on his snowmobile with Ann-Mari urging him to go faster. He shared his love of motorcycles taking grandson Morgan and son Peter on motorcycle trips, or exploring wide swaths of the US, riding next to his special friend, Gary Grissom. When it came to going fast, Nicholas was very competitive. A good example is his jet ski race with a friend on Castle Rock Lake, when lo and behold his friend out ran him. The very next day the garage was strewn with jet ski parts and Nicholas was hard at work engineering a faster ride. And he succeeded, leaving his friend in his wake during the next day's "friendly race." Nick's lifelong friend Dale Zierten, some years ago invited him to join a group of early school friends for coffee and discussions of the past. He loved meeting with his morning coffee buddies. Nicholas was an active hands on father/grandfather, who coached his sons softball team and attended multiple sports events to cheer on his children and grandchildren. These events included t-ball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and basketball. His reputation for being able to fix anything, resulted in late night calls from the children's friends with car trouble on the interstate. He always came to their rescue. Nick was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church, an altar boy as a child, working the annual festival and serving on the church council for many years, as the treasurer. He was a member of Twin Disc Twenty Year Club, Kiwanis, a two time past president and Lt. Governor, Sons of Norway, where he also was past president and member of District 5 Board of Trustees. His joviality, zest of life and desire to be of help to family and friends, were hallmarks of his personality. Nick had a true love for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, hiking and swimming. He was a hard working, dedicated man, who always gave life his best. He had a love for the outdoors, his family, his pets and for life. Here was a person who probably wouldn't say "there was something I wish I had done." Nicholas and Ann-Mari enjoyed hosting parties on their beautiful covered porches, especially the annual Sons of Norway Picnic, the September Multiple Myeloma Support Group Picnic and as well as family cookouts, with swimming, fishing, horseshoes and trampoline. Nick is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Ann-Mari and their children, Dana Baldukas, Pamela (Andrew) Patch, Nicole (Jonathan) Eckblad and Shane (Victoria) Peirce; grandchildren, Dr. Thomas (Shvaughn) Paulick, Daniel (fiancé Alexis Jensen) Eckblad, Ariel Harrington, Amanda Eckblad, Petra Harrington, Cassidy (Scott Schindelar) Crowell, Morgan Patch, Megan Patch and Peter Eckblad; great grandchildren, Kenneth, Declan and Brynn Paulick, Chase and Brecklyn Peirce, Atlas and Isle Schindelar, and Rylee Lempke and Alexandra Eckblad; sisters, Vivian (Tony) Merlo, Sharon Baldukas and Demetra Baldukas; sister-in-law, Randi (Aage Breiby) Ingebrigtsen of Norway. He is further survived by a Goddaughter, Xanthi Merlo, a special nephew "son," Kristian (Lynn) Wergeland Digranes, who is a Park High School graduate and he also attended Gateway Technical College and UW Parkside before returning to Norway where Kristian is currently a canine police officer in Oslo. Nick is further survived by many nieces, nephews other relatives and many dear friends. Nick was preceded in death by his son, Peter Nicholas Baldukas on November 29, 2004. Funeral services will be held at Kimissis tis Theotokou, Greek Orthodox Church, 1335 S. Green Bay Road on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Fr. Athanasios Pieri officiating. There will be a visitation at Sturino Funeral Home on Sunday evening from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Trisagian Prayers at 7 p.m. Nick will be laid to rest next to his son at Graceland Cemetery following services. In lieu of flowers or those wishing to remember Nick in a special way - donations to the following have been suggested: Kimissis tis Theotokou Church, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation <https://themmr.org>, [National](#)

Kidney Foundation <https://www.kidney.org/support> & <https://www.kidney.org/transplantation>, Sons of Norway District Five www.sonsofnorwayracine.com/index.html, Contact Mike Palecek, 262-886-5547, Kiwanis Club of Racine <https://www.facebook.com/Kiwanis-Club-of-Racine-170911539484> A special heartfelt thank you to Aurora St. Luke's Hospital and Aurora Zilber Family Hospice for their exceptional doctors and staff. Nick was blessed to be in their care. We're sure you all will remember Nick's famous optimistic words "I never had a bad day in my life." Online condolences can be expressed at www.sturinofuneralhome.com STURINO FUNERAL HOME 3014 Northwestern Ave. 262-632-4479

From Nordlyset Lodge (Nick's home lodge)

If you are a district officer and you'd like to pass this on to others who worked with Nick, I'd be grateful for the help.

**Cheryl Miller
920 Prairie Dr. #17, Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406**

I'd like to include some personal memories of Nick Baldukas in our next newsletter for Ann-Mari and her family, and I need your help. If you have a brief story / memory to share, please use the lines below for this, and then give it to Cheryl Miller before you leave. Use the back of the paper if you have more to write. Tusen Takk!

Example: I remember how Nick used to hold board meetings at a local restaurant where we would eat first and have a business meeting about the time some wanted dessert. He really kept us on task so we'd finish on time; he was all business!

Your name: _____

Story / Memory

If you can't join us at our meeting this month, please consider sending a note to Cheryl at sonracine@gmail.com .

Lodges who have sold their building- take note on info from SN Legal Counsel David Ness!

From: **David M. Ness** Date: Fri, Jan 4, 2019 at 10:33 AM
Subject: Local Lodge Real Estate

Hi Darlene,

Eivind asked that I respond to your questions related to lodge real estate and potential sale thereof.

1. Is there a checklist for lodges that sell their building?

No. Sons of Norway cannot provide advise related to real property or tax laws that impact the sale of the buildings. Many times, there are local, state and federal law implications that require the lodge to consult with local counsel. It's important that the lodge retain local counsel familiar with the real property laws in the county where the property is being sold to make sure all representations and warranties related to the sale are negotiated in the best interests of the property corporation. In addition, it's important that the lodge consult with their accountant to make sure that the sale is structured in a manner that will not trigger county, state or federal tax. Again, we highly recommend consulting with local counsel. A realtor will not understand the unique tax status of the lodge or the building corporation.

2. What forms or notifications go to headquarters?

There is no formal requirement that headquarters be notified of a sale nor is there any formal approval necessary prior to sale. It is helpful, however, to notify headquarters so that the records can be updated and the board is put on notice that the real estate requirements under the bylaws are no longer necessary.

3. Does the building treasury transfer funds to the lodge?

This will depend on the bylaws of the lodge and that of the building corporation. In many instances, the funds are transferred back to the lodge. However, on occasion, it is determined that it's necessary to keep the building corporation in existence with an account owned by the corporation holding the funds. There could be tax reasons for this or maybe there is a desire to segregate the funds for future use in a real property lease arrangement for new space.

4. Would the funds be transferred prior to dissolution?

Yes. I can't think of a situation where funds would be transferred post dissolution.

5. Any other filings or S/N issues?

No special filings but the proceeds from the sale should end up being reflected either on the lodge D17 or the building corporation D17 going forward (should the building corp stay in existence).

Please let me know if there is anything additional.

David M. Ness

Shareholder

Fafinski Mark & Johnson, P.A.

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Thank you! All Officer Election Report forms are in! Updates in red!!

A huge thank you to all of you for sending in or doing your online report by the deadline. For those that I worked with the past week, a huge thank you for your follow-up, calls and help! It is greatly appreciated. **All of District 5 is in but as of today, she's waiting on 50 lodges from other Districts to report- uff da!**

Now what? This is a multi-stage process in getting all the online lists and the complete directory done. From what I understand:

1. Now that all hard copy and online reports are in from our District, Sherry Gorse needs to enter any of the hard copy and phone/email updates that you sent rather than updating online. She is doing this for all 8 Districts so it takes time.
2. **All of District 5 is in so I believe she rolled over the new officers for District 5 yesterday!** As soon as that is done, she "rolls over 2019" on the website listings. Until then, you will still see the 2018 officers listed.
3. **She is waiting for 50 other lodges to submit their forms- uff da! So she thought it will be next week before I get the new lists!** Once that is done, then she will send out the complete District Lodge Officer list and meeting locations to the 8 District Secretaries. That is what I use to make our lodge directory!
4. This FFFN is being sent to the database I have for 2018. If you have new officers, simply forward it to them until I notify you that I'm switching to the 2019 list!

So in the meantime, if you have any officers that haven't updated their profiles (address, email, phone), have them do that! If your meeting place has changed in the past year, update that. This way when Sherry rolls out the data and sends us the files, they will be current!

I hope that we can get the lists from Sherry in the next ten days (but I see it is listed as February 1 on the calendar deadline provided by SN International) and then I need 1-2 days to finalize the directory. It will be sent to local lodge presidents and secretaries!

District 5 Scholarship forms are updated!! See them at http://sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district_scholarships.php

Due February 15- Reporting lodge activities through FraternalGives:

Sons of Norway collects the number of events, hours and funds that lodges and districts devote to membership and community activities. This information is required by the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA). The AFA uses our data to lobby on the behalf of fraternal benefit societies. Now, lodge secretaries can submit information directly to the AFA through a new website: www.fraternalgive.org.

Further questions? Contact Sherry Gorse at 1-800-945-8851 x643 or fraternal@sofn.com



January 9, 2019

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarships for year 2019. [These are also posted on the District website- http://sonsofnorway5.com/financial/youth_scholarships.php](http://sonsofnorway5.com/financial/youth_scholarships.php)

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Committee announces the following:

There will be 2 scholarships made available for the year 2019, each in the amount of \$200.00 to cover 25% of the total fee for year 2018 District 5. Heritage Youth Camp.

Like last year, the Scholarship Committee will not do any direct mailings to any Lodges or Lodge Officers. The committee feels and hopes that with your help this announcement can be shared with Lodges and members throughout District 5

To everybody reading this message: Please, share this information with your newsletter Editor and fellow members.

All interested Camp Applicants are asked to request application form(s) from the Scandiana Treasurer,

Oleif Olsaker
114 Maplewood Trl.

Michigan City, IN 46360

Telephone 219-874-7457

E-mail olsaker@comcast.net

The completed Application must be postmarked by April 15th.

I am really happy to see us still being able to continue this scholarship program this year and for several years to come. Hopefully it will help promote 2 weeks of **MASSE MORO**, and providing an award for each of the deserving applicants.

Fraternally

Oleif Olsaker, Treasurer



The Sarah L. Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Rules

In August 1995 eight year old Sarah Paulsen of our lodge passed away.

Because Sarah was very involved with the Sons of Norway, and was fascinated with her family's background and with Norwegian culture, friends and family, along with the Scandiana Lodge felt a scholarship established in Sarah's name would be appropriate.

The scholarship will not only carry on her love for the Norwegian Heritage, but will also enable other children to have the opportunity to attend the Sons of Norway Heritage Camp in Eau Claire, in honor of Sarah.

The scholarship will cover one quarter of the camp cost.

Parents may be concerned that getting this scholarship would prevent them from utilizing the District 5 Matching Fund Grant, but this award will have no bearing on other matching funds. This scholarship could be given in addition to District 5 and Local Lodge Matching Fund Scholarships. However, if the applicant's Local Lodge is financially unable to give their children Matching Fund Scholarships, the Sarah Paulsen Scholarship would qualify them for the District 5 Matching Fund Scholarship.

Rules:

1. The scholarship is open to any child age 9-15, who is interested in learning about the language and culture of Norway.
2. The applicant must be a heritage member or a child or grandchild of a Sons of Norway member, and belonging to a District 5 Lodge.
3. The applicant will write an essay of no more than 500 words. The topic is "Why I believe it is important to know about our heritage" or "Why I want to attend Norwegian Heritage Camp".
4. All applicants will complete a brief application form.
5. Applicant will include 2 letters of reference, including one from a local Lodge officer.
6. Applications must be postmarked by April 15. Decisions will be made by May 1, and winners will be notified by mail. Checks will be issued and mailed directly to the Scholarship Recipient before June 1.
7. Judges will be the Scandiana 600 Sarah L Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee.



The Sarah L. Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2019

This year 2 Scholarships each in the amount of \$200.00 will be made available for children to attend the Sons of Norway Heritage Camp at Eau Claire County Youth Camp, The completed Application (follow instructions on “The Rules”) must be postmarked by April 15, and should be mailed to:

Oleif Olsaker, 114 Maplewood Tr. Michigan City, IN. 46360. E-mail: olsaker@comcast.net Telephone 219-874-7457

Name: _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Sex** _____

Name of Parent (s) Guardian: _____

Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Telephone: (____) _____ **e-mail address:** _____

**Sons of Norway
Membership**

Member Name Relationship to Camper Lodge Name and No.

Will your local Lodge apply for Camp Scholarship Matching Fund from the 5th District? Yes _____ No _____

**“Why I believe it is important to know about our heritage” or “Why I want to attend Norwegian Heritage Camp”:
Add or use separate page(s) as needed.**

Camper’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Attachments: 2 written references:

Barnebirkie Update from Cheryl Schlessner

Good Afternoon Local Lodge Leaders and District Board Directors,

I am sending this communique on behalf of the District 5 Board and President Andrew Johnsen. As many of you know we are approaching February and time for the Biggest Show on Snow-the American Birkebeiner. With that said, the Barnebirkie or children's ski race is a District 5 sponsored activity, and we welcome your assistance! I have identified local lodges who may have had past participation in the Barnebirkie or who may hold, due to their proximity, an interest in helping with this event. Please make others aware, if you know I have missed someone! In the Friendly Friday Fifth News that District Secretary Darlene Arneson shares, numerous communiques have indicated how individuals or local lodges can be of assistance.

Those with a desire to help can go to the District 5 webpage: www.sonsofnorway5.com to see a listing of possible positions needing assistance, which are listed under the Barnebirkie event. Please note: you will need to register as a volunteer. Go to: American BirkebeinerFoundation.volunteerlocal.com

The password is: barnestart19.

If your lodge is interested in sending cookies for the racers and their families, there are opportunities to get them to Hayward. Judy Ghastin from Norse Valley Lodge in Appleton will help with delivery from the northeast side of the state. Mary Bennett, Bill Hendrickson, and I will be driving from the Madison area and can make pick-ups along I-90 en route to Hayward. Those lodges located near Hayward can call a local lodge president for help. Chicagoland lodges will send their cookies with Bill Hendrickson from Janesville. Cookies from the Milwaukee area will be delivered by Mike Palecek to the Zone 3 meeting in Madison on February 16th.

Some lodges choose to order their cookies from local bakeries to avoid tree nut or peanut allergy concerns. The children enjoy traditional sugar cookies, chocolate chip cookies, or chocolate cookies. Frosted cookies bring smiles! Any kind of cookie is welcome, but please know that the classic skiers prefer more wholesome cookies with options such as: molasses, pumpkin, oatmeal raisin, ginger, sorghum, Snickerdoodles, or fruit cookies. Traditional Norwegian cookies are also a great idea! On the District 5 webpage is a form for reporting your lodge's cookie donations. The Lodge submitting the most cookies will earn a \$50.00 award for their efforts.

Mary, Bill, and I will be leaving Southern Wisconsin on Wednesday, February 20th, weather permitting, sooner if conditions dictate. I appreciate your involvement and assistance with the Barnebirkie, as we often have close to 1,000 young participants. It is not simply the children who enjoy our efforts-the adults are close behind! As a matter of fact, one comment that is often heard is how appreciative people are that we are there. Some people search out our location before doing anything else!

This year, District 5 Youth Director, Sandra Olson will be on site at the Expo Center to speak with families about our heritage camp, Masse Moro. Mary Bennett and Asta Blanchar will man the cookie table there and are also available to speak with guests about membership. If you would prefer to contact me directly, I welcome your communication.

I have made a 6 PM dinner reservation for our workers on Wednesday evening, February 20th at the Steakhouse and Lodge Restaurant in Hayward for 15 people. I have invited the Barne crew chiefs to join us. Credentials will be handed out at that time. Others can pick up their credentials in the Cookie Tent on Thursday or at the Barne registration tent beginning at 9:30 AM Thursday morning.

I do need to know how many people are coming to assist, so credentials can be ordered and the dinner reservation can be amended, if needed. Please make me aware of your desire to help by no later than February 16th. Thank you in advance for helping the Friendly Fifth to make a difference in the lives of children.

If your lodge would like to participate, but no one can be with us in person, consider sending monetary donation to District 5 Treasurer, Mike Palecek, 5747 Sandy Lane, Racine, WI 53406. Indicate on the memo line of your check: FOR BARNEBIRKIE. Your support is appreciated.

Thank you,

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
D5 Sports and Recreation Director

rogcher@mhtc.net

608-219-4464 (Due to the high volume of spam calls, please leave a voicemail message.)

Are you working on your audit?

As you see, the D17 is due on February 15. Have you started your audit process yet? Some lodges elect auditors so they may be on the task already. Others may appoint committees. The forms are all on the website for both the D17 and the building property financial statement.

You can find these by logging in and then going to:

https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/lodge_forms/

In search of a man's bunad

From one of the Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancer Parents:

We are looking preferably for a mens Vest Agder bunad. Attached is a picture of the bunad. We would also be interested in a mens bunad from the Gjovik area, which is Oppland County. The Gudbrandsdalen area male bunad would also be fine.

The bunad would need to be equivalent to a mens extra large. The knickers would need to be a 36 inch waist size and long enough to fit a man 6'2" in height. We are looking for a vest and knickers. The braided socks and the area appropriate ties below the knee would be nice.

Jami and Todd

jmoe@madisoncollege.edu

2019 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

(Updated 1/16/2019- changes in red)

February 1, 2019

2018 officers will be listed in the online lodge directory.

February 15, 2019

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges to Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Community and Fraternal activities and hour totals, using AFA Year-end report form or online reporting at Fraternalgive.org, are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

February 16, 2019

Zone 3 Meeting hosted by Idun Lodge in Madison, WI

February 21, 2019

Barnebirkie events and cookie tent in Hayward, WI

February 21, 2019

Zone 1 Meeting at the Hayward Community Center during the Volunteer Reception (following the race and cookie tent)

March 2019

Fraternal Funds packet mailed

March 1, 2019

Sons of Norway Foundation deadline for Scholarship applications for study in the United States are due to the Sons of Norway Foundation: Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship* and Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship

March 15, 2019

District Five Scholarships due- Book Scholarship, Folk High School, and International Summer School

April 1, 2019

Sons of Norway Foundation deadline for Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

April 5-6, 2019

District Board meeting in Dearborn, MI

April 15, 2019

Sarah Paulsen Scholarships due for Masse Moro Campers

April 27, 2019 (note change of date from April 13!!)

Zone 2 meeting- details are being finalized

May 15, 2019

- Fraternal Funds Report due to Sons of Norway Headquarters
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.
- D17 & 990 filing deadline for lodges that own property

*Social membership with Sons of Norway required.

**Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required.

June 15, 2019

Zone 4 Meeting-Picnic at Heg Memorial Park (6300 Heg Park Rd., Wind Lake, WI) with a tour of Old Muskego settlement museum.

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

June 24-28, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

August 16-23, 2020 in Hamar Norway

Viking Chest Rotation

- 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.

Time period	Zone with chest
October 2017-April 2018	4
April 2018-October 2018	6

October 2018-April 2019	1
April 2019-October 2019	3

Zone Meeting Schedule 2019

Zone	Date	Hosted by	Location
1	Thursday, Feb 21	Zone 1 Directors	Veterans Community Center, Hayward during the volunteer reception after Barnebirkie
2	April 27, 2019		Stevens Point
3	Sat. Feb 16	Idun Lodge	Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison
4	June 15	Mike Palecek	Heg Park, Wind Lake
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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.