

Friendly Fifth Friday News January 15, 2021

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January 23, 2021

Zone Officer Training for All D5 Members

Zoom format, beginning at 9 AM Central Standard Time

News from International and D5 leadership

Special Guest-International Vice President Mark Agerter

9:00 AM – 12 Noon CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

Velkommen!

Agenda-Please refer to presenter handouts sent earlier this week.

9:00-9:10 --Welcome to attendees-Cheryl Wille-Schlesser and Karen Eberhardt

9:10-9:30--Sons of Norway membership report and 2021 Campaign from International Vice President Mark Agerter

9:30-9:50--Financial Offerings from the Sons of Norway Sales Division

9:50-10:00--Robin Fossum-International Foundation Report

10:00-10:15--Financial Status of the District, fundraising, District events-Mike Palecek

10:15-10:35--New Information from Headquarters, the District, best practices and deadlines, zone alignment, and the formation of a Nominating Committee for the 2022 District 5 Convention-Darlene Arneson

10:35-10:40 BREAK

10:40-10:45--District 5 2022 Convention Details-Madison, WI--Lucy Ghastin

10:45-11:00--District Scholarships-changes and due dates, Masse Moro Youth Heritage Camp plans for 2021--Sandra Olson

11:00-11:10--2021 Barnebirkie plans in Hayward-Audrey Severson

11:10-11:20--Cultural Options for District 5 Members--Judy Ghastin

11:20-11:25--Publicity--Karen Eberhardt

11:25-12:00--*Reopening plans for later this year—All lodges will share their ideas.-- Cheryl Wille-Schlesser

***Q & A-Please feel welcome to stay at the conclusion of the meeting to have your questions answered!**

Door prize drawing-will be mailed to the winning lodge president!

Link for the Zone Meeting

Darlene Arneson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SN District 5 Zone 3 Meeting

Time: Jan 23, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89351143617?pwd=elpVRmFvSm9HdWFZbFNON3U3R3krQT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89351143617?pwd=elpVRmFvSm9HdWFZbFNON3U3R3krQT09>

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser

D5 Vice President

Zone 3 Director

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Godt Nyttår! Happy New Year!

All District 5 Lodges are welcome to the Zone 3 Training this year!

Via a Zoom Platform- Saturday, January 23, 2020

Beginning at 9 AM Central Time

The meeting will be from 9 a.m. – 12 noon Central Time. The link to the meeting will be printed in the FFFNews on January 14, 2021, and it will be sent via email to lodge presidents. They are encouraged to share with this information with their members. Should you misplace the link, you can access the newsletter found on the sonsofnorway5.com website.

District leaders will share much information about the Sons of Norway organization and its many perks. This meeting will be perfect for officers and lodge members to enhance their understanding of our organization. Review our presenters list and send us your questions that we can answer in this training.

Our presenters will be:

- Mark Agerter, SofN International Vice President presenting Membership Recruitment
- The sales department of the Sons of Norway in Minneapolis will give an overview of new products that are available to our members.
- Robin Fossum, International District 5 (D5) Director, will share information on the Foundation
- Mike Palecek, D5 Treasurer will provide a D5 Financial report, discuss fundraising options, share the latest information on the Scandinavian playing cards contest, and will details some of the classes being offered this semester through the Fifth District.
- Darlene Arneson, D5 Secretary will highlight best practices for lodges, speak about District zone alignment, and she will share important information on District and International forms and their filings.
- Lucy Ghastin, District 5 Convention – Madison, WI 2022
- Sandy Olson will highlight Masse Moro for 2021
- Audrey Severson has needed to make many changes for the 2021 Barnebirkie which she will detail.
- Judy Ghastin, Cultural Committee – D 5 online class opportunities updates
- Karen Eberhardt will share important information on publicity and the Viking magazine photo submissions.
- Cheryl Wille-Schlesser will lead a discussion on lodge reopening, which hopefully will occur in the late summer or early fall timeframe. All lodges should come prepared to share an idea of how they hope to accomplish this task.

We are currently receiving information from the presenters which will be sent to all District 5 local presidents in advance of the meeting date. Please share them with your Boards and others who are members of your leadership team.

Thank you!

Cheryl and Karen

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From Mike Palecek

On this week's **Nordic News** children's book author Sandy Brehl shared how a trip to Norway with a friend led to her work, writing historical fiction to keep alive the memory of Norwegians resisting the Nazis during World War II.



Sandy's trilogy: Odin's Promise, Bjorn's Gift and Mari's Hope are highly acclaimed as excellent historical fiction literature for middle school-aged students. Adults will enjoy her writing, too.

Learn more about Sandy Brehl at her website: <https://sandybrehlbooks.com> and by watching this week's Nordic News (49:25) at: <https://www.screencast.com/t/4v1JHkQwxdB>

Dennis Flessland, Norwegian Vice-Counsel for Michigan will present **Current Events in Norway** on the **January 19th Nordic News**. Dennis is a member of Nordkap lodge.

Tune in to Nordic News every Tuesday at 6:30 PM (Central) / 7:30 PM (Eastern): <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>

See the list of archived Nordic News at:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

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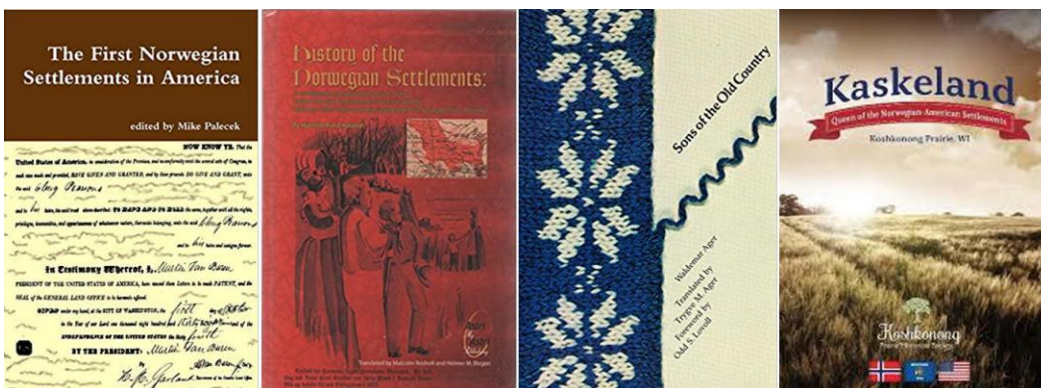
The Sons of Norway District 5 Norwegian-American virtual history course, **Norwegian-American Settlement in IL, MI and WI** will start with sessions offered on Saturday, January 23 (9:00-10:30 AM CT/10:00-11:30 ET) and Monday, January 25 (6:30-8:00 PM CT/7:30-9:00 PM ET). The course will be 16 weeks long.

- Weeks 1-3 will be an intensive overview of Norwegian-American history.
- Weeks 4-10 will cover frontier settlement history in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.
- Weeks 11-12 will be a "book club" format, where we will explore one of the best historical fiction books depicting Norwegian-American life.
- Week 13 will be dedicated exclusively to the Norwegian-American history of Michigan
- Week 14 will focus on special topics of interest in Norwegian-American history, such as inventors and interesting individuals.
- Weeks 15-16 will allow participants who choose to do a project an opportunity to make a presentation on their work.

Faculty include:

Bill Injerd, historian of The Sloop Society; Dave Johnson, president of the Norske Museum in Norway, Illinois; Dana Kelly, executive director of the Norwegian-American Genealogy Center; Mike Palecek, editor/author of The First Norwegian Settlements in America; Dave and Ruth Amundson, founders of The History Alive Project.

Recommended course materials:



NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT IN IL-MI-WI ENROLLMENT FORM

___ \$25 - Course fee (D5 member) - Saturday (16 week) course, beginning on Jan. 23

___ \$25 - Course fee (D5 member) - Monday (16 week) course, beginning on Jan. 25

___ \$25 - Course fee (D5 member) - email me info on "independent study" course

___ +\$25 - Course fee (non-D5 member)

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS:

___ \$20 - The First Norwegian Settlements in American, Palecek (ed.)

___ \$32 - History of the Norwegian Settlements, Holand

___ \$20 - Kaskeland DVD, Koshkonong Prairie Hist. Society

___ \$28 - Sons of the Old Country, Ager

_____ TOTAL enclosed

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Email (required): _____

Phone: _____ Lodge: _____

Comments: _____

send completed form to:

Mike Palecek, Nordic Legacy Foundation

5747 Sandy Lane, Racine WI 53406

Questions?

Contact: mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com

Check out the first session and then decide?

Go to: <https://zoom.us/j/95253760815?pwd=TIZvdFJqQ3lkdFNhZmFBTTM1N1lMdz09>

Meeting ID: 952 5376 0815 - Passcode: D5

D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest playing cards still available



The District 5 Scandinavian Photo Contest playing cards was so popular, that we did a re-order. Enjoy the best, beautiful Scandinavian scenes from our 2020 contest, submitted by Sons of Norway members in District 5. What a great gift for your friends, relatives and lovers of all things Scandinavian! Proceeds will support District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation projects including Masse Moro Norwegian cultural youth camp.

ORDER FORM (WITH SHIPPING) - SCANDINAVIAN PHOTO CONTEST

☐ \$14 (1 deck) ☐ \$46 (4 decks) ☐ \$100 (10 decks) *Want more than 10 decks, one ship-to?*
☐ \$25 (2 decks) ☐ \$56 (5 decks) ☐ \$250 (30 decks) *Order at \$10/deck.*
☐ \$36 (3 decks) ☐ \$75 (7 decks)

Make checks out to "**D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation**"

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Lodge: _____

Send your order to: Mike Palecek, D5 Treasurer, 5747 Sandy Lane, Racine Wisconsin 53406

From Sandra Olson and Masse Moro

To our Sons of Norway Family:

District 5 has many exciting opportunities this summer. I encourage you to go to our website and take advantage of these opportunities for our young people.

Scholarships: Check out our website: sonsofnorway5.com and go to “Benefits”.

- Four Academic Scholarships (formerly Book Scholarships) are available
- International Summer School Scholarship
- Folk High School Scholarship
- Masse Moro Scholarships

Sons of Norway Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp to July 18 – 31, 2021

As we look forward to this summer; we are hopeful to again open our wonderful Masse Moro Camp to our young people.

We encourage all of you to do your part and encourage our young people to join us this summer. If there is a reason to again cancel camp due to the pandemic; we will provide an extensive virtual camp for our children. More details and information will be provided later this spring.

District 5 is excited to announce the hiring of Chris Elwell as our new Assistant Administrator. Chris comes to our Masse Moro family as a Sons of Norway member from District 1. She is a junior high school teacher and has many years of experience with Masse Moro. Chris has three children who have experienced the Masse Moro adventure and who have also been camp counselors. We welcome Chris to our Masse Moro family.

As a reminder, Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp is open to young people, ages of 9 to 15 years old (as of the first day of camp). The camp is located in a beautiful wooded setting near Fall Creek, Wisconsin.

Masse Moro is open to all who wish to partake in a very unique camping experience. Campers will participate in a variety of activities including: archery, Viking games, Norwegian cooking, Norske language class, rosemåling, folk dancing, wood carving; and so much more! Most important, campers will learn about themselves as they explore their family's heritage and network with others who share the bond of their Norwegian ancestry.

The cost for our two week, all-inclusive camp experience is \$850; a real bargain. Consider giving a lasting gift of Camp to your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or a young person you know! Local Lodges may provide supporting grants to their youth, and District 5 will match this grant up to \$150.00 per participant. Check with your local lodge president for more details. Other scholarships are also available, but deadlines do apply for these scholarships and grants, so apply early. Campers are encouraged to invite a friend! Campers who recruit a new camper and apply by April 1st will receive \$25 toward their tuition and toward the tuition of their recruit.

Families may obtain registration materials by visiting the Masse Moro website: www.massemoro.org or by choosing: www.sonsofnorway5.com. Dropdown menus will lead you to the correct links. Please share the attached flyer with your members to promote our Masse Moro camp.

For more information or to obtain registration materials you may also contact me: **Sandra Olson, District 5 Youth Director**, at solsondist5@gmail.com or by phone at 715 698 3433.

Tusen Takk!

Hilsen, Sandra Olson, Youth Director, Masse Moro Administrator, Sons of Norway – District 5, 733 250th Street, Woodville, WI 54028 (651) 208-3333



District 5

Give a lasting gift to your children or grandchildren!



Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp

July 18—31, 2021

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



We received this email from David Crabb but I did email them this morning as some dates aren't matching the forms online. Will update you on responses as I learn more! They also have not updated the deadline calendar so hope that happens soon! - Darlene

January 13, 2021

To: Lodge Treasurers and/or Financial Secretaries
From: David Crabb, Fraternal Engagement Manager

Re: Local Lodge Financial Statement (D17)
990 Filing Information
Local Lodge Property Financial Statement (D18)

Every year, each lodge is required to file two financial forms. These are the Local Lodge Financial Statement (Form D17) and the IRS Form 990.

Lodges who own property also must complete the Local Lodge Property Financial Statement (D18)

The Local Lodge Financial Statement (Form D17) : due date March 15, 2021

To access and complete the D17 online (preferred method):

- Log on to www.sofn.com.
- The landing page will be the Member Profile Page
- Click the "Lodge D17 List" link, which is to the left of the name and address.
- Click 'Edit' at the beginning of top of the list of D17s, for Period End 12/31/2020
- Enter the totals in the appropriate fields.
- Click 'Continue' button at the bottom of the form
- If finished and ready to approve the D17, click 'approve' near the end of the line.
- Type your member number in the appropriate field at the bottom of the page.
- Click 'Submit My Approval'
- Enter your Lodge President's email address (it may already be filled in) to send it for his/her signature.
- Click "Send Notice"
- Click "Return to my Member Profile Page"

A PDF version of the D17 form can be downloaded from the Lodge Forms section via Membership Services/Lodge Leadership Resources/Administrative Resources. Completed paper forms should be mailed to Sons of Norway, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Due date is 03/15/2021.

IRS Form 990 (this includes the 990, the 990EZ and the 990N): required to be filed by May 15,

2021

The IRS requires all Sons of Norway lodges to file a 990 form:

- For lodges with less than \$50,000 in gross receipts a 990-N (e-Postcard) must be filed electronically via the IRS.gov website. More information and the link to the “Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard)” can be [found online](#).
- For lodges with gross receipts in excess of \$50,000 a form 990EZ or form 990 must be filed.

Directions for filing the 990s can be accessed on the IRS website, or the lodge may choose to utilize the services of a tax preparer to complete and file the forms.

Once your 990 filing is complete (of the form itself or for an extension), please notify Sons of Norway Headquarters by sending an email to taxinfo@sofn.com or by calling Sherry Gorse at 612-821-4643.

It is imperative that you file this important tax form by May 15. Failure to file could result in an automatic loss of tax-exempt status for your lodge.

Sons of Norway takes this compliance very seriously. We have learned that it can be a very costly and time-consuming experience for a lodge to lose its tax-exempt status, and non-compliance of these reports could jeopardize the tax exempt status of the entire organization

The Local Lodge Property Financial Statement (Form D18) : March 15th

Lodges with a Property Association must also file a D18 form. It can be accessed on www.sofn.com and is very similar to the D17 form. Please contact Sherry Gorse at fraternal@sofn.com or 612-8214643 with any questions.

Important Note:

The Board of Directors has implemented procedures to encourage 100% compliance in the filling of the D17s, 990s and D18s, including withholding local and district dues, and the revocation of a lodge's charter.

Thank you for your attention to this important yearly procedure.

CC: Local Lodge Presidents and District Presidents

David Crabb, Fraternal Engagement Manager
Sons of Norway

Update from Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 10, 2021

Community invited to Stoughton Norwegian Dancers Norse Afternoon of Fun

STOUGHTON, Wisconsin — The internationally known Stoughton Norwegian Dancers will present their annual “Norse Afternoon of Fun” performance on **Sun., Feb. 14th, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.**, shown virtually on the Norwegian Dancer Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/NorwegianDancers

This annual community event is the Norwegian Dancers’ answer to “cabin fever”. The combination of colorful Norwegian costumes (bunads), rousing music and exuberant ethnic folk dancing produces the necessary elements to relieve the “winter blues”.

The event this year will have school district members speaking, Syttende Mai royalty appearances, Dancing by the Dancers and plenty of Scandinavian music and humor!

RAFFLE: To purchase raffle tickets for 25 amazing prizes, please visit

<https://go.rallyup.com/norse2021>

For more information about the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers, please visit:

<https://stoughtonnorwegiandancers.com>.

Contacts: Staci Heimsoth, Director, 608-513-2152, heimstaci@gmail.com

Deadlines and Dates!

Changes in red! I hope to have the new calendar from International by next week!

Nordic News Weekly Program- Every Tuesday night

Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday.

By computer: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>

By phone: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557)

By iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone: download the GoToMeeting app from the Apple or Google Play Store. Launch the app and enter the meeting code: SofN-D5

January 23, 2021

- **Zone Meeting via ZOOM**

January 30, 2021

- Rosemaling demonstration 1-3 PM Central

February 4, 11 and 18, 2021

- Jimmy Miller's Woodcarving class

February 15, 2021 (based on 2020's calendar as the new calendar isn't out yet!)

- 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 25-27, 2021

- Barnebirkie and Birkie Ski Races Hayward, WI. Cookies will not be needed this year from the lodges.

April 16-17, 2021

- District 5 Board Meeting- Nashville, TN
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DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19, 2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN.

Viking Chest Rotation

The Viking Chest has not traveled since the health emergency began, and the new schedule cannot be announced until it is safe to hold in-person meetings. Therefore, the rotation schedule is suspended until further notice.

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 Wednesday night. 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@sonsofnorway5.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.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com