

Friendly Fifth Friday News January 18, 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

If you didn't get the January 11 issue- download it from the website!

I had some email issues when I sent it out (late) yesterday so I'm not sure it went to all the email addresses. Richard Fairchild posts them on the District 5 website so check it out as it has information on the death of Nicholas Baldukas, Sarah Paulsen scholarships, Barnebirkie info, and info for lodges who have sold their buildings!

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

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/

More updates on Barnebirkie from Cheryl Schlessner

Joe and Eileen Timmerman, the crew chiefs for the Barnebirkie (ski race for children in Hayward, WI), are thinking of new approaches to making the "Barne" a bit more festive for the children. With that said, their idea is to try to encourage costumed individuals who are willing to meet young skiers and their families near the start area 30-45 minutes prior to the race. Once the race begins, the costumed characters will walk with the Bitty Barne kids (smallest children) to the finish.

They have commitments from volunteers who will dress as Mr. & Mrs. Claus and The Easter Bunny, a bobcat, and a lumberjack. They are hoping that Smokey the Bear and other mascots will join in the

fun! The official mascots of the American Birkebeiner (Inga and the warriors who carried Prince Haakon to safety hundreds of years ago) have been asked to join us at the start.

I would like to ask members of the 5th District to help, as well! Do you have access to a Viking costume or one from Norse mythology such as Thor, Loki, Freya? Characters from the movie, *Frozen*: Olaf, Anna, Elsa, Sven the reindeer, Hans, or Kristoff would also be welcomed by the children. Could you loan the Timmermans such a costume or another for the Barnebirkie? The Timmermans will find a person to wear it. I am working to secure the troll costume from my local Chamber's office.

I have suggested to the Timmermans that they contact the University of Wisconsin to determine the cost of using Bucky Badger's services for the event. There may be other mascots available for use, too, and I ask that you communicate the names of such mascots and their contact information to Eileen or Joe directly. Perhaps you belong to another group that has costumes and/or people who would be willing to assist in this venture (clowns, cows, lumberjacks, patriotic)

Joe and Eileen (Bean) will be using the registration records for this year's Birkebeiner to determine whether there are any international skiers who could help at the Barne start. This will be determined by their arrival in Hayward.

Better yet, if you would like to assist us with the Barnebirkie, we would welcome you with open arms! Lodging is currently available, but do not delay in securing it. This cost is not covered by the 5th District. The Barnebirkie is scheduled for Thursday, February 21st, beginning at 11:30 AM. The NEW start location this year is behind Hayward Primary and Intermediate Schools. This race is a noncompetitive race for children. The goal is to promote the Nordic lifestyle and welcome young skiers to the sport of cross country skiing. Parking is available on the streets nearby and possibly in the former Armory site parking lot. Plan ahead to secure your parking location. Hundreds of young skiers usually participate!

Please contact me if you can be of further service to the District. I will be leaving for Hayward on Wednesday, February 20th or sooner if inclement weather is forecast. The 5th District provides a wonderful lunch to all of our volunteers prepared by the women of Norse Valley and Idun Lodges following the Barnebirkie.

An organizational dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, February 20th beginning with dinner at 6:00 PM, at the Steakhouse and Lodge, 15860 T Bone Lane, Hayward, WI 54843. Credentials and identification badges will be distributed. Hopefully, the Timmermans will join us to share updates relevant to working this event.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SERVICE. Go to: <https://www.birkie.com/volunteer/> or try: American BirkebeinerFoundation.volunteerlocal.com **The password to sign-up for helping at the Barnebirkie is "barnestart19" on the Birkie link for those working. Anyone who dresses in costume will not have to register, it will just be a matter of showing up.**

Please direct additional questions to me. If I do not know the answer, I will be in contact with the crew chiefs to get the answer you seek. In addition, please note that there is also a volunteer appreciation dinner held on Sunday afternoon, following the race.

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It's time to celebrate! Thank you for your outstanding efforts and warm welcome to new members of our Sons of Norway family in 2018.

5-074	Idun	Madison, WI	11	12	Nov
5-314	Mandt	Stoughton, WI	18	29	October
5-378	Nordkap	Detroit, MI	10	15	July
5-491	Norse Valley	Appleton, WI	7	7	December
5-496	Rib Fjell	Wausau, WI	4	7	August
5-513	Vennelag	Mount Horeb, WI	17	19	December
5-568	Christian Radich	Suttons Bay, MI	4	5	Nov
5-610	Askeladden	Kalamazoo, MI	7	7	December
5-614	Circle City	Carmel, IN	11	11	December
5-616	Fagernes	Blair, WI	6	8	Nov
5-632	Grønnvik	Green Bay, WI	6	6	October
5-657	Edvard Grieg	Cincinnati, OH	8	15	August

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LODGES MEETING 2018 RECRUITMENT GOAL

Lodge No.	Name	Location	Goal	YTD Actual	Mth Goal Met
5-662	Arctic Circle	Cleveland/ Akron/ Canton, OH	4	4	Nov
5-670	Ulseth	Calumet, MI	4	4	October
5-677	Vikings of the Smokies	Knoxville, TN	6	6	Nov
5-681	Music City Vikings	Nashville, TN	4	6	December

I'm excited to announce that by working together we have met the goal of recruiting 3,300 new members set by our International Board for 2018. Thanks to your efforts, we welcomed 3,742 new members in 2018. ***That puts us 13% OVER the goal.*** Congratulations to the **92 lodges** that met their recruitment goal. These lodges will receive their prize packages in a few weeks. The 2018 lodge prize package includes:

- **\$100 cash card** – Sponsored by our Financial Services department. Your lodge can buy what it likes with this cash card.
- **First access to a fun new cultural program** – You'll receive 3 Sons of Norway **Mystery Night** plays and promotional materials on a thumb drive. (Cleverly written just for Sons of Norway by Ted Birkedal, a member of Bernt Balchen Lodge in Anchorage, Alaska).

These humorous plays can be used in many ways to entertain your lodge and your community.

- **2018 Founders Award Certificate** – To recognize your lodge’s achievement in meeting the recruitment goal. Plus achievement certificates to recognize individual recruiting members of the lodge.

We will be sending the remaining lodges achievement certificates for their recruiting members in the coming weeks, so these lodges may also recognize recruiting members.

As part of the celebration, I invite you to share your lodge’s success by posting your celebration photos on social media, using the hashtag: [#Growingto2020](#) in your photo description. By including the hashtag in your post, we can identify and share your photos on the official Sons of Norway Facebook page and our other social media sites.

Thank you!



Linda Pederson
Fraternal Director and Sons of Norway Member

P.S. Stand by for our 2019 Recruitment Campaign announcement coming in February. I believe working together in the coming year and [#Growingto2020](#) means we can look forward to a truly awesome 125th anniversary celebration!

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.