

Sons of Norway – District Lodge 5 – “The Friendly Fifth”
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Delegate Election Information!!

January 21, 2020

Dear District 5 Lodge Presidents and Secretaries:

Idun Lodge 5-074, Madison, is hosting the convention June 24-28, 2020 at the Madison West Radisson hotel which is conveniently located on the west side of Madison within walking distance of restaurants, shopping, and public transportation. Hotel reservation information is posted on the website. Rooms, either double queen or king, are \$109 plus taxes and include a complimentary hot, buffet breakfast, parking, free shuttle service, and access to an indoor pool and fitness center. Suites are available at \$119. Rooms at that price are available starting June 24 through June 26.

Delegate Registration cost for the 2020 Convention is \$100 and includes two lunches, all coffee breaks, and materials. All other meal options, including the Saturday evening banquet, are priced separately. The non-delegate registration is \$25 and includes coffee breaks. Delegates and non-delegates can select additional meals and special events on the registration form for additional costs.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the Convention with discounted rates. Call 608-833-0100 and ask for Sons of Norway rate. Make hotel room reservations directly with the Radisson Hotel. Call 608-833-0100

Three styles of rooms are available within the guest room block.

Standard 2 Queens: Rooms with two queen beds at a Group Room Rate of \$109.00 per night plus applicable taxes.

Standard 1 King: Rooms with one king bed at a Group Room Rate of \$109.00 per night plus applicable taxes.

A limited number of **suites** are available at \$119.00 per night plus applicable taxes.

Amenities include complimentary full breakfast buffet, complimentary parking, complimentary airport shuttle, complimentary Wi-Fi Services. Indoor heated pool and fitness center.

The Radisson is located within walking distance of West Towne Mall and many restaurants.

The Sons of Norway District 5 By-Laws, Article 111, Paragraph 2 states: *Every local lodge in the District shall be entitled to two representatives for the lodge, and one representative for every 100 members or major fraction thereof, based on the last Semi-Annual Report prior to the election of delegates. All members in good standing are eligible representatives.*

Delegates should be elected using the formula above based on December 31, 2019 membership figures. You should also elect a corresponding number of alternates, on a priority basis, that will serve should any of your delegates be unable to attend. These elections must take place in the months of January and February 2020. Each lodge president and secretary is receiving a Report of Election

included with this letter, which is to be completed and returned to the District Secretary immediately following the election. (Sons of Norway Constitution reads: "The Secretary of the Local Lodge shall prepare a report of election giving names and addresses of the duly elected Delegates and Alternates. This report shall be signed by the Local Lodge President and Local Lodge Secretary and forwarded to the District Secretary no later than five days after the election.") Please be sure the names are written plainly and spelled correctly! I am asking that you include their membership number, address, city, state, zip, phone and email address on the form and return it to me postmarked no later than March 5, 2020. Please send it to me at: Darlene Arneson, 2056 Skaalen Rd, Stoughton, WI 53589 or email a scanned copy to arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

Keep in mind as you elect delegates that they are the only ones that can be candidates for the District Board, alternates to the Board, International delegates, alternates to the International Delegates, and International Board member or alternate. You do NOT have to be a benefit member to be a delegate to the District Lodge Meeting, but in order to run for any of these positions just mentioned, the delegate must be a benefit member or buy product at the convention. A new District Board/Officer Application was approved and is available on the website for those interested in serving on the Board or as an alternate. **Our District Nominating Committee** is Chr Robin Fossum, Tom Boudrau and Louise Giles.

Your lodge may wish to propose resolutions or by-law changes to be considered at the District or International Conventions. These resolutions, along with any proposed changes to the District 5 By-Laws or International Constitution, must be submitted to the District Secretary no later than April 1, 2020. **Please note that we are using the new template approved and recommended by the International Board.**

If your lodge is interested in hosting the 2020 District Lodge Meeting, you are asked to send a written notice of your intention to the District Secretary prior to April 1, 2020. Should your lodge wish to present a bid, we ask that you make arrangements for a "walk through" of the facilities by a District 5 Board Member. This should be done prior to the June convention in order to identify proposal merits as well as needed additions or changes.

We will use email and the website as much as we can to post documents and keep everyone updated. Hard copies will be sent of the Reports Book. **Your 2018 delegates have received a copy of the approved 2018 District Lodge Meeting minutes.** Once I get the Delegate Election Forms back, then I give the lists to the Convention Committee and they will send out information to the delegates about registration and other convention news. I also give a list to President Johnsen who will appoint convention committees. Members who serve on committees will be notified and given the specifics of their tasks.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance. You should be electing the number of people listed in the highlighted column that is titled "2020 Total Del. and Alt." For example, Mandt Lodge has a number 4 in that column so we need to elect 4 delegates and 4 alternates. Thank you for your prompt attention to this convention call! My home email is arnesonfamily5@gmail.com and cell number is 608-514-4951 if you need to contact me!

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Darlene Arneson, District Secretary