

Friendly Fifth Friday News July 31, 2020

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Hello D5 Lodges –

This two part early reminder has two parts.

First - It's mid-summer with the usual weather activities – with a COVID 19 twist. I hope you are reaching out (arm's length) letting your lodge and community know you are still there. I look forward to more photos of activities complete with people in the photo. Please be sure to use a quality camera so we can use the photos in the Viking Magazine. If you have an question on guidelines check out the photo guidelines on the International website.

Second - A reminder that you only have a few more days to get your vote in for the photo contest being conducted by the district. There are some great shots in there, so if you are interested, check out the links and instructions below.

Over 50 D5 members have voted so far for their favorite photos from the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest.

Comments include: -

This was such fun... It was so hard to choose ONLY ten! (Karen Oswald) -

I can't wait to play bridge with the Norwegian photo cards! (Barb Johnson) -

The photos make me want to go back! (Linda Hash) -

I feel like I took a tour of Scandinavia! (Carmen R. Collins) -

Wonderful project during the pandemic (Jean Sieverson)

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Please vote ONLY once. Voting link: <https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/NDjdP>

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Tusen Takk for joining us for our first ever Virtual Masse Moro sessions on July 18 and 26, 2020.

It was not the same experience of actually being at camp, but it was a wonderful time to see and greet one another.

I personally would like to thank our directors, staff, and presenters for their participation. A huge thank you to our District 5 Board Member, Mike Palecek, for facilitating and providing our tech support. We again sincerely thank the Sons of Norway District 5 Board for supporting and approving the financing of this endeavor.

If you were not able to attend or you would like to look at these sessions again, I have included the links to both sessions below.

The first Virtual Masse Moro session – 7/18/2020 is at: <https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/7eccc0dd8f1eca8607a63d5c9faa93f1406f13a7951fa96c050e4cd439cc6f1f>

Virtual Masse Moro second session - 7/26/2020: <https://www.screencast.com/t/AaxWzjNms>

As I mentioned, this was our first time attempt in this type of presentation, so I sincerely apologize for any problems that you might have encountered.

Please feel free to let me know what you thought of the our Virtual Masse Moro.

In addition, if you would be interested in having another session in January or February please send me an email of your thoughts and ideas.

We sincerely hope that the pandemic will be gone, so that we will be able to meet next July at camp, so that “Lots of Fun” can again be experienced at Masse Moro.

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2020 Virtual Masse Moro



Due to Covid 19, our campers and staff participated in the first ever Virtual Masse Moro on July 18 & 26.

Mange takk to our Masse Moro staff for providing us with the following presentations: cookie baking, Norske quiz game, music, rune, wood carving, rosemåling, making Norske hearts, and special readings from Dag (one of Masse Moro’s founders) and breakout sessions with our campers.

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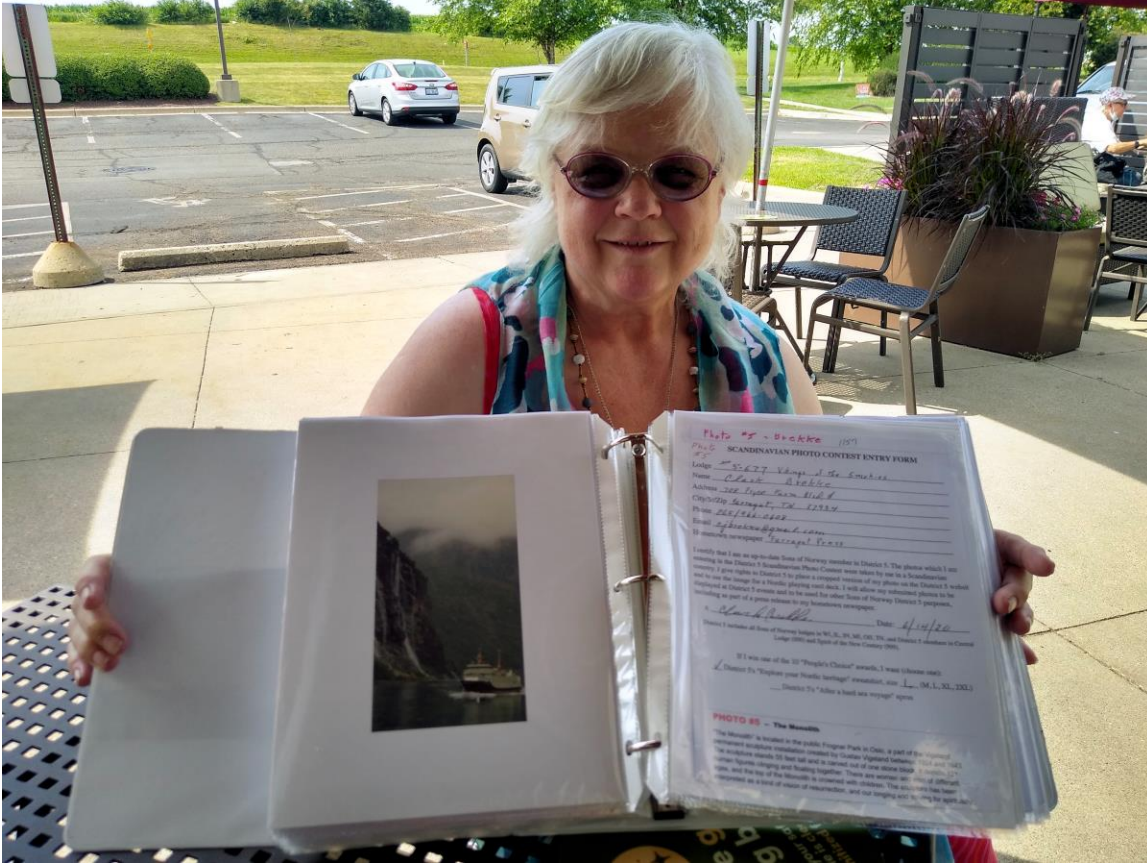
We are looking forward to actually being together in 2021 at camp so that “Lots of Fun” can again be experienced at Masse Moro in person. To register for camp for 2021, please go to our websites at: <https://www.massemoro.org/> and <http://www.sonsofnorway5.com> and join us on Facebook—Masse Moro.

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Tusen Takk Christina!

TUSEN TAKK to Christina Fairchild, who spent 147 hours in making the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest a success. Christina processed all the entries, resized many photos into the correct format, posted each entry on the D5 website, and created an organizational spreadsheet to help in judging. Here, Christina is shown on July 25, handing off the entry form binder, so it can be used to contact contest winners. Christina is secretary of Valhall lodge in Rockford IL.



Nordic News this week...

A screenshot of a video presentation. In the top left corner, there is a small video feed of a woman named Samira. The main part of the screen shows a black and white photograph of a Viking longship with a large, striped sail on the water. To the right of the photo, the text reads "Her name is Viking". At the bottom right, it says "Presented by the Friends of the Viking Ship".

Last week's "Nordic News" featured Samantha Simera Bamberger in, "[The Viking Ship sailed to the 1893 Columbian Exhibition.](#)" Simera is a member of Friends of the Viking Ship in Geneva IL and serves as a museum docent.

In this presentation, she told us that this ship was a replica of the Gokstad ship which is in the Oslo Viking Ship museum and how it is constructed to withstand Atlantic Ocean waves. It can float in less than four feet of water, making it able to travel on rivers into the interior of countries. The design allowed Vikings to penetrate inland for attacks. She traced the boat's sailing journey to America, to the site of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and to its current resting place in Good Templar Park in Geneva IL.

To learn more, you can read a diary of one of crew members who sailed the ship to America. The book can be ordered here: <https://a2.vikingship.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/book-order-form.pdf>

Upcoming "Nordic News"

Aug. 4 – People's Choice Awards: D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest

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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

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You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at:

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

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D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest

Nordic News will feature an "Academy Awards" event on Tuesday, August 4, to announce the People's Choice award winners for the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest. This weekend, after the voting closes, we will call the 10 photo and 1 troll winner and ask them to do a 90-second talk about their winning photo for the show.

A complete list of photos selected for the card deck will be in next week's FFFN.

Over 80 D5 members have voted so far for their favorite photos from the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest. Comments include:

- I like this project because it connected all the lodges in the district and gave us something to do. (Kathleen Serley)
- Great pictures...can't wait to see the winning photos on the playing cards! (Bill Hendrickson)
- This was a beautiful assortment of memorable photos from Norway! Enjoyed reviewing the entries! (Deborah Sandvik)
- This was a wonderful idea to do together (Evelyn McDaniel)

- Wonderful project during the pandemic (Jean Sieverson)
- Wonderful Idea! Hope Norwegian words are spelled correctly if they appear on the cards! (Jim Nelson) - <Note, thanks Jim, we are working on this for the cards going into the deck>

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Voting link: <https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/NDjdPf>



This is an example of what the playing cards will look like. The cost will be \$10 per deck, plus postage.

MEMBERSHIP FACTS AND FIGURES

District 5 Membership Numbers through June 2020 from Doris Kamstra at Sons of Norway in Minneapolis

Local lodge leaders, please find the status of your lodge on the listing that follows. Although many of our events which attract new members have been squelched this year, please know that your acquaintances, friends, and relatives serve as first lines to membership recruitment!

If your family has realized a new birth, this child will automatically be enrolled in the Sons of Norway when a family member purchases a Sons of Norway product. The *Viking Voyager* policy and a selection of a whole life policies are available at varying levels of investment.

Most zones have a financial benefits counselor who can assist members in selecting the product that is appropriate. Some state exceptions apply. You can learn who your financial benefits counselor is by contacting the Sons of Norway at 1-800-945-8851. Some agents work on a contracted basis.

One of President Johnsen's membership goals for 2020-2022 is to maintain our membership rolls. Secondly, all lodges have a recruitment goal that has been set by the International Board which we aspire to achieve.

We can keep member energy high by engaging them in virtual activities of interest. Do not underestimate the skills of your veteran members; many of them are tech savvy!

Making your members feel valuable can be accomplished in many ways, but I would like to remind lodge leaders that membership pins and certificates are available through the headquarters office. The pins begin with the fifth year of membership and are available in increments of 5 years up to 75 years of membership. The cost is \$3.00 per pin. Mary Henkels in the Supply Department: 612-821-4645 will assist you. Certificates honoring more veteran members are available from Sherry Gorse, beginning with 25 years of membership: 612-821-4643.

Another resource for lodges is the Zone Director that has been assigned to your lodge. These individuals have been seated on the District 5 Board to provide help to all lodges. Many of them have served in local lodge leadership positions. They are willing to help, simply contact your representative. Brainstorming solutions to the issues a lodge is facing will hopefully yield results and can provide your leadership team with ideas.

Each week on the District 5 Facebook page, a suggestion is provided for membership recruitment. The ideas are practical and easily implemented. If you do not have a Facebook account, one is able to accomplish that quickly. Go to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and follow the set-up prompts. District 5's page is named, *Sons of Norway District 5*.

Individuals apply for access to the page. A screener is in place to monitor those who visit our page and to protect our members' posts. Please share what has worked well for your lodge. We all grow by sharing ideas.

It may also be interesting for you to search for individual lodges in your area who have Facebook pages. Lodges post events and articles of interest. The posts may include ways to celebrate the Nordic lifestyle or display beautiful photos of the country of Norway. I encourage you to search what District 5 has to offer!

Jun-20 Membership by Lodge

Dist	Ldg	Zone	12/31/2019			6/30/2020			Change in Membership			
			Adults	Juveniles	Adults & Juv	Adults	Juveniles	Adults & Juv	Adults		Adults & Juv	
			Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%		
5	0	0	718	58	776	946	61	1,007	228	31.8%	231	29.8%
5	999	0	82	0	82	91	0	91	9	11.0%	9	11.0%
		sub-total	800	58	858	1,037	61	1,098	237	29.6%	240	28.0%
5	29	1	80	9	89	83	9	92	3	3.8%	3	3.4%
5	53	1	54	3	57	52	3	55	-2	-3.7%	-2	-3.5%
5	220	1	26	6	32	26	6	32	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
5	353	1	80	13	93	73	13	86	-7	-8.8%	-7	-7.5%
5	625	1	26	1	27	24	1	25	-2	-7.7%	-2	-7.4%
5	670	1	19	0	19	19	0	19	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
		sub-total	285	32	317	277	32	309	-8	-2.8%	-8	-2.5%
5	28	2	242	19	261	240	18	258	-2	-0.8%	-3	-1.1%
5	286	2	19	0	19	18	0	18	-1	-5.3%	-1	-5.3%
5	457	2	109	3	112	101	3	104	-8	-7.3%	-8	-7.1%
5	496	2	46	1	47	42	1	43	-4	-8.7%	-4	-8.5%
5	534	2	40	6	46	39	6	45	-1	-2.5%	-1	-2.2%
5	556	2	39	2	41	41	2	43	2	5.1%	2	4.9%
5	580	2	35	0	35	33	0	33	-2	-5.7%	-2	-5.7%
5	609	2	24	9	33	27	8	35	3	12.5%	2	6.1%
5	616	2	47	1	48	44	1	45	-3	-6.4%	-3	-6.3%
5	627	2	63	0	63	63	0	63	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
		sub-total	664	41	705	648	39	687	-16	-2.4%	-18	-2.6%
5	74	3	106	6	112	110	6	116	4	3.8%	4	3.6%
5	314	3	212	2	214	214	2	216	2	0.9%	2	0.9%
5	513	3	166	16	182	167	16	183	1	0.6%	1	0.5%
5	544	3	45	3	48	44	3	47	-1	-2.2%	-1	-2.1%
5	570	3	41	6	47	39	6	45	-2	-4.9%	-2	-4.3%
5	642	3	41	1	42	36	1	37	-5	-12.2%	-5	-11.9%
5	650	3	37	10	47	41	9	50	4	10.8%	3	6.4%
		sub-total	648	44	692	651	43	694	3	0.5%	2	0.3%
5	82	4	194	10	204	190	9	199	-4	-2.1%	-5	-2.5%
5	183	4	105	12	117	102	12	114	-3	-2.9%	-3	-2.6%
5	491	4	62	7	69	63	7	70	1	1.6%	1	1.4%
5	549	4	64	5	69	60	5	65	-4	-6.3%	-4	-5.8%
5	632	4	65	3	68	66	3	69	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
		sub-total	490	37	527	481	36	517	-9	-1.8%	-10	-1.9%
5	100	5	145	15	160	141	15	156	-4	-2.8%	-4	-2.5%
5	168	5	72	6	78	71	5	76	-1	-1.4%	-2	-2.6%
5	417	5	14	0	14	14	0	14	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
5	472	5	65	3	68	68	3	71	3	4.6%	3	4.4%
5	525	5	76	6	82	69	6	75	-7	-9.2%	-7	-8.5%
5	593	5	39	0	39	36	0	36	-3	-7.7%	-3	-7.7%
5	689	5	48	0	48	47	0	47	-1	-2.1%	-1	-2.1%
		sub-total	459	30	489	446	29	475	-13	-2.8%	-14	-2.9%

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5	490	6	21	1	22	22	1	23	1	4.8%	1	4.5%
5	523	6	53	2	55	51	1	52	-2	-3.8%	-3	-5.5%
5	568	6	33	0	33	30	0	30	-3	-9.1%	-3	-9.1%
5	600	6	58	0	58	57	0	57	-1	-1.7%	-1	-1.7%
5	610	6	69	3	72	76	3	79	7	10.1%	7	9.7%
5	614	6	109	2	111	106	2	108	-3	-2.8%	-3	-2.7%
5	657	6	89	0	89	83	0	83	-6	-6.7%	-6	-6.7%
5	662	6	37	0	37	41	0	41	4	10.8%	4	10.8%
5	677	6	58	0	58	59	0	59	1	1.7%	1	1.7%
5	681	6	55	0	55	61	0	61	6	10.9%	6	10.9%
	sub-total		743	8	751	757	7	764	14	1.9%	13	1.7%
Total District 5			4,089	250	4,339	4,297	247	4,544	208	5.1%	205	4.7%

Please contact me if I can provide further service to your lodge.

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District 5

2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

Changes in red!

July 31, 2020

- Deadline to vote on the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest

August 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

September 1, 2020

- Responses due to the Zone Alignment Committee

September 2020

- Lodge liability premium sent to all lodge treasurers. This package includes information regarding the coverage, a certificate of insurance for the lodge and an invoice for the lodge's share of the premium.
- September 10 – Foundation Board of Governors applications due. If you are someone who loves nonprofits, governance and your Nordic values, running for a Foundation board position may be a perfect fit!

September 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

October 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 form and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- The Sons of Norway Foundation portal is available for lodges and individuals to apply for grants and scholarships.
- Lodge Achievement, Family Lodge of the Year and AFA Year-end report forms and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- Lodge Barneløpet Coordinators are encouraged to contact Sons of Norway Headquarters to discuss plans for anticipated events.

October is Foundation Month

- Help support our grant and scholarship recipients and share your Nordic values by celebrating Foundation month! Please consider a donation directly to the Foundation or plan a fundraising event through your lodge.
- October 1 Grant applications open – Our lodge grants award amounts go up to \$500-\$1,500 depending on a lodge's project.
- October 1 Scholarship applications open – Scholarship opportunities start at \$1,000 with an average scholarship of \$3,000.

October 9-11, 2020

- [District 5 Board Meeting in Illinois](#)

October 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

October 15, 2020

- Lodge liability premium is due to Sons of Norway Headquarters.

November 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

December 2020

- D17 and D18 forms, instructions and timeline sent to lodge treasurers.

December 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the ‘Viking’ Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

December 15, 2020

- District 5 Sports Challenge ends

December 16, 2020

- Application deadline for:
 - Community Partnership Grant applications are due to Sons of Norway Foundation.
- Date that new member applications (paper forms) must be **received** at HQ to ensure processing in time for end-of-year delegate calculation and recruitment challenge recognition. (Online applications may be submitted through December 31.)

December 31, 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 information is due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Last day to enter new membership applications into the database for delegate calculations and 2019 recruitment challenge recognition. (**Paper applications should be received at headquarters by December 15** to ensure adequate time for processing.)
- Application deadline for:
 - - Lodge Helping Hands to Children Grant*
 - Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant*
 - Lodge Vitality Grant*
- Deadline to order Baneløpet supplies.

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting in 2022 in Madison, Wisconsin. Hotel to be determined.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022. The location has not been announced.

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 2019-April 2020	5
April 2020-October 2020	2
October 2020-April 2021	4
April 2021-October 2021	6
October 2021 – April 2022	1
April 2022 – October 2022	3

Zone Meeting Schedule 2020

Zone	Date	Hosted by	Location
1	Thursday, Feb 20 at 1:15	Zone 1 Directors	Veterans Community Center, Hayward during the volunteer reception after Barnebirkie
2			
3	Sat. January 25	Mandt Lodge	Stoughton, WI
4			
5			
6			

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.
- The District 5 Convention will be June 25-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 19-23, 2020 in Ringsaker Norway

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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@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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