

# Friendly Fifth Friday News

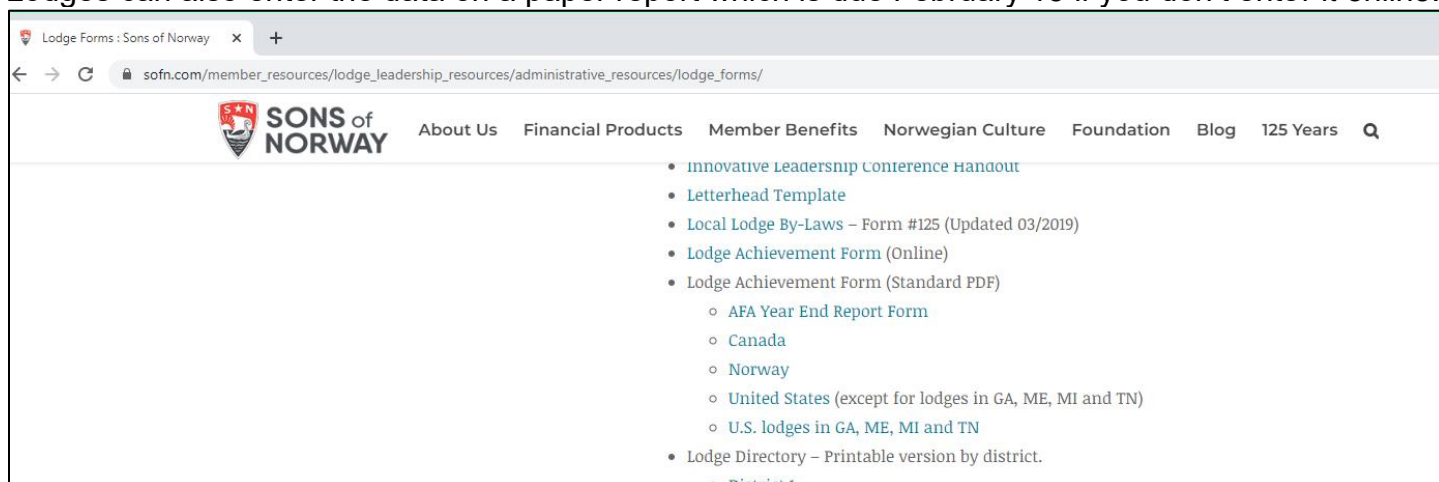
## June 26, 2020

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at [inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com)

### From District Secretary Darlene Arneson

Realizing that many lodge activities have had to be cancelled in 2020, we still have activities that members and lodges are doing virtually or independently that can be entered into your volunteer and community service hours on FraternalGives. This is the online website that a lodge officer enters volunteer hours and other information on. Initially when Sons of Norway began using this website, the introduction information and log in info went to lodge secretaries. If you aren't sure who your reporting officer is for your lodge, you can check with your lodge officers (or predecessor). Sherry Gorse is also the primary contact at the SN office so you can check with her.

Lodges can also enter the data on a paper report which is due February 15 if you don't enter it online.

A screenshot of the 'American Fraternal Alliance Year End Report' form. The form is titled 'American Fraternal Alliance Year End Report' and includes the Sons of Norway logo. It contains fields for 'Lodge name and number:' and 'City: State:'. Below these fields, there are instructions and a list of items to be reported. The form is divided into sections: '1. Events', '2. Member Hours', and '3. Submit'. The '2. Member Hours' section includes a table for reporting 2019 lodge activities. The table has three columns: '2019 Lodge Activities', '# of Events', and 'Total Member Hours (Event & Individual)'. The first row of the table is for 'Community Service - Activities on behalf of Sons of Norway that assist needy or improve community (visits to nursing homes, etc.)'. The form also includes contact information for the Sons of Norway Headquarters and a footer with the website URL 'www.sonsofnorway.com'.

I did a training video and posted it on YouTube on how to enter information and answering some basic questions that might be helpful. <https://youtu.be/NbisO2E95BM>

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### Edit Activity

**Activity Info** **Activity Name:**

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**Activity Description:**

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**Start Date:**

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**Activity Metrics**

**Number of Member Attendees:**

**Number of Non Member Attendees:**

**Monetary Donation, if Any:**

**Expenses Related to Activity:**

**Revenue (Reg Fees, etc., Not Donations):**

**Other Funds Raised:**

**Funds Matched By Home Office:**

**In Kind Donation Value:**

**Total Volunteer Hours (sum of all volunteer's hours):**

## Zone Alignment Committee Update to the District

Committee: Darlene Arneson (chr), Karen Broadhead, Judy Ghastin, Sandy Olson and Kathy Secora

The Zone Alignment committee has met several times the past month to discuss possible ways to propose changes to our zones. We began this process in February by sending out a survey to all District 5 lodge officers via the FFFN. We used the results in our discussion preparing for the District 5 Board Meeting and during the meeting. The discussion during the meeting was to proceed with developing some options, getting feedback, and then move forward with some concrete ways to more evenly divide our District.

We did another survey in May and received more feedback. We used that feedback along with the discussion in March and April and came up with six proposals that we discussed this past week. We eliminated three of the options and have three for you to review.

One of the three options keep the number of zones at six. Two options increase the number of zones to seven. That leads to an expense to the District of two additional board members for two board meetings, convention expenses, and other expenses zone directors incur. We have asked District Treasurer Mike Palecek for a financial impact for adding the two additional directors.

We asked the District Board to join our committee this week to discuss this process, the three options, and to give our committee a recommendation as we then reach out to members for their feedback, input and further suggestions.

We also have explored how to proceed and based on the recent referendum passed by the 2018 International Lodge to allow Districts conduct business via electronic communications, that we can make these changes without reconvening the delegate body in-person.

Any change would be written to take effect at the District Lodge Meeting in June 2022 – on that Saturday when the delegates go to caucus. They would be going to the new zones as they elect board members, alternates and delegates/alternates to the International Lodge meeting.

**Our proposed timeline to discuss on Wednesday:**

1. June 24- discussion with board on proposals, gain input and process
2. End of June- committee meets to determine method and content of what we send out to members via FFFN, email, and asking zone directors to discuss with lodges
3. July-early September- get feedback from lodge members, officers, and board
4. September- Committee meets to finalize a proposal for a district bylaw change
5. October Board Meeting- Board reviews the proposal and moves a motion to send it to the 2018 delegates (District Lodge) for action
6. November 1- send the proposed bylaw change to the delegates to vote
7. By December 31, 2020 complete the voting process on the bylaw change

We want to complete this process by early 2021 as the new nominating committee has to be elected at the spring board meeting of the year preceding the convention. That is April 2021. The committee needs to know what the district and zones looks like to start their work. We had our committee and board call this past Wednesday so will be working on the materials that will be sent out for discussion!

Darlene Arneson, Chr.

**To our Sons of Norway Lodges from Youth Director Sandra Olson:**

Please promote to your members our **2020 Virtual Masse Moro** to be held on **July 18 and July 26 via a teleconference from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge for this event!**

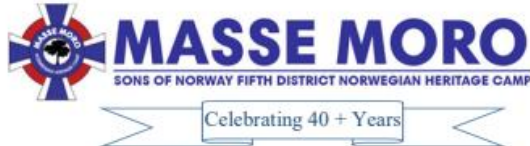
Due to the pandemic, we unfortunately had to cancel our Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp this year. We realize that our Virtual Masse Moro will not compare with the adventures that are experienced at camp, but we would like to give past and future campers “a taste of Masse Moro”.

New and returning campers and staff are welcomed to join us during our 2020 Virtual Masse Moro. The campers and staff will be able to touch base and engage in conversation with each other.

James, our very talented wood carver, is working on a presentation of his wood carving techniques and demonstrate some of the “tricks of the trade”. He might even share with us when and how he became interested in this lost art of Nordic wood carving. James, said that he would like to get some input from you as to what project you would like to carve at camp in 2021.

Our goal for our Virtual Masse Moro is to provide an on-line Nordic adventure and an opportunity to interact with one another. As one of our counselors stated “there is a dimension to camp that cannot be replicated online . . . “; this is so true; we are so looking forward to getting together again for an awesome 2021. But for now, our goal is to keep the meaning of Masse Moro alive by **“Having Fun”!** I hope you consider having fun with us. Thanks to Sons of Norway District 5 for supporting this effort.

There is a flyer for you on the next page to distribute to your members.



# Virtual Masse Moro

Join us July 18th and July 26

From 3—5 p.m.

Celebrate your Nordic Heritage—all are Welcome!

Meet new campers and greet fellow campers and staff !

Enjoy a “taste of Masse Moro 2020”

For details go to:

<http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/> or <https://www.massemoro.org/>



Wood Carving  
Demo

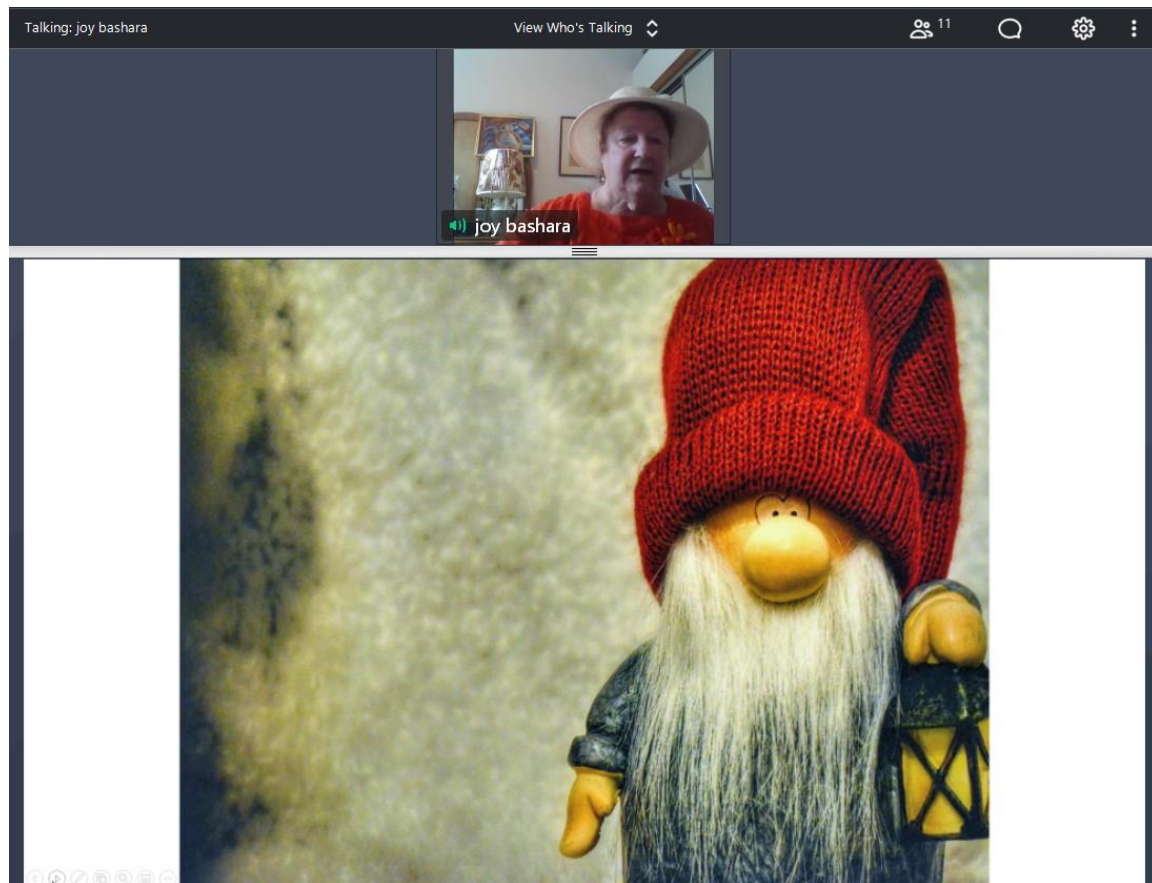
Songs



Rosemåling  
Demo

Norske

## Nordic News this week...



Last week's "Nordic News" featured Joy Bashara in, "Nordic Tales to Tell: The Art of Storytelling." Joy is a member of Grønnavik lodge in Green Bay WI. Joy is a former D5 board member. She gave a talk on storytelling at the 2016 D5 convention/meeting.

As part of Joy's talk she encouraged us to share our life stories with others.

### Upcoming "Nordic News"

June 30 – Norsk Museum: Norway IL (David Johnson, Cleng Peerson-Norway IL)

July 7 – Lori Dubczek – Norskedalen Norwegian-American Cultural Center

July 14 - Viking Ship Burial (Debra Kraft, Nordkap-Detroit MI)

July 21 – Erie Canal: Immigrant Gateway to the West (Darrell Wunrow – Fosselyngen-Milwaukee WI)

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You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at:

[http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers\\_bureau.php](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php)

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## **2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines**

### **Changes in red!**

#### **June 30, 2020**

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#### **July 5, 2020**

- Deadline for submitting photos for the **District 5 Scandinavian Photo Contest**

#### **July 7, 2020**

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#### **July 10, 2020**

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

#### **July 14, 2020**

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## **July 26, 2020**

- Virtual Masse Moro from 3-5 PM

## **August 10, 2020**

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

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10, 2020**

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Barneløpet supplies.

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### 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
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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
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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.
- 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](mailto: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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