

Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News
June 7, 2024
A District Weekly Newsletter to Keep Us Up to Date!

So you know what is happening at convention and discuss the bylaw proposals, proposed resolutions, and prepare your delegates for the week!

Sons of Norway – District Lodge 5 – “The Friendly Fifth”

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DISTRICT CONVENTION DUTIES DESCRIPTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS 2024

ALL COMMITTEES Chair will prepare a written report and deliver it to the convention delegates as per the convention schedule. At the initial call for the committee, all members will assemble at the committee reports table in the convention room. Members will introduce themselves to the delegates by stating their name and home lodge, hand microphone to the next member. At subsequent calls for the committee, chair and members will again assemble at the committee reports table as per instructions from the convention presiding officer. District president requests all committee members, individually or collectively, report to the district president observations regarding committee operations. Desired topics include: committee instructions; time and location allotted for committee work; was having an advisor helpful; schedule during district lodge business meeting adequate for committee presentation; and any other items on which members wish to comment. These items will help assure future committee actions are refined, as necessary, for better committee results.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Following the International Nominating Committee Guidelines, seek out qualified members, among those delegates attending the district lodge meeting, as candidates for: district board officer and director positions, including alternates for all zone directors; and International Director and alternate (as needed). Review all nomination applications for completeness and determination of the applicant’s qualifications for the position in question. The committee will also review the applications for all nominations made from the floor of the district lodge meeting. The committee must complete its work and prepare the report, which will include the names of all qualified nominees, by position, the committee recommends, before the election of officers.

Nominating	District 5 Board	Wendy Kay	Winkelman
Nominating	Past Board Member	Kathy	Secora
Nominating	At Large Member	Janis	Wegner

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

In conjunction with the registration committee, confirm the list of attending delegates and alternates by determining they are duly elected and have qualified credentials. Committee will render its initial report as the first order of business of the district lodge meeting, with subsequent reports if there are changes to the delegates and alternates in attendance. Committee will monitor registration to assure all registered delegates and alternates receive the correct badge as they are entitled. Report will contain the list of qualified and registered delegates and alternatives (though the chair will not read

the names) and the chair will announce the total number of delegates and alternatives qualified to vote, as of the hour the list is compiled.

Credentials	District 5 Board- Chr.	Darlene	Arneson
Credentials	District 5 Board	Lisa	Solak
Credentials	District 5 Board	Sandy	Olson

LAWS COMMITTEE

Screen all motions (a.k.a. resolutions) dealing with any changes to the Sons of Norway or District Five constitutions or by-laws. Committee report will include the committee’s recommendation for each of these resolutions. If the committee so votes, it may offer a resolution as with: “no recommendation”; or a recommendation to reject. The committee may not change any resolution, but will include in its committee report any suggested changes.

Laws		District 5 Board	Advisor-William	Bultinck
Laws	074	Idun	Chair-James	Eliason
Laws	028	Wergeland	Carla	Burkhardt
Laws	525	Cleng Peerson	Amanda	Beck

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Screen all motions (a.k.a. resolutions) having an impact on district finances scheduled to come before the district lodge delegates. Committee report will include the committee’s recommendation for each of these resolutions. If the committee so votes, it may offer a resolution as with: “no recommendation”; or a recommendation to reject. The committee may not change any resolution, but will include in its committee report any suggested changes. Committee will review all financial reports, generally included in the convention reports book, and include a recommendation in their committee report.

Finance		District 5 Board	Advisor-Corey	Olson
Finance	610	Askeladden	Chair-Curtis	Cleveland
Finance	677	Vikings Of The Smokies	Clark	Brekke
Finance	314	Mandt	Laurie	Barrett

REPORTS/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Review all officer reports as they appear in the convention reports book. Committee report will include significant points and/or corrections to each of the officer reports.

Reports/Publicity		District 5 Board	LaVonne	Wier
Reports/Publicity	650	Norsemen Of Lakes	Chair-Corlene	Bartels
Reports/Publicity	314	Mandt	John	Arneson
Reports/Publicity	614	Circle City	Glenna	Andersen-Divine

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Screen all motions (a.k.a. resolutions), not assigned to other convention committees, coming before the district lodge delegates. Put all resolutions into correct form, eliminate duplicate resolutions and assure resolutions are offered to the district lodge delegates in a logical sequence. Except for those duplicate resolutions, the committee will offer all resolutions to the district lodge delegates. If the committee so votes, it may offer a resolution as with: "no recommendation"; or a recommendation to reject. The committee may not change any resolution, but will include in its committee report any suggested changes. The committee will draft and present to the district lodge delegates all courtesy resolutions including a thank you resolution at the end of the District Lodge Meeting.

Resolutions		District 5 Board	Advisor-Scott	Wegner
Resolutions	074	Idun	Chair-Jon	Grinde
Resolutions		Vennelag	Duane	Kittleson
Resolutions	472	Polar Star	Kelly	Welin

FRATERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Review all district activities associated with fraternal matters as described by the Sons of Norway Fraternal Department. Committee report will include comments or recommendations relating to current or future activities the district, zones and/or local lodges may conduct or contemplate by each fraternal activity.

Fraternal Affairs		District 5 Board	Advisor-Sandy	Olson
Fraternal Affairs	657	Edvard Grieg	Chair- Susan	Herman
Fraternal Affairs	053	Valkryien	Audrey	Severson
Fraternal Affairs	616	Fagernes	Leland	Wier

MARSHALS

Position is at entrance to business hall for duration of session at direction of presiding chair. Duties include monitoring those entering and leaving the hall during the business session and delivering messages to delegates. Will act as escort for any dignitaries as prescribed by the presiding chair. Directing delegates and non-delegates to appropriate seating areas for them. The Marshals sit near the back of the room (or by entrance doors) during the session.

Friday morning	Marshall	NORDKAP 378	MARY MOREHEAD
Friday morning	Assistant Marshall	CIRCLE CITY 614	BEN OLSEN III
Friday afternoon	Marshall	FOSELYNGEN 082	GRETCHEN BJORK
Friday afternoon	Assistant Marshall	POLAR STAR 472	FLOYD ANDERSON
Saturday morning	Marshall	SCANDIANA 600	DAVID HIRSCHHEY
Saturday morning	Assistant Marshall	ASKELEDDEN 610	KAREN HARE
Saturday afternoon	Marshall	SOGNEFJORD 523	MERLE HANSON
Saturday afternoon	Assistant Marshall	NORDKAP 378	PHYLIS SKORA
Banquet- Installation	Marshall	EDVARD GRIEG 657	LIV RAMSTAD
Banquet- Installation	Assistant Marshall	SHAWNEE SKOGEN 689	MIKE CHARMAN

GREETERS

Come to the meeting hall 15 minutes before the session begins and position is at entrance to business hall for duration of session at direction of presiding chair. Duties include welcoming guests (non-delegates) entering the hall for the business session and delivering messages to delegates. Directing delegates and non-delegates to appropriate seating areas for them. The greeters may sit with their lodge delegation during the session.

Friday morning	Greeter	CIRCLE CITY 614	THOR HENDRICKSON
Friday morning	Greeter	SKJOLD 100	CLARA SOLAK
Friday afternoon	Greeter	SCANDIANA 100	JAMES NELSON
Friday afternoon	Greeter	NORDKAP 378	DENNIS FLESSLAND
Saturday morning	Greeter	VENNELAG 513	ALDEEN FJELSTAD
Saturday morning	Greeter	SOGNEFJORD 523	GAIL TAGGERT
Saturday afternoon	Greeter	EDVARD GRIEG 657	JIM HERMAN
Saturday afternoon	Greeter	MANDT 314	JOHN ARNESON
Banquet- Installation	Greeter	SHAWNEE SKOGEN 689	JEANNELL CHARMAN
Banquet- Installation	Greeter	MUSIC CITY VIKINGS	KAREN

TELLERS

Unless called on by the presiding chair, position is normal location in the business hall as a local lodge delegate. Duty extends through all sessions and days of the business meeting. When called, duty is to distribute, as necessary, and collect delegate ballots, when used. Collectively, tellers will then retire to a remote location to sort and count ballots. Tellers will separate any ballot determined not qualified or illegal, such as blank ballots or those with indeterminable selection or double marking, and so on. Tellers will carefully protect all ballots until their disposition is determined. Upon completion of the counting and preparing a written report (signed by Teller 1), tellers will return to their normal locations in the business hall. Teller 1, on behalf of the teller group, will proceed to the designated committee reporting position to read the ballot report. Teller 1 will present the report and all ballots to the district secretary after reading the report.

Tellers will serve the entire 2024 District Lodge Meeting

Teller 1	NORSE VALLEY 491	MITCH OLE	VERSAAS
Teller 2	VENNELAG 513	TIFFANY	SCHWOERER
Teller 3	VALHALL 168	RICHARD	WANG
Teller 4	GRØNNVIK 632	PEGGY	SCHROEDER

Sons of Norway Resolutions Worksheet- Resolution 1

Title of Resolution:	Advisory Resolution: District 5 Barnebirkie and Birkebeiner Support
Submitted by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lodge District 5 Board of Directors
Date approved by the above entity: <i>(If from a lodge, need 2 lodge officer signatures – Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)</i>	Date: April 3-4, 2024 Board Meeting Discussion Lodge Officer Signatures: Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary
State reasons for making a change from present policies and written directives, or for creating a new policy or procedure, in one or more “WHEREAS” statements	<p>Sons of Norway District 5 has supported Barnebirkie, the children’s race during Birkebeiner week, by supplying homemade and store-bought cookies, monetary support for supplies, and limited compensation for volunteers and the Sports & Recreation Director’s expenses.</p> <p>Traditionally, we had several lodges in the Hayward area who supplied volunteers, so travel, lodging and other expenses weren’t an issue. Now that those lodges have closed, many of our volunteers are traveling further to assist with the week.</p> <p>District 5 has continued our support of Barnebirkie as we have felt it’s an opportunity to market Sons of Norway, to promote Masse Moro to the hundreds of youth, and a way to share our passion for Norwegian’s love of skiing.</p> <p>Birkebeiner Foundation is also revitalizing the old Telemark Lodge area with the building of Mount Telemark Village. An effort is being made to increase the history of the Birkebeiner with possibly putting up a statue of the ski scene rescue of Prince Haakon.</p> <p>WHEREAS the District’s expenses for supplying cookies, supplies and volunteers have grown with the closure of nearby lodges; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the District does not see a profit from the donations for the coffee and cookies at the Expo; and</p>

	<p>WHEREAS the District has been approached to support the concept (financially or in other ways) of the Birkebeiner ski scene sculpture; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board struggles with the amount that should be budgeted for Barnebirkie and Expo presences;</p>
<p>Follow the request for change as a “THEREFORE” statement. This is a statement of the action you wish to happen.</p>	<p>THEREFORE, be it resolved that the District 5 Board is seeking input from the District Lodge on the continued support and involvement in Barnebirkie and Birkebeiner. The Board welcomes discussion on how we can represent Sons of Norway, provide cookies and promotion of Masse Moro, and how much we should budget for that work. We also ask for input if the District feels we should consider support of the proposed sculpture.</p>
<p>If there is a known, quantifiable financial impact, state here:</p>	<p>Currently: The District reimburses up to 4 people mileage/car + up to \$100/person for people from outside 50 mile radius. Separately a gift card of \$25 for those closer + full reimbursement for Sports Director according to current policy.</p>

Sons of Norway Resolutions Worksheet- Resolution 2

Title of Resolution:	Masse Moro Task Force
Submitted by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lodge District 5 Board of Directors
<p>Date approved by the above entity: <i>(If from a lodge, need 2 lodge officer signatures – Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)</i></p>	<p>Date: April 3-4, 2024 Board Meeting Discussion</p> <p>Lodge Officer Signatures: Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary</p>
<p>State reasons for making a change from present policies and written directives, or for creating a new policy or procedure, in one or more “WHEREAS” statements</p>	<p>Masse Moro is the District 5 Youth Heritage Camp and has been in existence since 1979 and has been located in Eau Claire County. Article X Par. 1 of the District 5 Bylaws charges the Board with conducting camp each year.</p> <p><u>ARTICLE X . . . FRATERNAL PROJECT</u></p>

	<p>Par. 1 The District Lodge #5 adopts for itself as a Fraternal Project a Norwegian Heritage Camp to be located within the Fifth District. This Fraternal Project shall be as financially self-supporting as possible. District Lodge #5 will pay Masse Moro administrators to operate the heritage camp and will match scholarships provided to campers by their local lodges up to an amount to be determined by the District Lodge #5 Board.</p> <p>In recent years, there has been a downward trend in the number of campers attending Masse Moro, therefore making budgeting a challenge along with staffing of camp. Efforts have been made to address the finances of camp, donations and bequests have been given to support Masse Moro, and yet the camp is the largest expense for the District – impacting a small number of youth each year. The District has also been challenged with finding staff, counselors and volunteers to conduct the camp.</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board understands the importance and historical significance of Masse Moro and the life-long friendships that have been made at camp; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board understands it has a duty to offer camp according to our Bylaws; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board is challenged with promotion of the camp to lodges as we have lodges close or have declining membership; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the District has offered the matching funds (up to \$250) to help support lodge support campers; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, we have been fortunate to have bequests given to the SN District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation by estates, families and lodges, the District still has a deficit in Masse Moro budgeting;</p>
<p>Follow the request for change as a “THEREFORE” statement. This is a statement of the action you wish to happen.</p>	<p>THEREFORE, be it resolved that the District 5 Board is asking the District Lodge to form a Task Force to review Masse Moro operations, promotion, recruitment, and staffing. The Task Force might also consider the wording in the Bylaws and consider giving the District Board options in how often, the length of camp, and other details related to camp. The Task Force would work with the District Youth Director, Heritage & Grants Committee, and the Board in their work and report to the District in June 2026 (or before) with recommendations.</p>

If there is a known, quantifiable financial impact, state here:	
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Bylaw Proposal 1- Continued District Structure Updates

Title of Resolution:	Removal of zone references, incorporating governance changes, and board terms.
Submitted by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 5 Board of Directors
Date approved by the above entity: <i>(If from a lodge, need 2 lodge officer signatures – Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)</i>	Date: April 3-4, 2024 Board Meeting Lodge Officer Signatures: Dalene Arneson, District 5 Secretary
Resolution falls into this category <i>(document you wish to change):</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Bylaws <input type="checkbox"/> District Policies & Procedures
CURRENT STATE: State specific chapter, sub-chapter and paragraph numbers as applicable. Write out current language of the law or policy. <i>Example:</i> 1.2.3. DONUT POLICY 1.2.3.1. The only donuts to be served at lodge meetings shall be cake, glazed, or jellied.	<u>ARTICLE III . . . MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION</u> .Par. 1 The regular meeting of the District Lodge shall be held once every two years, but the closing date shall not be less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the International Lodge Meeting of the same year. ----- Par. 4 The Central Lodge will meet at the call of the District President. Unless the President calls a special meeting, the lodge will meet at the time and place as indicated each convention year in the January issue of <i>Viking</i> magazine; and the biannual meeting is for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the District Lodge meeting. ----- Par. 3 An alternate for the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected. A pool of 4 alternates for the 4 at-large directors shall also be elected. ----- Par. 5 No District Officer or Director shall be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms in any office except the Secretary and the Treasurer whose term shall not be limited. In the event a caucus cannot find a willing nominee to serve

as an Officer or At-Large-Director and the current Officer or At-Large Director has completed two consecutive terms, the Officer or At-Large Director can complete a third term.

ARTICLE VIII . . . ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES

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Par. 2 During its election caucus each Zone shall nominate from its insurance members the International Lodge Representatives to which it is entitled. An equal number of Alternates shall then be nominated and shall serve in the order of their election (priority alternate). These nominations shall be submitted for approval to the District Lodge at the conclusion of the caucus.

Par. 3 The Representative and Alternate from each Zone shall be elected separately, one Zone at a time.

Par. 4. In addition to the two Representatives for the District provided for by the International Lodge Constitution, one of whom shall be the District President, the remaining fraction of 300 members in each of the various Zones shall be pooled, and representatives elected at large in accordance with the number of members of which the pool consists. Also a corresponding number of Alternates shall be elected at large. Delegates and Alternates at large shall be nominated from the floor of the District Lodge.

Par. 5 (a) After election of Representatives and Alternates to the International Lodge Meeting, the District Lodge shall nominate, from among those newly elected Representatives to the International Lodge Meeting, a candidate for each office of International Lodge Director to which the District is entitled. Candidates for each position shall be elected on a separate ballot.

Par 5(b) The District Lodge shall then elect from among its newly elected Representatives to the International Lodge, a candidate for Alternate to the office of each International Lodge Director. Candidates for each position shall be elected on a separate ballot.

Par. 6 In the event neither an elected Representative nor an Alternate from a respective Zone can attend the International Lodge Meeting, the place shall be filled by the Alternates at large in the order of their election.

Par. 7 Representatives to the International Lodge Meeting shall receive an expense allowance decided by the District Lodge Meeting. The Board of Directors shall make a recommendation as to the expense allowance.

Article IX.... Fees and Dues

Par. 1 District dues shall be set by the International Lodge, per the Simplified Dues Structure of 2018.

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Par. 2 The District Lodge shall have the authority to levy a fraternal fee, not to exceed \$1.00 per member, per year, with the exception of life members, upon lodges within the boundaries of the Fifth District. The fraternal fee must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote.

Par. 3 The authority to assess said fraternal fee shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years and then terminate unless renewed by the District Lodge at its biennial meeting.

ARTICLE XI . . . CHANGES OF THESE BY-LAWS

Par. 1 These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the District Lodge #5, provided notice thereof has been given to the District Secretary at least 45 days prior to the date of said meeting by any lodge in the District or has been submitted by the District Board of Directors. Proposed amendments originating in the local lodges, or by the District Board of Directors, must be submitted to the Chairman of the Laws Committee as soon as possible prior to the date of said meeting. The Laws Committee may recommend changes at the said meeting.

Par. 2 Any change must receive a 2/3 majority of the votes cast to become law.

Article XII...Compliance (From International January 9, 2024)

Par.1. The district must operate in full compliance with all governmental laws, regulations and applicable requirements and maintain in force all licenses, permits and approvals required for its operation within the country in which the lodge is organized.

Par. 2. The district must operate in full compliance with all laws, regulations and applicable requirements as outlined in the latest edition of the Charter, Bylaws, Policy, & Procedures (CBPP) of Sons of Norway, and as otherwise communicated to the district by the International Headquarters of Sons of Norway. These include, but are not limited to, the timely annual filing of IRS 990 forms for lodges in the United States, the D63 and D17 reports for lodges, the D64 and D18 reports for building corporations, if applicable, and the timely payment of the annual liability insurance assessment.

Par. 3. The district must adhere to the SON Social Media and Conflict of Interest/Ethics policies, and all district policies and procedures adopted by their district.

Article XIII. Dissolution and Distribution of Assets (From International January 9, 2024)

Par. 1. Dissolution, either voluntary or involuntary, shall be made only in accordance with the procedures as set forth in the Sons of Norway CBPP.

Par. 2. In the event of dissolution of the lodge corporation(s), both district and building association, if applicable, it is recommended that the corporation's remaining assets shall be distributed to the Sons of Norway Foundation [a 501(c)(3) organization] or the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada [a

	<p>charitable corporation in Canada], if in existence when the distribution occurs or, if not, to a similarly designated and purposed entity or entities within the country in which the district is organized.</p> <p>Par. 3. Upon dissolution of the district, district assets may not be transferred to individual members for personal benefit.</p> <p>Par. 4. The plan to distribute district assets must be approved in advance by Sons of Norway Headquarters. However, Headquarters shall not oppose any plan of distribution that complies with relevant state and federal laws and regulations.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><u>Article XIV-Audits</u> (From International January 9, 2024)</p> <p>Par. 1. The district shall elect, appoint, or employ competent auditors to audit the district lodge books on an annual basis. If elected or appointed the audit team shall be composed of two (2) or more district members, and in situations where additional financial and audit experience is needed, the district shall have the option to employ one (1) or more independent auditor(s) to audit the district lodge books on an annual basis.</p> <p>Par. 2. At least once each year the auditor(s) shall submit a written report of each audit to the district board.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><u>Article XV- Dispute Resolution</u> (From International January 9, 2024)</p> <p>Par. 1. Any grievance, complaint or dispute arising out of or in connection with SON business, at any level, if not settled to the satisfaction of the parties involved, shall only be resolved using the provisions contained in Bylaws Chapter 17 and Policies and Procedures Chapter 25 entitled Conduct and appeal process. The sections contained in these chapters prescribe the sole means to present and resolve grievances, complaints or disputes.</p>
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Form **A** – to change written bylaws (page 2)

Sons of Norway Resolutions Worksheet

<p>State reasons for making a change from present policies and written directives, or for creating a new policy or procedure, in one or more “WHEREAS” statements.</p>	<p>Whereas the International Sons of Norway’s governance change eliminated the International Convention and a District’s need to elect representation; and</p> <p>Whereas the District’s Task Force recommended the elimination of zone and a new Board structure and not all</p>
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<p><i>Example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHEREAS chocolate donuts are also delicious; and • WHEREAS chocolate donuts are the same price as the other donuts; and • WHEREAS younger members prefer chocolate donuts; 	<p>references to zones were done during the January 2024 proposal; and</p> <p>Whereas there were some grammatical errors in the current bylaws; and</p> <p>Whereas the challenge of filling a slate of prospective Board members and alternates led to discussion to extend the number of terms that can be served along with a change in alternates; and</p> <p>Whereas the desire to renumber and shift the order of some of the Articles of the Bylaws to make them more user-friendly;</p>
<p>Follow the request for change as a “THEREFORE” statement. This is a statement of the action you wish to happen.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> THEREFORE, be it resolved that chocolate donuts shall be added to the list of acceptable donuts at lodge meetings.</p>	<p>Therefore, the District is changing the reference to the International Convention, eliminating any reference to International representation and elections of District delegates and alternates, eliminating any reference to zones, extending the number of terms for board members (except Secretary and Treasurer) to three terms, changing the number of alternates, and renumbering Articles and moving the mandated items to a spot before the “making changes” article.</p>
<p>DESIRED STATE: Follow with the actual proposed change:</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <p>1.2.3. DONUT POLICY</p> <p>1.2.3.1. The only donuts to be served at lodge meetings shall be cake, glazed, or jellied, <u>or</u> chocolate.</p> <p>Use a strikeout font to indicate suggested deletions, and <u>underline</u> proposed new additions.</p>	<p>Therefore be it resolved that the following changes be made throughout the document:</p> <p><u>ARTICLE III . . . MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION</u></p> <p>.Par. 1 The regular meeting of the District Lodge shall be held once every two years <u>of the even years.</u> but the closing date shall not be less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the International Lodge Meeting of the same year.</p> <p>Par. 4 The Central Lodge will meet at the call of the District President. Unless the President calls a special meeting, the lodge will meet at the time and place as indicated each convention year in the January issue of <i>Viking</i> magazine; and the biannual <u>biennium</u> meeting is for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the District Lodge meeting. The District President has the option to call the meeting with members participating via electronic means, such as telephone or Skype.</p> <p>Par. 3 <u>The Vice President will serve as the alternate for the President.</u> An alternate for the Secretary and Treasurer shall</p>

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ARTICLE ~~X~~ IX. . . . FRATERNAL PROJECT

Article ~~XII~~ X. ...Compliance (From International January 9, 2024)

Article ~~XIII~~ XI. Dissolution and Distribution of Assets
(From International January 9, 2024)

Article ~~XIV~~ XII. -Audits (From International January 9, 2024)

	<p>Article XV XIII. - Dispute Resolution (From International January 9, 2024)</p> <p><u>ARTICLE XI XIV. . . CHANGES OF THESE BY-LAWS</u></p>
If there is a known, quantifiable financial impact , state it here:	

Form **A** – to change written bylaws (page 1)

Bylaw Proposal 2- Masse Moro Financials

Title of Resolution:	Clarifying the Masse Moro Financials
Submitted by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lodge District 5 Board of Directors
Date approved by the above entity: <i>(If from a lodge, need 2 lodge officer signatures – Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)</i>	Date: April 3-4, 2024 Lodge Officer Signatures: Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary
Resolution falls into this category (<i>document you wish to change</i>):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Bylaws <input type="checkbox"/> District Policies & Procedures
CURRENT STATE: State specific chapter, sub-chapter and paragraph numbers as applicable. Write out current language of the law or policy.	<p><u>ARTICLE X . . . FRATERNAL PROJECT</u></p> Par. 1 The District Lodge #5 adopts for itself as a Fraternal Project a Norwegian Heritage Camp to be located within the Fifth District. This Fraternal Project shall be as financially self-supporting as possible. District Lodge #5 will pay Masse Moro administrators to operate the heritage camp and will match scholarships provided to campers by their local lodges up to an amount to be determined by the District Lodge #5 Board.

<p>State reasons for making a change from present policies and written directives, or for creating a new policy or procedure, in one or more “WHEREAS” statements.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHEREAS chocolate donuts are also delicious; and 	<p>WHEREAS, District 5 formed the Sons of Norway District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation (NFL) to help secure donations and grants to support educational, youth, and leadership activities in the District, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the finances for Masse Moro are now received and dispersed in the NLF, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the wording of the current bylaws indicates that District 5 pays the administrators, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the District will still pay the NLF for matching funds for qualified campers;</p>
<p>Follow the request for change as a “THEREFORE” statement. This is a statement of the action you wish to happen.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <p>THEREFORE, be it resolved that chocolate donuts shall be added to the list of acceptable donuts at lodge meetings.</p>	<p>THEREFORE, be it resolved to amend the current bylaws by striking the words “will pay Masse Moro administrators to operate the heritage camp” and add the sentence “All Masse Moro income and expenses, except for matching funds, will be handled by the Sons of Norway District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation. “</p> <p><u>ARTICLE X . . . FRATERNAL PROJECT</u></p> <p>Par. 1 District Lodge #5 will pay Masse Moro administrators to operate the heritage camp and will match scholarships provided to campers by their local lodges up to an amount to be determined by the District Lodge #5 Board. All Masse Moro income and expenses, except for matching funds, will be handled by the Sons of Norway District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation”.</p>
<p>DESIRED STATE:</p> <p>Follow with the actual proposed change:</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <p>1.2.3. DONUT POLICY</p> <p>1.2.3.1. The only donuts to be served at lodge meetings shall be cake, glazed, or <u>jellied, or chocolate.</u></p> <p>Use a strikeout font to indicate suggested deletions, and <u>underline</u> proposed new additions.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE X . . . FRATERNAL PROJECT</u></p> <p>Par. 1 District Lodge #5 will match scholarships provided to campers by their local lodges up to an amount to be determined by the District Lodge #5 Board. All Masse Moro income and expenses, except for matching funds, will be handled by the Sons of Norway District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation.</p>

If there is a known, quantifiable **financial impact**, state it here:

No financial impact- just a clarification that the Sons of Norway District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation handles the Masse Moro financials.

Fundraisers that will occur during the District 5 Convention.

- District's Silent Auction- always a favorite and the items will be in Ballroom A & B where the business session will be held. Due to space limitations and that we can't set up the meeting room until early Friday, we'll ask that delegates bring the items to that area on Friday when you come to the first session. The silent auction starts early Friday and will end before we adjourn on Friday. Thank you so much for bringing items to the convention and for bidding on them! What can your lodge, delegates or businesses donate? We ask that you send items that are easy to transport, new items, nothing that requires refrigeration, if a vintage item- that it is clean and in good condition. Favorites are cultural items (rosemaling, pewter, carvings, textiles), gift cards, theme baskets, vintage SN items, beverage baskets, and items from your area. Be creative and have some fun with these!
- District's Heads n Tails fundraiser during the Friday luncheon. This is a fun, interactive optional fundraiser that benefits the SN District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation.

And send these along with your delegates!

Hello there! This is LaVonne Wier, the District 5 Publicity Director. Many of you have received my emails in the past asking for photos for the Viking.

You will get information about these things in your packets, but I want to make sure you know them now so you can plan for the June get together.

First, I would love to see your **lodge banners** displayed at the convention. If you have one, please bring it with a stand to decorate our space. There isn't a contest this year, but we still would love to see the beautiful banners.

Second, I want to extend an invitation for your lodge to **bring a board of some kind with pictures** from your lodge activities. As you well know, not a lot of pictures make it into the Viking magazine bi-monthly. The Viking people have to give room to the other districts, so we only get 1 or 2 from District 5 into each issue.

Third, if you have an **easel** to put your board on for display, please bring it! If you have an extra one or two, please bring those, in case someone else doesn't have one.

Fourth, just a reminder that some of your pictures might be displayed on the District 5 website under "Happenings". You can look for them there. I know it is discouraging when photos are submitted, but don't make it to the magazine. Please don't stop sending them to me each month. I love to see them!

So, showcase your lodge with your banner and a board display of your pictures. Show us what your lodge has been up to!

That's all from me for now. See you all at the convention!!!

Fraternally,

LaVonne Wier
District 5 Publicity Director

Calendar of Events, Deadlines, and Other Dates to Note (changes in red)

June 19-22- District Five Lodge Meeting and Convention in Indianapolis

June 20- Viking photos due to LaVonne Wier

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- For anything fraternal- Connie O'Brien (COBrien@sofn.com) or Amy Tuchenhagen (ATuchenhagen@sofn.com).
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851
- If you need something related to sales, you can use sales@sofn.com

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 Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

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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 4 am on Thursday morning. 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.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com