

## Friendly Fifth Friday News May 13, 2022

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### Foundation Update

**What is the Sons of Norway Foundation and what does it do?**

The Sons of Norway Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was established in 1966 to help provide assistance to Sons of Norway Members, Lodges, and their greater communities. The Foundation is tax-exempt from federal and state income tax which means that donations to the Sons of Norway Foundation from individuals and companies are tax-deductible.

The Sons of Norway Foundation currently offers 16 different scholarships and six grants that support our mission to positively affect the lives of our members. In 2021, the Foundation awarded \$111,000 in scholarships to 25 students to study in the United States, Canada, and Norway. Scholarships are available for vocational school, students without parents, adults, females studying chemistry, physics, or engineering, Oslo Summer School - just to mention a few. Applications are open annually on our website from October 1- March 1.

The Foundation currently has six grant programs ranging from community partnerships, preserving culture, lodge and children's programs. There are also grants for members who have experienced a natural disaster or medical emergency. In 2022, the Foundation will award 42 grants for a total of \$56,429 in grants. Grant applications are also open annually on our website from October 1-January 1.

The overwhelming majority of the \$11.8 million dollars in foundation assets are held in endowed funds, meaning the initial gift amount is invested and interest income from the scholarship fund can be used for scholarships in perpetuity. Support from lodges and individuals is critical for the Foundation to continue our work in the Sons of Norway community and beyond. You can find more information about scholarships and grants on the Sons of Norway Foundation website, <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>

### ZONE DIRECTORS...

As we get closer to the D5 Convention and the end of this biennium, I remind all zone directors to complete their *Lodge Visitation Reports* and submit them to President Johnsen. Submission by using an electronic copy or via snail mail is acceptable. Include any expenditure forms for mileage (and other associated expenses that have been previously approved) for your visits.

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser

**ADULT HERITAGE WEEKEND UPDATE!**

One change...our caterer is not available on Saturday, so we have secured a second and will be making different menus for the Saturday meals.

Additions

- 1) We have secured the services of Rebecca Hanna, a Vesterheim gold medal carver for presentations on Saturday.
- 2) Retired Pastor Rolf Svanoe has agreed to give a tour of one of Spring Grove's historic churches on Sunday morning. He will provide a mini-service in Norwegian!
- 3) Connie Aiello will be teaching stamping classes using the district's newly designed stamp sets.
- 4) The owners of the local fjord horses have been contacted to share their knowledge about fjords and how they were used as early as the Viking Age.
- 5) Those choosing to do so will have the opportunity for a hayride into the country to enjoy some fall color. Pack your casual wear if you would like to participate!

\*In addition, Vesterheim will be open for business. If you are a member, bring your Vesterheim membership card.

**DISTRICT 5 VICE PRESIDENTS**  
**Wed, May 25, 2022 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CDT)**

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.**  
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**SAVE THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 7-9 FOR THE 2022 ADULT HERITAGE WEEKEND.**

We will begin the weekend with a revy-an entertainment review from various genres.

Bring your singing voices to join in the national anthems.

We hope to enjoy the talents select members of the Luren Singing Society from Decorah.

Rachel Storlie will lift you up with her melodious voice.

D5 International Director Robin Fossum will be playing both the Hardanger fiddle and the violin, and she will feature traditional Norwegian music and American folk music.

If you have always wanted to perform, this is your chance!

- Share an Ole and Lena joke.
- Recite a poem.
- Present a skit.

The possibilities are endless!



**CALLING ALL LODGE VICE PRESIDENTS**

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 7 PM, there will be a *GO TO MEETING* session for all local lodge vice presidents and other interested parties. We will be sharing the ways your lodge celebrated Syttende Mai this year. Join us and collect some new ideas for your lodge's programming! I am certain that these ideas can be creatively adapted and used for future events or lodge meetings.

Please bring any other concerns for discussion. We are stronger together! As lodges reopen and chart a course for the summer months, the district would like to help ensure happy sailing.

Download the *Go to Meeting* app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone in advance of the session.. See the instructions below for a download. Save a copy of this document for your use on the 25<sup>th</sup> which includes the access code. Listening via a phone connection is another way to attend

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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608-219-4464

If there is something you would like to see featured, please send me a note. We are hoping to finalize the registration information in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your patience.

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29 May | 1 PM

Capitol Building  
2 East Main St  
(King St entrance walkway)  
Madison, Wisconsin



## Col. Heg Statue Rededication



### Program

Honor Col. Hans Christian Heg, the highest-ranking Wisconsin soldier to give his life in the Civil War, by rededicating his monument to the People of Wisconsin.



### Music

Hear the rousing marches of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band.

See the Edvard Grieg Chorus perform songs from Norway and America.



### History

See Civil War reenactors in uniform perform military honors and color guard duties.

Learn about Col. Heg as hero, immigrant, civic leader, fearless abolitionist, patriot, loving husband and father.

**COL HEG STATUE REDEDICATION COMMITTEE**

Fred J. Campbell, Chairman  
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## Colonel Heg Statue to be Rededicated on May 29

Contact: [Fred J. Campbell](mailto:Fred.J.Campbell@wisconsinveterans.org), 608.444.1356

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 11, 2022

MADISON – The statue of Col. Hans Christian Heg, standing watch in front of the Wisconsin State Capitol since 1926 when citizens of Norwegian descent presented it to the people of Wisconsin, will be rededicated with historic fanfare on Memorial Day weekend.

The Col. Heg Statue Rededication Committee has announced that the event will be held at 1 PM on Sunday, May 29, 2022, in front of the capital building at 2 East Main Street, in Madison (via the King Street entrance walkway).

Col. Heg was the highest-ranking Wisconsin soldier to give his life in battle during the Civil War.

Fred J. Campbell, chairman of the committee and secretary of the Madison Veterans Council, said, "The people who paid for this monument were celebrating the fact that Col. Heg was a Norwegian immigrant, fervent abolitionist, and organizer of the 15<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin. They called it a debt of gratitude."

The 15<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry was an ethnic volunteer regiment composed primarily of Scandinavian-American soldiers from Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois.

Born in Norway, Col. Heg became an American citizen, civic leader, and patriot. At age 33, he was fatally wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga in Georgia on September 19, 1863, dying the next day.

This event will include a ceremony based on a memorial dedication service from 1917 by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the largest group of Union Civil War veterans at the time. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUV-CW), successors to the GAR, is principally involved in this event.

Alan G. Hembel, president of the Madison Veterans Council, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the program. Christopher Kolakowski, director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum will deliver the keynote address. UW-Stout Professor Kristin A. Risley and Heg descendant Lori Coffey will also speak.

The ceremony will include members of SUV-CW in Civil War-era uniforms performing military honors and color guard duties. Historic music and marches will be performed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band of Watertown. Choral pieces in English and Norwegian will be performed by the Edvard Grieg Chorus of Dane County.

Other descendants of Col. Heg planning to attend include Peri Raygor, James Thomas Heg, Christopher Heg, Charles Garrison, Jon Van Doren, and Theresa Johnson.

The Col. Heg Statue Rededication Committee is chaired by Fred J. Campbell, Secretary of the Madison Veterans Council, and includes John Decker, SUV-CW WI Dept Commander; Professor Kristin A. Risley, University of Wisconsin-Stout; Kevin Hampton, Curator of History at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum; Lori Coffey, Heg descendant and family historian; and Dee Grimsrud, Sons of Norway - Idun Lodge.

[#HegStatue](https://www.facebook.com/groups/695253324848510)

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# Deadlines and Dates! **Changes in red!**

## May 15, 2022

- D18 property association financial form is due from the lodges to Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Fraternal Funds Report due to Sons of Norway Headquarters (District does this- not lodges!)
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.

## May 17, 2022

- District 5 Masse Moro Supporting Grants due

## May 22, 2022

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

## May 25, 2022

- Vice Presidents Call – 7 pm CST

## June 10, 2022

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

## June 15-19, 2022

- District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention, Middleton

## July 17-30, 2022

- Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp

\*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required

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### DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19, 2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

### INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting ~~will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. The convention will be held August 31<sup>st</sup> to Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2022, with first time delegates arriving on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August for the First Timers Training. Delegates will depart the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September.~~

~~(<https://youtu.be/S7TjcinVCU>— Omni Hotels and Resorts, Omni Viking lakes Hotel, 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, MN 55124~~

**Note:**

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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.

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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!**

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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@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway5.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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