

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
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>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> 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>
<p>If there is a known, quantifiable financial impact, state here:</p>	