



**GRONNVIK LODGE**  
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**SAVE THE DATES  
FOR OUR MEETINGS**  
March 17  
April 21

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**Grønnvik Lodge Meetings** are usually the third Tuesday of the month at Trinity Lutheran, 330 S. Broadway, Green Bay.

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### Julefest Highlights



The finishing touches are applied to the reindeer puppets before "The Wild Christmas Reindeer" is read for the children by Mary Swain. Pictured are the great-grand children of the late Bea Mancowski, who outfitted her family in their Norwegian finery for each *Julefest*. It is pleasing to see

that the next generation is honoring Bea by continuing this tradition.



For the second year, *Grønnvik Lodge* has collected hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to adorn their Christmas tree. The offerings are given to Trinity for neighborhood distribution.

Our sympathies to Judy Beerntsen, whose mother, Ila Beerntsen of Manitowoc, passed away on December 22; and to Eileen Below, whose sister, Janet Backes passed away on December 21.

Next newsletter submission deadline is February 21st.

# Med Vennlig Hilsen

## With Friendly Greetings

Sons of Norway, Grønnvik Lodge 5-632, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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### January Luncheon Meeting

Our Saturday, January 18th meeting will be a luncheon at Chicago Street Pub, 1950 Dickenson Rd, De Pere at 12:30 PM. We will be ordering off the menu. Marlene needs a head count. Please call her by Monday, January 13th if you're going to attend. 336-7472.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM YOUR  
DISTRICT ZONE DIRECTORS JUDY GHASTIN  
AND PEGGY SCHROEDER.

### District 5 Convention

Be thinking about going to the District 5 convention June 24-28 at the Radisson Hotel in Madison. We need 3 delegates from our lodge. If interested, contact Joy or Peggy.

### Scholarships Available

Deadline for domestic scholarships is March 1, 2020. Peggy has some information, or contact International headquarters.

### 2019 Volunteer Hours Due!

Peggy needs your fraternal hours for the report due to International. Bring to the meeting in January or send to her home at 135 Woodview Ln 54301.

### Looking Ahead Grønnvik Meetings

#### January 18-Luncheon

#### February 18

Meetings are at 6:30 pm at  
Trinity Lutheran Church 330 S.  
Broadway, Green Bay



### Gratulerer med dagen! Birthdays

#### January

Eileen Below - 11th  
Jonathan Robshaw - 11th  
Michael Taylor - 20th  
Carol Brunner - 25th  
Ila Iverson - 26th\*  
Lily Duquaine - 27th\*  
Erik Hepp - 28th  
Kenda Vedvik-Stroess - 28th  
Karen Eiseth - 30th

#### February

Marcy Zabel - 3rd  
Geraldine Nilsestuen - 4th  
Addison DePauw - 8th\*  
Florence Trondson - 9th  
Joy Bashara - 17th  
Piper DePauw - 20th\*  
William Rentmeester - 21st\*  
\*Heritage Member

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## Fra President

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Dear Friends in Grønnvik Lodge,

I am looking forward to many happy meetings with a variety of new and old programs. I am hoping that participation will be a part of every meeting following the leadership of our old and new directors.

"We are only as strong as our weakest link," is something I always told my students when working on a group activity such as a play. We need and want everyone's input. Make it so. From the NORDIC BANNER, a newsletter from the Duluth Nordic Center,

- We were once an idea, a vision, and a dream...we are now an idea enacted, a vision being realized, and a dream daring to dream more.
- We are forward thinking...but looking back to learn from the past.
- We love to laugh.
- We are a home to people of Nordic ancestry...and a new home to others.
- We believe in WE...not in I.
- We believe in enriching the lives of our children...and of all families.

The above is a small segment of their philosophy, which I hope to share during the next two years.

Our upcoming plans for 2020 start with a luncheon out on January 18 at the Chicago Street Pub, 1950 Dickinson Road, De Pere 54115 at 12:30. We will order off the menu, so you are free to order what you want. Our program will be a presentation by one of our newer members, Matt Agen, who is going to talk about planning for historical travel with Joshua, his brother. Matt will be looking for some ideas from you so come prepared to share.

After the meeting there will be an executive meeting, which you are invited to attend. The Board will discuss the upcoming meetings, events, volunteering, and programming.

Respectfully yours,  
Joy

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Velkommen to our new members:  
Elle and Michael Taylor, and  
Nelson Agen!



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## Fra President, Retiring

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Hallo,

As I write this, the sun is shining bright and there is no snow on the ground. It doesn't look like the end of December with the New Year just around the corner. I think it will be an exciting year at Grønnvik.

Looking back at our November meeting – The Taste of Norway was a night filled with excitement, good food and new and old friends. The evening was well attended and the many visitors expressed positive things about the night. I want to thank everyone who contributed food for our tasting; all who baked for the bake sale and members who worked the front line and behind the scenes to make our "Taste" a great success. Thanks again.

Also, thank you to all who worked to help make Grønnvik's room at Hazelwood a success. The ladies decorated the dining room this year. From the pictures, it looked beautiful. Thank you to those who set up the display and to those who helped with the tours.

Our *Julefest* was also an enjoyable evening. It was wonderful that we had a number of guests with us again. It's always a joy to see new faces. The Lefse Ladies provided entertainment with their rendition of "Lefse Making." Don't be surprised if they make a return visit now and then. And don't forget the visit from the *Julenisse*. He brought treats for all the "boys and girls!" Thank you, Mary Swain, for sharing your musical talents and for the reading of "The Wild Christmas Reindeer" by Jan Brett.

We ended our meeting by installing the new officers who were recently elected. Joy Bashara is our new President. So, I turned over the gavel to her and adorned her with the Sons of Norway pendent.

I would like to say thank you to the lodge for having me as your President for the last few years. I'm looking forward to working with Joy in keeping our lodge active and growing.

*Tusen Takk,*  
Mollie Bergsbaken

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*As Past President, Mollie will serve as Counselor for the lodge. She is also filling Joy's vacated Vice Presidential term throughout 2020.*

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## Taste of Norway and Hazelwood Celebrations

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November 19th was a night to remember as Grønnvik Lodge presented its annual "Taste of Norway." Advance notices from the Denmark Press and the Press-Times, with its enthusiastic and well-researched article, drew in many fresh faces. Eighty-seven was the final tally.

### Who Brought What?

- Kjøttboller meatballs – Peggy, Judy Beerntsen
- Gulrot – Mollie
- Lutefisk Casserole, Rutabaga and Potatoes, Vaffle med Jordbaor – Steve & Eileen
- Herring – Mary S
- Salmon Spread – Beth C
- Surkol (pickled cabbage), Hotdogs and Shrimp – Adrian & Heidi
- Agurk med Cream Sauce – Marlene
- Goat Cheese with Crackers – Steve & Mary Olsen
- Lefse – Joy
- Rodkalasalat (red cabbage salad), Tropisk Aromakake – Karen V
- Eplekake (apple cake) – Pat Larson & Mollie
- Julekake – Linda S
- Kransekake – Dawn & Mollie
- Krumkake, Rosettes – Elle T
- Kringler – Marcy Z
- Lingonberry Bars – Matt A
- Rømmegrat Bars – Peggy S
- Riskrem, Skorpe – Rita R
- Sandbakkels – Scott B

*Tusen Takk til alle kokk, bake og kjøpe på 2019 "Smake Norge"!*

\*Thousand thanks for all the cooking, baking and purchases for our 2019 "Taste of Norway"!

*Hilsen,*  
Karen & Colleen

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One of the surprise foods was Adrian's "Gas Station Delight". If you missed it, he graciously shares the recipe in his blog:

<https://adrianspendlowblog.com/2019/11/23/norwegian-food-with-the-sons-of-norway/>

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The dining room at Hazelwood Historic House was decorated by Grønnvik lodge for the Hazelwood Ethnic Holiday event on December 7th and 14th. We had many compliments from visitors as they toured the home, and the staff at Hazelwood said our group "set a high bar" for the other groups.

The following members were involved in decorating the room, and acting as interpreters during the event. *Mange Tusen Takk* to: Peggy Schroeder, Darlene Gast, Rita and David Running, Beth Clabots, Jill and Paris Riggle, Karen Hepp, Steve and Eileen Below, Heidi Sherman, and Joy and Beth Bashara. Also, *Takk* to Pat Jacobs for the use of her Farmer's Rose pattern *Porsgrund* Norwegian china.



"St. Lucia", an intern at Hazelwood, was accompanied by her father, who was dressed as an angel. He sang Christmas songs in Swedish while Grønnvik Lodge members acted as interpreters for the dining room.