



GRØNNVIK LODGE
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**SAVE THE DATES
FOR OUR MEETINGS**
May 21st June TBA

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

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Three Times Lucky!

Besides landing Mollie's goodie basket and achieving major success at Bingo, Karen Vedvik scored with a winner of a casserole at February's meeting. Her dish, which she dubbed "Mish Mosh," brought back fond memories from at least two other lodge members. They knew it as "Laundry Day Casserole" because it was something their Moms would put together to bake on the family's busy laundry day. Whatever its name, it was delicious, and Karen shares her recipe.

Laundry Day Casserole

- 1-1/2 lb Ground Beef
- 1 medium Onion, chopped
- 4 or 5 Carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 or 3 Russet Potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 3 or 4 ribs Celery, sliced
- 1 15-oz can diced Tomatoes with half of the liquid drained off
- 1 can Cream of Mushroom with Roasted Garlic soup
- Pepper and/or other seasonings to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown ground beef with onion. Drain off most of the grease. Add celery, carrots and potatoes. Mix in the diced tomatoes and liquid. Season. Transfer to a buttered casserole dish and top with the undiluted soup. Bake uncovered for 45-50 minutes.

Would you like to see a recipe in each newsletter? Something Scandinavian or something just plain good? Send to Eileen at eglbellow@gmail.com or call 920-609-3878.

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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Go Green in March

Think Green for March's meeting, and not just longingly of budding leaves and sprouting fescue. *Grønn Mat* is the food theme for this month's meeting, so dust off those cook-books and bring on the green! Main dish, salad, dessert? It doesn't matter, we'll eat it (or at least sample it). If Punxsutawney Phil can't make Spring show up, we'll give it our best shot!

Save the Date!

At our May 21 meeting, we will be having Cheryl Wille-Schlesser tell us about moving the Stave church from Little Norway to Norway and how it is being used there. I'm sure it will be a very interesting meeting and a great way to celebrate Syttende Mai.

With Sympathy

To the family of Kenneth Eliason, who passed away on February 8. Ken was proud of his Norwegian heritage and was a charter member of Grønnavik Lodge. He and Ramona, his wife of 57 years, have travelled to Norway. Ken was an Air Force veteran, and served as pastor to three churches in Minnesota.



Ken Eliason's interests included wood carving. Here he displays some of his projects at a Lodge breakfast.

Looking Ahead Grønnavik Meetings

March 19
April 21

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

**Board Meeting April 2 at
Calvary Lutheran Church**



Gratulerer med dagen!
Birthdays

March

Ronald Jacobson - 1st
Erika Skogg - 3rd
Thomas Anderson - 9th
Steve Below - 11th
Elvi Ruotsala - 15th
Kathy Braun - 23rd
Karen Vedvik - 26th
Ann-Marie Bennfors - 28th
Emily Benson - 28th*
Charles Iverson - 29th*

April

Shirley Pennock - 4th
Mary Swain - 7th
Kali Vedvik - 11th
Karen Hepp - 13th
Alaina Hepp - 26th
**Heritage Member*

Fra President

Hallo,

The sunset tonight was a thing of beauty! Most vibrant colors! And to remember yesterday with the freezing rain, then snow, then more freezing rain. I guess that was beautiful, too. It is an interesting winter.

I'm sorry that I was unable to attend the luncheon meeting in January, but I heard positive feedback. Thank you Peggy Schroeder for your leadership and the program.

Our February meeting was interesting and fun. The attendance was rather low, but we all had an enjoyable time together. Casseroles – hot dishes – or baked dishes – whatever you choose to call them were served and all were delicious. Rolls and desserts were yummy as well. Thank you to all who shared.

For our activity we played a few games of Bingo. We all enjoyed a few comments and jokes from fellow Bingo players. Winners took home pots of daffodils that were graciously donated by Peggy Schroeder.

We also had a "Basket Raffle." Our lodge treasury is getting a little low, so I put together a basket of items that everybody could use. Tickets were sold and Karen Vedvik won the basket. We will do another raffle in a couple of months.

Beth Clabots, our Cultural Director, did a presentation that was very interesting.

Our March meeting will feature a program on Vikings in Ireland. We will also have a Green Potluck – so please bring green foods. I know you're saying "Whaaaat?" A few suggestions: pea salad, broccoli salad, broccoli and cheese bake, pistachio torte, green Jello – use your imagination. I'm sure it will be great!

In April, we will have *Påske* treats and coffee. Program will be announced at the March meeting.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting,

Takk,

Mollie B.

Lodge's 25th Anniversary

Did you know that Grønnvik Lodge has been around for a quarter of a century? The planning stage is underway for a June celebration. Date, program, place and time are yet to be determined.

Historical Note--In April 1994, an organizational meeting was held to found Grønnvik Lodge. Volunteers who served as temporary officers were Bill Solboe, Coordinator; Carol Buege, Secretary; Casper "Cap" Olson, Treasurer; and Anita Anderson, Publicity.

Calling All Children!

We will be having special projects for you at our next meetings. Let Peg know if you are coming. It's also time to be thinking of going to Masse Moro camp! Camp dates are July 14-27. Need more information? Call Peg 920-435-4263.

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles and photos for the May/June Grønnvik Lodge newsletter are due by April 20th.

Contact Eileen at 920-609-3878, or eglbellow@gmail.com. *Takk.*

Birthday Girls

The Packers aren't the only ones... Marcy Zabel celebrated her 100th birthday this February 3rd. She was serenaded by Lodge members at the January luncheon, and again at the monthly meeting in February.



Another birthday of note is the 90th of Karen Eiseth on January 30th. It was one of the coldest days of the year, so Karen spent her big day indoors counting all her blessings.

Have you reached a birthday or anniversary milestone? We'd all like to know. Send that information to Eileen, and she'll get it in the newsletter.

330 Cookies Donated

Tusen Takk to the intrepid members who fired up their ovens and baked cookies for the *Barnebirkie* ski race in the Hayward area. Those who contributed were Rita Running, Marlene Bergum, Shirley Pennock, Mollie Bergsbaken, Mary Swain, Linda Swiertz and Pat Larson.

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As always, thank you for the food you bring to share at the meetings. Your generosity is appreciated. Remember also to bring food for the pantry. The need is there every season.

Culture Corner

Hi everyone! Here's a recap of the Culture Questions at our last two meetings: In **January** we learned that Sigrid Undset is the only Norwegian woman to have won the Nobel Prize in Literature. She was awarded the Nobel in 1928 for her historical trilogy "Kristin Lavransdatter." This series is about life in fourteenth century Norway, portrayed through the experiences of Kristin's life from birth to death. The three volumes are *The Wreath (Kransen)*, *The Wife (Husfrue)* and *The Cross (Korset)*. Her work is much admired for its historical and ethnological accuracy. One of Sigrid Undset's unique skills was her ability to read ancient runes. Archaeological discoveries in later years proved her 1920's work to be historically accurate. Jill Larson picked up this book after our January meeting and gained great insight into what life must have been like for her Norwegian ancestors. **February Meeting:** Edvard Grieg is Bergen's most celebrated citizen. He was a pianist and widely considered to be one of the leading Romantic era composers. His use and development of Norwegian folk tunes in his compositions brought the music of Norway to international consciousness and helped to develop a national Norwegian identity. His most well-known piece may be "In the Hall of the Mountain King" which he wrote for Ibsen's play *Peer Gynt*. The music represents angry trolls taunting Peer when he accidentally ends up in their mountain after hitting his head on a rock (after stealing a bride from her wedding!) and gets louder each time the theme repeats. The music ends with Peer escaping from the mountain. Peggy Schroeder reminded us that this tune was playing at the start of the Masse Moro camp video, which we viewed at our January meeting. Prize winners for the culture questions were Steve & Eileen Below in January, and Mary Swain in February. Congrats!