

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

Sons of Norway - Grønnavik Lodge 5-632 - Green Bay, WI

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Kalender

March

12—Popcorn Lovers' Day
17—Cultural meeting,
630pm, Trinity Luth Church
20—World Frog Day
26—Wear a Hat Day

April

11—Cheese Fondue Day
19—National Cat Lady Day
21—Deadline for News-
letter!!
21—Cultural meeting,
630pm, Trinity Luth Church

Gratulerer med dagen!

March

7—Jon D Reuter
11—Steven Below
23—Kathryn Romsos
26—Karen L Vedvik

April

7—Mary P Swain
8—Sally M Schlise
13—Karen S Hepp
15—Dawn BergsBaken

Halo,

Our January

meeting held at Village Grill was well attended. Good fellowship was enjoyed as well as hearing all about gnomes. Winners of the gnome contest were Kathy Anderson, Karen Hepp, and Karen Vedvik. Shown at right. We heard a short story about gnomes, and many members shared their own stories. Some of the table decorations were glass jars in the shape of a gnome filled with candy treats.

February meeting was fun also, well attended and several tasty casseroles/hot dishes plus a couple of other delicious items. Our program was an interesting video on Al Johnson Restaurant in Door County. It made me hungry for meatballs. Plus, the goats were so cute! We had a couple of members feeling under the weather and were unable to attend. Hope they are feeling better.

Our March meeting should be a good time also. We will be enjoying green food in honor of St. Patrick's Day, and our program will be AnneMarte and Vergard sharing their growing up in Norway and perhaps about their travels. Please come and enjoy.

In our April meeting, Joy Bashara will be sharing a review on her book about her adventures to Russia. Should prove to be interesting.

Ha det bra, Mollie B. Prez.

Fra vår president: Mollie Bergsbaken



Vår stiftelsesdirektør: Rita Running

How Many Nisser?

Pictured above are Kathy A (3rd place), Karen V (1st place), and Karen H (2nd place), the three top winners of the Grønnavik Lodge Nisse contest. Eight lodge members looked in every nook and cranny of their homes to count the nisse that lived with them. It didn't matter the size or color or if they were called gnomes, tompete, elves, trolls or nisser.

Mange takk to the eight people who entered the contest: Kathy A (43), Mollie B (22), Marlene B (11) Janet B (27), Karen H (69), Cheryl M (24), Peggy S (15) and Karen V (95). The three prizes were donated by contest organizers. Darlene and Rita enjoyed planning the contest.

Informasjon fra Distrikt 5s nettside:



WE'RE HIRING!

join us at **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Youth Camp**

Masse Moro is a 2-week Norwegian heritage camp run in connection with Sons of Norway Fifth District for children ages 9-15 years old. This year the

camp runs July 10-25th, 2026. The camp has been running for over 40 years at Beaver Creek Reserve, located outside of Eau Claire, WI. There are currently employment opportunities available for passionate, energetic, and knowledgeable people to join the staff of Masse Moro. Available positions include: junior counselor, counselor, senior counselor, head cook, kitchen assistant, health aide, and activities instructor. They are also always looking for volunteers. To learn about position descriptions, qualifications, pay rates, and how to apply visit: www.massemoro.org/employment



2026 District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention

The District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention are being hosted

by Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge 5-314 on August 2-6, 2026, in Stoughton, Wisconsin. This convention is testing a few new alternatives that we discussed with the delegates in Indy. It will be a Sunday-Thursday convention to help with reducing hotel rates which go up on the weekend. It is later as we don't have to be within a timeline since there no longer are International Conventions. And because Stoughton doesn't have a hotel with a convention center, the meetings and activities will be in various parts of

DISTRICT 5 CONVENTION
AUGUST 2 - 6, 2026
MANDT LODGE 5-314
STOUGHTON, WI

SONS OF NORWAY
District 5



"Du kan aldri kryse havet før du har motet til å miste synet av kysten."

En ny stavkirke:

During the Middle Ages, while builders across Europe were creating cathedrals made of stone and glass, in Norway arose a different type of church. Stave churches were built with wood and named after the post and lintel construction that was used to make them.

It is believed that at one point, there were anywhere from 1,000 – 2,000 of these structures around Norway. Today, fewer than 30 survive. However, one more will be added to the roster by 2030, if all goes to plan. What makes this project unique is that the plan is to create a new stave church using only the tools and methods that would have been originally used. No cranes or power tools, just pure craftsmanship and hard work. This labor of love has a team of over 1,000 people lending their time and talents to bring this vision to life.

The building site is in Setesdal, a valley in Southern Norway. While the area used to have the Hylesstad stave church, it was destroyed in 1664. The new stave church will be built near that original site, using the Borgund stave church in Lærdal as its blueprint.

Those working on this passion project soon found out their enthusiasm was contagious, and interest was sparked both in and outside of Norway. The team believes this will ultimately lead to other business opportunities for the area and be an asset to the community.



The Stave Church from Gol is one of the main attractions at Norsk Folkemuseum in Oslo.

Medieval Ring Discovered

A shiny gold ring with a blue gemstone was recently unearthed in Norway's oldest city of Tønsberg. Archeologist Linda Åsheim from the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage was on a dig in the southeastern Norwegian town, which dates back to 871 C.E.

On the day that Åsheim dug up the ring, she happened to be the lone archaeologist on site, so there was no one to compare notes with. She told *Popular Science* "I was a bit uncertain if it was a genuine medieval ring, but the more I looked at it, the more certain I became."



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The ring is in such great shape, it could have been created in modern times. The setting includes filigree ornamentation and a blue gemstone which has not yet been determined to be sapphire or blue glass.

Åsheim found the jewelry right below another layer of artifacts, which were carbon dated back to 1150-1250. This would place the ring in the medieval period, at about 800 years old.

A single piece of jewelry can reveal a lot about local society and history. A small ring made of lavish materials may have been worn by a woman of considerable wealth. It also tells us that Tønsberg, a town of tradesfolk, may have been more worldly than previously thought and could have had broader connections to Europe.



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Amy Tuchenhagen

Director, Sons of Norway Foundation

Fra Kjøkkenet: Karen and Colleen



Thank you everyone for bringing and sharing our casserole/hot dish meeting! So delicious!!! Thank you!



March 17th will be "Grønmat" (green food) Look for some interesting recipes! Our April meeting will be open-faced sandwiches. Another thing about it and come up with some interesting ideas and bring them to share!

Tusen Takk, Kitchen Crew