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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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District 5's Nordic News

Nordic News is a weekly presentation of the Fifth District, designed to introduce you to experts in Norwegian and Nordic-American topics. You can participate by computer at: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5> or telephone at: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557) For an iPad, iPhone, or Android smartphone or tablet, go to the appropriate app store and download the GoToMeeting app. The session name is SofN-D5. Nordic News meeting start times are every Tuesday night, 6:20 pm. The session opens 10 minutes early, to give you adequate time to connect. You can also view the archived Nordic News programs at http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

Help Share the Sunshine

Our Sunshine Committee, AKA: Marlene Bergum, needs your assistance. She has all the birthdays covered, but needs us to let her know when another type of card is required – congratulatory, illness, sympathy, etc. Please call Marlene at 920-336-7472 if you are aware of a Lodge member who needs to be contacted.

The November issue of "Viking for Kids" is available online. Check out the articles on Reindeer and Legends of the Northern Lights, and find out your Viking Name (You could be Aasgot Saggy Britches!) Visit sofn.com/vikingforkids. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy it.

Next newsletter submission deadline is December 21st.

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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Tentative Meetings

November 17th (by Zoom if there's enough interest)
December 15th



Gratulerer med dagen!
Birthdays

November

Abigail DeMeuse - 16th*
Ginny Pliiner - 18th
Sharee Dost - 27th

December

Brian Stevens - 1st
Scott Iverson - 2nd
Judy Beerntsen - 7th
Sarah Schroeder - 17th
Beth Clabots - 20th
Colleen Griswold - 24th
Julie Clabots - 28th

*Heritage Member



If 2020 was a baby food...

New Members

Scott Iverson joins his wife, Sarah Schroeder, and children Ila and Charlie as a member of Grønnvik Lodge. He is employed at Purdue University working with student life on campus. Scott is a Vikings fan and a runner. He and Charlie completed a marathon running the steps of the John Hancock Center in Chicago. Being of Norwegian and other Scandinavian ancestry, he is looking forward to a trip to Norway this summer 2021. Welcome, Scott.

Being closer to their grandchildren brought Janice and Ron Widell to Green Bay 5 years ago, following Ron's retirement as a CPA. Familiar with the background of Sons of Norway, they became members in August 2020. Jan's mother was 100% Norwegian, and Jan was raised with all the delicious Norwegian baked goods and traditional Christmas dinners, complete with lutefisk. Ron's family is of Scandinavian heritage, and also had lutefisk. They enjoy outdoor activities: sports, gardening and dog walking. Jan likes to read and hopes to join our book club when we are able to gather again. Welcome.

Snippets

Are you looking for ideas for Christmas gifts? We have District 5 sweatshirts and hats. If you're interested, contact Peg. Remember, too, that Sons of Norway memberships make great gifts!

An assignment for all of us: Write down how our Norwegian-ness influenced our formative years. Be ready to share family memories at future meetings.

There are two new scholarships from District 5. New application forms will be available on the District 5 website.

Fra President

Dear Fellow Sons/Daughters of Norway,

Here we are after another month. It is hard to believe that it has been 6 months of this so far! I know that you are feeling a bit lonely, as I am, but we can meet together using Zoom. Matt Agen has volunteered to set up a Zoom Meeting for November 17 during our regular meeting time. If you can attend, call me by November 12 - 445-1585. We would like to make our award presentation for membership and sports medals during this meeting.

October was Foundations Month, during which funds were to have been collected for a variety of good causes. Our donations project was going to be the playing cards and the proposed Concession Stand for the movie night featuring "The Lutefisk Wars." When we do finally meet, we will do that in person. You can get your cards by sending a check (for \$10 per deck, payable to *Grønnavik* Lodge) to Bob Olson 1716 11th Avenue, Green Bay 54304, and picking them up at either Joy and Frank's house or at Schroeder's Flowers. We do have some extras if you want more. Schroeder's is also the spot to collect your membership anniversary certificates.

In other news, the "Pandemic Cookbook" can go ahead if people are interested. I talked to Michael Palecek of Sons of Norway *Nordlyset* Lodge in Racine. He handled the publishing of "The Hero Next Door". Since this would be published digitally, we can have as many or as few copies as we want. The idea was well-received by him and he thought it may be a good District 5 project for next year. We would be the leaders if we choose to try. Here is how I think it should go: First, find one or more recipe(s) that you want to include; Next, write a paragraph about it. (Kinds of things you can use - anecdotes about the recipe/family, something unique about this during the pandemic, something learned using recipe skills during the pandemic, and/or a little bit about you and your life in the kitchen.); Last, send these to me either by email or through the Post Office. I will handle the editing and layout.

The District 5 Board met virtually on Oct 16-17 and identified a need to rezone our lodges. They are thinking of having 7 zones instead of 6. Calumet MI would be added to our zone. Peg will keep us informed.

District 5's Cultural Director, Judy Gastin is looking to set up virtual classes in cooking, language, history, genealogy and more. This should be something fun for the winter. And speaking of fun, did you see our very own Darlene and Rita with their gnomes in the "Viking Magazine"? Way to go ladies!!!

There will be no changes of officers for most lodges, including ours. If anyone wants to join as an officer, give me a call. I am happy to make a space for you on the board.

Are you in the mood for a unique pizza recipe? Go to "Sweet Paul Magazine" for Smoked Salmon and Goat Cheese. Ya, Sure it's Norwegian!

With this, I will sign off and get back to cutting out paper lace, dolls and Nativities. - Joy



Joy's Scandinavian paper dolls. She also did the cutting and assembly of a Nativity that includes an entire village scene, circa 1850. Paper cutting is a long standing Czech folk art in which designs are often lacy and similar to real lace.

Walk to Norway

We Made It to Norway!

Through our lodge members' determination, perseverance, and plain old "leg work," we have exceeded our District 5 virtual walk challenge and traveled more than 4,776 miles over the past year! Our goal was 4,262 miles, which is the distance from 330 S Broadway (*Grønnavik* Lodge) to Minneapolis, MN (278 miles) + the distance between Minneapolis, MN, to Ringsaker, Norway (3,984 miles). As a result of meeting our goal, a donation has been made to Masse Moro Camp by one of our members. *Takk* to all of our walkers who so faithfully tracked their mileage and contributed their time (and calories) to our goal!

Sports Medals

Several of the members who contributed to our virtual walk challenge also earned sports medals while they were at it! In addition, members have earned medals in other categories, using their safer-at-home time to stay active. Join me in congratulating the following members in achieving these awards from Sons of Norway! Their pins will be presented at the next in-person lodge meeting. (B = Bronze, S = Silver, G = Gold, E = Enamel, I = *Idrettshelt*)

Gangmerke (walking):
Matt Agen (B,S,G,E)
Nelson Agen (B,S,G,E,I)
Darlene Gast (B)
Kathy Romsos (B,S,G,E)
David Running (B,S,G,E)
Rita Running (B,S,G)

Sykklemerke (biking):
Matt Agen (B,S)
Kathy Ramsos (B,S,G,E)
David Running (B,S)

Idrettsmerke (sports & fitness):
Kathy Ramsos (B,S,G)

Want to learn how you can earn your own pins? Contact Matt Agen (matthewjagen@aol.com or 262-290-1122) for more details, or if you want a record card to start tracking your activity toward a goal. - Matt Agen

Culture Corner

The Scoop on "Ja Vi Elsker"

Did you know that Norway did not have an official national anthem until December, 2019? "*Ja Vi Elsker*" was voted to this status by the *Storting* (Supreme Legislature of Norway). About time, too, considering it's been in use for over 150 years. Musician Rikard Nordraak, along with his poet cousin Bjornstjerne Bjornson are the artists responsible for the anthem. Its first official performance took place for the Constitutional Jubilee on May 17, 1864. "*Ja Vi Elsker*" quickly became the de facto national anthem by virtue of its popularity. Nordraak was just 21 years old when he set his cousin's poem to music. We sing just the first verse at our meetings. In Norway, they sing the first and the last two verses. The entire song is actually eight verses long. Is it the longest national anthem? No, Greece holds that honor. Its anthem is 158 stanzas long.



Mary Swain, *Grønnavik's* music director, starts our meetings with the national anthems of Norway, Canada and the USA. Here she accompanies our own Lefse Ladies in their rollicking performance at the December, 2019 lodge meeting.

It's a virtual party!

Sons of Norway is 125 years old. A three-day virtual event will be held December 8-10. For more info, visit sofn.com/125years/virtual-party.