

Med Vennlig Hilsen

With Friendly Greetings

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

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Kalender

March

- 2 – Ash Wednesday
- 8 – International Women’s Day
- 13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 – Lodge Meeting

April

- 17 – Easter Sunday
- 19 – Lodge Meeting
- 21 – Deadline for the Newsletter
- 22 – Earth Day
- 27 – Admin. Professional’s Day
- 28 – Holocaust Remembrance Day

Gratulerer med dagen!

- 1—Ron Jacobson
- 9—Tom Anderson
- 11—Steve Below
- 13—Danielle Taylor
- 15—Elvi Ruotsala
- 21—James McKanna
- 23—Kathy Braun
- 23—Kathryn Romsos
- 26—Karen Vedvik
- 28—Ann-Marie Bennfors

- 3—Noah Jensen*
- 4—Shirley Pennock
- 7—Mary Swain
- 7—Janice Widell
- 13—Karen Hepp
- 15—Dawn Bergsbaken
- 15—Lynn Jensen
- 19—Josh Agen
- 20—Johanna Galt*
- 23—Frida Galt*
- 26—Alaina (Hepp) Noll

I am sitting in my warm house, with a full belly and planning a fun excursion tomorrow, thinking of ways to celebrate our homeland. I am also thinking about the people in Ukraine. Please say a prayer for them as they battle for their lives and their homeland. I can’t imagine what they are going through.



Fra vår sportsdirektør: Matt Agen

Because the convention in Ringsake, Norway was cancelled in 2020, Sons of Norway held a Virtual Walk. 146 Lodges participated in District 5. (Mt Horeb Lodge logged 27,582 miles!! Uff-da!) Certificates were handed out to the 11 members of Grønnvik Lodge that participated in the Virtual Walk to Norge 2020. Shown here are l to r: Karen Hepp, Eileen Larson Below, Peggy Schroeder, Rita and David Running, and Matt Agen. Congrats to all who participated!



Fra vår president

Greetings Grønnvik Members,

Have you ever known someone with a particular gift for hospitality? The kind of person who throws a dinner party where everyone feels warmly welcomed, where the food and drink are abundant and where people linger long after the get-together is over? Well, that is the warm welcome provided by a number of members who are always there to arrange the refreshments, room arrangement, and decorations for all. What a wonderful foundation for all of us. As the year continues I look forward to seeing many more of you enjoying the fellowship of working with us in preparation and programming. Our upcoming meetings on March 15 and April 19 will provide opportunities for you. They are: 1. attending the meeting 2. Reading an article or two from one of the Viking Magazines and agreeing to tell us a bit about it at our next meeting. (Contact Mollie if you are willing to do this) 3. Bring a refreshment contribution such as soup, cheese or crackers for the March meeting. Every month different people help with this. (Contact Karen V about this)

We are really looking forward to Peggy's presentation on the Kensington Stone and an art project in Alexandria, Minnesota at our March 15 meeting.

Thank you in advance for helping.

Our February meeting was a great success with 23 members and guests attending to hear Birgit Ruotsala show and tell us about her three books. What an inspiring presentation !!! Many members of our lodge purchased one or more of her books. We waited in the line to get a look at the books and wait for our precious inscription. These will continue to be available to members. They are not only children's books but also a book to have yourself. The Tomte's Smorgasbord is a narrative of the preparations for a Christmas dinner, and also a recipe book.

Awards for book reading, picture taking and sports walking were given. Volunteers to go to the District 5 Convention in Madison in June included: Karen H, Matt A., Elle T. and Bob O.

Our next executive board meeting will be April 4 at 6:15 at Trinity Lutheran in the lounge. Any member is welcome to attend.



Are you looking for something to do? Maybe investigate more of your heritage? District 5 Convention is right around the corner! You don't have to be a delegate to attend. The dates are June 15 – 19th, 2022 at the Madison Marriott West 1313 John Q Hammons Dr. Middleton, WI 53562. Wednesday is for those attending classes, Thursday will begin District Convention Committee work and other classes and workshops, and Friday and Saturday are for delegates. Sunday is for District 5 board members only. Go to sonsofnorway5.com/conventions for more information. They will be updating the webpage as information is available including classes offered.

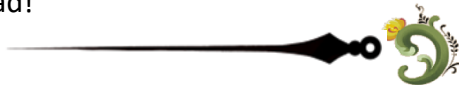


The judge had just awarded a divorce to Lena, who had charged non-support. He said to Ole, "I have decided to give your wife \$800 a month for support." "Vell, dat's fine, Judge," said Ole. "And vunce in a vile I'll try ta chip in a few bucks myself."

Kulturdirektøren: Eileen Larson Below

Cultural Skills Program

A great opportunity to learn, and to display your Norwegian pride awaits you through the Cultural Skills program. There are fourteen units in the program and include Traditional Norwegian Cooking; Literature; Norwegian Rosemaling; Ornamental Woodworking and Genealogy. Sign in to sofn.com to see the complete list (Search: Cultural Skills Program), and to view each pdf and/or YouTube playlist, along with downloadable report forms. Each unit consists of three levels of skills. These can be completed on your own or as part of a lodge group. Earn a Cultural Skills pin, then a Skills bar for each level of the activity completed. Fill out the report form and submit it to your Grønnavik Lodge Cultural Director (me). So, dig out those recipes, hone those blades, or slip on your dancing shoes (or do all three) and add some bling to your bunad!



Visepresident donerer bøker!



After her presentation, Birgit Ruotsala (right) signed copies of her books in her Tomte Series. Vice President Mollie Bergsbaken (center) purchased copies to be donated to the Shawano County Library. Helen Rowinski, Shawano County Librarian Assistant, (left) graciously received the donation.

If you enjoyed Birgit's presentation and would like more info, you can contact her at birgitruotsala@gmail.com or tomtetimes@gmail.com

Fra Medlemsdirektør: Carol Brunner

Please welcome our newest member to Grønnavik Lodge, Dawn Bergsbaken from Oostberg, WI. Dawn is the sister of our V.P. Mollie, and has been a frequent visitor to our meetings. We are very fortunate to welcome her as the new editor of our newsletter, also. Thank you, Dawn, we are very glad to have you.ed note: Awww, shucks!

Fra bibliotekaren vår: Elle Taylor



Our Librarian, Elle Taylor (center), presents Mike Taylor (left) and Peggy Schroeder (right) prizes for the reading contest.

Fra Kjøkkenet: Karen and Colleen

Thank you everyone for bringing cupcakes and other goodies for the February meeting...yum!

Please sign up for soups and cheese trays for our March meeting! We'll all be hungry without your help!!

Fra vår kasserer: Bob Olson

Please remember, any receipts turned in for reimbursement to Grønnavik Lodge should not include any personal items. Please place your items onto a separate receipt .

Also, Grønnavik is looking for a Social Media Coordinator. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Bob Olson at 920-606-7448



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Fra vår ungdomsdirektør: Peggy Schroeder

Viking for Kids is now available on the International web site. Great information and activities for children of all ages (even Big Kids!)

“Viking for Kids was launched in 2020 as part of our 125th anniversary celebration. Available for download, Viking for Kids is a quarterly digital publication that includes Scandinavian-inspired articles, quizzes, coloring pages and more! We are excited for our heritage members to have a magazine of their own.” - Viking Website

The latest edition can be found at sofn.com and includes outdoor fun activities, making a Mother’s Day present, and homemade playdough.



Can you find these Norwegian Cities?

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| OSLO | LILLEHAMMER | ARENDAL |
| NARVIK | ALESUND | BERGEN |
| TRONDHEIM | ALTA | DRAMMEN |
| MOLDE | STAVANGER | HAMAR |