



**SONS OF
NORWAY**

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Synnøve-Nordkap
Lodge #1 - 008

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Front Page News

Reserve Your Spots Now for the Mid-Sommer Picnic – June 19th!

Celebrate summer solstice at our lodge's Mid-Sommer Picnic on Tuesday, June 19th. We encourage you to bring your entire family to the event, which will be held at 6:00 PM at Island Lake Park in Shoreview.

Magnolia's will cater, so reservations are needed. For \$10 a person, you'll receive 2 pieces of chicken, pasta salad, fresh fruit, baked beans, veggies & dip, rolls with butter, and cookies. The cost for kids age 6-12 is \$5, and those 5 or under are free.

Bring your own beverage. We'll have a beer and wine license, so you may bring those beverages if you like.

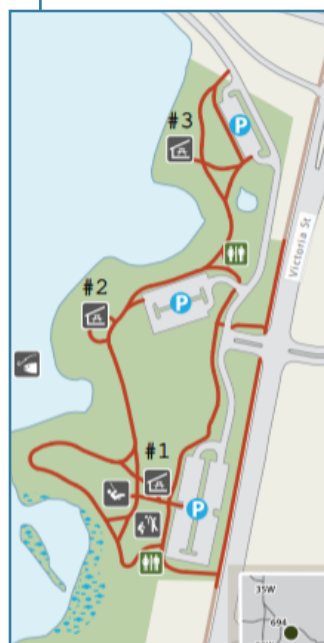
NO glass containers, please. Coffee will be provided.

Contact Mary Beth Mutchler to reserve your meal no later than June 15! Call 651-484-8872 or email: mbe43@q.com

Along with our picnic dinner and socializing, you and your family can enjoy kids games, a troll hunt, Kubb, and dancing around the May Pole with the Peer Gynt dancers.

Island Lake County Park is located at 3611 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, MN 55126. You'll find our group at Picnic Shelter #2, which is to the right

once you've come in through the park entrance. You'll see Norwegian flags to mark the way!



Fra Presidenten

Dear Members,

It seems as though we went directly from winter (a 20-inch snow fall) to summer. I really love spring, so I am feeling a bit robbed!

A heart-felt "Thank You" goes out to each of you who helped for Festival of Nations. A record number turned out for Cooking Day. What a terrific team effort!!! Oh so many krumkakke irons turned out **1,447** cookies—a record for that quantity also. Move in/Set Up Day went smoothly with seasoned helpers. The crews that worked Thursday through Sunday worked tirelessly. Special recognition and gratitude goes to Pat Carlson and her sister, Chris Kolstad, who run the Norway Café. Tusen Takk!!!

I always really look forward to our Midsummer Picnic, and this year will not disappoint. Please remember that the picnic is the THIRD Tuesday in June, on June 19th. Magnolia's will cater this event as they have done in the last few years. I guess you can't improve on wonderful, huh? We need to have you RSVP because we need to give a head count to them. Please call Mary Beth Mutchler at 651-484-8872.

There will be a couple Kubb sets, kids' games, dancing with Susan Stow and some Junior Lodge dancers around the May Pole, and fellowshiping with Lodge friends and families. We will also hear from some students who have received scholarships from our Lodge so they can attend summer camps and post-secondary education. I am always thrilled to listen to these stories and see their smiling faces. This makes all the effort worthwhile that is spent working on our fund raising events.

OK—here comes my plea: Our Lodge is one of three lodges hosting the International Sons of Norway Convention August 16-18, 2018, in Bloomington near the Mall of America. Each lodge from Zone 2 and 9 is asked to provide 30 dozen cookies, so we need volunteers to provide cookies. And they need to be home-made cookies. If they are Scandinavian varieties, so much the better! There will be a sign-up sheet at the picnic. Thanks in advance for volunteering...

We will also need volunteers for helping at the International Convention for the Silent Auction and Folk Art exhibits. I will have more to share at the picnic.

After the picnic, we will not meet as a Lodge until our September meeting. But, we do have the afore mentioned International Convention before we make it all the way through the summer. Stay tuned for the Brevet next month to keep informed.

Blessings,
Sharon



Secretary's Report

Board Meeting Minutes, 1 May, 2018

Attendees: Sharon Amann, Ron and Susan Stow, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Dianne Anderson, Pat Carlson and her sister Chris Kolstad, Dave and Mary Beth Mutchler, Chuck and Jean Draheim.

We started with a Festival of Nations (FON) update, since Pat and Chris have such a busy week. Cooking Day went very well, with 1447 krumkake made and the fruit soup, etc. We have raised our prices (long overdue).

We reviewed the April membership meeting. The light appetizers were not as well received as a meal; we'll return to our old format. We thank Susan and the Junior Lodge for their performance.

We previewed the June picnic, which will again be at Island Lake Park and catered by Magnolia's. We will stay with the same menu as before. Although the price has increased, we will again charge only \$10, with RSVP's needed. With kubbe and other lawn games, and active games for the kids, we don't need special entertainment. The dancers will again lead dancing around the Maypole.

Jean gave a brief treasurer's report. She is waiting until after FON to decide what amount should be withdrawn from our lodge investment funds.

Lowell Johnson has agreed to be our Vice President for 2019-20. LaRee Opdahl will be our new Membership Secretary, and Jen Stow our new Executive Secretary. We thank all three for their commitment to the lodge. Dave will contact another potential candidate regarding the Recording Secretary position which is still open.

We reviewed candidates for future programs at lodge meetings. Paul Rolvaag, grandson of (author) Ole and son of (former Governor) Karl, gives a program on "Giants of the Earth". The program on Norwegian elk hounds that just was at the Hastings lodge is another candidate. These look like excellent candidates for September and October.

Susan gave a brief report on our Junior Lodge and their preparations for dancing at FON. Also, some dancers will sing the national anthems and be escorts at the International Convention in August. Susan mentioned that Marge Dormody has a Singer sewing machine in a cabinet that she wishes to donate to someone in the lodge. We suggested that she take a picture, perhaps to appear in the Brevet.

Ron discussed our preparations for the International Convention in Bloomington in August. As one of the three host lodges, we have attended many meetings. We will need to give 30 dozen homemade cookies and provide some guides for Thursday at Landmark Center in addition to our responsibilities for decorations, Folk Art, and Silent Auction.

The next board of directors meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 5 in the Board Room at the Maplewood Library.

Submitted by: Dave Mutchler, Secretary

Lodge Meeting on May 8, 2018

50 Members and guests attended our May lodge meeting. We welcomed new member Audrey Vaage, as well as two guests: Fred Olson and Rita (From Festival of Nations). President Sharon Amann and musician Norma Erickson then led us in the three anthems and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pat Carlson gave a report on the Festival of Nations. Sales went well, but there was some extra lefse and fruit soup for sale at the meeting.

Sports Director Lowell Johnson gave a bronze walking medal to Joann Englund (103 miles) and an enamel walking medal to Dianne Anderson (372 miles). Gratulere to you both!

Chuck Draheim announced that Kay Sandeen had donated two signed books "History of Norway" by John Yilek. They were given as door prizes, won by Lisa Mutchler and Jacquie Carlone. He also said that we now have PowerPoint on the PC, and that our Board voted to donate \$500 to Gustavus Adolphus for their upgrade of the projector and a large screen to improve the video in our meeting room.

LaRee Opdahl spoke on Bygdelags and had flyers of upcoming meetings.

Sharon Amann reminded us of the upcoming June District 1 Convention in Rochester and the August International Convention in Bloomington. Ron had flyers for registration, and especially noted the reception and tour of US Bank Stadium on Wednesday evening, August 15. We still need guides for Landmark Center on Thursday evening, August 16.

Susan Stow mentioned that we still need items to enter in the Folk Arts competition at the International Convention in August. They need to have been created in the last two years and delivered by noon on Wednesday, August 15. See Susan for further information or Dave Mutchler for Silent Auction donations.

We celebrated the May birthdays of Dianne Anderson, Jacquie Carlone, and Axel Torvi, and the May anniversaries of Dennis and Marie Svendsen.

Lowell Johnson then gave a delightful 2-part program on chip carving, followed by a transformation to his alter ego, Einer Otterson from East Overshoe County, "up north" just east of West Overshoe County. Einer told stories and sang songs to help us better appreciate his Scandinavian roots and our own heritage. Thanks to both you guys!

We closed the meeting with coffee and treats provided by Sheryl Hove and Lisa and Mary Beth Mutchler. Tusen takk!

Submitted by Dave Mutchler, Secretary

The Tall Ship Races

by Don Halvorson

Between July 26 -29 this summer, Stavanger, Norway will be the host port for this year's tall ship races. Visitors who come from far and wide to the city's Vågen Harbor will see the tall ships and their energetic crews, plus three days of music and the festival's wide range of activities. Also anchored in the harbor, will be Norway's three White Ladies, the sailing ships, Christian Radich, Statsraad Lehmkuhl and Sørlandet.

The first race, July 11-18, will be from Sunderland, UK to Esbjerg, Denmark. Then the ships will make their way to Stavanger. The second and final race, August 3-6, will be from Stavanger to Harlingen, Netherlands.

The Windjammer is the name given to a large sailing ships that made its debut in the later half of the Nineteenth Century. Over the fifty plus years of its service, it was the workhorse of the seas. With its large square sails, its tall masts and elaborate rigging, this elegant ship was distinctly recognizable, as an eloquent icon to the end of the thousand-year evolution of the sailing ship. Twice as long as its predecessor, the clipper ship, with its large hull could carry thousands of tons of cargo anywhere in the world.

By the beginning of Twentieth Century Windjammers were being sparingly used and were eventually replaced by steamships. By the 1930's the only product that could be economically shipped by sailing ships was grain. During those years, Gustaf Erikson, an owner of a large fleet of Windjammers in in the Åland Islands, spent the sailing season moving grain from the southern Australian ports in Spencer, around Cape Horn, to Cornwall on the southwest coast of Great Britain. This venture, informally known as the Great Grain Race, was expected to be completed in under 100 days. The last Grain Race took place in 1949. To most, it was an end of an age. To a retired London solicitor, Bernard Morgan, it became the answer to a dream. For some time he had envisioned using those beautiful ships as a training ground for maritime cadets and seamen. Their



training would take place during a race, a competition of skill and speed between naval cadets from the UK and any other country that would take the challenge. His idea soon caught on, first with Dr. Pedro Theotonio, the Portuguese Ambassador to the UK; and then with Earl Mountbatten, the First Sea Lord, and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh.

In July 1956, the Sail Training International Race Committee was established, and a race was run from Torbay on the English Channel to Lisbon, Portugal. The race was intended to be a one-time event, but it was so well received that it was decided to run another one in 1958, and every other year after that. Eventually, it was changed to every year. From 1973-2003, the race was renamed the Cuttsey Sark Tall Ship Race after its new sponsor. From 2004 on the sponsors have varied.

Christian Radich won the overall race in 2010, its fifth victory in the tall ship races. It was launched in 1937, and built specifically to train naval cadets. The Statsraad Lehmkuhl won the race in 2016. It was originally built in Germany in 1914 as a training ship for cadets in the German navy. After WWI it was claimed by the UK as a shipwreck, and in 1923 was purchased by the Norwegians to be used as training ship. In WWII it was seized by the occupying Germans and renamed the Westwarts. After the war it was reclaimed, and again became a training ship. The training ship, Sørlandet, built in 1927, participated in the first Tall Ship Race in 1956.

Windjammer – Wikipedia <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windjammer>
 Tall Ships' Races - Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tall_Ships%27_Races
 The Tall Ships Races Stavanger 2018 – Tall Ships Network
<https://tallshipsnetwork.com/events/tall-ships-stavanger-2018/>

He Will Be Remembered!

I was thinking recently that one of the things my wife and I have had to do this year is to attend several funerals. Unfortunately, many of you may have also found that to be true.

And at many of the funerals we've attended, either at the service or after the service talking with friends and relatives, it is common to hear the phrase: "He will be remembered!" or "She will be remembered!"

And it struck me how true that phrase is, but on different levels.

Our friends will remember us as they knew us, hopefully as kind, caring people who loved to laugh and have a good time. Those memories are, and will become, our legacy – truly one of the most important things that we leave behind.

It is also true that those closest to us will remember us, not only for those things, but for more. They will remember how much we cared for them in other specific ways, a few of which may be:

1. Did "Jim" or "Martha" leave a will telling their relatives how to deal with the immediate traumatic aftermath of their death? Either way, "Yes" or "No", that will be remembered.
2. Were there funds available to handle the funeral and other immediate financial responsibilities? Because if there aren't funds available, the spouse or immediate family will be asked to pay for the funeral and any associated costs right away. That will be remembered.
3. Were there instructions about how valuable assets should be handled? Should they be auctioned? Should they be given to a family member? Is it in writing? Could there be disagreements or issues if it's not? That will be remembered.
4. Were there instructions about who in the family or outside of the family would be in charge in the event a spouse is not or cannot make the decisions needed? If a person is not clearly named to be an executor and is not given specific instructions about how the estate should be handled, hurt feelings and lasting harm to relationships can be the result.

These are difficult topics for many. None of us like to make plans about our death, although all of us need to put those plans in place. In fact, this necessity is one of the main reasons Sons of Norway exists. To help its members with the planning and with the financial tools that assure them and their relatives that their legacy will proceed according to their wishes.

I would like to meet with each of you who read this letter and review your financial plan. Because, **You Will Be Remembered!**

Paul Dormody

Sons of Norway, Financial Benefits Counselor
651-731-5358

District 1

Dear fellow members of Synnove-Nordkap Lodge,

As you know, our lodge is a co-host for the 2018 International Sons of Norway Convention, which will be held in Bloomington, MN August 16-18. With this proximity, it is a rare opportunity for everyone to participate in the convention. Some of our members will be delegates representing District One. Many are working on host committees. Please be aware of the following ways in which you can support the convention.

Would you like to honor a family member or friend with an **honor sponsorship**? Or perhaps give a **memorial sponsorship** for a Norwegian ancestor? A \$30 donation will give two lines in the convention booklet. For example:

Lena Olson
by Ole Olson

Program sponsorships are available where you can have your name in the convention booklet. Be a sponsor at the Gold Level (\$40), Silver Level (\$25) or Bronze Level (\$15) with your name in the respective size print according to the level of sponsorship.

Perhaps you, or someone you know, have a business and would like to advertise in the convention booklet. Ad space is available in full page (\$300/\$350), half page (\$200/\$250), quarter page (\$125) and business card size (\$75). All are available in black/white. Full and half pages are also available in color.

How to submit advertising or sponsorship: Email to dshanokason@gmail.com – your “print ready ad” (prepared as it is to appear in the booklet). Mail payment with a printed copy of your email to match your payment to your email ad. Check payable to International Convention 2018. Mail to:

Diane Halvorson
c/o SofN 2018 Intn'l Convention Committee
10728 Toledo Lane N
Brooklyn Park MN 55443

Questions may be directed to Ron Stow, committee Vice Chairperson 651-439-7255

Please look elsewhere in the online edition of the Brevet about an exciting event open to all members, family and friends: Tailgate Party at the US Bank Stadium on Wednesday, August 15, including an optional walking tour of the Vikings facility. This is another great way to participate in the International Convention. There's plenty of room, so bring some friends and relatives.

**Sandeen's Scandinavian Gifts
RETIREMENT SALE**

Begins May 1st
Everything must go, including display fixtures
Come in early for best selection
1315 White Bear Ave.
St. Paul - 651-776-7012
Open Thurs/Fri/Sat 11-5

Attention Folk Artists

Synnøve-Nordkap Folk Artists are invited to enter your creative work in the Folk Arts Competition at the International Convention in August. Norwegian handcrafted items, created in the last two years, are welcomed to the competition. Each artist may enter two pieces of chip carving, acanthus carving, flat plane carving, knitting, tatting, crocheting, weaving, photography of Norwegian scenes or objects, drawing, painting, rosemaling, Hardanger, nålbinding, or knife making.

Please contact Susan Stow for more information.

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Norwegian Language Classes

- SON Norwegian Language Lessons, Tuesday Class, **September 11**, 6:30-7:00 p.m. at Gustavus Adolphus Church before the meeting in the back corner
- *Norsk Nordmenn og Norge & Ny i Norge*, Wednesday Classes, **September 12 & 26**, 1:00-2:30 p.m. at SunRay Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55119
- WELCOME to new members!
- Please contact Class Facilitator Sheryl Hove at sherylhove@netzero.net or 651-738-4908 for information

Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group welcomes new members to the lodge who would like to begin researching their family tree or to receive help if they have already started their family tree. The June Genealogy Group meeting is June 2, 2018 at the Maplewood Library in the Community Program Room from 10 am to noon. The library is located at 3025 Southlawn Drive which is just west of Maplewood Mall. An optional lunch at a nearby restaurant will follow the meeting.

The Genealogy Group does not meet in July or August.

Hardanger Class

- Hardanger will be meeting this summer. We have set the dates for: Friday, June 8th, Friday, July 6th, and Friday, August 24th. All the meetings are from 10 - 12 at 103 East Burlington, Stillwater, MN.
- Please bring a very sharp small embroidery scissors.

The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008:

District 1 Lodge of the Year in 2013, Family Lodge of the Year in 2006, 2008, 2013, 2016

Visit Synnøve-Nordkap online: <http://synnove1.com/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/synnor/albums>

<https://peergyntdancers.wordpress.com/about/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SynnoveNordkap/>

Date and Time	Event	Location
Saturday, June 2, 10 - Noon	Genealogy Group Meeting	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Dr Maplewood, MN 55109
Tuesday, June 5, 7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting ** All members are welcome **	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood
Friday, June 8, 10 - Noon	Hardanger Embroidery	Susan and Ron Stow home 103 E. Burlington Stillwater, MN 55082
Tuesday, June 19, 6:00 pm ** 3rd Tuesday of the month, rather than 2nd Tuesday **	Mid-Sommer Picnic (in place of lodge meeting)	Island Lake County Park 3611 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, MN 55126
Friday, July 6, 10 - Noon	Hardanger Embroidery	Susan and Ron Stow home
Friday, August 24, 10 - Noon	Hardanger Embroidery	Susan and Ron Stow home

Festival of Nations



Sisters Pat Carlson and Chris Kolstad (above) are critical to our lodge's participation and fundraising success at Festival of Nations. Volunteers in the International Café (right) and the Peer Gynt dancers & their parents (right) also show off Synnøve-Nordkap's hard work and love for Norwegian culture.



Junior Lodge

At our last regular meeting of the school year schedule, we asked dancers and parents to fill out a survey with comments and suggestions for improvement. That is a positive way to gauge our success and participation in the group. We shall see when all the notes are in what activities are enjoyed and where there is room for change.

On August 16th for the International Convention Opening Ceremony it will be such an honor to form the U.S., Canadian and Norwegian flag archway under which the International officers and directors will pass. Our parents did some role playing as the dignitaries, while other dancers ushered the "officers" to the dais.

We rehearsed our Midsommer picnic, audience participation dances to have ready for Synnove-Nordkap members to join in around the May pole. See you at Island Lake Park!



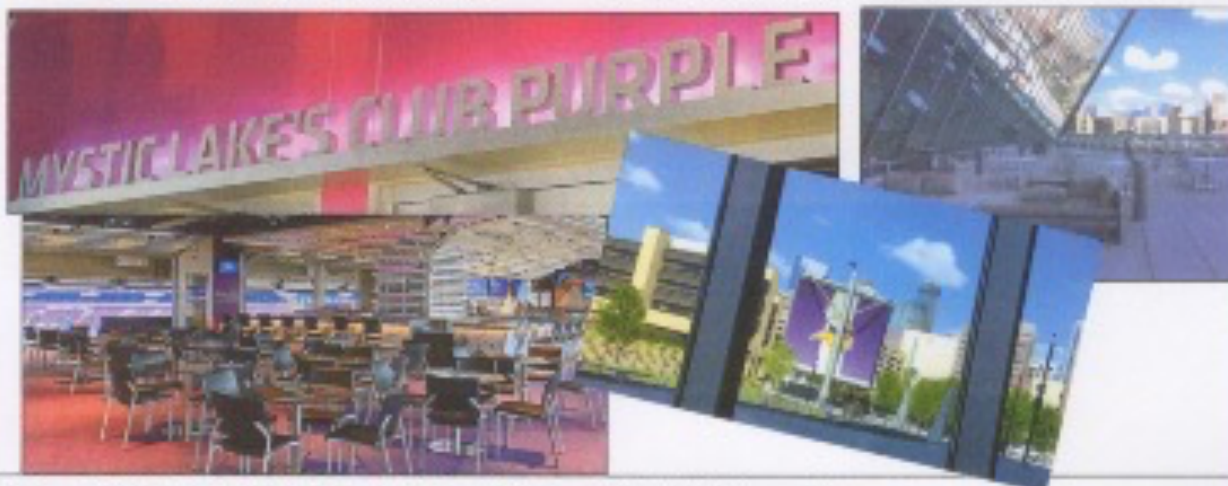
This exciting event is open to all members, family and friends and includes an optional walking tour of the Vikings facility. This is another great way to participate in the International Convention. There's plenty of room so bring some friends and relatives.



Sailing for Growth
2018 International Convention
Sons of Norway - Bloomington, MN

Hyatt Regency Hotel
August 15-18 2018

Hosted by SofN Headquarters & District Lodge #1,
Synnave-Nordkap, Syttende Mai & Vennekretsen Lodges



Optional U S Bank Stadium Tailgate Party & Optional Behind the Scenes Tour

- ☐ Wednesday Evening At US Bank Stadium—Home of the Vikings and site of Super Bowl 2018 **\$ 70.00**
Includes a Buffet Tailgate Party in Club Purple & Light Rail Transportation—can be used from any station. Allow 30 minutes from the Hotel to get to downtown. Ex: Lv hotel @ 5:35 & arrive @ Stadium @ 6:05pm. Hours: 6-10 pm. Doors & Cash Bar open @ 6pm. Buffet starts @ 6:45.
- ☐ An optional walking tour of U.S. Bank Stadium Wednesday night, Aug 15th. 45-60 minutes in length **\$ 10.00**
Tour includes locker rooms, press box, etc. Each group is limited to 30 people. Tours times available: 7:15, 7:30, & 7:45. We will do our best to accommodate your time preference.

Number attending _____ X \$70 Number attending _____ X \$10 1st choice of Tour Time: _____

OPTIONAL EVENTS SUB TOTAL: \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

YES! Please register me:

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Additional Name(s): _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Country _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Payment: Registration forms and payment for each attendee MUST be received no later than July 28, 2018.

Payments and registration by Mail: Make check payable to Nordic Heritage / Convention 2018
and mail to Diane Halvorsen at 10728 Toledo Lane N, Brooklyn Park MN 55443

Any questions about registration, please call Diane @ 612-840-2051 or email dshanokason@gmail.com
with subject line of "US Bank Stadium"