



# SynNor Brevet

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## Front Page News

### **October 9th Lodge Meeting: Show and Tell with Norwegian Elkhounds**

by Naomi Hagen

We will be joined by the Norwegian Elkhound Association (NEAM) of Minnesota for a 'show and tell' with these amazing dogs. NEAM was established in 1946 by a small group of people in the Twin Cities area who shared their interest in the Norwegian Elkhound breed of dogs and the strong Norwegian heritage that the breed represents.

The club has been active for over 70 years in sharing their interest in these special dogs by exhibiting them at dogs shows, training & competing in obedience and agility trials, and telling the public about the special qualities of

the dogs as family companions, home guardians, and faithful friends.

In Scandinavia, the hunting abilities of the dogs are highly valued. Their Norwegian name is "Elghund", but they are used mainly to hunt the Scandinavian "Elg" which is what we know as 'Moose'. They have a long historic association with the early Norwegian farming, herding, and hunting cultures and are still highly valued in Norway for these skills. Don't miss this special meeting!



Dear Members,

I can't believe how quickly Fall arrived. Yesterday morning I was in Florida with 90 degrees and 95% humidity, and when I arrived in Minnesota late afternoon it was 54 degrees, dry, and windy. Talk about climate shock!

Fall is very busy for our Lodge. Last month we really enjoyed Gary Legwold as he entertained us with Lefse and Lutefisk tales and songs while Sasha Aslanian fed us samples of her freshly made lefse. I heard lots of positive feedback about having a "Lefse Bar" as an annual event. For those of you who were not able to attend the meeting, a "Lefse Bar" consists of naked lefse with a variety of toppings: butter (of course), white sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, and the new arrival—lingonberry creamed cheese. That feast was topped off with fresh fruit. Even Ole and Lena would have been happy...

Our October meeting will be a really special treat featuring Norwegian Elkhounds. I am really looking forward to that! My two beagles will most certainly sniff me to a fare-thee-well when I get home, though.

*October is also Sons of Norway Foundation month. The Foundation does so much for so many in our organization. Our Lodge has benefitted by their helping us with bunad fabric for the Junior Lodge Peer Gynt dancers, grants for programs, partial funding for New Land, New Life, college scholarships for Junior Lodge members and some of our children/grandchildren, and more. They also help members all over who have suffered from natural disasters like floods, hurricanes, and fires. Please remember to bring your checkbooks or cash to help underwrite this worthy component of Sons of Norway.*

Also upcoming in October is our annual Torsk & Meatball Dinner with the added delights of the Silent Auction, Bake Sale, and Market Place. Please ask friends and family to accompany you to this tasty and fun event on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We need you to bring items for the Silent Auction, and also bake, cook, or preserve goodies we can sell. We will have sign-up sheets for helpers at the meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

We are going to have an additional bonus that evening—a Dessert Buffet. We are asking you to bring your very special and favorite dessert to share with all who come. Vennekretsen Lodge in Anoka has done this for years, and it really adds a sparkling touch to their already outstanding Torsk & Meatball Dinner. They have a large table that brims over with various specialties that their members bring to share with the guests. I do appreciate the philosophy of "Life is short, eat dessert first."

Our Board has an urgent need for a Recording Secretary. Dave Mutchler has done a terrific job for several years, but he needs to step out of that position. No wonder, he wears too many hats as a Board member. I truly understand that his shoes will be difficult to fill, but he is willing to mentor his replacement through the end of December. Thanks in advance for stepping up to fill this important position. (See the ad in that section of this newsletter).

I look forward to seeing your smiling face at the October meeting. Food, fun, and fellowship are the hallmarks of our Lodge. We need you to make us what we are. Even better, bring a friend to share what you enjoy.

Blessings,  
Sharon



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# Secretary's Report

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## **Board Meeting Minutes, 04 September 2018**

Attendees: Sharon Amann, Ron and Susan Stow, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Naomi Hagen, Dave Mutchler.

We previewed the September meeting. Gary Legwold will present, and Sasha Aslanian will make lefse up front while he speaks. We will have a lefse bar (most from Countryside left from FON) and fruit for dessert.

We previewed the Torsk and Meatball dinner coming up on October 27. Everyone but Naomi had attended the preview meeting at Mutchler's house. We have a new helper (also named Jerry) from Vennekretsen, in addition to Chuck and Lynn. Adult price must be increased to \$18 due to increased costs of nearly everything. We want to try having a dessert table much like Vennekretsen, as it definitely adds to their dinner. Ron and Susan plan to use mini-lights for the Silent Auction like we did at the International Convention. We'll have a raffle as well as the regular auction. Mary Beth will again take reservations.

We briefly previewed the October meeting with the Norwegian elkhounds and the Foundation presentation. Naomi will make sure that Corrie Knudson has our meeting on her calendar.

Sharon thanked the whole Brevet team for their hard work and revisions of the September newsletter.

Susan gave a report on the Junior Lodge. She has her whole schedule for the year, and also had a nice advertisement inviting new members to the group. They will be meeting at the Bayport public library this year. Check out their website at <http://peergyntdancers.wordpress.com>.

We still have no volunteers for the job of Recording Secretary when I finish in December.

Ron had some news from District 1. Jan Osmonson is our new Zone Director and Gina Pockrandt our new Publicity Director. Their October meeting will be in Granite Falls at the casino.

**At the International Convention, we received the 2017 Family Lodge of the Year award. Tusen takk to everyone!**

We discussed what to do next with the New Land, New Life exhibit, which received much attention and praise at the International Convention.

The next board of directors meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 2 in the Board Room at the Maplewood Library.  
Submitted by: Dave Mutchler, Secretary

## **Lodge Meeting on September 11, 2018**

51 Members and guests attended our September lodge meeting. We welcomed two visitors: Connie ?? and Dave Erickson; Pat Carlson brought her sister Marilyn as a guest. President Sharon Amann and musician Norma Erickson led us in the three anthems and the Pledge of Allegiance.

We sang to a large group with September birthdays, including Meredith Berg, Ken Bjork, Dana Carlson, Pat Carlson, Dave Erickson, and Jen Stow. Maureen Austinson announced that Shirley Brekke would be 94 in 2 days. Maureen had put 35 birthday cards on a table for us to sign so she could bring them to Shirley. Mange tusen takk, Maureen!

There were no changes to the July/August minutes as printed in the Brevet.

Ron Stow introduced his grandson Carl Tomlinson, who made a beautiful new bookcase for our lodge as his Eagle Scout project. Carl described the project, showed us the bookcase, and thanked Lynn Hoffmeyer for his help and mentoring. We will have a contest to design a commemorative plaque or dedication piece for the bookcase. Lowell Johnson made the excellent suggestion that the picture taken of Carl, the bookcase, and the project leaders in the lodge should be sent in the Viking Magazine.

Sharon and Ron and Susan all spoke regarding our lodge participation at the International Convention, which was held in Bloomington in August. At the convention, we received the 2017 Family Lodge of the Year award. We were a co-host of the convention and were very visible: Clayton Lance (and Mary Beth Mutchler) was Treasurer, Sharon Amann (with help from Jean Verner) was in charge of Table Decorations, Susan Stow was in charge of Folk Art, and Dave Mutchler was in charge of the Silent Auction. We all had lots of help from other members of our lodge. Members of the Junior Lodge were escorts and sang anthems. Our lodge members also won many ribbons in the Folk Art competition. Please see pages 9-12 of the online version of the September Brevet for a full list of the many participants and awards: <http://synnove1.com/Newsletter/18Sep/September%202018%20Brevet%20Online.pdf>. (This is one of many times when the online version has a **big** advantage over the printed one.)

Sharon Amann mentioned the upcoming October meeting with Norwegian Elkhounds on October 9, and the Torsk and Meatball Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser coming on October 27. This year we are going to try having a dessert table, for which members are encouraged to bring their "signature dessert". And don't forget the Silent Auction and Bazaar.

Our program featured author and lefse king Gary Legwold. He was very entertaining and well received as he told us about lefse making. Throughout his presentation, Sasha Aslanian made lefse for all to see, and Naomi Hagen served the audience with lefse right off the griddle.

We closed the meeting with coffee and lefse accompanied with many toppings and fresh fruit. Tusen takk to Dianne Anderson, Pat Carlson, and Susan Stow for these treats.  
Submitted by: Dave Mutchler, Secretary





## Norway's Age of Romanticism

by Don Halvorson

At the Treaty of Kiel on January 14, 1814, Denmark found itself on the losing side of the Napoleonic War, and as a result was forced to cede Norway to Sweden. For Norway, it was the end of their 400 Years of Darkness under Danish rule, and the beginnings of a growing sense of pride in a Norwegian cultural identity.

Norway's recovery began slowly. Kept totally subservient for so long under the Danes, the country was economically and intellectually years behind every other country in Europe. It would take three decades to catch up to what the rest of Europe had been doing since the turn of the century.

Romanticism as a movement in Europe had begun to develop at the end of the 18th century. It was an artistic, literary, musical and intellectual ideal that invoked the artistic celebration of nature, beauty and imagination. The artist, composer and writer approached his work with emotion rather than reason. The movement embraced the rejection of industrialization, organized religion and conventional society. It idealized rural life, children and women.

Combine these values with an awakening belief in their national identity, and you have the aesthetic movement that overtook Norway in the 1840s. Because of the more relaxed alliance with Sweden many of those creative people who had fled Norway under Danish rule, began to return home. Together with some promising newcomers, they formed a creative core of artists, writers and composers whose goal was to create a document of work that was completely and originally Norwegian.

Among this core group were the painters Adolph Tidemand, Hans Gude, J.C. Dahl and August Cappelen. The writers include Aasmund Ollavsson Vinje, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, and the aspiring playwright, Henrik Ibsen. There were also two notable composers, Ole Bull and Edvard Grieg.

As more people were moving into urban areas to make a living, there arose a concern about losing the rich heritage of the Norwegian rural culture. A number of individuals stepped up to make collections of artifacts for posterity. Peter Christian Asbjørnsen and Jørgen Moe compiled a collection of Norwegian fairy tales. Magnus Borstrup Landstad and Olea Crøger collected folk songs. Ludvig Mathias Lindeman created a Norwegian hymn tradition separate from the Danish-German psalms that were historically the basis of Norwegian high music. Ivar Aasen, a linguist, believed that the origins of the Norwegian language existed in the dialects of the mountain valleys of Western Norway. His study and synthesizing on this subject led to the origins of an improvised Norwegian language called Nynorsk.

Historically the movement only lasted until late 1860s, but the ideals it fostered continued to live on. As late as the 1880s, there was an effort to rescue and collect valuable pieces of traditional Norwegian architecture and artifacts and relocate them in outdoor museums in Oslo and Lillehammer. Even today national pride remains - júst count the number of bunads at a Sytende Mai parade in Oslo.

Karen K. Larsen History of Norway 1948 p423

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# Synnøve-Nordkap

## TORSK & MEATBALL DINNER

BAKE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM**

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church  
1669 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106

Celebrate with food, fun, and friends  
at the annual event

Adults \$18, Children (6-10) \$7, Ages 5 & under FREE  
Reservations required by contacting:  
Mary Beth Mutchler, 651-484-8872 or [mbe43@q.com](mailto:mbe43@q.com)

Menu: torsk (cod), meatballs, roasted red potatoes with dill, coleslaw,  
mashed rutabagas/carrots, lefse, dessert table, coffee, tea, and milk

**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ONLY  
DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018**

# Synnøve-Nordkap

## TORSK & MEATBALL DINNER

Our annual Torsk and Meatball Dinner will be held on  
**Saturday, October 27th, at 5:00 PM**

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church  
1669 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106

We need **volunteers** for a successful event!! Please consider how you can help make this a fruitful fundraiser.

- ♥ **Donate:** Books, sweaters, bunads, greeting cards, Scandinavian items, your time & expertise (translate, bake, rake, paint, create!)
- ♥ **Bake:** Cookies, pies, bread, jam, or pickles for the bake sale and/or the **new dessert buffet table**
- ♥ **Volunteer:** Set-up (October 26), serve, clean-up, work sale tables

Volunteer sign-up and ticket sales will begin at our October 9th lodge meeting.

Make your reservations early, as there is limited seating for the one and only 5:00 PM dinner service.

Adults \$18, Children (6-10) \$7, Ages 5 & under FREE

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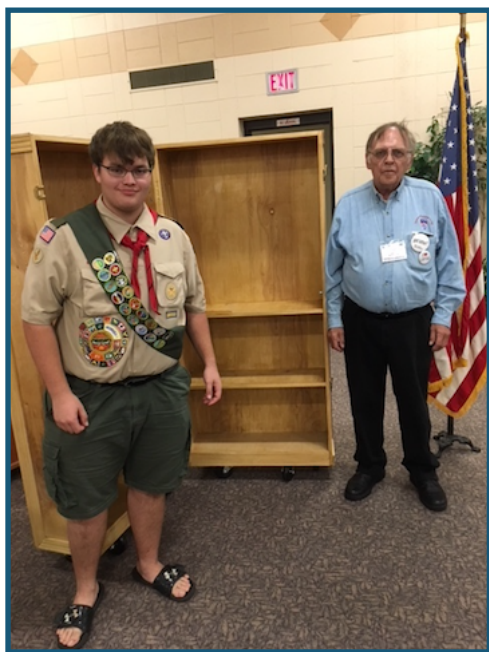
Mail non-refundable check payable to: "Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge" to:

Mary Beth Mutchler  
3496 Nancy Place  
Shoreview, MN 55126-8005

Pick up tickets at door or enclose stamped self-addressed envelope with check.

**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ONLY**  
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## Our Lodge

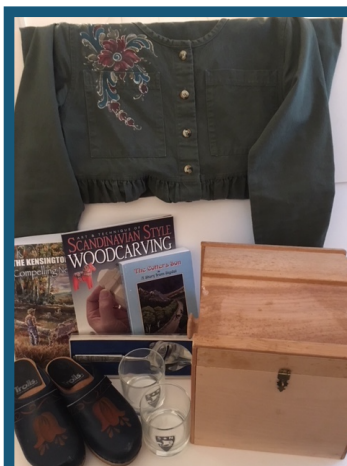


Carl Tomlinson (L) presents his Eagle Scout project, a bookcase which he built for the lodge under the mentorship of lodge member Lynn Hoffmeyer (R). The locking bookcase will house the lodge library. Carl thanked the lodge board for funding the project. He is the son of member Jen Stow and grandson of members Susan and Ron Stow.



At the September lodge event, author/entertainer Gary Legwold (R) told all about lefse through story and song. During the presentation, member Sasha Aslanian (L) made several rounds of delicious lefse which were shared with the audience.

Lodge members celebrate their September birthdays. Gratulerer med dagen!



### It's that Time Again!

Hei, hei fellow members! It's time to gather the Norwegian/Scandinavian related items that you have been saving for the silent auction and bring them in good condition to lodge on October 9. Please have a written description and estimated value for each item. Contact Ron Stow at 651-439-7255. Silent auction items like these will be available for members and guests to bid on often at the Synnove-Nordkap Lodge Torsk and Meatball Dinner on Saturday October 27.

**There will be a Dessert Buffet this year, so please bring a special dessert to share!**



### Sunshine News

Member Jerry Richards passed away Sunday, September 16. He was the chef at our Torsk and Meatball Dinner for many years and also manned the grill at our Midsommer Picnic. Our sympathy to his family, to his wife Trudi, stepdaughter Kim, and granddaughter Leigh, who are all members of our Lodge.

### Sunshine News

Happy to say, that after a brief hospital stay Jean Draheim is back at home, up and around, and on the mend.

### October is SoFN Foundation Month

Please see a special paragraph in this month's President's Letter to see how your contribution helps members.

### WANTED: 2018 Lodge Recording Secretary

We are still in need of a lodge Secretary for the upcoming year. If you would like to contribute to the continuing success of our lodge, please consider this volunteer opportunity. Touch base with any board member at a meeting or event to learn more!

### Peer Gynt Norwegian Dancers

Oct. 13th meeting, 1-2:30 at St. Paul Church, 609 5th St. S., Stillwater, Mn. Enter from the parking lot on 4th St. Our meeting spot is downstairs, past the stairway, straight ahead.

### For Information:

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Chuck Draheim, Vice President 651-433-2008  
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### Norwegian Language Classes

- Tuesday, October 9, 6:30-7 p.m. at Gustavus Adolphus Church
- "Norsk Nordmenn og Norge" book & "Ny i Norge" book, October 10 & 24, 1:00-2:30 p.m. at SunRay Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55119
- WELCOME to new members!
- Please contact Sheryl Hove at 651-738-4908 or [sherylhove@netzero.net](mailto:sherylhove@netzero.net) for information.

### Genealogy Group

Turn over some new leaves in your life and come to the October Genealogy Group meeting to begin researching your family tree. The next meeting is October 6 at the Maplewood Library Community Program Room from 10 am to noon. The library is located at 3025 Southlawn Dr. which is just west of Maplewood Mall. An optional lunch at a nearby restaurant will follow the meeting.

The November 3 Genealogy Group meeting will be at the Stillwater Library from 10 am to noon. The Stillwater Library is located at 224 – 3rd Street North, Stillwater. On street parking is available on both 3rd and 4th Streets. There is also a parking ramp that can be entered from the 3rd Street side. The meeting room is on the top floor of the library.

### Hardanger Embroidery Class

- Upcoming meeting dates: Oct. 12th, and November 9th
- All the meetings are from 10 - 12 at 103 East Burlington, Stillwater, MN.
- Please bring a very sharp small embroidery scissors.
- Contact Susan Stow [burle103@aol.com](mailto:burle103@aol.com) or 651-439-7255 for more information.



### Junior Lodge Update

*“Happiness doesn’t come by our waiting for it”* is the first Sami proverb of our junior lodge September meeting. The saying urges people to look for happiness actively! This school year, we are focusing on the Sami people, culture, celebrations, reindeer herding, “gakti” or Sami clothing, Arctic fairy tales and proverbs.

At our September 8th meeting, we each received a Sami style woven bracelet. Of course, it was not really out of reindeer hide, nor was the woven pattern made of silver, but it does start out our curiosity about Sami arts and handcrafts. We viewed two brief Youtube videos showing the map of Norway and where the reindeer herds migrate through northern Norway, Sweden, Finland and into Russia too.

Another emphasis for junior lodge is to record the points earned in exercise, sport, walking or biking. The Peer Gynt dancers are so active, they should not have any difficulty filling up their hours for the bronze cultural skills medal.

We started a new folk dance from northern Sunmøre called *Sandsvaeril*. This is a peppy weaving dance in groups of six dancers. After working on this dance, we reviewed five dances we already know to keep them in mind for future performances.



No antler buttons or reindeer hide in our Junior Lodge Sami-style bracelets. Yet they do have the flair of the original.

*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 2017

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Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting <b>** All members are welcome **</b>	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Dr Maplewood, MN 55109
Saturday, October 6, 10-Noon	Genealogy Group Meeting	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood
Tuesday, October 9, 6:30-7 pm	Norwegian Language Class	Gustavus Adolphus Church, 1669 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106
Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm	Monthly Lodge Meeting	Gustavus Adolphus Church
Wednesday, October 10, -2:30 pm	Norwegian Language Book Group	SunRay Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55119
Friday, October 12, 1 - Noon	Hardanger Embroidery Class	Ron and Susan Stow 103 East Burlington Stillwater, MN 55082
Saturday, October 13, 1 - 2:30 pm	Peer Gynt Meeting/Rehearsal	St. Paul Church, 609 5th St. S., Stillwater, Mn 55082
Wednesday, October 24, 1-2:30	Norwegian Language Book Group	SunRay Library
Saturday, October 27, 5:00 pm	Torsk and Meatball Dinner	Gustavus Adolphus Church