



SynNor Brevet

Synnøve-Nordkap
Lodge #1 - 008

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Special Summer Issue



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The mid-summer picnic was a fun-filled evening at Island Lake County Park. There was great food, dancing, and conversation on a cool June night. Who could ask for more?!
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Please peruse the rest of this issue for news about the District 1 convention that was held in June and about the International Convention coming up in August. It's turning out to be a very busy summer!

Fra Presidenten

Dear Members,

This July/August issue of The Brevet is almost a bonus. We will not have an actual in- person meeting until September, so this will have to bridge that gap regarding some past, present, and future events.

The past events are the Mid-Sommer Picnic and the District 1 Sons of Norway Convention held mid-June. I think the picnic went wonderfully well. The weather cooperated, the food we catered from Magnolia's was wonderful, and everyone I saw and spoke with had a great time. Susan Stow and the Junior Lodge dancers led in dancing around the May Pole. Young and not-so-young joined hands to celebrate Mid-Sommer and our corporate enjoyment of being together.

Many of our members are continuing to prepare for the upcoming 2018 International Sons of Norway Convention that will be held in Bloomington August 15-18. Our Lodge is responsible for both the Cultural Skills Exhibit and the Silent Auction. We are also in charge of table decorations, etc. (It's the etc. that has a longer list.) AND—drumroll please... COOKIES, AND MORE COOKIES, AND EVEN MORE COOKIES. My oh my, do all you cookie bakers make us all proud (do I dare say that????) We have promises for 46 dozen cookies to be donated by you dear bakers! We will also need a whole lot of volunteers to help us with the many and varied jobs that are vital to making this convention a success. I thank you in advance for being available to help us.

We can also look ahead to September when our next meeting will have a special presentation to our Lodge. I know this is a "teaser," and it is meant to be. This is a not-so-subtle way of telling you to be certain to be there... September is our kick-off meeting for a Fall/Winter schedule of great programs and fun and fellowship, not to mention food. You know my mantra, "fun, food, and fellowship." But not necessarily in that order. Please remember to reserve Saturday, October 27th for our Annual Torsk & Meatball dinner. Please remember to start looking for things to donate for the Silent Auction.

I was just reading an article that broke my heart. It dealt with one of the major problems facing people today—Loneliness. It stated that so many people are depressed by not having family or friend interactions and become despondent by isolation. Well, we have an answer for these people who happen to be in your sphere of influence—Our Lodge! Please consider what I just said, and look around your family, friends, and neighbors. Invite them to come with you to our meetings. Encourage them, speak to them, and love them. We can all make a difference in the lives of others around us.

Blessings,

Sharon



Secretary's Report

Board Meeting Minutes, 5Jun, 2018

Attendees: Sharon Amann, Ron and Susan Stow, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Dianne Anderson, Pat Carlson, LaRee Opdahl, Dave and Mary Beth Mutchler, Chuck and Jean Draheim.

- We started with a Festival of Nations (FON) update by Jean Draheim. As a fund raiser, it was a success, as usual.
- We reviewed the May membership meeting. We thank Lowell Johnson for his wonderful entertainment as our program.
- We previewed the June picnic, which will again be at Island Lake Park and catered by Magnolia's. Sasha will have a report on our recent scholarship winners.
- We reviewed preparations for next week's District 1 convention in Rochester. See Sharon's Letter and convention report for more information after the fact.
- We discussed the upcoming International Convention in Bloomington. Dianne will coordinate our lodge's 30 dozen home baked cookies. Ron is coordinating our help at the Landmark Center on Thursday, August 16. We decided on a full page ad in color which emphasizes our lodge's many activities.
- We welcome LaRee as our new Membership Secretary; the search for a new Recording Secretary continues.
- The next board of directors meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 10 at a location TBD.

Submitted by: Dave Mutchler, Secretary

Mid-Sommer Picnic, 19Jun, 2018

We had more than 80 people attend our annual lodge picnic on a day that cleared of rain nicely.

- The kids enjoyed a troll hunt and several yard games.
- The catered meal was good as usual.
- Ron Stow awarded fitness medals to all three Heffron children and walking medals to Sharon Kalmes and Joanne Englund.
- Sasha Aslanian read a very nice thank you note from summer camper Josie Haugen. College scholarship winner MaeHovland is studying in Japan, but will be attending the University of Virginia this Fall. Olivia Travis, granddaughter of Ken Bjork, was present. She will be attending State Cloud State this Fall.
- There was some good kubbb played by Ken Bjork's extended family.
- As usual, there was dancing around the Maypole, led by Susan Stow.
- All in all, a good time for everyone!

Submitted by: Dave Mutchler, Secretary

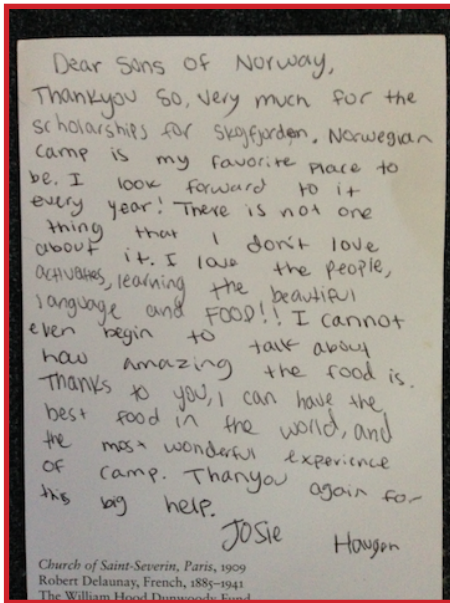
Board Meeting Minutes, 10 Jul, 2018

Attendees: Chuck and Jean Draheim, Sharon Amann, Ron and Susan Stow, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Pat Carlson, LaRee Opdahl, Dave and Mary Beth Mutchler.

- We met at the Draheim's house, starting with a discussion of the new lodge bookcase built by Carl Tomlinson as part of his Boy Scout Eagle project. We OK'd a brass plaque acknowledging Carl for the bookcase, and discussed having a contest in the Fall for a member-made emblem with our lodge name.
- District 1 Convention Report: Four of the five resolutions written and presented by Susan passed. Tusen takk, Susan!
- Sharon and Ron were elected as delegates to the International Convention in August; Chuck and Lynn are alternate delegates. Dianne has sign-ups for 46 dozen cookies.
- The next board of directors meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 7 in the Board Room at the Maplewood Library.

Submitted by: Dave Mutchler, Secretary

Scholarship News



Josie Haugen, 14, was awarded a scholarship to attend Skogfjorden, Norwegian Language Village, for four weeks in Bemidji, Minnesota. Josie has been a member of the Peer Gynt Dancers for five years. This is her fifth summer at Skogfjorden. (see thank you note)

Mae Hovland, daughter of Jenn and Peter Hovland, is fresh back from a gap year in Japan and headed to the University of Virginia this fall. Mae was a Peer Gynt Dancer for 11 years and dance leader during her last year.

Mae wrote that dancing in the Festival of Nations was always a highlight for her.



Olivia Travis, Ken Bjork's granddaughter, was awarded a post-secondary scholarship to begin her studies at St. Cloud State University this fall. Olivia is a graduate of Dassel-Cokato High School. She wrote in her essay, "When I look at myself as a person, my Norwegian and Scandinavian heritage has mostly influenced me and my future in my strong moral and political values. . . I believe in tolerance, respect and solidarity." She plans to major in psychology and minor in American sign language.

WANTED: 2018 Lodge Recording Secretary

Duties:

1. Reserve room for future Board meetings.
2. Attend monthly Board meeting and take notes. We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00-9:00PM at the Maplewood library.
3. Attend monthly lodge meeting and take notes. There is no meeting in July or August.
4. Submit notes to newsletter editor by email

District #1 Sons of Norway Convention

There were a total of 120 Lodge Delegates, 17 District Officers, and two International Officers at the District 1 Convention in Rochester, MN, hosted by Kristiana Lodge. Synnøve-Nordkap contributed 6 of the delegates representing our Lodge: Chuck Draheim, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Susan Stow, and Sharon Amann. Jean Draheim was attending as an alternate. And last, but certainly NOT least, was Ron Stow who served as Vice President of District 1.

Our Lodge presented 5 resolutions, and 4 of them passed. Wow, was that amazing and, in one instance, a really hard-fought win! Mange Tusen Takk to Susan for writing (and re-writing several times) these needed items. (Please see a separate article in this issue that details these resolutions.)

Ron Stow was elected to serve the upcoming term as the District #1 Sports Director. Please remember to congratulate him on this new office. He did an excellent job these past 2 years serving as District Vice President, and I know he will excel as Sports Director also.

Sharon Amann was selected to represent Zone 9 as a delegate to the International Convention that will be held August 15-18 in Bloomington. There will be additional members of our Lodge/Zone attending as we get nearer to the Convention time, and the need for more delegates arises.

Our Lodge received 2 special recognitions: GOLD Merit Award 2017 to Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge 1-8, and GOLD President's Merit Award 2017 to Sharon Amann. Both awards express, "Congratulations on a Year of Fraternal Excellence."

Thanks to these 6 who represented us all at this conference. Much time, effort, and hard work went in to making this a worthwhile endeavor that will have lasting impact because of the resolutions that were presented and passed.

Resolutions Report from the District 1 Convention

Presenting resolutions at a District Sons of Norway Convention is a way to make our lodge and membership aware of ideas for improvement. Many individuals and other lodges might have the same concerns, but have hesitated to put the idea forward for discussion.

Synnøve-Nordkap wrote five resolutions to bring to the convention floor. They were reviewed by a resolutions committee and then read to the assembly for discussion. Each delegate who wishes to speak comes to the microphone with their voting paddle, identifies their lodge and number. Three speakers are allowed for the resolution and three against before the vote. A speaker may voice a two minute opinion.

Of the five resolution ideas brought by Synnøve-Nordkap, four passed and one was defeated.

1. Had to be revised before it passed to form a district committee by Oct. 2018 to update the monthly Barna's Norsk materials for children, have the committee develop and update the children's materials by March 2019 so the Sons of Norway International Board can implement the programs by July 2019. There are elementary Barna's Norsk resource materials, as well as secondary. PASSED!
2. Revise the Sons of Norway website under the Join Link to start an interested party with a lodge 10 miles from their location rather than 90 miles as presently listed. PASSED!
3. Revise the number of clicks a perspective member needs to hit to reach information making the website more user friendly. Simplify the categories and update the genealogical sources to include digitalarkivet.no. Change the contact information for the newly moved NAGA Library. PASSED!
4. Develop a "think tank" of current members to "think outside the box" in advertising our Sons of Norway in recruiting interested new members. This could be in magazines, concert programs, billboards, radio segments, television interviews. Then commit to a comprehensive 2019 publicity blitz. PASSED!
5. Assign Central Lodge 1-000 and 1-999 Spirit New Century members who pay the same dues as Sons of Norway lodge members to existing lodges close to their location. This will help lodge representation at conventions and add to their treasury. DEFEATED!

The way I see it, Synnøve-Nordkap went up to bat, scored four runs and only had one out! Way to go team!

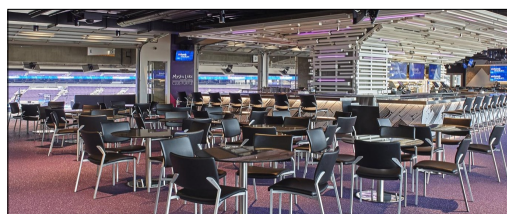
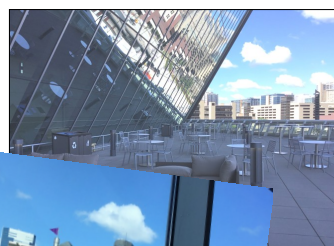
**The Sons of Norway International Convention is fast approaching.
There are a few ways for any and all SON members to get involved!
Here are a couple.**



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,
Synnøve-Nordkap, Syttende Mai & Vennekretsen Lodges



Optional U S Bank Stadium Tailgate Party & Optional Behind the Scenes Tour August 15, 2018

- ☐ 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.*
- ☐ Evening Event for an **additional \$10** - optional *walking* tour for attendees
*45-60 minutes in length. Tour includes locker rooms, press box, etc.
Tour times available: 7:15, 7:30, & 7:45. Each group is limited. to 20.*

Number attending _____ X \$70 Number attending _____ X \$10

OPTIONAL EVENT 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 Halvorson 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"**

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.**

Bulletin Board

Any one with Lodge pictures that they would like to share on Flickr, "E"mail them to lynnhoffmeyer@gmail.com. In the subject line Pictures for Flickr. Also add a description and date. NO names of living people will be put on the site for safety reasons.

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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

Hardanger Class

- Hardanger will be meet Friday, August 24th. 10 - 12 at 103 East Burlington, Stillwater, MN.
- Please bring a very sharp small embroidery scissors.

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 Genealogy Group does not meet in July or August.



Our fearless representatives at the District 1 convention:
Jeanne Draheim,
Chuck Draheim,
Sharon Amann, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Susan Stow, Ron Stow

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
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<https://peergyntdancers.wordpress.com/about/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SynnoveNordkap/>

| Date and Time | Event | Location |
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| Tuesday, August 7 , 7:00 pm | Board of Directors Meeting ** All members are welcome ** | Ramsey County Library - Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Dr Maplewood, MN 55109 |
| Friday, August 24, 10 - Noon | Hardanger Embroidery | Susan and Ron Stow home |
| Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 pm | Board of Directors Meeting ** All members are welcome ** | Ramsey County Library - Maplewood |
| Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 - 7 | Norwegian Language Class | Gustavus Adolphus Church 1669 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106 |
| Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 pm | Monthly Lodge Meeting | Gustavus Adolphus Church |
| Wednesday, September 12, 1-2:30 | Norwegian Book Group | Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul 55109 |
| Wednesday, September 26, 1-2:30 | Norwegian Book Group | Sun Ray Library |