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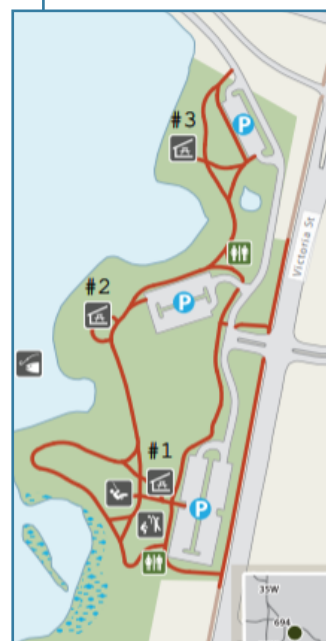
Enjoy the Midsummer Picnic on June 18th

Please join us at Island Lake Park for our annual Midsummer picnic on Tuesday, June 18th. Magnolia's will again cater this event. The menu includes 2pcs. of chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, veggies & dip, rolls & butter. We will provide coffee, but you should bring any other beverage you'd like. We also have a beer and wine permit. Please do not bring glass containers. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-12 years, free to those 5 years and under. **Reservations** to Mary Beth Mutchler at mbe43@q.com or 651-484-8872 by Friday, June 14th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 but come earlier to dance around the May pole, a troll hunt, kubb, and other lawn games.

The program for the evening will be a demonstration by **Air Bears**, a group of drone pilots dedicated to aiding local authorities in search & rescue, aerial surveillance, and other emergency services. We will see drones in action and learn how they are used for much more than just fun. This should be an exciting event! <https://www.airbears.org/>

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

Greetings to one and all.

Festival of Nations is behind us for another year. I believe that the event, as a whole and specifically the Norway Café, was a success.

Our next big event is the annual picnic at Island Lake Park on June 18th. I hope you will consider attending this fun event. Our program for the evening will feature Air Bears, a non-profit group utilizing drone technology to aid law enforcement, fire departments, search and rescue and other similar organizations in the performance of their duties. Jean and I learned of the organization last year at a Scandia-Marine Lions function. The presentation they put on is amazing and demonstrates the use of drone technology far beyond the purely recreational.

As in the past, Magnolia's will be providing a delicious chicken dinner. Please contact Mary Beth Mutchler by June 14th to reserve your dinner. Guests and family members are always welcome. Cost is \$11.00 per person (13 and up) and \$5.00 (ages 6 thru 12) and free for those under six.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM followed by the Air Bears program and dancing around the Mai Stang led by Susan Stow. Lowell Johnson will be providing lawn games, including Kubb, for all to enjoy prior to dinner. Our 2019 scholarship recipients have been invited to attend and briefly tell us about their intended use of their scholarship funds. This is our last meeting until September. Enjoy your summer!

2019 Lodge President, Chuck Draheim



Counselor's Corner

1,577 That's how many krumkakke that were made on Cooking Day, April 29th, for Festival of Nations. Pretty impressive, huh? We had a wonderful turn-out of volunteers. Tusen Takk to Sasha Aslanian for bringing extra volunteers from MN Public Radio to help us in any way we needed help. A special "Thank You" goes to Jan Osmanson (Zone 9 Director from District 1) and her husband, Glenn, who came to help make the batter for all those krumkake.

It is an amazing sight to view the long row of krumkake irons and overflow into the hallway with people laying on batter and then rolling, rolling, rolling. The baking rack was stacked with trays cooling before the round goodies could be packed carefully away.

We had two large containers of fruit soup and the "magic number" of cookies tucked safely into tins by the time we left the kitchen clean and tidy at G.A. I have heard that 90% of life is showing up. Mange Tusen Takk to the hard-working group who showed up, worked diligently, AND had a wonderful time fellowshiping and turning out our delicious food for Norway Café.

We so appreciate the time and effort that all the volunteers made by showing up for cooking day, move in day, shifts on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, move out time, Junior Lodge dancers, and all the extra time behind the scenes before, during, and after making Festival of Nations such a success.

Pat Carlson, our Festival Chair, and Susan Stow, Junior Lodge Leader, deserve **kudos to the max** for all (and I do mean ALL) the multiplied hours they logged in to make Festival happen. "Thank You" seems hollow, indeed...

I encourage you as Lodge members to offer special thanks to these two who worked so tirelessly for the good of our Order.

Blessings,

Sharon Amann

Secretary's Report

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1 – 008, Board Meeting, 05/07/2019

The Board for Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008 met on Tue, May 7, 2019 @ 7 PM at the Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr, Maplewood, MN.

Members in attendance: Dianne Anderson, Ingrid Bjorum, Jacqueline Carlone, Pat Carlson, Connie Chrissis, Chuck Draheim, Jean Draheim, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Lowell Johnson, Dave Mutchler, Mary Beth Mutchler, LaRee Opdahl, Ron Stow, Susan Stow and Heidi Slen Walsh.

Not present: Sharon Amann, Sasha Aslanian

President Chuck Draheim called the meeting to order

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT - HEIDI: Minutes approved as submitted.
 2. TREASURER'S REPORT - JEAN: Approved as presented.
 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. **Scholarships – Chuck**: Discussion about Nordic Experience scholarship and new Marine Mills Folk School open in St. Croix Valley.
After discussion about post-secondary scholarship applications, motion made and approved to offer scholarships to Emily Fjestad, Kaia Larsen and Olivia Travis.
Discussion about updating scholarship forms.
 - b. **Junior Lodge – Susan**: This month's meeting was about CELEBRATION; celebrating a year of learning about Sami people and culture, successful performances at European Christmas, St. Paul Church, and Festival of Nations, and learning more about what Syttende Mai means.
 - c. **Foundation – Susan**: Nothing to report
 - d. **Brevet/Web site – Ingrid**: There will be a June Brevet edition, a summer edition published in late July, with regular monthly editions beginning again in September. Ingrid to check into a cloud photo account for easier photo upload. Website coming along well. Need to create a small group to meet about replacing/updating old and creating new links — Dave, Ingrid, Susan, and maybe Jana Stow
 - e. **Sunshine – Mary Beth**: Nothing to report.
 - f. **April and June 2019 Meetings – Mary Beth**: Discussion about drop in food quality at Membership Dinner, though they did charge less than proposed. June Picnic menu discussed. Motion made and accepted to charge as follows: \$11 - adults, \$5 - kids 6-12, and kids 5 and under free. Drone demonstration at picnic. Susan will coordinate May Pole and Lowell will bring lawn games.
 - g. **Storage Space – Ron and Lowell**: Discussion about GA storage options. Motion made and accepted to keep current storage, add additional 10x6 closet, and space in the basement for bigger items.
 - h. **Membership – Lowell**: Inquiry from new member. Discussion about past due postcard reminders.
 - i. **Bookcase Challenge – Lowell/Lynn**: Notice in Brevet to encourage members to submit artwork. Artwork holder will be prepared.
 - j. **Programs – Lowell**: At May Syttende Mai meeting, kids will perform, serve hot dogs in lefse, Lowell to present Syttende Mai trivia/history.
 - k. **District 1 – Ron**: Deferred to next meeting to save time.
 - l. **Cultural Skills – Ron**: 99th Battalion agreed to address the Lodge at upcoming Fall meeting. They asked if Lodge would provide volunteers to place Foundation Flags at headstones of Norwegian-Americans who served in World War 2.
 - m. **Social – Pat and Dianne**: Set for servers for May.
 - n. **Festival of Nations – Pat**: Full report next month after all expenses and receipts are in.
 - o. **Any other reports**: Jackie discussed sports pins. They may be presented at any meeting.
 4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Oct Program: St. Cloud Lodge Member developed program.
 - b. Lodge Officer Manual: No one sent in information yet. Send info to Susan.
 - c. May Meeting: Will use existing paper/plastic products, leftover hot dogs, rice pudding, lingonberry saft and flag cookies. Arrive at 5:30 for set-up.
 - d. Lodge Officers Training, Sat, Apr 6th, 2019
 5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Bylaws Article 2 needs to be updated. Discussion next month. Come prepared to discuss.
- Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th, 2019, 7-9 pm, at Draheim house.
Having run out of time, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Slen Walsh

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1 – 008, Lodge Meeting, 05/14/2019

The Lodge Meeting for Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008 met on Tue, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1669 Arcade St, St Paul, MN.

Welcome to Junior Lodge Members and their guests.

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The Grand Hotel

by Don Halvorson

For 140 years, Oslo's Grand Hotel has been an iconic landmark of hospitality for guests arriving from all over the world. Besides the people of Norway itself, the guest list includes royalty, international dignitaries, world leaders, celebrities and Nobel Peace Prize winners. Located on Karl Johans Gate, in the center of downtown, it is within easy walking distance to many of the city's shopping and cultural attractions.

When the Grand Hotel was founded in 1874 by pastry chef, Julius Fritzner, many felt that he had made a bad business decision. Opening a hotel so far removed from what was then the center of Christiania could only end in failure. The block on Karl Johans Gate where the hotel was located contained only three buildings. The last one, the three-story Helberg Building on the corner of Rosenkranz Gate, was purchased by Nicolay Fritzner. His brother Julius ran the hotel.

First opened was the Grand Café. The renovation of the place was assigned to Danish-born Norwegian architect, Jacob Wilhelm Nordan. Wilhelm Krogh, a set designer at the Christiania Theater and good friend of the Fritzners, decorated and painted the interior. In the beginning, the Grand Café was above ground level. Then in the late 1970's, the floor was lowered, it was totally redecorated, and from that time on became the place for all of Christiania to meet. Above the Café, the rooms of the hotel slowly began to take shape.

On December 15, 1886, the Mirror Room (Speilsalen) opened for the first time. Now people could pleasurably dine to the music of the Café orchestra. Every noon it was the place for academics and dignitaries to have lunch. Eight years later, in 1894, the Rococo Room opened and became the most extravagant reception room in Norway. It

covered two floors and was elegantly decorated on walls and ceilings with murals painted by Krough. It became Oslo's preferred setting for all grand balls, artist's exhibitions and charity affairs. It was also the setting where the Queen Maud and King Haakon, sponsored Ball Society held all their engagements

From 1911 to 1913, the hotel's facade was refurbished with white granite from the Sognfjord region of western Norway, and the distinctive clock tower was created. By now the hotel had 120 rooms and 50 baths, and it was a part of a growing capital city. After reopening, a banquet was held in the hotel to honor Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, recently returned from his expedition to the South Pole.

In 1957, the Mirror Room and Rococo Room were both destroyed by fire and were not restored until 1961. In September 2015, the Grand Café closed its doors for renovation. It reopened again in October 2016.

From the beginning, the Grand Café was a gathering place for contemporary artists and writers. In the 1890s, Henrik Ibsen and Edvard Munch frequented the Grand Café often. Every morning for ten years, until his death in 1906, Ibsen would leave his apartment on Drammensveien at 11 am sharp, and walk to the Grand Café for lunch. He would sit down at his regular table and often order an open sandwich, beer and schnapps. Munch, often unable to pay his bill, once offered to trade his painting *The Sick Child* for 100 steaks, but was turned down. Still, he and several other artists, Christian Krogh and Frits Thaulow, were occasionally allowed to trade paintings over the years for a special meal of Chateaubriand with beer and aquavit.

[Legendary café closing its doors newsinenglish.no](https://www.newsinenGLISH.no/2015/06/23/legendary-cafe-closing-its-doors) <https://www.newsinenGLISH.no/2015/06/23/legendary-cafe-closing-its-doors>

Grand Hotel Rica, Oslo – History – Hotel Site International [Luxury Hotel Oslo city center | Grand Hotel Oslo, Norway](http://www.grand.no/en) www.grand.no/en

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Program: Junior Lodge Children's Parade and Dance Presentation and audience participation dance. Very well done and fun for all!

Food: Traditional fare served – hot dogs in lefse, potato salad, rice pudding, krumkake and lingonberry saft. Delicious!

Lowell developed and presented very interesting program on Syttende Mai.

Vice President Lowell Johnson called the meeting to order.

Attendance: 47 Members and Visitors attended.

The April minutes were accepted as printed in the Brevet.

1. Scholarships: Sasha announced scholarship winner's names, Emily Fjestad, Kaia Larsen, and Olivia Travis. Formal presentation at June 2019 Lodge picnic
2. New Website: Ingrid gave information about new website. It is up and functional, but with many more good things to come. Link to new site on old website.
3. Festival of Nations: Pat reported on this year's success, with many thanks to ALL the volunteers who helped make it happen. Leftover lefse and krumkake for sale all evening.
4. 99th Battalion: They have pledged to give a presentation at an upcoming Lodge Meeting. Ron updated members about a volunteer opportunity over Memorial Day Weekend. Contact Ron for more details.

Meeting adjourned.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped set up and prepare tonight's food and a very special thanks to those who stayed late to clean up. Please volunteer to help at an upcoming meeting. It's a great group of people

NEXT LODGE MEETING: Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 5:00 pm, with dinner served at 6:30, at Island Lake Park in Shoreview.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Slen Walsh

Junior Lodge Update

At our Syttende Mai Peer Gynt meeting we celebrated! We are celebrating a special year together as we learned about the Sami people and culture in northern Norway - reindeer herding, yoiks, "Spirit in the Sky" in the Eurovision Song contest, Easterin Kautikeino, the Sami flag and weaving a Sami bracelet & trying to lasso our own reindeer.

We celebrated successful performances at the European Christmas Market, St. Paul Church thank you, Festival of Nations, and for our senior lodge Syttende Mai. We celebrated our cultural skills medals and sports medals in 2019.

Silver sports medals to: Kaia Larsen, Alycia Regino, Josie Haugen, Nola Hovland and Killian Stow. A bronze medal to: Kaia Velo.

We are ambassadors for the St. Paul Sons of Norway, and we thank them for financial support for supplies, our bunads and fostering our program. Thanks to our parents for rides, treats, keeping the dates open.

Syttende Mai in Norway - What does it mean? Constitution Day on the 17th of May, 1814 when the Norwegian Constitution was signed at Eidsvoll. There was a reenactment of the debates in the restored hall, music, pageantry, theater, food of the original era.

Everyone tried a short Syttende Mai quiz too.

What do people in Norway do on 17. Mai? Wear their bunads, wave their flags, wear a sløyfe, eat pølser, brus og is, go to a parade featuring children of all ages, sing "Ja vi elsker dette landet", go to an open air concert, watch a soccer game or do games and crafts at the local school, wrap up the day watching TV scenes of 17. Mai from all around Norway.

Last, but not least, we celebrate the wonderful children and families who make time to learn about their Norwegian heritage through our Junior Lodge, Peer Gynt Dancers! This has been an awesome year!

Check our website for more photos!



Our Members

Festival of Nations 2019

Baking day Monday, April 29th 2019

We baked a total of 1,577 Krumkaker and 2 batches of Fruit Soup.

Sheryl Hove, Connie Chrissis, Susan Stow, Linda Erickson, Curt Hogenson, Diane Anderson, Pat Carlson, LaRee Opdahl, Sharon Amann, Jacquie Carlone, Harry Thomsen, Dave, Hansen, Sharon Fallon, Ruth Gibson, Dave Hegdahl, Fred Matson, Diane Matson, Gene Hanson, Judy Jourdan, Glenn Osmonson, Jan Osmonson, Steve Johnson, Deb Johnson, Sasha Aslanian, Lynn Hoffmeyer

Set up Wednesday May 1

Pat Carlson, George Kolstad (Pat's brother) Ryan Steinberg (Pat's son-in-law), Ron & Susan Stow, Diane Anderson, Sharon Amann, Millie Cardinal (Pat's friend)

Pick up Lefse from Eau Claire WI and bring down to the RiverCenter Paul and Marge Dormody

Working the Festival of Nations

Thursday May 2nd

Pat Carlson, Susan Stow, Jen Stow, Sharon Fallon, Leslie Oliver, Lenore Jesness, Maureen Austinson, Diane Anderson, Jordan Ostman, Joslin Fleisher (friend of my daughter Heather Steinberg) Chad (co-worker of Jordan)

Friday May 3rd First Shift

Pat Carlson, Kathy Kaluza, Taffy Storck, Ingrid Bjorum, Nora Steinmetz, Harry Thomsen, Leif and Linda Erickson, Susan Stow, Connie Chrissis, Jana Stow Velo

2nd shift

Pat Carlson, Kathy Kaluza, Diane Anderson, Sara Anderson, Steve Johnson, Meredith (Maf) Berg, Kari Hermanson, David & Alaina Carlson (Pat's son and daughter-in-law) LaRee & Loren Opdahl,

Saturday May 4th First Shift

Pat Carlson, Ken & Nancy Bjork, Heidi Walsh, Bridget Haugen, Josie Haugen, Scott & Jill Kneeskern, Leslie Oliver, Dave & Alice Brekke, Anna Kneeskern, Abbi Kneeskern

2nd shift

Pat Carlson, Kathy Kaluza, Diane Anderson, Gene Hanson, Kari Anderson, Susan & Ron Stow, Claire Keller, Naomi Hagen, Sasha Aslanian, Kaia Aslanian, Jean Draheim

Sunday May 5th 1st shift

Pat Carlson, Kathy Kaluza, Dana Carlson, Curt & Joann Hogenson, Jacquie Carlone, Steve Johnson, Claire Keller, Clay Keller, Susan Stow, Sheryl Hove, Leslie Oliver, Diane Anderson, Sharon Folland, Killian Stow, Claudia Stow, Christy Post, Jessica Post, Taffy Storck, Jean Draheim

Tear down,

Pat Carlson, George Kolstad, Ryan Steinberg, Diane Anderson, Sheryl Hove, Ron Stow, Claire & Clay Keller, Kathy Kaluza, Jacquie Carlone, Leslie Oliver, Sharon Folland

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped with the Festival of Nations 2019. I hope I didn't miss anyone, but if I did, please let me know. I was very nervous about doing the Festival this year without the help of my sister Chris Kolstad. I did call her a few times.

Thank you,
Pat Carlson

Please watch our website and the Summer edition of the Brevet for photos of our team at work!

Bulletin Board

Sunshine News

Thank you to Maureen Austinson for the beautiful Norwegian Flag sugar cookies she donated for our Syttende Mai celebration at our May meeting. We appreciate your generosity.



New Lodge Website

Most of you have already heard that we have a refreshed lodge website. Check it out for general lodge information as well as additional photos of the junior lodge, Festival of Nations, and lodge meetings & events. You can find it at: <https://synn-nord.org/>

Bookcase Challenge

Here's where the challenge comes in! Lodge members are encouraged to consider submitting an item to be used to identify our Bookcase as belonging to Synnove-Nordkap Lodge! Submit an artistic or cultural portrayal of our Lodge Name, Lodge Number (1-008) and Sons of Norway to be encased in a framed holder installed on the bookcase.

Items should be no larger than 14" w x 18" h x 1 and 1/2" thick/deep. Painted items, needlepoint work, quilted patterns, relief carving, chip carving, knitting or other can be entered. Please prepare and submit items to Lowell Johnson and/or Lynn Hoffmeyer by the Challenge deadline of Sept. 10 (our regular meeting date). Contact Lowell Johnson at jhnsn7440@msn.com for more information.



Norwegian Language Classes

- **No classes until September.**
- "SON Norwegian Language Lessons", Tuesday Class, September 10, 6:30-7:00 p.m. at Gustavus Adolphus Church in the back corner
- "Norsk Nordmenn og Norge" book & "Ny i Norge" book Wednesday Class, September 11 & 25, 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 does not meet in July or August.

Hardanger Huldres

- Next meeting: Friday, June 14, 10am - Noon
- For more information, contact Susan Stow.

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Lowell Johnson, Vice President, jhnsn7440@msn.com

Ingrid Bjorum, Brevet Editor, ingrid@steinmetz.org

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, June 4, 7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting ** All members are welcome **	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Dr Maplewood, MN 55109
Friday, June 14, 10 - Noon	Hardanger Huldras	Susan and Ron Stow home 103 E. Burlington Stillwater, MN 55082
Tuesday, June 18 Arrive anytime after 5:00 pm Dinner served at 6:30 pm	Midsummer Picnic (in place of lodge meeting)	Island Lake County Park 3611 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, MN 55126
Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting ** All members are welcome **	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood
Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 pm	Norwegian Language Class	Gustavus Adolphus Church 1669 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:00 pm	Monthly Lodge Meeting	Gustavus Adolphus Church
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1 - 2:30 pm	Norwegian Language Book Group	Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul 55109