



SynNor Brevet

Synnøve-Nordkap
Lodge #1 - 008

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Front Page News

September is all about Bunads, Bunads, Bunads

The Norwegian bunad represents beautiful clothing tradition, is vibrant, up-to-date, and changes with the times. Based on historical folk dress and used in Norway for family gatherings and many formal occasions, a bunad is an outfit that represents a 'home place', often including pieces that are handed down through the generations. At our September lodge meeting (**Tuesday, September 10th**), Carol Colburn will describe the background of bunads in folk dress and will show some examples of the unique regional bunads worn today by women, men, and children in Norway, and sometimes in America. Carol will wear an everyday bunad which represents her heritage from Vang in Valdres. If you have a bunad, a sweater, or a t-shirt, please join Carol in 'wearing your heritage' to this lodge meeting.

Carol is a clothing historian, teacher, and craft artisan. Through her travels in Norway, she has found inspiration in everyday & festive clothing traditions. She has published numerous articles on Norwegian and Norwegian-American clothing history. Currently, she teaches heritage sewing workshops at North House Folk School in Grand Marais, and other craft schools around the country. She lives in Duluth, Minnesota and has been a member of Sons of Norway since 1994.



September guest speaker Carol Colburn

Lodge member Sheryl Hove (right), her daughter Christy Post (left) and granddaughter (center) Jessie Post wear their heritage



Fra Presidenten

Hilsen alle sammen.

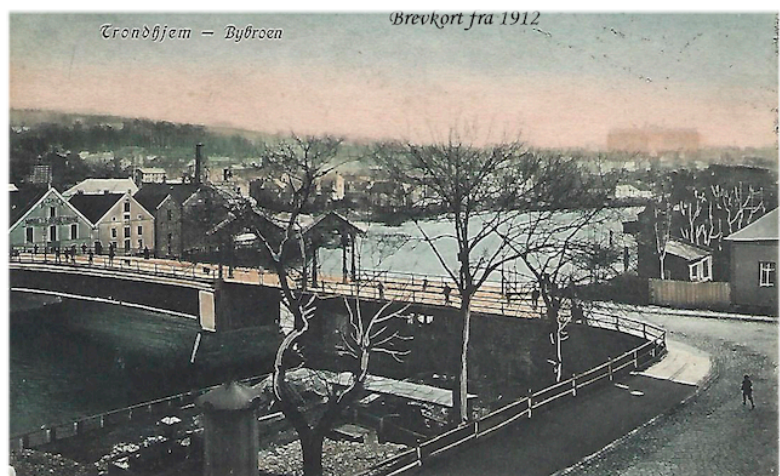
September is here, and that means lodge meetings are resuming after a “summer vacation”. I am looking forward to seeing you all September 10th at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church.

Over the summer, we moved our lodge’s supplies and equipment to a larger storage space at the church. We have also acquired additional space in the basement for storing our larger and seldom used things that are currently stored in lodge members’ homes.

Our lodge participated, for the first time, in Taco Daze in Scandia on September 7th. In preparation for Taco Daze, lodge member Leif Erickson redesigned our lodge brochure with new photos, updated facts, and wonderful graphics. Mange takk, Leif. Ron Stow set up the New Land, New Life exhibit. The display tells the story of Norwegian immigration to Minnesota, but in a larger sense, it tells the story of all immigration, whether it be Norwegian, Swedish, or another nationality. Lodge members also manned an informational booth promoting both our lodge and Sons of Norway in general. The Viking Age Club participated and brought their Viking ship for attendees to see and learn about Viking culture. A big thanks goes out to all who helped at this event.

As many of you know, Scandia is a hotbed of Swedish culture. It is host to Gammelgården, owned and operated by Elim Lutheran Church. Gammelgården, meaning “old farm” in Swedish, is the only open air museum devoted to preserving, presenting, and promoting Swedish immigrant heritage in the United States. Scandia is also the site of the first Swedish settlement in Minnesota. If you haven’t visited Gammelgården, I would urge you to do so.

2019 Lodge President,
Chuck Draheim



Gamle Bybro crosses the Nidelva River from the south end of the main street Kjøpmannsgata connecting to the Trondheim neighborhood of Baklandet.²⁸ Gamle Bybro was constructed by Johan Caspar von Cicignon in 1681 in conjunction with the reconstruction of Trondheim after the great fire of 1681. Johan Caspar von Cicignon laid out plans for the reconstruction of Trondheim as well as its fortification. Kristiansten Fortress was built at this time after his plans. The bridge location was of military-strategic significance. King Christian V of Denmark assumed the cost of construction. It was completed in 1685. The bridge was built in the vicinity of the original Elgeseter Bridge. When it was opened the older bridge was allowed to decay and collapse. Since then Gamle Bybro has undergone many changes. (Source: globotreks.com/destinations/norway/gamle-bybro-bridge-in-trondheim-norway/)

Secretary's Report

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1 – 008, Board Meeting 08/06/2019

The Board for Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008 met on Tue, August 6, 2019 @ 7 PM at Gustavus Adolphus, 1669 Arcade St, St. Paul, MN.

Members in attendance: Sharon Amann, Ingrid Bjorum, Pat Carlson, Connie Chrissis, Chuck Draheim, Jean Draheim, Lynn Hoffmeyer, LaRee Opdahl, Ron Stow, Susan Stow and Heidi Slen Walsh.

Not present: Dianne Anderson, Sasha Aslanian, Jacqueline Carlone, Lowell Johnson, Dave Mutchler, Mary Beth Mutchler

President Chuck Draheim called the meeting to order

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT - HEIDI: Approved as presented.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT - JEAN: Bank balance \$5241.15. Report of checks paid. Financial Report 1/1-8/3/2019. Approved as presented.
3. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. **Junior Lodge – Susan**: Schedule prepared and will send to membership. Asking for 12 volunteers for Torsk & Meatball. This year, will study rosemaling, practicing basic strokes. Peer Gynt Dancers will rehearse at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stillwater.
 - b. **Foundation – Susan**: \$20,000 awarded to 33 lodges. Encouraged lodge to apply for Vitality and Cultural Heritage grants. Ron will contact Sasha for her assistance in applying. Susan will apply for Helping Hands to Kids grant to offset rosemaling teacher and supplies. SONS Foundation Board of Governors looking for applicants, deadline 9/10/2019.
 - c. **Brevet/Web site**: Need to further research online photo repository options for easy uploading and storage. Need to meet to discuss additional website content. Discussion on online calendar program.
 - d. **Storage Space – Ron**: Ron and Lowell to review contract from GA, with proposal to Board at 9/3/2019 meeting. Free storage units may fit in basement storage space. Ron will coordinate with church to schedule time for volunteers to inventory and move storage into new space.
 - e. **Bookcase Challenge – Lynn**: Hardanger piece to be displayed on bookcase to be featured in Brevet.
 - f. **District 1 - Ron**: District 1 Convention 6/4-6/6/2020 at Cragun's in Brainerd. Need 4 delegates and 4 alternates. District 1 Board looking for new people to apply.
 - g. **Social – Dianne/Pat**: Volunteer sign-up sheet at 9/10/2019 Lodge meeting. Board members will plan to set up and clean up at September meeting. Discussion about refreshments.
 - h. **Cultural Director - Ron**: September bunad program, working to confirm presenter. October Modern Norway program, working to confirm. November 99th Battalion program confirmed. Dec Julebord program.
 - i. **Sunshine**: Shirley Brekke and Mary Beth Mutchler ill.
 - j. **Torsk and Meatball**: Planning underway. Discussion on continuous seating, dessert buffet, bake sale sign up, reservations handled by Mary Beth.
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Lodge Officer Manual: Sharon and Heidi sent in job descriptions.
 - b. Taco Daze, Scandia, September 7, 2019 – Chuck: Ron will bring New Land, New Life display, booth staffed by Connie, Susan and LaRee open 10 am to 4 pm. Will have member applications, recent Viking Magazines, note pads and pens to hand out.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Board of Directors membership and voting eligibility according to Constitution and By-Laws discussion tabled for lack of time.
 - b. Lodge brochure update discussed.
 - c. Discussion about moving Board Meetings to GA in future, Chuck to contact church to discuss.

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019, 7-9 pm Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr, Maplewood, MN.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Slen Walsh

The Legend of Peer Gynt

by Don Halvorson

The folk tale character Peer Gynt first appeared in Peter Christen Asbjornsen's 1845 collection, *Norwegian Folk Tales*, in a selection called *Reindeer Hunting in Rondane*. The story is believed to have sprung from the Nordre Håga farm in Sødorp parish near Vinstra in the region of Gudbrandsdal. The lives of Peder Lauritson and Per Olsen Håga, two men living in the farmhouse, seem to be the inspiration for the tale, but scholars can't seem to decide which man contributed more.

This story follows a common folk tale theme. Peer Gynt, a young, likeable but shiftless peasant farmer, decides to run away from his rural home and his constantly nagging mother, to look for adventure and find his own personal fortune. His first destination is the wedding of his neighbor's daughter, his once intended, who had passed him over for someone more responsible. Once there, he finds that his reputation has preceded him, and by most, he is treated with contempt or indifference. Only Solveig, a beautiful newcomer, seems intrigued, until she is forewarned of his credibility. Totally enraged by the whole scene, Peer then drinks too much, steals the bride and charges up a nearby mountain and into the wilderness.

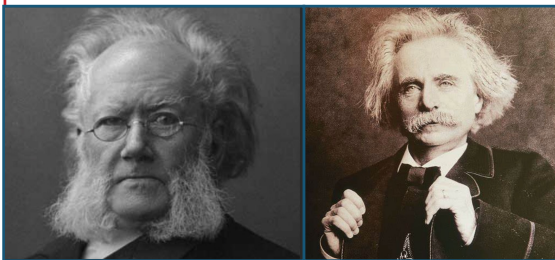
With that begins a series of incredible adventures. He first deserts the bride, and heads deeper into the unknown. He reaches the Hall of the Mountain King where he marries, and later deserts the Elf King's daughter. Next he stumbles across the Great Boyg, an enigmatic invisible wall that refuses him passage to the top of the mountain. Only the sounds of church bells and women's voices are mysteriously strong enough to break the Boyg's power.

Once on top of the mountain, Peer built a cabin in the middle of the woods, and one day to his surprise, Solveig appeared, expressing her undying love for him. There they lived in their hidden existence, until the Elf's daughter and her homely son found them. When the two would not be driven off, noble Peer chose to slip away alone, at night, leaving Solveig there to fend for herself.

From there he returned home to say farewell to his dying mother. Then he was gone again, traveling the world. He sold rum and Bibles, and spent time in America and China. He became an Arabian prophet on the edge of the African desert and ran away with a dancing girl, who stole his money as soon as he turned his back on her. Later he was crowned King of the Lunatics in an insane asylum and then became an archeologist in Egypt, where he solved the riddle of the Sphinx. Finally, he had all the money he wanted, but no happiness. It was time to go home. While returning to Norway, the ship he was traveling on sank in a storm. He and the ship's cook were the only survivors, clinging to a piece of wood that was barely large enough to carry one. Typically, Peer wrestled the cook off the board, so that he could save himself. Once he finally reached home, Peer returned to the cabin in the woods, where he found Solveig faithfully waiting for him.

Henrik Ibsen and Edvard Grieg collaborated on the play and accompanying suite that told the story of Peer Gynt. At first, Grieg was reluctant to compose the music for what he considered such an irreverent play, but then later changed his mind. Happily for both artists, the play was an overwhelming national success, but received harsh criticism on the continent from Hans Christian Andersen. Grieg's composition was praised for its lyricism, and the wide range of changing styles that blended so well with the travels and experiences of Peer Gynt throughout the play. Ibsen's play was a satire on the contemporary Norwegian identity. Its setting was the Jotunheimen, the tall mountain chain where trolls, giants and elves are still believed to live.

[PEER GYNT - theatre history](http://www.theatrehistory.com/misc/peer_gynt.html)www.theatrehistory.com/misc/peer_gynt.html[Peer Gynt | work by Grieg | Britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com/topic/Peer-Gynt-by-Grieg)<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Peer-Gynt-by-Grieg>[Peer:MenMyths.LegendsTheGyntProject](https://www.britannica.com/topic/Peer-Gynt-by-Grieg)<https://thegyntproject.com/history/peer-men-myth-legend>



Henrik Ibsen (left) and Edvard Grieg (right)



Counselor's Corner

Dear Members,

Traditionally, our September meeting is the kick-off event for our year. Our Board strives to choose a program that will hold everyone's attention. This year will not disappoint either. Bunads are such beautiful and interesting things. There is much to learn and to see, so be certain to come and bring friends with you to the meeting, OK?

Our wonderful and talented Board will be making the treats that will be served after our Bunad program. I'm just giving out a hint—we will be serving wonderful and tasty Norwegian desserts. Can that be true? Sons of Norway—Norwegian Treats??? But, of course. Now for sure you have to come, right? If you don't come, and you hear how good the program was and the treats tasted you will have to repeat, "Uffda" several times and kick yourself!

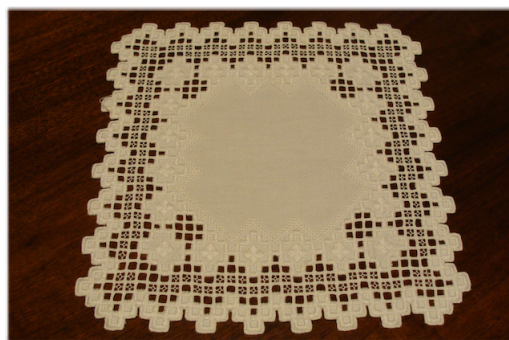
See you at the September meeting,
Sharon



Bookcase Challenge

Lodge member Delores Jacobsen's hardanger embroidery will be the featured artwork on our lodge bookcase beginning in September. You can see her beautiful embroidery in our new display case at the September lodge meeting.

If you would like your art to be considered in the future for display on our lodge bookcase, please see submission requirements on the Bulletin Board on page 7. Good Luck!



Junior Lodge

The Junior Lodge schedule is looking good for the 2019-20 school year.. Our special interests will be the rosemaling cultural skill level one and unusual characteristics that make Norwegians *Norwegian*, based on a humorous book by Dan Elloway.

We are looking forward to having some new members join this year. If you have grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors between the ages of 7 - 17 who might be interested in Norwegian dance, culture and customs, invite them to our September 14th meeting, from 1 - 2:30. Our meeting location is St. Paul Lutheran Church, 609 5th St. South, Stillwater (between Willard and Walnut Street). Enter from the parking lot off 4th St. Our meeting spot is downstairs, past the stairway.



In May 2019, Peer Gynt dancers performed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stillwater, MN as a thank you for use of space in their church for rehearsals.



Help Wanted

We are seeking new co-chairs for the Norway Café at Festival of Nations. Pat Carlson has decided to step down after many years of heading up this important fundraising event for our lodge. Mange takk, Pat!

Contact President Chuck Draheim if you are interested.

Norwegian Language Classes

"SON Norwegian Language Lessons" Tuesday Class, September 10, 6:30-7:00 p.m. at Gustavus Adolphus Church before the meeting 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

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.

Genealogy Group

- The Genealogy Group would like to welcome any members of the lodge who would like to begin researching their family tree or to receive help if they have already started their family tree to our **September 7th** meeting. All nationalities are invited. The meeting will be in the Community Program Room at the Roseville Library on the corner of Hamline and County Road B from 10 am to noon. An optional lunch at a nearby restaurant will follow the meeting.
- The **October 5th** Genealogy Group Meeting will be at the Mounds View Library from 10 am to noon. The library is located at 2576 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN 55112.

For Information:

Chuck Draheim, President 651-433-2008 or cmdraheim@aol.com

Lowell Johnson, Vice President, jhnsn7440@msn.com

Ingrid Bjorum, Brevet Editor, ingrid@steinmetz.org

Hardanger Huldres

- Next meeting is Thursday, September 19
- All the meetings are from 10 - 12 at 103 East Burlington, Stillwater, MN.
- Please bring a very sharp small embroidery scissors.
- Contact Susan Stow for more information.

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, September 3, 7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting ** All members are welcome **	Ramsey Cty Library -Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Dr Maplewood, MN 55109
Saturday, September 7, 10 - noon	Genealogy Group	Roseville Public Library 2180 Hamline Ave. N. Roseville, MN 55113
Tuesday, September 10, 6:30-7pm	Norwegian Language Class	Gustavus Adolphus Church 1669 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106
Tuesday, September 10, 7:00pm	Monthly Lodge Meeting	Gustavus Adolphus Church
Wed., September 11, 1-2:30pm	Norwegian Language Book Group	Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul 55109
Saturday, September 14, 1-2:30pm	Peer Gynt Dancers	St. Paul's Lutheran Church 609 5th St. S. Stillwater, MN 55082
Thursday, September 19, 10-Noon	Hardanger Huldras	103 E. Burlington Stillwater, MN 55082
Wed., September 25, 1-2:30pm	Norwegian Language Book Group	Sun Ray Library