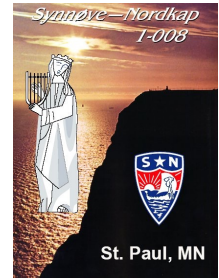




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Front Page News



Welcome to a New Year! Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 PM

Synnøve-Nordkap will begin 2024 with a new format for the monthly member meetings. We are excited to begin serving a light supper for \$5 per person (cash can be paid upon arrival). On Tuesday, January 9, chili & accompaniments will be available at **6:00 PM**. The member meeting will begin at **6:45 PM** with our guest speaker David Jones. A brief business meeting, including singing of national anthems, installation of officers, and announcements, will follow. Coffee and a light dessert will be available for all.

David Jones will present a program titled, "Prohibition: A Grand Misadventure." Andrew J. Volstead, U.S. Representative from Minnesota's 7th Congressional District and chair of the Judiciary Committee, sponsored the bill in Congress and lent his name to the informal "name" of the act: the Volstead Act. Many Norwegians were highly supportive and Norwegian women had a large membership in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

David Jones is a resident of Minneapolis and a native of St. Peter, MN. He graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College and spent 24 years in the financial services industry and three years in the nonprofit sector. He has been making presentations since 1996 and has spoken more than 2,000 times to a total of more than 50,000 people!

All are welcome at our monthly meeting at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1669 Arcade Street, St. Paul. We hope to see you!

President's Letter

Hi, Members.

I am your interim president until the January lodge meeting, and then I will be your president. I am a little nervous and excited. Most of you know that I am a hair stylist. I am more comfortable speaking one-on-one rather than speaking to a group. I know I will get better. I am excited for this new year. We will have new events and programs for us all to enjoy.

I wish you all a great healthy new year!

Synnøve-Nordkap Interim President, Kathy Kaluza

Famous Norwegians: Mari Boine

Mari Boine is a Norwegian Sámi singer. She combines traditional Sámi Joik singing with rock. Rootsworld, who interviewed Boine in 2002, described her as “an unofficial Sámi cultural ambassador”. She was born and raised in Gámehisnjárga, a village on the river Anarjohka in Norway. Boine’s parents were Sámi who made their living from fishing and farming. As Boine grew up, she started to rebel against the prejudiced attitude of being an inferior “Lappish” woman in Norwegian society. Boine’s songs are strongly rooted in her experience of being in a despised minority, but

some of Boine’s other songs are more positive, often singing of the beauty and wildness of Sápmi, the Sámi lands of northern Scandinavia. Boine sings in an adaptation of traditional Sámi style, using the “Joik” voice, with a range of accompanying instruments and percussion from indigenous traditions from around the world. In 1993, Boine became the first recipient of the Áillohaš Music Award, a Sámi music award conferred by the municipality of Kautokeino and the Kautokeino Sámi

Association to honor the significant contributions the recipient or recipients has made to the diverse world of Sámi music. She was appointed knight, first class in the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav for her artistic diversity in 2009. In 2012, Boine was appointed as a “statsstipendiat”, which is an artist with national funding, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon any artist in Norway.



Secretary's Report

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1 – 008 Board of Directors, In Person and Zoom, 12/5/2023

Members in attendance: Chuck Draheim, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Ron Stow, Connie Chrissis, Jean Knaak, Kathy Kaluza, Dianne Anderson, Jean Draheim, Jill Hanson, Mary Beth Mutchler, Ingrid Bjorum, Sharon Amann, Pat Carlson, LaRee Opdahl, Lowell Johnson, and Dave Mutchler.

Chuck called the meeting to order.

SECRETARY'S REPORT-Mary Beth (Sunshine): Has talked to Gene Hanson and now has his updated contact information. He will be rejoining the lodge and is planning to attend Julebord.

LaRee (Membership Secretary): 241 members

TREASURER'S REPORT-Jean D: December treasurer reports were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Will be getting budget planning information to committee chairs for discussion at the next Board meeting. Planning a vote to approve the budget at the February meeting.

District 1-Ron: Summarized a letter from D-1 president Mark Haugen to district officers that gave information regarding positions available at the district level.

JUNIOR LODGE-Susan: Gave a recap of the Peer Gynt dance performance at the European Christmas Market last Sunday. This coming Saturday will be baking day for the group.

BREVET/WEBSITE: The December issue is ready and out. Was asked about adding a spot on the website for the lodge BoD and meeting minutes rather than taking up the space in the Brevet. Board comments were it's a good idea. Ingrid agreed and will pursue. Dave was concerned about the people who receive a paper copy and won't have internet access to the minutes. There will be an announcement at the Julebord meeting, and the January Brevet paper copy will include a paper copy of the minutes.

SCHOLARSHIPS-Jill: Has sent an article to Ingrid for the Brevet, and it will be put in the Brevet.

PROGRAMS-Jean K: Susan will be leading us in singing Christmas carols making Julebord a festive event.

CONVENTION DELEGATES-Chuck: Asked Ingrid to put another article in the Brevet about volunteers to be delegates.

NEW LAND, NEW LIFE RETRACTABLE DISPLAY BANNERS-Lowell/Ron: Lowell presented samples of what the banners would look like. Everyone liked them, and the consensus was that Lowell and Ron should start to seek grant funding to help with the expense of producing them before the 2024 District Convention.

JULEBORD-Dianne: Review the food sign-up list. All thought it sounds like a good amount and variety of foods. Other planning details were discussed.

WAFFLE SALES AT WBL MARKET FEST-Lynn: Mentioned we would need a generator and a tent for our booth. He presented research he had done on the purchase of a generator with the cost totaling \$1,500. After discussion regarding the decision to participate in the event, Connie moved we table this topic indefinitely until we have more information to be able to make an informed decision about it. Jean K. seconded. Motion carried. Chuck designated Jean D., Kathy, and Lynn to research items the Board had questions about.

Before adjourning the meeting, Chuck stated that he is resigning as president due to health issues.

Following Chuck's resignation announcement, Jean D. said she will be treasurer for one more year and would like to have someone shadow her to learn how to complete the D-17 report.

Future of Secretary's Report

Beginning with the February issue of the *SynNor Brevet*, the "Secretary's Report", which consists of Synnøve-Nordkap board meeting minutes and lodge meeting minutes, will no longer be published in the newsletter. Meeting minutes will, however, be available on the lodge website. This change will allow for more immediate publication of the minutes as well as provide additional space in the monthly newsletter for feature articles, photos, and information about lodge & district members & events. You will be able to find the "Secretary's Report" online with a link that will be published in future issues of the *Brevet*. If, however, you want to continue to receive a paper copy of the meeting minutes, you may pick-up a copy at the next lodge meeting, or you may request one by contacting newsletter editor Ingrid Bjorum at ingrid@steinmetz.org or 651-335-3526 or Dave Mutchler at 651-484-8872 or dmutchler@q.com. Your continued support makes Synnøve-Nordkap the vibrant and thriving lodge it is today!

JUNIOR LODGE UPDATE

Our special thanks to Jana Velo and Ron Stow for arranging photos of our Peer Gynt Dancers to show at the Julebord. Thanks to Lowell Johnson, Chuck Draheim, and Chris Bales for Tech support, with a capital T, in showing the European Christmas Market performance at Union Depot for the lodge meeting. Our junior dancers provided huge audience appeal at the Christmas market with their smiles and laughter plus intricate footwork. They are outstanding ambassadors for St. Paul Sons of Norway!

A safe generalization about Norwegian cookies is that they are all made with the same five ingredients - butter, eggs, sugar, flour, and almond flavoring, of course. The amounts of each ingredient, shapes, and baking time determine the difference. Krum kake, kringla, sandbakkelse, and Berlinerkranser were a solid hit on Baking Day. You can see the bakers and their goodies pictured below (right).

Also at our December meeting, Sonja Greenwaldt read two Norwegian Christmas tales as our "skald" (pictured below - left). Our two seniors chose their favorite dance for the rehearsal. Anna picked "Tre Tur fra Hornindal" with the weaving segment within groups of three dancers. Killian liked "Rugen", which the group nicknamed "Watermelon". We concluded the December event dancing around the Christmas tree and packing some tasty Norwegian treats to take home.

Beste hilsen i 2024!



Nominations Election & Installation of Lodge Officers for 2024

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge officer nominations have been made and are listed here. As you see, the position of Lodge Historian is open. If you would like to be considered for this non-board office, please contact Sheryl Hove (sherylhove12@gmail.com or 651-738-4908), Mary Beth Mutchler (mbe43@q.com or 651-484-8872), or Ron Stow (612-845-0393 or stowronald@gmail.com).

On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, lodge members in attendance voted on the slate of nominations. At the lodge meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the installation of the elected board of directors and appointed officers will take place.

Mange tusen takk to these members who have stepped forward to serve the lodge and help make Synnøve-Nordkap one of the top lodges in the Order of Sons of Norway.

Board of Directors

President - Kathy Kaluza
Vice President - Sharon Amann
Secretary - LaRee Opdahl
Executive Secretary - **OPEN**
Treasurer - Jean Draheim
Counselor - Ron Stow
Membership Secretary - Mary Beth Mutchler
Junior Lodge Director - Susan Stow
Social Directors - Pat Carlson and Dianne Anderson
Cultural Director - Jean Knaak
Scholarship Director - Jill Hanson
Foundation Director - Chris Bales
Sport/Recreation Director - Ron Stow
District 1 Liaison - Connie Chrissis
Directors-at-Large - Lynn Hoffmeyer, Mary Beth Mutchler, Dave Mutchler
Newsletter Editor - Ingrid Bjorum
Webmaster - Ingrid Bjorum

Appointed Officers

Trustees - LaRee Opdahl and Dave Hegdahl
Assistant Secretary - Sheryl Hove
Marshall - Doug Peterson
Assistant Marshall - Leslie Oliver
Historian - **OPEN**
Musician - Susan Stow
Greeters - Mary Beth Mutchler and Audrey Waage
Librarian - Ingrid Bjorum
Sunshine - Mary Beth Mutchler
Newsletter Staff - Don Halvorson, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Dave Mutchler, Mary Beth Mutchler
Publicity - Leif Erickson and Jana Velo
Technology - Chris Bales, Chuck Draheim, Dave Mutchler, Lowell Johnson
Genealogy - Sue Halvorson, Fred Matson, Cathie Reasoner
Norse Language Classes - Sheryl Hove
Peer Gynt Dancers Director - Jana Velo
Auditors - Connie, Chrissis, Clayton Lance, Dave Mutchler
Financial Benefits - David Okeson
Nominating Committee - Sheryl Hove, Mary Beth Mutchler, Ron Stow

District Convention

In August 2024, the Sons of Norway district convention will be held at the Holiday Inn on Hudson Blvd in Lake Elmo, MN. With the convention taking place so close to home, please begin to think about representing Synnøve-Nordkap as a delegate or simply as a lodge member at some of the convention activities and events. Watch future issues of the *SynNor Brevet*, the lodge website, and your email inbox for more information about how to get involved.

Nobel Prize-Winning Author Jon Fosse

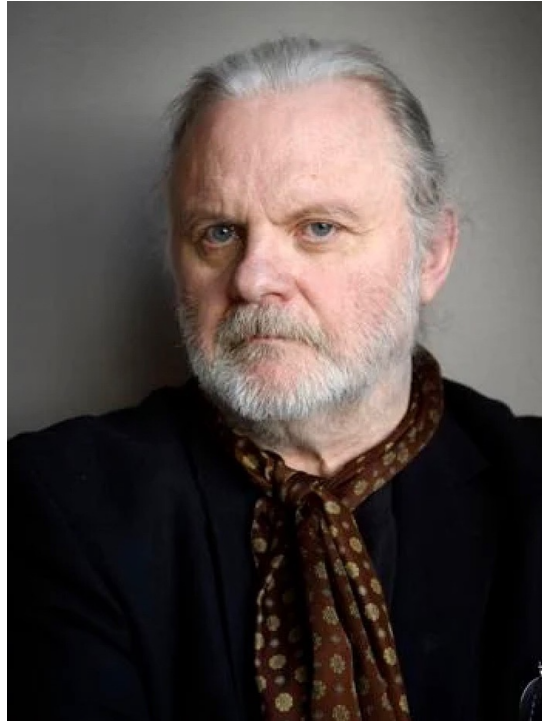
by Don Halvorson

In Stockholm, in 2023, the Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to 64-year old Jon Olav Fosse, a contemporary author and dramatist from Bergen, Norway. Nearly a century later, he joins three other Norwegians who have won this award: Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson in 1903, Knut Hamsun in 1923, and Sigrid Undset in 1928.

Fosse's unique style of writing is described as enchanting, mystical, and refreshingly original with deep roots in the Norwegian west-coast fjords where he grew up. Compared to Samuel Beckett, the 20th Century Irish poet and dramatist, his writings give voice to the unsayable birth, life, death, faith, and all other elemental subjects. Well known throughout Europe, and translated into fifty languages, his volume of work includes over seventy novels, poems, essays, children's books, and theatre plays. But, only recently, has some of his work been translated into English.

Fosse was born in Haugesand in 1959, but grew up in Strandebarm, a one-time municipality in the former flyke of Hordeland, on Norway's southwest coast. His family, Quakers and Pietistic Lutherans, helped shape his lifelong spiritual views. He began writing at the age of twelve, but a near-death accident at age seven, would seriously influence his writing later in adulthood. Ironically, as a teenager, he ignored books and wanted to become a rock guitarist. In addition, he played the fiddle and spent his youth writing lyrics for musical compositions. During these years, he also became politically influenced by communism and anarchism.

Fosse attended college at the University of Bergen where he studied comparative literature. It was there that he began to develop his distinctive writing style. He began writing in Nynorsk, the dialect of rural western Norway, rather than Bokmal, Norway's more popularly spoken language. In his first novel, *Red Black* (1983), he ignored writing about the conventional themes of social realism, so popular at that time, in Norway. Instead, he emphasizes the use of linguistic expression rather than a plot. This was followed by his second novel, *Closed Guitar* (1985) and a poetic cycle *Angel with Water in Eyes* (1986). In 1987, Fosse graduated from the University of Bergen with a master's degree in comparative



literature. The same year, he published his third novel, *Blood the Stone Is*.

Following a separation from his first wife Bjørg Sissel in 1989, he published another novel and a series of essays. He continued to write novels through the early 1990's, and completed a number of translations with his second wife, Grethe Fatima Syed.

Fosse's first play, *And We'll Never Be Parted*, was written in 1994. Over the years, he has written over thirty plays, including *The Name*, *Winter*, and *A Summer's Day*. After Henrik Ibsen, he is the most accomplished Norwegian playwright. His plays are considered a modern continuation of the tradition that Ibsen began in the 19th century.

Since 1992, Jon Fosse has received 25 awards, including the Order National du Merit from France and the keys to *Grotten*, an honorary residence located next to the Royal Palace in Oslo's city center. This honor was bestowed on Fosse by the King of Norway for his contributions to Norwegian art and culture. He was nominated ten times for the Nobel Prize before he finally received it. The Nobel prize comes with an 18-carat gold medal, a diploma, and 11 million Swedish kroner.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jon_Fosse

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/oct/jon-foss...>

<https://apnews.com/article/nobel-prize-literature-ee...>

Norwegian Language Classes

Tuesday Class: January 9, 5:30-6:00 p.m. (**Note time change**)

at Gustavus Adolphus Church before the Lodge Meeting.

"Sons of Norway Norwegian Language Lessons"

Wednesday Class: January 10 & 24, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

at SunRay Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55119.

"Norsk Nordmenn og Norge" textbook and "The Mystery of Nils" textbook (Available to borrow from our Library - contact Sheryl).

WELCOME to new members!

Sheryl Hove, sherylhove12@gmail.com
651-738-4908

Health and Safety Reminder

If you are feeling unwell, please keep yourself and others in mind by staying home.



Genealogy Group

Need some great help finding your roots? Plan to attend the January Genealogy Group meeting. The group welcomes all 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.

The Genealogy Group will be meeting on Saturday, January 6th from 10 am to noon via Zoom. A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all lodge members shortly before the meeting date.

Hardanger Huldras

Hardanger embroidery patterns, fabric, thread and instruction are available to those who wish to learn this Norwegian needlework art form.

If you have already started Hardanger embroidery but wish to learn some new stitches, our patient, expert teacher can help you. Those who have never tried this before are most welcome too. All you need to bring is a small, very sharp scissors.

Our Hardanger Huldras group meets once a month at the home of our teacher, Dolores Jacobson.

For more information, please contact Susan Stow at burle103@aol.com

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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.



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District 1 Lodge of the Year in 2013, 2018
Family Lodge of the Year in 2006, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018
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Wednesday, January 3, 7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (Members are welcome to attend)	Virtual via Zoom
Saturday, January 6, 10 AM - Noon	Genealogy Group Meeting	Virtual via Zoom Information sent via email
Tuesday, January 9, 5:30 PM	Norwegian Language Lesson	Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church 1669 Arcade St. St. Paul, MN 55106
Tuesday, January 9 6:00 PM Light meal 6:45 PM Meeting & Program	Lodge Meeting	Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
Wednesday, January 10, 1 - 2:30 PM	Norwegian Language Lesson	SunRay Library 2105 Wilson Ave. St. Paul, MN 55119
Wednesday, January 24, 1 - 2:30 PM	Norwegian Language Lesson	SunRay Library
Monday, February 5 4:30 PM - Social Hour 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (Please note date, time, and location)	Board of Directors Meeting (Members are welcome to attend)	Alternate Location & Zoom Contact Jean Knaak for more information or by February 2 to RSVP: 651-357-6139 or knaak002@gmail.com