



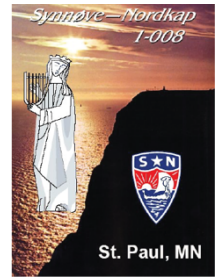
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Front Page News

The Latest Lodge Updates

Great news! Rebecca (Becky) Foro has graciously volunteered to be our new Brevet editor. She is a new lodge member who is also the mom of a new Junior Lodge member. Becky's hometown is Rothsay, MN (if you know about the giant prairie chicken statue, that's the place). She attended Concordia College in Moorhead, and has been in the Twin Cities area since 2005. The beginnings of her interest in the Norwegian part of her heritage can probably be traced back to her maternal grandmother and the delicious krumkake she used to make.



If you missed our February 11th meeting, you missed a taste sensation and a really great time. Read all about our Chili Contest in the meeting notes on page 2. Food, fun, and fellowship were certainly the order of the evening.

Happy and Randy Youngs will be serving Pizza Hot Dish for our March 11th meeting. Side dishes will be salad, veggies & dip, garlic bread, as well as yummy treats.



The Foro family at Otternes Farmyard near Flåm, Norway in 2023.

Vice-President's Letter

Dear Members,

Our Lodge president, Kathy Kaluza, is recovering from pneumonia so I am filling in for her.

We are celebrating our new Brevet editor, Becky Foro, for stepping into this important position. I encourage each member to visit with her and to welcome her at an upcoming meeting.

I am hoping to see large turnout for the March 11th meeting. Our Minnesota weather has taken a warmer turn so I think that will allow for more to venture out. Pastor Gunnar from Mindekirken Church will be speaking about the Sámi. Happy and Randy Youngs will be serving Pizza Casserole at 6pm for our light supper, and Pat Carlson and Dianne Anderson will be decorating the tablescape and serving yummy treats. Please invite others to come, also.

Blessings,

Sharon Amann, Synnøve-Nordkap Vice-President

Lodge News

Synnove-Nordkap SON #1-008

Lodge Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00

pm

Gustavus Adolphus Church

MINUTES

Theme for the Evening: Chili Contest and Valentine's Day

Supper: At 6:10 pm Randy and Happy Youngs served the meal. There were 5 pots of Chili, prepared by 5 anonymous cooks. Toppings consisted of shredded cheese provided by Kathy Kaluza, oyster crackers provided by Happy Youngs, corn bread provided by Jean Knaak and Happy Youngs, and bread provided by Bruce Berggren. There was a \$5 fee.

The Chili Judges were Lori Quello, Dana Carlson and Connie Chrissis. They sampled the 5 Chili recipes. Members sampled the 5 Chili recipes and placed a penny in front of their favorite Chili. Then they could help themselves to Chili and toppings. There were lively conversations at the tables.

Members and Guests attending: 21 plus guests Dale and Sharon Severson.

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Business Meeting: Kathy Kaluza. Pledge of Allegiance. No February Birthdays or Anniversaries. Jean Knaak told of upcoming programs, with the March program to be about the Sami people in Norway. Lowell Johnson announced that the "New Land, New Life" exhibit will be housed at the Stillwater Court House for a month. It will also be shown at a couple other events. Sheryl Hove was thanked for the donation of memorials in Paul Hove's name to the Scholarship Fund.

Entertainment: Ole Smole, Norski singer and poet, sang a Chili song adapted from a song by Johnny Cash. He assisted Randy Youngs to announce the Chili Contest winners.

The Judges were Lori Quello, Dana Carlson and Connie Chrissis.

The Judges' Choice was JoAnn Hogenson. The Popular Choice was Sharon Amann. Happy Youngs presented them with baskets of Valentine balloons, 2 hot sauces, hot chips, and also scrubbies made by Kathy Kaluza. 3rd Place was awarded to Sheryl Hove and 4th place to Jean Knaak and they received gift bags. The 5th recipe was prepared by Randy Youngs who took himself out of the running.

At 7:00 pm the desserts of various Valentine cookies, vanilla ice cream and juice were provided by Pat Carlson, Dianne Anderson and Kathy Kaluza. Sharon Amann brought home-made Norwegian cheese with a choice of topping of salt or lingonberries.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 6-8 pm, at the Ramsey County Library, Maplewood, MN.

The next Lodge Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 6-8 pm, at Gustavus Adolphus Church.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Membership: There are currently 198 members.

Submitted by:

Sheryl Hove, Assistant Secretary

New Land, New Life Exhibit — Celebration/Day Trip

We are planning a combination Celebration/Day Trip to highlight our New Land, New Life Exhibit!

On Monday, March 24, 2025, we are planning an early lunch at 11am at Joseph's in Stillwater, and then touring the exhibit at the Washington County Historic Courthouse at 1:30. We will be discussing this further at our Tuesday, March 11th social meeting. Please check your schedules and be prepared to sign up for our adventure. (See page 5 for more information about the exhibit.)

February Fun!

Thirty-seven feet! You've got to be kidding! Amazingly, that was the winning fish toss last Saturday. Niko had a new method since the frozen fish was in a larger plastic bag, he just whipped the bag around in a circle several times and let it fly. The next qualifier, Astri, had a great toss at 21 feet. Thora gave it her all at 18 feet, with Geneva close at 16 feet. Two junior lodge members tied at 15 feet - Valerie and Kaia. The snow was perfect for flying saucers, sleds and cardboard. Red cheeks and big smiles made the event very special.

We drove over to our meeting spot and started taking off snowy layers of clothing. What was all that screaming about? A mouse had decided to join in on the fun. Kids were hopping and running away until the mouse escaped to the church kitchen. Some parents found brooms and tried to conquer the situation, however the mouse apparently found the perfect hiding place. Some of the kids decided to name him "Meatball", because he looked a lot like one!

Saturday, March 1st, our Peer Gynt Dancers will be performing for a Norwegian Folk Music and Dance Festival sponsored by Norsota Lodge. It will be from 1:30 - 4:15 at Falcon Ridge Middle School, 12900 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd., Apple Valley. Sign up for tickets on the Norsota Lodge website. There will be light refreshments during the breaks between performances. Our Peer Gynt Dancers are second on the program. Make plans to come and enjoy this celebration of "Norwegian-ness."



New Land, New Life Exhibit on display at Washington County Historic Courthouse!

The Synnove-Nordkap exhibit, "New Land, New Life: Norwegian Immigration to Minnesota, 1825 to 1925" will be on display at the Washington County Historic Courthouse in Stillwater, MN, for one month!

The Historic Courthouse is the "longest standing courthouse in the state of Minnesota". It served as the County seat for over 100 years. Now, a County Park, the Courthouse offers guided (Wednesday - Sunday) and self-guided tours (daily), hosts public events, and private events. It features the historic jail, an 1870's courtroom, and various exhibits relating to the County's history. It is a beautiful facility and located in scenic Stillwater!

Our exhibit is a wonderful complement to the Historic Courthouse, especially this year as we celebrate the Bicentennial of the First Norwegian Immigrants to arrive in America! The immigrant ship "Restauration" set sail on July 4, 1825 and arrived in New York in October, 1825. Come celebrate as we share our exhibit with visitors to the Historic Courthouse. We hope you will have an opportunity to visit the Courthouse and our New Land, New Life Exhibit. Be sure to invite others to do the same...and bring a friend!

The exhibit will open March 4th and close on April 3, 2025. The Courthouse is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Washington County Historic Courthouse is located at 101 Pine Street West, Stillwater, MN, 55082.



Sámi History and Traditions

We are very pleased to have Pastor Gunnar Kristiansen as our March speaker. He has been a very fine and respected lead pastor at Mindekirken for three years, but will have to leave at the end of this year. He has good English skills as well as being a native Norwegian speaker, and has been a strong addition to our Norwegian community.

We are fortunate to have him speak this March for our Sons of Norway meeting on the Sámi culture. The Sámi live in the Northern part of Europe and Russia and the culture goes back several thousand years.

This presentation will reflect on the Sámi History and Traditions. We know very little about the Sámi people and this will be an interesting presentation.



Map of the area traditionally inhabited by the Sámi people.



The Rev. Gunnar Kristiansen is the pastor at Mindekirken in Minneapolis. He arrived in September 2021 and had previously been the pastor there from 1998 to 2000. He served a parish in Bodo, which is in the area where the Sámi reside. He started as a pastor in churches in northern Norway in 1978. He has also been a chaplain in a mental hospital, and a trained family therapist since 1989. Later, he worked at the City Mission in Oslo with its suicide hotline. In 2012, he started a humanitarian organization in Bohol in the Philippines, (ihelpfriendship), where he was stationed before returning to Mindekirken.

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Bulletin Board

Norwegian Language Classes

Tuesday Class: March 11. 5:30-6:00 p.m. at Gustavus Adolphus Church before the Lodge Meeting.

Wednesday Class: March 12 & 26, 1:00-2:30 p.m. at SunRay Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55119.

"*The Mystery of Nils*" textbook (Available to borrow from our Library - contact Sheryl).

WELCOME to new members!

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Hardanger Embroidery

The Hardanger embroidery group will meet on Friday, March 28th at 10 at the home of our instructor, Dolores Jacobson.

(161 Wedgewood Dr., Mahtomedi, MN.)

You are most welcome to join in the fun!

We have plenty of fabric, thread, needles and patterns. *Please bring a pair of small, very sharp scissors.*

Sunshine News

Kathy Kaluza has been dealing with pneumonia for three weeks. She was feeling well enough to attend the board meeting though.



Eugene (Gene) Hanson, long-time Lodge member, passed away on December 15, 2024. We were just notified of this, so we regret no one from our Lodge was able to attend his December 30, 2024, funeral. Gene served as a Sentry and Guard on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On November 14, 2017, Gene gave one of the most memorable presentations our Lodge has ever had explaining this honor and experience. He did this to honor the other veterans in our Lodge, and to give us information regarding the history of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

To read his obituary, click on <https://obituaries.startribune.com/obituary/eugene-hanson-1092499395>

2025 Lodge Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for scholarships available from Synnøve-Nordkap for 2025 are now available on the Lodge website <https://synn-nord.org/scholarships/>. Junior Lodge members as well as children or grandchildren of active lodge members are eligible to apply for Synnøve-Nordkap postsecondary (deadline March 15th) and language camp (deadline May 15th) scholarships for 2025. Information, applications, and links to language camp scholarships and additional Sons of Norway resources/scholarships can be found by following the above link. In-person camps are currently planned for Skogfjorden, a Norwegian language immersion camp, for summer 2025.

Synnøve-Nordkap also offers adult lodge members the opportunity to apply for the Nordic Experiences Scholarship on a year-round basis to help with the cost of exploring their cultural heritage from a regional folk school, local museum, or even language camp. Visit the above link for additional information and application.

Sunshine News

Please contact Sharon Amann if you become aware of the death or illness of members so I can send a card from the Lodge.

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Thanks in advance for keeping me informed.

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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.



Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008:

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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Date	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 11 5:30-6:00	Norwegian Language Lesson	Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
Tuesday, March 11 6:00-8:00pm	Lodge Meeting	Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
Wednesday, March 12 & 26, 1- 2:30 PM	Norwegian Language Lesson	SunRay Library 2105 Wilson Ave. St. Paul, MN 55119
Monday, March 31, 6:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (All lodge members are welcome)	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Dr. Maplewood, MN 55109