

Synnove-Nordkap #1-008

Lodge Meeting Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6:00 PM

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Supper: Randy and Happy Youngs served potato soup, along with buns, cole slaw, crackers, and dessert. Providers included Dianne Anderson, Sharon Amann, and LaRee Opdahl.

We were entertained by Ole Smole, who played his instruments and sang tunes; i.e. "We Got Darn Near Everything in Minnesota".

Program: Jean Knaak introduced Leif Erikson, who told of his involvement in America's first Leif Erikson Day. This occurred on October 9, 1964 in Washington, D.C. when he was only 16 years old. He told of the Vikings beating Columbus to America by about 500 years.

Business Meeting: President Kathy Kaluza called the meeting to order. We sang the national anthems for Canada, Norway, and America followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no birthdays for October. Chris Bales was honored with he and his wife's first wedding anniversary.

The International Festival of Minnesota (formerly Festival of Nations) will be held at River Center Friday and Saturday only (April 10 and 11, 2026). The Board approved sending the required application for participation. We should find out by November 7th if we are accepted to sell our Norwegian treats.

Sharon Amann reminded everyone of the Taste of Scandinavia to be held Saturday, November 1. There are sign-up sheets for contributions to be made for the event. Doors will open at 5:00 PM, with dinner served at 6:00 PM. Ron Stow is still looking for assistance with the Silent Auction. LaRee Opdahl will type up each donation with starting bids.

Susan Stow is taking orders for 2026 Norwegian calendars and note cards. Calendars are \$14, and note cards are \$12. Products will be available at the November meeting.

We are looking for a place to demonstrate making Norwegian treats and teaching others the procedures for doing that. Please let Sharon know if you have any suggestions for her to check out.

Jean Knaak asked members to bring to the next meeting their most treasured Norwegian item and tell about it. This will be our program for November.

Ron Stow is working with the Nominating Committee for officers for next year. Some openings for appointed offices are still available. Please consider volunteering to complete our list for the lodge.

With the cancellation of our January and February meetings, we are working on having online get-togethers with Google Meets rather than Zoom. More information to follow. There will be another production of “Church Basement Ladies” next summer from July 8 – August 23. There are afternoon and evening performances, plus a lunch prior to the afternoon performances. If you are interested, please let Sharon know your preferences. We will need to purchase tickets soon, as they sell out in a hurry.

Lowell Johnson informed us that “New Land New Life” continues to move around the Midwest. It will return to us October 20th, with reservations in Wallingford, IA and Stillwater to follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, November 3 at the Ramsey County Library in Maplewood at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaRee Opdahl
Recording Secretary