

Synnove-Nordkap #1-008

Lodge Meeting Tuesday, May 12 2026, 6:00 PM

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Supper: Randy and Happy Youngs served hot dogs and brats wrapped in lefse, salad and muffins. For dessert Sharon Amann purchased ice cream, and Dianne Anderson and LaRee Opdahl provided toppings.

There were 29 in attendance.

Program: Jean Knaak introduced Jana Velo and Susan Stowe, her mother and accompanist. They helped us celebrate Syttende Mai by leading us in a sing-along of Norwegian folk songs.

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.

We celebrated May birthdays for Jean Knaak, Dianne Anderson, and Lori Quello.

Our picnic will be Tuesday, June 16, at Island Lake Park in Shoreview starting at 6:00 PM. We will purchase chicken from Cub Foods. Sharon had a sign-up sheet passed around for everyone to sign up for side dishes. Everyone needs to bring their own place settings and beverages. Coffee will be provided. There will be a \$5 charge for non-members. The maypole has been refurbished, and lawn games will be available. RSVP's must be provided to Sharon Amann by June 12, so we know how much chicken to purchase.

The Peer Gynt dancers will be performing at Mindekirken for Syttende Mai on Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 PM.

LaRee Opdahl explained the advantages of belonging to a bygdslag to aid in finding genealogy information. Bygdslags meet usually once a year and have genealogists available to find this information. New brochures were available

for those who were interested in finding their bygdelags. Since we no longer have a Genealogy group within our lodge, this is a good way to find family history.

Because we decided not to have regular meetings in January and February, we have been looking into summer events for July and August. Ron Stowe and Becky Foro talked about a day trip to Vesterheim in Decorah, IA, along with a possible stop in Spring Grove, MN to see "Giants of the Earth", the first Norwegian settlement in Minnesota. They will check into possible tours for the Museum and surrounding area. The bus fare would be paid for by the Lodge, and participants would pay for their own meals. We would need at least 20 people to sign up for this, with a maximum of 30. A date has not yet been set up, but 17 people showed an interest in the trip. August might be a bit cooler than July.

Ruth Gibson has invited us to her home again this summer for treats and fellowship. Perhaps sometime in July would work for that.

Lowell Johnson talked about the "New Land New Life" exhibit being requested for use in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa areas. This is an exciting opportunity to inform others of our Norwegian heritage in Minnesota.

Ole Schmole entertained us with a story and song about traveling to a picnic, and a Norwegian song.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, June 1 at the Ramsey County Library in Maplewood at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaRee Opdahl
Recording Secretary