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Lodge #1 - 008

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Front Page News

The Northern Lights and Beyond with WCCO-Radio Meteorologist Mike Lynch

On Tuesday, March 10th, Meteorologist Mike Lynch will give a very special presentation at the Synnøve-Nordkap monthly lodge meeting. From aurora borealis, or northern lights, to constellations, Mike will guide us through the beauty and science of the night sky. He will also have one of his large telescopes for members to “stargaze” following the presentation.

Mike Lynch has been broadcasting at WCCO Radio for nearly 40 years and has been hosting astronomy programs in Minnesota for nearly 50 years. He is also an astronomy columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and has written books about stargazing and

weather. For more information about Mike Lynch and his programs, visit: <http://www.lynchandthestars.com/index.html>



Fra Presidenten

Hilsen alle sammen,

It's March already, and "March Madness", namely high school tournaments, are upon us. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and we won't get blizzards that are so often associated with tournament time.

Looking forward, we have an excellent program scheduled. Mike Lynch, WCCO Radio meteorologist, will be our featured speaker. The main portion of his program focuses on astronomy, however he will also be talking about the Aurora Borealis. If the weather cooperates, he will be bringing part of his arsenal of telescopes for your celestial viewing pleasure.

Before the meeting, we will be having a waffle making training session in the kitchen at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church. This is for those of you who would like to learn how to operate our new Nordic Waffle makers in preparation for the Festival of Nations. We will start at 4:30 PM for the early birds, but we will keep practicing until the start of the meeting. Come when you can, you do not need to show up right at 4:30. It only takes a few minutes to learn how to operate the waffle irons.

The fruits of our labor will be shared with the Lodge members after Mike Lynch's program. Jean and I will be preparing a couple of the fillings we propose to use in the Norway Café for you to sample and for your comments.

Speaking of the Festival of Nations, there are still plenty of opportunities for you to sign up and be a part of this very important fundraising event. The first part of fundraising is FUN and we hope that many of you will seize this chance to get together with other Lodge members, enjoy the fellowship, and get to know other Lodge members better. There are opportunities for everyone. We need folks to butter lefse, prepare trays of rice pudding, fruit soup, and krumkake, bake waffles, and serve our guests. A bunad is not required! Those choosing to work in the kitchen may wear whatever they choose and those working out front may wear bunad, Norwegian sweaters, or other Norwegian related attire.

Connie and Ingrid have created a SignUpGenius form, accessible from the on-line Brevet or by using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4daaaa2ea4fd0-festival>. Please check this out and sign up whenever and wherever you are able to participate. Ideally, we would like 13 people for each shift. If we get fewer than that we all just need to work harder and smarter to make a good impression on our guests so they tell their friends about our great food, good service, and also come back to our café during the time they spend at the event.

President Chuck Draheim



Postcard from 1909. Sent during January, looking forward to warmer summer months.

Secretary's Report

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1 - 008, Board Meeting - Ramsey County Library, 2/4/2020

Members in attendance: Sharon Amann, Pat Carlson, Chuck Draheim, Jean Draheim, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Lowell Johnson, Ron Stow, Susan Stow, Sasha Aslanian, Dave Mutchler, and Connie Chrissis.

President Chuck Draheim called the meeting to order.

1. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Approved as printed in the Brevet
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT - JEAN:** Approved as presented
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Junior Lodge - Susan:** Requirements for FON complete; presented Jrs with chart on sports activity tallying; choosing rosmaling pieces; helping fund Gralum Choir; promoting Stoughton Dancers
 - b. **Foundation - Susan:** Nothing to report
 - c. **District 1 - Ron:** We now have 4 delegates to the convention: Susan Stow, Ingrid Bjorum, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Chuck Draheim; alternates are: Sharon Amann, Jean Draheim, and Dianne Anderson
 - d. **Cultural Director - Ron:** Discussion about program featuring Mike Lynch's Star Gazing. Lowell moved that we have Mike Lynch for the March meeting not to exceed \$400. Jean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - e. **Membership - Connie:** 2 transferred new members this month; 2 members cancelled
 - f. **Social - Pat:** Ice cream, toppings, and cookies for dessert at our Feb 11 meeting
 - g. **Festival of Nations - Chuck:** All menu items and paperwork have been turned in. We'll be getting debit cards for Shift Captains to use for purchasing items needed when at the Festival.
 - h. **Chili Dump -** Discussed concerns about low attendance. Board members will ask for feedback from members who didn't attend. Will further discuss the future of this event.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussed question about who is a voting member of the Board. Lowell didn't find specifications, so it looks like each lodge can establish this as it sees fit. Lowell will incorporate his research into a list of officers for the next meeting.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Purchase of new/additional equipment for T&M dinner deferred until next meeting.
 - b. **Nordic Midsummer Fest - Ron:** Proposed we sell Nordic Waffles at this event on June 20. Discussion followed. Ron made the motion that we participate in this fundraiser. Jean seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ron will pursue registration. Dave will research obtaining an identifying banner for our 10' canopy.
 - c. **Summer Picnic:** Dave will verify that Island Lake Park has been reserved for Tue, June 16. This year Magnolia's has raised their prices and cut items from their menu. Chuck will contact another caterer to receive a comparison proposal for both the picnic and the membership dinner.
 - d. **April meeting (Membership):** Susan asked what time the dancers should plan to perform - 715p. With RSVPs, parents and children attending will receive complimentary dinners.
 - e. **Resolutions:** Tabled until next meeting
 - f. **Review for the 'good of the order'** - We'll starting recapping duties for each upcoming meeting to make sure everything has been addressed and covered.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be Tue, March 3, 6:30-830p at Gustavus Adolphus Church. (cjc)

Lodge Meeting for Synnove-Nordkap Lodge #1-008,

Tue, February 11 at 7 pm at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1669 Arcade St, St Paul, MN.

- There were 33 in attendance. Guest was Lori Quello from the Moundsview lodge
- President Chuck Draheim called the meeting to order.
- February birthdays: Lexi Hanson and Lynn Hoffmeyer; no February anniversaries
- Minutes were approved as written in the Brevet.
- Lowell Johnson presented his handmade chip carving plaque for display on the bookcase.
- Festival of Nations signup sheets were passed. Chuck asked for Shift Captains so we can order debit cards for use in keeping FON supplies stocked. There will be a Nordic Waffle training session on Tue, March 10 starting at 3pm in the GA kitchen. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- Ron Stow said we have 4 delegates and 3 alternates to the District 1 Convention in June. We'd like to find another alternate.
- Marilyn Erickson won the night's door prize.
- Susan Stow introduced Jenn Hovland, the mother of two Peer Gynt dancers, who presented the night's program. Jenn started with an entertaining slideshow featuring flowers and gardens from her trip to Norway. While she spoke, Jenn created a beautiful flower arrangement that contained a dozen red roses, waxflowers, and 3 types of greenery. We sent the finished product home with Dave Mutchler for Mary Beth.
- We ended the evening with cookies, ice cream and toppings.
- NEXT LODGE MEETING will be on Tue, March 10 at 7pm at Gustavus Adolphus Church.

Goings-on



A delightful program by Jenn Hovland about wild flowers and gardens in Norway highlighted the February lodge event. During her presentation, Jenn created this beautiful Valentine arrangement of roses. The bouquet was gifted to lodge member Mary Beth Mutchler in appreciation for all of her hard work on behalf of Synnøve-Nordkap over the years. She sends out a big thank-you to the lodge and to Jenn for the beautiful bouquet. Mary Beth says the roses lasted two weeks!

Lowell Johnson's wonderful chip carving is now in the folk art display on the lodge library bookcase. Come check it out.



Eric Kalmes, son of Synnøve-Nordkap members Sharon and Ron Kalmes, participated in the American Birkebeiner on Saturday, February 22 in Hayward, Wisconsin.

The Animal Ornament in Viking Art

by Don Halvorson

In the three centuries comprising the Viking period, the Nordic countries developed a highly ornate and complex style of decorative art that focused on animal ornamentation. This style, the motif of a stylized animal, was not new. As early as the fourth century, the Germanic, Irish, Anglo Saxon and Scythian people were using animal ornamentation. Viking art was utilitarian. Its intricate designs carved in wood, metal or stone were meant to be functional. They were used to adorn the body, personal everyday items, weapons, horse carts, sledges and ships.

By the early eighth century, this style had begun to decline on the Continent. But with the arrival of the Viking age, Scandinavian craftsmen had already reached the highest level of skill and creativity in their art form. Every intricacy and refinement of the animal drawing had already been exhausted. To move on, they needed a new idea.

In the beginning of the ninth century, that new idea appeared in the form of the Gripping Beast. A composite creature of bear, lion, dog and serpent, this animal always appeared to be clutching itself or something else. With its large bulging eyes and stylized dragon-like body, it captured the imagination of the Vikings and dominated animal ornamentation for the remainder of that century. The origin of this beast's style appears to be



Carolingian. In 1888 the Danish scholar Sophus Muller, with support from Haakon Shetelig, a Norwegian archeologist, concluded that the creature resembled the renderings of Carolingian lions and other beasts. An excellent example of

this style is found on the Osberg Ship that stands in the Viking Ship Museum at Bygdøy.

Later in the ninth century a new style appeared. The Borre animal was named for the archaeological site on the Oslo Fjord, where several examples of this new style were found. While the animal retained the gripping paws and elongated body, it is more aggressive and coarse in

appearance. The importance of this style is that it was the first one created in the Norse homelands. The Borre style lasted until the middle of the tenth century.

Overlapping the Borre style, the next stage of art was the Jelling style. It began in the start of the tenth century. It takes its name from an image found on a small silver goblet in Jelling, Denmark. This animal's body is S shaped and ribbon-like, hopelessly intertwined and forming a lace-like pattern. It is no accident that the Jelling style has strong similarities to Irish design of the same period.

The Mammen style evolved during the last half of the tenth century and took its name from the silver inlaid axe head found at the burial mound of a highborn man in Jutland, Denmark. The animals are no longer ribbon-like, but are more natural in proportion, and for the first time plant forms are introduced.

The Ringerike style lasted through the first half of the eleventh century. Its name is connected to a region north of Oslo, where runic examples of this style were carved on red limestone rocks. Typically, beasts and birds are depicted more naturally, but plant forms have become more prevalent.

The Urnes style lasted from the middle of the eleventh century and into the twelfth century. This was the last art style in Viking history. The style name comes from a decoration found on a small farm church, dated c.1060, at Urnes in western Norway. Often asymmetrical, these metal animal or snake designs form continuous figure eights or multiple interweaving patterns with no breaks in the lines. Some of the original parts of this early church survived to become part of the Urnes Stave Church built in the twelfth century.

James Graham-Campbell, Dafydd Kidd, *The Vikings*, British Museum Publications Ltd., 1980, pp. 155-173.

Johannes Brønsted, *The Vikings* Penguin Books, 1960, pp. 213-217.



Sunshine News

Our sympathy to Rosanna Wunrow and family on the death of her husband and their father, Gerald, who died on February 8th. He brought comfort to many as a hospital chaplain and will be missed.

Norwegian Language Classes

Norwegian Language Classes
"SON Norwegian Language Lessons"
Tuesday Class, March 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, March 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

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Chuck Draheim, President 651-433-2008 or pres.synn.nord@gmail.com
Lowell Johnson, Vice President
Ingrid Bjorum, Brevet Editor ingrid@steinmetz.org

Genealogy Group

The **March 7th** Genealogy Group meeting will be from 10 am to noon at the Stillwater Library. The Stillwater Library is located at 224 – 3rd Street North in Stillwater. On street parking is available on both 3rd and 4th Streets. There is also a parking ramp that can be entered from the 3rd Street side. The Conference Room is on the top floor of the library. An optional lunch at a nearby restaurant will follow the meeting.

The **April 4th** Genealogy Group meeting will be at the Roseville Library in the Board Room. The Board Room is located on the 2nd floor by the periodicals.

The Genealogy Group does not meet in **May** so that members are able to participate in the Norway Café at the Festival of Nations.

Hardanger Huldras

Upcoming meeting dates:
Friday, March 13th
Friday, April 17th
Friday, May 15th

Please contact Susan Stow for more information: burle103@aol.com or 651-439-7255

Junior Lodge

A great way to learn names of new and old dancers is with the beachball game. We sat in a circle and tossed the ball to various people saying: " Hvem er ny? Hvem er du? Who is new? Who are you?"

For the rosemailing Cultural Skill, there are four steps in the beginning level. First you need to copy the brush stroke illustrations, next create a flower form using those basic brush strokes. Step three calls for painting a scroll. Lastly, each student needs to create a project and submit a photo of that process and the final product. Many junior lodge kids are ready for step four. They will need to choose a wooden piece on which to rosemail their own design.

Most of our dance rehearsal time was spent working on our dances for Festival of Nations. Being **super** prepared for the audition on March 21st will help our dancers feel confident about taking the stage.

Velkommen to three new dancers - Anna, Charlie and Niko Greenwaldt.



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Working on the Doppel Reinlender in preparation for Festival of Nations



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, Family Lodge of the Year in 2006, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2017
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| Date and Time | Event | Location |
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| Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm | Monthly Board of Directors Meeting All members welcome | Gustavus Adolphus Church 1669 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106 |
| Saturday, March 7, 10 - Noon | Genealogy Group Meeting | Stillwater Public Library 224 Third Street North Stillwater, MN 55082 |
| Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-7 pm | Norwegian Language Class | Gustavus Adolphus Church |
| Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 pm | Monthly Lodge Meeting | Gustavus Adolphus Church |
| Wednesday, March 11, 1-2:30pm | Norwegian Language Book Group | Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul 55109 |
| Friday, March 13, 10:00 am | Hardanger Huldras | 103 E. Burlington Stillwater, MN 55082 |
| Wednesday, March 25, 1-2:30pm | Norwegian Language Book Group | Sun Ray Library |
| Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm | Monthly Lodge Meeting Membership Dinner | Gustavus Adolphus Church |