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## Celebrate Foundation Month

### **Faithful to our mission and members.**

Corrie Knutson from the Son's of Norway Foundation will give a presentation and share a video. The video feature our Synnove Nordkap Peer Gynt dance group and an interview with one of their parents.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live. Be it through a student's scholarship for study, a cultural exchange experience, or assisting lodges to provide quality programs and community events – the Sons of Norway Foundation is true to its mission.

Established in 1966, our focus and offerings have grown to include several categories of scholarships and four categories of grants. Our passion is focused on the following areas:

- Creating opportunities for higher education as a means for success.
- Showcasing our unique Norwegian heritage to wider audiences.
- Exploring cross-cultural exchanges.
- Providing humanitarian support to Sons of Norway members who are victims of natural disasters.

The Foundation has awarded \$1,375,000 in scholarships, \$390,000 in grants and more than \$500,000 in humanitarian aid. Come to our November meeting and take a closer look at our efforts, the results, and opportunities to get involved!



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# Scandinavian Culture and News

By Don Halvorson

## Sissel



Considered one of the world's top crossover sopranos, Sissel's musical style ranges easily from pop recordings and Norwegian folk songs, to classical solos and operatic arias. Over the last 30 years she has performed for royalty and heads of state, and has comfortably shared the stage with a number of superstars

including Cecile Dion, Sting, Moby, The Chieftains, Willy Nelson, and opera tenors Jose Carreras and Placido Domingo. She has sold over 10 million albums and involved in over 50 appearances and tours.

Born Sissel Kyrkjebø in Bergen, Norway on July 24, 1969, she spent much of her early days hiking in the mountains around Bergen with her parents and two brothers. But as idyllic as her surroundings were, music was always her first love.

As early as age nine, she joined a children's choir and received her music education from a New Zealand-born conductor, Felicity Lawrence. The choir sang everything; jazz, classical, folk and even some traditional Maori songs. At age 14, Sissel joined another choir and became a popular TV performer. Two years later, her real break came when she was asked to sing at the 1986 Eurovision Song Contest being held in Bergen. That same year her first album was recorded and was an overwhelming success. She became a national star overnight.

In 1994 Sissel was picked to sing at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer. There she met the opera star, Placido Domingo. Together they recorded the Olympic theme song, and would link up again later for other recordings in the future. In 1997, composer James Horner asked Sissel to sing the theme song for the blockbuster movie Titanic.

Other movie contributions include Adventures of Pinocchio (1996), a duet with Irish singer Brian May in the drama Evelyn (2002), and Vanity Fair (2004). In 2005 she joined Howard Shore's worldwide Lord of the Rings Symphony concert tour, and Mr. Shore wrote a special piece for her at the last recording session of the tour.

During Norway's 100th anniversary of independence celebration in 2005, Sissel was chosen to represent Norway on the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra's Music and the Spoken Word presentation, recorded at Temple Square, Utah. As a result, in 2006 she was invited to be a special guest on their annual Christmas show, The Spirit of the Season. From this appearance came a recorded concert CD by the same name that climbed quickly up to number 10 on the Classic Billboard charts. The concert was also aired on PBS in 2007 and released as a DVD. Next came the Northern Lights album, recorded in Roros, Norway's historic 17th century church, Bergstaden Zir. In February 2008, she conducted an 8-day USA tour singing songs from that same recording.

Eight years later, she still continues to tour and record, while internationally remaining as popular as ever. In her personal life, Sissel moved back to Norway, after 22 years in Denmark. She was married from 1993-2004 to Danish-American comedian and singer, Eddie Skolen. From that marriage they have two daughters, Ingrid and Sarah. In 2013, Sissel married Norwegian tax lawyer Ernst Ravnaas in a private ceremony at Hov parish church, More og Romsdal, Norway.

Sissel Kyrkjebø [www.sissel.net/](http://www.sissel.net/)

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sissel\\_Kyrkjebø](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sissel_Kyrkjebø)

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge normally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, usually at 7:00 PM at Gustavus Adolphus Church  
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Web Page: <http://synnove1.com>

On Facebook, look for "Synnove-Nordkap"

Junior Lodge: see <https://peergyntdancers.wordpress.com>

Online photo album: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/synnor/albums>

For information, contact one of our officers. (See back cover for list.)

Sons of Norway International: <http://www.sofn.com>

# Lodge News

## Fra Presidenten

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Hallo, kjaere medlemer! Hello, fellow members! October has rushed past and we are almost into November already. Perhaps the month went by so fast because we have been very active preparing our homes and yards for winter, attending grandkids' events and other activities of the season.

One of those October events was the regular monthly lodge program. How nice it was to hear about the success of our lodge's genealogy group. Thanks to Sue Halvorson, Dave Hegdahl and Lenore Jesness for their presentation. Wasn't Dave's ancestry story special! One that many of us can relate to. Thanks also to other members of the group who shared their ideas in the Q & A session.

Following on the 3 F's of Sons of Norway, we heard about the Financial Benefits of the order from our fellow member and Director of Financial Benefits, Len Carlson. Please consider supporting Sons of Norway through your investment in SofN products. You are protected and it helps your local lodge.

The Fraternal branch of Sons of Norway is represented by what we do as a lodge to celebrate the heritage of our immigrant ancestors, and the culture of modern Norway. Thanks to the chorus, which was organized by Ruth Gibson, for their rendition of the Leif Erickson Monument Saga. Synnove-Nordkap Lodge was instrumental in sponsoring the statue in St. Paul. Check it out at Rice and University.

Our lodge is celebrating Foundation month in November. Members are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause when we pass the hat for cash, loose change and checks. The Sons of Norway Foundation furnishes grants, like the one which our lodge received to help kickstart the New Land, New Life exhibit. Ha det bra! All the best! Ron

## Sunshine News



Thank you to all our members that have served our Country with military service - Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>!

### HELP US KEEP TRACK OF OUR MEMBERS!

Mary Beth Mutchler is our sunshine person. If you know of someone who is sick, had surgery, etc., please call her at 651-484-8872 or email her at [mbe43@q.com](mailto:mbe43@q.com) and she will send a card from the lodge. Also, if your phone, e-mail, or address change, please let us know at 651-484-8872 or [dmutchler@q.com](mailto:dmutchler@q.com).  
- Thanks!

# Lodge News

## Board Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2016

Attendees: Ron Stow, Laura Sherman, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Sharon Amann, Trudi Johnson-Richards, Dianne Anderson, Pat Carlson, Dave and Mary Beth Mutchler, and guests Chuck and Jean Draheim.

After a warm-up discussion, we discussed the September meeting with Amy Okaya. The consensus was that it was interesting but a bit hard to follow. Some members wanted more information contrasting the Norwegian diet with our own.

Preview of October lodge meeting: Ron sent the tentative agenda to Sue Halvorson, as the Genealogy Group has the program. It will be preceded by a brief business meeting, and Len Carlson has a brief presentation and video on SON financial needs. We'll then sing will the Leif Erickson song as printed in the recent Brevet, led by a group of singers arranged by Ruth Gibson. Then Sue Halvorson, Dave Hegdahl, and Lenore Jesness will present an interesting program dealing with genealogy and our excellent Genealogy Group.

We previewed the Torsk & Meatball Dinner Fundraiser and Silent Auction / Marketplace. Dave will send an e-blast asking that items for the auction and marketplace be brought to the Tuesday lodge meeting. Also, Susan Stow would like members to donate a bone china cup for her to make candle holders for the Marketplace. We thank Al Linder for several boxes of books in memory of his wife, Judy.

Laura gave a brief Treasurer's report.

We discussed the November meeting, which we will celebrate as Foundation month. Corrie Knutson (SON Foundation) will give a brief presentation and video featuring our Peer Gynt dancers and an interview of one of their parents.

Chuck Draheim has volunteered to fill the vacant Vice President slot, and Jean Draheim is willing to be our next Treasurer. Thanks to you both! Cultural and Scholarship Directors are still open and important.

Outgoing Scholarship Director Kathy Manderscheid could not attend, but is willing to work with her replacement. She asked if a parent of a summer camper could be considered for this spot. Since all awards are set by the whole Board, we agreed that this would not present a problem, and indeed might attract the most interested and informed candidates.

We discussed candidates for future programs. Dianne has been in contact with Dr. Lawrence Moe, who gives a talk on Carl Ben Eielson, the famous American aviator, explorer, and bush pilot who was born in Hatton, ND. Mary Beth will contact Jack Pearson, a musician and storyteller who is highly recommended by Louise Bakken. She also mentioned Paul Daniels, Chief Archivist and Curator at Luther Seminary, who speaks on "Old Muskego Church: Where it All Began for Norwegian Lutherans in America." Ron suggested a film relating to WWII which is very good.

Mary Beth discussed the new venue for our Bell Ringing at Mills Fleet Farm in Oakdale.

A brief discussion on the upcoming Julebord in December concluded our meeting.

Submitted by: Dave Mutchler, Secretary

The next board of directors meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1 the Board Room at the Maplewood library.

## Lodge Meeting October 11, 2016

56 lodge members and guests attended our October meeting at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church. It was good to see member Betsy Anderson again, and new member [?? Blond lady]. Dianne Anderson brought her daughter Kari and a niece, and Bill Lund Brought his sister. Genealogy was the drawing card.

President Ron Stow gave his greetings to all. Jennie Read played the anthems and we did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Laura Sherman gave her Treasurer's report. She has decided to serve out the remainder of her term through December.

The minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as printed in the Brevet.

Sharon Amann told us about the upcoming Torsk and Meatball Dinner and Silent Auction/Food Market Fundraiser to be held on **Saturday, October 15**, and had sign-up sheets for additional help (particularly servers).

Mary Beth Mutchler reminded everyone that the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Saturday December 3 has been moved from Byerly's (which is closed) to Mills Fleet Farm on Highway 36 and Hadley Avenue, with 1 time slot still open: 2-4 PM.

We celebrated September birthdays of Chuck Draheim, Laura Sherman, and Pam & Wayne Bjorum. There were no anniversaries.

Len Carson from SON headquarters and a member of our lodge spoke briefly on financial products available to members and their importance to SON activities.

We then celebrated the anniversary of Leif Erickson's voyage to America with a song honoring him. Ron thanked Ruth Gibson for organizing the chorus which led us.

Loren Opdahl won the \$5 Door Prize.

Our very interesting program was presented by three members of our active Genealogy Group: Sue Halvorson, Dave Hegdahl, and Lenore Jesness. There was plenty of interest and lots of questions after their presentation.

We closed with refreshments provided by Dianne Anderson, Maureen Austinson, and Pat Carlson. Thanks, ladies!

Submitted by Dave Mutchler, Secretary

## Calendar of Coming Events

Tue. Nov. 2	Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting Maplewood Library Board Room (3025 Southlawn Dr.)	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 5	Genealogy Group Meeting See details in box to the right	10 a.m. To Noon
Tues. Nov. 15	Synnove-Nordkap Lodge Meeting Gaustavus Adolphus Luthern Church	7:00 p.m To 9:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 3	Salvation Army Bell Ringing Lodge Community Service! See details on this page (lower right)	10:00am to 4:00 pm.
Tue. Dec. 6	Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting Maplewood Library Board Room (3025 Southlawn Dr.)	6:00 p.m.  To 9:00 p.m.
Tue. Dec 13	Juleboard Lodge Meeting Gaustavus Adolphus Luthern Church	TBD

### Genealogy Group

The November 5th meeting of the Genealogy Group will be at the Maplewood Library from 10 am to noon. An optional lunch at a nearby restaurant will follow the meeting.

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Sue Halvorson

**Mindekirken:** Go to  
<http://www.mindekirken.net> for  
more information on activities.

**We will again be bell ringing for the Salvation Army, but this year at the West entrance of Mills Fleet Farm on Highway 35 and Hadley in Oakdale on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Two people are needed for each shift. Please contact Mary Beth Mutchler at 651-484-8872 or [mbe43@q.com](mailto:mbe43@q.com) to volunteer.**

**10:00-Noon  
Char and Clayton Lance**

**Noon-2:00PM  
Dave Mutchler &  
Bob Hoekanga**

**2:00-4:00 PM  
Doug Peterson  
[1 more needed]**

We will be taking orders for the 2017 Paulstad Classic calendars at our November meeting. Cost is \$12.50 each, payable when ordering. Delivery will be at our December meeting. Think stocking stuffer! Calendars must be ordered in advance.



## Norwegian Language Classes

### Norsk Nordmenn og Norge

There will only be one class in Nov. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday Class will be held on Nov. 10 at 6:30

Interested members please contact Crystal Bloecher, 651-774-8545.



## **Junior Lodge Update**

How Norwegian are You? was a mini quiz activity at our Junior Lodge October meeting. The questions were basic information about the country and culture. The kids really seemed to get into answering. Zero to four right answers meant "You are practically Swedish". Five to ten correct complimented the test taker with a "Good effort!" Those who managed eleven to fifteen were a tribute to Peer Gynt! Our new dance for October featured a song about going up to the mountain seter where the air is fresh and the views are spectacular. The folk tune, *Opp p' fjellet*, is one of the most well-known melodies of the mid-1800's. Early Norwegian choreographers tried to encourage national romanticism by getting people to sing and dance to Norwegian songs. The basic step is called a kvilesteg, which we already know from the *kjøre Vatten* dance. Most fun of all is getting to hop across your partner on the repeated refrain.

Welcome to new member, Natalie Bowman of St. Paul. Special thanks to Freya and Josie Haugen for bringing delicious treats to our meeting. Tusen takk!

Continuing our interest in the Norwegian flag this month, we found that the main day for flying the flag in October is on the 24<sup>th</sup>, United Nations Day also mentioning Norwegian, Trygve Lie, who was Secretary General of the United Nations for many years. As Norwegian-Americans we would add October 9<sup>th</sup> Leif Erickson Day. After all, Leif landed first!

## **Synnøve-Nordkap's "New Land, New Life" Exhibit Inspires a Slovenian Exhibit**

In the fall of 2014, our lodge's "New Land, New Life" exhibit was on display at the Stearns County Museum in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Among the many viewers of the display was a professor from St. Cloud State University. Marge Pryately was so inspired by what members of our lodge had produced that she called Ron Stow, lodge president, to learn more about the production of the display panels. During that initial conversation, Ron related that one of the goals of our lodge in producing the display was that other ethnic groups would see it and produce a similar one about their history and heritage. That is exactly what has occurred with the Slovenian-Americans.

Marge Pryately and a committee have put together a wonderful display with panels containing text which tells the stories of Slovenian immigration to Minnesota. On display at that same Stearns County Museum now through mid-January, the exhibit includes artifacts loaned by families and churches in the St. Cloud area, as well as from the Iron Range. It is of special interest that the first settlements of Slovenians in America were at St. Stephen and St. Anthony in Stearns County.

The display also features locally produced videos, including one about making Slovenian sausage. Another tells the story about the closing of an iron mine in Ely, which seriously affected the lives of many Slovenian-American miners and their families.



After its show in St. Cloud, the exhibit will move to Duluth and to Ely, Minnesota, before being on display at the Slovenian Embassy in Washington, D.C. A video of the exhibit can be viewed at [wjon.com](http://wjon.com).



**St. Paul Sons of Norway – Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge 1-008**  
**Nominations for 2017 Officers & Committee Chairs**

President	Sharon Amann
Vice-President	Chuck Draheim
Secretary	Dave Mutchler
Treasurer	Jean Draheim
Social Director(s)	Pat Carlson, Dianne Anderson
Counselor	Ron Stow
Cultural Director	Nominee Needed
Jr. Lodge Director	Susan Stow
Trustees	LaRee Opdahl, (two more needed)
Marshalls	Doug Peterson
Sports Director	Lowell Johnson
Historian	Lenore Jesness
Musician	Jenny Reed
Greeters	Maureen Austinson, (one more needed)
Newsletter Editors	Lowell Johnson, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Ken Bjork, David Mutchler
Newsletter Mailers	(Two needed)
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Publicity	Leif Erickson, Jana Stow Velo,
Sunshine	Mary Beth Mutchler
Librarian	Nominee needed
Genealogy	Cathie Reasoner, Fred Matson
Norsk Classes	Crystal Bloecher
Webmaster	Dave Mutchler

**The deadline to submit items to the Brevet for the coming month is normally the 20th of the previous month. Please keep this time frame in mind, and keep those news items coming! Thanks, Lowell, Lynn, and Dave.**

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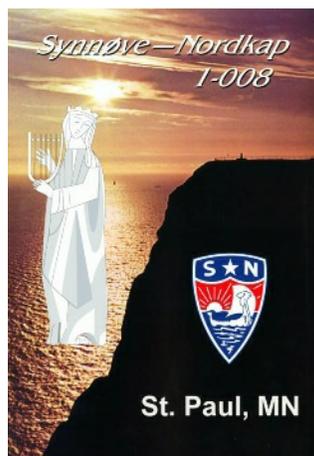
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St. Paul, MN

**Upcoming Activities**

**Lodge Meeting - Note Date  
Change due to Election!**

**Celebrate Foundation Month,  
November 15th**

The Mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members. Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge welcomes visitors and new members.