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## **February Feature: Our Annual Chili Dump!**

Join us at our February lodge meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 14th at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church.

This month's meeting features our ever-popular annual Chili Dump. There's nothing better than a warm and hearty bowl of chili on a cold winter's eve, and at this event we'll serve you a tasty delight! You may recall that members sign up to bring their favorite chili, and then each contribution is 'dumped' into one giant kettle to create what always turns out to be a surprisingly delicious blend. Come hungry for this wonderful lodge meal!

While you enjoy your chili, we'll keep you entertained with a light-hearted quiz to see just "How Norwegian Are You?" led by Susan Stow. Maybe (just maybe!) there'll be some lutefisk awarded to the person that gets all the questions right!

With all that good Norwegian energy flowing, we'll then turn to having table conversations to gather your input on the future of the lodge. Lowell Johnson will lead us through a conversation to find out what you value most about the lodge, what we can do to make it even better, and what your vision for the 'Greatest Lodge EVER!' would include. The thoughts and suggestions you provide will guide our planning for the 2017-18 lodge activities.

Please contribute if you can, or sign up to help in the kitchen for set-up or clean-up! Contact Sharon Amann at 631-0399 with questions, or your meal item or to volunteer!



## **Carve Out a Little Time for This!! Nordic Cultural Skills: Figure Carving Class**

Jock Holmen, "The Norwegian Termite," has been a professional woodcarver for over 30 years. He is a gold medal winner at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American National Juried Exhibitions in Decorah, Iowa, and won the First Place Carving award at the 2005 Northern Woods Exhibition in Minneapolis. Jock is a contributing editor at American Woodworker magazine, and teaches woodcarving classes. He has received training and tutoring from various American and Norwegian master carvers. Join us for a unique opportunity to learn a special Norwegian Cultural Skill. The class will be held in Sokol Hall, St. Paul on Saturday, April 29 from 10 am to 3 pm. Watch for further information coming soon! If you are interested contact Ron Stow, 439-7255.



# Scandinavian Culture and News

## By Don Halvorson The Tales of Asbjørnsen and Moe

Scholars believe that the origins of the fairy tale go back thousands of years, perhaps back to the Bronze Age. Typically a fairy tale is a short story featuring such fantasy characters as dwarves, elves, giants, trolls, and gnomes and usually includes some form of magic or enchantment. Unlike legends and epics, fairy tales have little or no references to religion, actual places, people or events, and often begin their story with "Once upon a time".

Fairy tales are believed to have originated in the Far East. Folk tales, or *eventyr* as they are called in Norwegian, reached Norway in the middle ages. Told and retold through countless generations of storytelling, they eventually evolved into the form we have today.

What makes these tales unique is the content. While the usual makeup of most fairy tales depends on exotic backdrops and magical characters, the landscape of the *eventyr* is the isolation of rural Norway. The main characters are poor farmers, jovial overweight kings, beautiful pampered princesses or enormous stupid trolls. The hero is not Grimm's handsome prince, but the unimposing Ash Lad. Often showing up as the youngest, smallest son in the family, he sits by the fire playing in the ashes. Then, when asked to do the impossible, he alone prevails. Symbolically, he represents the small man who succeeds when everyone else fails. In the end, he's always the one who captures the prize.

Between 1841 and 1844, Peter Christen Asbjørnsen and Jørgen Moe, a teacher and a pastor, teamed up to publish their first collection of Norwegian Folk Tales. Born in Christiania

(Oslo) in 1812, Asbjørnsen often heard *eventyr* from apprentices working in his father's glazier shop. Moe, growing up on a farm in Hole, Ringerike, Norway, became a voracious reader early. They met during secondary school at Norderhov Rectory in Ringerike. There they found they a great deal in common. They

spent every free hour they could tramping through the outdoors, hunting, fishing, hiking, and dreaming of someday both becoming poets. Fifteen years later, they collaborated on the most popular publication of Norwegian folk tales ever published.

The first illustrated edition of their folk tales didn't happen until 1879. Among the number of notable artists who contributed, was a relatively unknown by the name of Erik Werenskiold. The exposure of his illustrations in this edition propelled Werenskiold into prominence as one of the most accomplished Norwegian artists of this period. Joining Werenskiold for a second illustrated edition in 1881 was a friend, Theodor Kittelsen. He was another unknown artist who would establish himself on the national artistic scene as a result of his illustrations in this publication.

Jacob Grimm stated that Asbjørnsen and Moe's publication of Norwegian folk tales was the most original body of work of it's kind that he had read in his time. The folk tales are a reflection of collective Norwegian independence and self-reliance, and they have an undertone of realism and folk humor that truly sets these stories apart.

*Norwegian Folk Tales*. Random House Inc., 1982



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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On Facebook, look for "Synnøve-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

It's February, so Happy Valentine's Day! It's Minnesota, so we're dealing with below zero weather followed by occasional thaws and sloppiness. Aren't you glad we are hearty souls that take it all in stride, and maybe take a bit of pride that we not only survive but flourish!

Our January program was such a treat. Several of our fellow Lodge members shared Scandinavian book reviews with those of us who braved the sketchy weather to attend the meeting. We were rewarded with delightful accounts of several books. We have many brave and articulate people who are definitely not afraid of public speaking. I, for one, would very much like to have another program to hear about other books.

Also, since it is February, our Lodge is celebrating with our annual Chili Dump dinner. I know, it is a really funny name, but it is a delicious meal with all the trimmings. Don't forget to come early—6:30PM—and bring your item to share. If you didn't sign up yet, please give me a call @ 651-631-0399.

Instead of seeing a movie after the chili, we are going to have an interactive program. We will be taking a fun quiz. Don't worry, there is no need to study. After that, Lowell Johnson will lead us in another Lodge Survey.

REMINDER: Please bring your checkbook or cash. We had to downsize our Lodge closet and have some fun items you haven't realized you absolutely need!

April 11<sup>th</sup> is our Membership Dinner. Please be thinking of who you can invite that may have interest in genealogy, Scandinavian culture and/or language, carving, reading, cooking, dancing, or just joining our Lodge for fun and fellowship.

Blessings,  
Sharon

## Sunshine News

I received no new sunshine news this month. I hope you are enjoying time with friends and family and staying well. Please continue to remember those who are suffering.

### 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, 3 January, 2017**

Attendees: Sharon Amann, Ron and Susan Stow, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Pat Carlson, Dianne Anderson, Trudi Johnson-Richards, Naomi Hagen, Kathy Manderscheid, Dave and Mary Beth Mutchler, Chuck and Jean Draheim.

New president Sharon ran the meeting. After a warm-up question, we reviewed the December Julebord. We "old hands" felt it went well. As a newcomer, Naomi found it welcoming, festive, and excellent. All agreed that the barbershop quartet added to the holiday celebration.

We previewed the January meeting. There is interest in the book reports, which should involve many lodge members in the discussions. Zone 9 Director Gina Packrandt will officiate at the officer installation. Dave was asked to send her the list of officers and committee chairs.

We discussed the upcoming Chili Dump meeting in February. We could show a movie for the program, but then Jean suggested that we give the Norway quiz that Susan gave to the Junior Lodge and to the Board, and Sharon suggested also revisiting the membership survey designed by Lowell earlier. After discussion, there was agreement on this format.

Ron, Lowell, and Chuck submitted a request for a \$300 grant from headquarters to present a wood carving workshop. They are looking for a venue. Ron moved (Chuck second) that the lodge match the \$300 award to cover further costs. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Susan gave a brief Junior Lodge report. They plan to dance again in the St. Paul Winter Carnival Parade on January 28. She has been looking into the feasibility of selling a Lingonberry swizzler at the Festival of Nations, but they will probably just add bottles of water to our offerings.

Kathy Manderscheid gave a Scholarship Committee report. We reviewed a timeline she has prepared for Sasha. Dave volunteered to send out an e-blast regarding the items she wanted in the January Brevet.

Ron reported on the preparations for a District 1 Bowling Tournament to be held at Treasure Island Casino and headed by Tolly Vollen. Ron would like our lodge to enter.

The New Land, New Life exhibit is now in Red Wing. Sponsored by the Goodhue County Historical Society, the exhibit runs from Jan. 7 through April 22. In June it returns to Moorhead at the Hjemkomst Center, followed by Marshall, MN for July through September, then Owatonna for November/December. Ron has future requests for 2018 as well.

Mary Beth checked with the Board regarding Magnolias catering our Membership Dinner in April and the picnic in June. We approve, and she will make the reservations. Also, she reserved Jack Pearson (story teller and musician) for April.

We discussed a list of possible programs for 2017. Ron and Naomi will meet to discuss our options.

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

Submitted by: Dave Mutchler, Secretary

## **Lodge Meeting January 10, 2017**

Freezing rain cut our attendance to about 30 members and guests at our January 10 meeting. Ron Stow welcomed everyone at his last meeting as president. After the anthems and pledge of allegiance, he thanked the Board and all the members who helped him lead the lodge these last two years. He then introduced Gina Pockrandt, the Zone 9 Director, who installed the new officers and committee chairpersons for 2017. We thank Gina for helping us on such a difficult driving night.

New President Sharon Amann then led the rest of our meeting. The December minutes were approved as printed in the Brevet, and new Treasurer Jean Draheim gave a brief report.

Sharon previewed the Chili Dump at the February meeting and had a sign-up sheet. There will also be a brief quiz on Norway and a repeat of the member satisfaction survey done by Lowell Johnson a couple of years ago.

Susan Stow gave a brief report on the Junior Lodge. The Fish Toss is next Saturday, with sledding too. The dancers will again be in the Winter Carnival Parade on January 28, and will be dancing in June for Vestlands Dag.

Ron had several announcements. In April on a Saturday, our lodge is sponsoring a Figure Carving Class to be led by Chuck Holman, "the Norwegian Termite". On Friday, January 27, there will be a presentation by Duane Schumann on treasured garment restoration. District 1 is planning a bowling tournament sometime in March or April, probably at Treasure Island casino.

Sharon then introduced Dianne Anderson, who had organized our interesting program on books with Scandinavian roots. Members gave brief book reports on a book that they had read. Our thanks to Dianne for her wonderful idea and for her book report and handout. Other reviewers included JoAnn Hogenson, Joanne Englund, Harry Thomsen, and Maureen Austinson.

We ended with some great treats from JoAnn Hogenson, Sharon Kalmes, and Susan Stow. Thanks!

Submitted by Dave Mutchler, Secretary

## Calendar of Coming Events

|                 |   |                             |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Sat.<br>Feb. 4  | <b>Genealogy Group</b><br>White Bear Lake Library, 2150 2nd Street, White Bear Lake | 10:00AM<br>To<br>Noon       |
| Sat.<br>Feb. 7  | Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting<br>Maplewood library<br>Board room                    | 7:00 pm<br>To<br>9:00 pm    |
| Tues.<br>Feb.14 | Synnøve-Nordkap7<br>Chili Dump<br>Gustavus Adolphus Luthern Church                  | 7:00 pm<br>To<br>9:00 pm    |
| Sat<br>Mar.4    | Genealogy Group<br>meeting will be at the Roseville Library                         | 10:00.<br>AM<br>To<br>Noon. |
| Tue.<br>March,7 | Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting<br>Maplewood library<br>Board room                    | 7:00 pm<br>To<br>9:00 pm    |

**Genealogy Group**  
The next Genealogy Group meeting is on Saturday, February 4. We will be helping members break through "brick walls" that they have encountered in their genealogy research. The meeting will be at the White Bear Lake Library, 2150 2nd Street, White Bear Lake from 10 am to noon. An optional lunch at a nearby restaurant will follow the meeting.  
The March 4 Genealogy Group meeting will be at the Roseville Library

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

**College scholarships available through the lodge!** The deadline for application is March 15. Check out the scholarship page for information and forms. Also available are Language camp scholarships due Feb. 15. More Info: [www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-dates-and-rates](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-dates-and-rates)  
Check out the lodge's website for forms and how to send them to the scholarship coordinator Kathy Manderscheid

### Refreshments and Treats - Servers Schedule! Thank you!!

**February 14th 2017**

Kathy Kaluza, Cathie Reasoner, Sue Halverson

**March 14th 2017**

Mary Beth Mutchler, Lisa Mutchler, Lenore Jesness

**April 11th 2017**

Sheryl Hove, Jacquie Carlone, Meredith Berg

**May 9th 2017**

Chuck & Jean Draheim

**Festival of Nations : May 4th to 7th, 2017**

**Cooking day Monday, May 1st, 2017**



## Norwegian Language Classes - Norsk Nordmenn og Norge

**No class Feb. 14**

**Thurs. classes Feb. 9 & 23, 1:00 -2:30 p.m.**

SunRay Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul, 55119

(Note change from evenings to afternoon at SunRay Library) **WELCOME to New Members!**

Contact Class Co-facilitator Sheryl Hove at [sherylhove@netzero.net](mailto:sherylhove@netzero.net) or

**651-738-4908**

Absolutely outstanding weather for our Fish Toss and Sledding Party! No wind, sunny skies and a mild 24 degrees, with new snow on the hill. Everyone had a great time! Special thanks to Kaia and Liv Larsen for the cocoa and treats at the hill. Forty-three feet was the champion throw by Matthew Fjestad! Our biggest wish is that the weather on January 28th for the Winter Carnival parade will be as favorable.

Time to learn a few more new dances for our Spring performances. One dance has two names: Lettisk Polka (the traditional name), however Norwegian kids call it the stretch pants polka, Strekkbukse polka. Next we learned a dance called Tretur fra Honindal.

Thanks Synnove-Nordkap for your continued support of our junior lodge activities.



Winning 1st and 2nd places in the fish toss - Matthew Fjestad, 43 feet and Emily Fjestad, 31 feet



Nora Yocum demonstrates a strong overhand throw for 30 feet.



Beatrix Rhone shows her intent toss of 13 feet

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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 Ken.

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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!

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| Mar.<br>14 | <b>Lodge Meeting<br/>Gustavus Adolphus<br/>Lutheran Church<br/>St. Paul</b>                         | <b>7:00<br/>To<br/>9:00<br/>pm</b> |
| Apr.11     | <b>Membership Dinner!<br/>Bring a Friend - Invite<br/>Guests!</b>                                   | <b>6:30<br/>P.M.</b>               |