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Grieg Male Chorus of Canton at the Twelfth Day of Christmas Concert on 5 January, 2020.

### **GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD**

Greetings from the Canton SD Grieg Male Chorus, with sincere wishes that 2020 has gotten off to a great start for all of you and your families!

Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> our chorus presented our annual Christmas concert at Grand Valley Lutheran Church fellowship hall, to benefit our local chapter of Love, Inc. It's always a great pleasure

to present this concert for this worthy cause. With this year's event presented on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, the theme was "Celebrate the Twelfth Day of Christmas!" This theme held special meaning for me, as my Dad always impressed on me to celebrate Christmas, with all decorations still visible, until "Tre Konger Dag!"

The concert began at 3 p.m. with coffee, hot cider, and an abundant selection of baked treats provided by

Grand Valley congregation and the Grieg chorus families. Good weather, a nice turn out, and a generous free will offering to present to Love, Inc., resulted in a great day.

On Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> we had the privilege of performing the same concert at Touchmark, at All Saints in Sioux Falls. Chorus member Garrit VanDenTop and his wife Lazzettan reside there, and made all the arrangements. The concert was held in a beautiful chapel at that facility, and we were pleased to perform to a full house. Director Jacob Huber also performed a beautiful selection on a unique antique pipe organ in the chapel.

Following the concert everyone enjoyed refreshments in the dining room. Our sincere thanks to the DanDenTops for the arrangements, with special thanks to our director Jacob Huber and accompanist Caradith Kingsbury, for all their extra work preparing for both of these special events!

Following a short winter break, our chorus resumed regular weekly rehearsals Feb. 3rd.

Again, best wishes to all.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

(Editor's note: In a recent issue of Viking, the Sons of Norway magazine, the name of Vera Holter appeared on the In Memoriam page. We extend our sympathy to Jerry on the death of his mother.)

### NSAA President's Column

Let's sing.

It's time to prepare for Sangerfest 2020. Here are a few tips to help you get ready:

- Registrations are due by April 1. Make sure that you register and pay your registration fees to your local chorus representative before April 1. Registration materials have been sent to your chorus president. Registration information can also be reviewed at the NSAA website <http://www.nsaaonline.org/>
- Hotel--a block of rooms is being held at The Madison Concourse Hotel. The best way to fully participate in Sangerfest is to be on site. It's the closest hotel to all the Sangerfest activities.
- Be prepared to sing. After all, we come to Sangerfests because we love to sing, and we love to carry on the Norwegian and Scandinavian-American heritage.
- Activities A lot of thought and effort has been put into giving you and your wife or companion interesting things to do in your free time. Look over the events and plan on attending one or several of the offered events.
- The Grand Banquet will be held at the Concourse Hotel where we will have special recognition of our diamond medal recipients. We are lucky to have the Intermezzo String Quartet as music for the social hour. The Intermezzo Quartet is a traditional string quartet whose members have played with the Madison Symphony Orchestra and the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. Check them out at

<http://www.intermezzotrinqartet.com/>.

- After the Banquet we will be entertained by the Waunakee Big Band, an eighteen piece big band that will play many of the great jazz classics that many of us grew up withô great for listening and dancing! Check them out at <https://waunakeebigband.com/>.
- The Grand Concert--the highlight of Sangerfest 2020 will be at the Overture Center, a world class performance center. In addition to our concert program we are thrilled to have Jeni Houser, soprano, appear as a special guest. Jeni has performed at many national venues and had her recent debut at the New York Metropolitan Opera. Do you think maybe that because she grew up in Stoughton WI, and her father is a tenor in the Edvard Grieg Chorus, that we are lucky enough to entice her here? Check out her website: <https://www.jenihouser.com/>
- Most of all, prepare to have fun. It's always a thrill to participate in our NSAA biennial Sangerfests.

öLet all men sing.ö  
*Keith Christopher*



Paul Laurson, NSAA President

### **BJORNSON MALE CHORUS**

#### **Chicago IL**

Dear Singer Brothers and Ladies,

The month of December found us very busy, just like all of the other choruses in our association. Our tour

of performances started on December 8th at *Minnekirken* in the Logan Square area of Chicago. The church was filled as usual and following the opening number of öCome all ye Faithfulö in English and Norwegian we received a warm welcome from Pastor David Schoenknecht. The program continued with three choruses combining with a piece from the 16th century, titled *Gaudete*. Each chorus also sang 2 songs individually.

The three choruses that joined together for this excellent music were, the St. Bartholomew Children's choir, the Grieg Ladies Singing Society, and the Normennenes Singing Society under the direction of Chuck Kessel. Our director, Ed Kramer, was so moved he gave Chuck a special phone call on a job well done.

Two of Bjornson's favorites that seemed to move the audience were, öGlory to God in the Highestö and öSalvation is Created,ö which was sung in Norwegian. The following groups also helped to make this a wonderful evening of song. The Saxophone Quartet, the *Minnekirken* Choir, and the Chicago *Spelmanslag*. After all of the singing was finished everyone enjoyed sandwiches, pastries, and camaraderie with all of the attendees.

Our next stop was at the Edison Park Lutheran Church for our annual service which is all in Danish. Needless to say we all try to do our best with our pronunciation of the language.

Two of our favorite songs and crowd pleasers from this were, *Kimer, I Klokke* and öHurry, Shepherds, Run.ö As always a good time was had by all with delicious refreshments following the service.

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**DEADLINE FOR  
Mar.-Apr. 2020 ISSUE  
Apr. 20**

December 17th found us singing for the residents at The Danish Home where we currently rehearse. We have sung for the residents at the Home for too many years to count and always look forward to their warm smiles and welcomes for us. The song the residents enjoyed the most was *Kimer IKlokker*. Another reason for the chorus looking forward to singing for the Home is that they have traditionally fed us Danish *frikadeller* (meatballs) with all of the trimmings!

Our last engagement of 2019 was on December 20th at the Avalon Banquets. We had a fine crowd of over 100 people who enjoyed our choral songs and the traditional sing-a-long that we always have.

The chorus favorites for this night were, "That Old-Fashioned Christmas" and "O Holy Night." The crowd also heard excellent solos from Keith Jensen, Richard Klein, and Ed & Karen Kramer.

Our Christmas celebration was especially heartfelt as one of our retired singers, Jim Hartman, who has relocated from Florida joined us with his children and their spouses. The chorus had already discussed having the men leave the stage and gather around the piano to sing 3 special tunes from the past with Jim. They were, *Leve Sangen* (BMC's theme song), *Fanevagt* and "Let There Be Music." This brought back fond memories of our clubhouse days on Fullerton Avenue in Chicago when we enjoyed sandwiches, drinks, and singing at the tables after a full night of rehearsal.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year! We took the entire month of January off and return to rehearsals on February 4th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Stavnem, The Bjornson Male Chorus & The Ladies Auxiliary

### MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

The Mandskor has been on break for December and January, resuming their regular rehearsals, February 3, 2020. This writer and husband, after spending 3 months in Arizona, returned to South Dakota with a bumper crop of citrus. It was our fortune to be able to stop by as the chorus reconvened. We were able to share the Arizona bounty with the members.

Since there is no news to report from the chorus, I will share that we had the pleasure of entertaining Richard and Penny Leake (Luren Chorus, Decorah) at our Arizona home, during December. We enjoyed 2 good visits with them. Then, in January, we encountered (Luren Chorus conductor) Dr. David and Gail Judisch at church. David was the guest soloist at American Lutheran Church in Sun City, that Sunday. They were enjoying time with his sister in Sun City Grande.

After a week in South Dakota, we started our return trip to Arizona, via Texas, and a visit to family there. The weather has been cold and we even encountered snow in New Mexico. It felt like we were driving north by mistake. Since our return, we have had the pleasure of spending time with (Nordic Male Chorus, Sioux City IA, conductor) Chuck and Shirley Schuett. They were spending several days with mutual friends of ours who happen to live in our neighborhood on Desert Harbor Lake in Peoria Arizona.

Though we are back to our Arizona home, we keep the choruses close in heart and mind. May you all have a good season of singing and preparation for the 2020 Sangerfest!



Don Cooper and Terry Walter with Chuck and Shirley Schuett.



Director John Pollmann conducts the Mandskor as they sing the Norwegian National Anthem at the first rehearsal, Feb. 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Walter, Corr. Sec.

**EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS  
Madison WI**

As busy as November and December were, January and February have proven to be just the opposite.

The weather has been crazy with its ups and downs, but the Chorus has been able to get seven straight practices in, alternating between our two practice locations, the Opera House in Stoughton and Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison.

We have experienced several rounds of illnesses, none particularly severe, as well as winter vacations to warmer climes for some of our members who continue to claim they are still hardy Vikings!

We have, however, put our seven practices to good use, focusing on the songs, new and old, on the list for Sangerfest 2020. Since we are the sponsoring Chorus for the big event, we are being encouraged by our director to be prepared to show our musical leadership.

Looking ahead to the spring, however, the Chorus will be challenged to meet its performance schedule while at the same time continue to prepare for Sangerfest. The Chorus has scheduled performances at Capitol Lakes Retirement Center on March 10, St Olaf Lutheran Church on April 18, and our 95<sup>th</sup> FoundersDay Celebration on April 24. On May 6 we will perform for the Idun Lodge *Syttende Mai* dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church. We will then prepare for our performances during Stoughton's weekend celebration of *Syttende Mai* on May 16 and 17.

Now that all Choruses have received their Sangerfest 2020 registration packets, we want to encourage you to forward the requested information to us as soon as you have collected the necessary data. We are excited about the events we have planned for singers, spouses and

guests as part of Sangerfest 2020. We look forward to seeing all of you in Madison for a wonderful weekend.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

### **NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD**

Because of cold weather we just started practice on February 18. We practiced Sangerfest numbers and had a short business meeting.

We did very well at our Lutefisk/meatball supper in November. Whether we can continue with this meal is something we will have to decide on later in the year. The age of our chorus and the number of members makes it difficult to proceed.

George and Judy Regan did not have their Court Whist Party this year. George has been dealing with some health issues and he and Judy decided to skip it this year. We all wish for his good health to return soon.

The directors of the Sioux Valley Chorus will be lining up joint practices soon. We look forward to these practices so we can have fellowship with the other choruses and become more comfortable with the Sangerfest numbers for this year.



Charlie Espeland

We have a new member in our chorus who happens to be my grandson, Charlie Espeland. He went to his first Bi-annual Sioux Valley Sangerfest last year and says he very much enjoys singing with us older gentlemen. Charlie is a Freshman at Canton High School. He plays the bass clarinet in band and loves to pick up tunes on Youtube to play on his electric guitar. His hobbies are car mechanics, skate boarding and driving grampa's old 1998 Chevy pickup. He intends on going to the Sangerfest in Madison. The demands of school activities and work make it difficult for him to make all practices but he is very much willing to do what he can. I am very proud to have him as our new member.

Do you know why they don't let chickens into worship services on Sunday? They have fowl language! Looking forward to seeing all of my brother singers at the Sangerfest in Madison this year.



Steve Espeland, Corr. Sec.

### **NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY Chicago IL**

We are celebrating our 150 years of uninterrupted social and musical life as Normennenes Singing Society (NSS). At our recent business meeting we were reminded of some of the history that was sitting right at our table.

Bob Wold is our Financial Secretary. He and his wife, Janet

have been with NSS since Bob joined the NSS *Juniors* in the mid 1950's. He served as President of the *Juniors* in 1964. Bob and Janet's wedding reception was held at the NSS clubhouse on Kedzie Ave. Janet has been a backbone of our Entertainment Committee over the years, doing so much to make our events run smoothly. Their daughter, Kari's reception was held in 1988 at the Scandinavian Cultural Society in Arlington Heights after the society moved its home there in 1979.

Bob was teased when he first went on the board that he was the only one of the men who could talk back to the President of the Ladies Auxiliary ó his mother. His mother, Mildred was President of the Ladies Auxiliary for many years. And, her mother before her, Elise Hanssen had served in that role, too. Bob remembers them both as strong-minded women.

Bob's father, Henry, had joined the Normennenes chorus in 1946 and served as assistant to, and then as Treasurer of the society. Bob recalls that his mother took on a part-time job in 1952 so that she could join Henry on the club's 1952 musical tour to Norway. Twelve years later they went on the 1964 tour.

Bob and Janet's story is a reminder of the central role that women have played since the very beginning of Normennenes. Back in 1870 the immigrants were forming clubs, societies and organizations to help one another assimilate and flourish, and the women led with their determination, hard work and caring. There are many stories like this to be told and heard as we celebrate and remember the heritage of this unique organization.

Follow us on the web: [www.norgesings.org](http://www.norgesings.org) ó thanks to Tenor, Bill Johnson; and on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/NORMENNENE-S-SINGING-SOCIETY-211628637844/](https://www.facebook.com/NORMENNENE-S-SINGING-SOCIETY-211628637844/) - thanks to Bass, Howard Larson.



Dan Boyle, Corr. Sec.

### LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

Our winter öbreakö for the month of January was interrupted by deaths of two retired members; their obituaries are printed elsewhere. After the other political duty on Feb. 3rd, (caucus night) we resumed rehearsals on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, and welcomed some new faces and voices, a new accompanist and another second tenor and a baritone. We had to cancel on the 17<sup>th</sup> again. We learned too of the death of öJoö Amundson, widow of Clarence; at 91 years, in early February

We have one Lenten service set for March 11<sup>th</sup> at Frankville Presbyterian Church. We may get invited for one more, to be in one of the Decorah city congregations. Then we join the male choruses on May 10<sup>th</sup> (Mothersø Day) for our traditional concert. The men from Lutherø freshman group have been renamed Norskkor; thatöll take time to become familiar for us. But we still look forward to another batch of fresh faces and voices, plus the boys from the Middle School and young men of the High School.

We have one other concert before Saangerfest, a June 7<sup>th</sup> concert at



Marion Lutheran Church, Gunder IA which is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Larry Landsgaard is a member of the congregation and extended the invitation.

We enjoy the opportunities to hear the various Luther College musical groups for their ðhomecomingsð from the various tours. There are six such scheduled thus far

NEW MEMBERS



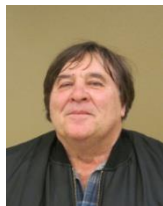
Ani Chauhan

A new ðrecruitð from Luther College is Ani Chauhan, a freshman who comes from Manchester UK. He has a sister, 10 years older. His father is the Dean of the University of Dehli, India, and his mother has taught cello and voice. He has a maternal grandfather at Story City IA! which is where Ani attended kindergarten before returning to India for further education. He plans to major at Luther in music performance.

While joining our Second Tenor section, he is a counter-tenor.

Ani met Eric Frydelund of Luren in the Bookstore at Luther and as a result of their conversation, joined us.

Of Luren, he says, ðitð a fun group; Iðm enjoying even the Norwegian songs.ð



Lon Gordon

New Member Lon Gordon comes from Eldorado IA but grew up on a farm in the Eitzen and New Albin area (SE MN). He has several siblings, hailing from large families. He attended school at Lansing, sang in glee club, served in the Army and attended various colleges and universities. He has sung with various groups in Winona and the LaCrosse area, including the Coulee Chordsmen. He was invited by Phil Olson. He sings baritone.

Obituary



**Lawrence Judisch** was born in Bremer County, rural Sumner IA, Jan. 24, 1935, to Robert and Viola (Tietje) Judisch. He had five siblings. He attended St. John Parochial School-Buck Creek in Sumner. In his congregation he served on the Council and as a Sunday School teacher

Lawrence married Dorothy Boevers at St. Matthewð Lutheran Church in Readlyn Feb. 12, 1956. They became parents of one son and one daughter. After retiring as a farmer, he and his wife spent many winters in Arizona.

Lawrence loved music and joined Luren in his later years, singing baritone under the direction of his brother, David.

He died at home Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. He was preceded by his parents and one sister.

He is survived by his widow, Jody (Rick) Buhr and Timothy Judisch, two granddaughters, five great

grandchildren, three sisters and brother David.

His funeral was held Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Obituary**



**Rev. George Wharton** died Jan. 26, 2020. He was born Dec. 20, 1929 in Lake Charles LA, the only son of Rev. George F. Wharton Jr. and Fleda Spencer Wharton. He received his education in the south, graduating in 1951 from the University of the South with a double major in Math and Chemistry

He attended General Seminary in New York City, and was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1956. He served in various congregation in the Louisiana until 1965. That summer he met Judy and Joseph Running through whom he met Joseph's niece, Marjorie. George and Marjorie were married in Decorah June 11, 1967 and became parents of Philip and Julia.

In 1979 the family moved north to Decorah, where George served Grace Episcopal Church and taught math at Turkey Valley High School, about 30 miles from Decorah.

George joined Luren early in the 1980s and took part in the 1983 Norway tour. He sang baritone.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

**NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB  
Minneapolis MN**

The active era of Charlie Engh as Correspondence Secretary and singing member of the Minneapolis Norwegian Glee Club has ended. He has retired from the Club and handed the Sanger-Hilsen pen to me. I joined the Glee Club after being invited by Charlie in January 2016. Thanks for the invitation and friendship Charlie. You will be greatly missed.

The Club takes the month of January off to avoid some of winter's harshest weather. This year we were to return for our annual meeting on January 30th and begin practice the following week.



Edward Huglen

Our return was not as happy as we had hoped. On the morning of January 27th one of our long time members Harald Edward Huglen passed away. Harald was 76 years old and had been with the Club for twenty years. He had worked as a real estate agent for forty years and had many, many friends. The celebration of Harald's life was held on Tuesday, February 4th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville MN. The Club sang at the service. He will be missed by all of us and especially his loving partner Darlene Ewald.

On February 6th we started practicing our concert and Sangerfest songs. On February 13th we installed officers after a wonderful potluck dinner. We also honored Charlie Engh for his years of service and song

with the Club (25yrs.). You will be missed Charlie. Thanks again.

March 21st we'll be serving Lutefisk dinners for the last time at the church we practice in. A search for a new facility is underway.

Let's hope spring is here soon. Here's one for ya: What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.



Eugene Millms, Corr. Sec.

**NORDIC MALE CHORUS  
Sioux City IA**

The Nordic Male Chorus has not met again in the new year. Our first rehearsal is Monday, Feb. 24.



Dave Carlson, Corr. Sec.

**Recognition of recent past correspondents to Sanger-Hilsen.**

The reader will notice a number of changes in the correspondents contributing articles to SangerHilsen on behalf of our choruses. We thank these past correspondents for their years of service and picture them here.



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### “Once upon a time

...there was a male chorus in Boston. It was started by a group of Norwegian immigrants in 1891. They called themselves *Normaendenes Sangforening (Norwegian Singing Union)*. The founding members were Solberg, Ole Olson, Gustav Moller, Emil Lorentzen, and Edward Olsen. Solberg was the first president. They met sporadically until 1920. In 1928 the Norwegian Glee Club of Boston was started.

The first director, Toralf Helgesen and an energetic singer named Ludvig Strandberg guided the group from a few members to an impressive chorus. Helgesen was director until 1948. During his tenure their most memorable performance was singing for Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha in 1939 during their tour of the United States.

In 1949 William Andersen became director. Later Luther Enstad directed, and was succeeded by Tore Dahl. Often they performed in Boston's Symphony Hall, and though fewer in number, gave many concerts, especially during the Bicentennial year.

In 1986 Nancy Waterhouse, a public school music teacher, became the Glee Club's director. The group performed for Scandinavian events and took part in singing festivals, such as the AUSS in July 1988.

According to one little note, apparently some of the members took part in the NSAA 1914 Norway Tour.

The Norwegian Glee Club held its Sixtieth Anniversary on April 8, 1889. This event was held at the Needham Golf Club, Needham MA. The President of the Glee Club of Boston at that time was Odd Andersen.

The Glee Club's breakup party was March 29, 1998. That was the last time the remaining six men sang together.

In 2002, when our NSAA Sangerfest was held in Minneapolis, Odd Andersen and his companion Ingrid Christiansen, were present. Odd had registered as an individual and, perhaps in violation of some rules, was awarded a bronze medal for having attended at least five fests.

Whether the Glee Club ever took part in Sangerfests is unknown, nor is it known whether Odd and Ingrid are still alive.

Don Berg

Ä Luther Enstad was a graduate of Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and performed during at least one Nordic Fest in Decorah. D.B.

**Normændenes Sangforening**

i Boston

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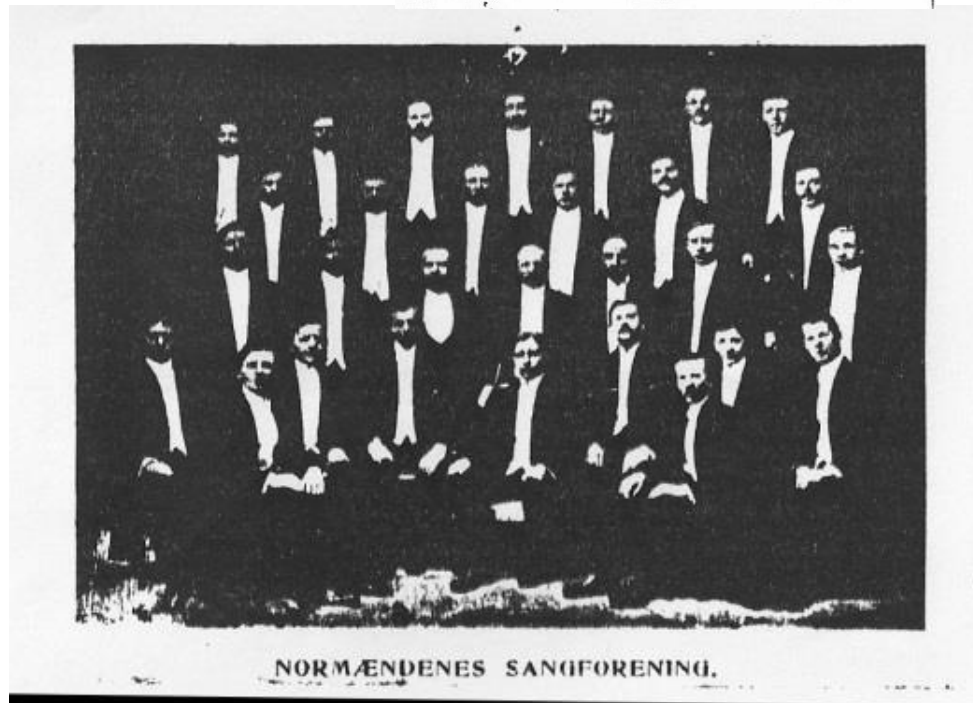
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**Bjornson Male Chorus**

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at Danish Home of Chicago, 5656 N Newcastle Ave., Chicago IL 60631. President: Roger Stavnem, 1140 Santa Anita Drive, Hanover Park IL 60103, (630)830-2971 [lstavnem@sd13.org](mailto:lstavnem@sd13.org); Corresponding Secretary: Joel Awes, 2109 N. Kildare Ave., Chicago IL 60639, tel. (773)772-1232.; Director: Edwin Kramer, 32600 East Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030, tel. (847) 546-2050, [ed.Kramer@ATT.net](mailto:ed.Kramer@ATT.net).

**Normennes Singing Society**

Rehearsal each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. (except July and August) at the Estonian House, P.O. Box 95, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. tel: (847)537-8016. President: Frank Potempa, 1788 W. Sherwood Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. (847) 296-2568 [fcpotempa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fcpotempa@sbcglobal.net) Corresponding Secretary: Dan Boyle, 8840 Forestview Rd., Evanston, IL 60203. tel (312)330-1450. [danielboyle@me.com](mailto:danielboyle@me.com) Director: Charles Kessell, 6042 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60634. Tel: (773)481-5941, cell (773)858-5325, [perc55@juno.com](mailto:perc55@juno.com).

**ROCKFORD  
Harmony Singing Society**

Rehearsal each Tuesday 7:00 p.m. at our Club: 1104 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rockford, IL 61104. President: John Brinkman, 422 Village Wood Lane, Rockford IL 61072, tel. (815)624-0551, [sjab37sandra@aol.com](mailto:sjab37sandra@aol.com); Corresponding Secretary: Dan Lindberg, 1803 Guilford Road, Apt. 2, Rockford IL tel. (815)224-6625 [danielalindberg@cs.com](mailto:danielalindberg@cs.com). Director: Sherry Dreyfuss, 11665 Glen Eagles Lane, Belvidere IL 61008. Tel (815)885-1424. [cdreyfuss@comcast.net](mailto:cdreyfuss@comcast.net)

**IOWA  
SIOUX CITY**

**Nordic Male Chorus**

Rehearsals: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 315 Hamilton Blvd. Sioux City, Iowa 51103; President: Gary Munson, 3303 Court St., Sioux City, IA 51104, tel. (712) 277-1428; Corresponding Secretary: David Carlson, 1324 29<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux City IA 51104. (701)680-9684 [n0zln713@gmail.com](mailto:n0zln713@gmail.com); Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, [scschuett@aol.com](mailto:scschuett@aol.com).

**DECORAH**

**Luren Singing Society**

Rehearsal: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Roberts High School. President: Tom Buresh, 905 Locust Rd. Decorah IA 52101 cell: (563)568-1855 [tomburesh@netel.net](mailto:tomburesh@netel.net). Corresponding Secretary: Donald L. Berg, 407 Leif Erikson Drive, Decorah, IA 52101-1038, tel. (563) 382-5727; Director: Dr. David Judisch, 814 Fifth Ave., Decorah, IA 52101, tel. (563) 382-9222 [judiscda@luther.edu](mailto:judiscda@luther.edu).

**MINNESOTA  
MINNEAPOLIS**

**Norwegian Glee Club**

Rehearsal: Each Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Edina, MN. President: Jack Hauer, 4804 Elliot Ave. S, Minneapolis MN 55417-1138. Tel. (612)823-6051. [hauers4804@msn.com](mailto:hauers4804@msn.com); Corresponding Secretary: Eugene Willms, 7646 Prairie Flower Blvd, Chanhassen MN 55317-8334, tel. (952)221-3758. [gene.wilms@yahoo.com](mailto:gene.wilms@yahoo.com). Director: Carsten Slostad, 1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639 [carstonian@hotmail.com](mailto:carstonian@hotmail.com).

**SOUTH DAKOTA  
SIOUX FALLS**

**Minnehaha Mandskor**

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Center For Active Generations, 2300 W. 46<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls, SD. President: Ray Schnabel, 2201 Pebble Beach LN, Brandon SD 57005. tel. (309)657-1384 [schnarh@gmail.com](mailto:schnarh@gmail.com) Corr. Secretary: Terry Walter Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 940-5791, [clefdwellers\\_on\\_oak@juno.com](mailto:clefdwellers_on_oak@juno.com) Director: John Pollmann, 309 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Dell Rapids SD 57022. tel. (605)370-8092 [der\\_jaeger@hotmail.com](mailto:der_jaeger@hotmail.com)

**Norse Glee Club**

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: David Lien, 1800 Split Rock Blvd., Brandon SD 57005, tel. (605)582-3565; Corresponding Secretary: Steve Espeland, 48304 278<sup>th</sup> St., Canton SD 57103 tel (605)987-5720 cell (605)310-2554 [Charsteve.esp@gmail.com](mailto:Charsteve.esp@gmail.com). Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 212-1309.

Rehearsals: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Canton Good

**CANTON**

**Grieg Male Chorus**

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**WISCONSIN  
MADISON**

**Edvard Grieg Chorus**

**2262 Winnebago, Madison, WI 53704**

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## CALIFORNIA

### OAKLAND

#### Normanna Glee Club

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### SAN DIEGO

#### San Diego Mannskor

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### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

Rehearsal: Meets every Monday 7:00 p.m. at 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127. President: HerleivStorseter, 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94103 tel: (415) 344-0204; Secretary: Mark Mathesen, 1601 Oakwood Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403 tel: (650)947-1359, [dchouse@earthlink.net](mailto:dchouse@earthlink.net); Director: unfilled.

## OREGON

### EUGENE

#### The Norsemen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Sonja Lodge #38, Sons of Norway, 710 McKinley, Eugene, OR 97402. President: Mark Williams, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 541-343-8060. Secretary: BrianRase, tel. (541)686-2733 [b.eraser123@gmail.com](mailto:b.eraser123@gmail.com) ; Director: Ed Amundson, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 97448-9438. tel. (541)510-2328 [brufflato@gmail.com](mailto:brufflato@gmail.com)

### SALEM

#### Thorsmen

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## WASHINGTON

### BELLINGHAM

#### Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsals every Tuesday evening, 6:00 pm at the Norway Hall, 1419 North Forest St., Bellingham WA. President: Larry Peterson. Tel. (360) 935-1110. Secretary: Jim Florence. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, [stmjensen@earthlink.net](mailto:stmjensen@earthlink.net) .

### EVERETT

#### Norwegian Male Chorus

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue  
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### POULSBO

#### VestreSundMannskor

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### SEATTLE

#### Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: most Monday evenings 7:30 p.m. Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57<sup>th</sup> St., Seattle, WA 98107, last Monday of month 7:30 p.m. Norse Home, 5311 Phinney Ave N. Seattle, WA 98103. Officers: President: Howard Clausen, tel. (425)774-4635, [howardslausen@comcast.net](mailto:howardslausen@comcast.net) ; Secretary: Paul Hendricks, tel (206)379-0039 [phendricksballard@gmail.com](mailto:phendricksballard@gmail.com) ; Director: Julie Parsons, tel (918)273-9268 [jp.conductress@gmail.com](mailto:jp.conductress@gmail.com)

### SKAGIT VALLEY

#### Skagit Valley Manskor

#### PO Box 481, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Rehearsal every Monday at 7:00 PM at Abel Lodge, 21098 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Conway WA 98238.. Officers: President and Secretary: Jeff Highland tel. (360)387-5285. [highland@smumn.edu](mailto:highland@smumn.edu) Director Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, [stmjensen@earthlink.net](mailto:stmjensen@earthlink.net)

### TACOMA

#### Normanna Male Chorus

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**For a smile from Terry Walter**

There was a feud between the Pastor and the Choir Director of The Hicksville Southern Baptist Church.

It seems the first hint of trouble came when the Pastor preached on "dedicating yourselves to service" and the Choir Director chose to sing: "I Shall Not Be Moved."

Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the Pastor put the incident behind him.

The next Sunday he preached on "giving." Afterwards, the choir squirmed as the Director led them in the hymn: "Jesus Paid It All."

By this time, the Pastor was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension

between the two built. A large crowd showed up the next week to hear his sermon on "the sin of gossiping."

Would you believe the Choir Director selected: "I Love To Tell The Story."

There was no turning back. The following Sunday the Pastor told the congregation that unless something changed he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the Choir Director led them in: "Why Not Tonight."

Truthfully, no one was surprised when the Pastor resigned a week later; explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away. The Choir Director could not resist: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."