



# Sverdrup Nyheter

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## President's Brev

Hei Alle Sammen

May is a special month for Sons of Norway Lodge members. We can proudly wave our Norwegian flags on Syttende mai (May 17th). Also known as Constitution Day when the Norwegian Constitution was signed, marking the end of more than four centuries of Danish rule.



At our May 16th Social we celebrate the lives of Lodge members who have passed since last May. They are: Myrna Dahl, Herman Eggers, Marilyn Hagen, Kayleen Njos, Doris Oynes, Julie Roe, Donald Walz, and Eugene Weekes. We also dedicate a tree in Sons of Norway Park to members who have contributed to the success of our Lodge. This year's recipients are Steve and Stephanie Olson. Maybe the door prizes will be extra special this month.

There are still spots left if you want to attend Trollfjorden Language and Cultural Camp at Lake Metigoshe from June 12 –15. Sons of Norway District 4 members and family members (ages 8 and up) can attend. The fee is \$200 (8–17) and \$250 (18 and older). Scholarships are available. The deadline is May 15, 2025. This is a great experience. Space is filling up.

Celebrate Scandinavian music and heritage at a free concert on May 18 at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum, May 18, 2-3 p.m. in the Russell Reid Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. A husband-and-wife duo features guitarist Santiago Silva, who grew up in Stockholm, Sweden, and violinist Christina Silva. The Grand Forks couple, joined by friend and musician Jake Ingamar on slide guitar, will perform traditional Swedish and Norwegian songs in the native languages.

You may have noticed we have a new piano player at our socials. Her name is Molly McClain. Music isn't her only talent. She is a multitasking visual artist and she has a Member Artist Show at Bismarck Art and Galleries Association (BAGA). Her exhibit "Mixed Media, Mosaics and Rosemaling in the Time of Motherhood" runs from May 6 – 30. I encourage you to show support by joining her at an opening reception on May 6th from 5–7 pm.

The date for the Mystery Bus Tour is set: July 9th. Jerry knows where we are going, but you will not until you board the bus.

Hilsen

Tom Marple

## Kalendar

### May

- 15 Registration for Camp Deadline  
16 Social - Program: Syttende Mai celebration, Memorial Service and Tree Dedication - Bismarck Eagles  
Wear a bunader to celebrate the day, or if you don't have a bunad, your red striped vests with a long sleeved white shirt (tucked in) and black pants will be fine. A piece of Norwegian jewelry would add to the uniform and remember to wear your nametag and your SN pin!  
22 Business Meeting - First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

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### June

- 12-15 Trollfjorden Language Camp  
26 Business Meeting 7 p.m. 1st Lutheran Church

*If you have food allergies or will have a child with you needing a child's meal, let Nanc know when you make your reservation.*

*For reservations, unless you are on the "regular" list, contact Nanc at 258-4703 or [skaret@bis.midco.net](mailto:skaret@bis.midco.net)*

***This is now being strictly enforced by the Eagles.***

***Make your reservations no later than the SUNDAY prior to the social.***



**Mai Bursdager**

Neil C Souther	02
David D Wolf	02
Joyce O Harnden	04
Peggy L Hetland	04
David B Kolding	05
Tom P Johnson	06
Mary K Odegard	10
Mike Mundahl	11
Kayla M Telshaw	12
Jorgen D Knutson	13
Sylvia M Kalliokoski	16
Kathlyn Rath	19
Bruce Schwartz	19
Bonnie J Johnson	20
William K Johnson	20
Risan Placek	21
Carol M Erhardt	23

**New Member**

Norma Padgett, Bismarck

**Death of a Member**

Eugene Weekes, Bismarck

**Syttende Mai in  
Parade in Oslo****Dan Haugland**

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**District IV Board of Directors**

The DIV board held their quarterly meeting at the Sons of Norway Headquarters, April 25-26. L to r, President Jerry Saude, Vice President Susan Gobbs, Treasurer Sandra Birkland, Zone 5 Director Noel Birkland, Zone 3 Director Judith Hammer, Zone 1 Director Becky Gunderson, Zone 6 Director Paul Christofferson, Secretary Tolly Eriksson, International Director Claudia Berg, Zone 4 Director Karen Larson, and Zone 2 Director Kay Halvorson. Sverdrup Lodge is contributing to the district leadership with Jerry, Judith and Claudia on this board. District IV includes ND, Montana, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

**Families Around the World**

This event was held at the Veterans Public Library on April 28th. Sverdrup had a Sons of Norway booth again this year. Families enjoyed naming their dragon at our booth and we talked to numerous visitors about Norway, rosemaling, needlework, carving, and family connections. Lodge members attending included l to r, Dave Wolf, Claudia Berg, Todd Hanson, a booth visitor, Traci Juhala, Audrey Solheim, Dan Sauerwein, and Eunice Wolf.

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Current Membership 250 youth and adults





## Celebrate Scandinavian Music and Heritage at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck, will host a Scandinavian music concert by Project: Constellation on *Sunday, May 18, 2-3 p.m.* in the Russell Reid Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. The husband-and-wife duo features guitarist Santiago Silva, who grew up in Stockholm, Sweden, and violinist Christina Silva. The Grand Forks couple, joined by friend and musician Jake Ingamar on slide guitar, will perform traditional Swedish and Norwegian songs in the native languages. Their setlist includes children's songs, Eurovision Song Contest covers, and selections from both classical and modern Scandinavian music. The concert follows Syttende Mai, Norway's Constitution Day, celebrated each year on May 17. The performance offers an opportunity for audiences to connect with Scandinavian culture and heritage through music.

## Annual Report

The Sons of Norway Headquarters requires annual reports on lodge activities. The following **statistics** were collected for Sverdrup Lodge in 2024.

We had another busy and productive year, some highlights include twelve monthly business meetings, election of new officers, nine socials with programs, a Syttende Mai/Memorial/Tree Dedication event, language classes, a Hardanger workshop, two lefse sales, a lutefisk dinner, two parades, a picnic, a mystery bus trip, maintaining stabburs at the park, Vinterfest programs, and hosting the District IV convention.

Sverdrup Lodge contributed: 56 Fraternal, lodge specific, events totaling 3,951 hours and 13 community events totaling 851 hours.



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