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President's Brev,

President Tom Marple holds up a special cheese slicer in the Sign of the Order. This particular style of slicer was invented by Norwegian Thor Bjørklund in 1925. His "knife for cutting cheese" is 100 years old this year. Bjørklund, a businessman and inventor, based his design on a carpenter's planner. The modern cheese slicer, or 'Ostehøvel' in Norwegian, is a standard kitchen utensil in homes around Scandinavia.

God Påske,



In Norway Easter is known as Påske and it's a big deal. Banks close from Thursday through Monday. Most take a week or more off. Many head to the mountains to get the last ski in for the year with a Kvikk Lunsj (the chocolate bar everyone picks when they win the door prize at our social) in their pack. And it seems everyone has a påskekrim (crime novel) to read when they return to their cabin after spending the day outdoors. Reading crime novels in Norway at Easter time is a thing. Share with me what your påskekrim read was at the April social.

Thank you Susan Wefald for your review of the book *The Bell in the Lake*. I'm reading it now and it's great. If anyone else in the lodge has something to share, please do.

Our program for the April Social will be an AARP presentation: *Frauds and Scams That We Should Know About*. Our presenter is Louise Potoki, a retired United States Postal Service employee of 32 years.

Sverdrup Lodge will be participating in Families Around The World at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library on April 28, 6 to 8 pm. Please stop by and show your support for this event.

Thank you Audrey Solheim for your work on a revised Officers' Manual. We now have a publication that can be given to Lodge members to give them guidance in their elected role.

Consider attending the 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. A heck of a deal. Where can you get a night at a hotel for under \$200 these days. Let alone four days with meals, lodging and fellowship with other Lodge members. The theme is Christmas in Norway. All campers are required to participate in all scheduled activities such as language, rosemaling, carving, knitting, cooking, etc. Meals are provided along with nightly programs. I will have brochures and applications at the next social or you can call me for more information. The deadline is May 15, 2025. This is a great experience.

In 2025 we celebrate 200 years since the sloop *Restauration* brought a full load of Norwegians to America. There will be "Crossings" celebrations occurring throughout the year, including here in Bismarck at the Former Governors' Mansion on August 10th. More information about what *Crossing* is can be found at: crossings.norwegianamerican.com. If you are podcast listeners search for "A Daring Journey" (or *Vågespel*, the Norwegian language version), a podcast series about Norwegian women who emigrated to America between 1825 and 1925.

Last but not least, our own Steve Olson will be performing with the Northern Lights Chorus at their *50 Years of Harmony* concert on Saturday, April 5th, 2 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Kalendar

April

- 22 Families Around the World, SN booth, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Bismarck Public Library
- 24 Business Meeting, First Lutheran, 7 p.m.
- 25 Social Meeting (note date change) 6:15 p.m. Bismarck Eagles
Menu: Ham
Program "Frauds and Scams That We Should Know About," presented by Louise Potoki, AARP speakers bureau.

May

- 15 Registration for Camp Deadline
- 16 Social - Program: Syttende Mai celebration, Memorial Service and Tree Dedication - Bismarck Eagles
Wear bunader to celebrate the day
- 22 Business Meeting - First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

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

This is now being strictly enforced by the Eagles.

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

Sons of Norway 130 Years

130 years ago, in 1895, eighteen individuals signed the charter that made this organization official. While others quickly joined as members, Sons of Norway has come to consider those initial signers as the "founders" of the organization.

We are grateful to continue celebrating what they envisioned - 130 years later



April Bursdager

Sophie Caldwell	2
Loretta W Roningen	3
Lynne Halvorson	5
Louise J Benz	6
Milton O Lindvig	7
Elsa Erdmann	13
Norma Jean Anfinson	16
Kenneth B Lien	16
Reese M Blondin	18
Evangeline Schultz	18
Bonita Lindgren	19
Myron Fischer	22
Pamela Elaine Lee	22
Sandra Lee Stadheim	22
Tom Marple	24

New Member
Laura Forde, Bismarck



After singing to all the couples celebrating March anniversaries, President Marple asked members who had been married the longest. The longest married couple at the social was Wayne and Margene Granfor, congratulations on 67 years!

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Jerry Saude, center, was selling lutefisk at the social. Members supporting the effort were Dan Sauerwein and Nanc Skaret.



While the weather was still chilly, Norwegian sweaters were still the favorite cold-weather wear. Posing with their sweaters are, l to r, Kathy Lien, Duane Svanes, Shirley Svanes, and Val Otto.

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Current Membership 250 youth and adults



Recreation Director Jerry Saude, far left, arranged a good time for all at our annual family bowling afternoon on Sunday, March 23rd.



Assisting with door prizes are members Aaron Barth and daughter Anja Barth (striped shirt) and her guest Rosie Hargrove.



Entertainment at the March social was the Northern Lights Chorus. Lodge member Steve Olson assisted with MCing the performance as well as a member of the men's acapella group.

Sharing a little conversation over homemade cookies are Judith Hammer and Shelly Doyle.



Woodcarving Demonstration



BISMARCK, N.D. — The public is invited to a live wood carving demonstration at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum in Bismarck on Monday, April 28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Becky Barnes, a member of the Flickertail Woodcarvers since 2017, will demonstrate a relief carving of an acanthus leaf motif using long-handled chisels and a mallet. Barnes is currently an apprentice under master carver Izo Becic through the North Dakota Council on the Arts' Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program.

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