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Hei Alle Sammen

GOD JUL

I hope that all who were present at the November Social were able to bid on and win some great items. I was able to do some much needed Julehandelen (Christmas shopping) without entering a crowded store. Tusen takk to all the members that brought auction items to benefit the Sons of Norway Foundation. The Foundation offers scholarships and grants to all the Sons of Norway Lodges.



WEAR YOUR SWEATERS!!

I encourage everyone to wear your Scandinavian sweaters at the December Social!! Koselig (warmth, coziness) is what I feel when I look over the gathering at all the different knits and patterns. Not to mention that Steve Olson has lined up the Strolling Strings to be our entertainment. Koselig indeed!

Santa Lucia Festival: A Shared Heritage, December 14, 2 pm, Lord of Life Church, Bismarck.

As most of you already know we have partnered with the Three Crowns Swedish Association to help with Santa Lucia Festival. The theme is a "A Shared Heritage" fitting in that Santa Lucia is celebrated in Norway as well as Sweden. Please consider attending and share fellowship with us afterwards *We also need volunteers to help set up and take down. Show up 1 hour early to help set up and stay after to help take down and clean up. And bring a dessert to share if you can.*

Lefse Sales. December 20, Gateway Mall, 10 am

Consider volunteering to help with Lefse Sales. Jim Skaret can always use a helper or two and will be at the next Social if you are interested. Spread the word to your friends and family that we will have plenty of lefse for all there Holiday needs the Saturday before Christmas.

Join and Share our Facebook Page

If you have not done so, I encourage you to join the *Sverdrup Lodge - Sons of Norway* Facebook page. I vow that we will do a better job of using the page to promote events and activities offered by the Lodge. Starting with the Lefse Sales in December. Once you see the post I encourage you to share the post on your own Facebook page to get the word out!! We all benefit when sales do well and when events are well attended.

Rates for Socials to Increase in January.

Finally we as a lodge had to make the tough decision to increase the cost of our Social dinners from \$15 to \$20 starting in January. We held off as long as we could. Hopefully this will not discourage you from attending Socials in the future. I, for one, look forward to our Friday Socials!

Hilsen
Tom Marple

Kalendar

December

- 01 Language Class - 6:30 p.m. 1st Lutheran Church - Combined
- 08 Language Class - 6:30 p.m. Combined
- 14 Santa Lucia Festival, 2 p.m. Lord of Life Church
- 15 Language Class 6:30 - Combined
- 18 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
- 19 Social Meeting 6:15 p.m.
Menu: Prime Rib, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert
Program: Strolling Strings in Concert
- 20 Lefse Sale, Gateway 10 a.m.

January

- 05 Language Class 6:30 p.m.- Advanced
- 12 Language Class 6:30 p.m. - Beginners
- 16 Social Meeting - 6:15 p.m. - Eagles
- 17 Planning Meeting 10 a.m. 1st Lutheran
- 19 Language Class 6:30 p.m. - Advanced
- 22 Business Meeting - 7 p.m. 1st Lutheran
- 26 Language Class 6:30 p.m. - Beginners

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. Credit Cards are now accepted for meals.

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.***



Desember Bursdager

Carol A Christianson	02
Rena T Baltzer	02
Faith T Knutson	03
Stephane A Olson	03
Luke Stuart Portra	03
Dani Picchioni	03
Ellie Picchioni	03
Steph Landwehr	07
Claire Janus	10
Kelly Pierce	10
David L Helland	10
Jocelyn Rossow	11
Koral Cohen	17
Grace Freeborn	17
Sophie Anne Portra	20
Lois Adsem	24
Daniel R Rustvang	24
Kathleen Hruby	28
Jordan B Cohen	28
Travis L Rossow	28
Roger D Wilson	30
Anna Steinberger	31



Some members of the language class, prepared with coffee and homemade treats, are ready to start their Monday evening class. l to r, Mark Holkup, Sandy Holkup, Jerry Saude, Audrey Solheim, Gary Halvorson, Scott Woodham, Dave Helland, Lyle Wergeland, Tom Marple, and Carol Christianson. Scott Woodham was elected as one of our new Trustees at the Nov business meeting.



Sverdrup Foundation Director Dave Kolding registered items donated for the silent auction. Greeter Carol Christianson assisted with registration.



Karen Johnsrud celebrated her Nov birthday the same day as our social. Seated next to her is her husband Mert Johnsrud.

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The social program was a very interesting video titled *How Did Vikings Heat Their Ships on Icy Seas Without Fire?*

It is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BV7kvCtMCpw>, check it out, those seafaring Vikings were ingenious!



Social attendees spent time perusing the donations for the silent auction. The auction raised just over \$1,000 supporting the SON Foundation grants program.



Although Veterans Day was Nov. 11th, veterans at the Nov. social were recognized for their service. Standing l to r, front row are Vern Monger, Ted Thiede, Jim Skaret, and Dale Johnson, back row are Steve Schilling, Keith Soiseth, Duane Svanes, Dave Wolf, Gary Tibke, and Bob Johnson.



Our musician has stepped down due to her schedule. The solution is to use recorded music. Our internet musician and Cultural Director Steve Olson hits play for the Norwegian anthem, *Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet*.



Several members were recognized at the Nov social for years of membership in Sons of Norway. Although Lone Leet could not attend, her family, l to r, son-in-law Mike and daughter Karen Harlan and daughter-in-law Rhonda and son Doug Leet attended to receive Lone's 50-year pin.



The early shift at the Nov lefse sale, l to r, Lefse Chairperson Jim Skaret, Joyce Harnden, Susan Hammer Schneider, Addie Thiede, Vern Monger, Ted Thiede, and Claudia Berg.



Judy Railsback (l) bought her Thanksgiving lefse from Joyce Harnden and Susan Hammer Schneider at our first lefse sale of the year.

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