



Sverdrup Nyheter

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President's Brev

Hei og god dag til deg. (Hi and good day to you.)

It has been a busy month with all the wonderful Vinterfest activities. Tusen Takk to Emily Sakariassen, Claudia Berg, Molly McLain and Tom Marple for doing a very good job on coordinating all the activities. Thanks also to all who attended and supported these events.

From 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday February 17th at First Lutheran Church, we will conduct a Strategic Planning Meeting. Here we plan to set goals and plan activities for the coming year. We will also discuss Vinterfest follow up and the 2024 convention. We will order in pizza for lunch.

We are planning to have a Family Bowling afternoon in March. Probably on Sunday March 17th which is St. Patrick's Day. We want to have some activities involving youth members. Also, I would like to plan something for youth during the Syttende Mai weekend separate from the memorial service and tree dedication at the social. There is also a band from Norway coming through town that weekend that we want to support so things may get quite busy.

Our Lodge is hosting the biannual District 4 Sons of Norway Convention at the Radisson Hotel downtown on Thursday thru Saturday June 27 – 29, 2024. I am the chair of the organizing committee; Joyce Harden is in charge of registration; Rachelle Degner is in charge of publicity; Judith Hammer is in charge of decorations; Richard Hansen is in charge of advertising and Tom Marple is temporary treasurer until we find a permanent treasurer. We will need many volunteers during the convention. If you would like to help out, contact me at 701-850-0370.

Susan Hammer Schneider is taking care of getting the school supplies donations to the districts. I thank her for doing this. For the February social, continue donating personal hygiene products such as soaps, shampoos, etc.

Our social this month is on Norse Myths. According to **The Ynglinga Saga which is part of Heimskringla**, the Norse Gods were deified human beings who mostly lived in early Roman times. Odin is the father of the gods because he ruled over all the Nordic peoples and put his sons on the thrones of the various people groups.

We are planning on having accordion music after this program and also after the Syttende Mai program at the May social.

Ha der godt (Have it good)

Ken Lien



Kalendar

February

- 16 Social, Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.
Menu—Swiss Steak dinner
There will be Recognition of Living Past Presidents, Everybody should wear their Norwegian Sweaters, Evening program will be on Norse Myths, by Steve Schilling followed by music for dancing or listening, and time for coffee and cookies
- 17 Strategy Meeting. 1st Lutheran, Bis 10 a.m. until noon with Pizza for lunch
- 22 Business Meeting, 1st Lutheran, Bis 7 p.m.

Wear your Sverdrup nametag to our lodge events!

If you have food allergies let Nanc know when you make your reservation.

This is now being strictly enforced by the Eagles.

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

For reservations, unless you are on the "regular" list, contact Nanc at 258-4703 or skaret@bis.midco.net

March

- 15 Social
- 21 Business Meeting

Members Molly McLain and daughter Anja Barth assisted Cultural Director Steve Olson with the door prizes.





Februar Bursdager

Keara E Telshaw	1
Ann J Schwartz	3
Valerie J Otto	4
Jenell K Loftesnes	8
Helen R Tollerud	11
Eugene D Weekes	11
Evelyn E Hildebrand	12
Michael Liudahl	12
Esther M Anderson	14
Thomas J Dahle	14
James Soiseth	14
Shirley E Svanes	14
Delores Soiseth	16
Diane Gronfur	17
Robert L Turner	17
Audrey H Solheim	18
Karen I Halldorson	20
Kevin Tengesdal	21
Ivadell J Larson	22
Jessica M Rossow	22
James R Lang	23
Howard Blackstead	24
Audrey Gehringer	24
Laken G Porter	24
Tracy M Leetun	27

Carol Thompson, gave a Scandinavian Musical Instruments Vinterfest Presentation on Jan 10. Some lodge members present, l to r, Claudia Berg, Emily Sakariassen, Carol, Judith Hammer, Tom Marple, Jerry Saude and Annika Plummer.



Fargo Spelemanslog traveled to Bismarck on Sunday, Jan 28th as a culminating event for Vinterfest.



This acclaimed Hardanger violin group played to a large and captivated audience.

Susan Wefald stopped by the Bismarck Public Library to learn more about Vinterfest's snowflake paper cutting. (Right)



(Left) Lodge member Karen Syvertson is practicing her brushstrokes in the Rosemaling class.



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Current Membership 280 youth and adults



In Memory

Jeannette Radig
Past President, Golden Member

Genealogy

Have you ever worked on your Norwegian family genealogy and wished you could find more information? I have good news for you! Johan Stenslie, a 24 year old Norwegian dual citizen born in Mandan to Norwegian speaking parents is now spending 3 years in Bergen, Norway as a professional genealogist.

For a set price he will work on a digital family tree, ancestor biography and/or requested research. When the three years in Norway are over, his plan is to move back to Bismarck. You can contact him at this email address; Johan Stenslie <johanstenslie@gmail.com>

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1977 Eugene Weekes
1988 Dennis Wang
1990 Lowell Jensen
1991 Audrey Solheim
1993 Vernon Monger
1994 Louise Benz
1997-1998 Cathy Bergan
2005-2006 Robert Johnson
2009-2010 Marcia Hansen
2015-2018 Jerry Saude
2019-2020 Susan Hammer Schneider
2021-2022 David Phillips

Congratulations!

January Social



Pieper Bloomquist, from Grand Forks, gave an excellent presentation at our January social. She is a nationally and internationally recognized Swedish Dalmalning expert.

Lodge members Michelle Erdmann, Levi Erdmann, Bob Lagrone, Lisa Lagrone, Ken & Kathryn Lien, and January social guest Mike Loken posed for an impressive Norwegian sweater, and tie, Michelle and Liisa, accompanied us on the piano and violin.



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