



# Sverdrup Nyheter

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## Presidents Brev

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

I hope you all had a great Memorial Day weekend. My wife and I went to the Twin Cities for a grand niece's High School graduation and also a meeting with old friends.



Thanks to Tom Marple for organizing the Syttende Mai Celebration. Thanks also to Jim Skaret for the invocation, Ruth Olson and Judith Hammer for the tributes and for the tributes of Judith Hammer and her sister Susan Hammer Schneider to each other at the Tree Dedication in honor of them. Thanks to all who helped. It was a great program.

We are looking forward to hosting the 2024 Sons of Norway District IV Convention. About 90 delegates from lodges have registered plus 10 members of the District IV Board. The convention planning committee will meet on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at First Lutheran to make final plans. I wish to express my hearty thanks to all lodge members who have worked so hard to make this convention a success.

The Grand Banquet on Friday night June 29<sup>th</sup>, and the President's Reception on Thursday night June 27<sup>th</sup>, are by reservation only. If you haven't already filled out a guest registration form to make your reservation, send an email to me ([kenlien@midco.net](mailto:kenlien@midco.net)) or phone in your reservation (701-850-0370).

The Sons of Norway float will be in the Mandan 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Some members will be on the float but others are welcome to walk beside the float. The parade starts at 10 AM.

The Camp Trollfjorden board cancelled this year's camp as less than half the needed number of people registered. The camp has reserved Metigoshe Ministries facilities for June 12-15, 2025 and we will use this opportunity to talk up the camp and generate new and renewed interest in this district sponsored event.

This year's mystery bus trip is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>. The fee will be \$75 and it includes lunch and an afternoon snack. Germans from Russia and the Three Crowns Society have been invited to join us to help fill the bus.

We are also planning a St. Olaf's Day July potluck picnic at our park at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

About twenty years ago, our lodge was involved in a lot of cultural activities. At this time, the only cultural activity we offer is the language class. It's important to teach future generations if we are to maintain our culture; so, we will be discussing holding classes on Norwegian culture.

Ha der godt (Have it good)

Ken Lien

## Kalendar

### Juni

20 Convention Committee 6 p.m.  
Business Meeting, 7 p.m.  
First Lutheran Church

27-29 District IV Convention—Radisson

### Juli

4 Mandan 4th of July Parade, 10 a.m.

10 Mystery Bus Trip

24 St. Olaf's Day picnic, 6 p.m. SN Park

Wear your Sverdrup nametag to our lodge events!

### District IV SN Convention

Sverdrup Lodge in Bismarck is hosting the 2024 District Convention this June.

District President Jerry Saude will be presiding at the meeting. Representing the International lodge will be Claudia Berg, also from Sverdrup.

Elected as delegates from our lodge are:

Ken Lien  
Tom Marple  
Dan Sauerwein  
Carol Christianson  
Judith Hammer  
Dave Kolding





### Juni Bursdager

Mark Holkup	1
James A Skaret	2
Dale L Johnson	4
Helen C Swenson	4
Eunice A Wolf	6
Norma S Lundstrom	6
Margaret Gibson	10
Susan Hammer Schneider	14
Al Kaldor	15
Katherine Svanes	16
Harlan G Thiede	16
Tyler Rossow	17
Rose Ellen Larson	19
K lone Leet	19
Todd A Hanson	20
Shelly Doyle	21
Judy G Johnson	21
Eldon Hagen	21
Wayne Granfor	23
Halvor Gustav Placek	24
Brett Landwehr	24
Madeline McCullough	25
Beth Kroh	27
Greta Bradley	27
Ruth A Olson	27
Nathan Kroh	30
Susan Wefald	30

### Gratulerer med dagen

### Mystery Trip Reservations

Bus trip reservations must be in by June 27th, the beginning of the convention. We are taking nonmembers as spots are available. Get your name in early! You can pay when you board the bus. Only 56 seats available. We will leave at 9 AM and return by 7 PM. Short walks only.

Jerry Saude, Treasurer

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### Meals on Wheels

Tracy and Shari Doe were some of the Sverdrup volunteers that delivered Meals on Wheels for the month of May.

### Arbor Day

Sverdrup Lodge supports Bismarck Parks and Rec's annual Arbor Day. On May 3rd, Dan Cashman was honored with a Burr Oak at the Sleepy Hollow Park. Dan is of Norwegian heritage and his wife, Carol Cashman, pictured here, baked tree shaped spritz cookies for the occasion.



### Tree Recognition



The Tree Dedication for 2024 was presented to sisters Susan Hammer Schneider and Judith Hammer. Both are Golden Members and have held several officer positions in the lodge. Judith holds a family photo of Per Sivle Lodge, Simcoe, ND, 1925. Their grandfather Edvard Hammer and other relatives are in the photo.

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**Death of Member**  
Mary Jean Hanson, Bismarck



Receiving roses at the Memorial Service were Mary Jean Hanson's grandsons Ryan and Jayson Sandy. They brought a box of Mary Jean's needlework supplies for the lodge's use.

**The Killingberg Orkestra**, a visiting musical family from Norway hosted by Jerry Saude and Sverdrup Lodge, performed at the Sverdrup Lodge Friday night May 17th and at Touchmark on Saturday, May 18th.

Bunader and the lodge's red vests added to the festive atmosphere on Syttende Mai.



(Below) Several Touchmark residents who are lodge members enjoyed seeing old friends and listening to the music.

(Above) Our May social program included the Syttende Mai celebration, Memorial Service and Tree Dedication. Bob Wefald led the flag parade.



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