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President's Brev Hei Alle Sammen

TUSEN TAKK...

...from the Lutefisk Dinner Co-Chairs Claudia Berg and Dave Helland. Sverdrup Lodge members you stepped up in a very big way. When you were asked to bring baked goods for the dessert trays, boy did you bring baked goods. The amount of Scandinavian delights were a wonder to behold.



When asked to volunteer, again you stepped forward to help out. Most shifts were two hours and not four or five hours. I saw a lot of smiles and willingness to help beyond what they signed up for.

Two Scout troops were there to wash dishes and clear tables. All hard working and professional looking in their Scout uniforms.

For the first time we offered payment by credit card. A third of our sales were with a credit card. The Head Office strongly suggested we allow members to participate in multiple ways and allowing electronic payments were one of these suggestions, and they were right.

The numbers have yet to be tallied, but early indications are that the number of Lutefisk eaters is down from last year. We will have a serious discussion on what we can do to bring those numbers back up. The Co-Chairs and myself would love to hear your ideas.

We have some leftover lutefisk for sale in 3 pound packages. Consider picking some up for your holiday meals. We will make it available at the November and December Socials. Contrary to popular belief, they do eat lutefisk in Norway. They also eat fish balls and fish soup. I'm making myself hungry writing about it.

Potential New Member Social a Success

In October we asked Lodge members to bring potential new members. You brought 22 potential recruits. They got to hear a quick overview of what Sons of Norway is all about and a great program by Steve Schilling.

Silent Auction, November 21, Sverdrup Social, Bismarck Eagles

Mark your calendar and bring friends. The lodge will be holding a silent auction to raise funds for the Sons of Norway Foundation. If you have something of Scandinavian flavor that you would like to contribute, contact Dave Kolding (701-222-2054). Also if you know of anyone who would be interested in acquiring a Scandinavian keepsake they are welcomed to bid on items.

Participants needed for Santa Lucia Festival, December 14, Lord of Life Church, Bismarck

We have partnered with the Three Crowns Society to help with Santa Lucia. The biggest need is for young participants, K-12, to play the role

of Tomtes, Star Girls and Santa Lucia. Please contact me at 701-663-1147 if you know of someone who would like to participate. *We also need volunteers to help set up and take down.*

Lefse Sales, November 22, December 20, Gateway Mall, 10 am

Consider volunteering to help with Lefse Sales. Lefse is much easier to sell than Lutefisk. Jim Skaret can always use a helper or two and will be at the next Social if you are interested.

Hilsen, Tom Marple

Kalender November

- 01 Almont Lutefisk Dinner
- 03 Language Class, First Lutheran, 6:30 p.m. both Beginner and Intermediate
- 10 Language Class
- 17 Language Class
- 20 Business Meeting 7 p.m. First Lutheran
- 21 Social Meeting: Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.
Menu: Turkey and the trimmings
Program: Silent Auction for Foundation
- 22 Lefse Sale, Gateway 10 a.m.
- 24 Language Class

December

- 18 Business Meeting
- 19 Social Meeting
- 20 Lefse Sale, Gateway 10 a.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. 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.***



November Bursdager

Name	Date
Kathryn L Holle	03
Maren Ulvestad	07
Parker S Heinle	08
Claudia J Berg	08
David Soma	10
Dixie K Lang	10
Dan Halvorson	11
Levi Kroh	19

October is SON Foundation Month. Foundation Director Dave Kolding promoted the silent auction that will be held at the November Social. Proceeds from the auction are used to support the Foundation and scholarship programs.



Claudia Berg's guests at the Membership Social included l to r, Rick Collin, Kathleen Reiten Hruby, SON Insurance agent Dan Haglund, member Sue Hammer Schneider, and guest Andrea Collin enjoyed each other's company on a Friday evening.



Derek Woehl, guest of Val Otto

Dan Haugland
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October Social

Member Steve Schilling's program on Norway in WW II and the Cold War was interesting and provided guests with opportunities to ask many questions.



Guests at the Oct 17th Membership Social included Richard Farley, Ellen Davidson Farley, Sandy and Mike Mundahl, Tony and Kristie Trusty.



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Welcome to Our New Members

Janitda L. Muller
Spencer Ulvestad and children Susan, Maren, and Hazel
Joshua and Julia Hammer
Richard and Andrea Collin
Kathleen Hruby

Bismarck Boy Scout Troop 123 assisted again this year with serving and bussing tables.

Mandan Eagles Boy Scout Troop 54 handled the dishwashing duties for our supper.

Mike Nickel, left and Jerry Saude greeted guests and staffed the ticket table.



Lutefisk Dinner



One of the serving lines at the Lutefisk Dinner included l to r, Mark Holkup, Barb Wright, Sandy Holkup, and Judith Hammer. Standing in the background is Lyle Wergeland and Nathan Kroh. Nathan is the lutefisk chef extraordinaire.



The lutefisk team met Friday afternoon to trim and cut up the fish. L to r, are Jim Wright, Dave Helland, Lyle Wergeland, Dale Johnson, Ken Lien, Tom Marple, and Dave Kolding.



Dinner attendees all commented on the very good lutefisk.



One of the youngest guests enjoyed the lefse. Last year, as a newborn, he attended his first lutefisk dinner.

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