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President's Brev

Hvil i fred, kong Harald V

As most of you know the King of Norway, Harald V, age 89, passed away on August 28th. Harald was a beloved public figure in Norway. Haakon VIII has ascended the throne following the death of his father.



LUTEFISK DINNER, October 10th, 2-6 pm, Mandan Eagles. We encourage you all to help make this annual event successful. We will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the September Social. Included in this newsletter is a letter requesting help with desserts. Dave Helland and Claudia Berg are Co-chairs. They will be contacting members soon. I encourage you to promote this event by hanging posters, word of mouth and sharing Sverdrup Lodge Facebook posts.

Beginners Language Class. An 8 week Beginners Norwegian Language Class will be offered starting on September 22. This class is free to Sverdrup members. The book being used is "The Mystery of Nils, Volume 1". A full reimbursement of purchase of book is available to Lodge Members. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Sessions will be in person at First Lutheran Church, Bismarck or on Zoom, contact Tom Marple at 663-1147 if you have more questions or to signup.

Rosemaling. We are bringing Rosemaling Master, Joan Varty (Minot) to Bismarck in October to put on a two day Rosemaling workshop for Sons of Norway members. You will receive excellent instruction and leave the workshop with a completed project. Space is limited to 10 participants. Lodge Members get priority. Please contact Tom Marple at 663-1147 if you are interested. Date, time and location TBA.

Membership Social. Normally we hold a New Membership Social in October. This year we have moved it to the November Social. Consider bringing a potential new member. We will have a BetterLife Insurance Representative present to discuss what offerings are available to members.

Sverdrup Lodge will hold an election of officers this fall. We will be looking for a full slate of candidates. My time as President is coming to an end. I encourage new members to consider being on the board. For me, it was and is a truly rewarding experience. If we want our lodge to be successful, it is imperative that all members contribute to insure that we will be around for years to come. Please talk to me if you are interested.

Sons of Norway members received an all-member invitation to a zoom meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm CT. Meet BetterLife CEO Chris Campbell and International Board President Luella Grangaard. Check your email on 8/20/2025 2:32 pm to register.

Hilsen Tom Marple

Kalender September

- 14 SN/Better Life Meeting—
6—7:30 p.m. Zoom
- 18 Social, Bismarck, Eagles
6:15 p.m.
Menu: Stuffed Pork Chops
Program: Steve Schilling on
the topic WWII
- 22 Beginners Language Class
6:30—8:00 p.m. 1st Luth
- 24 Business Meeting, 1st Luth,
Bismarck 7 p.m.

October

- 10 Sverdrup Lutfisk and
Meatball Supper at Mandan
Eagles—2—6 p.m.
- 11 Crossing 200 Norwegian
Church Service, 1st
Lutheran, and Kringen
Lodge in Fargo
- 16 Social 6:15 p.m.
Menu: Cream Can Dinner
Program: Lauranne
Gilbertson, Chief Curator
at Vesterheim

Cookies for the Lutfisk Supper are an important part of the meal. Please consider baking Norwegian or other cookies and bring them to the Mandan Eagles Club. Contact Claudia Berg at 400-5286 with any questions. The supper is October 10.





September Bursdager

Dennis R Boger	02
Joyce S Fox	02
Kenneth T Halldorson	04
Kathryn A Lien	06
Van R Honeyman	07
Lacey L Rustand	08
Cheryl Moe	10
Bjorn Saude	13
Keaton Knous	13
Tanner Mc Donald	15
Jim H Wright	16
Lily R Good	16
Traci Erin Juhala	19
Ronda J Fox	21
Lori Jo Hoffman	22
Curtis O Krinke	25
Dewey A Jiras	25
Zion Isaak Sarenpa	26
Juniper F Robinson	31



Sverdrup served lunch on Saturday and Sunday August 1 and 2 at the Dream Center. We also made a financial donation to support the community meal program. On Saturday, Steve Olson, Mark Holkup, Greta Bradley and Claudia Berg served a hot noon meal.

On Sunday pictured left to right Claudia Berg, Dream Center volunteer Lisa, Bjorn Saude, Jerry Saude, Mark Holkup and Tom Marple served another 135 guests.



Recreation Director Jerry Saude planned a wonderful 2026 Mystery Bus Trip that took us to the International Peace Gardens. Thirty members and guests enjoyed the bus ride and tour of the Gardens, our tour guide was very knowledgeable and provided great stories. Beverly Fischer, front center in stripes, celebrated her birthday on the bus tour.



A popular activity at our Folk Fjord Fest booth was a large map of Norway where visitors pinned ancestral towns and farms.

Death: Keith Soiseth, Bismarck

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Current Membership 215 youth and adults



Sverdrup Lodge participated in the Historical Societies Agfest on August 15th. We provided an exhibit on farming in Norway and the immigrant experience farming in ND. Member Todd Hanson graciously provided numerous Norwegian farm tools that added interest to the exhibit. The event drew over 3,000 visitors.



Jim and Nanc Skaret enjoy a cup of coffee in the Conservatory, home of the amazing succulent greenhouse, at the Peace Gardens.



Sverdrup members l to r: Susan Lundberg, Stephanie Lundberg Delmore, Judith Hammer, Claudia Berg and Jerry Saude pose in front of the popular Kranssekaka sculpture at the Fjord Folk Fest. The bunad show continued this year with some lodge members participating.



The first Fjord Folk Fest was held August 21-22. The Sons of Norway booth was organized by District IV board members and Sverdrup members Jerry Saude and Claudia Berg. Judith Hammer and several Thor Lodge members from Minot also helped at the booth.

Activity sheets kept kids entertained. Numerous Sverdrup members attended the event in Minot.

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