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## President's Column

The holidays are among us, but it does not seem much like December when there is not a flake of snow on the ground. One of my favorite things to do during the Christmas holiday is drive around at night and view all the decorated homes. I remember growing up there was a family in town that had 2 enormous evergreens in the front of their home, and they would put lights on them. I always looked forward seeing those trees glowing with lights.



My other favorite thing is to reminisce and share stories about Christmas' past. Memories and traditions are what it is all about. So, on Christmas when you are with family or friends, I encourage you to go around the table and share a Christmas memory, I can assure all of you it is just what we all need at this time.

I want to thank the members who agreed to become officers for the lodge, your commitment is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank Carol Christianson, Judith Hammer and Margaret Phillips for their work as the nominating committee, it was a big task and your work too is greatly appreciated. The installation of officers will most likely be held during the January business meeting instead of the January social.

I am sure you all are wondering about the status of the monthly socials, with following the guidelines and recommendations, we will continue to decide month to month. Thank you for your understanding.

The remake of "The 12<sup>th</sup> Man" is on Netflix. Based on true events, this story follows Jan Baalsrud, a Norwegian saboteur sent in 1943 from England to the Nazi occupied Northern Norway. I can guarantee you will be sitting on the edge of your seat the whole time!

The lodge collected food items for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge food drive along with the lefse sale in November. If you have not contributed but would like to, you will have the opportunity to donate food items and purchase lefse on December 19<sup>th</sup> at Gateway Mall from 10-4.

I wish you a peaceful and healthy holiday season! Stay positive but test negative!

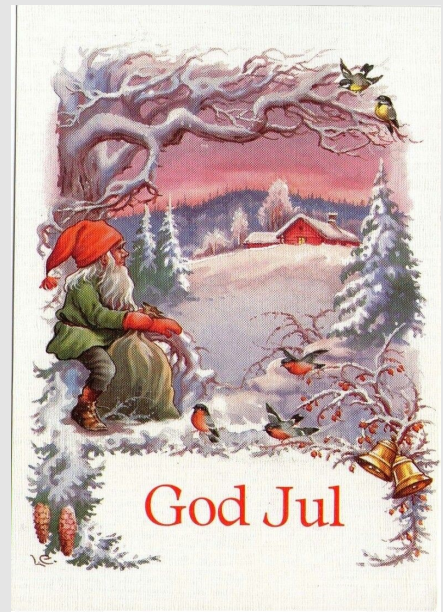
God Jul!

Susan

## December

**17 Business Meeting. 7 p.m.  
1st Lutheran, Bismarck**

**19 Lutefisk Sale—Gateway**



**Current President Susan Hammer  
Schneider congratulates incoming  
President Dave Phillips**



## December Birthdays

Renae T Baltzer	2
Carol A Christianson	2
Stephane A Olson	3
Ursula Jo Tvenge	3
Beverly N Solberg	6
Gary Sorenson	6
Mary C Leetun	9
Dale Lennon	13
Sharon A Welk	15
Judith Thomson	17
Travis L Rossow	28
Roger D Wilson	30
Anna Steinberger	31

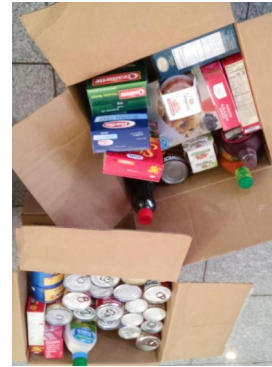
## Christmas in Norway

Christmas Eve is the main event in Norwegian Christmas celebration. The first part of the day is often spent rushing around for the last Christmas presents, or in church for Christmas service. At five the bells ring out for Christmas, and most people have Christmas dinner at home or with relatives. The Christmas presents have been placed under the tree, and are opened after dinner.



## Lefse Sale/Food Drive

As part of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sons of Norway, all lodges were asked to collect 125 food items for local food pantries. Sverdrup Lodge advertised the food drive as part of the annual lefse sale. Our first lefse sale on Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> collected 78 food items. We will collect again at the pre-Christmas sale on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at Gateway Mall.



Several lodge members participated in the pre-Thanksgiving lefse sale on Sat., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

l to r: Carol Christianson, Dave Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Susan Hammer Schneider, Claudia Berg, Lefse Chairperson Jim Skaret, not pictured are Bob McCallum and Jerry Saude. Vern Monger stopped by to purchase lefse and enjoyed visiting with lodge members.



## Membership Information

Single Membership—\$60.00  
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## In Memory

### Orville J. Erickson, Bismarck , Golden Member

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### November Business Meeting Attendees

I to r, Jim Skaret, Judith Hammer, Skaret, Audrey Solheim, Carol Christianson, Joyce Harnden, Dave Phillips, Jerry Saude, Susan Hammer Schneider, Margaret Phillips, not pictured Claudia Berg.



### Thank You to the Nominating Committee,

I to r, Judith Hammer, Margaret Phillips and Chairperson Carol Christianson.

Judith Hammer received her Golden Membership certificate and pin at the November meeting.

## Norway Reintroduces Dual Citizenship

Following a global trend of connecting worldwide, the Parliament of Norway approved changes to the Citizenship Act in December 2019 to allow for dual citizenship.

This change, which took effect in 2020, means that both Norwegians living abroad and those living in Norway can have passports in their country of birth as well as their country of residence.

Foreign nationals living in Norway no longer have to renounce their original citizenship in order to become Norwegian citizens. Additionally,

Norwegians living abroad may now become citizens of other nations without giving up their Norwegian citizenship.

In some instances, people who previously surrendered their Norwegian citizenship in order to become citizens elsewhere may now apply to regain their nationality.

More than 26,000 people applied for dual citizenship in Norway in the first 6 months of the new law. Due to the surge in applications, and delays from the coronavirus pandemic, the wait times for citizenship are currently very long.

## Exhibit Case

The Sverdrup Lodge has reserved the exhibit case at the Bismarck Public Library from May through July 2021. We will be looking for objects that members are willing to loan for the exhibit. Watch for more information in future newsletters.



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