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President's Brev

Hei og god dag til deg. (Hi and good day to you.) Thanksgiving has come and gone. We traveled to West Fargo to celebrate and be thankful for a great year. We celebrated with our son and his family. His wife's family rejoiced with us also.



We have had some transportation issues with getting a lefse supply from Granrud's and are switching to using Freddy's in West Fargo. This means 20 OZ. packages instead of 16 and a higher price per package at our December sale at Gateway Mall from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday Dec. 16th. Be sure to come and get your lefse for your Christmas meal. If you would like to help out, contact Jim Skaret at 701-220-2516.

Our nominating committee nominated and the lodge approved Mark Holkup to replace retiring Trustee Susan Hammer Schneider for the three year 2024-2026 term. My understanding is that the committee will nominate Gary Halvorson to fill the trustee position for the remainder of the 2023-2026 term of Dave Phillips who is moving to Iowa.

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. We are organizing a governing committee at present. I will chair the committee, Joyce Harden will be in charge of registration, Rachelle Degner will be in charge of publicity and Tom Marple is temporary treasurer until we find a permanent treasurer. Other positions remain to be filled. If you would like to help out contact me at 701-850-0370.

Norwegian language classes are continuing with both beginner and advanced classes. Classes can be attended in person or virtual via zoom. The classes are free for our lodge members and a nominal fee is required for non-members or members of other lodges. Contact our instructor Tom Marple at 701-663-1147 for more details.

Susan Hammer Schneider is taking care of getting the school supplies donations to the proper locations.. I thank her for doing this. For the December social, continue donating #2 pencils, notebooks and paper folders.

Our social this month is our annual Christmas celebration. We will sing some songs, listen to some Norwegian music and have one of Steve's famous quizzes.

Claudia Berg informs us that we received \$39,000 from the American Scandinavian Foundation Grant. This is related to partnerships of our Lodge with other community organizations around Vinterfest programs in 2024. I have asked Tom Marple to be in charge of this. These are community events that will take place in January. More details to come in next month's newsletter.

Ha der godt (Have it good)
Ken Lien

Kalendar

December

- 4, 11, 18 Language classes 6—7:30 p.m.
@ 1st Lutheran
- 14 Business Meeting 7. p.m. @ 1st Lutheran
- 15 Social Meeting 6:15 –p.m. @ Bismarck Eagles
- 16 Lefse Sale - Gateway Mall
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wear your Sverdrup nametag to our lodge events!

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

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.

January

- 19 Social Meeting 6:15 p.m. Eagles
- 25 Business Meeting—1st Luth 7 p.m.



God Jul



Desember Bursdager

Renae T Baltzer	2
Carol A Christianson	2
Faith T Knutson	3
Stephane A Olson	3
Dani Picchioni	3
Ellie Picchioni	3
Luke Portra	3
Beverly N Solberg	6
Steph Landwehr	7
Mary C Leetun	9
David L Helland	10
Jocelyn Rossow	11
Koral Cohen	17
Grace Freeborn	17
Sophie Portra	20
Daniel R Rustvang	24
Jack Larson	27
Jordan B Cohen	28
Travis L Rossow	28
Roger D Wilson	30
Anna Steinberger	31

Sverdrup Lodge's first **LEFSE SALE** of 2023 was held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Staffing the booth, l to r, were Joyce Harnden, Dave and Margaret Phillips, Lefse Chairperson Jim Skaret and Tom Marple. The next lefse sale is December 16th.



vinterfest

Sverdrup Lodge is a partner in the upcoming Vinterfest, a month-long celebration of winter in the Bismarck-Mandan area. Sverdrup received a grant from the Scandinavian American Foundation to support the first annual festival with several Nordic cultural workshops and presentations. Numerous other community organizations will host additional outdoor activities and winter programs. Watch for more information on Dec.5th at www.vinterfest.org. There will be something for everyone!



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Current Membership 274 youth and adults



Dave and Margaret Phillips

A sincere thank you to Dave and Margaret Phillips for their dedication to Sverdrup Lodge. They will soon be leaving Bismarck and heading to Iowa to be near one of their sons and grandchildren.

Musician Eunice Wolf accompanies the singing of the three national anthems and other Norwegian songs at each social.



Co-Social Director Joyce Harnden provides baked goodies for every social.

It is very much appreciated having a sweet treat with a cup of coffee at the Friday evening socials.

November Social

Pictured below—Kathy McMerty, was the guest of Karen Syvertson and Jerry Anderson. Karen and Jerry provided the November program that featured Jerry's beautiful photographs and Karen's commentary on their unexpected enjoyment when they discovered Frogner Park while on a walk during a recent trip to Oslo.

Below: L to r, Diane Lenertz and Marge Loritz, Addie and Ted Theide, Audrey Solheim, Vern Monger, Ruth Olson and Cathy Bergan enjoyed good conversation and a nice meal at the November social.



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