



# Sverdrup Nyheter

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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 are thankful for a great year. We celebrated with our son and his family. His wife's family rejoiced with us also.

The Sons of Norway lefse sale continues. We are selling 20 oz. packages of lefse at Gateway Mall from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 elected a full slate of candidates minus a musician and a greeter at our November Business Meeting. Thanks to the nominating committee for their hard work. The new officers will be installed at the January social. Tusen takk to all who have served these past two years and also to those who have stepped up to serve in the future. The officer slate is printed in another article.

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 supply donations to the districts. 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 and have a presentation by Jerry Saude's foreign exchange students on Christmas traditions in Norway and Spain.

The lodge has some unspent money from last year's grant from the American Scandinavian Foundation. This is related to partnerships of our Lodge with other community organizations around Vinterfest programs in 2025. These are community events that will take place from mid-January to mid-February. More details will come in next month's newsletter. Tom Marple and Claudia Berg are representing Sverdrup Lodge in Vinterfest programming.

Looking back at the Lutefisk Dinner in October, we only sold 19 youth tickets. We need to get younger generations involved in community activities. I encourage all of you to invite your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. If you can afford it, why not consider picking up the cost of their ticket? Our granddaughter Eva liked the lutefisk. Also, for next year we need more members capable of heavy lifting to serve in the kitchen and dishwashing area.

Ha der godt (Have it good)

Ken Lien



## Kalendar

### Desember

- 14 Lefse Sale –Gateway Mall 10 a.m.
- 16 Language Class - Beginners 6-7 p.m.  
Language - Advanced 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- 19 Business Meeting—1st Lutheran  
7 p.m.
- 20 Social - Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.  
Menu: Prime rib, baked potato,  
vegetable, and dessert  
Program: Christmas in Norway  
and Spain by exchange students  
Lavrans Johnsgard and Albert  
Cortes

### January

- 13 Language - beginners - 6 p.m.
- 17 Social - Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.  
Installation of Officers  
A deeper look at The Crossing and  
Norwegian Immigration overall
- 20 Norwegian language Beginners 6-7  
Language - Advanced 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- 23 Business Meeting - 1st Lutheran 7  
p.m.

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*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.*

For reservations, unless you are on the "regular" list, contact Nanc at 258-4703 or [skaret@bis.midco.net](mailto: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.***

Wear your Sverdrup nametag to our lodge events!

God Jul!



Desember Bursdager

Rena T Baltzer	2
Carol A Christianson	2
Faith T Knutson	3
Stephane A Olson	3
Dani Picchioni	3
Ellie Picchioni	3
Luke Portra	3
Steph Landwehr	7
Mary C Leetun	9
David L Helland	10
Jocelyn Rossow	11
Vicki L Anderson	13
Koral Cohen	17
Grace Freeborn	17
Sophie Anne Portra	20
Lois Adsem	24
Daniel R Rustvang	24
Jordan B Cohen	28
Travis L Rossow	28
Roger D Wilson	30
Anna Steinberger	31

Gratulerer med dagen



A reminder that school supplies are still needed and are collected at the monthly socials.

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Upcoming President

Introducing our newly elected lodge president, Tom Marple, who will be installed at the January social along with the other officers listed below.



Tom retired from Bismarck Junior College a couple years ago and has been an active member of our lodge.

Recently he has been leading our Norwegian language class and which is held both in person and by zoom. This class not only has participants from Sverdrup, but also by members of District IV lodges in North Dakota and Montana.

2025 Sverdrup Officers

- President - Tom Marple
- Vice President - Dan Sauerwein
- Secretary - Claudia Berg
- Membership Secretary - Nanc Skaret
- Treasurer - Jerry Saude
- Social Directors - Nanc Skaret and Joyce Harden
- Greeter - Carol Christianson
- Nyheter Editor - Audrey Solheim
- Cultural Director - Steve Olson
- Youth Director - Elisha Placek
- Foundation Director - Dave Kolding
- Recreation Director - Jerry Saude
- Marshals - Carol Christianson and Steve Schilling
- Counselor - Vern Monger
- Trustees 1) Brett Landwehr, 2) Mark Holkup, 3) Ken Lien
- Historian - Claudia Berg
- Librarian - Judith Hammer
- Auditors - Stephanie Olson, Lyle Wergeland, Steve Olson

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## Almont Lutefisk Dinner



Several lodge members posed for a photo while waiting for their numbers to be called at the Almont lutefisk dinner on November 2nd.

Front row, l to r, Orlin Larson, Audrey Solheim, Addie Thiede and Ted Thiede.

Back row, l to r, Ivadell Larson, Carol Christianson, Norma Anfinson, Pam Lee, Judith Hammer and Claudia Berg. Orlin also entertained the crowd with fiddle music.



## Lefse

Sverdrup Lodge's first lefse sale of the season was held on November 23rd. The early shift included, l to r, new member Lois Adsem, Susan Hammer Schneider, Jerry Saude, Joyce Harnden, Vern Monger, Lefse Chairperson Jim Skaret, Claudia Berg and Dave Helland.



## More Lefse Sellers

The later shift of lefse sales volunteers included Bob McCallum, Jim Skaret and Gary Halvorson.



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