



Sverdrup Nyheter

**Sverdrup 4-107
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President's Column

Greetings Sverdrup Lodge 107 Members

A little of my background for those of you I haven't had the opportunity of meeting yet. My wife Margaret and I are South Dakota natives, each of us having 50% Norwegian heritage. Empty nesters, we have three grown sons now spread from Texas to Alaska. They have given us eight grandsons and two granddaughters that unfortunately we don't get to see enough of. We moved to Bismarck thirteen years ago and became lodge members three years ago. It has been a rewarding experience.



As the newly installed president of Sverdrup Lodge 107 it's now my responsibility to write an article each month for this Sverdrup Nyheter Newsletter. It's hard looking to the coming year and my new position without thinking of 2020 and how all our lives were turned to various degrees of upside down. Every year many of us look forward to celebrating our Norwegian heritage by attending Norsk Høstfest, local Lutefisk dinners, lodge socials, and other Scandinavian based events. Unfortunately, we were unable to participate in those activities due to the Covid-19 virus.

The good news is that we are still here and there is much to look forward to. A lodge strategy meeting was held January 9th and several great ideas were brought forward on ways to re-vitalize our lodge. For those with computer access, meetings and programs (such as language classes) could be presented via Zoom. Hosting summer activities/socials at the Sons of Norway Park would allow our "snowbird" members more opportunities to attend. The large stabbur at the park contains many artifacts. Years ago, it was open for Sunday afternoon tours. Restarting tours would be interesting to those in our community who have never had an opportunity to see inside. Having a booth at outdoor festivals selling Nordic foods, doing demonstrations, or providing hands-on activities would give us more exposure and allow lodge members to share their talents.

Deep down I believe most of us lodge members would like to see interest in all things Norske passed on to future generations. The strength of our lodge comes from you the members. In the near future we will be conducting a short telephone survey of all members. Please answer your phone or call back when someone leaves a message. Your input is needed for decisions to be made on when to resume socials, if we schedule bus trips, if you are provided programming via computer technology.

Tusen Takk
Dave Phillips

February Calendar

25— Business Meeting—1st Lutheran 7 p.m.

Sverdrup Lodge installed their new officers at the January 28th business meeting. New officers are pictured on pages 2 and 3.



Above picture of Sverdrup members serving the Banquet on January 30



This plaque was presented to out going President Susan Hammer Schneider. The plaque was originally presented to lodge President Marv Evenson. Audrey Solheim updated it as a memento of appreciation from the lodge to Susan at her last meeting as president.

February Birthdays

John Stephen Ashley	1
Keara E Telshaw	1
Ann J Schwartz	3
Valerie J Otto	4
Jenell K Loftesnes	8
Mathias Forseen	10
Helen R Tollerud	11
Eugene D Weekes	11
Laurie Caryl Larson	13
Esther M Anderson	14
Thomas J Dahle	14
James Keith Soiseth	14
Shirley E Svanes	14
Delores Soiseth	16
Diane Gronfur	17
Robert L Turner	17
Adela Marie Bragg	18
Audrey H Solheim	18
Karen I Halldorson	20
Ivadell J Larson	22
Jessica M Rossow	22
James R Lang	23
Audrey Gehringer	24
Laken G Porter	24
Molly M Feland	25
Tracy M Leetun	27

List includes juvenile members



Incoming President Dave Phillips presented past presidents Jerry Saude and Susan Hammer Schneider with their Past President pins.



Inducted as Sverdrup Officers on January 28 included:
l to r Trustee Susan Hammer Schneider, Membership Secretary and Librarian Judith Hammer, Marshal Tom Marple, Nyheter Editor Audrey Solheim, Marshal Margaret Phillips, Trustee Dick Hansen, Secretary and Historian Claudia Berg, and Musician Eunice Wolf.

Gratulerer Med Dagen

Congratulations on Your Day



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Current Membership 257

In Memory

William O. Hanson, Bismarck



Also inducted on January 28: l to r Youth Director Elisha Placek, Social Directors Joyce Harnden and Nanc Skaret, Treasurer and Recreation Director Jerry Saude and Cultural Director Steve Olson



Some of the Executive Committee- l to r, Membership Secretary Judith Hammer, President Dave Phillips, Vice President Ken Lien, Treasurer Jerry Saude, Secretary Claudia Berg and Counselor Vern Monger



Dick Hanson with Bob and Sue Wefald

Red Striped Vests

As we were assembled the other evening at the business meeting/installation of officers ceremony,, someone asked about the origin of the Sverdrup Vests. I didn't have an answer. I was on the original committee that determined the fabric and pattern and have had a vest ever since the first ones came to be.

A bit of research reminded me that in 1998 our lodge, Sverdrup 4-107 hosted the District IV Convention and we wanted some way to identify our members at the convention. We noticed other lodges were using blue or red, but we wanted something a bit more Norwegian. The decision was made to use the busserull fabric—the traditional workman's with sleeves and a standup collar and that the fabric should be red. Searching for the fabric we found a Norwegian shop in the Midwest that would supply the fabric and lodge members who volunteered to sew them. All went well!

It went well until we ran out of fabric and it was no longer available at the store or any other store in the US. Being problem solvers we determined the fabric was available in Norway but the cost of shipping was prohibitive. Plan B came to light, someone was taking a trip to Norway and able to purchase some fabric—we were back on track! Now, however, the fabric has been used and only those people who have chosen to recycle vests are allowing our newer members to join the vest team.

Going back a few years further, in 1980 Sverdrup hosted the District IV Convention and thinking along the same idea of a uniform type of clothing it was determined the women would wear a hverdag's bunad, which translates to an "everyday" national costume. They were cotton. A striped top which was similar to a vest and a plain colored matching skirt. A long sleeved shirt, generally white or cream color was worn with the garment.

The ladies started sewing and there were nearly 100 hverdag's bunader in existence at that time, nearly all were different, and all very nice. Editor

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