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President's Column

Godt nytt år!

Gratitude. That is my word of the year, I know it sounds crazy for all that went on for us this past year. My 2020 New Year's resolution was that each week I would pick something I was grateful for, write it, date it on a slip of paper and put it in a jar that I have on my counter. I found I was grateful for the smallest things, such as, taking walking breaks when I was working from home, buying my plants for the garden, talking on the phone to my 5th grade teacher or reading books to our grandsons – simple things. I found it helped me stay positive during these trying times. Then on New Year's Eve I read the 52 things that I was grateful for during 2020. It was fun to read all of them and decided I am going to do the same thing this for 2021. I encourage you to give it a try for 2021 and find out what small things you enjoyed and were thankful to experience. Have fun with it!



The lodge collected food items for the 125th Anniversary Challenge food drive at the lefse sales in November and December. We met the challenge of collecting 125 food items along with selling all the lefse! Thanks to Jim Skaret for his work and time he put into this project for the lodge! It is much appreciated by the members!

There will be a brainstorming session on January 9th at 10 a.m. at 1st Lutheran Church. There will be lunch provided after the meeting. Please come and share your ideas. With the current situation we need to think of ideas to keep our connections and offer cultural opportunities to our lodge members.

I cannot believe how quickly my term of lodge president went; however, we all know it has not been a typical year. We missed a couple of socials my first year due to the weather, then my second year we only had 2 socials and business meetings finally resumed in September after not meeting for 5 months. I am grateful I had the opportunity to serve as lodge president, it was an honor. I want to thank everyone for your support and work that you do for the lodge. Dave Phillips will be a fantastic president. He has many good ideas and will be a terrific leader. Congratulations Dave!

Here is wishing everyone a healthy and getting back to normal New Year! Like I wrote in December, "Stay positive but test negative!" Mange tusen takk!

Susan

January

9— Brainstorming 10 a.m.
1st Lutheran Church

21—Business Meeting including
Installation of Officers 7 p.m.
1st Lutheran Church

I know we are all eager to return to our normal schedule of socials, but we also want to be "safe" from the virus, so a definite date for return has not been determined. Below you see Mark Swartz and Dianne Aull, regulars at our social meetings enjoying the night at one of the



January Birthdays

Catherine Bergan	1
Daryl Cordell Gronfur	2
Julie C Schwartz	5
Margaret A Hanson	5
Kyia Beth Zubke	9
Conrad Jordheim	11
Robert W Mc Callum	12
Merton A Johnsrud	14
Erik M Hjemvik	16
Christine M Lennon	16
Karen L Fenster	17
Dale C Heglund	18
Richard K Bjornson	19
Ronald E Fox	21
Alice Falkenstein	23
Susan M Janke	24
Karen A Vossler	27
Elisha Anne Placek	27
Steven K Hamar	28
Duane C Svanes	30
Shirley J Nelson	30

Lefse Sales in December



Bob McCallum and Jim Skaret with lefse customers!



Dave and Margaret Phillips,
Susan Hammer-Schneider and Jim Skaret
with our Sverdrup Display

Gratulerer Med Dagen

Congratulations on Your Day



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In Memory

June Bervik, Bismarck, Golden Member

The Origins of Sons of Norway

On January 16, Sons of Norway celebrates its 126th anniversary. The organization was started in 1895 by a group of Norwegian immigrants living in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They gathered together in the midst of a deep economic depression to create an organization for their fellow Norwegian-Americans to support one another and to maintain their ties to "the old country."

One thing that the founding members focused on at their first meetings back in 1895 was what to call their new organization. After briefly considering "Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson," after the Norwegian nationalist author, it came down to a vote between "Sønner av Norge" (Sons of Norway) and "Brødre av Norge" (Brothers of Norway). By a vote of 14 to 2, the name we use today won.

The name was inspired by a line from a famous song by Eskild Pedersen: *Sønner av Norge, det eldgamle rike, Synger til harpens den festlige klang.* This translates to: *Sons of Norway, the ancient kingdom, Sing to the harps with festive sound.*

Pictured Below

Margaret Phillips and Jim Skaret selling Lefse to long time lodge member Julie Roe at the Gateway Mall in December



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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Thanks to the people listed above for agreeing to lead our lodge through the next two years. Lodge meetings are open to all members, it is especially important that our leaders attend all our business and brainstorming functions.

The above officers will be installed at the business meeting on January 21 by former District Board Secretary Ruth Olson.

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