



# Sverdrup Nyheter

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## President's Column

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I've heard it said that on St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish! So just put an O' in front of your last name, I would be Susan O'Hammer Schneider, now I'm Irish! When we went to school in Velva, there was a family that was of Irish decent. One year the dad dyed the 3 boys green along with a goat, needless to say when they arrived at school they were sent home because it caused quite a ruckus. I'll never forget it.



Sverdrup has a number of activities planned for the next few months. At the March social we will celebrate Sverdrup's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Todd Hanson has an amazing program planned, he will be sharing his love and background on a portion of his Norwegian artifact collection. You will not want to miss it.

It was also suggested that games be offered at the monthly socials for those who are not dancers. We would like your feedback, and if interested, we will we give that a try. Then in April we will welcome and initiate the new members. Those that recruited new members, it is encouraged that you host them at the social. In May, we will be co-hosting a program for the Sensational Sundays at the ND Heritage Center. Musicians Eldbjørg Trydal Rysstad and Vetle Tveiten Hoslemo from Norway will be presenting their program on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00. We are asking members to bring cookies for the reception following the program.

Again, I want to thank the Sverdrup members for your donation to the "Sock it to Me" drive. Like I mentioned in the February newsletter, we collected 548 pairs of socks. I distributed them to Ministry on the Margins, Heaven's Helpers Café, CSI St. Alexius Emergency Room, Sanford Emergency Room, The Banquet, Rita Murphy School, Miller School, Solheim School, Pioneer School, and the Bismarck Public Library. I still have more socks to deliver and to different places for the month of March. It is very gratifying to give those socks out and say, these socks are from the members of the Sverdrup Sons of Norway Lodge. Thanks again for your generosity!

Hopefully March is going to come in like a lamb for us! Remember to switch your clocks on March 8th! You don't want to be late for any Sons of Norway activities!

Mange tusen takk!  
Susan

## March Calendar

- 02 Language Class 7 p.m. at First Lutheran, Bismarck
- 04 Needlework 1:30, at Julie Roe's home, 2400 N 4th, Bismarck
- 09 Language Class 7 p.m. at First Lutheran, Bismarck
- 16 Language Class 7 p.m.
- 18 Needlework 1:30 p.m. Mary Jean Hanson's 580 Brandon Place, Community Room, Bismarck
- 20 Social (note info below)
- 23 Language Class 7 p.m.
- 26 Business Meeting, 7 p.m.  
@ First Lutheran Church

**Reservations:** If you have food allergies to the items on the menu, please let Nanc Skaret know in advance, so the kitchen staff can accommodate you.

## Social Date: March 20

*Call one week prior for reservations  
This is now being strictly enforced by the Eagles—Make your reservations early.*

**Location:** Bismarck Eagles Club

**Time:** 6:15 p.m. - \$15/meal

**Menu:** Shrimp, rice, peas with pearl onions, fluff salad

**Program:** Antiques with Todd Hanson and Sverdrup 110 Anniversary



**Dance Music:**  
Jim Geiger

**Call** Nanc Skaret, 258-4703 or e-mail skaret@bis.midco.net (unless you have established your "regular" status).

**March Birthdays**

Jordan P Davis	3
Mavis Anderson	7
Wyatt A Miller	7
Harold A Rolfsrud	8
Delores M Johnson	9
Alex D Stein	12
Orville J Erickson	14
Susan O Lundberg	15
Roger K Hagen	19
Kay Joann York	19
Myrtrice D Ecklund	22
Dennis Wang	23
Brian Bjella	24
Stephanie Kom	26
Sybil B Peterson	26
Dennis Svanes	26
Paulette A Vetter	26
Bernard Falkenstein	29
Janice E Kolding	30
Joan Onstad	30
Margaret Phillips	30
Marilyn G Rolfsrud	31

**In Memory**

Gladys Diede, Bismarck

**Membership Information**

Single Membership—\$60.00

Family Membership—\$95.00

Single Golden—\$42.00

One Golden/One Regular \$78.00

Both Golden—\$60.00

A Golden Member is at least 65 years old and been a member for 30 years.

The local lodge and the district will each receive \$14 from each new and renewal membership.



Back Row—Eugene Weekes, Bob Johnson, Vern Monger, Erling Olson  
Front Row—Cathy Bergan, Audrey Solheim, Rich Fadness, Jerry Saude

**Past Lodge Presidents Honored at February Social**

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## 110 Anniversary

Sverdrup Lodge 4-107 had its organizational meeting on March 31, 1910. just 110 years ago. There were 35 members all who were unanimously approved at this meeting. Fortunately we have the minutes of all our business meetings. The meetings from 1910—1942 were recorded in the Norwegian language. Valborg Fisher, an active Sverdrup member who was very interested in the history of our lodge went through all of those records and translated the main topics for each meeting to the English language. Those records in conjunction with those to 2020 are gathered and will be added to the collections at the state archives (see below) along with the 50+ years of newsletters the charter and other archival items.

Here are a couple of photos that are a couple decades old at a District IV Convention. You may recognize some of these folks!



## Preserving History

At the February 27, 2020 business meeting, a motion was made and passed that the State Archives, a division of the State Historical Society, would become the official repository for the Sverdrup Lodge.

The photo illustrates over 21 feet of material already donated. The two boxes of records and numerous scrapbooks will be professionally cared for and are accessible to members now as well as generations to come.

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