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President's Column

What is everyone's take, did March come in like a lamb or lion? With comparing the winter we have had, I say it came in like a lamb and hope the lamb weather continues. I'm being optimistic that I can make up the cross-country skiing I was planning to do the month of February.

I look forward to serving as President of Sverdrup Lodge and I know I have a good support team of officers and members to work with in keeping the lodge strong and active. In my heart, I hope that my parents and Grandpa Hammer know that I'm doing this for them, because their Norwegian heritage was important to them and luckily for me that they passed that pride on to me.

I was so excited after Brainstorming session on February 17th, the group was small but there were many wonderful ideas were shared. It was decided to have a 5 year strategic plan in order to accomplish the goals of increasing our membership, to get more members involved with the planned activities that will not only be for members but for the surrounding community. There will be a short survey offered at the next couple socials to get your feedback and ideas for the lodge. You will hear more about this in the coming months. We will have a follow up meeting in April and we encourage and invite all of you to attend.

Once a month or so, I go online and view the National Day Calendar. One day I searched to see if there was a National Lefse Day, and can you believe it, there is not. I was appalled! So I'm applying for Sverdrup Lodge to sponsor a National Lefse Day on October 9th, Leif Erikson Day, which the group thought only appropriate. I will keep you up to date on the progress of this.

Thank you to those who served at the Banquet on February 9th. May we continue to pass on our goodness by helping those in need. Thanks to those who help make someone else's life better.

Hadde bra og takk for meg.

Susan Hammer-Schneider



March Calendar

- 6 Needlework 1:30 p.m. at Mary Jean Hanson's home, 580 Brandon Place, Bismarck in the Community Room.
- 11 Language Class—7 p.m. 1st Lutheran
- 15 Social Meeting—details below
Business Meeting 7 p.m. at 1st Lutheran Church
- 18 Language Class—7 p.m. 1st Lutheran Church
- 20 Needlework will not meet.
- 25 Language Class—7 p.m. 1st Lutheran Church
- 28 Business Meeting—1st Lutheran 7 p.m.

Future Dates:

April - Social - 12, Business—25
May - Social - 17, Memorial/Tree Dedication—19th; Business - 23

Social Date: March 15

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

Location: Bismarck Eagles Club

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

Menu: Torsk, parsley boiled potatoes, peas with pearl onions, salad and dessert

Program: Nordic Fest, Decorah, 2018, with pictures and discussion led by Dave Phillips

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

Barbara J Koch	3
Mavis Anderson	7
Wyatt A McCallum Miller	7
Harold A Rolfsrud	8
Delores M Johnson	9
Kylah E Aull	11
Alex D Stein	12
Orville J Erickson	14
Susan O Lundberg	15
Roger K Hagen	19
Kay Joann York	19
Ralph O Feland	20
Myrtrice D Ecklund	22
Dennis Wang	23
Brian Bjella	24
Sybil B Peterson	26
Dennis Svanes	26
Paulette A Vetter	26
Bernard W Falkenstein	29
Janice E Kolding	30
Joan Berlin Onstad	30
Margaret Ann Phillips	30
Marilyn G Rolfsrud	31



2019 Brainstorming Session (above)



LEFT: Susan Wefald played her 1916 Hardanger fiddle known as the Laughing Boy fiddle because of the carved head with a broad grin at the top of the fingerboard, the body of the fiddle is decorated in the rosling style with pen and ink. The fiddle maker, Torstein Fladager, from Arnegard, ND, made eight fiddles or violins. Fladager was born in 1884 in Valdres, NO and immigrated in 1904. Susan's fiddle case was Rosemaled by lodge member Jeanette Radig 25 years ago.

Gratulerer Med Dagen



RIGHT: Bob Wefald singing his grandfather, Knut Wefald's Norwegian poem at the February Social.

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 has been a member for 30 years.

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

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Welcome to Our New Member

Norm Betland, Bismarck

In Memory

Alfred Steinke, Past President
Bill Schott, Past Recreation Director

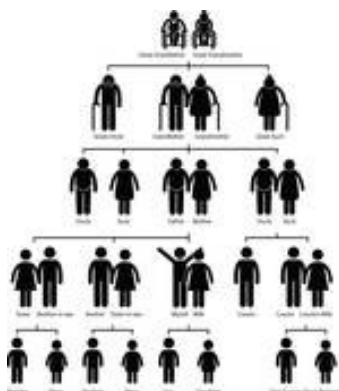
Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Thank you to the volunteers who rang the bells for the Christmas Red Kettle campaign. Total brought in to the fund in the kettle during the time Sverdrup members were ringing the bells was \$1,647.87! Total for the entire campaign this year was \$325,000! What an important way to help the community. This has been an annual December project for many years.

State Historical Society Offers Genealogy Workshop for Scandinavian Ancestry

BISMARCK, N.D. - The State Historical Society of North Dakota will present "Digging into Ancestry: Researching Scandinavian Roots," a free workshop at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum. The same program will be offered from 1-2 p.m. on both March 9 and March 28. It will offer participants an opportunity to learn how to use Ancestry Library Edition to research Scandinavian genealogy and will cover introductory terminology and introduce other free Swedish and Norwegian resources. Space is limited and registration is required. Register at <https://shsnd.eventbrite.com>.

Questions, contact Stephanie Baltzer Kom, 701-328.-3571.



Sverdrup Notes

April Social

"Going, Going, Gone!" Sverdrup members, that is what you can be hearing about all the extra treasures that you would like to relocate from your homes. We are having an auction at the April social and are in need of donations (Scandinavian items would be appreciated) to raise money for the Foundation Fund. The Foundation monies are used to help Sons members who are effected by natural disasters and other events that cause hardship. *

APRIL SOCIAL WILL BE HELD APRIL 12 DUE TO GOOD FRIDAY on our regularly scheduled date.

Drop off for auction items will be on April 12 from noon to 2 p.m. and from 5-6 p.m. at the Bismarck Eagles. Any questions, please call, text or email Kathy at 595-1701 or kathyscott123@hotmail.com. Plan to attend and invite your friends! Tusen Takk!!

Culture

Susan Hammer-Schneider is planning on doing two baking sessions during the month of March; one on fattigman and rosettes, the other on kransekake. If you are interested in one of these classes please call her at 701-220-8559.

Joanie Varty will be giving a Rosemaling workshop on March 22nd from 7-9 and March 23rd beginning at 9:00 at First Lutheran Church. The cost is \$20.00 per person, there is a maximum of 10 people. The class will be painting a Telemark plate. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Susan Hammer-Schneider at 701-220-8559.

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This year marks the 50th consecutive year our local lodge newsletter has been published. About 30 of those years were edited by Audrey Solheim, shown right as she displays the Editor Regalia as is used for installation of officers of the lodge.



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