



# Sverdrup Nyheter

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## President's Brev

Hei og god dag til deg. (Hello and good day to you.)

Sons of Norway encourages Lodges to have membership dinners once a year, as increasing membership is an important goal. This year's dinner was on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Eagles. There were 33 people in attendance including 15 potential new members. Most of the potential new members took membership forms home, so we don't have data on how many signed up yet. Tom Marple presented on financial products and the Son of Norway Foundation activities and Judith Hammer presented on cultural activities our lodge is involved in.



This year we are sponsoring one Movie Night at the Park through Bismarck Park and Recreation. The slots for buying t-shirts for sports teams were all full, so sponsoring a movie night is a good alternative.

You have until May 17<sup>th</sup> to register for Camp Trollfjorden June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at Lake Metigoshe. The camp offers Norwegian language and cultural activities in a family retreat setting. Go to the District 4 website under camps for a camp brochure and registration forms <http://www.sofn-district4.com/camps/>. Our lodge has funds to provide scholarships to help defray the cost of attending. Contact Jerry Saude 527-4068 for more information.

Jerry Saude is taking reservations for the Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> intra-lodge lunch at the Eagles. Our Lodge is hosting a lunch followed by a riverboat ride and visit to the Heritage Center with the Fargo Kringen Lodge bus tour. Some people from the Maddock, ND lodge will also be on this tour. Cost will be \$30 for the lunch and boat ride. Boat capacity is 102 people. We expect this event to fill up so get your reservations in.

We are planning to have live music after the program at the May 19<sup>th</sup> social.

We will be celebrating Syttende Mai at 1 PM on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at First Lutheran Church. After a potluck lunch meal, the program will include a memorial service, the annual tree dedication and a parade. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

When you renew your membership once a year, make sure you update your address, e-mail address or phone number if they have changed. Many people are not in the phone book anymore and we may need to contact you.

Ha det godt (Have it good)

Ken Lien

## Kalendar

### Mai 2023

- 19 Social: Program Talking Trails by Shawn Brannon  
Menu \$15—Meatballs, potatoes, gravy, salad and dessert  
Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.  
Celebrate the Syttende Mai (on the 19<sup>th</sup>) by wearing Norwegian attire—Bunader, Striped Vests, special jewelry, clothing in red, white/or blue—whatever makes it a festive day for you!  
Victor Schwab will provide music following the program
- 21 Memorial Service and Tree Dedication—potluck 1 p.m. at 1st Lutheran
- 25 Business Meeting 7 p.m. 1st Lutheran

*If you have food allergies let Nanc know when you make your reservation.*

***This is now being strictly enforced by the Eagles.  
Make your reservations no later than the  
SUNDAY prior to the social.***

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

Wear your Sverdrup name tag to our lodge events!

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- 15 Lunch at the Eagles, Tour of Heritage Center and Boat Trip
- 22 Business Meeting—7 p.m. 1st Lutheran



## Mai Bursdager

Neil C Souther	2
David D Wolf	2
Joyce O Harnden	4
Peggy L Hetland	4
David B Kolding	5
Tom P Johnson	6
Mary K Odegaard	10
Kayla M Telshaw	12
Sylvia M Kalliokoski	16
Kathlyn Rath	19
S Bruce Schwartz	19
Bonnie J Johnson	20
William K Johnson	20
Risan Placek	21
Carol M Erhardt	23
Marvin Erhardt	23
Thomas R Sylskar	25
Myrna K Dahl	27
Juliet T Roe	27
Donna M Johnson	28

## Gratulerer med dagen



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## Highlights from the Past Year at Sverdrup

Every March 15<sup>th</sup> the American Fraternal Alliance Year End Report, Lodge Achievement Form and Family Lodge of the Year Rating Form are due. This provides an opportunity to review all the activities Sverdrup Lodge has undertaken in the previous year. A few highlights from 2022 include 55 Sons of Norway related projects such as a lutefisk dinner, lefse sales, monthly socials and business meetings, language classes, Syttende Mai, Midsummer and St. Olaf celebrations, and a Mystery Bus Trip. These and many more activities totaled 4,387 hours. The second category includes 12 community events such as Arbor Day, The Banquet, Meals on Wheels, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, the Community mural, and Back Pack Program, plus several other activities, totaling 424 donated hours.



Thank you to everyone who has generously donated hygiene items for our “Hjelpe Var Ungdom” (Helping Our Youth) program. The items will be distributed to the Bismarck and Mandan school districts. We will resume the program in September noting school supplies. Tusen takk!

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Current Membership 270 youth and adults



### New Members

Lance and Lacey Rustand, Dickinson, ND  
 Sharon Liudahl, Bismarck, ND  
 Faith and Jorgen Knutson, Bismarck, ND

### Deaths this Month

John Sakriassen  
 Rodney Bakke

### Tree Dedication

#### Bob and Bonnie Johnson

Congratulations to Bob and Bonnie Johnson, who will be honored on May 21 at 1st Lutheran Church with a tree dedicated to them in our Sons of Norway Park. Bob served as Sverdrup Lodge President in 2005-2006. They both have remained active members through the years.

Potluck—If you like, bring a dish of food to share. Provided will be hot dogs and brats, as well as dishes and beverages.

### Memorial Service – May 21, 2023

Honored will be the following:

Doris Elness, - Golden Member May 2022  
 Agnes Christianson - June 2022  
 Richard Bjornson - August 2022  
 Dolores Palmer - June 2022  
 Lois Peightal - Golden Member December 2022  
 John Sakariassen - Golden Member March 2023  
 Rodney Bakke - April 2023

### *Hurra Syttende Mai*

*On May 17, we celebrate Norway's national day-Grunnlovsdagen, to commemorate the signing of the country's constitution in 1814.*



There were 34 participants at the New Members Dinner on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen diners were prospective new members.

Membership Secretary Judith Hammer and VP Tom Marple provided the program dinner, joining them is Tom's guest Brian Hushagen.



Ready for dinner are, l to r, new member Jorgen Knutson, Wayne Granfor, Helen Swenson. Kathy Rath, Kathryn Lien, Erlys Fardal, Val Otto, Marjean Granfor, and new member Faith Knutson.



Ted and Addie Thiede led the Grand March at the April social.

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