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President's Column

Happy Autumn!

Well, it has been seven months since our world changed. I think of our Sverdrup members often and wonder what all of you have been doing to occupy your time. Have any of you taken up any new hobbies or interests? Or maybe many of you have cleaned out closets, completed projects that have been put on hold, contacted old friends or have been binging on different television shows. In the September Viking magazine there is an article on "Slow TV". I have watched it and found it enjoyable – it gives you a chance to slow down and appreciate simplicity. The first paragraph in the article tells us that with the real-life stress we are going through "maybe it's time we go the route of the Norwegians and ease up on the gas pedal." I encourage all of you to read the article and investigate "Slow TV", sit back and enjoy the show. I can ensure you that you will enjoy it.



At the September business meeting it was discussed at length about the monthly socials, with the COVID numbers climbing in the Bismarck/Mandan area it was agreed that it would be best not to have the October social. It was a hard decision but felt it was the best decision. We know that many of you feel that what is the point of paying dues if we are not having socials and offering the various local cultural opportunities, however, Sons of Norway is more than that. Sons of Norway offers many opportunities – insurance, financial services, scholarships for our youth, grants for the local lodges, the Sons of Norway Foundation which helps many various organizations, sports and cultural medals program, the Viking magazine and the wonderful friendships that are made within our fraternal organization. So, please hang in there with us, it will get better.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me, I would be happy to talk with you. Like many of you, I am looking forward to when we can have our monthly socials again.

Now, back to cleaning out some of my closets! Take care, stay healthy and safe.

Mange Tusen Takk!

Susan

October Calendar

**22 Business Meeting. 7 p.m.
1st Lutheran, Bismarck**

**Other October Events for S/N
have been cancelled**

Leif Erickson Day



On October 9, Nordic communities worldwide will celebrate Leif Erikson Day – remembering the explorer credited with bringing the first Nordic people to America around the year 1000. The holiday has been adopted by a variety of states throughout the 20th century and represents a celebration of Norwegian explorers, the spirit of discovery, and the contributions of Norwegians in America. It's a great opportunity to tuck in for a plate of herring and read up on your history of discovery!

October Birthdays

Ronda J Fox	2
Kenneth Halldorson	2
Helen M Binegar	6
Dennis R Boger	6
Dewey A Jiras	10
Gary Larson	12
Charles I Tollerud	12
Nina Gammons	17
Andrew Robinson	18
Traci Juhala	21
Zachary A Bowers	23
Kathryn A Lien	25
Joyce S Fox	26
James C Johnson	29
Karen F Syvertson	30
Emmett L Whitmore	30
Marilyn J Campbell	31
Lori Jo Hoffman	31

Norwegian Birthday Song with English Translation

*Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år!
Ja, deg vil vi gratulere!
Alle i ring omkring deg vi står,
og se, nå vil vi marsjere,
bukke, nikke, neie, snu oss
omkring,
danse for deg med hopp og sprett
og spring,
ønske deg av hjertet alle gode ting!
Og si meg så, hva vil du mere?
Gratulere!*

Hurray for you for celebrating your
birthday!

Yes, we congratulate you!
We all stand around you in a ring,
And look, now we'll march,
Bow, nod, curtsy, we turn around,
Dance for you and hop and skip
and jump!

Wishing you from the heart all
good things!
And tell me, what more could you
want?
Congratulations!

The Royal Palace Buried Treasure

During World War II, the Norwegian royal family hastily abandoned the royal palace as Hitler's army began its invasion of Norway. Although the family managed to flee to safety, they left behind many precious belongings, including the royal jewels.

Two years later, a Nazi collaborator named Vidkun Quisling took great interest in the royal palace and the abandoned treasures inside. However, upon entering the castle, he discovered the valuables were missing.



Fortunately, Carl Otto Løvenskiold, head of the royal court, had decided to safeguard the royal jewelry when the monarchs fled. In the middle of an April night, he went to the palace and packed the jewels into five large suitcases.

He took them to his family's cabin, deep in the forest near Oslo, and buried them under the woodshed. The jewels remained hidden there for five years.

When the war ended in 1945, Løvenskiold returned the royal jewelry back to the palace. His efforts earned him The Royal St. Olav's Order and a personal thank-you letter from the king.

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Recent Golden Memberships

Qualifications

30 years of membership and at least 65 years old.
Our lodge currently has 49 Golden Members and an additional 7 Life Members.

Congratulations !

Dennis Wang — March 24, 2020

Bonnie Johnson — May 6, 2020

Susan Hammer Schneider—July 2020

Steve Hamar—July 2020

Donna Hamar—July 2020

Pictures from Sverdrup Socials



Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship Applications are Now Open!

Do you know a student heading off to college soon who could use tuition assistance? Do you have a child or grandchild who wants to study abroad in Norway? The Sons of Norway Foundation offers 14 different scholarship opportunities for a variety of students, including international study, adult learners, vocational programs and more. For many recipients, these awards are a life-changing opportunity to explore educational passions in the US, Canada or Norway.

Many opportunities are available to members or their children or grandchildren, and awards range from \$1,000 to a full year's tuition. Applications are due January 15 for international opportunities, and March 1 for domestic opportunities. To find more information and to apply, visit sofn.com/foundation/scholarships.



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