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President's Brev

Hei og god dag til deg. (Hi, good day to you)

September is here and the summer is over.

Our September social will be a week early on September 8th due to scheduling problems at the Eagles. It will feature a program on Norwegians in the Civil War by Daniel Sauerwein. Did you know that there are five Civil War Battlefields in North Dakota, as defined by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission established by Congress in 1990. They are **Big Mound near Tappen, Dead Buffalo Lake near Dawson, Stoney Lake near Driscoll, Whitestone Hill near Kulm and Edgeley, and Killdeer Mountain at Killdeer.**



My great Grandfather, Hans Johnson who later changed his surname to Lien, was a Sergeant in company B of Brackett's 2nd MN Calvary at the Killdeer Mountain battle. After the program, plans are to have music and a grand march led by Ted and Addie Theide.

Dave Phillips will be looking for a work crew in September for reroofing the small stabbur and some painting in the shelter at Sons of Norway Park. So, you may get a call or an e-mail from Dave.

We will be hosting the Banquet lunch at the Dream Center on Sat. Sept 9th. The Autumn Fest Parade is at 6:30 PM on September 16th. We plan to have our float in the parade. Contact Jerry Saude at 527-4068 if you would like to participate in either event.

Our lodge approved having a membership dinner in conjunction with the October social. Members inviting guests will pay for their own dinner but the guest's dinner will be free. Due to scheduling problems at the Eagles, this social will be a week later on October 27th. The program at this social is an auction to support the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The last days of September bring Norsk Høstfest to Minot, ND. Jerry Saude will be looking for people to help staff the Sons of Norway District 4 booth. at the festival. After the festival, Norwegian language classes will start again. Classes can be attended in person or virtually via zoom. The classes are free for our lodge members and a nominal fee is required for non-members or members of other lodges.

Our annual Lutefisk dinner is coming up on October 21st at the Mandan Eagles Club from 2 to 6 PM. Dave Phillips is in charge. If you would like to help, call Dave at 701-731-0053. Consider what you would like to do to the help our lodge serve the dinner.

Our lodge approved putting in a bid to host the 2024 District Convention at the Radisson Hotel on June 27-29, 2024.

Ha der godt. (Have it good.)

Ken Lien

Kalendar

September

- 06 Lutefisk Planning Meeting—
7 p.m. Mandan Eagles
- 08 **Social—note early date:**
Bismarck Eagles, 6:15 p.m.
Program: The Civil War by Dan Sauerwein;
Bring school supplies fill the bus
Menu: Pork Chops, potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert \$15
Music by Victor Schwan
- 09 Serve the Banquet at the Dream Center, noon
- 16 Autumnfest Parade, lodge float
6:30 p.m.
- 21 Business Meeting, First Lutheran,
7 p.m.
- 26-30 Norsk Høstfest in Minot

Social Reservations: 258-4703 Nanc

October

- 09 Language Class, First Lutheran Church
- 21 Annual Lutefisk Dinner 2-6 p.m. at Mandan Eagles
- 26 Business Meeting - 7 p.m. First Lutheran Church
- 27 Social (*note change from original scheduled date*) Bismarck Eagles
Menu: Cream Can dinner, dessert
Program: New Member Recruitment Auction—Norwegian Items

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

Wear your Sverdrup nametag to our lodge events!



September Bursdager

Candace Christianson	1
Lowell L Jensen	1
Britta Erdmann	4
Orlin J Larson	4
Eric E Franklund	8
Harmony Sarenpa	10
Tom M Tuntland	11
Gearl R Fenster	13
Bjorn A Saude	13
Michelle M Svanes	13
Brady Knous	14
Scott Woodham	14
Amelea Caldwell	15
Jerry Anderson	17
Sandra Dahl	17
McKenna Weber	17
Dietrich Erdmann	21
Shari Doe	23
Caleb Mc Donald	23
David Lee	24
Bernice M Lagro	25
Derrick Placek	27
Shirley M Boger	28
Alexander Svanes	28
Eva Erdmann	29
Lyle N Wergeland	29
Camden J Brew	30
Vernon Monger	30
Steven D Olson	30

Hardanger Fiddle Concert at the Hjemkomst

Last year, the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County in Moorhead, MN, announced it had received funding for a hardanger fiddle-building apprenticeship. The response from people interested in building their own hardanger fiddles was gratifying. It is so nice to know that the tradition of the national instrument of Norway lives on in our region in such a robust way.

All throughout this year, Robert "Bud" Larsen of Brainerd has been traveling to Moorhead to give workshops to the two new apprentices and an additional four people in the second year of their building process. The year-long apprenticeship will culminate **Sat. Dec. 2** in a **free public concert** of Larsen, Fargo Spelemannslag, and Hardanger Fiddle Association of America president Loretta Kelley, who will travel from her home in Maryland to perform.

The concert will take place at the **Hjemkomst Center at 1 pm**. Be sure to **mark your calendars** for this excellent showcase of hardanger fiddle talent and enjoy some Scandinavian treats after.

The apprenticeship and concert are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, The Arts Partnership of Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo, the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, and the Alex Stern Family Foundation.



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Current Membership 279 youth and adults



New Members

Robert and Lisa LaGrone, and daughter Madeline from Bismarck

In Memory of

Harold A. Rolfson, Bismarck
Jan Kolding, Bismarck

September 8 Social

School supplies: Our lodge will be providing basic school supplies for the Bismarck/Mandan schools as in the past.

Suggestions are #2 yellow sharpened pencils, plain notebooks and paper folders in the colors blue, yellow or red. Look for school supply lists at area stores for additional items.

Please bring your donations to the September social.

October 27 Social

Auction: Our annual foundation auction will be held at the social. Please **plan** to bring Norwegian items (or baked goods) for either the live or silent auction. Commercial gift certificates are also accepted. Plan to purchase items during the auction to support the SN Foundation.

Member Recruitment

Our member recruitment will be held at the October social, giving perspective members a feel for the location and how the social meetings are celebrated. Please **plan** to bring new member(s) to the event. There will be no charge for the meal for the perspective member. You must make a reservation for them so the Eagles has a count for dinner by calling Nanc at **258-4703**

District Board

The 4th District Board will be attending this function and will be having a board meeting this weekend as well.



The Missouri River Heritage Mural was celebrated Monday evening, August 21st, at the Landing. The mural was installed on a pier of the Grant Marsh Bridge the previous week. A Sons of Norway Foundation Community Partnership Grant and support from Sverdrup Lodge aided in supporting this project. The lodge hosted one of the mural painting parties in July 2022 at the Sons of Norway Park in Bismarck. The permanent installation has several design elements that references Norwegian and Nordic culture, along with the word elv. Elv means river in Norwegian. Several other regional languages are also represented.



Also at the mural event was the photo opportunity using Edvard Munch's *The Scream*, sponsored by Sverdrup Lodge and Bismarck Art Gallery Assoc.

(BAGA). Pictured on left in Emily Sakariassen, Project Manager for the Northern Plains Heritage Foundation and lodge member, lodge member Judith Hammer poses as the Scream.

Sverdrup Lodge continued its partnership with the Bismarck Parks & Rec Dept. this summer as a sponsor of Movie in the Park on August 11th.



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