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President's Brev

God Påske Alle Sammen (Happy Easter Everyone)

With Easter just around the corner, I just finished reading a Påskekrim (Easter crime) novel as do most Norwegians in Norway this time of year. Also, with the weather in or near the 70s we have been enjoying Friluftsliv (Free Air Living) every chance we get.



Sverdrup Socials The March program was by Anne Vadne on "Immigrants Who Settled in North Dakota and Bismarck." She started with a broad brushstroke on which nationalities came and then finished with the main group of immigrants: Norwegians. A fantastic program. In April Joy Flynn (a long time travel guide for Brekke Travel) will discuss "Top Things to See in Norway." I can not wait for this one.

The Advanced Language class has been practicing some songs to sing at the April and May Socials. We will select one or two from this list:
1. Alle fugler små de er, 2. Hils fra meg der hjemme 3. La oss leve 4. O Store Gud. If you are interested in joining us to learn these songs **meet us at 5:30 pm before the April Social at the Eagles on the 17th to practice.** A great way to learn Norwegian.

Families Around the World, Bismarck Public Library, April 27th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Sverdrup Lodge will have a table at this event. Come and support our Lodge.

Larks Game — July 29th — NEW DATE, We as a lodge have purchased a block of tickets for this game. Note that the date has changed from July 12th to July 29th. The 29th is also Saint Olaf's Day! Watch future newsletters on how to reserve your tickets.

Syttende Mai Celebration Sunday, May 17th, 1– 4 pm, Heritage Center. Sverdrup Lodge is partnering with the Heritage Center. Wear your bunads or Sunday best and join us for an afternoon of refreshments, barnetoget and Music by Project Constellation.

The District IV Convention, June 18 – 20, Bismarck, Radisson Hotel. As the host Lodge we are working on the schedule and programing. We will need volunteers to help during the convention. If you are willing to help call me at 701-663-1147.

Trollfjorden Language and Cultural Camp, June 11-14, 2026
A Norwegian Cultural Experience on the shores of Lake Metigoshe. Registration forms are now available online: www.sofn-district4.com/camps. The Deadline is May 15th. Scholarships are available for adults and children. Talk to Myself or Jerry if you have any questions.

Hilsen
Tom Marple

Kalendar

April

- 06 Advanced Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Beginner Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Social Meeting 6:15 p.m. Bis Eagles
Menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, salad, dessert Price \$20
Program: "Top Things to See in Norway" by Joy Flynn
- 20 Advanced Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Convention Planning 6 p.m.
- 23 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
- 27 Beginner Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Families Around the World 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bismarck Public Library

May

- 15 Registration for Trollfjorden
- 15 Social Meeting 6:15 p.m. Bis Eagles
Menu: Meatloaf with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert
Memorial Service, 17th of Mai Celebration, Tree Dedication
- 17 Syttende Mai Celebration - Heritage Center I - 4 p.m.
- 28 Convention Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 28 Business Meeting 7 p.m.

If you have food allergies or will have a child with you needing a child's meal, let Nanc know when you make your reservation.

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

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



April Bursdager

NAME	DATE
Sophie Caldwell	02
Loretta W Roningen	03
Lynne Lafer- Halvorson	05
Louise J Benz	06
Milton O Lindvig	07
Norma Jean Anfinson	16
Kenneth B Lien	16
Reese M Blondin	18
Bonita Lindgren	19
Myron Fischer	22
Pamela Elaine Lee	22
Sandra Lee Stadheim	22
Tom Marple	24
Gail A Heinert	25



Carol Christianson, Audrey Solheim, Shirley Svanes and Duane Svanes pose for a photo before enjoying a cup of coffee and homemade treats.



Sharon Liudahl opted for the troll poster in the door prize swag basket. Known for her Norwegian baking, Sharon will be making a kransekake for her granddaughter's Legacy High School graduation party.

Our own Sverdrup Lodge member, **Jim Skaret**, will be honored on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at the "Celebrate America" event. "Celebrate America" invites all U.S. military veterans, their spouses and guests to a Brunch Buffet followed by a Quilts of Valor ceremony. The event is free to all. Jim is a Vietnam veteran. He will be among several veterans that will receive a Quilt of Valor at a special ceremony hosted and sponsored by the Bismarck Amvets Club Post #9 and Minishoshe-Mandan Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Please join us at this event to honor Jim and all veterans!



Celebrating their 59th March anniversary were Barb and Jim Wright.



Celebrating the only March birthday at the social is Jean Johnson. Her husband Dale Johnson, along with everyone else was singing the Norwegian birthday song.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 10:30 AM Brunch Buffet & QOV Ceremony

Amvets Club Post #9
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Social



Howard Blackstead was another door prize winner, maybe he will share his Norwegian candy bar with Kathy Rath and Janell Loftesnes.



Ann Vadne, representing the Bismarck Historical Society, was the guest speaker at the March social. Ann's presentation, "Early Immigrants to Our Area" included the many different ethnic groups settling in northern Dakota Territory, ND and Bismarck. There was a focus on the largest immigrant group, Norwegians, but Ann had several interesting stories about the Irish, too.



Sandy Holkup was a door prize winner. Enjoy your Norwegian chocolate bar!



Dan Sauerwein announced the April 15th publication of "The Missouri, America's Longest River." Dan contributed a chapter on the military forts along the river.



Attending the March social is, l to r, Paula Schilling, Steve Schilling, Lynne Lafor- Halvorson, Candace Christianson, Gary Halvorson, Steve Olson, Stephane Olson, and guest speaker Ann Vande.



Jerry Saude and Tom Marple lead the group in a few Norwegian songs. Giving "Pål På Haugen", Paul and His Chickens, a try, it is clear we need more practice.



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