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President's Brev

Hei Alle Sammen

Godt Nytt År Til Deg

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. I enjoy the time between Christmas and New Years. This span of days has a name in Norway and it's called Romjul. What is it? Romjul is a quiet time spent with families and friends. Very koselig. This is when I slow down to write cards and call family.



Santa Lucia Festival: A Shared Heritage. This was a successful Co-event with the Three Crowns Society. If you were able to attend you already know. I have a friend that came because of promotion on Social Media. This shows the importance of sharing lodge events on your Facebook page. She said this was the most Scandinavian looking table of treats she has seen in years. Thanks to all you Krumkake bakers and the lefse butter and sugar crew. Also a special thank you to Helen Swenson for her vision to not give up on this event.

VINTERFEST

This is the third year of Vinterfest. As most of you know Sverdrup Lodge was instrumental in securing funding from The American Scandinavian Foundation to get this month long festival off the ground. The Kick-Off Event is on January 18th (Søndag) from 2 to 4 pm at BSC Advanced Technology Center. Our Lodge is hosting two Events. Beginning Cross Country Skiing, February 1st, 1 and 2 pm at Riverwood Golf Course Club House, and a Kick sled event on February 15th, Noon to 3:30 also at Riverwood. We need volunteers to help serve refreshments and help with the event. Call me (Tom Marple 701-663-1147) if you would like to volunteer.

Rates for Socials to Increase in January.

At our next Social the meals will be \$20. Please be respectful of Nanc's time and if you have to cancel, do it on the Sunday before the Social. We get charged for these meals if you show up or not.

Sons of Norway District IV Convention

The Convention has returned to Bismarck and we will have a **kickoff meeting on January 6th (tuesday) at 7 pm at First Lutheran Church in Bismarck.** Please join us if you can. We have lots of slots to fill to make this event successful. I'm so glad I answered the call to be a delegate for the convention in Fargo.

Finally, one of my language students/friends passed away on the Saturday before Christmas. Tom Dahle. He was an incredibly kind and gentle man. He will be greatly missed. **Fred vennen min.**

Hilsen
Tom Marple

Kalendar January

- 06 District Convention Planning 7 p.m.
- 12 Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Social Meeting - 6:15 p.m. - Eagles
Price: \$20.00
Menu: Turkey and the trimmings
Program: Did the Vikings Even Invade England?
- 18 Vinterfest Kickoff Event 2-4 at BSC
- 19 Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Business Meeting - 7 p.m. 1st Lutheran
- 26 Language Class 6:30 p.m.

February

- 02 Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 09 Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Strategy Planning Meeting 10 a.m.
1st Lutheran
- 16 Language Class 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Social Meeting 6:15 p.m.
Program: In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States, Speaker from Vesterheim
Menu: Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli almondine, garlic toast, salad, dessert
- 23 Language Class 6:30 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. Credit Cards are now accepted for meals.

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.**



Januar Bursdager

Catherine M Bergan	01
Beverly Tibke	01
Daryl Cordell Gronfur	02
Julie C Schwartz	05
Lily Kroh	11
Robert W Mc Callum	12
Ronald Larson	15
Erik M Hjemvik	16
Daniel Sauerwein	16
Karen L Fenster	17
Sharon Liudahl	18
Martha Zander	18
Ronald E Fox	21
Stephen John Schilling	21
Sandra Holkup	22
Alice O Falkenstein	23
Elisha Anne Placek	27
Karen A Vossler	27
Steven K Hamar	28
Keira R Knight	29
Jack Kom	30
Shirley J Nelson	30
Duane C Svanes	30
Cassius Placek	31



The early shift poses at our second lefse sale on Saturday, Dec. 20. L to r, are lodge members Claudia Berg, Lefse Chair Jim Skaret, Tom Marple, Susan Hammer Schneider, and Dave Helland.



The refreshment table was overflowing with Scandinavian Christmas treats. First Lady Kjersti Armstrong, at the far end of the table, attended the Santa Lucia event. She had fond memories of Santa Lucia events growing up in Oslo, Norway.



Susan and Bob Wefald brought a visual aid to share an interesting seasonal word. KAKELINNA: "The Cake Thaw," a period of mild weather in December that, according to legend, was caused by the warmth created by all the pre-Christmas baking and vigorous cleaning. From "The Night of the Scourge" by Lars Mytting. Book 3 in the Sister Bells Trilogy.

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New Members

Richard and Andrea Collin
Bismarck

Deaths

Tom Dahle, Golden Member
Fargo

Harold Rolfsrud
Bismarck



The Strolling Strings performed for our Dec Social. The junior group, in white shirts and the senior group in black, played classics along with holiday tunes. They entertained with participation from the audience, both assisting in playing their instruments and playing the Chicken Dance to get people up and dancing.



Sverdrup Lodge was invited by the Three Crowns group to co-host the 2025 Santa Lucia event. Several members belong to both organizations. Posing around the Christmas tree are, l to r, Nanc Skaret, Judith Hammer, Linda Larson, Carol Christianson, Dan Sauerwein, Audrey Solheim, and Tom Marple. The tree was decorated in handmade Julgranskarmels, small presents filled with candy.



The butter and sugar crew preparing plates of lefse for the Santa Lucia event on Dec. 14th, l to r, Tom Marple, Shelly Doyle, Nanc Skaret, Carol Christianson, Jim Skaret, not pictured Claudia Berg.



Bev and Gary Tibke pose by the Christmas tree at the Dec Social. With prime rib on the menu and wonderful musical entertainment, they could not think of a better way to celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary.

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