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## President's Brev

Hei Alle Sammen

As we climb out of the deep freeze of a colder than average February, Norwegians have a saying: "Et finnes ikke dårlig vær, bare dårlig klær!" (There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes!). I for one enjoy cold, snowy weather and welcomed the opportunity to wear layers and go for brisk walks. At 37 below they were very short walks.



Despite the low temperatures, our February social event was well-attended. I extend my sincere gratitude to Steve Schilling for delivering an informative program on the Viking Age. Your enthusiasm was contagious.

At the March Social we welcome the Northern Lights Choir.

On February 22, Sverdrup Lodge held a strategy meeting at First Lutheran Church in Bismarck; 13 lodge members participated. A lot was discussed. A newer member asked, "What is our 10 year plan?" I couldn't give an answer. What are our goals? For the following year I would like you to share with me, how we can continue to have a thriving Lodge in 10 years. I welcome your insights. We have a lot to offer as an organization.

It's never too early to start thinking about the Lutefisk Supper the Lodge holds on the 3rd Saturday of October at the Mandan Eagles. This year we have Co-Chairs: Dave Helland and Claudia Berg. Share with them what you are willing to do to make this yearly event successful. Either by donating baked goods or your time as a volunteer.

If you're looking for a cure for cabin fever, look no further than First Lutheran Church in Fessenden, ND (two hours away). There will be a potluck (5 pm) and a Norwegian Cultural program (6 pm) "Arctic Surprise." Stina and Catrine will share stories of Sami culture, reindeer, folklore, bunads, music and much more. Sponsored by the Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge (Manfred).

Family bowling for lodge members at Midway Lanes will be on March 23rd at 3:00 pm.

Hilsen

Tom Marple, President

## Kalendar

### March

- 21 Social Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.  
Program: Northern Lights Chorus  
Menu: cod, rice, peas with pearl onions, salad, dessert
- 23 Family Bowling at Midway Lanes  
3 p.m.-6 p.m.
- 27 Business Meeting - First Lutheran,  
7 p.m.

### April

- 24 Business Meeting, First Lutheran,  
7 p.m.
- 25 Social Meeting (note date change)  
Menu: Ham  
Program: "Latest trends in scams and fraud that we should know about. We will have a presenter from AARP who is well informed about these threats

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*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](mailto: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.***



The Cod Squad are all family members, I to r, Michael Liudahl, Sharon Liudahl, Mike Mundahl and Sandy Mundahl.

Our menu for March includes cod as the main course!



### Mars Bursdager

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|-----------------------|----|
| Laura Forde           | 1  |
| Lisa Anne LaGrone     | 3  |
| Delores M Johnson     | 9  |
| Boston H Porter       | 14 |
| Susan O Lundberg      | 15 |
| Kay Joann York        | 19 |
| Norma M Sipma         | 20 |
| Myrtrice D Ecklund    | 22 |
| Jean C Johnson        | 22 |
| Brian Bjella          | 24 |
| Dennis Svanes         | 26 |
| Paulette A Vetter     | 26 |
| Aaron Barth           | 30 |
| Jackson T Sommerville | 31 |

### Camp

Trollfjorden Camp is scheduled for June 12-15, 2025 at the Metigoshe Christian Center North of Bottineau, ND. This is a District IV sponsored camp for all lodge members and families from any ND Lodge.

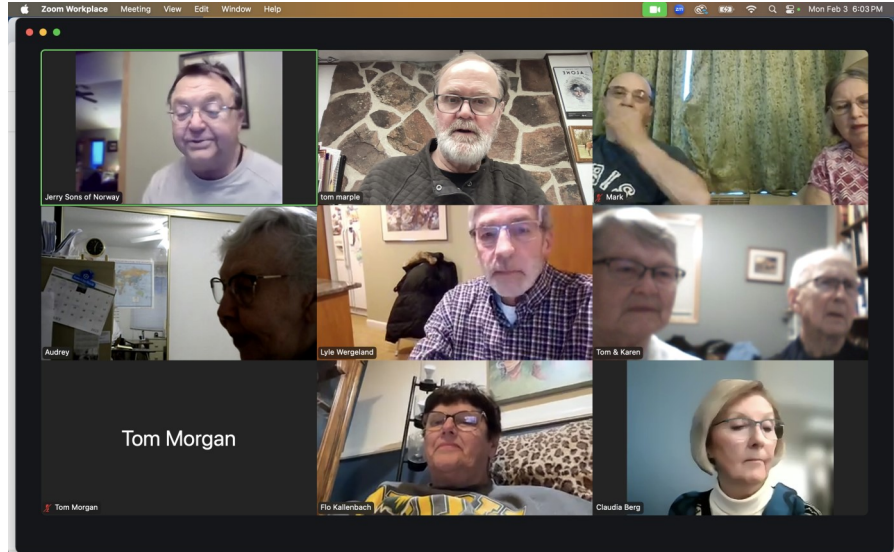
All materials can be found on the District IV website [www.sofn-district4.com](http://www.sofn-district4.com) One must be at least 8 years old to attend. A great opportunity for lodge members to bring their families to experience their heritage through; food, cultural skills, language, cooking, dancing.

Thursday afternoon to Sunday morning and you stay and eat all under one roof. Sverdrup lodge offers \$100 scholarships to members that attend. Youth that attend also have access to other scholarships and likely can get all costs covered. This camp is also looking for volunteers to provide cultural skills class instructions. Contact the camp director, Jerry Saude at 527-4068.

New Member: Laura Forde  
Death of Member Myrna Dahl

### Dan Haugland

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### Language Class

The beginning and intermediate Norwegian language classes, taught by Tom Marple with tech assistance by Jerry Saude, are attracting numerous students from across the country, as well as the state and lodge. This screen shot of a beginning class reminds those still interested in taking the class that they can meet in person or via Zoom on Monday evenings.

### Vinterfest



Sverdrup Lodge in partnership with the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, hosted a crown wreath workshop as part of Vinterfest. On the left is Jessie Aull, the workshop instructor, modeling her crown along with two workshop participants.

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Current Membership 254 youth and adults





Sverdrup member Steve Schilling presented a very informative program on the Viking Age, 800 AD - 1100 AD, at the February social.



**Skool** to a good cup of coffee! At the February social are l to r, Bob Johnson, Ken Halldorson, and Jim Skaret

**Norwegian Author Lars Mytting has written a terrific trilogy of books about life in Norway**

The first, *“The Bell in the Lake”* takes place around 1880, and as Maja Lunde noted, “Love, suspense, nature and superstition are woven together in this powerful novel.” The story centers around a small town in Norway which is about to lose its Stave Church. The second, the *“Reindeer Hunters,”* takes place in 1903. Bob and I loved both of these books and we are now anxious to read *“The Night of the Scourge,”* the third book in the trilogy. It takes place in WW2 era Norway.

Article submitted by Susan Wefald

**Strategy Session**

Saturday, February 22 several lodge members met for an annual planning meeting. After a much-needed lunch break, we celebrated Audrey Solheim's birthday. Then back to work editing the Elected Officers' Handbook.

**Music**

Molly McLean is our new, part-time piano player.



**Woven Reed Slippers**

Dave Soma brought his woven reed slippers to share as part of the Viking Age presentation. His Norwegian cousin made them as replicas of a much earlier era. Helen Swenson, Erllys Fardal, Val Otto, and Norma Anfinson gather to hear Dave's story about the early footwear.

**Dala Horse Lego**

Another Vinterfest partnership with Sverdrup Lodge and the Bismarck Library was a Dala Horse Lego afternoon. Kathryn Lien with grand-daughters Elsa and Britta Erdmann and Traci Juhala, Head of Youth Services, pose with the Lego kits. All are lodge members.



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