

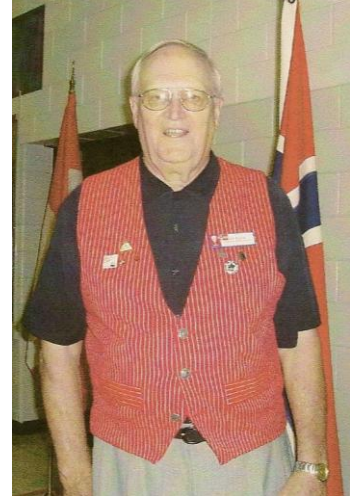
Lyle Hanson
Tree Dedication May 2003
Given by Ella Naves

Today we are honoring Lyle Hanson with an evergreen tree dedicated to him for his loyal service to Sons of Norway.

Lyle was born in Starbuck, Minnesota, an only child. He graduated from Luther College in 1952, with a B.A. in Business Administration.

Lyle and his wife Lois have two boys, one girl and four grandchildren.

They came to Bismarck in 1968 when the MDU headquarters was moved here. He had worked for MDU 35 years when he retired in 1989. He thinks retirement is great. Lyle is an avid golfer. In 1998 Lyle and his sons went to Scotland to golf. He lives and breathes all sports, especially the Minnesota teams like the Vikings, Twins, Timberwolves and the Wilds. He also follows the Gophers, the men and women's teams for the University of Minnesota. They play basketball, hockey and baseball. They spend a couple winter months in California playing golf. The Assistant Treasurer takes over while Lyle is gone.



Lyle and Lois are members of Church of the Cross, where he served as Treasurer for twenty years. He is also a member of Sertoma Club and the Elks Club. It was through the encouragement of Marvin Evenson that he became a member of Sons of Norway in 1991.

I waited on Lyle at the bank when he would bring the deposits for the church. It came to mind that he would make a good Treasurer for Sons of Norway. He became our treasurer in 1995 and continues in that position today. Being Treasurer is a responsible position. A monthly report has to be made for each business meeting. He sells tickets at the socials. Decisions made by the Lodge and managing the budget have to be carried out by the Treasurer.

It has been nice having him as a close neighbor; I am Financial Secretary and we work together. Our houses have similar numbers but we are in different cul-de-sacs. Sometimes the mailman gets our mail mixed up. As a shortcut I walk through the neighbor's side yard from our back yard to the Hansons.

Lyle likes being involved in Sons of Norway. He cancelled an event to travel on one of Marv's bus trips. I don't think he ever missed any of Marv's bus trips. I was honored when he asked me to give this history for his tree dedication.