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Tusen Takk Sverdrup Lodge!

Once again Volunteers came through for us and made the Sons of Norway District IV Convention held in Bismarck a big success. We had more than enough Scandinavian treats for all the coffee breaks. Volunteers stepped up with running errands, registration and helping out of town delegates. You were kind, welcoming and tireless in your willingness to help.



Sverdrup Lodge came away a big winner at the Saturday night Banquet. Awards received: **Lodge of the Year 2024; Lodge of the Year 2025; Family Lodge of the Year 2025** and a new award issued this year: **Most Compliant Lodge 2025**. Thank you Claudia Berg for keeping such meticulous records and minutes throughout the year.

As most of you now know the Sons of Norway's financial branch has partnered with BetterLife to offer a wider, better selection of insurance and annuity products. Reach out to me, Sverdrup officers or convention delegates for more information. We will do our best to clarify any questions you may have.

The convention may be over, but there is no time to rest. Here are other events that are happening in July and August:

Larks Game, July 29th Look elsewhere in this newsletter on how to sign-up for Larks Tickets on Saint Olaf's Day. I hope you join me at the game. You will have the option to buy only a bleacher seat or opt in for the buffet before the game. We will all sit together.

Mystery Bus Tour its a somewhat mystery on where we are going, but you will need a passport, or a photo ID. Cost is \$100 with a \$50 rebate if you are a current member of Sons of Norway. Guests are welcomed. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for details on who to contact to reserve a spot on the bus. Let's fill the bus!

Beginners Language Class. I plan to offer an 8-week Norwegian Language Class in the fall, starting in October. If we have enough interest. Free to Sverdrup members. The text will be "The Mystery of Nils, volume 1". You can apply for a scholarship to pay for your textbook.

Lutefisk Dinner Yes, It's only a few months away. Note that we had to change the date to **October 10th** this year due to a scheduling conflict with the Mandan Eagles.

Hilsen
Tom Marple

Kalendar

July

- 23 Business Meeting—7 p.m.
- 29 Larks Game

August

- 5 Mystery Bus Trip
- 21-22 Fjord Folk Fest, Minot
- 27 Business Meeting

September

- 18 Social
- 24 Business Meeting

October

- 10 Sverdrup Lutefisk Supper, Mandan Eagles
- 16 Social – Membership
- 22 Business Meeting



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Night Out At The Ballpark**Sons of Norway Outing**

Bismarck Larks vs. Badlands Big Sticks
Tickets are available for FREE through
BNC Bank or add on the 2-hour all you
can eat ballpark buffet for \$12.

July 29, 2026—gates open at 5:35 p.m,
game at 6:35 p.m. Bismarck Municipal
Ballpark, 201 W Front Ave, Bismarck,
Phone 701-557-7600/larksbaseball.com
Tickets are on a first-come first served
basis. Reserve your ticket today!

Mystery Bus Trip

Our annual Mystery Bus Trip is
scheduled for August 5. Register by
contacting Jerry Saude at 527-4068
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District IV Convention

The serving line for the President's Reception was ready to serve a chicken dinner to convention delegates and guests enjoying an evening at Ft. Abraham Lincoln State Park. L to r, Sverdrup President and Convention Chair Tom Marple, Mark Holcup, Spenser Ulvestad, Susan Hammer Schneider, Shelly Doyle, District President and Sverdrup Treasurer Jerry Saude.



Delegates to the district convention are established by lodge membership. Sverdrup was represented by six delegates, l to r Tom Marple, Susan Hammer Schneider, Spenser Ulvestad, Jim Skaret, Nanc Skaret, and Sandy Holcup. Starting Friday morning, June 19th it was all business until the Saturday evening banquet. BetterLife Insurance representatives joined the convention introducing themselves and learning more about Sons of Norway. Five staff from Headquarters also attended our convention providing presentations and workshops.

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The convention registration table was staffed by, l –r District Secretary Tolly Eriksson, from Missoula, Audrey Solheim, Susan Hammer Schneider, registration chair Joyce Harnden, Ruth Olson and Merv Eriksson. Merv, an International Board member, was hiding his Swedish shirt.

The group photo to the left is of the 2026 Trollfjorden campers. The camp is open to everyone over the age of eight. They participate in a three day emersion experience including language, food, Norwegian artisan workshops, nature walks, and dancing on the shores of Lake Metigoshe. Scholarships are available to help defray expenses.



Pictured are some of the Trollfjorden Camp participants, including lodge members Pam Lee and Judith Hammer show off their kolrosing, knitting and rosemaling skills.



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