

## 2025 Sons of Norway Park Tree Dedication



Steven and Stephane Olson – Bismarck

Both the Olsons attended Bismarck High School. Steve was 2 years older. They actually started dating after meeting at young life when Steve was at BSC and Stephane was a senior. Steve went on to Whitworth College in Spokane WA with a major in Psychology. He graduated and worked at the ND Penitentiary. They eventually got married and moved to Grand Forks as Stephane was attending UND for Physical Therapy degree.

After about five years, Steve felt the CALL and entered seminary. He served in Wausau WI, Manitowoc, WI and finally Stephens Point WI. He retired in 2015, and they moved back to Bismarck, I believe, to help their aging parents. They are what I call Legacy SofN members. Their parents were: Jocelyn and Arlene Olson and Wilma and Harvey Melstad. Many of us know their parents past involvement with Sverdrup Lodge. They also have trees dedicated for their efforts to Sons of Norway.

I'll let them brag on their children and exceptional grandchildren. Two daughters and four grandchildren.

Steve and Stephane have jumped into leadership roles here at Sverdrup and other groups in town, their church, Northern Lights Chorus and Steve has been serving as an interim pastor since 2015, as retirement wasn't for him. Stephane also continues to work on a part-time basis in PT in the Bismarck Mandan community.

I'm proud to present our 2025 Tree dedication at Sons of Norway Park to our lodge sister and brother Stephane and Steve Olson. Please join me in a round of applause and I ask them to come forward for this recognition.