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## President's Brev

Hei Alle Sammen

I hope that everyone has come through the recent severe weather events relatively unscathed. May mosquitos be our biggest concern for the rest of the summer. For Sverdrup Lodge members it's turning out to be a busy summer.

The first item to address is why you are receiving the Lodge newsletter later than usual? Like any well oiled machine we need to shut down for maintenance from time to time. Our Membership and mailing lists needed to be brought up to date. Audrey Solheim rolled up her sleeves and took on this task. Audrey I am forever grateful for the hard work you put into this. All members will receive a printed copy. You will no longer receive an email with a pdf of the Newsletter. Instead a current copy of the Newsletter will be posted as a pdf on our Sverdrup website. You will be able to access a copy there.

Summer started with the **Trollfjorden Language and Cultural Camp** on June 12–15 at Lake Metigoshe. Five Sverdrup Lodge members participated, including myself. It turned out to be a great experience for all that attended, learning about Christmas in Norway with language, food and crafts. The next Trollfjorden Camp will be held on June 11–14, 2026. Early theme ideas are genealogy and friluftsliv. Mark your calendars.

At midsummer (June 21) Sverdrup Lodge participated in the first **International Festival at Dykshoorn Park**. Our display was set up under a shade tree. There was a coloring station with take away coloring sheets and Molly McClain rosemaled young participants hands. The hit of the day was a table with Viking helmets, shields and swords so young and old could dress up like Vikings and get their picture taken. Tusen takk to the 12 volunteers that gave up their Saturday to make this a successful event.

Once again, we had a float in the **Mandan 4th of July Parade**. I'm amazed at how organized this event is. There seemed to be an abundance of Norwegians with frequent cheers for Lutefisk. Ken and Katherine Lein's granddaughters were great ambassadors as they tirelessly handed out candy to onlookers. Despite Jerry's best efforts though, we still ran out of candy by the time we reached Art in the Park.

Sverdrup Lodge will be hosting the **Ice Cream Social and Crossings Event** at the Former Governors' Mansion. Sunday, August 10th, 1–4 pm. Entertainment and food are set. All we need now is volunteers to help make this a memorable event. Contact Claudia Berg to sign up to help at [cjberg3@outlook.com](mailto:cjberg3@outlook.com).

On August 13, Johan Stenslie, a professional genealogist specializing in Norwegian genealogy will be giving an informative program. See the announcement in this newsletter for time and location.

As I mentioned before, because of the busy event schedule listed above, we will not have a St. Olaf picnic this year.

It was brought to my attention that the Sons of Norway Park along Expressway in Bismarck got some much needed TLC recently. Four churches — Bismarck Community Church, Mission Church, Hope City Church and Central City Church — got together to clean up the park. Tusen takk to them for their kindness and hard work.

Hilsen

Tom Marple



## Kalendar

### July

- 4 Mandan 4th of July Parade
- 9 Mystery Bus Tour
- 24 Business Meeting - cancelled

### August

- 10 Ice Cream Social - Former Governors' Mansion 1-4 p.m.
- 13 Genealogy Program, Veteran's Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (see article page 2) -
- 21 Business Meeting 7 p.m. First Lutheran



Two images of Debbie Crawford at the International Festival in Mandan on June 21, 2025. Debbie is in front of the display we set up and in front of the "photo booth" table where participants could dress like a Viking.





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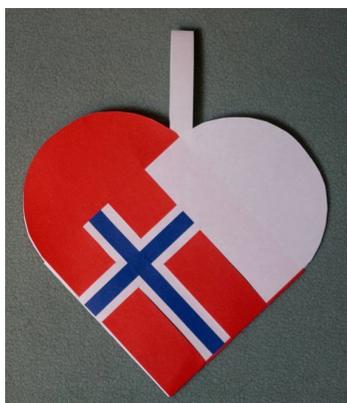
### Genealogy Workshop

Johan Stenslie, a Mandan, ND native, now living in Bergen, Norway as a professional genealogist will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, August 13, 6:30-7:30, Bismarck Veterans Public Library, lower level, Room A.

Stenslie's presentation includes engaging stories of Norwegian immigrant families, live music performances tied to the Norwegian-American experience and research tips for tracing your own family history, with a Q&A to follow.

This Crossings 200 event is sponsored by Sons of Norway Sverdrup Lodge; it is free and open to the public. The year 2025 marks the 200th anniversary of the first organized immigration of Norwegians to North America.

### Trollfjorden Campers 2025



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## Trollfjorden Camp

All these photos illustrate the variety of classes offered at camp: Hardanger, chain mail jewelry, flat plane woodcarving, rosemaling, and knitting.

### Hardanger Hearts



### Rosemaled Trays



### Chain Mail Jewelry



### Figure Carving - Nisse



### Knitting - Nisse Hats



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