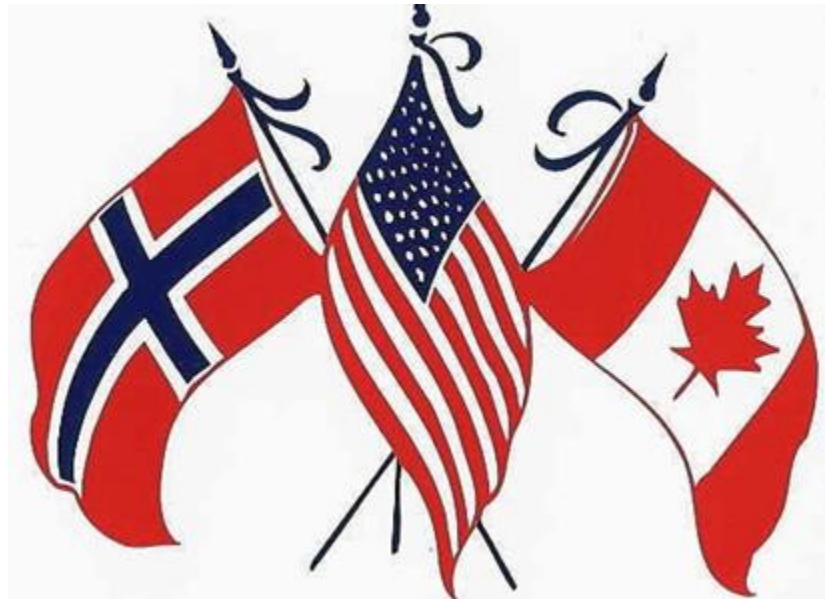


Minutes  
District IV Sons of Norway  
60<sup>th</sup> Biennium Convention  
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**Thursday June 27, 2024  
Radisson Hotel**

**Memorial Service 7:00 pm**

Vice President Susan Gobbs conducted the Memorial Service. Pastor Brian Knutson gave the Invocation followed by the audience singing “Children of the Heavenly Father” accompanied by Sue Dahl. Susan Gobbs gave the Tribute for Everett Knudsvig who served as International Treasurer from Gyda-Varden Lodge of Grand Forks, ND and Knut Haga, District Officer from Valhalla Lodge in Calgary Alberta.

White carnations were placed for Members of District IV who had passed away since the June 2022 Convention – Red carnations were placed for Everett Knudsvig and Knut Haga. After the singing of “Blessed Be The Tie That Binds”, Pastor Knutson gave the Benediction.

**President’s Reception and Banquet**

A President’s Reception was held following the Memorial Service at the Radisson. Hors d’oeuvres were served with a Cash bar and free keg beer.

**Friday June 28, 2024  
Radisson**

**Opening Ceremonies 8:30 pm**

**President Jerry Saude was escorted to the podium and proceeded to introduce the District Officers, Directors and the International Officer who were then escorted to the front by Susan Hammer-Schneider and Candice Christianson of the host lodge.**

From Bismarck, ND – Claudia Berg, International Director

From Helena, MT – Susan Gobbs, Vice President

From Fargo, ND – Marilyn Martinson - Treasurer

From Maddock ND – Flo Kallenbach Cultural/Publicity Director

From Portland, ND – Rebecca Gunderson - Zone 1 Director

From Fargo, ND – Kay Halverson - Zone 2 Director

From Minot, ND – Martha Elliott - Zone 3 Director

From Calgary, AB – Russell Wiigs - Zone 4 Director

From Lewistown, MT – Noel Birkland – Zone 5 Director

**Introduction of International Staff and Officers**

President Jerry Saude introduced the International Staff and Officers.

Dan Seyfried – SofN CEO

Merv Eriksson – President of the International SON Foundation Board

Amy Olson-Tuchenhagen - Foundation Development Manager

Connie O’Brien– Member Engagement Manager

**Presentation of the Flags**

President Jerry Saude called on the Gilbert Nelson VFW Post 1326 Honor Guard to post the flag of the United States. The Delegates, accompanied by Sue Dahl, sang the national anthems – O Canada - Ja, Vi Elsker - Star-Spangled Banner. President Saude then led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome**

Ken Lien, President of Sverdrup Lodge and Host Committee Chair welcomed the delegates and guests to the 60th Biennium Convention. His welcome is on page 1 of the Convention Booklet. He shared several announcements concerning the Cultural Items to be entered into the contest and the Silent Auction items.

**Greetings**

President Jerry Saude pointed out the Greeting from the Honorable Governor of North Dakota, Doug Burgum on page 3 and a greeting from Michael Schmitz, Mayor of Bismarck on page 4. President Saude pointed out that the Zone Caucuses on Saturday have been moved to Friday after the Coffee break and the Break out session will be on Saturday after the Coffee break. He reminded delegates to please shut off their cell phones. Amy Olson-Tuchenhagen told the delegates if their phones go off, they can make a generous donation to the Foundation.

**Invocation**

John Andreasen led the delegation in the Invocation.

**District President Jerry Saude's Address-Building on Viking History**

He started with "Twas the day before Christmas...."

Welcome sisters and brothers of our Sons of Norway Fraternal Lodges. Thank you for participating in this 60th District Convention here with us in Bismarck. My thanks to Sverdrup Lodge members and a special thanks to our host chair Ken Lien for taking on this task just 8 months ago. The theme chosen is "Building on Viking Foundations". Now that goes back awhile. If you are a student of history, the Vikings rose to fame in the 9th and 10th centuries. They haven't done so well in the 20th and 21st centuries have they? But those foundations are still standing. The Vikings were in fact Norwegians, Swedes, Danes and Finlanders and were actually world travelers. In fact they earned an infamous reputation for pillaging and raiding when in fact they were also merchant traders and settlers. It's a heritage that we can find reason to celebrate. Their influence lives on in the English language and customs in Europe and the British Isles. That brings me to storyline in the made for TV series, THE CROWN. The CROWN follows the life of a young girl named Elizabeth who became QUEEN OF ENGLAND.

We all know her story. This series was intriguing for me as a student of history. My wife and I could binge watch Downton Abbey on Sunday nights and regret the lost sleep on Monday mornings. But the pagentry and privilege of English gentry and 20th century lifestyles took us to another time. Highclere Castle is on my bucket list. I just want to have a whiskey with old Lady Grantham in that LIBRARY!

The intriguing storyline that I want to share with you has a tie to Sons of Norway, and I hope I can retell it so that you also pause to consider it.

Public Relations for the Royal Family was becoming a concern for the Queen, this was after the death of Princess Di and at the beginning of Prime Minister Tony Blair's rise in the Labor Party of England. Bill Clinton was president and George Bush was going to be elected soon. The Queen, against the advice of her family and her long-time confidant and personal secretary, commissioned focus groups across England to test the waters on public opinion of the Monarchy, the Royal family and the English patronage system.

The results were that most of her subjects felt the royals were; out of touch, badly advised and a smaller percentage thought, poor use of public funds.

The Queen met weekly with the PM and one day asked him pointedly, "What would you do to turn things around for us? Mr. Blair responded, {You mean if I were King?- What a thing to say to the Queen!

It then cuts out to Mr. Blair asking his staff to come up with 5 strategies for the royals. Well they came up with a list and a couple things were:

- Cut expenses- show their subjects that they could economize. They were viewed as spending too much on ancient rights and privileges.
- Consider the 300 year old Anti Settlement Act; this involved the Church of England and Catholics.
- Pomp and splendor - Too many ceremonial offices in the realm
- Hereditary Grand Falconer- a position passed from father to son.
- Queens Herb Strewer and Washer of Sovereign Hands etc.
- Keeper of the Swans-

Blair said "we suggest a purge of honorifics, don't you just love that turn of a phrase...honorifics.

So the Queen called in all these honorifics and officers and asked them what they do and was amazed at the sense of pride these men and women had in their work and the traditions they represented. They did in fact do valuable work, under archaic and somewhat comical names. The Queen surmised that the monarchy is different. People want the magic, they want the mystery, and they want the royals to take them away from the simple and mundane lives they have.

The next meeting with the Prime Minister, Mr. Blair asked the queen if she had reviewed the suggestions of his team? She said she had and even discussed it with the family and she found; these were not empty ruralistic titles, but skills that had been passed down for generations.

She posed the question, What is the common denominator for the sovereignty? She thought....

- Tradition is a strength
- It shows respect for our forbearers
- Its preservation of generations for their wisdom and learned experiences.
- She told Mr. Blair, Modernity is not always the answer, sometimes antiquity is too.
- The next scene cuts to a meeting with her private secretary and he's offering resignation in favor of his younger deputy. Someone more in tune with the times he says. He relays to the queen.....You can make alterations without tearing down the rest.

I'm asking you this question, What is the common denominator for our Sons of Norway?

- Tradition is a strength
- Its respect for our forbearers
- Its preservation of generations, for their wisdom and learned experiences.

And we can make alterations without tearing down the good parts. We are going to hear from Dan, Connie and Amy after our coffee break on what alterations have been made at Sons of Norway and how do we save the good parts and still modernize and create a successful Fraternal Insurance Organization and Fraternal Society that we can enjoy for years to come and hopefully pass on the generations that come after. Since 1895 when a need was identified and a need was met, with the birth of Sons of Norway by those 18 Norwegian forbearers and now we have preserved for generations since 1895.....Good job, well done and I'm so happy to stand here today and celebrate with you.

### **International Director Claudia Berg's Greeting**

It is a privilege and an honor to be here as your District 4 International Director.

Over the past two years I have come to truly appreciate the dedication of the Sons of Norway staff, leadership and membership. Not to mention the business of insurance- it is what funds the mission. Later this morning you will hear from headquarters staff as they provide The State of the Union, this is setting a new standard of communication as we move forward solidifying and growing the Sons of Norway and its Foundation.

As we look to the future, 2025 brings the 200th anniversary of Norwegian immigration. It is an opportunity to partner with other lodges to share resources and extend your reach in your community and region.

Lastly-This is the opportune time to thank you for your dedication, time and talents sharing Norwegian heritage and culture and supporting your local lodges- thank you!

### **Home Office Staff**

Greetings from Dan Seyfried, Sons of Norway's new CEO

Several songs were sung led by Judith Hammer accompanied by Sue Dahl.

### **Camp Reports**

#### **Bjornetann**

Report by Susan Gobbs on Bjornetann (meaning Bear Tooth)Language & Cultural Camp in Montana.

Susan Honored Dan & Betty Rude, the founders of the camp for all their hard work over the years. The Camp closed in early 2023. \$12,000 and donated items were donated to other lodges. Several hand carved and Rosemaled egg cups are on the Silent auction.

#### **Trollfjorden**

Jerry Saude reported on Trollfjorden which was started in 2002. The camp has had to cancel the last 2 years at the Metigoshe Christian Center. The camp runs Thursday afternoon –Sunday noon. The cost is \$200 for children and \$250 for adult. The Draxten scholarship is \$100/child

and if the local lodge sponsors the child, there is no cost to the child. The camp is for children 8 and older and must be accompanied by an adult.

Paddle 108-Phyllis Benson, Kringen 4-25 spoke on her experience taking her 4 granddaughters to camp and that it was a wonderful experience

**Trollhaugen Language and Culture Camp, Deer Valley Meadows near Alix AB**

Report by Karen Larson, Aspelund 4-571

Last year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Trollhaugen.

The Camp theme this year is Vikings and the Vinland Vikings are staying for the week of camp, August 11-17. There will be Viking combat and Viking crafts as class options.

**Greeting from Secretary Betty Dhuyvetter**

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Paddle 72 John Knudsen, Normanden 4-424 asked if members not from ND could attend the camp. President Jerry, camp Director responded that the camp is only for ND members.

Paddle 82 Tom Marple, Sverdrup 4-107 asked what the theme is? Christmas in Norway will be the 2025 theme.

Paddle 90-Allison Wiigs, Valhalla 4-341 reported on Trollhaugen Camp east of Red Deer Alberta. It is in its 51<sup>st</sup> year and the theme will be Vikings. The camp will be held mid-August Sunday afternoon to the following Saturday. Registration has been extended to the end of June. It is a Family Camp.

Paddle 86 Dave Kolding Sverdrup 4-107 reported that he is in charge of the Silent Auction and encouraged delegates to sign up to buy!!! Delegates can write a check to the SofN Foundation

Paddle 75 Nancy Light, Normont 4-507 asked if there were more convention booklets.

Paddle 22 Cheyenne Mikkelson, Fjelldal 4-543 asked if Silent Auction was cash or check.

24 Delegates were identified as attending their first Convention.

The Delegate from Solglyt 4-143 Edmonton AB came the farthest and received a SofN Christmas Ornament.

The Aspelund 4-571 Red Deer AB was identified as the smallest lodge of 15 members and received a SofN Christmas Ornament.

Paddle 27 Dale Anderson, Henrik Ibsen 4-565 will be celebrating their 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday received an ornament.

A Delegate that was born on May 17 also received an ornament

**Coffee Break sponsored by Claudia Berg 10:00 pm**

**Return to General Session 10:30 pm**

Rebecca Gunderson, Zone 1 Director was appointed the official scribe of the meetings and moved to the Head Table.

**Appointment of Marshals and Greeters**

Steve Gunderson-delegate from Mjosen 4-78 and Richard Gobbs-delegate from Hovedstad 4-528 were appointed Marshalls and Greeters

**Financial Products**

Dan Haglund—North Dakota FBC talked about the new financial products available to members. Handouts were in the registration packet.

Paddle 27 Dale Anderson, Henrik Ibsen 4-565 was missing the handout and received one from another delegate.

**Home Office Staff**

Sons of Norway's new CEO Dan Seyfried, gave the State of the Union address.

- SON is the largest Norwegian organization outside of Norway
- A look back 7 years
- Business funds the Mission
- 57,765 members in 2023
- Impact of growth on profitability
- Path forward from 2020---product Development
- 2023: A year of Transition
- Only 1/3 of the SON members own a financial product
  - 6.8% Social with a product
  - 27.4% Financial only
  - 65.8% Social only
- Dues change July 1, 2024

Paddle 49 Elaine Nelson, Kringen 4-25 asked how much of the dues comes back to the District and Lodge? \$15 to each for an Individual membership

Sons of Norway's Fraternal & Membership Manager Connie O'Brien shared information about the web site that includes:

- Electronic Communications and E-News
- Resources to support Lodge Leaders
- Website resources

- New Ornament Artist
- Seasonal content of web site
- Songs of the Earth a Norwegian film
- Election Timeline  
The 2024 International Board of Directors has 8 open seats  
The Board vote will be via e-mail, September 1-30  
Election results announced mid October 2024  
Terms begin January 2025

Paddle 72 John Knudsen, Normanden 4-424 asked how the Board of Directors are nominated for the 12 seats (4 still serving terms)

- District nominates
- Need to own/purchase a financial product
- Nominating committee of 7 people determine who gets on the ballot
- Each board member will now represent the entire organization with a maximum of 3 from any District
- 2 board members can be appointed to compliment all the skills of board members

Paddle 102 Carol Thompson Mollargutten 4-478 questioned why the dues increase for non-financial members and that it will be a challenge for retention.

Sons of Norway Foundation's Manager Amy Olson-Tuchenhagen shared a Foundation Update.

- SON Foundation Mission---To celebrate Nordic culture and heritage through scholarships and grants to our members and communities.
- SON Foundation Core Values  
Building Nordic culture and heritage for the future  
Committing to life-long learning and service  
Demonstrating compassion for our members in need  
Sustaining the link to contemporary Norway  
Fostering a community of generosity
- SON Foundation Tag Line  
Celebrating Nordic Legacy – Empowering Lives
- 2024 Scholarship cycle was October 1-December 31
- In 2024 there were 223 applicants for 32 awards/Scholarships  
\$325,000 Fundraising goal was met  
\$147,320 in Scholarships were given to students to study in US, CA, Norway  
\$117,803 in Grants for Norwegian culture and heritage programs  
\$18,000 in Camperships to attend Norwegian culture camps  
"Together We Are the Future" fundraising campaign October 1-January 15
- Seeking new Candidates to serve on Foundation Board (no candidate is expected to have all of these qualifications)



Strategic and organizational planning  
Social media  
Public relations or advertising  
Grant writing  
Fundraising campaign experience and/or leadership  
Nonprofit law, state and/or federal  
Grant and scholarship creating  
Nonprofit accounting, including endowed funding  
Program administration and/or development

There will be a Sons of Norway “Norwegian Heritage Night” event at the Twins baseball game on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> with Elaine Nelson Kringen 4-25 throwing out the first pitch.

**Noon Luncheon**

**Return to General Session 1:30 pm**

**Appointment of Marshals and Greeters**

Diane Bowman-delegate from Jotunheimen 4-499 and Karen Larson-delegate from Vidda 4-663 were appointed Marshalls and Greeters.

SON CEO Daniel Seyfried showed a slide presentation introducing the delegates to all of the HQ Staff.

**Verification Committee Report**

The Verification Committee is made up of the six Zone Directors. Director Rebecca Gunderson, reported that all delegates registered are qualified.

87 delegates were seated

1 International Director was seated

9 District Officers were seated

97 delegates with a simple majority of 49

**Adopting the Convention Rules**

A motion to adopt the convention rules on page 12 was made by Paddle 62 Steve Gunderson Mjosen 4-78 and seconded by Paddle 49 Elaine Nelson Kringen 4-25. MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of the Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Fargo, ND**

Copies of the minutes for the 59<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention which was held in Fargo, ND in 2020 were emailed to the delegates by the District Secretary.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Paddle 106 Nancy Bollingberg Kringen 4-25 and seconded by Paddle 20 Kariena Brosten Fedraheimen 4-140. MOTION CARRIED.

**Financial Report**

President Jerry Saude called the Finance Committee up to report on their work. President Saude introduced the Committee Sandy Birkland Snofjeldet 4-531, John Knudsen Normanden 4-424, and David Kolding Sverdrup 4-107.

Financial Review January 1, 2022---December 31, 2023.

Our committee has examined the income and expenses reports and the bank statements provided by the District Treasurer. Our examination consisted of income and expense reports and bank statements from months chosen at random and not all months were examined. In our opinion, the selected parts of the financial records for the Sons of Norway District IV were presented accurately and fairly for the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023

The following recommendations are made for security and clarity purposes.

Let it be resolved:

1. That the computer with the financial records need to be backed up and that the backup be stored at an offsite location.
2. That voided check numbers be listed in the check register as voided so all checks are listed consecutively.
3. That the bank reconciliation be performed on the computer to be printed and maintained with the bank statements.
4. That the District Board look into purchasing a new computer and Quicken software.
5. That the District IV Convention profusely thank Marilyn Martinson for her ten years as the District IV Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Finance Committee  
John Knudsen, chair  
Sandy Birkland  
David Kolding

President Jerry Saude introduced Jim Skaret, Parliamentarian

**Law Committee**

Discussion held on By-law updates. Upon recommendation of the Law Committee, the board needs to set up a committee to study re-alignment of the Zones.

Paddle 72 John Knudsen, Normanden 4-424 asked if the SON is re-districting all of the US & Canada.

Connie O'Brien said that SON President Ron Stubbing has selected a committee to study this.

Paddle 89 Ron Reine Valhalla 4-341 reviewed the proposal from Zone 4 at the 2022 Convention.

Paddle 49 Elaine Nelson Kringen 4-25 asked for the number of lodges and number of members in District IV. Rebecca (Becky) Gunderson reported that there were 39 lodges with 4,008 members in District IV. Zone 1---5 lodges 505 members, Zone 2---5 lodges 1503 members, Zone 3---7 lodges 818 members, Zone 4---8 lodges 309 members, Zone 5---4 lodges 237 members, Zone 6---10 lodges 636 members

### **Nominating Committee Report**

The nominating committee members Tom Marple Sverdrup 4-107 Bismarck ND, Nordy Riley Normanden 4-424 Missoula MT , Russel Wiigs Valhalla 4-341 Calgary AB read the qualifications of the following candidates:

- President-Jerry Saude Sverdrup 4-107 Bismarck ND
- VP-Susan Gobbs Hovedstad 4-528 Helena MT
- Treasurer- Sandra Birkland Snofjeldet 4-531 Lewistown MT
- no candidates were found for Secretary or Cultural/Publicity Director.

The committee met on Zoom and all candidates are vetted.

A motion by Paddle 72 John Knudsen Normanden 4-424 and seconded by Paddle 33 Richard Gobbs Hovedstad 4-528 to vote and elect the slate of officers by acclamation. MOTION CARRIED

Paddle 106 Nancy Bollingberg Kringen 4-25 asked if the same application process is used to fill the Secretary and Cultural/Publicity Director. President Jerry Saude said yes the same process is used and the forms are on the District IV website.

President Jerry Saude asked for how many delegates were (see below)? Winners were awarded SON Christmas ornaments

Paddles 22 Cheyenne Mikkelson, Fjellidal 4-543 & 26 Samantha Reese, Heim 4-178 were under the age of 40

Paddles 40 Summer Gundberg, 86 Dave Kolding, Sverdrup 4-107, 18 Caroline Schwartz, Enighed 4-307 and 42 Monte Haugen, Kringen 4-25 were all over the age of 85.

Paddles 94 & 95 have been married for over 60 years—Gloria & Nathan Harr Wergeland 4-247

### **Announcements and Coffee Break at 3:00 pm**

At 3:30 Delegates will meet in Zone Caucus. Zones 2-4 will elect new Zone Directors. Zones 1, 5, 6 were asked to discuss Zone activities that could be shared or done together. President Jerry Saude assigned motel meeting rooms that they would meet in.

Business meeting will reconvene at 4:00 pm.

### **Business meeting resumed at 4:00 pm**

#### **Zone Caucus Reports**

Zone 1 elected Steve Gunderson as alternate. 10 delegates discussed possible activities to do and that a new director would be elected in 2026

Zone 2 elected Kay Halverson, Director and Nancy Bollingberg, alternate both Kringen 4-25 shared that Wergeland 4-247 Jamestown will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Zone 3 elected Judith Hammer, Director Sverdrup 4-107 and Martha Elliott, alternate Thor 4-067 reminder to attend Hostfest

Zone 4 elected Karen M Larson Aspelund 4-571 Red Deer AB

Zones 5 & 6 discussed the possibility of Billings hosting the 2026 convention

President Jerry Saude reminded delegates that they needed to check out of the motel in the morning before 11:00 am

The Banquet will be in this room with Installation of Officers starting at 6:15 pm

Gary Wulf Hovedstad 4-528 led the group singing "Let me call you Sweetheart" with singing the verse again but with no pronouns.

4:31 pm dismissal.

#### **Installation of 2024-2026 Officers 6:15 pm**

International Past President Dan Rude conducted the installation of the newly elected District IV Officers and Directors.

- President-Jerry Saude Sverdrup 4-107 Bismarck ND
- VP-Susan Gobbs Hovedstad 4-528 Helena MT
- Treasurer- Sandra Birkland Snofjeldet 4-531 Lewistown MT
- Zone 2 Director Kay Halverson Kringen 4-25 Fargo ND
- Zone 3 Director Judith Hammer Sverdrup 4-107 Bismarck ND
- Zone 4 Director Karen M Larson Aspelund 4-571 Red Deer AB

#### **Grand Banquet 6:45 pm**

#### **Dinner 7:00 pm**

At the Banquet President Saude presented Merit Awards and the Lodge of the Year Awards for 2022 and 2023.

Entertainment by Mylo Hatzenbuler, The Strasburg Superstar!

#### **AWARDS 2022-2023**

2022 Large Lodge of the Year---4-107 Sverdrup Bismarck ND

2022 Small Lodge of the Year---4-478 Mollargutten Maddock ND

2023 Large Lodge of the Year---4-107 Sverdrup Bismarck ND

2023 Small Lodge of the Year---4-78 Mjosen Mayville ND

2022 Large Family Lodge of the Year---4-107 Sverdrup Bismarck ND

2022 Small Family Lodge of the Year---4-478 Mollargutten Maddock ND  
2023 Large Family Lodge of the Year---4-499 Jotunheimen Billings MT  
2023 Small Family Lodge of the Year---4-663 Vidda Crosby ND

**Merit Awards**

**2022 Gold**

4-21 Gyda-Varden Grand Forks ND  
4-25 Kringen Fargo ND  
4-67 Thor Minot ND  
4-78 Mjosen Mayville ND  
4-138 Lodsens Great Falls MT  
4-143 Solglyt Edmonton AB  
4-424 Normanden Missoula MT  
4-499 Jotunheimen Billings MT  
4-557 Sma Fjell Bowman-Hettinger ND----disbanded  
4-603 Solsyd Lethbridge AB  
4-663 Vidda Crosby ND

**2022 Bronze**

4-507 Normont Cut Bank MT

**2023 Gold**

4-21 Gyda-Varden Grand Forks ND  
4-25 Kringen Fargo ND  
4-67 Thor Minot ND  
4-143 Solglyt Edmonton AB  
4-341 Valhalla Calgary AB  
4-424 Normanden Missoula MT  
4-478 Mollargutten Maddock ND  
4-481 Hjemdahl Valley City ND  
4-488 Nordlyset Bottineau ND  
4-524 Fjell Heim Big Timber Mt  
4-603 Solsyd Lethbridge AB  
4-663 Vidda Crosby ND

**2023 Silver**

4-138 Lodsens Great Falls MT  
4-203 Fagerlund Manfred ND  
4-618 Vennlig Tioga ND

**2023 Bronze**

4-507 Normont Cut Bank MT  
4-528 Hovedstad Helena MT

**Saturday June 29, 2024**

**Radisson**

**General Session continues 8:34 am**

President Saude welcomed delegates.

Amy Olson-Tuchenhagen reported that \$610 had been raised for the Foundation,

**Appointment of Marshals and Greeters**

Diane Bowman-delegate from Jotunheimen 4-499 and Richard Gobbs-delegate from Hovedstad 4-528 were appointed Marshalls and Greeters

President Jerry Saude assigned the rooms for the Breakout small group sessions, rotating every 30 minutes.

- "Our Lodge" Carol Thompson in the Renoir-Russel room
- "D-17 and Local Lodge Bylaws template" Kay Halverson & Susan Gobbs in the Galleria Ballroom
- "Cultural Skills" Rebecca Gunderson in the Wyeth-Rockwell room
- "Norwegian via Zoom" Tom Marple in the Liberty room
- "Partnerships" Claudia Berg in the Manhattan room

Dan Sauerwein Sverdrup 4-107, chair of the SON District IV Folk Arts Competition, announced the winners:

- Photography  
Category II 1<sup>st</sup> place Tyndra Loftsgaard-Jotunheimen 4-499 Billings MT
- Woodcarving-Chip Carving  
Category III 1<sup>st</sup> place Robert Wilson (plate) Jotunheimen 4-499  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Robert Wilson (clock) Jotunheimen 4-499
- Woodcarving-Figure Carving  
Category II 1<sup>st</sup> place Cheyenne Mikkelsen Fjellidal 4-543 Bozeman MT  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Sheila Johnson Solglyt 4-143 Edmonton AB
- Hand Knitting  
Category II 1<sup>st</sup> place Luanne Currie Solglyt 4-143 Edmonton AB
- Rosemaling  
Category II 1<sup>st</sup> place Heike Rosenquist Vidda 4-663 Crosby ND  
Category III 1<sup>st</sup> place Colleen Vogel Solglyt 4-143 Edmonton AB  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Colleen Vogel Solglyt 4-143
- Other  
Category II 1<sup>st</sup> place Heike Rosenquist Vidda 4-663 Crosby ND Viking Ship Arrangement  
Category III 1<sup>st</sup> place Alanna Elias Solglyt 4-143 Edmonton AB Viking Jewelry

- Loom Weaving  
Category II 1<sup>st</sup> place Nancy Pederson Solglyt 4-143 Edmonton AB  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Heike Rosenquist Vidda 4-663 Crosby ND
- Card Weaving  
Category II 1<sup>st</sup> place Kay Myrstol Fjell Heim 4-524 Big Timber MT
- People's Choice Award to Robert Wilson Jotunheimen 4-499 for his Chip Carving Plate

**The Laws and Resolution Committee**

The Bylaw/Resolution Committee members Dan Rude Normanden 4-424, Richard Stenberg Bjarne 4-86, Ron Reine Valhalla 4-341 were called up to present the Laudatory Resolution:

The Laws and Resolutions Committee recommend the following resolutions to this District IV Sons of Norway Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED that the convention delegates extend their appreciation and thanks to the Convention Co-Chair, Ken Lien and his Convention Coordinating Committee and to Sverdrup Lodge for planning around the theme "Building on Viking Foundations".

BE IT RESOLVED that we extend our appreciation and thanks to all the Sverdrup Lodge members who made the preparations for this convention and chose and provided the facilities.

BE IT RESOLVED that this convention expresses our gratitude to the District IV Board of Directors for their service to Sons of Norway Lodges and members for the past two years. We further extend appreciation to President Jerry Saude for all of his hard work and dedication over the past years.

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates are to be commended for contributing their time, dedication and personal finances to attend this convention. Delegates are encouraged to go home to their lodges and zones and share the information gained during the meetings and conversations with other delegates with their fellow members at home. This shared information will assist with the betterment of our organization.

A vote by acclamation passed the resolution.

President Jerry Saude dismissed all the convention committees.

Dave Kolding Sverdrup 4-107, chair of the Silent Auction stated that \$1,700 had been raised. Several paddles still needed to pick up and pay for their item.

President Jerry Saude reminded delegates of the Hostfest in Minot on September 25-28 and that District IV will have a booth.

Paddle 56 Luther Striker Kringen 4-25 encouraged delegates to check with their community's school and city calendars to get the Syttende Mai on the calendars.

The delegates were sent to attend the Breakout sessions with Lunch served at 11:45 am.

President Jerry Saude declared the 60<sup>th</sup> Biennial District IV Convention dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca J Gunderson, Zone 1 Director  
Convention Scribe