

President's Letter

Greetings to all the members of Hallinglag.

First of all, I would like to thank Diane Magnusson and Kristi Stolen for attending the annual 2023 Fellesraad meeting held in May and representing our Hallinglag.

Hopefully you are making plans to attend the 2023 Stevne in Fargo this summer. Please remember to get your hotel reservations in early at the Ramada Inn for July 27,28,29th. A block of 40 rooms have been set aside for our group at a special rate of \$89 per night. That price will only be good through June 30, 2023. Please take advantage of this savings.

I'm hoping to see many new and old faces at our Stevne this summer. Board members have been extremely helpful in the planning of this years Stevne and I really appreciate this fine group of individuals. We are hopeful for a large turnout this year.

I've tried to keep expenses as low as possible as hotel and food prices are rising everywhere. There will be gluten and dairy free options for those with allergies. We are going to start Registration Thursday July 27 from 1:00 to 5:00 at the hotel with a meet and greet at 7:00.

On Friday, we will start with our Lur call at 9:00 followed by the traditional openings with programs to follow. Lunch will be on your own followed with free time in the afternoon to spend time with family, visit our Genealogy room for research or visit some of the many attractions Fargo and Moorehead have to offer. Some of these attractions include Bonanzaville, a history museum, Hjemkomst center and the Norwegian Stave church in Moorehead or even a brewery. We will meet back up at the Son's of Norway Lodge in the ballroom for a buffet dinner from 5:00 to 9:00. Dress is casual. If your need a ride to the lodge, please contact one of the board members. There should be enough people going that we can possibly car pool.

On Saturday, we will hold our annual meeting. Lunch will again be on your own, with free time in the afternoon for family activities, exploring the many attractions in Fargo and Moorehead or spending time in the Genealogy room. We will close the Stevne with a banquet in the evening and our traditional Bunad parade and a sit-down dinner followed by live entertainment in the banquet room at the hotel. This will start at 5:00pm.

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