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NORWAY

# The Desert Viking

August 2023

Sol-Land Lodge

Kennewick, WA

## Upcoming Meetings

The August meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The program is "Picturing Our Heritage". Attendees are encouraged to bring pictures they relate to their heritage for a Show-and-Tell. We will also show some internet sites with pictures from Norway, the US, and the Emigration relating to our heritage. There will be no meal served, but the lodge will provide ice cream for dessert – members can bring their favorite cookie/bar to go with the ice cream.

**The meeting will start at 7, not 7:30.**

The August Board meeting has been moved from Aug 21<sup>st</sup> to **Aug 14<sup>th</sup>**. We meet at Kennewick First Lutheran at 7 PM, and all members are welcome to attend.

The Sept meeting has been moved from the 3rd Friday to Sept. 22nd, because most of the board will be out of town at the D2 Doreen J Parker Heritage retreat that weekend. Details of the program, etc. will be in the Sept newsletter.

**The board has noticed lately that it always seems to be the same few people who arrive early to help set up or that stay after the meeting to help clean up. This is not only unfair to the few who work so hard, but often leads to a delay in the proceedings. Please consider extending your evening a few minutes longer so everyone can enjoy the social hour that starts at 6PM, so the tables and food are ready to go at 6:30, and so we can get everything cleaned up in short order afterwards so no one ends up staying for an hour or more after the meeting to return the space to its 'ready' state.**



Surveys will be available at the Aug. and Sept. meetings for members to indicate what programs and events they would like to see happen. If you are not able to attend either meeting and would like to fill out a survey, please contact Nancy (509-375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)) to get a copy.

Sol-Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Guests are not expected to bring food just to come and enjoy themselves! The cultural program begins about 7:30. We meet at Kennewick First Lutheran Church on the corner of HWY 395 and Yelm. We have a board meeting on the Monday after the regular membership meeting, beginning at 7:00pm, also at Kennewick First Lutheran. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, please contact us and we will arrange it for you. If you are interested in a membership, give one of us a call; we can tell you what we are all about and how to go about becoming a member. You can also visit our lodge website at [www.sol-land.org](http://www.sol-land.org).

## 2023 Taste of Scandinavia

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We will hold a Nordic Goodies bake sale on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at KFLC. We will sell lefse and other Scandinavia baked goods, and there will be some craft and food demonstrations and displays as well. Members interested in displaying items or demonstrating cultural activities should contact the Cultural Director (Gretchen Makinson, (509) 943-1264, [glmakinson@aol.com](mailto:glmakinson@aol.com)) or one of the other officers soon to assist with our planning.

We need to gather a committee for this event AND create a list of who will bake and an idea of what they will provide. Please contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)) or Ginger Fields (509-734-7876, [gngbrd44@hotmail.com](mailto:gngbrd44@hotmail.com)) with your information as soon as possible. We will set up lefse baking days, so contact Ginger to let her know your availability, please. If you need recipes or equipment, please contact Nancy.



## Sol-Land Lodge 2023 Officers:

President	Greg Holter
Vice President	Laura Kostad
Secretary	Nancy Holter
Treasurer	Lucinda Twedt
Counselor	Virginia Fields
Social Director	Rennae Rosenberg
Cultural Director	Gretchen Makinson
Asst. Cultural	Ron Rolla/Joe Molvik
Sport Director	Lisa Bartholomew
Foundation Director	Nancy Holter
Publicity Director	Kristie Edwards
Editors	Sara Watson/ Nancy Holter
Musician	Linnea Hillesland
Librarians	Gretchen Makinson/Maureen Woodward
Marshall	Brad Horst
Assistant Marshall	Dave Payson
Greeter	Donna Smitt
Asst. Greeter	Ginger Fields
Sunshine Committee	Laurie Tyssen
Scholarship Chair	Dick Nordness
Tubfrim Chair	Laurie Tyssen

### 2024 District Convention

The next District 2 convention will be held May 29 – June 1, 2024 in Coeur d’Alene. Now is the time to think about attending. You can go as a delegate elected by the lodge – with our drop in membership, we will most likely be allocated 2 delegates instead of the three we have had the past few conventions. We will also be electing 2 alternate delegates who will be ready to attend if one of the delegates cannot go. Members who are not delegates can also attend the convention to observe and to interact with other members from around the District (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska).

There are several District offices that will be vacated in 2024. If you have an interest in running for a District office, you must be an elected delegate attending the convention, AND own a financial product – insurance, an annuity, etc. The District nominating committee will begin looking for candidates this fall. If you would like more information about attending a convention, what goes on at a convention, or the various District offices, you can ask members of the lodge board who in the lodge might be able to answer your questions.

## D2 Steak Fry

The D2 Steak Fry was held in July, and Sol-Land hosted the Horseshoe and Kubb tournament. We had a bigger field this year than last – hooray! There were teams from Spokane, Poulsbo, and Tacoma. The playing field is up on the hill, under the trees, so we had lots of shade to keep us comfortable. Will we host again next year? Let us know your feelings on the subject.





## November Elections

Election of officers for 2024 will be held in Nov. The current officers have mostly been in their positions for at least four years. It is time for some new bodies in some of these positions.

**Please contact a current board member if you are interested in finding out more about what a particular office involves.**

The board may reach out to you to ask about your willingness to take a position, or to pick your brain for ideas. We need to have nominations in hand by the October meeting so we can properly announce them before the election.

## Library Expansion!

Sol-Land Lodge recently received a very generous donation of books for our library. This donation considerably extends the contents of our library, and we will have more information on the new materials as we work out our library storage situation. Our current library cupboards are nearly full and the addition of nearly 150 books (so far) has us searching for a solution that will fit both the expanding library needs and the available space we have.



## The Heritage Retreat is Back!



The Doreen J Parker Heritage retreat 2023 is going to happen this year, so get your applications and checks in as soon as possible and let them know you are coming. The dates are Sept 15th – 17th.

Heritage Retreat is an opportunity to learn more about Scandinavian culture – Wood carving, hardanger, genealogy, cooking, maybe even some singing and dancing! It is an opportunity to enjoy The Jewel of D2 (Trollhaugen) without 3 feet of snow, and to make or renew friendships with other members from D2.

**Your registration fee covers everything – room, board, teachers, even all supplies you might need. Registrations paid before August 15th are \$150, after that the cost rises to \$160 per person. For more information and registration forms, you can talk to Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)) or check out the “new and improved” D2 website (<https://www.sonsofnorway2.com/>) under “events”.**

## Nordic Book Club

Sons of Norway has a nation-wide Book Club that ‘Zooms’ the last Thursday of the month. To join the Sons of Norway Book Club, send an email with your name, lodge name and contact information (phone number and email address) to [SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com](mailto:SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com).

The August selections are **(Main Read) *The Unseen*** by Roy Jacobsen and **(Mystery Read) *American by Day*** by Derek B. Miller. The Sept. selections are **(Main Read) *Norwegian American Women: Migration, Communities and Identities*** by Betty A. Bergland and **(Mystery Read) *The Man Who Went Up in Smoke*** by Maj Sjowall and Per Wahloo. For more info – contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)).

## *Heritage Committee*

The Sol-Land Lodge Heritage Committee is ready to accept proposals for uses of the Heritage Fund monies. Do you have a idea that will benefit our membership? Please contact Sara Watson, (509-591-5813, [sarawatson@pobox.com](mailto:sarawatson@pobox.com)) if you have an idea or proposal. We will send you the paperwork to get your idea off the ground!

# calendar

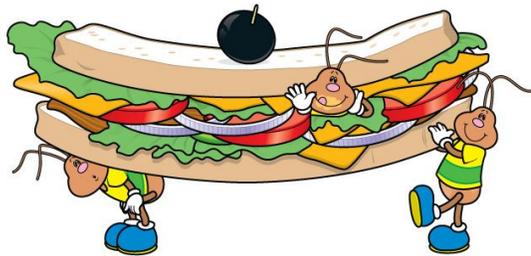
**August 14** - Board Meeting – 7pm

**August 18** - 7pm – General Heritage Meeting -  
“Picturing our Heritage”

**August 19** – District 2 Golf Tournament

**September 15-17** – Doreen J. Parker  
Heritage Retreat

**September 22** – 6:30pm – General Heritage  
Meeting - Program TBD



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