

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086

40th Anniversary 1968-2008



SONS OF
NORWAY

Kennewick, WA

May 2009

The Desert Viking

On the evening of May 15, 2009, our lodge will celebrate the Norwegian Constitution Day holiday of Syttende mai (a couple of days early!) with a potluck smorgasbord dinner featuring lutefisk and pork sirloin provided by our lodge. Lodge members and guests from other lodges are asked to bring their favorite Norwegian or Scandinavian side dishes and/or desserts to share. Since we are celebrating Syttende mai, it would add to the festivities if attendees could wear their Norwegian bunads or folk dress or other Scandinavian inspired attire.

Please come "Share the Nordic Spirit!" with Eric Nelson as he takes us into the future of the Nordic Heritage Museum. We can all participate in this great new Scandinavian venture! Please come enjoy our Sons of Norway Eastern Washington spirit and camaraderie too!



Hosts: Sons of Norway Sol-Land Lodge

Location: First Lutheran Church Auditorium, 395 & Yelm, Kennewick, WA

Dinner: 6:30p.m. Potluck smorgasbord celebrating the Norwegian Constitution Day holiday of Syttende mai (Need a Norwegian recipe? See our website www.Sol-Land.org)

Cultural Program: 7:30p.m. Presentation by Eric Nelson, Executive Director, Nordic Heritage Museum

Remember! Culinary creativity for a good cause!

One of the lodge activities this year will be a monthly food bank challenge. Each month members will be challenged to provide a complete meal of a specific type (breakfast, Mexican, Easter dinner, etc) for a typical family. Bring your food items to the monthly meeting and a vote from lodge members will determine who wins a prize! All food collected will be given to the local food banks.

Please remember to use only shelf stable items in your meal. There is a prize every month!



April Winner: Margaret Leaf!

General Information about the Lodge

Sol Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck beginning at 6:30 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:30. We meet at the Kennewick First Lutheran, on 395 and Yelm. We have a **monthly board meeting** on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM also at First Lutheran. The current president is DJ Watson (628-3391), the secretary is Vernie Tiwater (628-9987). They can supply you with names and phone numbers for other officers if you need them. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, give us a call and we can arrange it for you. If you are interested in 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 check out our lodge website at www.Sol-Land.org.





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Lodge Notes:

Lodge History

The Coeur d'Alene lodge is hosting the International Convention in 2010. The District 2 will be celebrating 100 years of existence, and would like to compile a history of the various lodges in the District. If you can help, please contact one of the lodge officers. And speaking of history and officers, the lodge needs an historian. If you might find this an interesting position, please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919; sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

Exchange students?

Do you know of any Scandinavian exchange students in the area? Please contact Vernie Tiwater (628-9987; verniet1@verizon.net) so we can extend an invitation to them to join us at our lodge events.



Tidbits:

Request for Recipes

DJ Watson has requested heritage recipes for the web site. He particularly wants those that have a story associated with them. You can see examples on the lodge's website at <http://www.sol-land.org/culture/recipes.htm>

Bunad Patterns for lending

Ginger Fields has some generic bunad patterns for men, women and boys. If you wish to borrow them, please give her a call (734-7876).

Lodge Web site

The lodge web site is: <http://www.sol-land.org/>. There are pictures from past events, recipes, a calendar of events, and other information.

Happy Birthday!

Peter Overdahl	5/8
Trygve Tilton	5/8
Audrey Blegen	5/21
Steve Tilton	5/23
Eva Najjar	5/26
Beth Anne France	5/28
Jim Schlosser	5/29

Walk to Bergen

We have traveled 2789 miles as of April 17. We are officially swimming the Atlantic in our aquatic leg of the journey! We really need to make a push this summer in order to get there by August! Only 1311 miles to go! Remember to wear your pedometers on vacation and get those miles in!





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Book Club Update

This month our book club meets on May 27, 7:00pm at D.J. and Sara Watson's house (see calendar for details and address).

In April, we reviewed *Kristin Lavransdatter: "The Wife" and "The Cross"* by Sigrid Undset. Our group gave the second and third book in the trilogy a score of 7.5 out of 10. Next month's reading selection will be *"In God We Trust"* by Erik Dregni. This is a lighthearted look at one student's year in Norway on a Fullbright Scholarship. Mr. Dregni endures Norwegian language class, trying to get a telephone hooked into his apartment and the birth of his first child all while trying to discover his family roots and find out what it truly means to be Norwegian.

Please feel free to join us in an evening of interesting conversation! Even if you don't have a chance to read the books, please come and see what the book club is about.



Lodge Picnic June 20 - **"Country Fair with Scandinavian Flair"**

Mark your calendars for June 20th and plan to be at Charbonneau Park, east of Pasco, for our summer picnic! The party will begin at 11:30 am with the potluck lunch at noon.

Planned activities:

Pie Judging Contest – Bring your favorite pie and see if our noble judges (drafted on the spot) choose yours as the best of the best!

Joke Telling Contest – Share your favorite Scandinavian joke and see if it gets the loudest groans (of appreciation, of course) from the audience! (Jim Lande is the reigning champion from last year!)

Games: Kubb, Bocce, bean bag toss – learn to play the Viking game of Kubb, Bocce (lawn bowling) or see if you can beat the kids in the bean bag toss!

Bring your families and invite a friend for what will be one of the highlights of the year!

Directions to Charbonneau Park from the Tri-Cities:

Take Hwy 182 to WA-12 and turn left onto 124, just past the Snake River Bridges. Travel WA-124 and take a left onto Sun Harbor Drive. Curve toward the right onto Harbor Blvd., take a left onto Charbonneau Drive and follow to the picnic shelter (The Overlook shelter straight ahead on the hill). (Approx. 20 miles)



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

May 4: *Board meeting*, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Rm. 5

May 4, 11, 18, 25: *Norwegian Language class*, 7pm, First Lutheran Church, Room 3 (subject to change)

May 15: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Program: Syttende mai smorgasbord and celebration and Eric Nelson, Nordic Heritage Museum of Seattle. Please show your Nordic pride by wearing your bunad!

May 27: *Reading Circle*, 7pm, Book: *In Cod We Trust* by Eric Dregni. D.J. and Sara Watson's house, 4195 Norris Street, Richland, 628-3391

June 1: *Board meeting*, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Rm. 5

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: *Norwegian Language class*, 7pm, First Lutheran Church, Room 3 (subject to change). Please call D.J. Watson for more info.

June 21: Summer Picnic! Charbonneau Park, Outlook Picnic Shelter, 11:30 a.m. Please bring a potluck dish to share and your award-winning pie! Last year was great, this year will be better!

June 24: *Reading Circle*, 7pm, Book: *The Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo. Location TBA.

Come to Social Hour with us! Please come and visit with your lodge brothers and sisters beginning at 5:45pm. We'd love to see you there!



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