

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086

40th Anniversary 1968-2008



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Kennewick, WA

November 2008

The Desert Viking

Message from the President

Thanksgiving is here, and Christmas is just around the corner. This time of the year is a busy time for the lodge: Our next meeting is our Thanksgiving feast, the meeting after that is our Christmas celebration and the end of January sees an exciting concert by a Norwegian classical piano player. Then, just a couple weeks later is the Lutefisk dinner.

This is a busy season and it definitely would not be successful without the efforts of volunteers. The lutefisk dinner committee is in full planning mode, but needs your help to have a successful dinner. There are some in our lodge who give 100% for these events, and have done so for many years. I understand that some of these tireless volunteers are tired and would like a break, so I am asking everyone who has not worked the lutefisk dinner before (or not for a long time) to think about volunteering. It can be a lot of fun, and every little bit helps. So, call the lutefisk dinner committee chair (Sara Watson - 628-3391) and tell her that you would like to help. It's like public radio: tell us how much you can give and we'll put it to the best use.

There's been a great response to the "Walk to Bergen" campaign. As a lodge, we've walked 795 miles in the last couple of months. The next few months may see a slow down with the weather and other holiday activities, but we're in a good position to walk 4100 miles in a year. Plus we may see some

new gangmerke medals awarded, so keep walking (or cycling or swimming)!

The book club has met and finished their first book. We've been reading some interesting things and had a lot of lively discussion, so if you want to be a part of this group, just look for the contact information in this newsletter.

This months meeting will have Thanksgiving turkey and stuffing provided by the lodge, a cake commemorating our 40th anniversary, and a fascinating cultural program about fjord horses. It will be a busy, but entertaining meeting so try not to miss it.

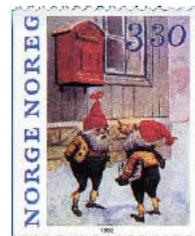
Hilsen,
D.J. Watson



Tubfrim challenge update

The lodge collected over 9 pounds of stamps for Tubfrim, or about three times what our goal was! I would like to thank all of those who contributed to this cause. But don't stop tearing off those stamps, just because the challenge was met. We will collect stamps year-round. Also used phone cards and used cell phones, and printer cartridges.

All of these items can be used by various charity groups and some will even bring money back to our lodge.





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In Memoriam

David E. Carlson

July 21, 1926 – October 14, 2008

Dave is survived by Shirley, his beloved wife of 60-years, and children: Linda (Huck) of Kennewick, Terry (Eunice) of Pullman; Doug (Lisa) of Germany; Cindy (Alan) of Hartline; Art (Kathy) of Badger Canyon and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Our sympathies to the Carlson family.

President	D.J. Watson
V. President	Greg Holter
Secretary	Vernie Tiwater
Treasurer	Cliff Blegen
Membership Secretary	Vernie Tiwater
Social Director	Sara Watson
Cultural Director	Jim Lande
Counselor	Nancy Holter
Editor	Nancy Holter
Foundation Director	Cliff Blegen
Publicity Director	Audrey Blegen
Youth Director	Carrie Hallquist
Sports/ Rec Director	Ken Leaf
Music Director	JoAnne Bjerke
Librarian	Lucinda Twedt
Calling Committee	Doris Olson

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 <http://www.sol-land.org/>.

Notice:

In January we are hosting a pianist who will perform at Kennewick First Lutheran Church on Jan. 30. We are looking for someone that can offer housing for him on the 30th and possibly on the 29th. Please call Jim Lande (582-0168) if you are able to volunteer.





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Welcome New Members!

We have new members in our lodge. Carolyn Watson, Bradley Horst, and Eyloise Luck have joined us recently. Please look for them at our meetings and offer them a warm welcome!

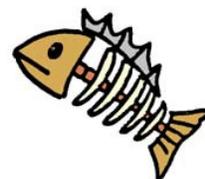
Yulebord in Seattle

Dec. 5, at 6 PM, at the Nordic Heritage Museum. Cost is \$31 per person, advance tickets required. Pickled Herring, Pinnekjøtt, cold beets, salmon mousse, ham, pumpernickel bread, boiled potatoes, fish cakes, smoked salmon, Meat balls, head cheese, kolrabi stappe, cucumber salad, desserts and more. Dance around the Christmas tree and sing traditional Norwegian songs. Call Bernice Chouery 206 784 7275 for reservations.

Lutefisk Dinner February 7, 2009!

The lutefisk dinner committee had their first meeting on November 10, and will be meeting again on November 25, at 7pm at Kennewick First Lutheran. If you would like to be on the committee, we welcome your presence and input. We are in need of volunteers for various tasks before and during the

dinner, so if you would like to volunteer again this year, please let Sara Watson know what you would like to sign up for and she will see about scheduling.



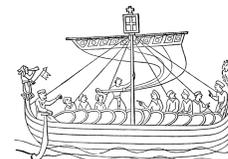
So Ole won the door prize at Sons of Norway a while back. It was a brand new toilet brush that the Ace hardware had donated. Ole was really happy about winning, he talked about it all night. Said he never had ever won anything before. He took it home and tried it out right away and he give it a good trial. But after a couple weeks he figured he'd go back to using paper.

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).

Hiking Vikings

The "Hiking Vikings" meet at 9:30AM on Saturdays at the "Playground of Dreams" in Columbia park.

<http://www.sol-land.org/hiking.htm> has a nice overhead picture with a pointer to exactly where we meet (gotta love technology!).

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. The site has been recently re-vamped with a new home page containing important links and a "Contact us" page with the officers' e-mail addresses.





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The Top 10 Reasons to Eat Lutefisk

10. So you can make wise-crack remarks about it the rest of the year.
9. It makes you appreciate the rest of the meal.
8. "It's not *too* bad, if it's made right."
7. It builds character. (everyone I know, who eats it, is a character)
6. To scare away non-Scandinavian in-laws during the holidays.
5. Use as a pre-marriage love test. If your engaged is willing to try some, they must REALLY love you.
4. To mask the odors of turkey, ham and pumpkin pie.
3. It gives you an excuse to eat butter and salt.
2. To separate the REAL Scandinavians from the bleached blonds.

And the number one reason for eating Lutefisk... 1. Tradition!!!

Need to Fill Two Board Positions

We are still desperately in need of a treasurer and a cultural director. The outgoing officers will be available for assistance, but will not be able to take these positions for 2009. These are offices that MUST be filled. On the off-chance that no one has contacted you for one of these jobs, please know it is NOT because we don't think you can do it. We just sometimes run out ways to try to convince someone to take a position.

There will be election of officers at the November meeting. Many of last year's officers are returning, and we thank them. We are also getting a number of new officers, and we thank them for accepting the nominations. If you would like a list of nominees before the meeting, please call Nancy Holter (375-0919) or e-mail sol.land.lodge@gmail.com.

Cookies and Lefse and Fun- Oh, My!

In preparation for our annual Lutefisk dinner, the lodge needs people to assist with making lefse and cookies at several baking parties. The dates of some of these baking fests are still being determined but we do have a few dates set. Please stay tuned for more information. This is a great time to get involved. If everyone pitches in we'll be finished in record time.

If you are working on your Norwegian Cultural Cooking Medal or just want to help this will be an excellent opportunity. This can fulfill requirements for Part 1 (Your Favorites) or the Generalist medal of the cooking medal and/or for Part 2 (Baked Goods and Desserts). Remember, these do not have to be completed in any particular order. If you were to help make lefse and two or more different types of cookies, you will have completed 3 different steps in the two medal categories. Not only that, but by attending the prep classes and having your cookies and lefse served and the actual events you will have satisfied up to two of your three electives (electives 11 and 15) if you are going for a specialist pin. Talk about exciting!! Also, anyone interested in learning to make Lutefisk to satisfy cooking medal requirements (Part 3 comes to mind) should let Ken Leaf (586-4687 or Chickkenleaf@aol.com) know.

For more information about these events, please contact Nancy Holter sol.land.lodge@gmail.com or 375-0919 or Carrie Hallquist hallquist@charter.net or 628-9669.





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Walk to Bergen - Update:

Bring your walking logs to the November meeting so we can mark our progress map.



We have traveled a total of 795 miles as of October 18! Only two months into our journey and we're already in Manitoba, Canada! Way to go team!

Here is a reminder of the rules for our Walk to Bergen challenge:

- You can use any activity that can be measured in mileage: walking, running, cycling, swimming, etc.
- If you choose to earn one of the sports medals at the same time—such as Gangmerke, Sykkelmerke or Idrettsmerke—the mileage counts for both. For instance, if you walk 2 miles in a day, you can put 2 miles on your Gangmerke mileage log *and* 2 miles toward the walk to Bergen.
- The total miles (4100) is for the whole lodge, so everyone participating need only do the best they can and we will add up *everyone's* miles and apply them to the total.

If you have any other questions please contact DJ Watson (628-3391 – president@sol-land.org)

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Deborah Holter	11/2
David Johnson	11/9
Jerry Ludwick	11/14
Charles Sleeth	11/16
Jacqueline Sleeth	11/17
Martha Williams	11/18
Khris Olsen	11/19
Carol Ludwick	11/24



Medals and Pins awarded

In October we had a number of members who received their cultural heritage pins and/or their walking pins. Sara and D.J. Watson both received their bronze gangmerke pins and D.J. also received his silver gangmerke award.

Sara Watson and Carrie Hallquist also received their Norwegian Cultural Skills pins for Authentic Norwegian Cooking. They both completed all three levels.

More pins will be awarded in November!





Upcoming Events

Ken and Margaret Leaf are coordinating a lefse making morning, Dec. 10 at Kennewick First Lutheran. It will be from 8am-1pm . If you wish to learn how to make lefse, or would enjoy making some for the lodge, please call Margaret (586-4687). If you have equipment that they can use, please call her, too.

There will be a cookie making morning at the church on Jan. 10, also from 8am-1pm. We plan to be making rosettes, sandbakkels, krumkake and spritz.

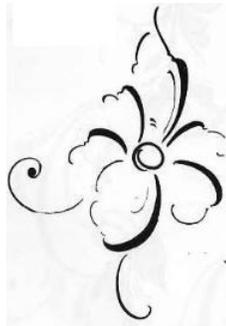
These cookies will be used for the Lutefisk dinner dessert table Feb 7. For more information, please contact Nancy Holter (sol.land.lodge@gmail.com, 375-0919) or Carrie Hallquist (hallquist@charter.net, 628-9669).

Barnas Norsk Klubb (Youth Club)

Carrie Hallquist and Kip Campbell are holding children's meetings during the regular meeting. They will be focusing primarily on children 10 and under, as that seems to be the age of children we have. They will have activities, singing, stories, etc. Don't forget that junior membership is free until the age of 16, so get your kids (and grandkids) signed up.

In November we will learn about Trolls. And in December the Nisse will visit. We look forward to seeing you there!

October's Rosemaling project was great fun. All of the children had beautiful plaques to take home with them.



Knut Erik Jensen Concert

Friday, Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m.



Knut Erik Jensen was born, raised and received all of his musical education in Norway.

The composers that he will present include

Geirr Tveitt, Harald Sæverud, David Monrad Johansen and, of course, Edvard Grieg. This is truly a culturally unique project because not only were all of these composers born and raised in Norway, but they also played an active part in bringing forth and preserving the traditional Norwegian folk music by unifying the past traditions and the present classical music.

Mr. Jensen's U.S. tour is being partially sponsored by the Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C. There will be coffee and cookies after the concert and CDs available for purchase.

For more information, you can see his website :

<http://www.knuterikjensen.com/Images/The%20project%20and%20composers.pdf>

or call Jim Lande (582-0168) for more information.





Upcoming Meetings:

Ginger Fields is the hosting chairman for the November meeting. The lodge will be providing turkey and gravy. Please bring other Thanksgiving foods to accompany. We will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Sol-Land Lodge. For those of you who have bunads, please feel free to wear them. Maybe if we get a really good picture of the members, we can get one in the Viking Magazine! For the cultural program in November we will have a presentation on Fjord horses.



December will be the Christmas party. **The date has been changed to Dec. 12.** We will have a money tree for charity, and rumor has it that Santa and/or the Nisse will come. If you wish your child to receive a present, please bring a wrapped gift with their first and last name on the tag. Ben Borgen is head of the hosting committee for the December meeting. He has not shared his intentions with the editor, but I expect that the lodge will be providing some sort of meat/fish dish. Other traditional Scandinavian holiday dishes are appreciated.



Book Club Update:

Our lodge reading circle has met twice so far this fall and we have finished our first book, *King Harald's Saga*, by Snorri Sturluson. This book is an excerpt from Sturluson's famous epic *Heimskringla*.

This Icelandic history describes the life of King Harald Hardrad, dubbed Harald the Ruthless, from his battles across Europe and Russia to his final assault on England in 1066, less than three weeks before the invasion of William the Conqueror. It was a battle that led to his death and marked the end of an era in which Europe was constantly threatened by Scandinavian raids. Despite England's triumph, it also played a crucial part in fatally weakening the English army immediately prior to the Norman Conquest (the Battle of Hastings), changing the course of history. This book chronicles the life and times of the last of the great Viking Kings.

At our meeting on October 29, we reviewed this book and opinions went flying. Comments heard at the meeting ("slightly tedious", "interesting", "I wouldn't recommend this book to a friend", and "it was really good") were mixed. As a club, we rated this book a 6.5 on a scale of 1-10.

Our next book is *Assault in Norway*, by Thomas Gallagher, the true story of a daring WWII raid on the Norsk Hydra heavy water plant in Vemork, Norway. Norwegian commandos risked everything to curtail Nazi Germany's race to develop atomic weapons.

If you would like to join our reading circle, grab this book, read it, and come prepared to render your opinion at our next meeting on December 3, at 7:00pm. Vernie Tiwater will be host; please see the calendar for details.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

November 18: *Scholarship Committee* meeting, 7pm, Sara Watson's house, 4195 Norris St., Richland

November 21: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Hwy 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. We will have a cultural presentation on Norwegian Fjord horses and our Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey will be provided, so please bring an appropriate side dish. We will also celebrate our lodge's 40th Anniversary with a cake. Come dressed in your Norwegian best for a lodge picture!

November 25: *Lutefisk Dinner Committee* meeting, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran. Please contact Sara Watson (628-3391) if you would like to help out.

December 1: *Board meeting*, 7pm, Room 5 in Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Kennewick

December 3: *Reading Circle*, 7pm, Vernie Tiwater's house, 1921 Peachtree Lane, Richland 628-9987. All are welcome. This month's book for discussion: *Assault in Norway* by Thomas Gallagher.

December 12: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Hwy 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. **Please note date change!** We will have our Christmas celebration. We would like to have a traditional Scandinavian Christmas dinner, so please bring your favorite traditional Norwegian Christmas dish. The lodge will provide the main course. We will have a visit from a very large *Nisse*, singing and other fun activities.

Hosting Duties for November: Ginger Fields **Hosting Duties for December: Ben Borgen**

Come to Social Hour with us! We're encouraging a new social time before our potluck dinner meeting. 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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Bonus E-Newsletter Pictures!



At our October meeting, the Barnas Norsk Klubb (youth lodge) tried their hands at rosemaling (top left and right). All the kids did a fantastic job!



On October 17-18, Marilyn Hansen gave a class on rosemaling. We had 8 people attend, including guests from Bla Fjell lodge in Walla Walla (picture left). After class, they all posed with their completed projects (bottom left).



Our October meeting saw some pins awarded: D.J. Watson, bronze and silver Gangmerke medals, Carrie Hallquist, Level 2 and 3 Norwegian Cooking cultural skills medal, Sara Watson, bronze Gangmerke pin and Levels 1, 2 & 3 Norwegian Cooking cultural skills medal (below).

Photos by Nancy Holter and Sara Watson

