



The Desert Viking

Message from the President

February and March are my least favorite months in this town since they can be so gray and blustery. Fortunately, our lodge has a book discussion group, so I can read a good Norwegian tale and forget about the weather. Plus, the group meets once a month to discuss what we've read, eat some goodies and generally have a good time. If this sounds like the perfect wintertime activity to you, then grab a copy of "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson and meet us at my house on the 24th of February at 7PM. This activity also counts towards the Norwegian Literature cultural medal.

Speaking of cultural medals, I know there are a few people that are just about finished with their Norwegian cooking cultural medals and I'd like to encourage them to make that last push to finish! I'd love to award some more of these medals because they're a great way to easily learn about Norwegian culture. If you are working on, or considering, a cooking cultural award and made something for the lutefisk dinner (such as cookies), then you may have already fulfilled one of the requirements! Contact Nancy Carrs-Roach or Sara Watson if you need the forms.

Also, keep in mind our *Walk to Bergen* campaign. I know it can be hard to take a walk right now with the gray and blustery days I was talking about, but if you can find a way to squeeze in a couple miles at the mall, or if we get blessed with a sunny day, every mile counts! We're doing well, let's not lose momentum!

I am also gauging members' interest in a Norwegian language class. We've had a couple successful "semesters" already and have a wonderful teacher. We would be starting at the beginning, so if you would like to learn to speak Norwegian, or would

like to brush up, please let me know. If we have enough interested students, then we can start classes at the beginning of March.

Finally, I want to personally thank everyone who pitched in and helped with the Lutefisk Dinner. The dinner can be a lot of work and our members' willingness to help make it go very smoothly. I was very pleased with this year's dinner. We didn't set an attendance record, but we had a great turn out and I think it was the smoothest running Lutefisk dinner I've seen at our lodge yet. Thank you everybody!

Med vennlig hilsen,

DJ Watson

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.





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. 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.

President	D.J. Watson
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Publicity Director	Audrey Blegen
Youth Director	Carrie Hallquist
Sports/ Rec Director	Ken Leaf
Music Director	JoAnne Bjerke
Librarian	Lucinda Twedt
Calling Committee	Doris Olson
Historian	Adah Knapstad

Sol-Land Lodge Scholarship

As many of you may be aware, there have been changes made in the Sol-Land Scholarship that is awarded each year. The by-laws have been rewritten to reflect these changes. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide assistance to **current members, or relatives of current or charter members of Sol-Land Lodge #2-86** and is to be applied to their full-time undergraduate tuition at an accredited institution of higher learning. **It no longer restricts the scholarship to graduation high school seniors**, and it is **open to those attending any form of accredited higher education;** college, trade school, etc.

Applications are due in March. If you are interested, contact

Max Kreiter (627-6556)
norskeflyer@verizon.net) .



Upcoming Meetings

February's meeting will be the 20th. Ken and Margaret Leaf will be the hosts. We will be having installations of officers, so ALL officers are requested to come. Nancy Roach is planning to have **Joe Molvik entertain us with photos from his trip to Norway this past summer.** The lodge now has a new projector, so they should look quite nice up on that big screen. Due to a scheduling conflict, Carrie will not be having a youth group meeting that night.

March's meeting is also on the 20th. Jim and JoAnne Lande will be the hosts. Further information will be in next month's newsletter.





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Lodge Directories

Those of you who receive the newsletter by e-mail will be getting these that way. This will greatly reduce the cost for printing and postage. If you think there may be a problem with you address, phone number or e-mail as we now have it, please let Nancy know ASAP. 375-0919 or sol.land.lodge@gmail.com.



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Loretta Powell	2/3
Dale Tollefson	2/3
Gene Tyssen	2/13
Joe Ann Bjerke	2/14
Margaret Leaf	2/21
Lawrence Rockne	2/21
Jana Brevick	2/23
Martin Arntzen	2/25
Nancy Gummer	2/26
Bonnie Harris	2/26
Edith Winkler	2/27

Volunteer Hours Guidelines

Each year all lodges submit a form Sons of Norway that shows what the lodge accomplished during the past year. The Lodge of the Year awards given out at convention are based on the form. Different points are gained for different activities, publicity, out reach, newsletters, etc. One of the items on that form is the Volunteer Hours tally. It is time to turn in your volunteer hours for 2008. You should submit two numbers to the lodge secretary, one for Community Support total hours and one for total Fraternal hours. A Community Support Activity is a lodge function where action is taken on behalf of the organization to assist needy individuals or improve the community at large (Red Cross blood drive, Habitat for Humanity weekend, raising funds for Hospice House, etc.). A Fraternal Event is an organization function or gathering that conducts the business of the local lodge, promotes fellowship among members, advances the purposes of the society or assists in the personal development of local lodge members (business meetings, lodge meetings, lefse baking days, reading group, Hiking Vikings, working toward cultural badges, lutefisk planning meetings, etc.). **Note:** If you feel an event qualifies as both a Community Support and a Fraternal Event, please include it in both totals.

Volunteer hours need to be turned in to Vernie Tiwater as soon as possible!

Example: Lodge meeting: 2 hours x 12 meetings = 24 hours
 Committee meeting: 1.5 hours x 7 meetings = 10.5 hours
 Lefse baking: 4 hours x 2 days = 8 hours
 Charity fundraiser: 3 hours
 Total community hours: 3 Total fraternal hours: 42.5

See how quickly they add up?
Let's win Lodge of the Year!





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WE DID NOT TAKE WALK TO BERGEN MILES IN JANUARY, SO BRING YOUR MILES AND WE'LL ADD THEM THIS MONTH!

Know someone having a baby soon? Here are the most popular baby names in Norway.

Every year Statistics Norway releases a report on the most popular boys' and girls' names chosen by Norwegian parents in the previous year.

Linnea and Lucas/Lukas were the new leading first names in 2008. The trend with biblical boys' names and girls' names ending in "a" continues. In Oslo, the decidedly most popular boys' name is Mohammad.

The most popular girls' name in Norway in 2008 was Linnea, which was in 12th place in 2007. Linnea has been extremely popular in Sweden for a while, peaking in 5th place in 2002.

Otherwise, the list of most popular girls' names has not changed very much. Emma is in 2nd place and the most popular name in 2007, Sara, is number three. Leah has jumped five places and is now in 9th place.

The most popular boys' name in 2008 was Lukas/Lucas. There are almost as many boys called Lukas as Lucas: 244 and 293 respectively. Lucas was the most popular boys' name in Sweden in both 2006 and 2008. Otherwise, the previous most popular name, Mathias, is in 2nd place and Markus remains at number three. Emil has grown in popularity and is now in 4th place.

Kristian/Christian, which is now in 5th place, has been in the top ten since 1974. Oliver has jumped 10 places to number 8, just before Tobias.

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*Blå Fjell Lodge #2-163
Sons of Norway*

Brings you

*Scandinavian Cooking
Demonstrations*

10:00am - 1:00pm

February 21, 2009

*Christ Lutheran Church
1420 S, Second Ave.
Walla Walla, WA*

Admission Free

Small charge for samples



**Blå Fjell Lodge #2-163
Sons of Norway
Norsk Frokost
Scandinavian Breakfast Buffet**

March 28, 2009

Two Seatings:

8:00-9:30 or 10:00-11:30

**Christ Lutheran Church
1420 S. Second Ave.
Walla Walla, WA 99362**

Tickets sold in advance only until **Mar. 24, 2009**

Tickets \$12.50

Available from Lodge Members
Or call **526-7144**





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Thank you!

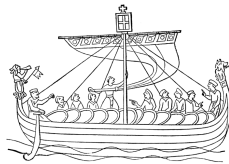
I want to extend a very special **Thank You** to all of you who helped with the Lutefisk Dinner this year. As a relative newbie, I was quite overwhelmed going into this, but all of you experienced people once again handled everything with aplomb and we had a very successful and enjoyable dinner. We had some people take on new responsibilities this year and we missed people who were unable to attend. I especially appreciate those people, who are not members of our lodge, yet spend the day (or two days!) with us cooking, washing dishes and lending their expertise in a variety of ways. Please know that you hold a special place in the collective heart of our lodge.

Again, I thank you and look forward to next year! Sara Watson, Lutefisk Dinner Committee Chair

Recipe of the Month

Klube

Ham bone with some meat
2 teaspoons salt
Flour
¾-cup melted butter
9-10 large raw potatoes
¾-cup sweet cream



Boil ham in large kettle. Peel and grind raw potatoes; add salt and enough flour to make stiff batter. Dip hands in cold water and same dough into balls and drop into boiling ham juice. Boil slowly for 1 hour. Make sauce of melted butter and cream. Heat to boiling and serve over dumplings.

A Norwegian road-worker was hired to paint the line that goes down the center of the road. The first day he managed to paint 2 kilometers, and his boss was very pleased. The next day he only painted 200 meters, but his boss thought that he'd probably started off too hard on the first day. But on the third day he was only able to paint 20 meters. The boss called him into the office and demanded an explanation. "Well, you see it's getting so darn far to walk all the way to the paint bucket."



Trollhaugen dates

Unfortunately, the Winter Carnival at Trollhaugen was the same day as the lutefisk dinner, BUT there are two opportunities coming up for activities up there.

This will be the 12th year for the Adult Heritage Retreat. The dates are May 1-3. Nancy and Ginger have application forms. If you are thinking about working on a cultural heritage medal, this might be the kick-start you need.

At the end of May, Donna Gilberry will be having another bunad making seminar May 29-31. She says she has new hverdags designs for ladies to sew, and to contact her (donnainwa@q.com) for more information.





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Event: Tastes of Norway/Norwegian Cultural and Heritage Day, 10AM-4PM

Leif Erikson Hall in Ballard
2245 NW 57th
Seattle WA 98107

Tastes of Norway/Norwegian Cultural and Heritage Day starting at 10AM on Saturday, March 28, 2009. The events are hosted by Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, 2245 NW 57th, Seattle, WA 98107. Presentations and demonstrations of many traditional Norwegian handicrafts, music, song, dance, and food take place during the day. Artists demonstrate weaving, rug tying, and knitting. Rose painting or *rosemaling* is a traditional craft dating from the 1700s and many items will be featured with this elaborate painting style of Norway.

See our beautiful *bunader* or Norwegian folk costumes which represent the unique areas of Norway at the bunad parade at 3PM. Entertainment includes at 10AM Tre Norske with their fiddles and accordion music; at 11AM Richard Svensson on his accordion; at Noon the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle; 1PM Norwegian folk dance performance by the children and families of Barneleikarringen, and at 2PM the Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle.

Enjoy traditional foods and observe how these foods are made including the delicious desserts of *krumkake*, *vaffler*, and *lefse*. Have a tasty lunch of *smørbrød* (open faced sandwiches) and more in our Auditorium. Learn about the Sons of Norway in our community including our sports and cultural skills medal programs and our scholarship programs. Join in trying out crafts for kids and games including traditional games played by the Vikings still played today! Admission is free and open to the public. *Velkommen og vær så god!* / Welcome to our home and table!

Book Club Update

This month our book club meets on February 24, 7:00pm at D.J. Watson's house (see calendar for details and address).

In January we reviewed *Giants in the Earth* by O.E. Rolvaag. We had a rousing discussion and as a club, we rated this book an 8.75 on a scale of 1-10. Our next book is *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson, published in 2007.

From The New Yorker

In this quiet but compelling novel, Trond Sander, a widower nearing seventy, moves to a bare house in remote eastern Norway, seeking the life of quiet contemplation that he has always longed for. A chance encounter with a neighbor—the brother, as it happens, of his childhood friend Jon—causes him to ruminate on the summer of 1948, the last he spent with his adored father, who abandoned the family soon afterward. Trond's recollections center on a single afternoon, when he and Jon set out to take some horses from a nearby farm; what began as an exhilarating adventure ended abruptly and traumatically in an act of unexpected cruelty. Petterson's spare and deliberate prose has astonishing force, and the narrative gains further power from the artful interplay of Trond's childhood and adult perspectives. Loss is conveyed with all the intensity of a boy's perception, but acquires new resonance in the brooding consciousness of the older man.

If you would like to join us, you can read this book and join in the discussion or simply come and listen in. We have about nine regular members and we enjoy delicious snacks and have a great time. Contact Sara Watson if you have any questions at 628-3391 or sarawatson@cougarmail.org.





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WHERE ARE YOUR ROOTS?

Sol-Land Lodge is adding a heritage map! Beginning this month we will have a large map of Scandinavia at the lodge meetings. Members of the lodge are encouraged to mark, using the pins and flags provided, where they have family connections and/or where their relatives are from. This will hopefully generate some interesting conversation and perhaps a few new genealogical discoveries. Please plan to place your markers. Locations will be marked with the lodge members' name. This way it will be relatively easy to find the person who you wish to talk to about that particular area.



February 21: King Harald V Birthday

HM King Harald V was born 21 February 1937 at his parents' home, the country estate of Skaugum near Oslo. The only son of Crown Prince Olav (subsequently King Olav V) and Crown Princess Märtha, he was the first prince born in Norway for 567 years. Prince Harald's two older sisters, Princess Ragnhild and Princess Astrid, were born in 1930 and 1932, respectively, but at the time only males could succeed to throne. Prince Harald's childhood in Norway was peaceful until the outbreak of WWII. When Nazi forces invaded Norway on 9 April 1940, he escaped to Sweden with his mother and sisters, and spent the duration of the war in the USA. He returned to Norway in 1945.

After completing his upper secondary school education, Prince Harald entered the Norwegian Cavalry Officers' Training School and went on to finish his military education at the Military Academy in 1959. Prince Harald became Crown Prince on 21 September 1957, when his father became King Olav V. Upon completion of his compulsory military service, the Crown Prince went to Oxford for further study. He attended Oxford from 1960-1962, studying social science, history and economics at Balliol College.

On 29 August 1968, Crown Prince Harald married Miss Sonja Haraldsen from Vinderen in Oslo. The couple had waited nine years for their marriage to be approved. After consultation with the Presidium of the Storting, the parliamentary leaders and the Government, King Olav V gave his permission for the Crown Prince to marry a commoner.

<http://www.norway.org.uk/facts/monarchy/monarchy.htm>



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

February 20: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick.

February 24: *Reading Circle*, 7pm, D.J. Watson's house, 4195 Norris Street, Richland. 628-3391. All are welcome. This month's book for discussion: *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson.

March 2: *Board meeting*, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Rm. 5

March 20: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:30pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick.

March 25: *Reading Circle*, location and book 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!

Snakker du norsk? -- Do you speak Norwegian?

Hvis du vil lære norsk, fortelle DJ Watson. Vi skal ha et norsk kurs, hvis nok folk

If you want to learn Norwegian, tell DJ Watson. We will have a Norwegian course if enough people

er interessert! Klassen starter i Mars. Vi typisk har en klasse per uke, og der skal bli et liten gebyr

are interested! The class starts in March. We typically have one class per week, and there will be a small fee

for klassen. Vi vil bruke boka «Teach Yourself Norwegian» av Margaretha Danbolt Simons.

for the class. We will use the book "Teach Yourself Norwegian" by Margaretha Danbold Simons.

(Du kan kjøpe den på Barnes and Noble.)

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