

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086

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Kennewick, WA

December 2010

The Desert Viking



God Jul and Hilsen from your President



Hope you all are planning on attending the **Julebord on the 17th of December**. The lodge is providing Lutefisk and Pork Roast. Bring whatever you make, hopefully something Scandanavian, to go with those main dishes.

Wear your Bunad if you have one or a Norwegian sweater. We will be doing carols around the tree and there will not be a formal meeting. This is a time to socialize with your friends and lodge members. We are once again targeting the teenage children that need help this time of year. Gift cards work well as gifts for them. They can buy for themselves what they want or need. Be generous, we all have so much to be thankful for, let's share our wealth.

January brings our installation of officers. Ron Rolla, our District Publicity Director will be the installing officer. Please come and support those members who have accepted an office in our lodge. The officers have the responsibilities and you get to come and enjoy their work. Remember there will be no pot luck dinner, but Hors de' oeuvres will be served after the installation.

Merry Christmas and a Wonderful
New Year to you all.

Fraternally,
Karen Aanes



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 6:00 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:00. We meet at the Kennewick First Lutheran, on 395 and Yelm. We have a **monthly board meeting** on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM also at First Lutheran. The current president is Karen Aanes (438-6810). She 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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January Silent Auction

At the January meeting, we will have a silent auction. If you have anything you would like to donate, please talk to Audrey Blegen (783-3387). Items both large and small would be appropriate.

We are thinking of having smaller auctions occasionally throughout the year, also, so while you are doing your "it's nearly Christmas, I have to clean this place out!" cleaning, keep an eye peeled for those items that someone else might love enough to bid on. Items do not have to be Scandinavian in theme.

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. Ken and Margaret Leaf are coordinating lefse baking on Wednesdays in January. These will be from 8am-12pm at Kennewick First Lutheran. 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 Cooking Cultural Medal or just want to help, this will be an excellent opportunity. This will 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 earning a specialist pin. Talk about exciting!! Also, anyone interested in learning to make Lutefisk to satisfy cooking medal requirements (Part 3 comes to mind) please let Karen Aanes know.

For more information about these events, please contact Ken and Margaret Leaf at 586-4687 (lefse baking), Nancy Holter sol.land.lodge@gmail.com or 375-0919 or Ginger Fields at 734-7876.





Musevisa - The Mouse Song

A very popular song at Christmas time in Norway is the Musevisa (The Mouse Song). The words were written in 1946 by Alf Prøysen. The tune is a traditional Norwegian folk tune. It tells the story of some mice getting ready for Christmas and the Mother and Father mice warning their children to stay away from mouse traps! It became popular very quickly and is now as popular as ever in Norway.

In 2008 an extra verse was thought to have been discovered (that involved a cat!). However this was a hoax by a Norwegian photographer called Ivar Kalleberg. Most people thought this was quite fun and that Alf Prøysen would have liked the joke!

Here are the words of the Musevisa in an English translation, by Ivar Kalleberg and Kenneth Tillson.

*When nights are getting longer, and lakes will freeze to ice;
Father Mouse warns strongly about a foul device:
"If we avoid the mouse trap, we will have naught to fear.
We'll all be celebrating, at Christmas time this year."
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)*

*Mother Mouse is cleaning, each ceiling and each wall.
She wants a home that's cosy, when Yuletide snowflakes will fall.
A grubby home at Christmas, would be a great disgrace.
So young ones dance a Polka, their tails sweep out the place.
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)*

*And finally the evening, the youngsters all await.
They know they'll have permission to stay up very late.
A toe-less boot is spruced up with nails that they have found.
And then some flimsy cobwebs which they can drape around.
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)*

*Father Mouse now tells them that they should form a ring.
"Let's dance around this old boot and hear our Granny sing.
Each mouse should use its right paw, to take its neighbour's tail.
Then listen as Old Granny sings a lovely Fairy tale."
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)*

*They have for Christmas dinner, grilled Arctic halibut
And then an old tradition, they share a hazel nut.
There's sticky candy paper. A spicy Yuletide Ham.
They all can savour its bouquet and taste some apple jam.
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)*

*Old Granny's Christmas Present is a brand-new rocking chair.
A hollowed-out potato which her kin have gnawed with flair.
Now Granny starts her singing, the youngsters sing along.
They always love to join her in their favourite Christmas song.
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)*

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Norske bokklubben Update

On December 8, we met at Sara Watson's house and discussed *I Curse the River of Time* by Per Petterson. Last year we read *Out Stealing Horses* by this author and *I Curse the River of Time* is his latest publication. A poignant story about a middle-life turning point for protagonist, Arvid Jansen, who follows his mother to Denmark to try to reclaim the track of his life and connect with his dying mother. This book floated back and forth between the main character's childhood and his present-day circumstances, as well as explored his relationship with his mother as she is trying to come to terms with her recent cancer diagnosis. The book club found the book to be rather disjointed, but not difficult to read.

The next book for January is *Report from #24* by Gunnar Sonstebj. Gunnar Sonstebj is the most highly decorated hero of the Norwegian resistance during the German occupation in the years 1940 through 1945. His daring acts of espionage and sabotage against the Nazis made him famous throughout Norway. Despite the price on his head, Sonstebj managed to elude capture through daring, intuition, and constantly changing identities.

Meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011, at 7:00pm. Location TBA.

Volunteer Hour Reporting

PLEASE figure out your volunteer hours to this point. We need both the total number of hours and the number of "events" for which they were worked. Also they need to be broken into Fraternal (things directly for the lodge) and Community (things through the lodge for the community). Nordic Fest and Lutefisk dinners qualify as both, since they directly benefit the lodge, but provide cultural opportunities to the public.

You do not have to submit them now, as you may well be wracking up hours during the holiday season. But getting them together now allows you to enjoy the holidays without that nagging feeling that you have forgotten something! After the first of the year, report them to Erik Neilsen (yes, we will provide his phone and/or e-mail to you!) so he can fill out the Lodge of the Year form.

We will have a short memorial service at the February meeting to remember those members who have passed away in the last few years. Family and friends of the deceased are especially invited to attend. Please call Karen Aanes (438-6810) if you need more information, or to remind us of a death.

Lutefisk Dinner

The Lutefisk dinner will be held Feb 5th, Noon - 4PM. The price is the same as last year (\$18, \$6 for ages 6 - 10). Ginger Fields (734-7876) and Nancy Holter (375-0919) are co-chairmen of the committee and will be calling upon the entire lodge to help out. If you have a specific job in mind, call them; otherwise you may be assigned to something you really don't want to do! If you are willing to head up a sub-committee, please let them know ASAP.





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Old Granny's getting tired, soon comes the early dawn.
As morning is approaching she cannot help but yawn:
"Christmas is a lot of fun for each and every mouse.
Be careful of the mouse-traps in this trap infested house!"

Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)

The Father Mouse says, gravely, "It's time to take a nap.
Just dream about the Yuletide and not that awful trap."
While Father Mouse is keeping watch, the children try to sleep.

They hum some Christmas carol instead of counting sheep.
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)

Here are two 'extra verses' written by Ivar Kalleberg.
The top one is his 'hoax verse' and the second one is one more in the spirit of Christmas!

When everyone was sleeping, then came a hungry cat.
He ate up all the small mice and a chubby passing rat!
But no one has to worry, no one needs to cry
They all soared up to heaven to the mansion in the sky!
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)

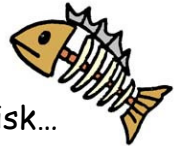
Before the mice were sound asleep, there came the dreaded cat.
"I have not come here to harm you, let's have a friendly chat.
In this sweet Christmas season, I would not touch a mouse.
Let Love and Peace prevail. We've Christmas in our house!"
Heyday and howdy and toodeladdeloo.
A Merry Christmas season is good for me and you. (x2)

<http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/norway.shtml>



Lefse and Lutefisk anyone?

If you are interested in purchasing lutefisk or lefse for the holidays, we do have some available in our freezer. Please contact Cliff Blegen at 783-3387.



Speaking of Lutefisk...

Our Lodge Lutefisk dinner is set for Saturday, February 5, 2011. Lefse and cookie baking days will be set in January, so please watch for the dates in upcoming newsletters!

Orange Loaf Cake

- 2 eggs
- 2/3 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. (scant) butter
- 1 c. orange marmalade
- 1/2 c. (scant) milk
- 3/4 c. raisins
- 2 c. (scant) flour
- 2 t. Baking powder

Beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. Melt butter, cool slightly and whip together with the egg mixture. Add marmalade, milk and raisins. Mix well. Sift in flour and baking powder and mix thoroughly. Grease a large bread pan and pour the batter into the pan. Bake in 350-degree oven on the lowest rack 55-60 minutes. Makes 1 large loaf.

Recipe from *Authentic Norwegian Cooking* by Astrid Karlsen Scott

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

December 17: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Christmas Julebord, dancing, singing and Christmas stories.

December 25: *God Jul!*

January 1, 2011: *Happy New Year!*

January 5: *Board meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Rm. 5

January 21: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Installation of Officers and hors d'oeuvres.

Come to Social Hour with us! Please come and visit with your lodge brothers and sisters beginning at 5:30pm. We'd love to see you there!



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