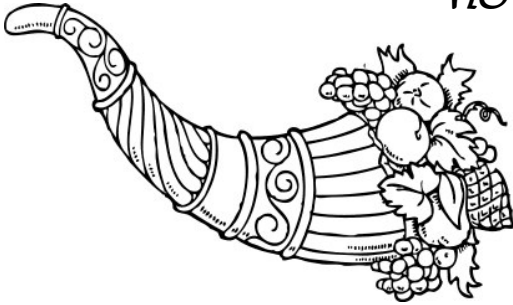




The Desert Viking

NOVEMBER 16th meeting



Our November meeting will be our Thanksgiving celebration. Bring your family for a dinner with turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings! The lodge will provide the turkey, members provide the trimmings! We would love to taste your grandma's stuffing recipe or great-aunt Lena's cranberry sauce! We

will have a guest, Douglas Eier, from Elvedalen Lodge to talk about a new cross-country ski program that he and his wife are trying to get going.

Also at this meeting, we will be voting on lodge officers for next year's board. Board members up for consideration are:

- President – Ginger Fields
- Vice President - Nancy Carrs-Roach
- Secretary – Erik Neilsen
- Treasurer – Laura Fields
- Counselor – Karen Aanes
- Social Director – Karen Aanes
- Cultural Director – Ron Rolla
- Sports Director – D.J. Watson
- Marshall – Bard Horst
- Foundation Director – Cliff Blegen
- Musician – Ron Rolla
- Publicity – Karen Aanes, Audrey Blegen
- Librarian - *needs to be filled
- Newsletter Editors – Nancy Holter,
Sara 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 6:00 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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Genealogy Workshop to be held in 2013

Greg Holter has offered to hold a “Norwegian Genealogy: Tools to Track my Ancestors” in early 2013. It is planned as a 6-hour class; 2 hours of lecture and 4 hours of hands-on, interactive, computer based research. The cost will be \$30, which will include a light lunch. Space is limited, so please contact Greg or Nancy Holter to be placed on the list. Once a date has been scheduled, you will be contacted to finalize your place in the class. Greg has held a number of these workshops across District 2, and is looking forward to having one here in his own lodge. Contact Greg or Nancy at 509-375-0919 or e-mail Greg at waxlerfarms@frontier.com .



Sons of Norway Dues Increase Notice

At the 2011 spring meeting of the Sons of Norway International Board of Directors, the decision was made to increase the International portion of membership dues by \$1.00, effective January 1, 2012 and another \$1.00, effective January 1, 2013.

This communication is to notify you, as a lodge officer, of the upcoming increase of the International portion of membership dues. Primary and spouse members will have an increase of \$1.00; dues paying Unge Venner and Golden members will have an increase of \$.50. These increases will be seen by members on renewal notices sent out in mid-November for a due date of January 1, 2013 and after.

Questions about the dues increase?

Please contact Sherry Gorse, by phone at 612-821-4643 or 800-945-8851 ext 643; or by email at fraternal@sofn.com.

A Big Tusen Takk!

I would like to thank everyone who helped out with our Taste of Scandinavia event on October 20th. There were so many volunteers, from people who helped set up, to the bakers who provided cookies, cakes and breads for the bake sale to members who worked in Lena's Café and at the demonstration tables. I got so many positive comments about the event and everything went so smoothly! It really was an enjoyable day and I think everyone who came was pleasantly surprised and delighted by our gem of a lodge. **A special Thank You to members from the Odin (Yakima) and Blå Fjell (Walla Walla) lodges who came and supported us by providing demonstrations and displays.**

This event truly turned out just the way I wanted it to – family friendly, fun and fantastic!

Thanks again! Sara Watson, Committee Chair





Volunteer Hour Collection

It is that time of year again. As a non-profit entity, we need to keep track of how many hours of volunteer work we provide to our community each year, and how many events we participate in. These hours and events are divided into community and fraternal hours, although they can count as both. For example, walking in a parade is a community event, but it also benefits the lodge itself, so those are both fraternal and community hours. And both a fraternal event and a community event. All of your hours dedicated to the lutefisk dinner would be counted as one event, but, again, it is both a community and a fraternal event. However, I would suggest that only those hours directly associated with the dinner itself be counted as community hours. Time spent in lodge meetings, as well as time spent driving to and from counts as fraternal time, and each meeting is an event. Some of us attended events at other lodges, when representing the lodge or organization as a group; these are fraternal hours, also. Something undertaken by yourself, not in conjunction with others in the lodge, is generally not a Sons of Norway volunteer event.

Now that you have read that explanation, sit down with your calendar for 2012 and figure out how many hours and events you totaled in 2012 and have those figures ready for Laura at the January meeting. If you could list the events, instead of just giving a number, that would be helpful, also.

Trollhaugen news

Trollhaugen has released the new fee schedule. They have also updated their wish list. The wish list includes:

- A snowmobile
- Coin operated washing machine
- Kitchen-aide mixer
- White Plastic Table Clothes (large ones)
- Small Digital Camera
- Skill Saw
- Drill bits



Fees at Trollhaugen vary depending on the time of year. We are heading into the high season there, and the fees reflect that. Overnight rates for member adults are \$25/night. Children 15 and under are \$10/night. Non-members of all ages are \$45/night. Day use fees are \$5 and \$8, and cross country skis are available for rental starting at \$5. Also, once the snow is deep enough to keep us from driving up to the lodge, there are parking fees.

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 Ginger Fiends at 734-7876.



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

November 7: *Board meeting, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.*

November 16: *General Heritage Meeting, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Thanksgiving Celebration!*

December 5: *Board meeting, 7pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.*

December 21: *General Heritage Meeting, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Christmas Julebord, dancing, singing and Christmas stories.*



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