

Sol-Land Lodge #2-086

45th Anniversary 1968-2013



SONS OF
NORWAY

Kennewick, WA

February 2013

The Desert Viking

February 15th Meeting

We will have a short memorial service for members who have passed away this year. After the memorial, Joe Molvik will present his diary of the trip he and his family made to America.

The lodge will provide meatballs, gravy and potatoes for dinner. Please bring vegetables, salads and desserts for our potluck dinner.

Remember your box tops and labels for education! Please bring them to a meeting and we will collect them for area schools. Each label or box top is worth money for the school. This is also a great program for our lodge.



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1 can make.



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 Ginger Fields (734-7876). 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.



In Memoriam



Viola Williams - Our good friend and lodge member Vi Williams, passed away suddenly on January **27, 2012**. Vi was a very active member of our lodge for **34** years and tirelessly worked at baking and cooking for the Lutefisk dinner every year and working the bake sale table at Nordic Fest. She was a smiling face at most lodge meetings and events and will be sorely missed.



Deborah Holter — Deborah, a lodge member since **2001**, passed away suddenly on August **27, 2012**. Deborah enjoyed helping out at our lutefisk dinner and Nordic Fest and had begun to earn her cultural skills pin in Norwegian Cooking. Always a warm smile and ready laugh, we were greatly blessed by her presence.



Donna Doescher - New lodge member Donna passed away suddenly on December **20, 2012**, after a brief battle with congestive heart failure. She and her husband, Dono, were active in Kennewick First Lutheran, as well as becoming familiar faces at lodge meetings and events. We will miss truly miss Donna and her infectious smile.





Remember your Stamps for Tubfrim!

As you may, Sons of Norway is an annual contributor to the Norwegian Tubfrim program, which raises money to help children. For the past 29 years, our members have been clipping canceled postage stamps and sending them to Tubfrim, who then turns around and sells them to dealers and collectors.

Originally the money went to assist children afflicted by tuberculosis. Today, however, the organization also works to improve the quality of life for children and youth living with a variety of handicaps. Sons of Norway members play an integral role in providing this much-needed assistance.

Here's some of fun facts about Sons of Norway's participation in Tubfrim:

From January 1, 2010 to January 31st 2011, Sons of Norway members contributed more than 4,000lbs (1,835 kilos)! That's nearly 2 TONS of postage stamps!

Sons of Norway's contribution equals nearly 50% of all stamps sent to Tubfrim in a given year!

Tubfrim has a Facebook page.

Tubfrim is owned by the Norwegian Health Association (Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelsen).

Today the profits are used to help handicapped children and youth in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

While helping children is probably incentive enough for our members, Sons of Norway does something to thank those who participate by holding an annual drawing for a free plane ticket to Norway. For every pound of stamps collected, the member or lodge is entered into the drawing which is held every January.

If you'd like to participate in the Tubfrim contest and get the chance to win a free ticket to Norway, visit the Tubfrim page on the Sons of Norway website.

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 2012. 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 Erik Neilsen as soon as possible!

If you have ANY questions, please call Nancy Holter at 375-0919, and she will be happy to help walk you through it!

Let's win the Lodge of the Year!!

Ole came back to work 15 minutes late. The boss noticed and asked where he had been.

Ole: "Getting a haircut."

Boss: "On company time?"

Ole: "It grew on company time."

Boss: "Not all of it."

Ole: "I didn't get it all cut off."



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

February 15: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. We will have a short memorial service for those lodge members who have recently passed away. After the memorial, Joe Molvik will present his diary of the trip he and his family made to America. The lodge will provide meatballs, gravy and potatoes for dinner. Please bring vegetables, salads and desserts for our potluck dinner.

March 6: Board meeting, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church

March 15: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick.

Come to Social Hour with us! We're encouraging social hour before our potluck dinner meeting. 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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