



The Desert Viking

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 MEETING:

The March meeting will be on the 15th. The lodge will provide corned beef, cabbage and potatoes. Please bring foods to complete the meal. And remember, the Vikings settled in Ireland, so those Scandinavian dishes would be appropriate, too!

Joe Molvik will be sharing with us the diary he wrote on his trip from Norway to the US as a young man.



We have begun to collect food for the local food bank. Please bring non-perishables to the meeting.

bake sales

The bake sales will resume in April. They will be held at the HAPO on Union and Kennewick Ave in Kennewick. They start at 9 AM and continue until we run out of cookies. The schedule is April 12, May 24, and June 28. The April one is dependent on HAPO getting the remodeling done before that date. Please be prepared to support this lodge fundraiser with your baked donations. We are not interested in "Scandinavian" cookies, just regular everyday cookies, bars and candy.





Anyone for Bowling?

The District 2 Bowling Tournament will be held here on April 20 and 21 at Spare Time Lanes in Kennewick. If you are a USBC bowler and Sons of Norway member, you are welcome to compete. Complete registration information are available shortly. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help, please call Nancy Holter (375-0919) or DJ Watson (628-3391)



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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.

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 last 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.





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Minutes from February meeting

Called to order by president Ginger Fields. Visitors were recognized – Russ Edwards, Linda Hanson, Sharon Aamot and Kathi Goodwin. Secretary Doris Lund was not present, so minutes were taken by Nancy Holter.

Social director Darleen Roberson requested members to sign up to be a social host for a specific month for 2013, and passed a sign-up sheet around.

DJ Watson gave a short presentation on the Heritage Committee. He said the by-laws and procedures for requesting money from the committee would be made available to members.

The memorial service was presided over by counselor Karen Aanes. Three Sol-Land members and one Blå Fjell member were remembered. White roses were placed in a bouquet for each member remembered. Those remembered were Vi Williams, Deborah Holter, Donna Doescher and Bernice Gradwahl.

The lodge celebrated Edith Winkler's 97th birthday with a cake and a round of "Happy Birthday".

Blå Fjell lodge presented us with the three flags we gave their lodge when they were chartered 15 years ago. As their lodge is disbanding, they had no further use for them and returned them to us. Kathi Goodwin stated that at least some of the Blå Fjell members will be transferring their memberships to Sol-Land.

There is to be a new directory of members published, so members were asked to verify the information that Sons of Norway International has for them.

The board meeting date has been changed from the first Wednesday of the month to the last Wednesday of the month, beginning with the last Wednesday of February.

The District 2 Bowling Tournament will be held in Kennewick the weekend of April 20 -21. Our normal meeting night is the 19th, so we may have visitors at that meeting.

The Zone meeting for Zone 5 will be held at Kennewick First Lutheran on May 18th.

Ron Rolla, Cultural director, talked about the Cultural skills program. He showed the signup sheets he had laid out at the February meeting, and offered them for people to sign up again.

Sol-Land Lodge Scholarship

It's a new year and time for our lodge to award a new scholarship! 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 graduating high school seniors**, and it is **open to those attending any form of accredited higher education**; college, trade school, etc.

Applications are due in April. If you are interested, contact Dick Nordness (948-2433 or rnordness@hotmail.com).





Lutefisk round up

This year we had a significant drop in attendance. We fed about 100 fewer people than the average year, which means we took in \$2000 less than usual. After the final bills are paid, and donations are made to the church and the dishwashers are made, we expect to be \$400 - \$500 in the red. This is not as bad as it could be, because we have reduce some of our expenses, and we managed to get a compensation from the fish dealer because the fish was not as nice as it could have been. But, instead of being a money maker for the lodge, this year is was a drain.



Lodge Achievement form

Every year the secretary fills out a Lodge Achievement form for the District to review. This is what is used to award the lodge of the year awards – you have seen us receive bronze, silver and gold in the past. There are 36 yes/no questions on the form that seek to find out how active and healthy each lodge is. They ask about how the lodge promotes Norwegian heritage and culture, how the lodge is trying to grow the membership, how we interact with the community, and how well we follow the procedures set out for lodges by the charter and constitution. This year we did managed a respectable 30 of 36 yes answers. We also had nice long list of District activities that we participated in – activities that also garner us extra points. Obviously 30 of 36 is not a perfect score, so if you would like to know how we can increase our score, feel free to ask an officer if you can see the form and our responses this year.

Cultural skills program

Our cultural director, Ron Rolla, is working to increase the interest in the Cultural Skills program. He has requested that anyone interested in working toward a pin should contact him. The skill list is: Traditional Norwegian Cooking, Literature, Collecting Norwegian and North American Stamps, Norwegian Rosemaling, Genealogy – Family History, Knitting, Norwegian Language and Culture, Hardanger Embroidery, Figure Carving, Ornamental Woodcarving, Chip Carving, Folk Dancing, Music and Musicians of Norway. For the youth the list includes: Folk Dancing, Figure Carving, Hand knitting, Norwegian and North American Stamps, and Hardanger Embroidery.

Heritage Camp Scholarships

If you know of any youth interested in attending the District 2 language camps, there are various scholarship opportunities. Please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919; sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).





Sol-Land's Charitable Giving

Part of the proceeds from the bake sales will be given to charity. The board is asking for suggestions from the lodge as to which charity it should be. Some of the suggestions have been the food bank and The Chaplaincy hospice. Please let someone on the board know if you have a suggestion.

Culture Corner

It gives me great pleasure to be elected the Cultural Director for Sol-Land 2-086. I have found there are a few members who have received their cultural skills pins and some of them are continuing on learning other skills.

I presented a challenge at the last meeting for those who wanted to learn more of the ways of our forefathers (forepersons to be correct as far as the Washington legislature is concerned) to sign up for help. I gave the promise that I would personally help any and all who wanted it to learn of various skills that are presented by the Sons of Norway. We now have a number of people showing interest in the cultural skill program and I will be contacting them to assist however I can with Genealogy (2), Rosemaling (5), Language and Culture (1), Knitting (1), Hardanger Embroidery (3), Chip Carving (1), and Folk Dancing (1).

Other skills that are available for study include; Cooking, Literature, Collecting Stamps, Figure Carving, Weaving, Ornamental Woodcarving, and Music.

If you would like to join, please let me know ASAP in case there is a class for beginners in any of the skills.

Ron Rolla

Cultural Director

How to access the Sons of Norway website

- On your browser type in sofn.com and press enter.
- This will bring up the website.
- Now, if you have not established your name and password, this is the time to do it.
- Click on the "MEMBERS LOG IN"
- If you have never been at this site, just click on "log in" and a new screen will appear.
- First time portal user "click here"
- Enter the needed information of First name, Mid initial, Last name, BD, e-mail, user name, password ----- and then click on "submit"
- Now you will find yourself at the Members site.
- Once you are on the site, on the right hand side, click "Resources" then in the drop down menu, click on "Cultural Skills". There you will find all the cultural skills available to you.
- Use the pull down tab on the right hand side of the page to go all the way through the list.
- When you find the skill you want, just click on the title and a PDF will come up.
- Now you may download the information you will need to accomplish your lessons and submission forms.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Ron Rolla,
Cultural Director, Sol-Land lodge
509-619-1510



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

March 15: *General Heritage Meeting:* 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm program. Joe Molvik will be sharing with us the diary he wrote on his trip from Norway to the U.S. as a young man.

March 27: *Board meeting,* 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.

April 19: *General Heritage Meeting:* 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm program.

April 20-21: *District 2 Bowling Tournament,* Spare Time Lanes, Kennewick. For more information, please call Nancy Holter, 375-0919.

Our social hour begins at 5:30pm. You are more than welcome to come and meet and chat with other lodge members before dinner. Bring a card game! You'll be surprised how many new friends you'll make!



Paddy goes for a job at a chemical factory; the factory manager asks, "Have you worked with chemicals before?" "Yes!" Paddy replies. The manager asks, "Can you tell me what nitrate is?" Paddy replies, "I'm hoping it's going to be time and a half."



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