



The Desert Viking

General Heritage Meeting, Friday, December 19th, 6:00pm

Christmas Julebord!

Please join us for our annual Christmas celebration! There will be wonderful food, music, carols, singing around the Christmas tree, stories and even a viewing of the perennial favorite Christmas short film, *Dinner for One*. The lodge will provide ham as a main course, and we would like lodge members to bring the following:

Last names beginning with A-H: Salad
I - P: Vegetable
R-Z: Dessert



Guests, of course, don't need to bring anything except Christmas cheer! We usually have many guests for dinner, so please plan accordingly when preparing your dish to share. Please dress your Nordic best in your bunad or Norwegian sweater.

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Mitten Tree

We will have a "mitten tree" at the Christmas meeting! Please bring warm items for the needy in our community. Mittens, hats, scarves, even socks are needed to keep people warm through the winter.



2014 Sol-Land Lodge Officers

President:	Nancy Carrs Roach
VP:	Ron Rolla
Secretary:	Darlene Roberson
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Cultural:	Sara Watson
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Counselor:	Ginger Fields
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Greeter:	Donna Smitt
Librarian:	Doris Lund
Musician:	Linnea Hillesland
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Scholarship:	Dick Nordness



Season's Greetings - Hilsen!

In thinking about this past year as your President, I would like to thank all the members of our 2014 Sol-Land Lodge Board who have helped me in my position and more importantly helped our Lodge be an engaging and worthwhile organization. There has been wonderful inspiration, participation and 'follow through' by all of our Board members whether at a board or lodge meeting or special event. I am very grateful for their commitment this past year.

We have been able to accomplish quite a few things; some big, some small, but all necessary! We passed a budget for 2014, which we can now use as a guide for future planning. Our finances are now maintained using an online financial software program which can be passed on from treasurer to treasurer. We updated our bylaws to reflect current lodge and Sons of Norway functioning. The Lodge now has a Post Office Box 6235, Kennewick, WA 99336, which simplifies and streamlines communications by mail. Our Lodge website: www.sol-land.org has been revamped and rededicated. Currently, the Sol-Land Facebook page is getting a 'facelift!'

The 2014 Board has accomplished these basic tasks that needed doing in order for Sol-Land Lodge to be sound, strong and consistent into the future. Tusen Tak!

Nancy Carrs-Roach



Volunteer hour reports

Ok, here we go again – it is time for you to bring the secretary a list of the events you volunteered for and the hours you spent doing that work. For example, baking lefse for Taste of Scandinavia is one event, no matter how many hours you spent doing it. Fraternal events benefit the lodge itself. Community events benefit the world outside the lodge. Some things can be listed under both fraternal and community. Go look at your calendars and e-mail accounts, review the newsletters and compile your lists. Then come January you will be all ready.

Lodge Website

Take a look at our lodge web page! It's been updated, renovated and has lots of pictures, recipes, links to cultural skills and sports programs and forms for all these programs available for download. It's a great place to direct someone who is interested in the lodge and to see what we have to offer. There is also a "contact" page if they have any questions. The address is <http://www.sol-land.org>.

Tubfrim

With the holiday season approaching, many people will be receiving cards in the mail. PLEASE remember Tubfrim and keep the stamps to bring to the lodge.





Let's get those ovens working!

We will be holding **bake sales** each month, so we need a good supply of everyday baked goods. Ginger also needs two (2) assistants to help her each month. Each assistant will only need to be there half the day. Please contact her (734-7876) to offer your help. If you are unable to afford ingredients but wish to help, please let us know, we can provide at least some assistance. If you are unable to deliver your baked goods to the site, please contact Nancy Holter (375-0919) and she will see to it that they are picked up. The dates and locations for the bake sales through December are:

Nov 14 – The HAPO on Gage, **Dec 12** – the HAPO on Gage

Lutefisk dinner plans

The lutefisk dinner will be held March 7. Preparations will begin with the first committee meeting being held on Jan 6, at 7 PM. The location is Karen Aanes's house - 4621 W Innaha Ave, Kennewick. IF you want to be on the committee, please attend the meeting. You might give Karen a call to let her know you are interested (509-619-1510), but if you forget to do that, don't let that stop you from coming. We will be planning lefse baking days, committees, menu, hours, cost – anything and everything.

Lefse baking and sales

In order to ensure that there will be sufficient lefse for the Christmas meeting and to sell to those who wish to purchase some, there will be a lefse baking morning on Dec 16th at the church, 9 AM. Please call Ginger (734-7876) for more information. In addition, if YOU are contacted by someone wishing to buy lefse, please call Ginger to determine if there is sufficient supply. She will be keeping the tally of how much is on hand and how much has been sold. If you are interested in buying lefse throughout the year, please contact Ginger. We are working on a 'lefse club'.

Lodge library

Thanks to a kind donation, we have two locking cabinets to hold our lodge library. Now we need things to go in the library! Books, of course, but also videos, DVDs, CDs, sheet music, bunad patterns, anything you might want to have access to as a Sons of Norway members would be nice to have. If you happen across something at a yard sale, or spy a great deal at a used bookstore, please consider getting it for us. If there is a specific item you would like to see in the library, let Nancy Holter know (naholter52co@yahoo.com, 375-0919). We have a very limited budget for the library, and the only way to create the library we all want is to ask for donations. If you have items that you are finished with, please consider us for their resting place. We will be creating a wish list, if you would like to choose something to provide.

Lodge Facebook Page!

If you are on Facebook, please "Like" and share our new page! We'll have all sorts of interesting articles, recipes and information about upcoming meetings and events on there. Spread the word!

Remember your Labels and Box Tops for Education!

Be sure to ask your relatives and friends if they have any labels to donate! As a lodge, we donate these to local schools to help fund their programs and supplies. It's great community outreach for us and greatly appreciated by our schools!



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Directions to The Sons of Norway Home Page on the Internet.

• First, turn on your computer and bring up your browser and type in; www.sofn.com, Then “enter”. You will be taken to the Sons of Norway home page.

• Click on “Members Log-in”

• Notice: there are some suggestions. The one you want is **First Time Portal User; “Click Here”**

This brings up a page where you will enter your information including your member number and you will be asked to create a password.

• Enter all the information and you will then be directed back to the original page where you will use your name and password to enter into the portal.

Now the world of Sons of Norway will be available to you.

• Note the block on the right where there are the following titles: Membership, Benefits, Resources, Family Matters, Programming, Management

You may open any of these to see what there is behind that door. If you are looking for *Cultural Skills*, you can find it under *Resources* and also *Programming*. This will bring you to the wonderful world of fun and treasure.

If you have any question please do not hesitate to call me.

Ron Rolla, Vice-President, Sol-Land Lodge

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In Swedish Town, Straw Goat For Advent Often Meets Fiery End

And now this - we have begun Advent. It is perhaps most simply described as a countdown to Christmas. Many people keep an Advent calendar of the days before December 25. The town of Gavle, Sweden has its own Advent tradition. Every year the town unveils a giant, 42-foot-high, straw goat in the town square. Why a goat you ask? Well, do you really need a reason? It's a goat. The town persists in this tradition despite past disasters, including the repeated torching of the goat, among other acts of vandalism.

According to Johan Adolfsson, spokesperson for the Gavle goat, the goat has been demolished by vandals. It has been hit and run once. It has actually been stolen once. Don't ask me how they did it.

He says every year the town takes measures to protect this goat, but somehow it gets destroyed anyway. People built a fence; it suffered a death by flaming arrows over the fence. People recruited guards, who were offered bribes. People installed cameras, and the system was hacked. The goat burned minutes later. The goat survives only about half the time, yet the town builds it anyway.

Adolfsson asks, are we stubborn, or are we stupid? I don't know, but we like the goat.

Now there's some suspense; how will the goat survive Christmas this year? If it does, you can find out by following the goat on twitter, @Gavlebocken.

<http://www.npr.org/2014/12/01/367704535/in-swedish-town-straw-goat-for-advent-often-meets-fiery-end>





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Top 10 Norwegian Christmas Songs

How many of the top 10 Norwegian Christmas songs do you know? This list appeared recently on the music website, ballade.no. Here are the most played Christmas tunes on the radio, TV and in concerts, according to TONO, a cooperative of composers, lyricists and music publishers that manages performance rights in Norway.

The Most Played Norwegian Christmas Songs

1. En stjerne skinner i natt
2. Det lyser i stille grender
3. Vi tenner våre lykter
4. Vårres Jul
5. Himmel på jord
6. Julekveldsvisa
7. Romjulsdrøm
8. Julekveld i skogen
9. Musevisa
10. Hei hå nå er det jul igjen



"A Star Shines in the Night," which tops the list, was written by Tore W. Aas and Eyvind Skeie. The song was first recorded by the Oslo Gospel Choir on their album "A Thousand Christmas Lights" in 1992.

<http://sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com/2012/12/top-10-norwegian-christmas-songs.html>

Risikrem – a holiday favorite!

Ingredients:

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| 1 Quart milk | 1/2 Tsp almond extract |
| 3/4 Cup long-grain white rice | 1/2 Cup almonds |
| 1/2 Cup plus 1 to 2 Tbsp superfine sugar | 1/2 Cup frozen raspberries, thawed |
| 1 Tsp salt | 2 Cups whipping cream |
| | 3 Tbsp cloudberry or lingonberry preserves |

Directions:

Preheat your oven to 350°.

In a 3-4 quart non-stick saucepan simmer the milk, rice, 1/2-cup sugar and salt. Make sure to stir the mixture often until the rice is tender. Simmer until the mixture will thicken to the consistency of porridge about 30 minutes. Add the almond extract. Pour the mixture into a large bowl and let cool, stirring occasionally for approximately 15-20 minutes.

Bake the almonds in a 9-inch pie pan until golden, approximately 10 minutes. Save one almond and chop the rest. The reserved almond should be hidden in the rice pudding and the person who finds it gets a gift, usually a marzipan pig.

To make the raspberry topping, place the raspberries in a blender and blend until smooth. Strain the puree through a fine wire strainer to remove the seeds. Discard the seeds and sweeten the puree with the remaining sugar to taste.

With your mixer on high speed, in a large bowl whip the cream until soft peaks form. Fold the whipped cream into the cooled rice along with the reserved almond, chopped almonds. Mix until just blended.

To serve, heat the raspberry mixture in the microwave until just hot. If the preserve mixture is too thick add in a little hot water and whisk until smooth.

Serve and drizzle with the preserves or raspberry sauce.

http://www.cofn.com/norwegian_culture/showRecipe.ics?document=Risikrem.html



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

December 12: *Bake Sale*, 9am, HAPO Credit Union, Gage Blvd., Richland. Please contact Ginger Fields at 734-7876 with any questions.

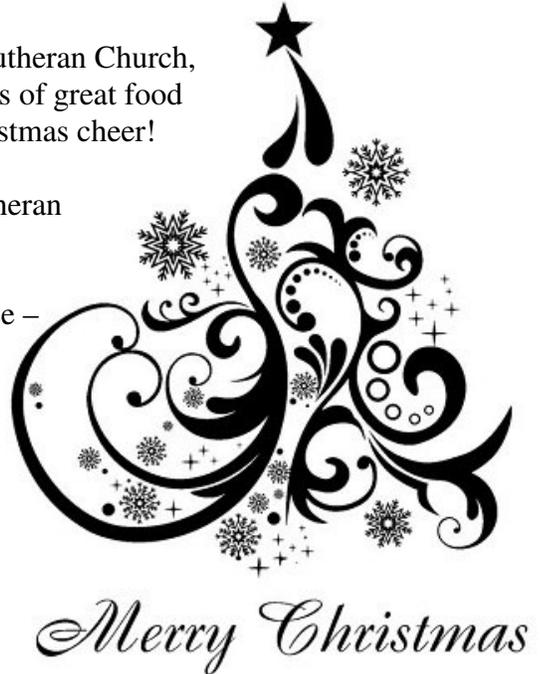
December 16: *Lefse Baking*, 9am, Kennewick First Lutheran Church Kitchen. Please call Ginger Fields if you have any questions: 734-7876.

December 19: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Julebord Christmas Celebration. Lots of great food and friends. Please invite your family and come for an evening of Christmas cheer!

December 29: *Board meeting*, 7:30pm, Room 5, Kennewick First Lutheran Church.

January 6: *Lutefisk Committee meeting*, 7:00 pm, Karen Aanes's house – 4621 W. Innaha Ave, Kennewick. Please call Karen at 509-619-1510, if you have any questions.

January 16: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church. We will be holding Installation of officers and initiation of new members at the Jan meeting. In addition there will be recognition of members who have 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, and 40 years of membership.



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