



**SONS OF  
NORWAY**

# The Desert Viking

February 2024

Sol-Land Lodge

Kennewick, WA

## Upcoming Meetings



The February meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> will have a very short officer installation ceremony, and election of delegates to the convention. Then we will be able to enjoy Linnea's slides from the trip she and her late husband took to Sweden.

Rennae says: Members should bring sides and desserts to accompany the soups which will be provided by the Sol-Land Officers! Our Gathering will start with social time at 6pm and the Blessing will be at 6:30pm. Come! Enjoy each other!

The board meeting will be the Monday following the meeting. 7:00 PM, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, at KFLC. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Cultural items

One of our members attended a class on the 'care and feeding' of Norwegian silver jewelry. She is willing to provide help with your sølje cleaning and polishing, as well as present what she learned in her class to the lodge. If you have an interest in getting your sølje and earrings shiny, please let Gretchen Makinson know ((509) 943-1264, glmakinson@aol.com).

At the bake sale, we got indications of interest in a variety of classes, genealogy, rosemaling, carving, knitting, hardanger, and Norwegian cooking to start with. If you are interested in any of these classes, please let us know. Don't sit and wish, we aren't mind readers!

We are also gauging interest in 'field trips' such as a trip to discover the heritage of the Selbu church in the Palouse and a return trip to the National Nordic Museum. If you have ideas for other places of interest, let's hear them.

Speaking of members' interests – if you want to fill out a member survey but have not had a chance to, please let Nancy (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) know so she can get one to you.

The Sol-Land Lodge Heritage Committee is ready to accept proposals for uses of the Heritage Fund monies. Do you have an idea that will benefit our membership? Contact Sara Watson ((509) 591-5813, sarawatson@pobox.com) for information and forms.

Sol-Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Guests are not expected to bring food just to come and enjoy themselves! The cultural program begins about 7:30. We meet at Kennewick First Lutheran Church on the corner of HWY 395 and Yelm. We have a board meeting on the Monday after the regular membership meeting, beginning at 7:00pm, also at Kennewick First Lutheran. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, please contact us and we will arrange it for you. If you are interested in a 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 visit our lodge website at [www.sol-land.org](http://www.sol-land.org).

## The Scandinavian Hour

with your host  
**Seth Tufteland**



**Saturday & Sunday 6:00-7:00am, Saturday 9:00-10am**

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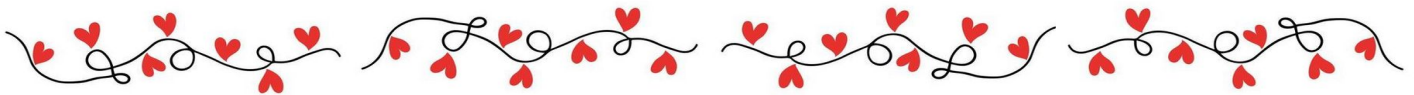
## Sol-Land Lodge 2024 Officers:

President	Greg Holter
Vice President	Laura Kostad
Secretary	Nancy Holter
Treasurer	Lucinda Twedt
Counselor	Virginia Fields
Social Director	Rennae Rosenberg
Cultural Director	Gretchen Makinson
Asst. Cultural	Ron Rolla/Joe Molvik
Sport Director	Lisa Bartholomew
Foundation Dir.	Nancy Holter
Publicity Director	Sherice Halvorsen
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Librarians	Gretchen Makinson Maureen Woodward
Marshall	Brad Horst
Assistant Marshall	Dave Payson
Greeter	Donna Smitt
Asst. Greeter	Ginger Fields
Sunshine Committee	Laurie Tyssen
Scholarship Chair	Dick Nordness
Tubfrim Chair	Laurie Tyssen



## Sol-Land Lodge Scholarship

Sol-land Lodge offers a \$750 scholarship to a current member, a relative of a current member, or a descendent of a charter member of Sol-Land Lodge. Relatives include son, daughter, nephew, niece, grandchild, adopted child, or stepchild. The scholarship is awarded based on information detailed on the application forms and letters of reference, and is to be used for tuition for an undergraduate college or technical school. For more information or to request an application packet, contact Richard Nordness (509-948-2433, [rnordness@hotmail.com](mailto:rnordness@hotmail.com)). The application deadline is April 15th.



## 2024 District Convention

The next District 2 convention will be held May 29 – June 1, 2024 in Coeur d'Alene. Sol-Land has been allotted 2 delegates and 2 alternates, and those who submitted their names by Jan 31 will be voted on at the February lodge meeting to select our delegates and alternates, which we will need to report to D2 before the end of February.

Delegates' registration fees will be paid for by the lodge, and they will also receive a stipend to partially offset their lodging expenses.

Lodge members who are not delegates to the convention can still attend part or all of the convention activities if they wish, at their own expense. There is a visitor registration for those who wish to participate in certain of the convention events. The Lodge Secretary will have information on that as we get closer to the convention.

There are several District offices that will be vacated in 2024. In order to run for a District office, you must be an elected delegate attending the convention, AND own (or be willing to purchase) a financial product – insurance, an annuity, etc. The District nominating committee has begun looking for candidates. Greg Holter is a member of the four person nominating committee, if you have questions about the process or want to throw your hat in the ring, please contact him (509-375-0919, [waxlerfarms@gmail.com](mailto:waxlerfarms@gmail.com)). If you would like more information about attending a convention, what goes on at a convention, or the various District offices, you can ask members of the lodge board which people in the lodge might be able to answer your questions.



### Nordic Book Club

Sons of Norway has a nation-wide Book Club that 'Zooms' the last Thursday of the month. To join the Sons of Norway Book Club, send an email with your name, lodge name and contact information (phone number and email address) to [SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com](mailto:SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com).

The February selections are **(Main Read) *The Oslo Affair (Shadows of War series, Book 2)*** By CW Browning and **(Mystery Read) *Pierced (Henning Juul series, Book 2)*** By Thomas Enger-Translated by Charlotte Barslund

For more Book Club info – contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, [sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)) or Bill Browning, Sons of Norway Book Club Coordinator, [SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com](mailto:SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com), 470-636-9686.

### Lodge events to watch for

Ginger Fields will be giving a **Kransekake class**, at Kennewick First Lutheran Church, on March 20, 9:30 – 11:30 AM. There is no fee for the class, but there is a limit of 10 students. You can sign up for the class by contacting Gretchen Makinson at 509-943-1264 or [glmakinson@aol.com](mailto:glmakinson@aol.com).

There will be a viewing of the movie ***Lutefisk Wars*** at Kennewick First Lutheran Church on April 26, starting at 6:30 pm. There is no fee for this, but those interested in attending should contact Gretchen Makinson (509-943-1264 or [glmakinson@aol.com](mailto:glmakinson@aol.com)) so she knows about how many chairs will be needed!!

### Volunteer Hours Needed!

Volunteer hour totals need to be turned in so we can fill out the end-of-year reports. PLEASE get them to Nancy by the January meeting. Remember, if you baked, if you helped set up, if you demonstrated, anything you did to help the lodge and/or the community *in the name of the lodge* counts – including travel time.

### Sol-Land on Social Media

Don't forget – we have a web site (<http://www.sol-land.org/>) and a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079950565729>) and are in the process of starting an Instagram page. Please help us keep them interesting and up to date – send us things you think we need to promote, events to note, articles of interest, etc. Sara Watson ([sarawatson@pobox.com](mailto:sarawatson@pobox.com)), Laura Kostad ([laurakostad@hotmail.com](mailto:laurakostad@hotmail.com)), and Nancy Holter ([sol.land.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)) OR the contact links on the sites are your points of contact.

### District 2 events

The D2 ski race was held on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at Trollhaugen. There were 20+ participants of all ages. If you are a cross country skier, you might want to block out the first Sat in February next year so you can participate, too. The virtual ski race this year will continue through Feb 29<sup>th</sup>. Count up your miles and send the total to District Two Sports Director: Laurie Berg [Laurieberg.lb@gmail.com](mailto:Laurieberg.lb@gmail.com). Be sure to include your full name, age, and the lodge that you are a member of. The cut-off date for submitting miles is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Heritage Days coming up: Bothell Heritage Days, Bothell Lodge, March 2, 2024. 10-3 pm. Displays, demonstrations, food!!

Norway Days, Thurston County Fairgrounds, Olympia WA. April 20, 2024. 10-4 pm. Admission \$3, under 12 free with an adult. Music, Vikings, Fjord horses, food, crafts, genealogy, etc.



# Calendar

**February 16** – 6:30pm - General Heritage Meeting,  
Potluck, Installation of Officers, Delegate Election and  
Slide Show

**February 19**– 7:00pm – Board Meeting, KFLC  
Everyone is welcome to attend

**March 15** – 6:30pm - General Heritage Meeting

**March 18** – 7:00pm – Board Meeting, KFLC  
Everyone is welcome to attend

**March 20** - 9:30 – 11:30 AM –  
Kransekake Class, KFLC

**April 26** – 6:30pm – Movie: Lutefisk Wars, KFLC



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# District 2 Ski Race at Trollhaugen

Photos by April Tusteland

