



The Desert Viking

June 18th picnic!

We will celebrate St. Hans Aften (or Midsommer) on **June 18th** at Keewaydin Park in Kennewick (204 W Keewaydin Dr). We have reserved the gazebo for the hours of 4 – 7 PM that day. The lodge will provide pølser and fixings and water, please bring sides and desserts and table service for yourself. We have various yard games to play, including horseshoes and perhaps Kubb. If you have a favorite, feel free to bring it. You might want to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets as well.

Sankthans, or the official abbreviation St. Hans, or Jonsok is June 24th, but Norwegians are fonder of Eve's, (note Christmas Eve equals Christmas to Norwegians), so it is celebrated on June 23rd. The origin of St. Hans is from pagan days, when summer solstice was celebrated. When Norway was christened the Church knew it was easier to give any holiday a religious reason than to try to do away with it. So they named it Jonsok, for Johannes døperen, John the Baptist, in his memory. Hans is also short for Johannes, and ergo St. Hans. This day was an official holiday until 1770.

(Source: <https://www.norwegiansocietyoftexas.org/2013/06/what-is-sankthans-and-why-do-we-celebrate-it/>)

July meeting

As of right now, we are not planning a July meeting. The Steak Fry is at Trollhaugen on July 16th. Salmon or steak, \$20 until July 10th, \$22 after that. Kids meals for \$5. Family and group activities start about 11 AM, happy hour (BYOB) at 2:30 and food service about 3:30. You can get tickets from Bill Hicks, (425) 672-0194, Hicks1015@msn.com. For overnight reservations, contact the Trollhaugen managers, (509) 656-9997, Trollhau@outlook.com.

August meeting

The August meeting (**Aug 19**) will be the family game night and ice cream social. We will meet at 7 PM – no potluck beforehand. Bring your favorite games – indoor or outdoor. The lodge will provide ice cream, the members will provide toppings and/or other dessert items.

Cultural Fair in Richland!

On July 16th, the lodge is going to participate in a Multi-cultural fair at John Dam Plaza in Richland. The plan is to have the boat and anyone who wants to demonstrate their particular Scandinavian craft. If you are willing to attend (we need people to watch so no one gets in the boat, to answer questions for people, hand out membership applications, etc.), please contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com). We do not have the exact times, yet – watch for details!

General Lodge Information

Sol Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck beginning at 6:30 PM. Guests are NOT expected to bring food, just to come and enjoy themselves. The general meeting or cultural activity begins about 7:30. We meet at the Kennewick First Lutheran, on 395 and Yelm. We have a **monthly board meeting** on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM also at First Lutheran. 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.





Safe Harbor Support Center My Friend's Place 2016 Spring Wish List

- Monthly Youth Bus passes
- Bottled water/Sports drinks
- Boxed and canned food
- Snacks
- Dairy foods (milk, butter, cheese)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Cleaning supplies/bleach
- Trash bags
- Air fresheners
- L/XL/XXL men's underwear and socks
- Twin size sheets and pillow cases
- Twin size plastic mattress protectors

This is our lodge summer community service project. Please bring any donations to the picnic on June 18, or call Nancy Holter (375-0919) for pick-up. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Lodge Social Groups

The Social/Cultural director would like to have something in July for the lodge at large – do we have anyone who is interested in starting/joining a group – reading, knitting, studying Norway, whist/pinochle – these are a few of the many possibilities for getting together. There has been some interest in a knitting group, so if you are interested, please contact Nancy Holter. If you have an idea for a group, or want to help start a particular group, please contact Nancy.

Knitting Group

As was mentioned above, there has been interest shown in having a knitting group. No experience necessary! You can work on your knitting skills pin – or not! If you want help advancing your skills, or just something to force you to actually work on your knitting, please think about joining us. We have not yet set up a meeting time- after all, we need to get some members before we have any idea what would be a good time or place. Personally, I intend to use this as an incentive to actually get my sweater knitted before the next District convention so I can enter it in the Folk Art competition!

Calling Committee/ Hosting committees

If you are willing to call a few people to remind them of meetings or to pass on other important news, OR if you are willing to help with set up and clean up at meetings, PLEASE call Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)

Awards from the District 2 Convention

Our lodge received a Founders' Award (and a check) for our recruitment efforts in 2014, a Silver Merit Award for 2015 and a Gold Merit Award for 2014. Way to go! While a number of the points we earned were due to officers' diligence, a large part of the awards is the product of our members' efforts.

We had a number of awards in the Folk Art competition, too. Joe Molvik for his woodcarving, Darlene Roberson for Swedish weaving and Karen Aanes for Huck weaving.

Two of our members served on committees; Nancy Carrs Roach served on the Resolutions committee and Karen Aanes served on the Reports committee.

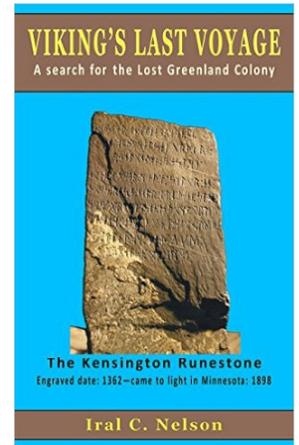
We also have 2 members returning to the District Board; Ron Rolla will be serving as Zone 5 Director again, and Nancy Holter is the District Publicity/Social Director.





Free Book!

Free E-book, that is. Richland author, Iral Nelson, has written a book about a Scandinavian expedition that was sent out from Norway in the 14th century to find the colony that had disappeared from the western colony of Greenland. This e-book will be FREE on June 17th, 2016. It was also free on May 17th, but we were not aware in time for the last newsletter. The title is “Viking's Last Voyage: A search for the Lost Greenland “, and the link to Amazon is https://www.amazon.com/Vikings-Last-Voyage-search-Greenland-ebook/dp/B01DXDWEK/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1465361960&sr=8-1&keywords=viking%27s+last+voyage



Parades

The board is trying to gauge interest in participating in the various parades in the area. If you are interested in helping with paperwork, helping to get the boat ready, and most importantly, to march with us, please contact Nancy Holter or Nancy Carrs Roach. (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) (509-531-8459, nancycarrsroach@gmail.com). Right now we know of two local parades, the Grand Old Fourth of July in Pasco and the Benton-Franklin Fair parade in Kennewick. If you know of any others, please pass that information along, too.

Pillowcase caper – final report for this year

Our lodge bested ALL the lodges in the District by nearly 100%! We delivered 62 finished pillowcases to Cultural Director Sally Dwyer, who turned them over to the Youth Camp committee members. There were 3 lodges that produced between 30 and 40 cases, and over all there were 13 lodges that participated this year. A total of 241 pillowcases were donated, which will give the camp committee enough for this year and next, so they won't need more before the next convention! We must send a HUGE thank you to Cheryl Wiborg and her un-named friend who donated virtually all of the material we used in the pillowcases, and Cheryl herself made a large portion of the 62 we ended up with. Cheryl is the wife of member Jim Wiborg.



(L to R) Ron Rolla, President, Vincent Cacucciolo, Scholarship Winner, Dick Nordness, Scholarship Chair.

Scholarship Award and Fund

This year's Lodge scholarship was awarded to Vincent Cacucciolo. He graduated from Chiwana High School and has attended CBC. He is planning to attend CBC in the fall for additional study.

The lodge received donations of \$10 and \$50 at the last meeting – we thank those who donate. We have had a wonderful donation from a local artist. Dez Howarth of Richland has donated 2 pieces for us to auction/raffle off to benefit the scholarship fund! We need to raise at least \$750 EVERY year to keep our scholarship going. Please consider donating to this great cause, either by buying 50/50 tickets at the meetings, or by a direct donation.



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

June 18: *Summer Picnic*, 4-7pm, Keewayden Park, Kennewick. We will celebrate St. Hans Aften. We have reserved the gazebo for the hours of 4 – 7 PM that day. The lodge will provide pølser and fixings and water, please bring sides and desserts and table service for yourself.

June 27: *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

July 16: *Trollhaugen Steak Fry*, Tickets are \$20 each if you buy them before July 10th. Contact Bill Hicks directly (425-672-0194, Hicks1015@msn.com), or you can talk to one of the board members. If you want to stay overnight, you can contact the lodge to reserve your bed(s). The contact information is 509-656-9997, Trollhau@outlook.com

August 19: *General Heritage Meeting*, 6pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, HWY 395 and Yelm, Kennewick. Ice cream social and game night! We will meet at 7 PM – no potluck beforehand. Bring your favorite games – indoor or outdoor. The lodge will provide ice cream; the members will provide toppings and/or other dessert items.

August 29: *Board Meeting*, 7:00pm, Kennewick First Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

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