



Syttende Mai

Norway's Constitution Day

Perhaps the most important non-religious day of the year for Norwegians is the 17th of May. Celebrations commemorate the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in 1814 at Eidsvoll, Norway. Although Norway technically remained in a political union with Sweden for another 89 years, May 17th represents the first proclamation of Norwegian independence from her neighbors.

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The May meeting (May 18) will be a celebration of Syttende Mai. Please wear your celebratory clothes. The lodge will provide "pølse og lømpe" and ice cream. Members are asked to bring sides and desserts to celebrate. We will be parading around the building so bring your flags. Karen Aanes will be giving a program about her Mai 17th experiences in Norway. Dick Nordness will award the Scholarship at the meeting, also.

The June meeting will be the Mid-Sommer/ Sant Hans Aften picnic. It will be held at the church.



The next bale sale is May 18. If you are willing to bake up some peanut butter cookies, make rice krispie bars, whatever your special cookie is, please let Ginger Fields (734-7876, gngbrd44@hotmail.com), or Nancy Holter (948-2684, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) know. It will be held at the HAPO on Gage, from 9am until we run out of cookies to sell. Ginger also is looking for people to help AT the sales. She needs 2 people per sale, for about 2 ½ hours each, so if you want an excuse to just sit and talk to people, give Ginger a call.



Cultural Classes

The wire knitting class was a sell-out, and we already have a waiting list for the next one. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gretchen Makinson (943-1264, glmakinson@aol.com).

We are collecting names for a genealogy class this fall. If you have an interest in a Genealogy class, please contact Greg Holter (509-375-0919, gmsolter@gmail.com) to be put on a list. If you are interested in a class for some other craft/skill please let the board know. After all, if we don't know what you want, we can't provide it.

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 last Monday of the month, 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.



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Community Connections

We are continuing to help support Vista Elementary, by bringing foods for their 'backpack pantry', and collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education. Let's load up a car trunk for the kids. Vista has a large percentage of low income students, so please be generous in your giving. They were really excited to have a bag of Labels and Box Tops for Education handed to them with the last food delivery, so please continue to bring your donations of these, too.

The lodge continues to collect stamps for Tubfrim. Bring your stamps to a lodge meeting or contact our Tubfrim chairman, Audrey Blegen ((509) 783-3387) to get them to her. For every pound of stamps we send in, the lodge gets an entry in a drawing for a trip to Norway.



Folk Art competition

An important part of the convention is the Folk Art display. Now is the chance to display your handiwork. Remember, any member of Sons of Norway, District Two is eligible to enter two items in each or any of 12 categories. At this point it is a bit late to be thinking about getting your projects ready for the District Convention, but you can always enter it in the international Convention's Folk Art Exhibition & Competition, in August. Preregistration materials are available on

https://www.sofn.com/international_convention/international_folk_art_competition/. Because space is limited, **preregistration is the only way to guarantee that your item will be included in the event.** Preregistration forms must be received at Sons of Norway Headquarters by **Friday, July 27, 2018.**

In Memorium



Shirley Mae Carlson, 89, of Richland, passed away on April 10, 2018, at Richland Rehabilitation Center surrounded by her family. She had been a member of Sol-Land Lodge for 33 years. Shirley helped every year with our Lutefisk Dinner to make it a success. Our sincere condolences to her family.



Burdette Schlosser, 94, of Kennewick, passed away March 15, 2018. She had been a member of Sol-Land Lodge for 21 years. When she was an active member of the lodge, she was a smiling face at every meeting and a tireless volunteer wherever she was needed. Our sincere condolences to her family.



President's Message

As we move into the summer season, lodge activities become more informal. But we want to continue to provide opportunities to enjoy lodge activities over the summer and also to start planning for the busier season in the fall. To effectively plan for things, we need input from the lodge members in time to allow us to make appropriate arrangements. If you would like to attend the annual steak fry at Trollhaugen or join a trip to the new Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, we need to know that. We are also always on the lookout for ideas for programs at lodge meetings (and for people who would like to volunteer to do a program). And planning for the Taste of Scandinavia in October is already underway and we need your help and input there as well. Your participation can help make lodge activities more enjoyable for everyone.

Happy Syttende Mai,
Greg Holter

Syttende Mai Word Find

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Nordic Needleworkers and other cultural interests

The lodge is planning a day trip to the Nordic Heritage Museum. We are looking at late August or September for a Saturday to go. We hope to have enough interest to fill a bus to capacity. If you are interested in going, please contact Gretchen Makinson (943-1264, glmakinson@aol.com) or Nancy Holter (375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

We are also hoping to get a nice sized group together to attend the Trollhuagen Steak Fry on July 14th. Family friendly activities will start about 11 AM, and continue most of the day. There will also be salmon available instead of steak. When ordering please specify whether you would like steak or salmon. Kids meal for \$5.00 ages 12 and under. Come for the day, the night or the weekend. When: July 14th Dinner: 3:30 pm Tickets are \$22.00 until July 7th, then the price goes up to \$25. For dinner reservations: Contact Bill Hicks (425) 672-0194 or e-mail at: Hicks1015@msn.com. For overnight reservation contact the Trollhaugen Managers. Trollhaugen phone is (509) 656-9997 or e-mail Trollhau@outlook.com. If you would like to be part of a car/van pool, please contact Nancy or Greg Holter ASAP. (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

If you aren't interested in the Steak Fry, perhaps you would be interested in the District 2 Golf Tournament. The Scramble Golf Tournament will be held August 11th at Wandermere Golf Course, Spokane. Your \$75 entry fee includes greens fees, gofl cart, sack lunch, banquet, prizes, and awards. Rooms have been set aside at the Quality Inn Oakwood in Spoakne for \$135/night plus tax. Please contact Susan Kirkeby for information. (509-535-5471, vikings.gurl@gmail.com).

Can you answer these questions about Norway's Constitution Day?

1. What year was the Norwegian Constitution written?
2. With what country did Norway enter into union the year the Constitution was written ?
3. What city hosts the barnetoget, or Children's Parade, that marches past the Royal Family as they wave to onlookers?
4. What are the secondary school graduates called that have their own march in Norwegians towns on May 17?

Answers: 1) 1814 2) Sweden 3) Oslo 4) Russ

Calendar

May 10: Nordic Needleworkers at Barley's
Brewhub in Kennewick, 7pm

May 18: General Heritage Meeting, 6pm,
KFLC

May 18: Bake Sale, HAPO on Gage, 9am

May 21: Board Meeting, KFLC, 7pm

May 22: Nordic Needleworkers at Kennewick
Library, 7pm

June 15: Sankt Hans Aften Picnic, KFLC



May 17th



Constitution Day

Newsletter Deadline: 1st Friday of the Month



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