



SONS OF
NORWAY

The Desert Viking

October 2024

Sol-Land Lodge

Kennewick, WA

Upcoming Meetings

The Oct. meeting will be Oct. 18th. There will be a show-and-tell program by the students who attended Joe Molvik's Tine Box class.

If you have an interest in holding a position in the lodge for 2025, please contact Nancy BEFORE the Oct. meeting (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) as we will be announcing the slate of candidates at that meeting.

Social hour starts at 5:30, buffet starts at 6:30, the meeting will start at 7:30.

The Oct. Board meeting will be Oct. 21st, 7 PM at the church.

The Nov meeting will be Nov. 15th. We will have election of the 2025 officers at the meeting and a presentation by Roger Young about Ski for Light. The following day (Saturday) we will be holding our Bake Sale and demonstrations day. Lefse baking will be on Tuesday mornings at 9 AM, EXCEPT for Oct 22nd. Please let Ginger know if you will be able to help with the lefse. (509-521-4753)

We need volunteers to provide Scandinavian goodies for the bake sale and if you happen to have some Nordic treasures you no longer want/need you could consider donating them for the sale table. We may be having a baking day (other than lefse) at the church just before the sale, if you'd like to join us, please let Nancy (sol.land.lodge@gmail.com, 509-375-0919) or Ginger (509-521-4753) know. If you want to bake but need recipes and/or 'tools', we can help with that, too.



Trollhaugen news

This fall Lucinda Twedt and Llyd Becker donated a large antique Norwegian Bible to Trollhaugen. They presented it to Sherice Halvorsen, an associate member of Sol-Land, and a member of the Trollhaugen Board.

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.

SONS OF NORWAY 2024 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

The holidays are right around the corner and the 2024 SoN Christmas ornament is on sale now! Find it in the official Sons of Norway online store:

<https://sofn.logoshop.com/ProductDetails/?productId=555579622>





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
Editors	Sara Watson/Nancy Holter
Musician	Linnea Hillesland
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

Meeting Ideas

The first movie night was a success, and many expressed an interest in doing it again. We have some interesting options for movies – “Kitchen Stories”, the restored film “The Bridal Party in Hardanger” from 1926, “Fools in the Mountains” (if we can find it), or “The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared” for example. If you would be interested in another movie night, or if you have suggestions for movies to show, please let Nancy know (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)

There is a possibility we can have a genealogy presentation at a spring meeting, with a follow-up workshop to address specific questions people may have, with a limited number of students, for a modest fee. We’d like to gauge the interest in such a presentation and/or the workshop. This is NOT limited to lodge members, so if you are interested, please contact Greg or Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, waxlerfarms@gmail.com / sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)

Future Programs and Events

Would you like to share the story of a notable Norwegian-American you know of (past or present) at a future lodge meeting? We would like to introduce a series of brief presentations highlighting some of these people, and we hope that lodge members will come forward to bring those glimpses that they may be aware of to the lodge. If people will volunteer in advance, we can put the information in the newsletter so members will know what is coming up.

So far, we have identified two such notable Norwegian-Americans we plan to cover:

Carl Ben Eielson, pioneer aviator and first airmail pilot in Alaska. Eielson AFB near Fairbanks, Alaska, is named in his honor. The book "Brother to the Eagle", by Erling Rolfsrud, will be in our library for those who wish to learn more.

Aagot Raaen, daughter of a pioneer family that faced difficulties and challenges in America. But Aagot persevered and eventually became an educator, an author, and a voice for Norwegian-American pride and success. Her book "Grass of the Earth" will also be in our library.

If you have a Norwegian-American to suggest or (even better) that you would like to report on, please contact Greg Holter (waxlerfarms@gmail.com) or Gretchen Makinson (glmakinson@aol.com, 509-554-7239)

The lodge is in the planning stage for a group trip to the Nordic Museum next spring. Please contact Gretchen Makinson if you are interested. (glmakinson@aol.com, 509-554-7239).

Did you know?

Fennoscandia or Fenno-Scandinavia is the region including the Scandinavian Peninsula, Finland, Karelia, and the Kola Peninsula. The term usually covers the countries Finland, Norway, and Sweden, in their entirety. It also includes a part of Russia. Its name comes from the Latin words Fennia (which means Finland) and Scandia (which means Scandinavia).





Upcoming Lodge Dinners

Harald Haarfager Lodge in Coeur d'Alene:

Saturday, October 19, 2024: a salmon dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N 5th Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID. <https://www.son-cda.com/events/upcoming-events>

Saturday, November 16, 2024: 2 seatings 11:30AM-1PM or 2PM-3:30PM (50 per seating): Lutefisk, Norwegian meatball dinner, lefse, potatoes, carrots, pickled beets, and sandbakkels with ice cream by Harald Haarfager Lodge 2-011. Adults \$35, Youth 6-18 years \$15, Children under 6 free with parents or grandparents. \$80 for FAMILY (Parents and youth). Tickets can be purchased at a variety of Harald Haarfager events or you can call or text 208-262-8020 with total number of people and choice of seating times be sure to leave your number if you can't text). Event at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N 5th St, Coeur d'Alene ID 83814. Info from Suzanne Knutson <https://www.son-cda.com/events/annual-lutefisk-lefse-and-norwegian-meatball-lunch>

Odin Lodge in Yakima:

Saturday, November 2, 2024, 5PM - 6:30 PM: Odin Lodge 2-041 in Yakima, WA, is having its 42nd Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner & Bake Sale Fundraiser. It will be at West Valley Church, 72nd and Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, WA. The festive Norwegian dinner includes lutefisk, meatballs, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, lefse and traditional desserts such as rømmegrøt, berry sauce and cookies. The Bake Sale will include Scandinavian cookies, breads, rolls, almond cakes, lefse, jams, horseradish and Scandinavian calendars. There will also be a quilt raffle. Prices are: \$30.00 for adults, \$10.00 kids age 6-12, and free for kids 5 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Inklings Book Shop, 5629 Summitview Ave., Yakima, WA, with cash or check only. Questions call Karen at 509-907-0481.

Tordenskjold Lodge in Spokane:

Velkommen Lutefisk Lovers!

We are looking forward to you and your family joining us for our annual Lutefisk Dinner, Saturday November 2, 2024; where you'll enjoy delicious Lutefisk, Nordic Meatballs, Potatoes, Vegetables, Lingonberries, Lefse and for dessert - Norwegian White Cake! Free-flowing Coffee and Water will be available as well as for purchase: Aquavit, Beer and Wine. Additionally, there will be Raffles and baked goods available for purchase including lefse, almond cakes and Norwegian cookies. There will be our traditional 2 seatings with 100 guests each: 12 noon and 2pm. When choosing your tickets please choose which seating you would like to attend. **Please note this year we are hosting our dinner at a new location: St Mark's Lutheran Church located 316 East 24th Ave, Spokane, WA 99203.** See you there! <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/cff9fa5f-c78a-4ca2-bc12-177a3c9465a8>

Lodge calendar

September 20, 6:30pm - General Heritage Meeting

September 23, 7:00pm - Board Meeting, KFLC

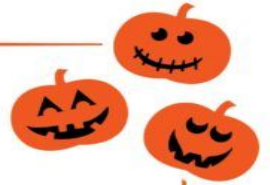
October 15, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 9am - Lefse Baking for November
bake sale

October 18, 6:30pm - General Heritage Meeting

October 21, 7:00pm - Board Meeting

November 15, 6:30pm - General Heritage Meeting

November 16, 10am-1pm, Bake Sale and Demonstration Day




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