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PRESIDENT'S GREETING



Hilsen fra Presidenten. A new year is here. 2020. But it's not a television show, it's real life. It doesn't seem possible that another year has flown by. Maybe time is speeding up and we don't even realize it. I hope everyone was able to slow down a bit during the holidays and enjoy the companionship of family and friends. Before you know it we are back in the hustle and bustle of a new year, making and breaking resolutions, resolving to do better than last year at not breaking those resolutions, at least not until Groundhog

Day. I mentioned last month that a possible New Year's resolution would be to become more active in our Lodge. Although we don't have the year's activities fully mapped out, there are some fun things coming up that hopefully appeal to you. Second Saturday events include Kaffestua, a movie matinee, Norwegian language class and Happy Hour! Wow, two of the events are absolutely free while Kaffestua is a mere \$7.00 and Happy Hour only \$5.00 for two drinks and a light dinner. Start the year off right by joining your friends at Second Saturday!

But first we will have the all-important installation of officers on January 8th. Be sure to RSVP for a delicious chicken gjetost dinner by our outstanding chef Larry Helms and enjoy lively music from the Sølje Sisters. We welcome back our District 2 President, Jerry Erickson, who will swear in the new LEL Officers. Congratulations to our new President, Seth Maristuen, and Vice President Adam McQueen. A complete list of the 2020 Board is in this newsletter. Seth served as our Vice-President for one year and as auditor for three years and has steadily taken the initiative to take on more work and now takes on the serious role of President. Well, luckily Seth isn't always serious, so I'm sure he and Adam will be coming up with new approaches to activities and events at the Lodge. Adam McQueen, as many of you know, is owner of Skål Beer Hall which opened in Ballard last year. It's a very unique place and I'm sure Adam will lend some creativity to his job as Vice President and being in charge of membership. As we reported at the December business meeting we achieved our 10% new member goal-and more-but we would like to see these new faces become more active in Lodge activities. Let Adam know what you would like to see happen.

Thank you to all the members who have stepped up to take a Board position, many of whom are continuing in the same or different capacity. It is definitely a big commitment of time but also very rewarding as I have discovered during my tenure as President. There are many members with a long history of "helping out". We have bakers and cooks, sports and outdoor enthusiasts, youth group leaders, rosemalers, musicians, singers, accountants, knitters, artists and "crafty" people. They have one thing in common though-helping others and coming together to pitch in to create and produce fun events and activities at the Lodge! The President and the Board don't have to do it all!

Randi Aulie gave us a fantastic Julebord in December, an event she has chaired for many years. We thank her for her longtime commitment to this festive event and many other accomplishments.

Did she mention she and her friends made 70 fyrstekake to benefit the Lodge Julebord? Mange takk Randi! Thanks to Perdis Jacobsen for taking over next year! The Children's Christmas party on December 15th, was also a big success, chaired by Bernice Chouery. Her longtime dedication to this event and also being our Lefse Queen is to be admired! Thank you Bernice!

Thank you once more to the current Board members for their dedication of time and hard work and creating so many events and activities for our members to participate in. Mange takk!

I look forward to a different role on the LEL Board and working with new and longtime members at our events throughout the year. It's been a pleasure being your President for two years. Please support Seth and the 2020 Board as they work hard to make the Lodge an exciting, vibrant part of the community. Til vi møtes igjen.

Fraternally,

Gail Engler

President, Leif Erikson Lodge

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New year LEL!! Wishing you all the best in the year to come, and I hope your plans include joining us at the lodge for many of our events. Never a dull moment around LEL, we will be picking up right where we left off in 2019. Maybe this can be the year you get more out of your membership or spend more time volunteering at the lodge.

We hope you will consider joining us for our community volunteering events in 2020 as we head out around the city to help other non-profits in need. Stay tuned to the e-news for specific dates and times, and feel free to reach out to Seth for more information. Our next movie night up in the third floor Norna room will be a matinee held on Saturday January 11th. Bring some snacks to share and enjoy the big screen with your fellow members. Stick around afterwards for the Second Saturday Happy Hour held in the first floor Kaffestua. Movie will start at 3pm; look to your email and the lodge website for details on the January feature presentation. As we look out a bit further on the calendar, preparations have already begun for our Heritage Day in March, which kicks off with our annual Leif to Leif 5k run/walk. Reach out to Kathleen Lange or myself if you would like to help or consider signing up to participate!

Please join us for our January members meeting and dinner on Wednesday the 8th. All the details can be found on the following page with social hour starting at 5:30 as always. Great music, delicious food, and a chance to see your 2020 lodge Board officially sworn in.

Lastly, I want to take one last chance to thank President Gail Engler for her hard work and dedication leading us the past two years. She has been an inspiration to us all and a great mentor for me as I attempt to fill in her shoes, which will be no easy task! Tusen Takk, Gail, for a job well done.

- Seth Maristuen, Vice President, Leif Erikson Lodge

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Membership Meetings:

2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm

Deadline for Vikingen is second Saturday following Membership meeting.

The Vikingen has been published since 1945.
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May 13, 1903

Leif Erikson Lodge Presents:



JANUARY 8 MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING

Join us for our monthly membership meeting and dinner. We will begin with social hour at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:00. This month's dinner will be prepared by our head chef Larry and his crew, come and enjoy Gjetost Chicken, fresh vegetables, homemade rolls and more! Dinner and dessert for \$18, beverages included.

This month we are excited to install the Leif Erikson Lodge Board Officers for 2020. Join us as we welcome new and returning members to the board and look forward to a new year of service! Jerry Erickson, District 2 President, will be on hand to install our officers. Past lodge presidents Andrea Torland and Lee Ehrhart will also assist. Music will be provided by the always delightful Sølje Sisters.

Short Business meeting to follow at 7:30. Our youth group will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 to learn Norwegian Songs.

Call the office or RSVP to LeifEriksonLodge@qwestoffice.net by Monday January 6th.



Dinner & Members Meeting

Social 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

LEL Board Officer Installation

Business Meeting
7:30 pm

Youth Activity
Norwegian Songs
5:30 pm

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CULTURAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! It's been a great 2 years for me serving as your Cultural Director. I know I leave you in good hands with JoAnne and Claire. This year there will be so many opportunities to get involved in the Cultural activities at the lodge.

Some of my favorite events of the past two years were Julie Whitehorn's talk about Sami ancestry, booking so many great musicians and musical groups for the Heritage Day and membership meetings, and meeting so many of you who are passionate about various aspects of Norwegian culture.

I hope all the Nordic bakers out there are enjoying baking right now. This time of year, I always enjoy trying a new recipe or two. If you document your baking or cooking through the cultural skills program on the Sons of Norway website, you could earn a Cultural Medal! This year I made Norwegian Browned Butter cookies for the first time as part of my Christmas baking - they turned out great!

Thanks to everyone who's made me feel so welcome here at the lodge, I hope to see you all at an upcoming lodge event!

Ariane Westin-McCaw, Cultural Director

KAFFESTUA KROKEN

Merry Christmas to all, and very best good wishes for the season and the coming year! Many of you will have attended our Julebord, which is a truly wonderful celebration for the holidays.

As we move into the last month of the year, we find ourselves feeling grateful for our many blessings, and most especially, for you, our members. You keep our Lodge alive, and your energy and participation are so appreciated. Hope to see many more of you at Kaffestua this month, and in 2020! We look forward to continuing to serve you our outstanding sandwiches with smoked salmon, seafood, meats, cheeses, our famous Kaffestua waffles, desserts, coffee and more! Still a great value for \$7! We thank you for your patronage.

We are always looking for volunteers, so please contact Lisa Greenough, who will help to schedule some time that fits in to your calendar. You can reach her at 206.465.8840. It's a great way to get to know other members and visitors, so if you can help even one day a month, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!!

PLEASE NOTE JANUARY KAFFESTUA CLOSURES DURING THE HOLIDAYS: Kaffestua is closed from December 23-January 5, 2020 and will reopen January 6. The rest of January has no closures.

Visitors

Over the past month, we've had special local visitors who have written on our guest book. All were very complimentary of our delicious fare! So glad they were able to attend and enjoy our Lodge. All say "Tusen takk!"

Volunteers Over the Past Couple of Months at Kaffestua Include:

Claire Sagen, Gail Engler, Laurie Lund Gonzales, Magni Hinsee, Karen Sheldahl, Perdis Jacobsen, Lisa Greenough, Solveig, Marilyn Fuller, Valborg Nordbo, Beth Kolle, Gunn Marit McArthur, Janet Clancy, Irene Kleiveland, Janet Tofting, Ellen Beck, Helga Moen, Connie Hofstad, and Julie Albright. Tusen takk to all our volunteers!

People Who Recently Donated Food Items and Whose Names Were Listed in the Book:

Vidar Warnes, Inger Persson, Laurie Lund Gonzales, Gail Engler, Helga Moen, Judy Browning, Irene Kleiveland, Julie Albright, Valborg Nordbo, Connie Hofstad, Vagne Jensen, Pat Jolin, Janet Tofting, Magni Hinsee, Janet Clancy, Gunnar Unneland, Karen Sheldahl, Ellen Beck, Lisa Greenough, and Nancy Hiroaka. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity!

Our Very Talented Musicians Who Recently Entertained Us:

Trygve Bjorndal
Music makes a real difference!

PS - If I have missed you or misspelled your name, please let me know. My information is limited to the calendar in the Kaffestua, and sometimes I can't read the entries. So sorry!!!!

Music makes a real difference!

- Bernie Bowers

SECOND SATURDAY KAFFESTUA

Second Saturday Kaffestua took a break in December but will be back on January 11th. We would love to have you join us! We invite the weekly "regulars"; we have all the same open-face sandwiches, waffles, and the rest. There could even be accordion music! We also invite our new members! Kaffestua is a fun place to bring your friends, meet fellow SON members and have a delicious lunch, all for \$7. What a bargain! Happy New Year and hope to see you there!

-Nancy Hiraoka



YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY

For the December activity, the LEL youth group made multekrem. It is a delicious easy-to-make traditional Norwegian Christmas dessert that consists of whipped cream and cloudberry jam. Maybe your kids would like to make this for a holiday dessert?

Servings: 4 people

Author: Mike Benayoun

Ingredients

- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¾ cup cloudberry jam
- Mint (for garnish)

Instructions

1. Whip the cream with sugar and vanilla extract until soft peaks form.
2. Fold in the cloudberry jam and divide the dessert between small serving bowls.
3. Garnish with a couple of cloudberry jam (or a spoon of cloudberry jam) and a mint leaf.

Cloudberry jam (multe in Norwegian) are arctic berries that grow in mountainous regions. This is why they are called cloudberry jam as they grow close to the clouds. Cloudberry jam may have an identity crisis as they are also known as salmonberry, yellowberry, bakeapple, bakeberry, malka, or "baked-apple berry". Initially, the berry is pale red but it turns to a golden-amber color when ripe. Ripe cloudberry jam have a unique tart taste, which turns to sweet and creamy when overripe. Cloudberry jam can be purchased at Scandinavian Specities in Seattle. Stop by and have lunch there while doing your Christmas shopping.

NORWEGIAN GREETING

Hei Allesammen!

Vi har ett nytt år – 2020! Godt Nyttår!! Jeg håper at alle hadde en kjempekoselig jul og var vellykket med presanger som dere kjøpte for familien og venner. På 8. januar skal vi installere offiserer av Losjen vår. Vi håper dere kommer til støtte for oss, for du vet at vi jobber for dere!! Men ikke bare det! Vi skal også feire 125. årsdag av Sønner av Norge. Sønner av Norge ble stiftet i Minneapolis på 16. januar 1895! Det er lettvent for meg å huske dagen fordi 16. januar er bursdagen min!!

Hilsen fra Ellen Margrethe

Hi Everyone!

We have a new year – 2020! Happy New Year!! I hope that everyone had a very delightful Christmas and were successful with the presents you bought for your family and friends. On the 8th of January, we are going to install officers of our Lodge. We hope that you will come to support us, because you know that we work for you!! But not just that! We are going to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Sons of Norway. The Sons of Norway was founded in Minneapolis on January 16, 1895! It is easy for me to remember the date because January 16th is my birthday!!

- **Greetings from Ellen Margrethe**

NORNA LADIES ACTIVITIES

Our last meeting was Tuesday, December 10: our annual Christmas party. Seventeen (yes, 17!) ladies attended the potluck lunch and participated in a gift exchange. We had a wonderful time and agreed that it was a great way to start the holiday season! Because of the unpredictability of winter weather, we will not meet in January.

Our next gathering will be **Tuesday, February 11, at 12noon, in the Norna Room.** We will celebrate Valentine's Day together. It will be a potluck lunch and a "card exchange." If you wish to attend, please bring a signed card for a Norna Sister and a food dish to share for lunch. Please RSVP so we can plan for the table settings. Write to jdygry@comcast.net or dianeeadams@comcast.net.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

- **Judy Gray & Diane Adams**
Co-Presidents



December Birthday Celebrants- Adam, Seth and Martin

SPORTS DIRECTOR NOTES

Ski Races are coming up at Trollhaugen on Feb 1! As I write this, 3 feet of snow has fallen at Mt Baker where I am right now. This is good news for the ski season and Trollhaugen; hopefully Snoqualmie Pass is getting all this snow too! Renting a van was a great idea last year with 10 people carpooling. This saves on the Sno-Park pass which is per vehicle, not per person AND saves the climate. This year let's fill TWO vans! One going up Saturday morning and back Saturday evening and another to go back Sunday afternoon in time for Super Bowl Sunday. So, if you are the type to want an extra day of outdoors in the winter at Trollhaugen instead of sitting inside in front of the computer or tv screen all day... Sign up for the overnight van!!! There will be sign ups at the next members meeting or contact Kathleen 206-354-7029 or tatter59@me.com. Guests are welcome at Trollhaugen; call 1-509-656-9997 to reserve a room.

Keep working on your sports medals. Poulsbo may be preparing a new challenge for this year, so we need to keep tracking walks, runs, bikes, swims and dances, or whatever you do to stay fit. You can get started on a Nordic ski medal at the ski races Feb 1. Take a picture of your sport card and email to me when completed. More cards are in the lodge or download from sofn.com.

-**Kathleen Lange, Sports Director**

2020 LEIF ERIKSON LODGE BOARD ELECTED

Following is a list of the 2020 LEL Board Officers. Thank you to all these members who are stepping up to be a Board member and to those who are continuing to serve.

President – Seth Maristuen
 Vice President- Adam McQueen
 Treasurer - Theresa Nilsen
 Financial Secretary - Ellen Beck
 Counselor - Gail Engler
 Asst. Secretary – Erin Lee
 Cultural Co-Directors – Joanne Rudo & Claire Sagen
 Sports Director – Kathleen Lange
 Youth Co-Directors – Evelyn Elliot & Kari VanSanford
 Publicity Director - Barbie Varnes
 Historian - Christine Anderson
 Foundation Director – Doug Warne
 Musicians – Kathleen Lange & Beth Kollé
 Trustees – Chris Varnes (1 year) & Bjorn Gjolmesli (3 year)
 Marshals – Reidun Totland & Megan Knight
 Greeter – Bill Nelson, Carol Smith & Knut-Sigurd Knuteson
 Librarian – Chris Sand
 Norway Park Rep – Erik Bjarne Witzoe (3 year), Jody Korneliussen, Ty Parr
 LEL Educational Foundation Trustees – Jessica Apodaca & Lorie Lind
 Vacancies: Secretary, Social Director, Auditor, Trustee



NEW LEL MEMBERS FOR DECEMBER 2019

Thomas B. Flatley; Denise M. Arno & Robert M. Gamboa and children Robert M. and Glen T. Gamboa and Elizabeth M. Arno; Bergith Theresa Kayyali; Hasan Riad and Andrea Kayyali and Andrew Petersen; Kim Mathews; Linda Diana and Dan Ronald Stokke; and Joseph A. and Susan C. Van Wassenhove. Member Transferring into LEL: Barry Lia; Reinstated Members: Justin F. Flones and Elizabeth Shore.

ARLENE TEMPLIN IS NACC PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD



This year the NACC Board voted to present our Person of the Year Award to one of our members, Mrs. Arlene Templin. President Jahn Hoel presented Arlene with the award at their recent Julebord on December 6, 2019. Arlene has been an integral part of many Norwegian organizations donating thousands of volunteer hours over the last 46 years while continuing to work full time. During this time, she joined the 17th of May Committee, was asked to be treasurer, a position she held over 24 years minus the two years she was the committee Chair. The 17th of May Committee voted to honor her as Honorary Marshall for the 2016 17th of May Parade. She served 9 years on the Leif Erikson Building Association board and 7 years on the Leif Erikson Lodge board earning her Woman of the Year. As a member of Leif Erikson Lodge, she volunteered over 30 years in the office every Monday. She is a current member of Norwegian Commercial Club, the National Nordic Museum, NACC and is a member and past president of The Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle. Daughter of Knute Wangensteen from Valdres and Inger Sandvig Wangensteen from Tau, Norway she has truly made a difference in the Norwegian American community passing on her Norwegian heritage and traditions to her family leading by example. Please join us in honoring Arlene Templin as this year's NACC Person of the Year recipient. Editor's note: Leif Erikson Lodge congratulates Arlene on this prestigious award and says mange takk for all your service to Leif Erikson Lodge. Well deserved!

BARNELEIKARRINGEN SPRING SEASON

Barneleikarringen of Greater Seattle begins its Spring season on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. Children ages 5-12 are welcome to come and learn village dances from Sweden, song dances from Iceland, square dances from Denmark, set dances from Norway and humpaas from Finland. All dances are taught - you don't have to be Scandinavian to participate! We meet the second and fourth Sundays of most months at the Swedish Club, 1920 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle, 98109, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. The classes are free. Performance opportunities this season include the 17th of May parade in Ballard, Summer Concerts at the Ballard Locks, and Midsommarfest at St. Edward's Park. Barneleikarringen of Greater Seattle is sponsored by the Swedish Club, Leif Erikson Lodge #2-001 and the National Nordic Museum. For more information, please contact Barneleikarringen at barneleikarringen@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Leif C. Gregerson died November 6, 2019, at age 93. He joined the Lodge in 1987 and became a Golden Member in 2017. He was born in Ballard, but raised in Ketchikan. There he grew up fishing commercially with his family, and maintained his passion for the sea and fishing throughout his life. He graduated early from Ketchikan High School and entered the Army Air Corp during WWII. He later graduated from WSU School of Pharmacy, UW School of Dentistry, intern of Oral Surgery and Residency at Harborview Medical Center. He went on to teach for over 50 years in the Oral Surgery Department at the UW, as well as having his own practice of Dentistry for over 50 years in Ballard, giving many of his students a start in their careers. He had his office in his own building that he named The Nordic Professional Building. He was proud of being part of the Norwegian community in Ballard. He was married to Nancy Anderson Gregerson, was the beloved father of Mark Emil and Margaret Ann Gregerson, John Martin Clayton, Holly Hope Van Lassow and Leif Christian Gregerson II, as well as one special grandchild, Lewis Harper Gregerson-Spencer and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by his parents, siblings, nephew Dean Stavee and daughter Holly Von Lossow. The Memorial will go to Ballard First Lutheran Church.

Knut Lindberg died in November, 2019, at age 91. He joined the Sons of Norway in 1965, and transferred to Leif Erikson Lodge in 1972. He was a Life Member of the Lodge. The Memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Our sympathy to members Mark and Lorie Lind on the loss of Mark's brother Gary Martin Lind, who died at age 66 on November 15, 2019. Our sympathy also to Tina, Kristine, Kyle and Korey Lind on the loss of their uncle.

LUTEFISK, LEFSE YA SURE YOU BETCHA

Sunday, January 19, 2020: Lutfisk dinner at Grays Harbor 2-004 at 717 Randall St., Aberdeen, WA. Tickets \$25. For more info: 360-533-2827. Submitted by Dixie Thompson

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 6PM: Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, Educational; Foundation presents its annual fundraising crab feed, silent auction, and dessert auction. The event is sponsored by Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, Educational Foundation a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. This event sold out a week before the event last year so get your tickets early! Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Prices are: \$20 per Student or Child; \$45 per Adult; \$320 per table of 8 (8 tickets) for the Crab Feed (save some bucks). Our crab feed is at Leif Erikson Hall, 2245 NW 57th, Seattle, WA 98107.

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 4PM-6PM: Lutfisk and meatball dinner with Arctic Viking Lodge 2-117 at Fairbanks Lutheran Church, 1012 Cowles St. Fairbanks, AK 99701

Saturday, January 25, 2020, Noon-5PM: Poulsbo Lutfisk and meatball dinner with whitesauce, butter, boiled potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, lefse, ice cream, krumkake, and beverage.

Grieg Hall, Poulsbo Lodge 2-044, 18891 Front St., Poulsbo WA. Price: Adults \$27, children 10 and under \$TBD. Come and enjoy our view on beautiful Liberty Bay! For more information call the hall office at 360.779.5209 Information submitted by Judy Morgan. www.poulsbosonsofnorway.com Office email: info@poulsbosonsofnorway.com

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 12Noon-3PM: The Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge 2-164. Lutfisk Dinner is at the Fritz Cornell Nordic Hall, 63 Jacobs Rd, Coupeville, WA 98239. Lutfisk, meatballs, potatoes, vegetables, lefse, drink and dessert. The cost is: adults \$TBD and children ages 5 to 12 \$TBD. The seating time is from 12 noon until 3 PM. All seats must be pre-purchased by phoning 360-678-5197 or visiting whidbeyislandnordiclodge@gmail.com. Submitted by President Brian Petersen.

Saturday-Sunday, January 25-26, 2020, seating times start at 4:30PM on Saturday and 1PM on Sunday: All-you-can eat family style dinner including lutfisk, Norwegian meatballs, our famous coleslaw, lefse, Norwegian cookies and more at Sonja Lodge 2-038, 710 McKinley St, Eugene OR 97402. Even if you, your friends or family are not Norwegian, there is something for everyone! Tickets are available now. Tickets: \$26 for adults; \$12 for children 12 and under Take-out is available, too! Seating times are: Saturday, January 26, Seating times: 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm; Sunday, January 27, Seating times: 1:00 pm; 2:30 pm; 4:00 pm. To order, email Lutfisk@sonjalodge.org or call the lodge at 541-344-1064 and leave a message including the date/time you wish, number of tickets, and your name and phone number.

Saturday, February 1, 2020, 4PM: Wergeland Lodge 2-021, Bellingham, will have their Lutfisk dinner at Windows on the Bay, 2625 Harbor Loop Drive, Bellingham (the old Yacht 9Club). Lutfisk, meatballs, green beans, lefsa and more. Tickets \$30. Pre sale only beginning

January 3. Contact Vaughn Hagen. 360-739-5950. Info@vaughnhagencpa.com

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 5pm: Petersburg AK lutfisk! No charge, cooking, set-up and clean-up done by the men, ladies make lefse that day served warm and fresh as can be. All members and their guests welcome.

Fedrelandet Lodge 2-023, Sons of Norway Hall 23 S Sing Lee Alley Petersburg AK. Info from Sally Dwyer

Saturday, March 7, 2020; seating at 4PM: Torsk Dinner by Daughters of Norway in Portland at Norse Hall, 111 NE 11 Ave, Portland, th OR 97232, TORSK DINNER-five (5) course dinner; pickled herring, Norwegian pea soup w/flat bread, cucumber salad, Torsk served with shrimp in cream sauce, rice cream w / krumkake. Wine is available for purchase. Price is \$35.00 for more information contact: Kay Nakao @ 503.348.6951 Info from: Mary Knutson Sullivan knut.sullivan@comcast.net

Saturday, March 14: Roald Lodge 2-039 in Klamath Falls, OR

DOVREGUBBEN COLLECTS FOR BALLARD FOOD BANK!

Our own troll has turned into a nisse for the holidays! He is watching over the red box for collecting for the Ballard Food Bank canned goods, peanut butter, toothpaste, child and adult diapers, etc. are all needed. On December 11 we will also be collecting monetary and food donations for the last time in December! For a more complete list go to <http://www.ballardfoodbank.org/donate-food/>

2019 LODGE MEMBERSHIP GOALS REACHED

Congratulations to LEL on once again reaching our membership goal for the year! We started out the year with a target of 10% growth and exceeded that number, bringing in over 150 new members throughout 2019. Quite an impressive achievement; hats off to everyone who referred a friend, signed up for a family membership, or helped in some other way to bring people in the doors! Now over 1,400 members strong, LEL continues to be the largest Sons of Norway lodge in the nation. No doubt we will reach 1,500 this year and keep growing from there. A special thanks to those that contributed their time and energies to the Membership Committee. If you would like to be involved going forward, please reach out to **Seth or Adam** anytime.



VIKINGEN NEWSLETTER CHANGES COMING

As mentioned in the newsletter the last few months we will be emailing the Vikingen to members starting this month. Please help us reduce printing and production costs by ensuring we have your current email. Please make sure your email is current by emailing the lodge now at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net. There is also a signup in the Lodge office where you can update your email. Members without email will still be able to receive a hard copy mailed to them. If you have not received a Vikingen at all please let us know by calling the office. 206-783-1274. Thank you for your understanding in controlling costs.

- Leif Erikson Lodge Board

Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle



www.nlcfsseattle.org
NEW SINGERS WELCOME
 Rehearsals: Tues. 7:30 - 9:00 pm
 At Leif Erikson Lodge Norna Room

Renewing and preserving our Norwegian Heritage
 in song since "1936"

Please join us for our fish and meatball dinner and auction on
 Sunday, March 15, 2020, 4:00pm, at Leif Erikson Lodge.



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 with Doug Warne & Team

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Rent the Leif Erikson Hall:

Auditorium, certified kitchen, coffee shop, or multipurpose room for business or social events: 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle 98107
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Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001

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Please notify the Financial Secretary (Ellen Beck) of changes in Name, Address, or Phone Numbers.
Please also let her know of a death of a family member.

LEL CALENDAR - JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

JAN 8

LEL Board Installation; Social/Music, 5:30; Dinner, 6:00; Installation, 7:00; Youth Activity, 5:30.

JAN 11

Norwegian Language Class, 2:00pm, Kaffestua. Sign up in LEL office.

JAN 11

Second Saturday Kaffestua, 10:00-2:30; Basic Norsk class, 2:00pm; Happy Hour, 5:00pm;

Movie in Norna Room, 3:00pm, movie to be announced

JAN 14

No Norna meeting in January

FEB 1

District 2 Crosscountry Ski race, Trollhaugen. See Sports Director article to sign up.

FEB 5

LEL Board meeting, 7:00pm

FEB 8

Second Saturday Kaffestua, 10:00-2:30; Basic Norsk class, 2:00pm; Happy Hour, 5:00pm

FEB 11

Norna meeting; 12:00 in Norna room

FEB 12

Business/Membership Meeting; Social, 5:30; Dinner, 6:00; Program, 6:45;
Business Meeting,
7:30. Youth Group, 5:30pm

FEB 22

LERA Annual Stockholders meeting at LEL, 12:00pm
Wednesdays- Exercise class, 12:00-12:45 in LEL main hall



*Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001
Sons of Norway
Educational Foundation
Presents*

2020 ANNUAL CRAB FEED

Meal, Silent Auction, Dessert
Auction - Music from
Miles From Chicago

SATURDAY, JAN 25, 2020

6PM @ LEIF ERIKSON HALL

\$20 STUDENT OR CHILD 14 AND UNDER

\$45 FOR ONE ADULT

\$520 ONE TABLE FOR 8

PRICES GO UP 1/22/2020

Tickets available on

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4426510>

Choose crab (whole or cleaned) from the Wild Salmon Seafood Market or stuffed chicken breast

Make checks payable to (include a self addressed stamped envelope): LEL Educational Foundation.
Leif Erikson Hall 2245 NW 57th Ave, Seattle WA 98107

or
Pick up your tickets in the Leif Erikson Hall office on
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 10AM-3PM

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