



God Jul! og Godt Nytt År! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2026!



Julehilsen fra presidenten

What a busy time this Autumn has been for the Lodge! We have had one successful event after another, starting in September with the Swedish Exchange and our regular Membership meeting. In October, we hosted the highly successful Crossings 200 dinner, followed by our Nordic Market, our largest annual fundraiser. A big thank you to Christine Anderson and her committee, as well as all the 80 or so volunteers who made the Nordic Market a success. In November, we hosted a well-attended and enjoyable Nordic Mixer with friends from Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland. At our regular Membership meeting, we elected officers for 2026. Several new board members are joining us, and many current board members are willing to serve another year. The installation of the new board will be at our January membership meeting. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

As we move into the Holiday Season, we are planning our December events, starting with our regular Membership meeting, where we will celebrate Stan Borreson's 100th birthday. The Norwegian Ladies Chorus will join us for a night of singing, fun, and walking around the Christmas tree. Then, on Saturday, December 13th, we will host our annual Julebord, a more formal event featuring a traditional Norwegian dinner. The last event of the year will be the Children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 14th. Please check our website for information on all our events. Thanks to Diana Malone and Isabel Bartholomew, our website and social media are updated frequently, making it easy to sign up for events online.

I want to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to Ken Bartanen for serving as Vice President for the past two years. Ken always shows up to help with a smile, whether it is running a meeting or doing dishes. I am so grateful that he will stay on the board as a Marshall for the coming year.

As I come to the end of my first year as president, I want to share with you how much I have enjoyed working with the board and all the volunteers. The board members are all actively involved in committees and serve as volunteers at our events. Without them, we would not be able to host as many events as we have this year. If you would like to join a fun group and be a part of the wonderful community we have at the Lodge, please reach out to the office or any of our board members. We would love to have you.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season with family, friends,
Lots of good food and Norwegian traditions!

Jeg ønsker dere alle en God Jul og et Godt Nytt År!

Anne-Lise Berger
President

Leif Erikson Lodge 22-001



Dinner / Membership Meeting for December 2025

*10th of Dec. 2025 / Wednesday Social 5:30 PM / Dinner
6:00 PM / Program 6:30 PM Business Meeting 7:30 PM*

Our December 10th membership dinner and meeting will feature a special menu and several events. The menu will offer a choice of Lutefisk or Norwegian meatballs. Please indicate which you would like when you sign up. We would love to have you reserve your dinner by Friday, December 5th, as the Lutefisk must be ordered earlier than the usual Monday sign-up time. The menu will also include special toppings of bacon and bacon bits, lingonberries, and feature boiled potatoes, Brown gravy, Anne-Lise's family recipe for tasty Green Pea Stew (ertestuing), Mixed green salad, assorted rolls, and, for dessert, Surmelkfromasj (buttermilk custard with lemon sauce).

The Norwegian Ladies Choir will sing for us, and together we will walk around the Christmas tree to music. Additionally, we are celebrating and honoring Stan Boreson, who would have turned 100 in May of this year. We will have accordions playing for happy hour, and we will join the choir with a special guest leading us in a Stan Boreson sing-along. No worries, there will be song sheets on the tables for all to join in the fun.

This meeting will have two other important happenings. We will hold our new member welcome ceremony and also collect annual financial donations for the Ballard Food Bank. You may also donate any food offerings for the food bank in the designated container by the stairs in the Lodge entryway.

This dinner will be \$25 for dinner only and \$30 for dinner with a drink of choice. Please RSVP by the 5th of December at 206-783-1274.

Sheila Bartanen,
Social and Cultural Director



Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

Leif Erikson Lodge acknowledges our lodge stands on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish people past and present, and honors with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish people.

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2026 Calendars of Norway on Sale

Leif Erikson Lodge is selling special Norwegian calendars for 2026, just in time for the holidays. The price is \$15.00 plus \$7.00 for postage if you would like it mailed to you. Mail a cheque, made out to LEL, Leif Erikson Lodge, ATTN: Calendars, 2245 NW 57th St., Seattle, WA 98107. Supplies are limited –order now. Call the office at 206-783-1274.



New Phone Number, Email, or Address?

Let us know! Email Wendy at LEL.memberships@gmail.com. Or go to the SON website - www.sofn.com and update your Member profile. Please remember to forward your mail if you are gone for an extended period.

Vikingen

Leif Erikson Lodge No. 2001 Sons of Norway 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA 98107-3134 **Business Manager:** Gail Engler **Co-Editors:** An-Magrih Erlandsen an.Magrih@gmail.com and Erik Bjarne Witzøe Erik.Bjarne@gmail.com **Phone:** 206-783-1274. **Email:** an.magrih@gmail.com & erik.Bjarne@gmail.com. The submission deadline for Vikingen is **the 14th of each month**. Please send articles or calendar items to both editors. The Vikingen has been published since 1945. Leif Erikson Lodge was founded on May 13, 1903.

You can sign up to receive the Vikingen via email. If you prefer to receive a hard-copy newsletter, let us know at Erik.Bjarne@gmail.com or englergail32@gmail.com or call the LEL office and leave a message at 206-783-1274.

Sons of Norway Cultural Mission:

Promoting and preserving the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries. Leif Erikson Lodge is committed to complying with this mission in all that we do.



Troll Saga

NYHETER FRA NORWAY PARK



Julehilsen fra Norway Park

By Erik Bjarne Witzøe
LERA LODGE REP.



As the daylight grows shorter towards the Winter Solstice, the night lights up with glowing Christmas lights all over the upper park, as residents become creative and take the opportunity to be inspired by onlookers. It's your chance to take a tour. Who knows, you could even smell the faint aroma of freshly baked lefse and pepperkaker from those nicely decorated homes, in the chilling crisp air. A mug of warm coffee or cocoa would certainly complete the experience.

The time has finally come for the annual Julebord at The Berg Pavilion in the lower Park, Saturday, the 6th of December. Berit Smith and volunteers have already been prepping for the biggest dinner event of the year, not to mention Christmas decorating for this quite festive event. Highlights for the Julebord will include a social hour with drinks and appetizers, dinner service via a Norwegian buffet queue-up, entertainment, and caroling around the tree with Thor Gudjonsson, an Icelandic vocalist. The account of the Christmas Story is to be read to the children of attending guests. Nisse - Santa makes a guest appearance, handing out small gifts to those same cheerful little ones. Also, as tradition dictates, the evening will conclude with the Raffle to help raise funds for Norway Park. From personal experience, the cozy atmosphere on a nippy night in a wooded lake area is warmed by fun-filled guests and a toasty fireplace; we truly live the Norwegian experience. God Jul! og Godt Nytt År!

In other news, a nice, hearty group of Salmon has been seen in the culvert at Norway Park. As you are aware, the state created the new culvert in 2022.

LERA welcomes Jonathan Lawler as our new Water Manager. Mange takk! Marty Shepard and best wishes to you in your new endeavors.



Julebord

Leif Erikson Recreation Association Contacts for 2025

LERA - Norway Park

22128 State Route 9 Lot 220
Mount Vernon, WA 98274
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Light up Norway Park! 2025

Nothing says Christmas like a festive display of lights in the park.

God Jul! fra Kaffestua



God Jul og Godt Nytt År fra Kaffestua

Please join us in December for some Holiday fellowship and good eats.

We will be open on the following Wednesdays/Fridays:
Dec 3/5, Dec 10/12, and Dec 17/19. 10am-2pm

We will have NO Saturday or Sunday
Kaffestua in December.

***Happy Holidays to all of you and thank you for making
Kaffestua a great place at the lodge!***

To All New Members, A Velkommen Ceremony!

All new members from this year are cordially invited to participate in a Welcome Ceremony on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the Leif Erikson Lodge. We want to welcome you into the Sons of Norway formally. This will take place at the Membership Business meeting, which begins around 7:00. You are invited to attend the Membership Dinner at 6:00. The cost is \$25, or \$30 with one alcoholic drink. To reserve a place, please call 206-783-1274 for a reservation by noon, Monday, Dec 8. Social Hour starts at 5:30. The Welcome Ceremony will be held at the beginning of the meeting. Non-members are welcome to attend this evening. If you cannot attend this time, please watch for a notice of the LEL's next Welcome Ceremony in the Vikingen. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Wendy at memberships@gmail.com or leave a message for me at the Lodge

Julebord 2025



Saturday, December 13, 2025 Leif Erikson Lodge

5 PM: Social and Appetizers. 6 PM Dinner & Program. Silent Auction.

Ticket Prices: \$65 General and \$20 for children 12 and under.

Bar: Cash or Square: Red & White Wines, Beer, Aquavit, Soft Drinks.

Entertainment: Live Music; Short Norwegian Dance Performance; Singing Christmas Carols in English & Norwegian while walking around the Christmas Tree.

Featuring a Traditional Norwegian Menu

Appetizers: Pickled Herring on Rye Bread, Shrimp on Deviled Eggs, Salmon Cheese Ball with Crackers.

Main Course: Baked Pork Loins, Medisterkaker (pork meatcakes) Baked Cod, Norwegian Sauerkraut - Surkål, Green Pea Stew - Ertestuing, Boiled Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Lingonberries, Waldorf Salad, Vegetarian Option Available.

Dessert: Riskrem.

Ticket Purchase: QR Code or call the Lodge Office at 206-783-1274, Send Checks to Leif Erikson Lodge: 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA 98107. www.leif Eriksonlodge.org/julebord Last day for reservations: Monday, December 8, 2025.



Med Hjertelig Takk!

The Nordic Market concluded with the drawings for the prizes:

1st Prize, \$1000: Karen Boschker

2d Prize, Night at the Symphony and stay at Hotel Åndra in downtown Seattle (value \$500), past president, Lee Ehrheart

3d Prize, Gift certificate for Scandinavian Specialties, Florence Drevecky

4th Prize, Skål Beerhalla Lifetime Mug Club, Bev Thorkildsen

Gratulerer! Congratulations to you all, and thanks for your support of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001

We had a great Nordic Market this year with lots of people! Thanks to our more than 80 volunteers and bakers! We increased our bakery sales by a significant amount. Really appreciate both Diana Malone and Seth Maristuen stepping up to train so many people on Square so we could accommodate our buying public. Sales more than doubled from last year by offering Square in all our sales areas! Would love to hear more ideas to improve the event and also find more leaders to help with organization and prize gathering. Final financials will be presented at our December meeting. Tusen takk! Christine Anderson, Chair

Norsk Hilsen



Harald Oskar Sohlberg (29. november 1869 - 19. juni 1935)

var en norsk nyromantisk maler som skapte et av de mest elskede norske maleriene, «Vinternatt i fjellene», som henger på Nasjonalgalleriet i Oslo.

I 1995 vant maleriet en offentlig avstemning organisert av NRK for å velge Norges nasjonalmaleri. Maleriet gikk dermed foran det tradisjonelle norske romantiske nasjonalistiske maleriet «Brudeprosesjon på Hardangerfjorden» av Adolph Tidemand og Hans Gude.

Sohlberg begynte å jobbe med studier av «Vinternatt i fjellene» etter å ha sett fjellene i Rondane i blålig måneskinn mens han sto på ski i nærheten i 1899 eller 1900.

Han laget flere studier i perioden 1900-1902 i en rekke medier som inkludert kull, fargestift, olje og akvarell. En studie henger på Nasjonalmuseet i Stockholm. Han begynte arbeidet med oljemaleriet som oppbevares av Nasjonalgalleriet i 1911, og fullførte arbeidet vinteren 1913-1914. Hvis du besøker Oslo, må du absolutt oppleve dette kunstverk på Nasjonalgalleriet!

(English summary: The Norwegian artist Harald Sohlberg's great work of art "Winter night in the mountains" hangs at the National Gallery in Oslo. In 1995 it was voted as Norway's most beloved national painting surpassing the popular "Wedding procession on the Hardanger fjord" painting.)

- An-Magrih Erlandsen, Editor



Harald Oskar Sohlberg (1869-1935) "Vinternatt i fjellene"
National Gallery, Oslo, Norge

Leikarringen Liasons

Leikarringen enjoyed performing for the November Viking Days at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Tacoma. Our newest member performed for the first time and we all had a very nice time. We are also practicing to dance in December for the Lodge Julebord and for a retirement community. Our holiday party will follow our final December performance. We have been busy making our sought after holiday crafts to sell at our Lodge events as well as other community venues in November and December. All our proceeds are donated to the LEL. In October there was great support to the lodge from LKR for the Nordic Market where we sold a record number of items, made a record number of cookies and sold out all the delicious soup and rømmegrøt we made to contribute to the successful lodge fundraiser. We will have our annual election of officers the end of November and will report on that in the December Vikingen. We all are thankful we are able to learn traditional Norwegian dances and share that culture with the community and friends.

- Sheila Bartanen, President



Bilde fra "Petter og Lotte's Jul" av Elsa Beskow

WOODCARVING

December 3-10-17

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Scandinavian Woodcarving classes
by Mark Olsen

www.leiferiksonlodge.org/events-calendar



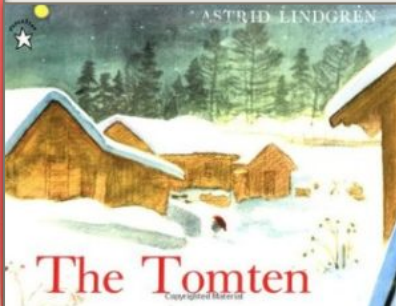
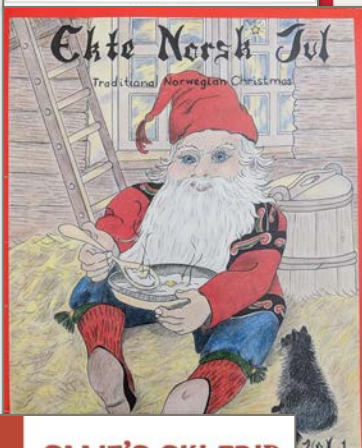
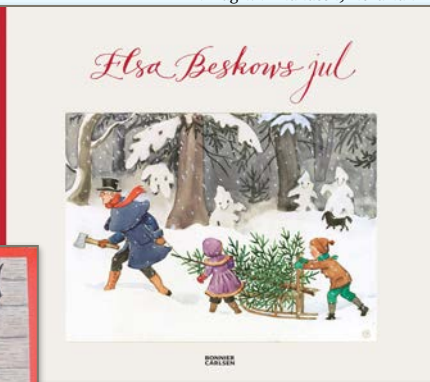
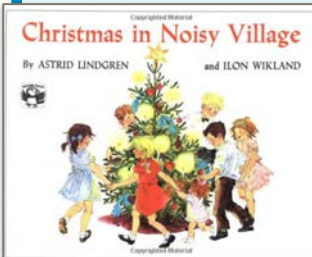
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KOSELIG JULE BØKER

Books to help you have a culturally koselig Norsk Jul. Elsa Beskow og Astrid Lindgren bøker have been capturing the essence of a Scandinavian Jul for generations.

- An-Magrith Erlandsen, Librarian



OLLIE'S SKI TRIP



PETER AND LOTTA'S CHRISTMAS



Every Friday - Library Open 10am-2pm
12/06 - No Saturday Library
12/10 - Library Open 3:30-5:30pm

Gratulerer med dagen!



Birthday Greetings for December

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WITH DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS !

Our youngest members are:

A., Kari G., Elena H., Lucie J., Mikhail K.,
Hailey L., Kaare N., Theo Z.,

Our members are:

Paul A., Andrew B., Mark B., Armand B-L., Kent E., Kaia G.,
Nancy G., Kailee H., R. Edward K., Gunnar L., Kristine L.,
Laura L., Seth M., Jennifer M., Stein N.,
Christian R., Eldbjorg S., Lanette W., Don W.,

Senior Members are;

Keith A., JoAnn A., Ellen B., Nancy S.,

Our most Senior Members are:

Randi B., Greta F., Odd F., Peter H., Irving H.

GRATULERER!

We're sorry we can't list all the Birthday celebrants as there is just not enough room in our newsletter!

GRATULERER MED DAGEN!



THE NORWEGIAN LADIES CHORUS OF SEATTLE
INVITES YOU TO
**A HOLIDAY CONCERT &
Traditional Scandinavian Cookie Reception**



Sunday, December 7, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Guest Artist: Rachel Nesvig
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
2400 NW 85th Street
Suggested Donation: \$15 at the door

LOCAL MATTERS.
velkommen nye kunder



BALLARD 206.397.3110
8550 15th Avenue NW, Seattle, WA 98117



New Applicants from September & October vote in November

Jeffrey D Hamilton
Cassidy Fairbanks - child
Brynlee Hamilton - child
David R Rice.
Joan Elise Sorensen - Rice
Kristy M Carlile.
Penny Lee Meenderinck.
Ellen A Ahlness Abdulmuminov.
Akmal A Abdulmuminov.
Anora Heidi Abdulmuminov. - child
Rezo Hakon Abdulmuminov. - child
Eric David Ahlness.
Lori Ann Ahlness.
Danny Mack Covington.
Ashley Ann Covington.
Ayden Mack Covington - child
Grayson Micheal Covington - child



Affiliate
Diana Austin.
Bothell 2-106

Jacqueline Thompson
Grieg lodge Portland 2-15
Frida Hansen Lodge #37

Reinstated
Bernie Bowers
Cassella Freer
Konrad Uri

Obituaries
Arlene Bemben
Petter Musland
Jesse Farrens
Anne Seiler Davis
Borghild P. Aarvik
Harry Svenkerud
Solveig Lee



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Please notify Wendy Forselius of any changes in Name, Address, or Phone Numbers. Please also let her know of the death of a family member, LELmemberships@gmail.com

Leif Erikson Lodge Calendar December 2025

- 03 Dec. - Wed. LEL Board Meeting - White Elephant Exchange at 6 PM
- 03 Dec. Wed. Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
- 05 Dec. Fri. Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
- 05 Dec. - Fri. Bibliotek-Library from 10 AM - 2 PM
- 06 Dec. - Sat. Norway Park Julebord Berg Pavilion at 4:30 PM. RSVP
- 09 Dec. - Tue. LERA - Norway Park Board Meeting 6 PM at Kaffestua / LEL
- 10 Dec. - Wed. Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
- 10 Dec. - Wed. Bibliotek - Library from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- 10 Dec. - Wed. Membership Dinner & Meeting, doors at 5:30 PM
- 12 Dec. - Fri. Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
- 12 Dec. - Fri. Bibliotek - Library 10 AM - 2 PM
- 13 Dec. - Sat. LEL Julebord. Doors at 5 PM - RSVP
- 14 Dec. - Sun. LEL Children's Christmas Party / Barnas Julefest 3 PM-5 PM
- 17 Dec. - Wed. Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
- 19 Dec. - Fri. Kaffestua 10 AM - 2 PM
- 19 Dec. - Fri. Bibliotek = Library 10 AM - 2 PM
- 24 & 25 - God Jul / Merry Christmas!

Ballard Health Club Silver Sneakers class meets at LEL Mon, Wed and Friday, 10:00 AM 11:00 AM. Contact Marianne for details.
marianne@ballardhealthclub.com

Exercise class lead by Audrey in main hall Wednesdays 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM. 1st class free, \$5.00 after that. LEL Zoom information:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189> Meeting ID: 915 582 1189; Dial in by Phone: 1 (253) 2158782.

Please check the LEL website, e-news and Facebook for updates to the Lodge calendar and activities. www.leif Eriksonlodge.org
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeifEriksonLodge>



Leif Erikson Lodge, Karmoy Club &
Seattle - Bergen Sister City Association

Children's Christmas Party Barnas Julefest

Sunday, 14 December 2025 • 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Entertainment • Julenissen • Christmas Goodies
Walking around the Christmas Tree
Treat Bags • Prizes • Christmas Songs
Children \$2.00 Adults \$10.00
RSVP by December 5th through the lodge office.
Alle Velkommen • Everyone Welcome



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Prepare for a fun afternoon of eating, singing and dancing
around the Christmas Tree Norwegian style, Julenissen
will be paying us a visit, prizes with lots of fun and togetherness.

