

VIKINGEN



Hurra for Syttende Mai!



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

It has been a busy time at Leif Erikson Lodge the past few months. And now it's almost time to celebrate Syttende Mai. The Lodge is planning an Open House from 1-5 on May 17th. Food, music and a few organizations will have informational tables. Please come march with the Lodge in the parade at 6:00pm. We will meet on 62nd street near the 7-11. Ask a parade Marshall for the Leif Erikson number.

In March we had a successful Heritage Day/Taste of Norway. It started off with the Leif to Leif Run. 175 enthusiastic runners and walkers participated-the most ever! Although anyone who braved the chilly morning were winners, the race winners can be found on our website. Leiferiksonlodge.org. Congratulations to all of you! And thanks to Skål for their generous donation of prizes! Skål celebrates its 4th anniversary this month and, once again, shows their very generous nature by donating 100% of the reservation fees on May 17th, to the Lodge. Tusen Takk Adam! There are more details about their Syttende Mai celebration in this newsletter. A portion of the Leif to Leif Run is donated to the Ballard Senior Center. We hope to have the Center Director, Carlye Teel, come to a Lodge meeting and accept the donation.

At the May membership/business meeting we will continue the celebration with Past Presidents night and the Lodge's 120th Birthday. The Man and Woman of the Year will also be announced. This is always a difficult decision! At the May dinner meeting we will be entertained by Lillia Spelsmanlag, a youth group of musicians who will be visiting Norway this summer. Please come listen and support them and wish them well!

Don't forget to sign up for dinner no later than Monday at 5:00pm-two days before the dinner. Remember, we also pay for dinner if you

don't attend.

As always, it takes a lot of volunteers to make these events happen. We really do need people to step up and volunteer or perhaps be in charge of an event. The risk involved might be having too much fun, meeting someone new, take home leftover cake or cookies....

I mentioned that Skål is celebrating its' 4th anniversary. There are several other of our community partners also celebrating anniversaries. Scandinavian Specialties turns 60 this year and the Ballard Senior Center turns 50. The community has greatly benefitted from these outstanding businesses and organizations and we hope you will continue to support them so they will be around for a long, long time! Gratulerer!

We hope to see you at the Lodge soon! If you are new to the Lodge please join us and volunteer for an activity or event. We are always in need of volunteers and we hope there is something for everyone to participate in.

Ha det!

**Gail Engler, Vice President
Leif Erikson Lodge**

MEMBER DINNER RSVP REMINDER

A reminder to make your dinner reservations no later than April 10, Monday at 5:00pm. Sign the list on the bulletin board, reserve online or call the Lodge: (206) 783-1274.

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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Membership Meetings:

2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm

Deadline for Vikingen is Saturday following

Membership meeting.

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 Leif Erikson Lodge was founded on May 13, 1903

**SEATTLE'S LILLIA SPELMANSLAG
 PLAYS FOR MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023
 SOCIAL 5:30, DINNER 6:00, PROGRAM 6:45**



Lillia Spelmanslag is a group of young people from ages 8-18 who play traditional Nordic music. Martha Levenson is their director, and the group has been playing throughout the Northwest at folkdances, concerts, exhibitions and festivals such as Folklife, Midsommarfest and Julefest.

The musicians learn techniques, focus on clear sound, and work on poise, confidence and stage presence. Music is taught in the traditional way and the students learn music by ear, including harmony and rhythm.

In 2013 Lilli Spelmanslag toured Sweden and in July of this year, they will be going to Norway. A three-week tour is planned studying the hardingfele with master teachers in Voss and they will attend a music and dance class with Norwegian kids. The musicians will travel to Roros where they will study regular fiddle and learn about the copper mines and the Sami tradition of reindeer herding. Two large concerts are planned in Voss and Roros along with several pop-up venues.

At our membership meeting, they will present tunes on the regular fiddle and the hardingfele. Come support these young musicians who will be the caretakers of Nordic traditional music in our community!

Tortellini and chicken, Creamed leeks and asparagus, green salad with goat cheese, almond cake with raspberries and whipped cream, along with bread and butter will be served. There will also be toasts and songs honoring the lodge's 120th birthday. **Come celebrate and don't forget to make your dinner reservations by Monday, May 8. Call the lodge, 206 783-1274 register online or on the bulletin board.**

JoAnne Rudo, Cultural Director

HELLO FROM THE KAFFESTUA



We are open Wednesdays and Fridays
10am-2pm.

May 2023 DATES

We will be open all Wednesdays and Fridays in May except Friday, May 17th and Wednesday, May 24th. We will also have First Saturday Kaffestua on May 6th.

We are actively seeking new volunteers for the Kaffestua. If you know of anyone that would like to help once a month, please call or text Laurie Lund Gonzalez at 206-409-0153. We would greatly appreciate it!

VELKOMMEN TIL NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the Lodge: Raya Datskiy and Alex Datskiy; Lynda Lee Hawkins, Jenny L. Hawkins and Dustin E.K. Hawkins; John C. and Elaine M. Knudson; Christian Roach; Christopher, Harper and Lauren Wabey.

Reinstated member- Arlene Tande.

Please get to know your fellow Lodge members by joining us in the many lodge activities during the year and perhaps volunteering at an event. Contact Ellen Beck or Seth Maristuen (sethmaristuen@gmail.com) or Gail Engler, englergail32@gmail.com.

Current members, please renew your membership and pay dues as soon as you receive your notice from SON. Norway Park residents must always maintain current LEL membership as a condition of their residing at Norway Park.

**Ellen Beck, Membership Coordinator/
Financial Secretary, ebeckster@gmail.com**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients this year! They are amazing young people with goals to help their local communities and the world! Richard Hemmen received the Leadership Scholarship. Richard has been a leader in the Boy Scout community for many years and has volunteered at Leif Erikson Lodge during Heritage Day! He is an alumni of the Washington Aerospace Scholar Program, too. On scholarship night, he showed me several of his CAD 3d planes he has designed. "Looking to my future career's possible connections to Norway, my interest in green aerospace operations is the bridge. The Norsk Romcenter avidly participates in studying the impact of aerospace activities on climate change, and is at the forefront of global space agencies committed to climate change action. ERAU's (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida) international study abroad program could bring my two interests together, because by taking advantage of it I could study aerospace while living in Norway. I wish to take the skills and lessons I have learned, and go-a-Viking out to space—in this case, by eliminating space trash!"

Queen Karissa and Princess Freya continue as our Leif Erikson Lodge Royalty for 2023. Both are in school and plan on attending our 17th of May festivities. Queen Karissa is studying nursing at Seattle University. Princess Freya will be attending the District 2 Trollhaugen Youth Camp this summer.

Chloe D'Leen Betts was selected for the Douglas Warne Vocational Scholarship. "I have worked as a volunteer helping build kayaks for the youth center in my village and have been able to connect with youth and get them excited about boats and boat making. The Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding (in Port Hadlock WA) will not only allow me to learn Nordic boat building techniques, it will give me the skills I need to bring that knowledge back to my community and create an even better boat program." We look forward to having her visit our lodge and perhaps have her show off one of her kayaks!

NORWEGIAN GREETING

Hei Allesammen! Jeg håper igjen at alle har det bare bra og kan komme til Losje den 10nde mai for vår møte. Tenk nå er de mai og den tredje onsdagen er 17nde mai! Hurra, Hurra!! Kom til Losje den dagen også fordi vi skal ha mat, musikk og dans. Og etter at vi har spist og hadde det godt, skal vi marsj i dagens tog. Har du ikke 17nde mai nål ? Engen problem – vi har 17nde mai nåler og du kan kjøpe en for bare fem dollar. Da er vi klare! Vi kan marsjere i dagens stor tog! Hurra, hurra!! Ha det, Allesammen!!

Hilsen fra Ellen Margrethe

Hi Everyone! I hope again that everyone is well and can come to the Lodge on the 10th of May. Think that now it is May and the third Wednesday is the 17th of May! Hurrah! Hurrah!! Come to the Lodge that day, too, because we will have food, music and dance. And after we have eaten and had a good time, we will march in the day's parade. You don't have a 17th of May pin? No problem – we have 17th of May pins and you can buy one for just \$5.00. Now we are ready! We can march in the day's big parade! Hurrah, Hurrah!! Have it well, everyone!!

Greetings from **Ellen Margrethe**

LEIKARRINGEN LIAISONS

Leikarringen had a nice part to play for the Lodge Heritage/Taste of Norway Day and baked dozens of cookies as well as members helped set up the lodge room, hosted the Leikarringen table, gave table bussing and dish washing support, helped with lining up the musicians and, of course, clean-up. There was even a little spontaneous dancing including a Longdans that ended up involving 2/3 of the folks attending at that time dancing all around the lodge. We love being part of and supporting this wonderful Norwegian community and a good time was had by everyone.

For Syttende Mai, Leikarringen will be dancing two 30-minute performances at the lodge open house, at 1:10 and 1:40 both of which include our fiddler Bill Boyd and returning member Nancy Morrison on recorder. We are so lucky and thankful to have them. We will also be walking and dancing in the parade which starts at 6pm. As if one parade isn't enough, LKR will be walking and dancing in Poulsbo, Saturday May 20th for their Viking Days celebration. We hope to see you at these events. You are all welcome to wave, say hi and come talk to us.

And...all are welcome to join us on Tuesdays 5-7pm in the main lodge room. We have wonderful dance instructors in Beth Kolle and Elaine Everitt who are delighted to teach current and new members.

**Respectively submitted,
Sheila Bartanen, President**

NORNA LADIES

Greetings from the Norna Ladies. The month of May is FULL of wonderful activities:

Happy Mother's Day to you and yours
Happy Syttende Mai

We will have our monthly potluck gathering on Tuesday, May 9 – a week early, because of the May 17 festivities.

We participated in the annual Heritage Day with our crafts booth. Our sales were slightly under \$400, which was a successful day. We met on April 18 – our monthly potluck. Stay safe and well. See you soon !!!

Judy Gray & Diane Adams Co-Presidents

Leif Erikson Lodge
Movie Matinee



JOIN US IN WATCHING

A Fortunate Man

(Lykke-Per)

<p>Saturday May 13th 3 pm</p> <p>Norna Room</p>		<p>Feel free to bring a snack or drink to share and come enjoy the film!</p>
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IN MEMORIAM

Ole Arvid Bakken passed away in 2023, at age 96. He joined the Sons of Norway in January, 1969, and was a Golden Member of the Lodge and member for 50 years. The memorial will go to the Leif Erikson Educational Foundation.

Ida J. Cochrell also passed away, but unfortunately we have no records for her.

NORWAY PARK NEWS

Sankt Hans Aften aka: Midsommer's Festival at the beach will be on Saturday the 24th of June this year, with activities during the day including competitive races, raffle and more, and of course with our big celebratory bonfire in the evening. Musical entertainment to be announced.

The Salmon BBQ by the Lake McMurray fire department will be held at the beach Saturday the 9th of July. There will be several raffles, including one for a Honda Monkey motorcycle.

On August 12th we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Norway Park at the beach with picnic, including a traditional Norwegian folk music band, and DJ Andy who will be showing Scandinavian videos. One of our fun ideas is to have a Norwegian baked goods contest, so it's time to pull out your old family recipes for this one! The 60th Anniversary pins designed by Erik Bjarne-Witzøe have been ordered and are on the way. The pins display the beloved original Rød Stua. We have also ordered some larger plaques of the same design that you may hang in your cabin. Erik also designed the gorgeous 17th of May pins which you may purchase at various locations in Ballard, including Scandinavian Specialties and the Leif Erikson Lodge office.

We've heard a lot of members would like a re-vote on the interior paint and re-design of the pavilion (which did not pass by one vote) at the last Stockholder's meeting of which many members did not attend. If it had passed, we would have had the pavilion painted in time to celebrate the 60th Anniversary picnic. We have decided to vote again at the next Stockholder's meeting in September in regard to the color schemes the Arts & Cultural Design committee have carefully put together. Our goal is to bring a traditional Norwegian look and feel back to the pavilion. The new color scheme will be included in the next Stockholder's packet.

Have a wonderful Spring! More detailed times and dates on our upcoming events will be forthcoming.

An-Magrith Erlandsen

Norway Park Lodge Representative

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all our members with May birthdays. Celebrants include Gerd A., Christine A., Heidi A., Diane B., Adam B., Stephen B., Sharon F., Julie F., Kristina G., Lars K., Ola M., Ty P., Janice Q., Stephen M., Laila S., Laurie S., Vidar W.

Special greetings to those who turn 90-something including Harold N. and Betty E.

Our youngest members include Calvin D., Avery K., Evangeline R., Maggie L.

Our most senior member for May is Betty E. Gratulerer

Gratulerer med dagen!

Happy Birthday

SPORTS NEWS

Let's try get some of the NEW sports medals. These medals are for people completing bronze, silver and gold in a sport. And then doing it all again for these new medals. So far, we don't have anyone from Leif Erikson who has earned one of these medals.

Here are the details: The first of our new medals, Idrettshelt [ee-dretts-hellt]—the sports hero pin—is the 5th level within any sports medal category. We've also added Hederspris [hay-dersh-prees]—the outstanding sports achievement award. This pin is for members who've earned the bronze, silver, gold and enamel medals in each of any three sports medal categories."

Kathleen Lange tatter59@me.com Sports Director

JOIN HAPPY HOUR SOCIAL MAY 13TH

The last two Happy Hours on the second Saturdays of the month were really social and fun. In April we had a number of guests who were new to experiencing the Lodge and they enjoyed meeting a variety of people. The mix and match warm-ups got people involved and, as it happens, new friendships were established. Just ask Jerry and Mike. New member, Jon Newton adds a kick to the Happy Hours by bringing in a selection of his hobby-made beers to share. All have been different and interesting. He brews them in his home brewery building in Burien where he has monthly pop-up beer events for his neighbors. We are lucky to have Jon as a new and sharing member.

The supper table seems always to have hot and cold dishes, snack items, and desserts enough to make it a real social supper event. The \$5 charge covers the supper and two drinks of your choice—wine, beer, spirits, and soft drinks. As requested, we will try to add cider and Don V said we really need to put on a pot of coffee.

There are two raffles and sometimes an auction of something special. The first raffle is for people who bring snacks to share on the buffet table. The second raffle for \$1 each ticket has more and bigger prizes. May 13th HH will include a book exchange. So bring a book or two and take a book. June Happy Hour will be a CD exchange. Bring a CD to put into the exchange in May or June and take one home if you wish from the June HH June 10th.

Second Saturday HH event starts at 5:00 pm and ends about 8:00 and are usually held in Kaffeestua. Take a friend to dinner. It is only \$5 and you can't find that kind of deal anywhere else in Ballard so maybe treat two friends to dinner May 13th. June 10 will be the last HH of the season but will start again in September.

DONATION THANK YOU'S

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Per Brauteset/Piper Hughes	Karen Koon
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Sherman Conover	Laurie McGibbon
Reidun Crowley	Carmen Minaker
Todd Davidson	Odd and Helga Moen
Peter Digre	Stuart Mork
William Dougall	Per and Theresa Nilsen
Donna Driver-Kummen	Jan and Abigail Nielsen
John and Karen Eckhart	Norwegian Commercial Club
Kristine Ekman	Norwegian Male Chorus
Gail Engler	Daniel Nye
Lee Ehrheart	Harold Nygaard
Leif and Lisa Eie	Carol Ollestad
John and Grette Fallmyr	Joanne Orsucci
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Michael and Asbjorg Hartung	Bill Wanyen
Tim Hevly	Daniel and Kristen Woxland
Ingrid Hinton	

REMINDERS

You can sign up to receive the Vikingen via email. If you prefer to receive a hard copy newsletter let us know at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net or call the LEL office and leave a message; 206-783-1274.

Not receiving the e-news? Sign up for e-news by emailing leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net. This email comes out several times a month and provides an update to Lodge events and activities, as well as links to the Vikingen, renewing your membership and volunteering at the Lodge.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL OR ADDRESS ?

If you have a new phone number, email or address let us know. Email Ellen at ebeckster@gmail.com. You can also go to the SON website-www.sofn.com-log in and update your Member profile.

Please remember to forward your mail if you are gone for a longer time period. If you have a new email, you can email the office at leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net. Thank you for keeping the Lodge in the loop!!

Deadline for submitting articles to the Vikingen is the Saturday following the membership meeting. Send articles to the Vikingen Editor at vikingeneditor@gmail.com.

ORDER LEL NAME TAGS

You can order your Leif Erikson Lodge name tags by contacting Bernie Bowers at Bernieb3@comcast.net. Nametags are \$15.00. Mail a check made out to Leif Erikson Lodge. Mail it to LEL, ATTN: Bernie, 2245 NW 57th St., Seattle, WA 98107.

FROM YOUR FRIENDLY LIBRARIAN

Greetings from the Library! Library hours for May will be by appointment only. You can also contact me via email or phone. Email is arianewm@gmail.com. Phone: 206 854-2930. I live very close to the lodge, so it is easy for me to open the library by appointment. I really do encourage people to either call or email me if they have donations or would like to check out a book.

Please check with me before donating books as we do have many duplicates and are running out of room to store books. Tusen takk!

Ariane Westin-McCaw, LEL Librarian
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Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle



www.nlcofseattle.org
NEW SINGERS WELCOME

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LEL CALENDAR - MAY/JUNE 2023

- May 3** - LEL Board Meeting – 7:00pm (via Zoom)
- May 6** - First Saturday Kaffestua, 10:00-2:00pm (New day!)
- May 10** - Membership Meeting; Social-5:30; Dinner 6:00;
Program- 6:45; Meeting- 7:30pm
- May 13** - Second Saturday Events: Movie - 3:00pm (Norna);
Happy Hour- 5-8pm
- May 13** - **Vikingen Deadline**
- May 17** - Syttende Mai; LEL Open House -1:00-5:00; Parade at 6:00pm
- June 3** - First Saturday Kaffestua, 10-2:00pm (New day!)
- June 10** - Second Saturday Events: Movie – 3:00pm (Norna);
Happy Hour- 5-8pm
- June 14** - LEL Board Meeting/Ice cream Social/Sølje Sisters
entertainment/Business Meeting – 7:00pm
- June 21** - LEL Trivia, 7:00pm, on Zoom
- July 8** - Border Festival Picnic
- July 15** – Steak Fry-Trollhaugen
- August 12**- Vikingen Deadline(for September)
- August 19**- D2 Golf Tournament-Leavenworth
- Sept 15-17** Doreen Parker Cultural Heritage Camp-Trollhaugen
Ballard Health Club Silver Sneakers class on Monday, Wednesday
and Fridays from 10:00-11:00. LEL Members may attend for free.
Exercise class lead by Audrey in main hall, Wednesdays, 11:15-
12:00. 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) 215-8782.
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to the Lodge calendar and activities. www.leiferiksonlodge.org;
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**SYTTENDE
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OPEN HOUSE**

CELEBRATE SYTTENDE MAI	DATE MAY 17, 2023
JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE AT LEIF ERIKSON HALL WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY AUTHENTIC NORWEGIAN FOOD, GREAT COMPANY AND FESTIVE ENTERTAINMENT!	TIME 1PM-5PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!	FREE ENTRY
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SKÅL BEER HALL FOR SYTTENDE MAI

Join Skål Beer Hall in the heart of the action on Ballard Ave for a full day of Syttende Mai festivities! Doors open at 12pm with open seating all day until 11pm. There will be live Nordic music from 12-6p in our covered outdoor street café. We'll be featuring a special menu with beer hall favorites and of course lots of pølse and aquavit! There will also be a street-side walk-up grill from 330-7pm with takeaway food and drinks for the parade. We have a limited amount of reservations available for groups of 6-10 people. These VIP tables are \$50 to reserve. 100% of the reservation fee will be donated to Ballard's Leif Erikson Lodge. Email us at info@skalballard.com to reserve. Visit the lodge open house and then head over to Skål before or after the parade!

Adam McQueen
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CAMPS, CAMPS, CAMPS

The youth camps will be in full swing this summer. District 2 camp applications and dates are available here. DISTRICT 2 YOUTH CAMPS: After a break due to COVID the District 2 Sons of Norway Youth camps are now open for registration. <https://www.sofncamps.com> Here are the dates for the 2023 two week camp sessions: Camp Trollhaugen (ages 13-15) – June 25th thru July 8th; Camp Nidaros (ages 9-12) – July 9th thru July 22; Camp Normanna (ages 9-12) – July 23 thru Aug 5. Scholarship applications are available here. Due April 15! These are two week overnight camps throughout the summer. NOTE: Camp applications are still accepted as long as there is room!

We sponsor the National Nordic Museum day camps for younger kids too. There are limited scholarships available for the camps. Leif Erikson Lodge sponsors the summer day camp program at the National Nordic Museum. Use the code LeifErikson when applying/reserving for the camps to receive the lodge discount. Go to this site to sign up for camps and find out about additional camp opportunities not covered by the lodge discount. <https://nordicmuseum.org/events/how-to-be-a-viking-half-day-camp-2023>. When you go to the site, click on "REGISTER NOW" for the camp you want. You need to add a camp to your cart, then you will be able to apply the "promo code" of LeifErikson to get the lodge discount. You have to have the order in the cart first to get the discount. Once you add the code, hit "APPLY" and the code will generate the lodge discount. You do not need to login as a member.

Art Adventures Half Day Camp: July 10th—July 14th, 8:30am-12pm; Ages 6-8; \$125 Members/\$150 Nonmembers. Join us at the National Nordic Museum to find out! We'll be spending the week exploring different styles of art and creating our own masterpieces.

How to be a Viking Camp: July 24th—July 28th, 8:30am-12pm; Ages 7-9. \$125 Members/\$150 Nonmembers. Have you ever wondered what it was like to be a Viking? Join us at the National Nordic Museum to find out! This half-day camp uncovers the daily life of Vikings, and campers will get to think, create, and explore just like the Vikings did.

PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED

On May 10th at our Membership meeting we will be honoring the contributions of all of our Past Presidents that are still able to attend with a complimentary dinner and opportunity to meet and greet each other after four years! Don't forget to RSVP for dinner. Our Lodge is grateful for all of our Presidents, as well as the many volunteers that have contributed over the 120 years.

LEL Past Presidents: Asbjorn Nordheim—1971

Bjorn Gjolmesli- 1986-87

Robert Svendsen, 1988

John K. Dahl, 1993

Eric Haga, 1995-Feb. 1997

Bill O Alsveck-1999-2000

Randi Aulie- 2001-2002

Duane Esperum 2005-2006

Russell C. Oberg, July 2007-2009

Doug Warne 2010-2011

Lee Ehrheart, 2014-2015

Andrea Torland, 2016-2017

Gail Engler, 2018-2019

Seth Maristuen, 2020-2022

LEIF ERIKSON LODGE TURNS 120!

120 years! At our business meeting in May we celebrate our 120th anniversary and honor our past presidents. On May 13, 1903, we held our very first business meeting. When our Lodge was formed, it was part of a new organization called the Grand Lodge of Sons of Norway of the Pacific Coast, very separate from the Sons of Norway in the Midwest. On May 13, 1903, the Sons of Norway of the Pacific Coast was organized as a fraternal organization of Norwegians and their descendants. S. S. Langland was elected Grand Lodge president. The men in attendance proceeded later that same day to form the first lodge on the local level, which was our lodge, and called it Leif Erikson Lodge No. 1. The first historic meeting took place at 818 First Avenue in the Forester's Hall. A. A. Anderson, who was born in Denmark, was elected our first president. He remained president of our Lodge until July 29, 1903, when he resigned because he believed the site of the very first picnic, Pleasant Beach, had a poor reputation and did not deserve the patronage of the Sons of Norway. S.S. Langland then filled Mr. Anderson's position.

Our weekly meeting minutes were in English until July 13, 1906, after which the minutes were taken in Norwegian. Olaf J. Toft, a former professor with the University of Oslo and a former member of Sons of Norway in Minneapolis, which was organized on January 16, 1895, was credited with much energetic work in getting both our local Lodge and the Sons of Norway of the Pacific Coast formed. Several years ago his daughter and granddaughter visited our lodge.

A significant change in the Grand Lodge was adopted in February 1907. In a special meeting they adopted a motion to discontinue writing life insurance. Then on February 21, 1909, at the convention in Bellingham delegates were to vote for consolidation with the Supreme Lodge in the Midwest only on the condition that insurance was voluntary. A year later Sons of Norway in the Midwest announced it had been licensed to write life insurance in California and Washington, opening the way for the merger of the two organizations on July 9, 1910, at the Supreme Lodge convention in Grand Forks, North Dakota. This convention marked the creation of Districts 1 and 2 of which our Lodge is a part. Due to the noncompulsory insurance of the western group, participation in the insurance program was made voluntary for everyone.

In 1907 the State Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition with the help of Representative Howard A. Hanson, a young City of Seattle lawyer of Norwegian descent. During the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909, H. P. Rude, charter member of the Lodge, was City Councilman and very active in making arrangements for Norway Day. The day proved to have the highest single day's attendance of any other country during the exposition. Women were allowed to join the Sons of Norway as social members in 1912, but here in Seattle, women were active in a sister organization called Grand Lodge Daughters of Norway Pacific Coast which was formed on October 19, 1905, with the help of the Sons of Norway of the Pacific Coast. The first lodge was Valkyrien Lodge No. 1. The two groups had very close affiliations, meeting on the same day at the same time, even owning two buildings together until the selling of Norway Center.

Now we are in our third building where we are now the sole owner. We have been here since 1986. Many of the volunteers who built our hall are now gone, but we carry on with raising money to upgrade and repair our home for the future so we don't have to move again. We appreciate the many volunteers and donors who continue to make Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 and Leif Erikson Hall a great place!

Christine Anderson, Historian