

Sons of Norway | Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 | Godt Nyttår! Happy New Year 2025

## New Years 2025 Greetings from the Vice President

We had our annual election and look forward to installing our new officers at our first 2025 monthly meeting on January 8th. We hope to see you all there for this special event, including installing our new President! I'm happy to say with people stepping up to new positions in the lodge at Leif Erikson, we have a lot to look forward to in this coming year. We are also grateful for the help and support of those officers who are stepping down and those who are continuing to serve. Please come to the year's first meeting to thank them and celebrate those who will lead us in 2025. The heritage and culture at our lodge are important for all of us.

Another one of the things I look forward to this coming winter is Heritage Day, which is a day to celebrate our Norwegian heritage. The fun run starts everything that morning. It is a 5k run or walk from the Leif Erikson statue in front of our lodge to the Leif Erikson statue at Shilshole marina and back. This annual Leif to Leif run brings many participants, and we all get out our best Viking early that day.

We look forward to sharing this heritage with the Seattle community.

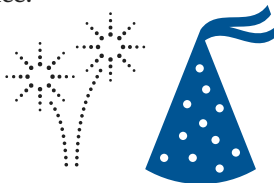
The folk dance group Leikarringen is having its 65th anniversary on February 23rd, and we plan to have much fun with music and dance. The group is part of the lodge and practices Tuesdays from 5-7 PM. Come down and find a new passion for traditional Norwegian dance.

The Ski Races at Trollhaugen are also approaching. I was there last year and skied my heart out, even winning a medal. The lodge on the other side of Snoqualmie Pass is wonderful, and overnight accommodations are available if you want to stay in the snow longer.

Come to Kaffestua on Wednesdays and Fridays to enjoy the best lunch in Ballard. It is a good place to mingle and eat excellent food.

After a year as Vice President, I can say I've enjoyed my time serving in this office.

Tusen Takk,  
Ken Bartanen



## Membership & Officer Installment Dinner Meeting 8th of January, Wednesday

**5:15-6:15 PM**

Social; Winter Family Band.

**6:15-7:00 PM**

*Dinner Menu:* Poached Chicken with Havarti and Dill  
Cranberry Almond Rice (GF, Veg.)  
Buttered Peas and Carrots (GF, Veg.)  
Green Salad with Honey Mustard (GF, DF, Veg.)  
Dinner Rolls with Butter  
Chocolate Cake (Veg.)  
Acorn Catering - \$27

Please **RSVP by noon on Monday the 6th of January 2025**  
**call 206-783-1274.**

**7:00-7:15 PM**

Clear tables; Set up chairs for Installation.

**7:15-8:00 PM**

- Welcome-Vice President Kenneth Bartanen
- Presentation of U.S., Norwegian, Canadian, and Sami Flags -Peter Nestingen, Bernie Bowers, Petter-Anne Hutchings, Wendy Foreslius, Eva Phillips Singing of National Anthems-Kris Templin/Marilyn Molinari; accompanist Kathleen Lange. Please sing along; the lyrics are on your program.
- Introduction by Gail Engler of Special Guest- Bill Hicks, District 2 Vice President.
- Introduction by Bill Hicks of Jerry Erikson, Installing Officer, District 2 Past President.
- Installation of Officers - Jerry Erikson
- Transfer of President's Gavel from Vice President Bartanen to President Berger (also, presentation of medallions for Ken & Anne-Lise) Processional Music as Officers are brought forward - Kathleen Lange piano
- Closing remarks, President Berger
- Skål to Leif Erikson Lodge

**8:00** Short business meeting after Installation.



## 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.



December Membership Dinner Meeting. The Norwegian Ladies Choir performs traditional Norwegian Jul Carols.



Erling Berg & family at Julebord 2024



## Julebord 2024 Leif Erikson Lodge



Tusen takk to all the Julebord Committee members!



LEIF ERIKSON LODGE 2-001  
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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
PRESENTS...

## 2025 ANNUAL CRAB FEED (OUR LAST ONE!)

Meal, Silent Auction, Dessert  
Auction - Music from

*Miles From Chicago*  
**SATURDAY, JAN 25, 2025**  
**6PM @ LEIF ERIKSON HALL**

\$30 STUDENT  
\$65 FOR ONE ADULT  
\$480 TABLE FOR 8  
(PRICES GO UP JANUARY 18TH, 2025)

Tickets available on  
[www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6475885](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6475885)  
Choose crab or stuffed chicken

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

Pick up tickets in the Leif Erikson Hall office on  
Wednesdays or Fridays from 10AM-2PM  
EIN 27-4674000



## Leif Erikson Lodge Officers 2025

**President:** Anne - Lise Berger / [alberger49@gmail.com](mailto:alberger49@gmail.com)  
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**LEL Lodge Rep. Erik-Bjarne Witzøe**  
**LEL Lodge Rep. Doug Warne**  
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## Velkommen til Kaffestua



### Greetings from the Kaffestua

#### January 2024 DATES

We will be open all **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** in **January**.

Our hours are **10am-2pm**

We also will have **first Saturday Kaffestua** on **January 6 th** .

More Volunteers are needed in Kaffestua.  
 Please contact Laurie Lund -Gonzalez if you can  
 help out.

[Laurielg40@gmail.com](mailto:Laurielg40@gmail.com)

### 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.

### New Phone Number, Email or Address?

Let us know! Email Wendy at [LEL.memberships@gmail.com](mailto:LEL.memberships@gmail.com). Or go to the SON website - [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com) 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, contact the office at [leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net).

## Vikingen

Leif Erikson Lodge No. 2001 Sons of Norway 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA 981073134 **Business Manager:** Gail Engler **Co-Editors:** An-Magrith Erlandsen and Erik Bjarne Witzøe **Phone:** 206-783-1274 **Web page:** [www.LeifEriksonLodge.org](http://www.LeifEriksonLodge.org) **Email:** [leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net) **Email:** [LEBArentals@qwestoffice.net](mailto:LEBArentals@qwestoffice.net) **Membership Meetings:** 2nd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm Deadline for Vikingen is Saturday following Membership meeting. 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 [leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## Godt Nyttår from Norway Park!

By Erik Bjarne Witzøe

It might be the cold days of winter. However, a nice warming fire roaring in the fireplace filled the Berg Pavillion on the 7th of December for the annual Julebord. The Christmas-spirited event also initiated the newly warm-color palette of the Nordic concept in the newly painted pavilion.

Berit Smith and volunteers decorated the pavilion with the traditional Christmas tree and cheerful holiday tables of appetizers, then served the 120 guests a delightful Julebord meal. As per tradition, risen-grøt (rice porridge with strawberry sauce), where two dessert bowls were chosen to be placed with a whole almond, means you are a winner. If you find one, prizes are awarded.

The Julenissen (Doug Olsen) arrived with goodies for the Children attending, and the traditional singing around the Christmas tree with Video DJ Andy Jensen. The raffle is always a big hit, with winners walking away with some pretty awesome prizes.

### Leif Erikson Recreation Association Contacts for 2024

#### LERA - Norway Park

22128 State Route 9 Lot 220  
Mount Vernon, WA 98274  
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Norway Park Website: [www.norwaypark.org](http://www.norwaypark.org)

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*Julebord 2024 at the Berg Pavilion, a festive time with around 120 guests in attendance. Kathy Buholm - Leif Erikson Lodge's Cultural Director, also volunteered.*





### Incoming Officers to LEL

**President**  
Anne-Lise Berger

**Secretary**  
Eva Phillips

**Cultural Director**  
Petter-Anne Hutchings

**Trustee**  
Sandi Conroy

**Norway Park Representative**  
(Second Term)  
An-Magrith Erlandsen

**Co-Librarian**  
Diana Malone

**Youth Director**  
Armand Luzak

**Educational Foundation**  
Lorie Lind & Jessica Apodoca

### Legacy Planning For 2025

The Sons of Norway needs your help. Your donations are what keep the Sons of Norway Foundation alive. Gifts can be appreciated in stocks, life insurance, beneficiary designation, or real estate.

#### The Advantages of Planned Giving -

- \* Creation of a legacy that expresses your most profound convictions. It need not diminish current income or current assets
- \* Potential income tax or estate advantages, both for you and your heirs
- The Satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the future of the Foundation and its mission for years to come.
- Your gift will impact our Sons of Norway community and help deliver our mission of awarding grants and scholarships to our members and communities.
- Including Sons of Norway in your estate plan is as easy as including this language in your estate plan or beneficiary designation form:
- “\_\_\_% to Songs of Norway Foundation, a 501(c) 3 organization for the benefit of the. unrestricted permanent endowment.”
- Our organization appreciates knowing your intentions when giving. Please email [foundation@sofn.com](mailto:foundation@sofn.com) or call 612-821-4655 so we can express our gratitude to you.
- If you have any questions or need any help, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jerry Thorsen - [jthorthor@gmail.com](mailto:jthorthor@gmail.com)

### Installation of Leif Erikson Lodge Positions for 2025

Gratulerer! to all the newly elected LEL positions, as they were all nominated and confirmed to their desired roles in serving; these decisions were made at the November Membership Meeting. After years of vacancy of a lodge president, we are pleased to announce that Anne-Lise Berger will be taking this leading role as she will be sworn in January at the monthly Membership Dinner Meeting; we are so grateful for Anne-Lise taking this vital role as it is imperative to our lodges survival as per Sons of Norway chapter policies. We are also grateful to Ken Bartanen for continuing his role as Vice President. There are still a handful of open positions to fill; please consider a role that would be a good fit, without “u” there is no us.

### WHEN IS THE NEXT HAPPY HOUR ?

Yes there was no Happy Hour in December because of Julebord falling on that date. There will also be no Happy Hour in February because that second Saturday of the month a great rental client has rented every room in the building. So, let's focus on January 11th 2025. We will have

**2nd Saturday Happy Hour** at Leif Erikson Lodge  
**January 11th 2025 - 5:00 to 8:00 PM- 2245 NW 57th St.**

Enjoy a Lite supper, including 2 drinks for only \$5.  
There will be Regular bar drinks including wine, beer and soft drinks. (and coffee if requested)

Bring some finger food snacks for the food table and receive some free raffle tickets for the food provider's raffle as a thank you. Great prizes for the main raffle \$1 each ticket.

There are also some simple, free, get-acquainted games so members and guests get to know each other. Some games like Mexican Bingo, Left-Right-Center, and Stump the Judges even have prizes.

**Members and guests invited:** *Members just drop in. Guests are most welcome and sign in on the guest list to keep us legal with the WSLCB. Bring a friend. Come and get to know your fellow members. See you there January 11th.*

- Doug Warne

### SOCIAL DIRECTOR

"Nordicrafts, crafting we do at the first Saturday Kaffestua, will be taking a short hiatus. Please email [maloned10@gmail.com](mailto:maloned10@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining us when it comes back!

Our Norwegian Practice will start back up on the third Sunday Kaffestua, which is on January 19th. If you are interested in practicing your Norwegian with others and by ordering food and coffee, come to our Norsk Kaffestua!

My time as Social Director is coming to and end. Although it was a short time, I had lots of fun and met many new people. Organizing the Nordic Exchange with the Swedish Social Club, starting Nordicrafts, and opening a new Sunday Kaffestua are all things I started and will continue to run in the future! I look forward to continuing my time in the lodge as Co-Librarian next year, and welcome people to come see me in the Library!

If you have any questions, please email  
[maloned10@gmail.com](mailto:maloned10@gmail.com).

*Sincerely,*  
*your Social Director,*  
Diana Malone

### Leikarringen Liaisons

Leikarringen has been very busy preparing for dance performances. We were invited to the Tacoma Sons of Norway Lodge for their Viking Days and enjoyed dancing on their wonderful stage. We also performed for the Norse Home twice. The first time was our annual performance for the current residents followed by our Christmas party hosted by our fiddler Bill Boyd and his talented wife Gina. The second time was for their Christmas party which was also for the residents who already moved out. It was a joy to see them all again for a heartfelt farewell as the Norse Home is closing in a few months. We will miss this lovely connection and hope when the renovations are done we can again dance and meet the residents.

We had our annual election and re-elected the current slate of officers who agreed to continue and have been the planning committee for the anniversary. Please Save The Date and join us on February 23, 2025 at our Lodge for our 65th Anniversary Celebration from 1-5pm. We ask you to RSVP by February 14th to 206-612-0053 or to [kbarten@msn.com](mailto:kbarten@msn.com). This free event will include a lovely program throughout the day for music, visiting, reminiscing, photos, dancing, singing, lunch and great desserts made by our wonderful dancing bakers. We look forward to seeing you.

- Sheila Bartanen, LKR President



Bilder fra Barnet's Julefest!





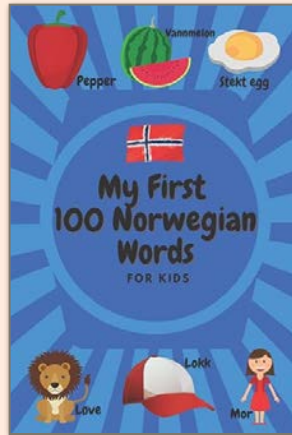
## BIBLIOTEK

### Godt Nytt År Allesammen!

This will be another exciting year in the library as we welcome new co-librarian Diana Malone! Ariane Westin-McCaw has stepped down and we thank her for all the years of hard work especially in helping to conserve all of our beloved and rare antique books. I am very excited to work with Diana Malone in keeping our beloved library in order.

One goal is to enrich our Children's section in Norwegian language books. Adults undertaking the task of learning Norwegian may also learn from these books as they read to their kids and grandkids.

*Norwegian language books are becoming more available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Here are some sweet titles for under \$10 I found on-line available through Amazon:*



- An-Magrith Erlandsen



**Norsk Kongefamilies Julefoto 2024.**

*Norwegian Royal family Christmas photo 2024.*

### Leif Erikson Lodge Bazaar 2024 Top Winners

1st Prize \$1000: Terry and Laurie McGibbon

2nd prize: Hotel Andra and Seattle Symphony Cy

3rd prize: \$300 gift certificate for Scandinavian Specialties: Carol Lindgren

4th prize: Lifetime membership to Beerhalla Mug Club: Harry Solheim!



# Norsk Hilsen!



## Gratulerer med dagen!

### Nytt År 2025

Den berømte **Kirkenes Snowhotel i Norge** er et av Skandinavias mest ikoniske hoteller. Virkelig et "designer" ishotell, det er lite sammenlignet med regionens andre frosne eiendommer, noe som betyr at servicen er hyggelig, varm, personlig og vennlig.

Ved å bruke fysikken som lenge har vært brukt av dyreinbyggere i de vinterlige omgivelsene, beskytter den isolerende isen gjestene mot utetemperaturer som kan falle til minus 35.

Hvert år blir hotellets rom skulpturert på nytt og tematisert med bilder av arktisk kultur. Nytt for Kirkenes er varme rom i stilige trehytter, som har varme gulver som standard.



- An-Magrith Erlandsen

### January Birthday Greetings

#### Happy Birthday to all our members with January birthdays!

Karen A., Ellen B., Erling B., Charlotte B., Judith B., Christopher C., Poul C., Duane E., Brent F., Nancy H., Juanita H., Connie H., Barbie H., Erik L., Lydia L., Renee L., Allison M., Cindy M., Theresa N., Elaine P., Elizabeth S., Denis S., Robert S., Gerald T., Casey W., Rory V.

**Our youngest members** are Liam B., Max C., Kaden E., Amelia H., Leo H., Anna J., Finn K., Anja L., Elliot L., Peter L., Henry L., Josie S., Evelyn V., Grace W., Una W-D., Avery Z.

**Our senior members** Erling B., Ora D., Knut-Erik E., Jody G., Brent G., Marion J., Alf K., Asjborn N., Elaine P., Erling R., Marie S., Arlene T., Wayne W.

**Our most senior members** this month are Ora D. and Erling B.-98 and 97 respectively

**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!*

### Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle



www.nlcoseattle.org  
**NEW SINGERS WELCOME**  
 Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:45pm  
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 Joseph To, Director  
 Contact: norwegianladieschorus@gmail.com  
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Please notify Wendy Forselius of any changes in Name, Address, or Phone Numbers. Please also let her know of a death of a family member LELmemberships@gmail.com

## Leif Erikson Lodge Calendar of What's Happening 2025

- 01 Jan - Wed. Godt Nyttår - Happy New Year 2025**
- 08 Jan. - Wed. Membership | Officer Installation Dinner. 5:15 PM** (see article for details)
- 11 Jan. - Sat. Second Saturday Happy Hour 5-8 PM in Kaffestua.**
- 14 Jan. - Tues. LERA Board Meeting** at Bekkestua 7:00 PM
- 15 Jan. - Wed. - LEL Trivia Night 7 PM- Zoom**
- 23 Jan.- Thurs. - Nordic Nights - The Kraken Game - 7 PM** at the Climate Pledge Arena
- 25 Jan. Sat. The 2025 Annual Crab Feed - LEL starting at 6 PM** (See media)
- 23 Feb. Sun. LERA (Norway Park) Stockholders Meeting. Doors at 11 AM, LEL.**

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](mailto: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.leiferiksonlodge.org](http://www.leiferiksonlodge.org)  
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