

# VIKINGEN



## PRESIDENT'S GREETING



We are now fully into fall, and I for one am enjoying the change in color (if not the rain). October, as always, was Foundation month, and we were lucky to have Allison Foreman from the Wenatchee lodge join us for our members meeting to talk about all the various grants and scholarships available from the head office in Minnesota. If

you haven't had a chance, I would encourage you to visit their website and read up on all the available options. Many of these grants go unclaimed each year, so please take a moment to see what is available. Our membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month (on Zoom for now) and we would love to see you there.

We are in the process of lining up our Leif Erikson Lodge Board for 2021 and have a great group excited to continue leading our lodge into the future. There are positions still available, so if you are interested in being part of the board please reach out to me or JoAnne Rudsohn, and we would be happy to talk to you about the various roles. I started as an auditor on the board before becoming VP and moving on to the role of President, and it has been an incredibly fulfilling experience for me. I must thank Andrea and Gail for encouraging me to take on more over the years, they have both been great mentors as well as dear friends to me.

As you are likely aware, we took our first venture into an online Bazaar last month, and what a great success it turned out to be! We had a ton of people, members and non-members alike, log in to bid on items and purchase food to go. I hope you were able to jump in and join the fun. Kudos to everyone who assisted in these efforts, and specifically I want to thank Gail Engler, Bazaar Chairperson and Christine Anderson, Auction Chairperson for leading the charge. The annual Bazaar is our largest fundraising effort of the year and also one of our best opportunities to share our love of Nordic culture with the community. I must also thank Larry Helms for his help in preparing the delicious meals that we were able to serve to go. Larry became a lodge member last month but has long been a supporter of everything we are trying to accomplish. While we will hopefully be back to meeting (and eating) in person soon, this was a great chance to try out a new option of serving in a take-away fashion. Many groups and individuals pitched in and I can't name them all here, but a specific thank you to Skål Beer Hall and Scandinavian Specialties, as well as Byen Bakeri, for helping to make this such a great event. We will look for-

ward to partnering with them in future endeavors, and hope you visit them often.

Membership recruitment has remained a priority for Adam and I, and even given the challenging environment we are living in, I am happy to say we have over 100 new members who have joined LEL in 2020. That still leaves us about 60 short of our goal for the year, so if you know anyone who might enjoy being part of our lodge, please reach out and encourage them to join. We remain the largest Sons of Norway lodge in the country and I would love to see us continue to grow to 1,600 members and beyond.

As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you get the most of your membership to Leif Erikson Lodge. As we approach the holiday season, we hope you are able to spend some quality time with your family in a safe and responsible manner. Thank you again for your continued support of the lodge.

**-Seth Maristuen, President, Leif Erikson Lodge**

## LEL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE

Please join us for our November 11, 2020 Business meeting, to be held this month via Zoom Meeting. Use the information below to log in on Wednesday November 11th at 7:00 pm. (NEW TIME). In honor of Veteran's Day we will have a guest speaker from the VFW Post 3063 in Ballard. LEL Board elections will also be held this evening. Please join us!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189>

**Meeting ID: 915 582 1189**

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### TIPS FOR USING ZOOM:

Download the Zoom app and experiment with it ahead of time to minimize futzing around the day of.

Log in at least 10 minutes before the meeting to get used to Zoom settings.

Please mute your microphone as otherwise we hear background noise like wind, dog barking.

Adjust your device so you are visible to others.

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**LEL BAZAAR REDESIGNED FOR 2020**

As we told you last month the LEL Bazaar looked quite different this year. Due to the pandemic we tried something new with an online auction and Norwegian Takeaway. You were able to bid on many of your favorite things on the auction and take home delicious meatballs, yellow peasoup, rommegrot and krumkake. The winners of the Golden Raffle cannot be announced at this time since I am writing this prior to the drawing. Hopefully many of you had a chance to participate in some aspect of the Bazaar, our largest fundraiser of the year. We thank all of you for your support! When we are able to return to meeting in person, the funds raised will go towards cultural programming, youth group activities, language and baking classes, as well as operating expenses such as publishing the Vikingen. Since this virtual event was such a success we may try it again next year.

We want to give a special thank you to the donors of the main raffle Prizes. Judy Gray for donating the World Mark/Wyndam Resort Vacation; Scandinavian Specialties for the \$300.00 gift certificate and to Skål for the Lifetime Mugclub membership and the two t-shirts. Adam also procured a number of donations from businesses he works with such as Beast and Cleaver, Sidefire Arts and National Nordic Museum. Also, thank you to Rachel Antalek, owner of Byen Bakeri-and a Lodge Member- for donating delectable rolls to go with the meatballs and peasoup!

Thank you to all the Volunteers on our 2020 Bazaar Committee and also to organizations, businesses and individuals making donations. It was a lot of work putting together the auction and food but well worth it. We are always looking for new people to volunteer even during the pandemic. Your support is appreciated more than ever in what has been a challenging year for all of us! Thank you also to Gary DeLeon, our wonderful caretaker and his wife Susan for taking good care of the Lodge and assisting us throughout these trying times! Mange takk!

**-Gail Engler, 2020 Bazaar Committee Chairperson**

**THANK YOU TO BAZAAR DONORS**

Thank you to the following businesses, individuals and organizations for their donations to the Bazaar auction. We greatly appreciate your generosity and helping make our first ever auction a big success! Tusen takk!

Andrea Torland, Bad Albert's Tap and Grill, Ballard Alliance, Barbie Hull Photography, Barbie and Chris Varnes, Beth Kollé, Better Meat Inc, Bjarne Varnes Estate, Carol Smith, Charles and Linda Zigler, Cheryl Hefner, Christine Anderson, Cory Rockey, Daniel Baines, Diane Adams, Ditt og datt, Doug and Joan Warne, Erik Wold, Evelyn Elliott, Gail Engler, Ivar's/ Kidd Valley/ Alki Spud, Jessica Apodaca, Jim and Gunn Marit McArthur, Jody Grage, Judi Jager, Judith Swanson, Judith Sheldahl Browning, Judy Johansen, Julie Svendsen, Karen Koon, Karen Abelsen, Karen Nordeng, Kari Knudsen, Karin Gustafson, Kathleen Lange, Kathy Mork, Kellie Sagen, Kiss Cafe, LEBA, Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Leif Erikson Lodge Board, Leikarringen of Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Leiren Designs, LEL Educational Foundation, LFS Marine Supply, Mailbox at NW 80th and 24th Ave NW, Laurie Lund Gonzalez, Nancy Hiraoka, National Nordic Museum, Noel Wannebo, Nora Olsen, Norna Ladies, Norwegian Male Chorus, Norwegian Ladies Chorus, Randi Valdok, Ristorante Picolinos, Scandinavian Hour, Secret Garden Books, Seth Maristuen, Sidhefire, Skål Beer Hall in Ballard, Starbuck's Magnolia, Swedish Club, Valborg Nordbo.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The winds are whipping. The rain is drenching. And perhaps there will soon be snow (in the mountains at least)? Fret not, that means it's gløgg season! We all have our own family recipes for this mulled wine winter warmer that we no doubt think is the best. Regardless of how you make it, you're bound to feel warm and cozy next to the fire with this Nordic libation. Treat your friends and family to a batch and don't forget to scoop out the fruit when you reach the end of your mug!



I believe that sharing is caring, so here is my family's not so secret recipe:

1 Bottle Gård Red Blend (or red wine / port of your choice), 1 tsp whole clove, 1 tsp whole allspice, 2 cinnamon sticks

4 tbsp raisins, 3/4 cup brown sugar, 2 pods star anise, 1/4 tsp ground ginger, 1/4 tsp ground cardamom, 1/2 orange

(sliced in wheels), 1/2 apple (thin segments), 1/2 cup Linie Aquavit (Høvding from Norway is a nice substitute as well)

Slowly heat all ingredients (except aquavit so as not to burn off the alcohol) on low heat to just below simmer for 30 min. To serve, add raisins and any other tasty items you'd like from the gløgg mix to a mug. Add 5 to 6 oz of gløgg. Float with 1 oz aquavit. Serve with small spoon to scoop out the raisins. Skål!

You might even use a batch of gløgg as a recruitment tactic for converting your neighbors as new members Who could turn down this cold weather delight?!

**-Adam McQueen**

## YOU ARE NEEDED!

For many decades, I have been a member of the Sons of Norway, Leif Erickson Lodge. From time to time, I would attend various functions at the lodge especially the bazaar and Heritage Days. My membership was mostly to support the lodge and remind me of my Nordic heritage. The years went by and I still wasn't actively involved with the lodge. When I was on the Finlandia Foundation board, I felt it was important to reach out to other local Nordic organizations. I arranged a program with Leif Erickson lodge featuring an author who wrote of his adventures in Norway and Finland. I don't remember the author or name of the book, but over seventy lodge and Finlandia Foundation members attended the Wednesday membership meeting. The lodge members were very appreciated and showed much warmth and friendliness. It was then that I decided I wanted to be more involved with the lodge. I began to attend the membership meetings but I was still rather timid in volunteering especially when they were soliciting for board members. At one membership meeting, Doug Warne asked for volunteers for Sunday Bingo with the goal of making money for the lodge. I knew how to play Bingo! This was something that I could do.

By becoming more involved, I was able to slowly get to know many of the interesting and ever so nice people at the lodge. From time to time, there would be requests for people to fill a much-needed board position. I was interested, but was the board political? Did people have to know you really well to have them want you on the board? Did I have enough skills for the board? So, another year went by and I never volunteered for the board. When Andrea Torland, was president of the lodge, she asked me to be on the board!! I was very pleased and proud and, of course, I said yes! Getting involved with Leif Erickson Lodge has many rewards as you work together towards a common goal and creating something good for the members and the general community. One of the nicest rewards is getting to know the people in the lodge—sharing laughter, joy and sometimes their sadness.

As I became more involved with the lodge, my respect for the board members and all the volunteers who keep the lodge alive keeps growing. Leif Erickson Lodge is volunteered powered and you are needed! Please consider some of the vacancies on the board. There will be board members that will help you. If you have questions regarding the duties of the board positions, please don't hesitate to call me or talk to someone on the board. The following positions need to be filled: Secretary, Librarian, Social Director, Auditors, Trustees. Along with helping the lodge continue to function, you will be super appreciated and being appreciated is a very good thing!

**-JoAnne Hardt Rudo, (206) 329-1443**

## LONGTIME SCANDINAVIAN HOUR HOST RETIRES

Our past President of Leif Erikson Lodge, Doug Warne has been active with the Scandinavian Hour radio program here in the Puget Sound region since 1959. Doug recently passed on a message from his heart to all listeners, advertisers, guests and clubs who have participated in the program. He said "thank you for your support over the last 61 years. I will be retiring this fall from active leadership of the Scandinavian Hour." It is time for a younger person to take the lead this fall and it will be Seth Tufteland. We have been working together for several years and he is very active in the community and particularly District 2 youth camps and Bothell Lodge Sons of Norway. Warne indicated he will occasionally help out and listeners may even notice him on the air from time to time and will help out with some smaller tasks. Please support Seth as you have supported Ron Olsen and I over these many years." A note from the Editor: Many thanks to Doug for his six decades of hosting the Scandinavian Hour on 1150AM. We will miss hearing his voice but lucky for us he will still be on the LEL Board and be active with the Lodge.

**-Tusen takk** dette er ikke farvel!

## LIFE DURING COVID-19

Member Nancy Peterson Hiraoka isn't letting Covid get her down. She may no longer be able to attend her group activities in person during this pandemic, but she attends them via Zoom. Nancy's a singer and a musician. She continues to attend Norwegian Ladies Chorus rehearsals via Zoom. Zoom has also given Nancy the opportunity to continue rehearsing with the Music Center of the NW Chorale. As its members don't meet in person, the members can live anywhere. This has allowed Nancy's friend, Diane of Spokane, to join, too. This virtual choir has even posted a song on OneDrive. Click on the link below to hear their first effort (1 min: 5 secs):

[https://1drv.ms/v/s!AhHHoCx-f\\_iVlRemq3jI38Nw-PnM?e=BPXUcy](https://1drv.ms/v/s!AhHHoCx-f_iVlRemq3jI38Nw-PnM?e=BPXUcy)

Nancy is also a musician in Ballard's musical group, the Sølje Sisters, playing the accordion, ukulele, piano and sometimes the harmonica. At first the Sisters started rehearsing via Zoom, but not being able to hear everyone play at the same time wasn't very satisfying. In the summer, they moved outdoors to the parking lot of Our Redeemer's Church, next to the Pea Patch, so they could rehearse in person. Then they practiced at Magnolia's Lawton Elementary, socially distanced and wearing masks. Since September, LEL has kindly let the Sølje Sisters rehearse in the auditorium. As thanks, they performed in the garage during the Bazaar's food pick-up day on October 24th. Nancy fills three days of her week singing or playing music. That leaves her time to attend occasional LEL Crafternoons, remodel her house, and enjoy an occasional coffee or drink with a couple of masked friends. Nancy's mental health during Covid? Good! Submitted by

**-Claire Sagen, Co-Cultural Director**

## SPORTS DIRECTOR NEWS

Two new sports medals are available. We really need new medals at Leif Erikson lodge because many of you have completed all the levels and just keep on going. Here are the details from sofn.com:

First, **Idrettshelt** [ee-dretts-hellt] –The sports hero pin– is the 5th level within any sports medal category. Members must have completed the bronze, silver, gold and enamel pins in a sport category prior to starting on the Idrettshelt. Earn double the point or mileage value of the enamel level to qualify for an Idrettshelt pin.

Next is **Hederspris** [hay-dersh-prees], the outstanding achievement award. This pin is for members who've earned bronze, silver, gold and enamel medals in any three sports medal categories. Anyone who has earned all the sports medals in a category in 2020 can start working on Idrettshelt NOW and has 1 year to complete double the enamel medal. Hederspris may be good to think about now with ski season on the

horizon. If you earned all the medals in 2 sports in 2020 and can earn skimerke medals this winter (2020-21) you will be eligible for Hederspris.

Medal sports are walking, swimming, cycling, skiing and fitness. Popular fitness categories include dancing, team sports like baseball and soccer and broombal.

**-Kathleen Lange, Sports Director tatter59@me.com**

## LEIKARRINGEN LIAISONS

Leikarringen voted to have zoom meetings every other week as we miss our music, dancing, singing and friends. This is an opportunity for socializing, catching up and we are working on figuring out how practice our Norwegian songs for the song dances. Our dance leader Larry Reinert is considering ways to send us links for some dances to remind and inspire us.

Leikarringen members were busy all summer making really beautiful Nordic handmade ornaments to grace the three Christmas trees we donated and decorated for the Leif Erikson on line auction. We are so glad folks bid on them and that they will have wonderful Christmas treasures. We also made a number of traditional nordic and nordic inspired ornament packets for people to buy and add to their own ornament collections. Several members also made rommegrot, small kranskekakes and gluten free krumkake that added to the Bazaar food items that were bought and enjoyed at home. Leikarringen members helped with the packing, organizing and delivering of food and auction items for the Bazaar.

We are grateful to the lodge and appreciate having the beautiful space for our dance practices and meetings that we love to give back and help this organization.

**-Sheila Bartanen President, Leikarringen**

## NORWEGIAN LADIES CHORUS FUNDRAISER

It's time for our annual FUNDrive for the Norwegian Ladies Chorus! Due to Covid we were not able to have our annual dinner and auction. We are counting on you to help us out by raising funds for our operating expenses! If, while staying at home, you have been going through your closets and purging, we want your soft goods! This includes all clothing, shoes, purses, bedding, towels, pillows, blankets; you get the idea. Please bag your soft goods in 13-gallon kitchen garbage bags only; no boxes and no large garbage bags. Please contact Nancy Hiraoka at 206-498-9693 or nan.gran@comcast.net for info on where to drop off your goods. Here is the link: <https://fundrive.savers.com/e/fallfundriveforthenlc>. We GREATLY appreciate your efforts in making our FUNDrive a success!

**-Nancy Hiraoka, Norwegian Ladies Chorus**

## JOIN US FOR THE CRAFTERNOON!

With the shelter in place ordinance in effect, we have turned Monday afternoons into Monday CRAFTER-NOONS! Some days there are just two of us and other times there are 5-6 and it is always a GREAT time! We spend the time together laughing, telling stories and of course crafting in our own homes. There are some great tales of boating adventures by Jan, bear sightings by Beth, recipes by Gail and the occasional song by Nancy! We all work on a different type of craft, everything from knitting and coloring to puzzling and woodwork and often we talk through and teach each other the processes. We did learn the hard way that this is not the time for very focused projects, with all of the fun going on it's nearly impossible to concentrate! Consider joining us this coming Monday from 2-4pm on Zoom.

Us. – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88324219476>

See you then!

**-Barbie Varnes, Publicity Director**  
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## TUBFRIM

From the District 2 Newsletter

Thank you to all the lodges that collected stamps for Tubfrim, one of Norway's Special Projects that sells used postage stamps using the proceeds to help provide financial aid to help improve the quality of life for handicapped children and youth. Two weeks ago, we shipped off 160 pounds of used postage stamps. We collected 118 pounds of last year and even with COVID 19 were able to add 42 more pounds of stamps collected this year. We probably have at least 30 more pounds of stamps to be processed. What can your lodge do? Got Scissors? Got Time? Lodge members can clip the stamps off of envelopes or packages received in the mail, being careful to leave a ½ inch margin to protect the stamps. **When they get a pound of stamps, they need to write their name, address, phone number, lodge and lodge number on a 3" by 5" card and place it with the stamps into a zip lock bag.** Forever Stamps are acceptable. Please don't send stamps with damaged perforation, edges, etc. They will be thrown away. The cards are sent to the International Sons of Norway Office in Minneapolis and entered into a drawing for a trip to Norway. The stamps will need to be shipped or delivered to Laurie Beach at Bothell Lodge, PO Box 492, Bothell, WA 98041. Laurie and Jane Bueing, Edmonds Lodge, are the Tubfrim coordinators for District Two and will arrange to have them shipped to Norway with no cost to the district except for boxing materials. This is a simple and easy way to contribute to one of Sons of Norway charitable projects. For Leif Erikson Lodge members, deliver your stamps to the LEL office. Call ahead to make sure someone is there to accept the stamps. 206-783-1274. Currently the LEL office is open on Wednesdays from 10:00-3:00.

See the District 2 Newsletter at:

<http://www.sonsofnorway2.com>.

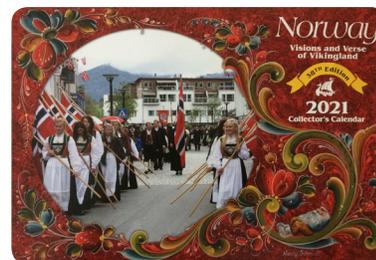
## ETHNIC HERITAGE COUNCIL

Have you heard of the EHC? I had not heard of it either until 3-4 years ago when LEL Board Member JoAnne Rudo brought it to our attention. It has been in Seattle since 1978 when sixteen enthusiastic people gathered at the home of Kristian, Ingeborg and Randi Hansen to discuss an offer from the Folklife Center of the Library of Congress to help a multi-ethnic group stage a conference on preserving local histories and traditions. The Ethnic Heritage Council's mission is to advance communication among ethnic communities; facilitate documentation of local ethnic history and cultural heritage; be a clearinghouse of information about ethnic groups; sponsor educational, cultural, and other exchanges among ethnic groups; provide support to organizations in their start-up phase; and organize ethnic and cultural events that inform the general public. Two members of our LEL Board have received prestigious awards from the EHC-JoAnne Rudo and Christine Anderson.

Recently, the EHC President, Roseanne Royer, was in search of someone to represent the Scandinavian community. Having attended a number of functions and being interested in supporting the mission of this unique organization, I agreed to serve on the Board. I was voted onto the Board a few weeks ago and will be representing the Scandinavian community, not just Leif Erikson Lodge. Currently the Council is working on developing options for creating ethnic radio programs and some of the technical considerations. EHC's Roundtable Program Committee will then describe EHC's ideas for an EHC Radio Hour that can feature segments from you! Doug Warne, who has a bit of experience from hosting the Scandinavian hour for many years, has been advising on this project. Thank you, Doug! "We Are History Keepers" workshop is another program that the EHC has hosted, along with the UW Library system. Their website is <https://wearehistorykeepers.wordpress.com>. Stay tuned for more news from the Ethnic Heritage Council as we move forward.

**-Gail Engler, Ethnic Heritage Council Board Member, Leif Erikson Lodge Counsellor**

## NORWEGIAN CALENDARS FOR SALE



Leif Erikson Lodge will be selling special Norwegian calendars for 2021, just in time for the holidays. Price is \$13.00 plus \$2.00 for if you want it mailed to you. Mail a check made out to LEL, Leif Erikson Lodge, ATTN: Calendars, 2245 NW 57th St., Seattle, WA 98107. Supplies are limited so order now!

## NORWEGIAN GREETING

Når COVID-19 begynte, visste vi ikke hva skulle skje. Kanskje hørte vi at det skulle holde på imånedsvi, men det var vanskelig å tro! Men, sånn har det blitt. Vi holder VOOM møter og erhjemme meste parten av dagen. Det er greit at vi kan ta turer ute! Jeg gjør det nesten hver dag. Og nå at jeg kan ha håret mitt klippet hver måned og neglene klippet også, er det bra. Det er meget, meget bra at familien og venner har det bare bra. Vi gleder oss til normalt liv, men måvære tålmodige. Det er i fremtiden, men vi vet ikke akkurat når! Så håper jeg at alle har det braog at vi kan være sammen på Leif Erikson Losje en dag i fremtiden! Ha det så lenge!

Hilsen fra Ellen Margrethe  
Hi Everyone!

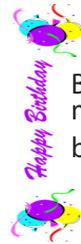
When COVID-19 began, we didn't know what was going to happen. Perhaps we heard that it was going to be with us for months, but that was difficult to believe! But, this is what has happened. We hold ZOOM meetings and are home most parts of the days. It is wonderful that we can go walking outside! I do this most every day. And that I can have my hair trimmed and my nails trimmed every month is also good. It is very, very good that my family and friends are doing well. So, I hope that everyone is doing well and that we can be together at Leif Erikson Lodge a day in the future! In the meantime, hope all is well!

**-Greetings from Ellen Margrethe**

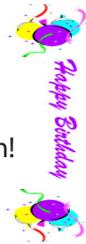
## IN MEMORIUM

We learned that **Susan Kirkeby** from Tordenskjold Lodge in Spokane passed away on October 2, 2020. Susan was a past D2 Sports Director and served on the Trollhaugen Board. She was instrumental in organizing many a D2 convention. Susan was on the Trollhaugen Board, D2 sports director, and many board positions in her local lodge including Historian. Susan had been battling cancer for some time. A suggestion for memorials can be made to Trollhaugen. They have a GoFund-Me option on their website. <https://www.trollhaugen-sofn.com>. Address: P.O. Box 155, Easton, WA 98925.

We also just learned that **Overton Berry** passed away at the age of 84. We were fortunate to have Overton Berry at Leif Erikson Lodge for two concerts. Both times, his extended family came. At each concert, we had over 100 people attend. He was a fine human being and a fine musician. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, fans and the music world. Swedish Club is tentatively planning to have a tribute to Overton on Friday, November 6th.



*Happy Birthday*



Birthday greetings to our members with November birthdays. Gratulerer med dagen!



*Happy Birthday*



## DISTRICT 2 SON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have been pondering for a while as to what to say in my Fall 2020 message to the District. This will be a year to remember and one our children will tell their grandchildren about. District 2 has worked its way through this time with Zoom meetings, teleconferences and a few face to face meetings, with mask and social distancing. Our Lodges have used a number of these tools to meet and stay in touch with their members. To say the least, this time has been a tough time for all of us. On a positive note, using these tools we have been able to meet, have programs and even have meals that keeps us connected and our spirit alive. I have been able to remotely attend a number of Lodge events over the past few months and enjoy seeing members that I haven't seen for some time. We continue to use Zoom for our Board meetings and it's a great tool that is free to use for short meetings and events. This was supposed to be a Convention year and we should have been in Portland the end of May and Norway in August. Of course, none of that happened and we now wait until 2022 for our next Conventions. Officers are remaining in place for another two years and we look forward to getting together in 2022 for a great Convention. Convention years also produce resolutions to be voted on at both District and International level. That is not happening currently except at the International level where there have been resolutions to change bylaws that impact all of Sons of Norway. Electronic voting has been approved for International and District level resolutions and recently we voted to allow this at the local Lodge. This was passed and instructions have gone out on how to use this tool. This will allow local Lodges to elect new officers by electronic means when you cannot meet in person.

An important event that takes place during our Conventions is the awarding of District 2 Lodge of the year for the past two years. **The following Lodges won for 2018; Large Lodge: Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Small Lodge: Cascade Lodge 2-087 and Family Lodge: Fjeldheim Lodge 2-047.** For 2019 the following Lodges won; Large Lodge: Edmonds Lodge 2-039, Small Lodge: Roald Lodge 2- 039 and Family Lodge: Bothell Lodge 2-106. I hope that we can make proper presentations of these awards to the winning Lodges as soon as possible. Congratulations to all these Lodges for a job well done. We have had to cancel other District events this year that we look forward to holding next year. Plans were made and things looked great to hold the Steak Fry, Golf Tournament, and the Adult Heritage weekend, but unfortunately, they didn't take place. I hope that by February we can hold the District Ski Race at Trollhaugen. I want to thank you all for your continued work for the District. It's a difficult time we are in and I think we all try hard to keep a positive attitude. Keeping in touch with each other and our members is very important, now more than ever. I look forward to seeing you soon.

**-Jerry Erickson**

## REMINDERS

You can sign up to receive the Vikingen via email. If you prefer to receive a hard copy email 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. If you actually open up and read the e-news you may find your name spelled backwards. If so, send an email to [Vikingeneditor@gmail.com](mailto:Vikingeneditor@gmail.com) to claim your prize! For the last two months the people whose name was printed backwards have not contacted me so they have missed out on their prize!

**LEL Board positions:** The Lodge needs people for the following positions: Secretary, Auditor, Trustee and Social Director and Librarian. You must be a LEL member for at least 3 months to hold these positions, except for the Librarian.

Contact Seth at [sethmaristuen@gmail.com](mailto:sethmaristuen@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of the above positions.

**Deadline for submitting articles to the Vikingen is the Saturday** following the membership meeting.

Send articles to the Vikingen Editor at [vikingeneditor@gmail.com](mailto:vikingeneditor@gmail.com).

## DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?

If you have a new phone number or address let Ellen Beck know. You can also go to the SON website-[www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)-log in and update your Member profile. Please remember to forward your mail if you will be gone for a longer time period.

If you have a new email, you can email both the office at [leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net) and me at [ebeckster@gmail.com](mailto:ebeckster@gmail.com). Thank you for keeping the Lodge in the loop!!

Ellen Beck, Financial Secretary/Membership Coordinator,  
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## THANK YOU TO LODGE/ LEBA DONORS

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## LEBA NEWS

During these interesting times LEBA is facing many challenges. As many of you know, but I will restate, LEBA is a separate corporation from the lodge. The LEBA Board is responsible for the maintenance of the building, utilities, taxes, caretaker salary, insurance, and other expenses that relate to the upkeep of our building. Our primary concerns are our roof which leaks, and our elevator. At this time we are in the process of getting bids for the roof repair or replacement. Luckily we do not need to replace the entire roof because the roof is part metal which is still in good condition. LEBA has done everything we can to reduce expenses during the corona-virus pandemic. We placed our caretaker on leave and reduced expenses where possible. There is no income from Kaffestua, a minimal amount from other sources, primarily from the annex. We have received donations for the roof in excess of \$10,000 and that will help greatly, however we need your help to complete the project. Please consider sending LEBA a donation for the roof project. Thank You!

-Osmund (Ozzie) Kvithammer

LEBA President



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## LEL CALENDAR - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

In-person Lodge activities/events for October/November are cancelled.  
Connect with us on Zoom for "virtual" events.

**Nov. 4** - LEL Board meeting, 7:00pm (**Zoom Teleconference**)

**Nov. 11** - LEL Membership meeting,  
LEL Elections 7:00pm (**Zoom Teleconference**)

**Nov. 11** - Veteran's Day

**Nov. 14** - Deadline for Vikingen

**Nov. 18** - LEL Trivia Night 7:00pm

**Nov. 26** - Happy Thanksgiving !

**Dec. 2** - LEL Board meeting, 7:00pm (**Zoom Teleconference**)

**Dec. 9** - LEL Membership meeting, 7:00pm (**Zoom Teleconference**)

**Dec. 12** - Deadline for Vikingen

**Dec. 16** - LEL Trivia Night 7:00pm

LEL Board and Membership Meetings via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9155821189>

Meeting ID: 915 582 1189

Dial in by Phone: 1 (720) 707-2699

Craft meeting via Zoom: Every Monday from 2:00-4:00 pm  
throughout the Stay Home, Stay Healthy time period.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/88324219476>

**\*\*Please check the LEL website, e-news and Facebook for updates to the Lodge calendar and activities.** [www.leiferiksonlodge.org](http://www.leiferiksonlodge.org)  
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeifEriksonLodge>

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# LEIF ERIKSON LODGE TRIVIA NIGHT

Prizes will be awarded to the top scorers!  
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**915 582 1189**  
**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10**