



SOLSYD LODGE No. 603 Zone 4
Lethbridge, Alberta

KALENDER

January 19 Zoom Meeting

February 16 TBA



Gratulerer Med Dagen

January: Arnold Follinglo, Dorothy Follinglo, Alfred Isele, Millie Isele, Laurie Megyes, Cecil Nesmo, Marilyn Richards

February: Lillian Anderson, Betty Lambert, Marlene Thurlow

Godt nytt år!



NORWEGIAN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

lese mer	Read more.
tilbringe mer tid med familien	Spend more time with family.
gå ned i vekt	Lose weight.
spare penger	Save money.
slutte å røyke	Quit smoking.
drikke mindre alkohol	Drink Less.
trene regelmessig	Exercise Regularly
spise sunt	Eat healthy.
lære noe nytt	Learn something



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all Sons of Norway members in Solsyd Lodge!

We had high hopes that the world would be a better place in 2022, that the pandemic would be over, and we could get back to some form of 'normal' life again, holding regular meetings and focussing on Norwegian activities. Daily news reports suggest that is not so. We had planned to start meeting in person in January, but that does not appear to be a wise decision now. We will meet via Zoom on January 19 at 7 pm and decide then what we will do in February.

Thank you to those who made donations of food for the Interfaith Food Bank. Moe, Lyle and I delivered that on December 21, (but we neglected to take pictures). Thank you also to Hans and Peter for allowing us to use Smitty's as a drop-off point.

We had orders for 52 Norwegian calendars for 2022 and those have all been delivered or picked up. If anyone missed out, we *might* be able to find one more. Everyone cheerfully parted with \$20.00 for each calendar so we realized a profit for our Lodge of \$338.00 for that little project. Thanks to Lyle for looking after that.

A donation of \$200.00 has been sent to Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada and our officers are tending to the end-of-year requirements for our Lodge.

Some of our members have let their membership lapse during the past two pandemic years. We want you to continue as members and can help you renew your memberships without having to pay back fees, but you will not be credited in your membership history for the months you missed in membership fees. Call Candis Done (403-553-4125), Sharon Prenevost (403-329-4711) or Me (403-329-1738) for assistance.

Let's hope we can meet in person very soon. I look forward to seeing you on Zoom in January.

Stay well,

Betty

“FROM FJORD TO FRONTIER”

A History of the Norwegians in Canada

Author: Gulbrand Loken

Early Transient Migration

Norwegians are descendants of the ancient West Vikings who came to the New World shortly before the year 1000 AD. The Nordic sagas tell of travel back and forth to this continent for the next 12 years. These first contacts came to naught even though the Vikings made several attempts at early exploration and settlement in Canada. Evidently, they met their match in the bands of fierce Indians who drove them back to their ships and the shelter of southern Greenland.

Over eight centuries later, Norwegians again began leaving their homeland in sailing ships for America. For the most part, they first docked at Quebec City, but Canada could not hold them. The few who were persuaded to settle in Upper or Lower Canada sooner or later left to join others in the United States. In fact, of all the Norwegians who came to Canadian shores from 1000 to 1885, it can be said that they came but chose not to stay.

Historical Perspective

After Charlemagne's empire began crumbling following his death in 814, and thereafter until the middle of the eleventh century, most of the known world fell under the sword of ruthless Viking raiders coming from Nordic lands. The prolific Vikings reached out for more land and new means to support their increasing numbers. So they took to their ships - the finest in the world - and forged the Viking Age.

In 787 the North Sea rovers made their first recorded attack along the English Channel. In years thereafter, Danish Vikings sailed up the Seine and plundered Paris, and later pillaged Spain and North Africa. Swedish Vikings dominated the Baltic regions and the vast territories of Russia. Norwegian Vikings also invaded the British Isles and Ireland, and went south far into the Mediterranean.

But the Vikings from Norway had one route of conquest almost to themselves: *Verstervegen*, “the westward way”, across the North Sea. Norse settlers reach Iceland some time around the year 870. In 982 Erick the Red explored Greenland, 200 miles farther west, and colonization soon followed. Bjarni Herjulfsson sighted the New World in 986, but it was Erick's son, Leif the Lucky, who landed at a place called Vinland (probably Newfoundland) just before the year 1000. Also, according to the ancient sagas, the Norse mounted at least one major effort to colonize Vinland. However, the Vikings could not maintain the settlement against the the persistent attacks of the natives whom they called *skraelings*. The New World would wait almost five centuries for fresh exploration and permanent settlers from European lands.

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Godt Valentinsdag

Happy Valentine's Day