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adorns the
table at the
Sons of
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Hall*

God dag!

The 2022-23 season has been a busy one!
We've had a full schedule of Lodge events.

In addition to the usual dinners, the Lodge's officers and board members gathered for a series of strategic planning meetings with facilitator Gerry Frostad. With Gerry's help, we identified our mission, our purpose, our values, and goals for the year in key areas: facility maintenance, financial stability, membership recruitment and involvement, and cultural offerings.

We will be selling early bird tickets for the style show again this year. If you buy your tickets at the Hall on Thursday, you can pick your seats early so you have the best selection. We invite all members to walk in the parade with us. Line up is Friday at 4:45. If you have young children or grandchildren make sure to sign them up for the Lil' Fisk Derby. The District Office donated \$500 for this event, so the prizes should be good.

Finally, we are adding a summer event this year. We invite you to join us for a Solstice hot dog cook out at the Sons of Norway Hall on Wednesday June 21. What better way to welcome summer than with food and friends. More details to come.

Briana Drury, editor



Valhalla has a new sail.! The sail was delivered in March and has been installed on Valhalla. Be sure to check it out as the ship makes its way down Nordic during the Little Norway Parade on Friday!



No lodge event would be complete without a generous helping of fish, butter, and love. Sally and Glo made sure the officers and board members ate well during the strategic planning meetings in April.

| Schedule of Events | |
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| Style Show Early Bird Tickets | Thursday Noon - 2:00 Sons of Norway Hall |
| Scandanavian Style Show & Luncheon | Friday Noon Sons of Norway Hall |
| Parade Line Up | Friday 4:45 Trading Union |
| Parade | Friday 5:00 |
| Lil' Fisk Derby | Saturday 10:00 - 11:30 Harbormaster's Office |
| Kaffe Hus | Saturday 10:00 - 1:00 Sons of Norway Hall |

Fall Events

The Lodge hosted several events in the fall including the Potato Ball, Harvest Potluck, Christmas Bazaar and Christmas parties for both adults and children.



The Lodge took up donations at the Harvest Potluck and raised \$700 to help Ski for Light continue its mission of guiding visually impaired skiers!



The Christmas Bazaar is one of the Lodge's annual fundraisers and brings the wider community to our historic building. Tusen takk to everyone who helped organize the event or donated soup. Events like this wouldn't be possible without the time and effort of many volunteers.

Pickled Herring Contest

The pickled herring contest is truly a unique event! It's a member and community favorite. The event is so much fun and the food so delicious, that the Lodge always receives several new member applications at this event.

Glo Wollen took first place in the pickled herring category. Jim Edgars won both the smoked salmon and smoked seafood categories. Bill Olsen topped the pickled seafood category, and Carolyn Kvernik took home the people's choice trophy. Grateruler to 2022's winners!



Pickled Herring Contest continued



Julebukking

It's no secret that the Sons of Norway puts on the biggest Julebukking spread in town. We're the only venue with tables for family and friends to sit, relax, and catch up as they enjoy scrumptious Norwegian baked goods. This year the Lodge served over 400 happy Julebukkers! Mange tusen takk to Sally and her crew for all their hard work decorating the lodge and making goodies. The table decorations this year were top notch!



Lutefisk Dinner

Everyone loves lutefisk! While the lutefisk may take top billing at this event, the homemade potato lefse prepared from scratch by Lila Trask and her crew takes just as much effort and a lot of finesse. If you've ever wanted to learn how to make lefse, this event is your chance. It takes a lot of people to cook up enough for the whole Lodge. Mange takk Grant, Lila, and everyone who showed up to help!

This year's raffle winners of 2 Alaska Airlines tickets plus Norwegian goodies were also announced at the lutefisk dinner. The raffle raised \$4,000 for the Lodge. The money is a much needed cash infusion after the lean COVID years. The Board plans to use the funds to help pay for several deferred maintenance items. Remember, the Sons of Norway Hall is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so your donations are tax deductible.



Lefse Baking for the Lutefisk Dinner

