



## KALENDER

November 17: Zoom Meeting

December 15: Zoom Meeting



### Gratulerer Med Dagen

#### Birthday Wishes To:

November: Victor Hansen, Fern Heinen, Bev Jestin, Lyle Lambert,

December: Harold Hamre, Darlene Hansen, Nancy Pohn



Pilots at Little Norway Training Camp

## SOLSYD LODGE No. 603 Zone 4 Lethbridge, Alberta



Following the occupation of Norway in April 1940, a Norwegian flight training facility, named Little Norway Training Camp, was set up in Toronto and later moved to Muskoka. Thousands of young Norwegians, who were already travelling or living abroad, or who escaped from occupied Norway, travelled great distances, across all continents, with one goal in mind: To enlist at Little Norway in Canada.

Over the course of the war, more than 3000 pilots and ground crew were trained at Little Norway and they made a substantial contribution to the Allied efforts, and played an important role in protecting the convoys, participating at Dieppe and D Day. The royal Norwegian Air Force was officially established on November 10, 1944, combining the former Army and Navy Air Divisions.

The Chief of the RNoAF, Major-General Tonje Skinnarland, Deputy Commander of the RCAF, Major-General Blaise F. Frawley and Norwegian Ambassador to Canada H.E. Anne Kari H. Ovind paid tribute to the Little Norway veterans during a visit in 2019 to Muskoka and Toronto, remembering their sacrifice and acknowledging the strong ties that remain between our two countries.

Lest we forget.

- Royal Norwegian Embassy in Ottawa

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is keeping well. It is hard to understand how time can pass so quickly, even in a pandemic. I am anxious to see all of you in person soon but with this fourth wave, we cannot make definite plans yet. All that is certain is that we will not meet until 2022. The Zoom meetings we were having on regular meeting nights fell by the wayside when we could not meet in September as planned.

We did see a good number of you at the outdoor dedication ceremonies we had at Henderson Lake Park and at Legacy Park. It was nice to finally draw closure to this community project and we can feel proud of this project that help beautify our city while honouring our loved ones and our heritage. Take note of the pictures in this edition. I want to thank Sharon Prenevost for taking on the leadership role in the event at Henderson and Arnold Follinglo for his role in dedicating the trees and bench at Legacy. Well done!

We will start our short Zoom meetings again on our regular meeting nights, November 17 and December 15. If you need help with Zoom, call me prior to the meeting and we'll do a "practice" session.

I attended a Zoom meeting on November 20, where representatives of seven of the nine Lodges in Alberta and Saskatchewan were called together to discuss the pros and cons of an all-Canadian District. Currently, these lodges are part of District IV, along with Montana and North Dakota. District IV is unique in that it is the only cross-border district in Sons of Norway. A Canadian district would include lodges in BC, AB, SK and potentially lodges created in other parts of Canada in the future. We discussed this question at our meeting in January 2020 but drew no conclusions. I am interested in hearing your opinion as discussion meetings will be ongoing. We also understand that some changes in realignment are being discussed in Head Office so we may not need to lobby for change. However, input from local lodges is important. Send me an e-mail or call me with your opinion or ideas. The next Zoom meeting on this topic is November 24 so I would appreciate hearing from you prior to that. If you would like to be part of the Zoom meetings, let me know.

Lyle will be ordering **Norwegian Calendars** again this year. Send him an e-mail with your order ([okomo4@telus.net](mailto:okomo4@telus.net)) or give him a call (403-329-1738) before **November 10**.

It is that time of year that we need to review our slate of officers for 2022. The current slate will be contacted to see if they will continue in their role. Duties continue even if meetings don't, so I thank everyone who has served over this past pandemic year. Some jobs become harder when we can't meet, so a big thank you to everyone who has helped keep us going.

I close with "Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Solsyd Lodge!" for it was in November, 1986 that Solsyd was started.

God Jul,  
Betty

## DEDICATION OF MONUMENT AT HENDERSON PARK AND TREES & BENCH AT LEGACY PARK, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021





## NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS BUTTER SQUARES

1 cup unsalted butter, softened  
1 egg  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Turbinado/Raw Sugar for dusting



Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Chill a 9 x 13" baking pan in the freezer. Do not grease the pan.

Using a mixer, blend the butter, egg, sugar, and salt together until it is creamy. Add the flour and vanilla and mix using your hands until the mixture holds together in large clumps. If it seems overly soft, add a little extra flour.

Using your hands, press the dough out to the chilled and ungreased baking sheet until it is even and 1/4 inch thick. Dust the top of the cookies evenly with raw sugar.

Bake at 400 degrees until the edges turn a golden brown about 12-15 minutes. Remove from the oven. Let cool for about five minutes before cutting the cooked dough into squares. Remove the squares from the warm pan using a spatula.

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