



# SONS of NORWAY

**SOLSYD LODGE No. 603, Zone 5,  
District #7, Lethbridge, Alberta**

## KALENDER

November 19: Dinner at 6:00. Family Story, Nominations for Executive

December 10: Christmas Party

Remember to bring your own plates, cutlery, and cups.

## CHANGE TO DISTRICT

Districts have realigned and Canadian lodges are now a part of District 7. Because District 7 already has a Zone 4, we are now Zone 5.

## Gratulerer Med Dagen

November: Fern Heinen, Bev Jestin, Kris Johnston, Lyle Lambert,

December: Myrna Orsten

For those indicating interest in the **Nordic Noir Concert on January 17, 2026!**

The ticket price is \$29.75 + GST = \$31.24 for each ticket.

To get the group discount Edith will buy all the tickets at the same time.

**Please pay** Edith on or before **January 10**. Any unpaid tickets remaining after January 10 will be returned to the Symphony for a refund. Payment can be by cash or e-transfer to [bandeolson@shaw.ca](mailto:bandeolson@shaw.ca)

We cannot book assigned seats. We will have to sit where there are seats available, so may not be all together.

Details about the pizza will follow as will details regarding rides for those that need transportation to and from the event. Stay tuned!

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Anniversary to us! November 18<sup>th</sup> marks 39 years since the founding of Solsyd Lodge #4-603.

A huge thank you to Marilyn and the Olson family (Edith, Barry and granddaughter, Rhedyn) for a very successful October Sons of Norway Canadian Foundation month silent auction. And thanks again to all members who contributed and bought the treasures and goodies. A motion by Dwain Velve/ seconded by Helga Ronningen is to donate the \$700+ proceeds to our Alberta Trollhaugen Cultural Camp located near Alix through the Sons of Norway Canadian Foundation. BTW it is our Lodge's turn to host the 2026 Trollhaugen Cultural Camp from August 9-15, 2026. It surely would be nice to have a good-sized group of Solsyd members attending to help with the various chores of that week.

Thank you so very much to Helga Ronningen for ten years of opening the Parkbridge Community center for our meetings. Not only being responsible for opening the doors, Helga did a lot to make our meeting times run smoothly. She booked the hall, made the coffee, turned on the sound system, helped set up, cleaned the kitchen and locked up after we had all left the building. We are so very grateful, Helga. Blessings be. We all wish you well. A Parkbridge resident has agreed to open the hall for us over the next two months. Looking to 2026, we may be meeting at a different place and a new time.

Our sincere thank you and deep appreciation to Lyle Lambert who has for many years faithfully and dutifully ordered and often delivered Norwegian calendars. Bev Jestin has taken on responsibility for the calendars. Thanks so much, Bev. Remember to pick up your 2026 calendars at the November meeting.

A warm Solsyd welcome to new members Norma and Harold Magnuson. We are very pleased that you have joined the lodge.

As of November 1<sup>st</sup> Saskatchewan and Alberta Sons of Norway Lodges joined the **Scenic Seventh** District of British Columbia. In May, a resolution realigning districts according to country was taken up and approved by the Sons of Norway International Board (IBOD). Six prairie lodges joined the fifteen active lodges in BC making District #7 quite a bit larger, especially geographically. Gloria Benazic, District 7 President from the Hardangar Lodge in Kelowna, organized a zoom meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> in part, to inform and welcome us former District 4, Zone 4 Sons of Norway lodges: **Northern Lights** (Grande Prairie) **Solglyt** (Edmonton) **Valhalla** (Calgary) **Aspelund** (Red Deer) and **Solsyd** (Lethbridge) as well as the **Nisse** Lodge from North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Edith represented our lodge at the District Seven zoom and will share what she gleaned from the meeting.

Due to the realignment of Districts, Solsyd Lodge bylaws from 2003 will need to be revisited. Please read and consider the bylaws document (sent to you via email) for

the November business meeting. Revised lodge bylaws must be ratified by Sons of Norway International by the end of this year.

Mark **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for our Christmas party. Traditionally, we collect dry or canned food, winter apparel, socks, personal care products, money etc. for those in need. Last year we donated boxes of food and sent a cheque to student organizations at the Lethbridge Polytechnic and the University of Lethbridge. What suggestions are there for this Christmas season's givings?

Looking back over special events of 2025 there was: Norwegian bingo with Betty in February, Norwegian whist in March, flag raising at city hall and lunch at Smitty's celebrating Syttende Mai, Legacy Park trees and Henderson Park commemorative rock visits and BBQ with Sons of Norway Zone 4 Regional Director Karen Larsen, in June. Earlier in June, Magna and Sharon represented Solsyd at the Red Deer Aspelund Lodge hosted Scandinavian Cultural weekend (in a venue adjacent to the Laft Hus Festive.) We set up a first time Sons of Norway booth on Heritage Day at Henderson Park in August where we handed out about 300 sample sized bits of lefsa and Magna Goerke air tattooed Norwegian flags and things on kids' limbs and faces. The lodge had collaboration with and support from Southern Alberta Ethnic Association (SAEA) Chair Priti Maheshwari, who attended our June gathering, met Karen and watched Magna's Norway power point presentation. As previously mentioned, we held a successful Sons of Norway Canadian Foundation silent auction in October.

Hope to see you all on November 19<sup>th</sup> for the Solsyd Lodge AGM. If you would like to volunteer yourself or nominate other(s) for any leadership role in the lodge, the November meeting is the time to do that or please contact [prenevsh@telusplanet.net](mailto:prenevsh@telusplanet.net) or call 403 330 3391.

Ha en fin dag,

Sharon.



## SILENT AUCTION

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the silent auction. Things to bid on included food, kitchenware, books, handmade cards, crafts, decorative items, and clothing. Thank you to the bidders, some of whom walked away with substantial bargains. Every dollar was appreciated.

The auction would not be possible without those who helped. Thanks to those who set up the tables, then MORE tables as additional items arrived! Rhedyn Olson was a busy girl helping with laying out items and pens for the bid sheets. Barry Olson helped take the money at the end of the evening and counted out the final total. We had a winner for the jar of candies with a guess of 100 when the jar contained 101 sweet treats.

We raised over \$700, and the final amount will be verified by the treasurer! It takes a great team to hold a successful auction, and what a team we are lucky to have. Thank you to everyone! The money will go to Trollhaugen 2026. <https://www.trollhaugenalberta.com/>

Start thinking about auction night 2026! Can we be even bigger and better? YES, WE CAN!

Edith Olson

