



**SONS of
NORWAY**

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

KALENDER

September 23rd: Lunch in the atrium of LSCO at 12:30.
Meeting to Follow.

October 21st: Lunch in the atrium of LSCO at 12:30.
Meeting to follow.

Gratulerer Med Dagen

September: Maurice Larson, Gayle McMartin, Arnold Pederson, Marilyn Perl, Shirley Sokvitne

October: Clarence Collier, Carolyn Coverdale, Candis Done, Magna Goerke



JANUARY 20, 2027 - DINNER THEATRE EVENING

Our January meeting will be a special dinner theatre evening, featuring the Phoenix Arts Council production of *Come From Away*.

The performance on January 20th begins at 7:00 pm at the Sterndale Bennett Theatre. Tickets are \$38.00 per person. Unfortunately there is no discounted rate for a block of seats for seniors.

We will be collecting the \$38.00 ticket cost at our September 23rd meeting. Tickets will then be distributed at the October 21st meeting.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact Sharon at (403) 330-3391 or by email at prenevsh@telusplanet.net.

We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening of theatre, friendship, and fun!



REMINDER - YOU'RE INVITED

Our 40th Anniversary Celebration is just a few months away and we want to send a friendly reminder in case you haven't had an opportunity to register yet.

Please join us as we celebrate 40 years of Solsyd Lodge #603, Zone 5, District 7.

Date: Wednesday, November 18th, 2026
Time: 12:30 pm
Location: Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization
500 - 11 Street South, Lethbridge

This special afternoon will include a delicious lunch, entertainment, a look back at our lodge's history, special guests and an opportunity to reconnect with old friends while celebrating four decades of Norwegian fellowship and heritage.

The registration is \$20.00 per person.

If you have already registered, thank you! We look forward to celebrating with you.

If you have not yet registered, there is still time. There will be registration forms at the September 23rd meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting at that time, please email marilynn.christie@gmail.com for the information. We would appreciate payment when you submit your form. Please complete it and return with your payment by the registration **deadline of October 19th**. Our caterer requires final numbers and we don't want you to miss out on this special occasion.

Thank you for helping make the past 40 years so memorable. We hope to see you on November 18th as we celebrate this remarkable milestone together.

The 40th Anniversary Committee

SOUTHERN ALBERTA ETHNIC ASSOCIATION BOOTH

Our booth at the SAEA's celebration on August 3rd was very well attended, and it was wonderful to see so many people stop by and show their interest in Norway and our lodge.

Magna Goerke's painting of World Cup soccer star Eerling Haaland was especially appreciated by the many soccer fans who visited our booth. Our lefse was also a big hit and disappeared very quickly!

Magna's glitter tattoos, featuring the Norwegian flag as well as other flags, were extremely popular with visitors of all ages.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this day such a success. Your time, enthusiasm, and support were greatly appreciated. It was a wonderful opportunity to share a little Norwegian heritage and friendship with our community.

SYTTENDE MAI

There was a good turnout as members gathered at City Hall on May 15th to celebrate Norway's Syttende Mai.

The Norwegian flag proudly flew as retired RCMP members stood at attention, creating a beautiful and dignified setting for this special occasion. It was a proud moment to see our members come together to honour the traditions and heritage we share.

Sharon Prenevost spoke about the history and significance of Syttende Mai and why this important day continues to hold such a special place in the hearts of Norwegians around the world.

It was a pleasant celebration of Norwegian heritage, pride, friendship, and community - a reminder of how special it is to come together and keep our traditions alive.





On August 28th at 6:35 a.m. King Harald V passed away at Oslo University Hospital Rikshospitalet after being hospitalized for a rare blood illness. Harald V served as Norway's king for 35 years and passed away just two days before his 58th wedding anniversary with Queen Sonja.

Like his father and grandfather, King Harald adopted the motto "Alt for Norge" – Everything for Norway. He became a king of the people known for his compassion and sense of humor. He was often called "all of Norway's grandfather" – hele Norges bestefar.

Over the weekend, citizens gathered outside the palace on Slottsplassen (the palace plaza), laying an abundance of flowers, flags, and artwork in tribute to their beloved King.

Sunday, the Church of Norway invited people to attend memorial services all over Norway in the king's memory. His Majesty King Haakon, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Ingrid Alexandra, Queen Sonja and Prince Sverre Magnus attended the memorial service in Asker kirke (church). The service began with the psalm Jeg er i Herrens hender, (I am in the Hands of the Lord) and closed with Kongesangen (The Royal Anthem of Norway).

On Monday, King Haakon, Crown Princess Ingrid Alexandra, Prince Sverre Magnus and other royal family members carried the late King Harald's coffin from Den røde salong (the red drawing room) to Slottskapellet – the chapel within the Royal Palace in Oslo, and were followed by dignitaries and palace staff. The King's coffin will be available for viewing from Tuesday September 1 until one day before the burial ceremony.

King Harald will be laid to rest on September 9th in the Royal Mausoleum at Akershus Fortress, beside his parents and grandparents. His sarcophagus was designed by renowned architectural firm Snøhetta.