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Nordic Spirit Classics Second Friday Series



Please join us online for:

“CELEBRATING LEIFR EIRIKSSON (LEIF ERIKSON)”

**Ernst F. Tonsing, Ph.D.
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October celebrations are dominated by an Italian from Genoa, who conned the Spanish Queen Isabella to hock her jewels to purchase a trio of leaky, pint-sized ships in order to sail west thinking he was going east to China.

October has the commemoration of another person, however, who was brave, indomitable, inquisitive, and who sailed 500 years earlier and knew where he was going. That was Leifr Eiriksson (commonly spelled Leif Erikson).

Leifr's story how he discovered America for Europeans is one that includes encountering polar bears, being stranded on an island, being tutored by King Olaf, and enjoying feasts of salmon and wine in his longhouse in the New World. He then sailed home to Greenland and into legend.

Dr. Ernst F. Tonsing, Professor Emeritus of California Lutheran University, will recount the amazing legend of Leifr Eiriksson for attendees via zoom of the Nordic Spirit Symposium Classics on October 8, 2021, in anticipation of the national commemoration of the Scandinavian hero the next day.

Friday, October 8, 2021, at 7:30 PM PT

Live lecture

Participation is free.

REGISTER

The link below will take you to a site to register for the presentation. After you have done so, a screen will appear giving you the link; the link will also be sent to the email with which you register.

<https://clu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlpc-ygpj0vGdCMrtwWQ0GSBXzmDRCLWk3a>

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