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**Our next meeting is the Business
Meeting for all members
Wednesday January 14th at 7 pm by
ZOOM**

**Our next Lodge Meeting, social,
cultural, and dinner,
Is January 24th from 4 – 8 pm at
the Masonic Center.**

Financial Planning through Sons of Norway



Mike Dyal is Edmonds Lodge's financial advisor and has been a member of Edmonds Lodge, SofN, for years and loves serving the community and helping people protect their money. Call or text him at 206-446-2222 or email him now to schedule a meeting: mike@pacificadvs.com

President's Message

December 2022

Merry Christmas
God Jul



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. I hope your holidays are peaceful and full of enjoyment.

Edmonds Lodge had a dozen attendees at our November gathering and less at our December Christmas party. Those attending had a lot of fun. The November dinner potluck was quite varied and delicious. Two dishes were voted to be included in this newsletter. Therefore, this month we have two recipes. Several of us attend the after tree-lighting party at the Masonic Center November 26 and staffed a table with crafts for children. This was very much enjoyed by children attending. Santa joined us at our December Lodge Christmas Party, and we were able to go upstairs where all the decorated Christmas trees and Santa's chair still were. Santa handed out goodie bags and pictures were taken (see page 5).



Starting in 2023 we will be combining the Board meeting with the general business meeting of the Lodge. We will continue with Zoom type meetings on the second Wednesday of the month for the time being, but are considering places to have in person meetings. All members are encouraged to attend, and an agenda will be sent out to all Lodge members prior to the meeting.



This first meeting in January is very important as we will be discussing the future of this Lodge. We would like to hear input from members on what they expect from the lodge and how much time they are willing to volunteer to make those things happen. For example, our pancake breakfasts open to the community.

Due to lack of participation and anyone stepping forward, we have not filled our empty Board slots and will continue with the current Board until further notice.

Here is hoping Santa brings what you want, however he arrives!

Norma Jean Sands
Edmonds Lodge President





*Happy Holidays

There are at least 9 holidays celebrated during this season. My favorite is the **Solstice** (Dec 21) when days start to get longer again.

Before then there is **St Nicholas Day** (12/6) and **St Lucia Day** (12/13) both honoring saints.

- **Christmas** is Dec 25th.

This is followed closely by **Kwanzaa**, a cultural holiday (12/26 – 1/1)

Hanukkah is celebrated on the 25th day of Kislev, which can be any time in late November to late December.

Then there is **News Year's Day** which everybody celebrates, usually the evening before!

The twelve days of Christmas end with **Epiphany** or 3 Kings Day (1/5).

And **Shrove Tuesday**, the day before Lent, is a feast day occurring in February or early March. Also called **Mardi Gras**

Edmonds Lodge Officers

Executive Board

President:	Norma Jean Sands
Vice President:	Jane Bueing
Secretary:	Shirley Lovelace
Treasurer:	vacant
Fin. Secretary:	Loren Krusenstjerna
Counselor:	Waldo Bueing

Directors

Cultural Director:	Roberta Morrow
Asst. Cultural Dir:	Shirley Lovelace
Sports Director:	Glenda Nelson
Social Director:	vacant
Youth Director:	vacant
Publicity Director:	vacant
Foundation Director:	vacant

Trustees

Marshall:	vacant
Trustee:	Jane Bueing
Trustee:	vacant
Trustee:	vacant

Support Officers

Musicians:	Kris Johannsen
Librarian:	Fay Setran
Information:	Erlene Stevenson
Historian:	Donna Stewart
Website Support:	Donna Stewart
Thor Coordinator:	Kirk Siqveland
Newsletter Editor:	Norma Jean Sands
Newsletter Distribution:	Shirley Lovelace & Norma Jean Sands
Scholarship:	Turid Bouchoukian
Sunshine:	Shirley Lovelace
Building Liaison:	Norma Jean Sands
Greeters:	(alternating) All board members

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Sunshine Report

When a Sons of Norway Edmonds Lodge Member needs some cheer, please contact our **Cheer Volunteer:**
Shirley Lovelace, 206 708 0344 Her email is: grannyslovelace@gmail.com

Happy Birthday **** Gratulerer med Dagen!

December

- 1 Lisa Ann Wilson
- 4 Ella M Steed
- 6 Kathleen C Swanberg
- 10 Brian Edward Malnes
- 12 Tristan Haije
- 12 Emma M Pedersen
- 15 Barbara J Vadset
- 15 Dawn Marie Scurlock
- 19 Patrick W McManus
- 20 Genie L Wehling
- 22 David R Ellingson WA
- 29 Karin L Loberg



December Thoughts

"The color of springtime is in the flowers; the color of winter is in the imagination."

- Terri Guillemets

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

- Anoonymous

"Let all the failures of your past year be your best guide in the New Year."

- Mehmet Murat ildan

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more."

- How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Dr. Suess



Edmonds Lodge News

SON Edmonds Lodge 2-130 Masonic Center, Edmonds, WA

Visit our website at: <https://www.edmondssonsofnorway.org/>

Join us at the Edmonds Lodge Business Meeting by ZOOM January 11th starting at 7 pm. Then join us at our monthly Lodge Social & Dinner at the Masonic Center January 24th, from 4 to 9pm, with dinner at 6pm.
515 Dayton Street, Edmonds

We had a dozen folks at our November Lodge meeting. The dinner was varied, balanced, and delicious. Very good for a potluck. With pumpkin pie provided for dessert.



Edmonds post tree lighting Party at Masonic. Waiting for it to start (above). Kids active at the table (above right). Making a reindeer from paper bags and construction paper (right).



Christmas trees, puppies, and Santa too!



Santa and Friends

We had a small gathering for our December Lodge Christmas Party. With a little advanced planning we had a very balanced dinner. Santa joined us for dinner, and we went upstairs to enjoy the trees and setting for Santa to give out goodie bags.



FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



SONS of NORWAY

What is the Sons of Norway?

Discover Sons of Norway and you'll find a community of people dedicated to their families, other members, and making a difference in the world around them. Together we celebrate the heritage and culture of Norway, while offering our members the protection of solid financial products and services.



Sons of Norway Financial

The back bone of the SON, the financial portion provides insurance and annuities to members, And they are very competitive with other financial institutes.

Mike Dayl is our Lodges' representative. Contact him for more information on products.

mike@pacificadvs.com 206-446-2222

Check out the SON webpage
https://www.sofn.com/financial_products/

Sons of Norway Fraternal

The sights, sounds and tastes of Norwegian culture are captivating to people from all walks of life. So it stands to reason that Sons of Norway would be the first stop for anyone who's looking to explore and discover Norway's treasures. Not a member? You can still browse some of our recipes, language lessons, and a sampling from *Viking* magazine – and don't forget: membership gives you access to additional benefits, like travel discounts and your own copy of *Viking* magazine delivered to your home. Find out more today.

Learn more about SON has to offer at https://www.sofn.com/about_us/

Sons of Norway Foundation

Provides scholarships grants and financial help to individual members and lodges based on needs. In 2021, the Sons of Norway Foundation distributed over \$147,000 in awards.

Check out their website to see what is available

<https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

If you dream it, you can become it.

Imagine yourself an active Sons of Norway member!

IDRETTSMERKE
Sports & Fitness
Medal Program



Sons of Norway Sports and Fitness Medals:

Idretts/General fitness, Ski/Skiing, Svømme/Swimming, Sykkel/Biking, and Gang/Walking

Sons of Norway Cultural Medal Programs:

Cooking, Literature, Stamp Collecting, Rosemaling, Genealogy, Knitting, Language and Culture, Hardanger Embroidery, Figure Carving, Weaving, Ornamental Woodcarving, Chip Carving, Folk Dancing, and Music and Musicians.

SAVE YOUR CANCELED STAMPS

Cut around the canceled stamps, leaving 1/2" around the stamps and get them to Bothell Lodge. This is an ongoing service project coordinated by District 2.



Tubfrim in Norway appreciates your contribution. TUBFRIM is owned by the Norwegian Health Association. Today the profits are used to help children and youth with disabilities, and children and youth with handicaps in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

Recipes of the Month – Salad and Yams

Recipes from Jody Siqveland and Norma Jean Sands

From our November Potluck dinner.

<p>7 Layer Salad</p> <p>Lettuce, ½ head Green Onions (4) Celery (2 stalks) Tomatoes (1 ½) Petite Peas (1/2 box) Ham or Bacon or Shrimp grated Cheddar Cheese (1 to 2 cups) 3 or 4 hard boiled Eggs Parmesan Cheese ½ cup</p> <p>Dressing 2 cup Mayonnaise 1 tsp Season Salt 2 tbsp Sugar ¼ to ½ tsp Garlic Powder</p> <p>Layer the ingredients in a glass bowl so you can see the layers. Wisk up the dressing and pour over the salad. Cool in refrigerator.</p>	<p>Candied Yams</p> <p>3 lbs ruby sweet potatos (yams) cut into 2" chunks Kosher Salt 2 cups orange juice 1-11/4 cup brown sugar ½ tsp cinnamon 4 tbsp butter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boil yams 5-10 min until semi soft. 2. Mix rest of ingredients in shallow sauté pan and bring to boil on high heat. 3. Add yams, coat well, and bring to boil until sauce reduces to syrup ~10 min. 4. Place in serving dish and serve! 5. If not served immediately, reheat at 350 for 10-15 min and serve.
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Christmas in Norway

Norwegians have the custom of advent calendars, or julekalender, which check off the days from December 1st to 24th. They are windows to open to find a new holiday scene and perhaps a piece of chocolate. St Lucia (Dec 13) is, in a way, the start of Christmas season. It is a festival of lights in the dark part of the year with young girls wearing wreaths of candles on their heads. In a ceremony where a girl is elected to portray Lucia, she wears a white gown with a red sash and a crown of candles on her head and then walks at the head of a procession of women, each holding a candle. Christmas really starts when the family gathers to decorate the Christmas tree on Lille Juleaften (Dec 23rd). Christmas Eve is the time when presents are exchanged. The gifts are sometimes brought by the Julenissen. Or the children can pick up the presents from under the Christmas Tree and read the cards on the presents out loud, handing them to the lucky recipient. On Christmas Eve, Norwegians make sure to give the Julemisse JULEGRØT (rice porridge with sugar, cinnamon, and butter) to ensure nice treatment from him in the following year.

<p>Det er veldig viktig å gi grøt til nissen på julaften. Eller så går det galt. Da gjør han rampestreker.</p>	<p>It is very important to give porridge to the house/farm elf on Christmas Eve. Otherwise everything can go wrong. Then he (the elf) makes much mischief.</p>
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Maybe the most famous custom about Christmas in Norway is the big Christmas Tree that Norway gives to the United Kingdom every year. The tree is given as a present to say thank you for the help that the people of the UK gave to Norway during World War II. The tree stands in Trafalgar Square in the middle of London and often thousands of people come to watch when the lights are turned on.

LOCAL EVENTS WINTER 2023

Happy New Year - Godt Nyt År

JANUARY 2023

Saturday, January 28, 2023 6pm: Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway, Educational Foundation is planning for its crab feed, silent auction and more! For more info [email: leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:leiferiksonlodge@qwestoffice.net)

Saturday, January 28, 2023, time TBD: Poulsbo Lodge 2-044 Sons of Norway is having its annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner with accompaniments white sauce, bacon and drippings, butter, potatoes, coleslaw, lefse, ice cream, krumkake, and coffee. Price: TBD. Seating by reservation. Come enjoy our view of beautiful Liberty Bay! Poulsbo Sons of Norway, Grieg Hall, 18891 Front Street, Poulsbo, WA phone: 360.779.5209 www.poulsbosonsofnorway.com

Submitted by Lizbeth Doving

Saturday, January 28, 2023 Noon, 2 pm and 4 pm seatings: Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge 2-164, Sons of Norway, is having its Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. Ticket sales will conclude on January 10th. There is limited seating. But there will be both dine-in and take-out. If you have any questions, please call Brian Peterson 360-678-5197 or visit our website: whidbeyislandnordiclodge.com

EDMONDS LODGE WINTER CALENDAR

January 11, 7pm	ZOOM Board & Business Meeting
January 24, 4-9 pm	Lodge Social Meeting at Masonic
February 8, 7pm	ZOOM Board & Business Meeting
February 28, 4-9 pm	Lodge Social Meeting at Masonic
March 8, 7pm	ZOOM Board & Business Meeting
March 28, 4-9 pm	Lodge Social Meeting at Masonic

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