

## EDMONDS LODGE 2-130 SONS OF NORWAY



### June 10th 2020 \* Nyhetseksplasjon

June – a quiet month for Edmonds Lodge, even in normal years!

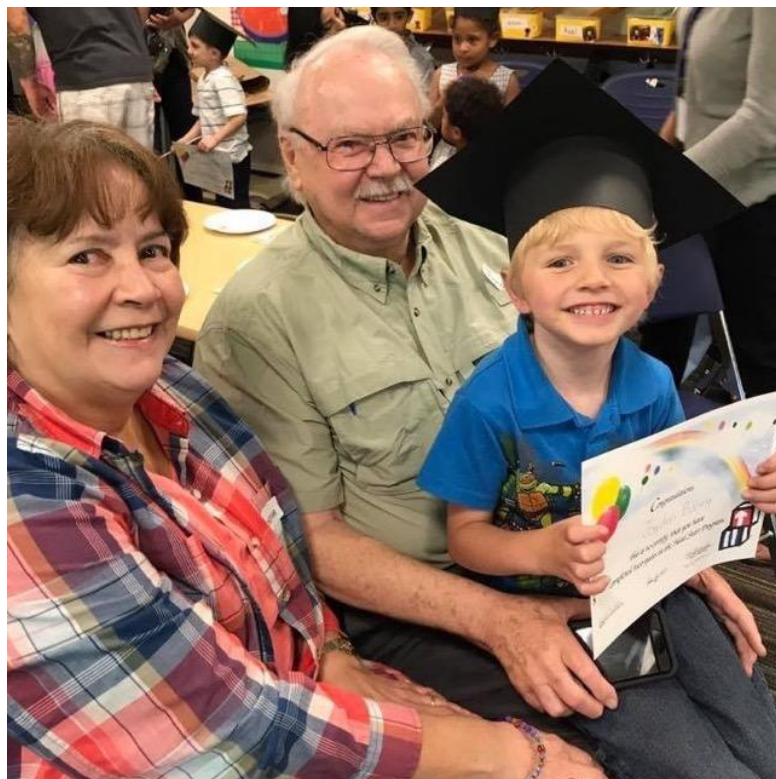
To Come: We are hoping to have our July Lodge Picnic at Lake Joy! (*more on that p.2*)

#### Fra President

This is the third of a series of **nyhetseksplasjoner** (news blasts) that I have initiated to keep communication up between our members during these trying times. I hope you managed to celebrate the 17<sup>th</sup> of May in some fashion and, if you haven't yet, please do look at the video put together by Nikki and Donna for our webpage on past Edmonds celebrations. We hope to have a regular and larger Newsletter later this summer and would like to include stories from our members on how they have/are coping with the pandemic and limited social activities. Please send your short stories to [EdmondsLodgeEditor@gmail.com](mailto:EdmondsLodgeEditor@gmail.com).

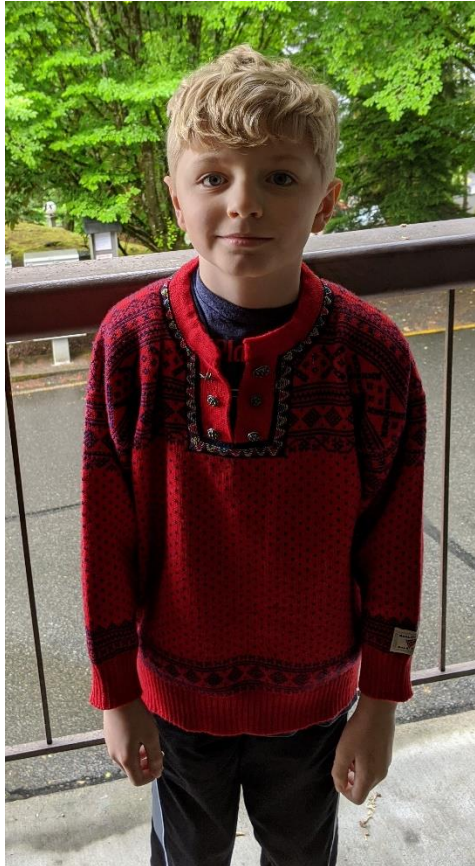
Last month I told you a little about my dog walking and rug making. This month we look to see what our secretary, Jane, and her family are doing.

Jane, Waldo & Jayden, (4 years ago)



Waldo, Jane, and Jayden.

What have we been doing during our quarantine days? I'd like to say completing tasks, however, not true. During the week, I have been working with Jayden doing school work. Waldo works with him on math facts. This is not fun, Grandma is darn ready to be done. I just want to be Grandma. I know the teacher's need raises and I am so appreciative of them these days. With Waldo and I at high risk and staying home, I have been lucky enough to have family offer to get our groceries or anything else needed outside the house. Jayden is able to ride his bike around when the weather is good. (thank goodness but I still have to be out there with him, so I do get walks in). I am now at the crazy point of getting out to see friends. Waldo & Jayden are probably just as ready for me to go visiting. (LOL). I miss all the members and friends out there, We look forward to seeing everyone soon.



Jayden turned 8 in April and here he is today.

### *And what is happening in Edmonds?*

Snohomish County is now in Phase 2 of recovery while King County is in a modified Phase 1. For both, that means “Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week.” In phase 3 we can have gathering of up to 50 people, so let’s hope we are in Phase 3 by July. Our **Lodge picnic** is scheduled for July 21 and has the advantage of being outside. Rather than a traditional potluck, it may be “Bring and Eat Your Own Food”. Also taking place outside are the two district events: The **District 2 Steak Fry** at Trollhaugan July 18<sup>th</sup> with horseshoes and kubb is set for July 18<sup>th</sup> and the **Golf Tournament** in Leavenworth August 1<sup>st</sup> (see posters below). Pair up with some one and swing a stick (kubb) or club (golf)!

However, the Border Fest for July has been cancelled and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Edmonds also.

In our Lodge (Edmonds 2-130) in June we record 211 members, 42 of whom are Golden members (age 65 and above and 30+years in SON). Sam Molvik, Vernon Wilson, and Marvin Bueing are all new Golden Members this past March and April. We have one Life Member, Mary Ovstedal, who has been a SON member for 64 years (yes, she is somewhat over 65 years of age)! And then all the birthdays since we have been shut down, 21 in June alone! We will have to celebrate our members when we get back together in September! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** June babies: Adrianna, Anne-Lise, Arthur N, Eli, Elise, Harold M, Jaden, Jo Ann, Kai, Karen S, Laurence, Lorna, Luke, Magne, Mary L, Maya, Roberta S, Rose, Sandra, Susan, and Theresa.

### *And what is happening in Norway?*

Norway has successfully flattened and dropped the curve in coronavirus cases in Norway. The peak number of new cases per day occurred in late March at 425. It has declined since then to near zero the end of May. There may be a slight increase in June.



Much like our phases of recovery in Washington State, Prime Minister Erna Solberg announced a timetable for when most of the remaining restrictions will be lifted. All schools were permitted to reopen from May 11, while much of everyday life will return to normal by June 15. There is still a ban on major events until September 1. Most foreign citizens are still not allowed into the country (see one exception below from our Marines in Setermoen). Speaking of winter training exercises in Arctic Norway, I remember back in 1970 near Alta in northern Norway, on a skiing fieldtrip with the Tromsø Teaching College I was attending,

running into a number of troupes on break from winter training exercises; they were from numerous countries in Europe and from the US. Many had never been on skies before. Or experienced such cold. Back to today in Norway -

Social distancing requirements in Norway will remain in place. This means that although one can host up to 20 people at private events at one's home, people are advised to stay at least one meter (~ a yard) from one another. Finally, it seems that the Norwegian postal service is currently unable to handle deliveries to certain countries, including the USA and Canada. So if you were waiting for a package from Norway . . . . .

Information is from: <https://www.lifeinnorway.net/coronavirus-in-norway/>

### *And what is happening Globally?*

It is hard to miss what is happening globally, and it all started with one event in Minneapolis (the straw that broke the camel's back)! As the Sons of Norway new HQ building is located in that city, they have provided an update on conditions on their Website:

SON June 1 (<https://www.sofn.com/minneapolis/>):

Minneapolis has been the site of significant riots in the past week. The epicenter of these riots has been Lake St. in south Minneapolis where the new Sons of Norway headquarters building is located.

We at Sons of Norway are grieving the racism that is still so prevalent in our society and the violence we've seen in our streets in response. We continue to hope and work for a more peaceful, just, and inclusive society; and believe our fraternal purpose of strengthening our communities continues to play an important role in achieving this shared goal.

Our staff is safe and no one has been harmed or seen property destroyed. We are most thankful for this.

The new Sons of Norway headquarters has not been damaged. This is in spite of the fact that the building is only a few blocks from some of the worst of the riots. Again, we are so grateful that the new building we are scheduled to move into later this month has not seen any damage.

We have not received our mail the last several days. The post office where Sons of Norway's mail is routed was in the middle of the affected area and has been closed indefinitely. It is possible some mail was destroyed in the damage on May 27<sup>th</sup>, but limited to afternoon mail only. Since May 28, 2020 we have not been able to receive our mail from the postal service.

The fact that the movement has spread globally and, in most part, remains peaceful, gives us hope. (The vast majority in the US – 80% – appeared to be peaceful, according to new research from Ipsos, the University of Chicago, and Oxford. Elsewhere in the world news coverage suggests most are peaceful.) Protests have emerged in Norway too.





Protests were registered in Lillehammer, Arendal, Stord, Hamar, Oslo, Bergen, Kristiansand, Tromsø, Haugesund, Alta, Volda and other parts of the country. This picture could from most places around the western world, but it is from Trondheim.

“Hundreds marched in solidarity with the anti-racist protesters in the US, defying police sanctions, in Trondheim on June 3, Wednesday. (Photo: Klassekampen)”

Keep safe, but keep active. Help your neighbors in need, and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. Although we do know that many of you have family and neighbors who are helping. Brian (contact number below) is still willing to help members; I talked with him just recently. Although he has had some health issues not related to the virus, he is up and running again. As social activities slowly increase and attendance at rallies continues, take care and wear your masks when you go out. My niece buys my groceries, but she is also attending rallies in the Seattle area. So, we distances even further now. The virus is no less potent, and vaccines are yet to come, although research into them looks promising.

Fraternally, *Norma Jean Sands, President*



## SETERMOEN, Norway --

Whether in the face of the enemy or a deadly global pandemic, the U.S. Marine Corps not only stays ahead of the curve but also flattens it.

... Marines and Sailors with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, successfully deployed to Norway in May 2020 as Marine Rotational Force-Europe 20.2, Marine Forces Europe and Africa, which focuses on cold-weather and mountain-warfare training and military-to military engagements to enhance interoperability with allies and partners.

During the deployment process, the battalion mandated strict social distancing, hygiene protocol, and mask donning, and U.S. Navy Corpsmen continuously screened Marines and Sailors for any symptoms of the virus. Once in Norway, a 14-day quarantine was executed.

After a successful 14-day quarantine where the battalion saw zero COVID cases, Marines and Sailors immediately transitioned into the annual interoperability exercise, Thunder Reindeer, located in Norway's Arctic Circle.

For full article see: <https://www.marines.mil/News/News-Display/Article/2213117/amid-covid-19-pandemic-us-marines-deploy-to-norway-successfully-integrate-with/>

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### Fall Meeting Schedule:

Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm Social, 6 pm dinner 7pm meeting and program Edmonds Masonic Center  
Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm Social, 6 pm dinner 7pm meeting and program Edmonds Masonic Center  
Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm Social, 6 pm dinner 7pm meeting and program Edmonds Masonic Center  
Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party 1 to 4 pm Edmonds Masonic Center

*These nyhetsekspløsjoner (news updates) are going out by email only. A quarter of our members do not supply an email address to SON when renewing their membership. If you know of a member who only received postal mail, let them know, and if they have an e-mail we could use, let Melissa Johnson, Newsletter distributor know ([missyinedmonds@outlook.com](mailto:missyinedmonds@outlook.com)). Remember that you can also view our newsletters, updates on Lodge events , and current news on our website at [www.edmondssonsofnorway.org/](http://www.edmondssonsofnorway.org/) Thank you.*

# TROLLHAUGEN



2020

## ANNUAL STEAK FRY

We are planning for a great day in the Cascade Mountains at your Trollhaugen Lodge

Come and participate in the Family and group activities we are planning for the day. All activities will start at 10:00 AM. There is a plan in hand to have a Horseshoe Tournament hosted by District 2 Starting at 10 AM more to come.

Come and be part of a great experience and enjoy an excellent dinner.

*There will also be salmon available instead of steak.*

*When ordering please specify whether you would like steak or salmon.*

*Kids meal for \$5.00 ages 12 and under.*

*Come for the day, the night or the weekend.*

*When: July 18<sup>th</sup> 2020*

*Happy Hour (BYOB): 2:30 pm Dinner*

Tickets are \$22.00 Reservation deadline: **7 July 2020**

For dinner reservations: **Contact Bill Hicks (425) 672-0194** or e-mail at: [Hicks1015@msn.com](mailto:Hicks1015@msn.com)

For overnight reservation contact the Trollhaugen Managers.

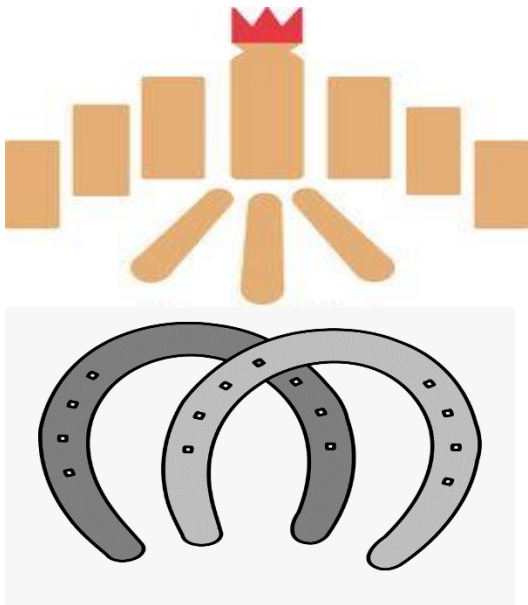
Trollhaugen phone is (509) 656-9997 or e-mail [Trollhau@outlook.com](mailto:Trollhau@outlook.com)

# DISTRICT 2

## Horseshoe/Kubb

### tournament

*Hosted By Sol-land Lodge #86*



#### Game on!

Yes, you read that right! Join us for a low stakes tournament that will take place the morning of the Annual Trollhaugen Steak Fry.

Registration Starts at 9:30 AM

Tournament Starts at 10:00 AM

Donation of \$5 is requested for snacks.

***If you have any questions about this event, please contact Laurie Berg: [laurieberg.lb@gmail.com](mailto:laurieberg.lb@gmail.com)***

To get your tickets to the Steak Fry, please contact:

Bill Hicks: (425) 672-0194

[Hicks1015@msn.com](mailto:Hicks1015@msn.com)

If you would like to stay for a night or the whole weekend, please contact the Trollhaugen Managers (509) 656-9997

[Trollhau@outlook.com](mailto:Trollhau@outlook.com)

## July 18, 2020 Trollhaugen Lodge

Heading East on I-90 take Exit # 62 onto Stampede Pass Road.

Turn right at stop and continue for approx. 1 mile. Driveway is on the left.

Address: 314 Stampede Pass Road

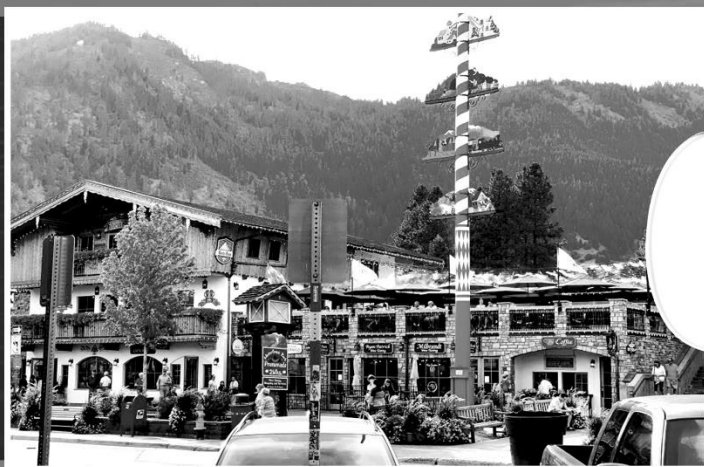


# DISTRICT 2

# GOLF

# TOURNAMENT

## 1ST OF AUGUST 2020



## LEAVENWORTH GOLF CLUB

9375, 9101 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth, WA 98826

### ALL AGES EVENT FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Advance Tickets

\$95 per player, including lunch and banquet.

\$25 per guest's banquet plate.

### LODGING

Contact Hampton Inn & Suites Leavenworth:

509-470-9798

Mention Sons of Norway District 2 for special rates.

Deadline for reservations is the 5th of July.

### CONTACT

Gail Engler

206-706-2703

Email: englergail32@gmail.com

Please fill out and return registration form on second page to:

Leif Erikson Lodge

ATTN: District 2 Golf Tournament

2245 NW 57th St.

Seattle, WA 98107

Return registration form with a check made payable to

Leif Erikson Lodge.