

District 2 Board 2022 - 2024



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President's Message - Jerry Erickson



This past year has been another momentous year to remember. More Lodges have been meeting in person and we held our District 2 Convention in Portland hosted by Grieg Lodge and what a terrific job they did in organizing and putting on the Convention. It was wonderful to be able to get together in person and see each other in the flesh and not on a computer screen. Technology has worked so well over the past two and a half years to keep us together and working to make sure that Sons of Norway is alive and well and continues to reach out to our members and our communities. It will also enhance our future and we use it to maybe meet more often and keep in touch between our in-person meetings.

This year we didn't get around and visit as many Lodges as we would normally do, and my hope is that in the coming months we will do that and attend as many local Lodge activities as possible. A number of Lodges will be holding Lutefisk dinners and bazaars in the coming months, and it will be great to attend some of those.

We have a number of new Board members who were elected at the District Convention, and I welcome you and hope that your service to our District and the Sons of Norway is rewarding and fun. I want to thank those who have left the Board, many who have served for a long time and have contributed so much to our Order. Bill Fosmoe, District Treasurer, past District President, past International Director and past International Treasurer, Sally Dwyer, Counselor and past Cultural and Zone Director, Doug Quammen, Youth Director, Historian and served many years at our Youth Camps, Regina Agerter, Zone 1 Director, past District Treasurer, past Youth Camp Director and past District 2 Youth Director, Norma Jean Sands, Zone 2 Director, Andrea Torland, Zone 3 Director and Christie Ericson, Zone 6 Director.

At the Fall Board meeting the Board was able to share their reports and thoughts about where we are today and look forward to the coming months and years, I want us to keep a positive frame of mind. We face many challenges with the change of governance and helping our Lodges grow and provide events and programs that will enhance their capability to inspire their membership to keep going and also attract new members. We also must do our best to take advantage of what Sons of Norway offers in Financial Products. They are hard to beat in the competitive market. Provide support to our Insurance Professionals and give them a platform to promote our products.

Our Youth Camps were back in operation this past summer and although we only had two of our camps conducted, they went very well, and the kids had a great time and the staffs did a wonderful job of putting on the camps. I think we have built the interest and enthusiasm for a full Youth Camp season next year. A big thank you to the District Youth Camp Committee and the camp staffs.

The Trollhaugen Board continues to do an outstanding job of keeping the Lodge open and maintained. They still have not been able to hire caretakers as of yet. We are still hopeful that

someone will step forward and take the position. In the meantime, activities continue, and we had a wonderful 50th Anniversary celebration in July.

I look forward to getting around to a number of local Lodge events in the coming months and also look forward to our Zone Seminars next Spring. We will conduct in person Seminars in each Zone, and we know from past experience they are valuable in providing knowledge and enthusiasm at the local Lodge level.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as District 2 President for the past four years and I'm excited for our future in the coming years for a time of fellowship, growth and enthusiasm for the Sons of Norway and District 2.

Vice President's Message- Joanne Gray



This has been an interesting year, trying to get back to a normal routine after the COVID experience. It is good to see so many of the lodges return to meeting in person and several lodges have returned to their special programs and events. I hope this means that COVID is just an unhappy memory.

My six years as Zone 4 Director, in conjunction with my duties as D2 Vice President, have been an extremely rewarding experience. During the COVID years in person meetings were cancelled so I seized the opportunity to have monthly or quarterly telephone visits with lodge presidents. Many times, there was not a lot of business to discuss, but friendship bonds were achieved. I will always treasure these friends.

A few lodges have or will be celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Grays Harbor Lodge, 113 years; Tordenskjold Lodge, 115 years; Wergeland Lodge, 95 years; Abel Lodge, 90 years; Midnatsol Lodge, 95 years; Sonja Lodge, 85 years; Roald Lodge, 85 years; and Arctic Viking Lodge, 50 years. Huge congratulations to all these lodges.

Membership numbers for District 2 remain on the positive side, despite the challenges of lodges to retain membership during the COVID years. Amazingly, the lodges developed creative ways to keep their members interested. Drive through breakfasts and dinners were among them. Virtual meetings proved to be quite successful and offered many options for speakers from many areas, including Norway.

It was a real pleasure to gather together for our convention in Portland this summer. The members of Greig Lodge worked so hard and really pulled it all together for a memorable convention. New board members and Zone Directors were elected, and many officers were reelected. I am looking forward to working with all in the coming year.

Our International Convention this year was quite interesting. It was held by Zoom and even included coffee breaks with Danish cookies complements of Headquarters. They did not last long.

I had the pleasure of attending the 87th anniversary dinner for Oslo Lodge in Bremerton. How great it was to see so many friends again. Congratulations Oslo Lodge.

Our Fall District Board meeting was our first opportunity for new board members and zone directors to meet and plan for the coming year. Zone Directors received their training and suggestions for planning the 2023 Zone Seminars. You will be hearing more about these seminars in the near future.

And, speaking of the future, I am looking forward to working with all of you for the next two years.

Secretary's Message – James Wraalstad



What a summer.

The major project leading up to the convention was the production of the Convention Reports Book. This involved gathering reports from all the district officers, sorting through the names of the nominated delegates and alternates, and the International Vice-President and International Board Director. I gathered reports from Trollhaugen, The Camps, and the Tubfrim Report. The proposed by-law and resolutions were included for the delegates information as well as the current By-Laws. There were hundreds of hours that went into producing this document and I had lots of positive feedback.

Grieg Lodge hosted this convention and I want to acknowledge the strong work of the committee. Colby Westhead, Gail Hetland, Sharon Graalum, Gary Graalum, Alice Scherer, Irene McNeely, Kirk Beiningen, Kay DeRoos, Jodi Sprague, Tom Hoffman, Davis Whipple, Whit Draper, Mary Knut Sullivan, Ron Peterson & Dave Weisel. Thank you all so much for making this convention a reality.

During the convention, my first-time experience on “the platform” was like riding the wave. I had the pleasure of sitting next to the Parliamentarian, Alice Bartel who was my anchor. My knowledge of how to pronounce the lodge names was soon corrected by the lodge at large. I also had the great honor of assisting the former treasurer, Bill Fosmoe, with his need to print documents while the lodge attended the evening event at Grieg Lodge. Bill and I had our own party in the office area taking care of business and were able to welcome back the Viking revelers from the evening’s festivities.

I had the pleasure of visiting a couple of lodges in the past few months. I traveled to Odin Lodge with Chris Hicks for their officer installation which was conducted by Nancy Holter. Chris Hicks and I had an opportunity to meet so many wonderful people who keep Odin a vital lodge. Monday, September 19th, Chris Hicks and I visited Vesterdalen Lodge for their Monday Night Lodge meeting. I hope to have many such lodge visits and I encourage you to try to make the trip to a place you have never been too. There was a time when I could make a complete circuit around Puget Sound and eat nothing but Norwegian delicacies.

In my short time as the secretary, I have met many wonderful people who work in Minneapolis, but there are three people who really keep the organization functioning. Some of you will recognize the names of Connie O'Brien, Amy Tuchenhagen, and Sherry Gorse who has been a lifeline for me.

So now I begin again. I will be reaching out to the lodges in November to remind them to submit changes to their leadership by December 31st. It is very easy to update lodge officers online. Please notify me of changes to your lodge calendars for publication in next year's District Directory. I did get this year's edition out in record time, so it marks a worthy goal.

It has been such a wonderful year.

Treasurer's Message – Judy Moxley



Greetings from the new D2 Treasurer:

I am Judy Moxley new to a district role, but not new to the Treasurer's role. I have been Tordenskjold Lodge 2-005 Treasurer two times. The first for 6 years and now I'm in my 2nd term. I've also served as lodge Secretary for almost 2 years and auditor. I will be helping with some financial planning and budgeting for next year and I'm looking forward to a better 2023 after so many events postponed.

I want to personally thank my wonderful mentor, Bill Fosmoe, who was District Treasurer and many other roles over the years for all his ongoing assistance. We have strived to make this a clean transition and he has helped with that. If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address: judymox02@gmail.com.

Counselor's Message – Ernie Fosse



Ernie Fosse was appointed District 2 Counselor at the District 2 Fall Board meeting. Congratulations Ernie !



Picture on right is of Ernie & Darrin getting appointed.

Cultural Director's Message – Nancy Holter



A few of the District 'jobs' were shuffled around so now I have the dubious privilege of being Cultural AND Social Director. But that gives me greater leeway in what I push to the lodges and what I want from them in return.

As more lodges are getting back to in-person meetings, we are also having an increase in Heritage Days and Dinners. PLEASE check out the events your neighboring lodges are having and support them. Offer to help them out, if you can. We never have enough hands to do all the work.

Now is also when lodges are planning cultural programs for the next year. I think 2023 would be an excellent time to update our District Cultural Resources book, so please start gathering information from your members about what skills they have. Even if they don't want to teach classes, they can still be a resource for others, they can help us keep the skills alive. And if you know people in your community that have skills or hobbies that might be of interest to others, those names would be nice to have, too. I will be sending out a form in early 2023, and I would like to have as much information as possible before the Zone Meetings in the spring.

My job is to help the lodges have great programming, but I certainly can't do that alone. 80 heads are definitely better than one, so help me help you.

Foundation Director's Message – Darrin Lee



The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote our Nordic heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live.

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



October is Foundation Month at Sons of Norway. The "Together We Are The Future" fundraising campaign supports these efforts. Help us raise \$175,000 before January 15, 2023! Contributions of any amount and any gift vehicle count (cash, IRA QCDs, etc.) By contributing to the Sons of Norway Foundation, you are supporting programs that benefit your lodge, your community, and the young Sons of Norway members who will keep our Nordic legacy strong for future generations to come. Learn more here <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/> and donate!

Here is a brief 'Together We Are The Future' recap:

- In 2020 our goal was \$100,000. Our lodges and members donated \$137,000.
- In 2021 our goal was \$150,000. Our lodges and members donated \$164,607.

And how have our lodges and members benefited:

- Lodge grants in 2020 were \$27,330 and scholarships were \$119,012.
- Lodge grants in 2021 were \$30,990 and scholarships were \$119,767.
- Lodge grants in 2022 are \$33,329 and scholarships are \$140,000.

We ask members to help us celebrate and support the services that the Sons of Norway Foundation provides to members. The Foundation is here for our members in 3 ways!

1) GRANTS	2) SCHOLARSHIPS	3) PHILANTHROPIC GOALS
<i>We provide grants to our lodges and other partners to advance our core values.</i>	<i>We provide scholarships to members and their children and grandchildren for post-secondary education and cross-cultural exchanges. One scholarship makes many many years of membership well worth it!</i>	<i>We provide the opportunity to leave a legacy based on your interests and passions.</i>

GRANTS Opportunities:

~\$20,000 - \$50,000 given out annually depending on applications. All due December 31st – please apply!

- Lodge Vitality Grant: Operational or small capital support for lodges, up to \$1,000
- Lodge Culture and Heritage: Focusing on Norwegian heritage and culture, lodges only, up to \$1,500
- Community Partnership: Norwegian heritage and e-culture, non-members only, up to \$1,000
- Helping Hands to Children: Lodges that run programs or partner with local orgs for kids, up to \$1,000
- Helping Hands to Members: helps members affected by natural disasters or severe illness/injury, up to \$5,000

Learn more online here: <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/grants/>

SCHOLARSHIP Opportunities:

Applications open in October. Encourage students and members in your lodge to apply! With the rising cost of higher education, the Sons of Norway Foundation is here to help with 15 different scholarship opportunities. For many recipients, these awards are a life changing opportunity to explore educational passions here in the US or in Norway. Over \$100,000 awarded annually to students of all types!

- Americans studying domestically or in Norway
- Norwegians studying in the USA
- Adult learners
- Undergraduate, vocational/trade, graduate
- Members (or children and grandchildren of members) and non-members
- Norwegian Folk High Schools or Oslo International Summer School
- Major specific (elementary education, women studying engineering/science)

Most scholarships require Sons of Norway membership (can be under a parent or grandparent) but some do not

Some opportunities are unique, like the Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship that was created to honor a member's daughter after she passed away at a young age. This scholarship can fund full tuition for a female student studying certain engineering or science fields. Another unique scholarship is the Bernt Anker Scholarship, created by a member who wanted students without parents to have the same opportunities. This scholarship is open to members and non-members alike. Many of our scholarships are also open to non-traditional or adult students.

Learn more online here: <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>
You can also contact the Foundation with specific scholarship questions

How to Apply for a Grant or Scholarship?

- Online only: www.SonsofNorway.com/Foundation
- Grant and Scholarship Portal Opens: Every year in October
- Deadlines vary by opportunity – be sure to check the website often

Camperships

The Foundation provides over \$10,000 annually for youth to attend Norwegian camps through the Draxten Fund & Evenson Fund. The Foundation sends funds to each District, the District makes the awards. Camps are available everywhere:

- Skogfjorden (Concordia Language Village) – In District 1
- Camp Trollhaugen, Nidaros and Normanna – In District 2
- Land of the Vikings – In District 3
- Trollfjorden, Bjørnetann and Trollhaugen - In District 4
- Masse Moro – In District 5
- Camp Norge – In District 6

District 2 – Grants and Scholarships Received

So, how has our District benefited from the Foundation?

- District 2 Lodge grants in 2020 were \$4,750 and scholarships were \$6,270.
- District 2 Lodge grants in 2021 were \$1,500 and scholarships were \$3,900.
- District 2 Lodge grants in 2022 were \$14,000 and scholarships were \$45,000.

In 2021, 137 SON lodges donated \$68,657. In District 2, 17 lodges donated \$20,275.

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Remember . . . the Foundation is here for you . . . and it is here for good!

Grants:

District 2 has received \$9400 in grants since 2019! The more applications we send in, the more opportunities we have to receive more funding. Here are the Grants we received in District 2 in 2021:

- Community Partnership: Nordic Museum received a grant for exhibition-related programming for The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch’s Photography
- Helping Hands to Children: Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge 2-164 received \$500 to support the lodge’s farm to School Program
- Lodge Vitality: Columbia Basin Lodge 2-080 (Moses Lake) received \$1,000 to finish building a storage unit for their Viking ship parade float.

Scholarships:

These are just examples – over \$20,000 has been awarded to students in D2 since 2019!

- Carl Saltveit: \$3,270 To Karissa Stevens of lodge 2-001 to study at the Oslo International Summer School in 2022
- King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage fund: \$3000 to Peter Brosten of lodge 2-001 to study at the University of Bergen
- Helen Tronvold Scholarship: Arne Grette of Issaquah, WA received \$2,900 to study at Valdres Folkehøgskole

How Can I Give?



Visit <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/> or see your October Viking Magazine, there’s a great article on the Foundation as well as an envelope that you can mail in your donation. By contributing to the Sons of Norway Foundation, you are supporting programs that benefit your lodge, your community, and the young Sons of Norway members who will keep our

Nordic legacy strong for future generations. The Sons of Norway Foundation is a 501c3 organization. Gifts are tax deductible in accordance with state and federal law.

How Else Can I Get Involved?

<p>1) Become a District or Lodge Foundation Director</p> <p><i>Be an ambassador for the Foundation’s grant and scholarship recipients, help raise funds, promote the Foundation’s values</i></p>	<p>2) Apply for the Board of Governors</p> <p><i>Take on a leadership role with an organization that is passionate about serving others and sharing our Nordic values</i></p>	<p>3) Become a scholarship or grant reviewer:</p> <p><i>Help the foundation make funding decisions by providing your expertise and time</i></p>
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Contact the Foundation today!

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Youth Director's Message - Seth Tufteland



The summer has come and now we look towards the fall and winter.

District 2 Youth Camps were able to hold in person camp for the first time since Covid started. 2 of the 3 camps had enough campers to be able to run. While they were much smaller than normal, they did a great job. We are looking forward to having all 3 camps full for next year.

I know it has been difficult for some lodges to have activities for youth in their lodge. My goal is to help lodges with ideas and planning to hold even 1 youth event a year. You must start somewhere and not give up hope. New programs are difficult for anybody no matter what the organization or activity.

If there are any lodges that have youth directors, I would love to chat with them about what they are doing. We can help each other out by having a forum to bounce ideas back and forth and support each other.

Fall and winter are good times to hold youth events. Summer travel is over and now everyone is getting back into a routine. Having events like cookie baking, pumpkin carving, gingerbread house building, etc are ways to get youth involved. Not only will you get them involved but it opens the door for the whole family become more involved. Movie nights are also a great way to get whole families to participate and get to know each other.

I will be sending out a letter to all the lodges in the next month outlining some of these ideas and hopefully getting contacts for Youth Directors.

If you need ideas or help, please reach out. We can't move forward if we are standing still.

Sports Director's Message - Laurie Berg



Sport's Director report since June D2 convention 2022

July 16, 2022

50th Anniversary of the groundbreaking of Trollhaugen Horseshoe and Kubb Sports Tournament.

This year it was a Bothell Lodge event. I am not sure why but maybe because it was not the usual Steak Fry people were confused. 6 lodge members from Bothell participated. Two for Horseshoes and four for Kubb. Kubb seems to be the game of choice these days. Medals were awarded and everyone seemed to have a good time. Hope to get the word out early in the spring and stir up more participation.

Aug 13, 2022

D2 Golf Tournament hosted by Tordenskjold lodge.

Friday night there was a meet and greet event. Lots of food and drinks and great conversation.

Saturday morning three Tordenskjold teams, two Bothell teams and one Leif team set out to play 18 holes. All skill levels are accepted in this tournament. Some are very skilled, and others just like to get some sun while chasing a little white ball. Tordenskjold mem's team won the Men's trophy. Bothell ladies won the Women's trophy and Tordenskjold co-ed team won the CO-ED trophy.

Following the tournament, a delicious banquet steak dinner was served. Trophies were presented to the top teams and lots of pictures were taken. There is talk about bringing the tournament back to Leavenworth in 2023. As of right now we do not have a host lodge. This may be a combined lodge event but only time will tell.

Looking Forward. Mark your calendars.

D2 Ski race at Trollhaugen Feb 4, 2023. This will be the first time in two years that this event will take place in person. More Details to come. Host Lodge needed for this event.

Virtual Ski Race the whole month of February. Track your miles and earn a medal.

Publicity Director's Message – Robert Kodalen



I want to start out my report hoping everyone has missed the Covid-19 bug. I know I didn't, but thanks to the boosters it turned out to be a short lived mild cold with no lingering symptoms.

Time is sure flying by. I'm already on my 5th year as your D2 Publicity Director. I have to say this position is both challenging and rewarding. My primary responsibility and the most time consuming is gathering photos. With Covid easing its impact, lodge activities have been increasing. I am

getting lodge photos but definitely could use more. I have been able to maintain submitting at least 5 photos each month. These photos are then considered for publication in the new "Members in Action" section of the Viking Magazine. Since I became the District 2 Publicity Director, I have submitted 52 times which means over 260 pictures and each photo has an accompanying form. I have to say about 75% of the photos I receive have adequate definition or pixels required for submission and accompanying form.

I would like to point out the Viking Magazine changed its format after November 2021. Before last November each District had its own section for their members and our District always had 5 photos posted of our activities. Now they are all mixed up in a section called "members in action". Even though I submit 5 photos only 3 were published in the last few issues. The photos I gather monthly I submit to Amy Tuchenhagen. She is the new SON International Member Engagement Manager. She held a Zoom meeting with all of the Publicity Directors on July 26th. I learned that all photos she receives are forwarded to the Viking Magazine. She does not remove any photos from consideration. She has no say in what photos make it into the Viking Magazine. I asked what happens to the photos that do not make it for publication. She did not know but would ask. It would be nice to know if they could be reconsidered.

I would like to ask that more lodges get involved in submitting photos of lodge activities. Since the beginning of this year of the 40 lodges in District 2 I have not received any submissions from 16 lodges, another 12 I have only received 1. That is over 50%.

I am here to help members who would like events posted on District 2 social media, such as Facebook, and/or send via email to District 2 lodges. I have Adobe Pro which allows me to convert pdf and word files into jpg format, which is required to post on Facebook.

Zone Director Messages

Zone 1 – Duane Esperum



Grieg Lodge #15 (Pres Mikal Apenes)

- **September 23, 5:30 to 8:00 pm**

TGIFF!! (Thank Goodness It's Fourth Friday). Join us for Happy Hour prices in the bar, nibble food for a \$5 donation. New members Free! Join us for conversation and socializing. Special event at September's TGIFF: an Aquavit tasting! Join us!

- **October 6, 2022, 6:30 pm,**

- **Social Hour 5:30 pm.** General Membership Meeting, Onsite

- **October 9, 2022, 9 am to Noon.** Viking Pancake Breakfast. All you can eat pancakes, plus eggs, sausages, fruit, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate (for the kiddos).

- **October 28, 5:30 to 8:00 pm**

TGIFF!! (Thank Goodness It's Fourth Friday)

Join us for Happy Hour prices in the bar, nibble food for a \$5 donation. New members Free!

- Regular Monthly Meetings scheduled. 1st Thursday of the month.

Nidaros Lodge #16 (Pres. Ann Madsen)

- Regular Monthly Meetings scheduled. 3rd Saturday of the month

Sonja Lodge #38 (Pres Kae Ellingsen)

- **September 10th:** New Member Dinner
- **October 9th:** Come have dinner with us as we celebrate 85 years as a lodge. We will be combining the celebration for both Leif Erikson Day and our Lodge's 85th anniversary. The evening entails a potluck and cultural presentation, more details to come.
- **Monthly Meeting scheduled.** The 1st Thursday of every month: **5:30pm:** Potluck/Social Time, **6:30pm:** Cultural Program, **7:30pm:** Business Meeting.

Roald Lodge #39 (Pres Diann Kerr)

- Meetings on the Second Saturday of every month at 12:30 p.m.

Thor Lodge #47 (Pres Barbara Colman)

- **October 12,** Craft Night and lodge meeting
- **December 11** Christmas Party
- **January 11,** Great Norwegian knit Off
- **February 8, 2022,** at 3:00 PM: Lodge Meeting (Salem Masonic Temple)
 - Movie: The Lutefisk Wars. Potluck: Bring a dish to share
- **February 10,** 4:30 pm Board Meeting

Fjeldheim Lodge #47 (Pres. Kristie Redmond)

- **December 12** Christmas Market (9-4pm)
- Regular Monthly Meetings scheduled

Columbia Lodge #58 (Pres. Leland Saeke)

- Regular Monthly Meetings scheduled

Zone 2 – Roberta Morrow



The first event I attended as a Zone Director was the Anniversary Celebration at Trollhaugen.

I called the officers of the lodges in my zone in order to:

- introduce myself, • get added to their mailing list for newsletters and event announcements,
- learn if they have started in person meetings, • ask about events over the summer, • hear about plans scheduled through Christmas, • check on officer changes since the last directory, • ask about hosting the spring zone meeting.

Fritjov Lodge #17: I spoke with President Ali Bertelsen. They had several activities over the summer: Their float won a trophy in the parade, they had a picnic at a winery, and they also met with Abel Lodge from Conway.

I attended their first post-COVID in person dinner and meeting in Stanwood. Around 60 people were there. They celebrated a member, Elsie Chandler, who has belonged to that lodge for 75 years (actually now 77 years). She was born in Norway, but her youngest sibling was born in Stanwood. Her parents signed her up when she was 15. Several family members were present. She received a plaque and gave a brief talk. She is quite a storyteller, and much treasured by her lodge!



Ruth Caesar, president of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society and Library, a power-point program on genealogy that highlighted what is available at their facility.

Edmonds Lodge #130: At our zoom board meeting we finalized details for our first in person dinner and meeting that will be on our new meeting night, Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Masonic Center (4th Tuesday at 6 pm). Board meetings will continue via zoom until the end of 2022.

Wergeland Lodge #21: I spoke with Pres. Vaughn Hagen via phone. Also, I left a message with VP Alice Ellingson to add me to their mailing list for meeting notices.

Normanna Lodge #3: I spoke with Lisa Maher (secretary and editor). They begin in person meetings on Sept. 20. They have a drive-through pancake breakfast on Saturday, Sept 10.

Abel Lodge #29: I spoke with past Pres. Brent and Co-Cultural Dir. Marilyn Tangen. Elaine Grasdock's number has changed. She is now president. They have a meeting coming up.

Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge #164: I spoke with Brian Peterson, who is the past president. They have lost several members and are asking for advice from D2 about how to recruit new members! Sherri (Sharon) Zoars is acting president. Phone is 206 735-2567. They will have their first post-COVID in person meeting this month. They had picnic and an outdoor spring dinner for the 17th of May.

Zone 3 – Vernene Scheurer



As Zone 3 Director, I am honored to represent the four Lodges in this Zone for District 2. Following the District 2 Meeting in June, I contacted each of the Lodges to let them know I would be attending their June meeting to introduce myself.

I initially attended **Leif Erikson Lodge #1** in Seattle on June 3, where I was able to see their program of dancers, listen to their meeting and enjoy an ice cream sundae. I introduced myself and met a number of their members.

They have a busy lodge with regularly add new members. They plan to replace their HVAC system and replace the roof on their building with proceeds from the sale of property. They are gearing up for their Happy Hours, Movie Nights, Trivia night, lefse making classes, some youth programs, exercise classes, a Bunad Presentation, and their Annual Bazaar on October 22 and 23. They include Zoom with their in-person meetings.

My next visit was to the **Bothell Lodge #106**, where I enjoyed a BBQ dinner and watched their meeting where a number of sports awards were given out. I again introduced myself and visited with members. They have a very vibrant and busy Lodge with many members in attendance and lots of fellowship. They have continued to be busy throughout the past year and have lots of plans for the upcoming Fall and Winter. They continue to hold their monthly Drive-through Swedish Pancake Breakfasts, Rosemaling classes, Zumba classes and Fun walks. They will hold a Ski-for-Light Dinner Dance on October 1. They will also hold a lefse class in October a Bazaar and Bake Sale on November 5 and their Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on December 3, by reservation only (\$35).

Cascade Lodge #87 recently sent out a newsletter stating they will be having their first in-person meeting with a potluck and business meeting on Saturday, October 29th from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. They have decided to set Saturdays as their new meeting date. They will be welcoming eight new members, after losing six members over the past year. They will also hold their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10th from 1-3:30 PM. They meet at the Mercer Island United Methodist Church.

As the President of **Vesterdalen Lodge #131**, I am very familiar with their meetings and activities. We walked in the Enumclaw 4th of July parade, to much applause and held our Family Picnic in July at the Auburn Game Farm Park. We were happy to have Chris Hicks speak to us about Sons of Norway history and the new board changes at our recently September meeting. We will be hearing from Emily Stark, from the Sons of Norway Foundation at our October meeting. We will be hearing from our Sports Director about his recent trip to Norway at our November meeting. We won't be having our annual Lutefisk dinner, but plan on a Torsk dinner in March. We will be looking for a few new board members in November, as well. We also have a book club for members.

It will be fun getting to know more members of the Zone 3 lodges and attend their many upcoming activities. I plan to attend each Lodge at least once per quarter, or more. I will also be working on plans for a Spring Meeting, after learning more about what is expected and needed.

Zone 4 – Alisha Anunson



Hei Hei, from Poulsbo, Washington, my hometown! I am delighted to join the District 2 team as the New Zone 4 director. Seeing so many of you at the District 2 Convention in Portland this year was fun. I love gathering with our fraternal sisters and brothers and getting a chance to eat, drink, visit and work with you. At my lodge, I am the current Cultural director, stepping in after the lodge's Cultural director moved to South Dakota this summer. I also teach folk dance to our lodge's K/1 group Leikarringen and have two of my three girls still in the high school program.

As Zone 4 director, I have much to learn about the job and the lodges I represent! I look forward to getting to know the lodges in Zone 4 and their members. I plan to attend lodge meetings or events this coming year and host a Zone 4 meeting this spring.

Oslo Lodge #35 in Bremerton held a lodge picnic, participated in parades, and joined Anna Marie Cole on her 102nd birthday this summer. Oslo Celebrated its 87th anniversary in August with dinner at the Kitsap Golf and Country Club. I look forward to joining them at their Måltil and Mingle (Viking dinner), where there will be a presentation on the Hardanger fiddle.

Olympic Lodge #37 held a lodge meeting this spring featuring Norwegian woodworking with many items on display and a Lodge Picnic for all its members at their beautiful hall in Port Angeles. Starting Fall off right, they will feature Nordic goodies in the postponed bake sale from July this September 24th.

The Poulsbo Lodge #44 has been busy celebrating their Troll's Den's 50th anniversary with a monthly party marking each decade. In addition, they held a Nordic Fair and Bazaar and their annual Midsomer. Their Leikarringen dance group is back with 101 kids dancing Mondays. A group from the high school class got to perform at Trollhaugen's 50th Anniversary Party.



Norden Lodge #2 Participated in the Hilltop Street Fair in Tacoma, sharing its enthusiasm and Norwegian heritage with residents there. They celebrated summer with a lodge picnic for all their members. Their President Teresa Hunt represented the lodge well at Trollhaugen's 50th and the District 2 Convention.

Grays Harbor Lodge #4 in lovely Aberdeen, Washington, held a Kaffe Stua on September 5th and kicked off their Lodge meeting with a potluck.

Hovedstad Lodge #94 Celebrated its Annual Norway day in Olympia in April. They spread their love of Norway with an impressive offering of food, Fjord horses, Norwegian Elkhounds, dancing, and music. Hovedstad represented well at the District 2 Convention and Trollhaugen 50th festivities. The lodge celebrated Syttende Mai with members sharing good food and Hardanger fiddle music.

Helgeland Lodge #30 on Puget Island celebrated its 88th anniversary on September 7th, 88 years to the day the lodge began in 1934. They just completed a kitchen remodel, giving them more room to make lefse and update the lodge! Just in time for Hardanger lefse making in November.

I know I have not done justice to everything excellent in Zone 4, but I look forward to getting to know all the lodges better and telling you about my adventure.

Zone 5 – Cindy McManus



I would like to thank the delegates at the District 2 Zone Caucus for electing me as their Zone 5 Director. Along with that honor they chose me, Darrin Lee, Ron Rolla, and Nancy Holter as delegates to the International Meeting.

The first item on my agenda as Zone Director was to email all the Lodge Presidents to introduce myself and open up a line of communication. I asked to be put on their newsletter mailing list and aware of any upcoming events they may be having. I extended my offering of any help they may need, and I am looking forward to my lodge visitations. I corresponded via another email asking for lodges to host a zone seminar in the spring. I have heard back from 3 lodges so far with positive results.

On July 7th I attended a lodge meeting at Tordenskjold as my first official Zone Director visit.

July 27th my husband Dave and I attended the 50th Anniversary at Trollhaugen for which I made 100 rounds of lefse for all to enjoy.

August 13th I attended the District 2 Golf Tournament in Spokane. Wonderful time!

September 8th I attended the 115th Anniversary Celebration at Tordenskjold Lodge in Spokane.

Now that my summer is winding down, I plan to contact all presidents via phone to make a more personal connection and get more fraternal information on their lodge happenings.

Tordenskjold Lodge #5 - has been very busy with the hosting of the District 2 Golf Tourney, celebrating 115 years, raiding a Spokane Indians game, sailed the Viking 1 in the Hillyard Parade, held a Viking Knit bracelet class, had a successful lefse roll and are planning a Lutefisk Dinner in November.

Harald Haarfager Lodge #11 – This lodge is easy to report on as I am currently the Lodge President. This past summer we held our Adopt a Highway roadside cleanup for 2 days, attended a Melodrama Play in Wallace, ID, had 2 members golf in the District 2 Tournament, worked at the

North Idaho State Fair running 3 beer gardens and making awesome tips and getting our name out while meeting new friends. We held a two-day kids camp in August with 20 people in attendance, and our nominating committee is working on a new slate of officers. We are having a Salmon Dinner October 15th, a Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner November 19th, and a Jul Party December 17th.

Odin Lodge #41 – Sports Director Jeff Hagen won a 75 plus men’s race and finished 3rd overall in a 48-hour race in Milwaukee June 17th. His total milage was 150 miles. They held a summer picnic August 6th at Trollhaugen Lodge and are planning their 40th annual Lutefisk Dinner and bake sale November 5th. Had a meeting with short stories by members – what you did this summer.

Columbia Basin Lodge #80

Sol-Land Lodge #86 – Their September meeting had a film presentation called Horse Power: From the Land of the Vikings. They are looking forward to an election of officers and are working on a membership survey.

Epleдалen Lodge #96

Grondal Lodge # 122 - They held bingo at a meeting and said it was a hit.

Elvedalen Lodge # 129

I am looking forward to doing some traveling to meet all the Lodges in my zone, create new friendships and share wonderful ideas.



Zone 6 - Hanna Persson



As Fall approaches, the lodges in Zone 6 are gearing up for a winter full of fun activities. As Zone Director, I look forward to helping and encouraging the Alaskan lodges to grow and bring in more young people. I'm so honored to have been elected to serve on the district board for the lodges in Alaska!

Fedrelandet Lodge #23 has been quiet on social media. I do know that they have continued Friday night bingo at their hall. I look forward to getting in touch with their lodge members!

Midnatsol Lodge #32 plans on meeting for the first time this Fall sometime in mid-October after a quiet summer. They are brainstorming new ways to attract new members and have been focusing on community service activities alongside of their local Lutheran church.

Svalbard Lodge 2-033: Svalbard Lodge members have been using Facebook to stay connected, posting Norwegian articles and sharing pictures. They have also awarded youth scholarships and have been getting outdoors with fellow members.

Bernt Balchen Lodge #46 has been busy holding monthly friluftsliv (outdoor life) events with activities including fungus walks, orienteering, hikes, bird watching, and kubb tournaments. Strikkekafe has started up again to start its fourth year, meeting twice a month for knitting, coffee, and good conversation. So far this Fall the lodge has hosted another successful annual faar i kaal (lamb and cabbage) dinner where food was served to over 100 people as well as the Fish Boil dinner, a crowd favorite. Norwegian conversation group meets via zoom weekly as well as monthly board meeting + hygge time monthly. The lodge also hosted their 26th annual Nordic Market which was a huge success!

Arctic Viking Lodge #117 Members of Arctic Viking Lodge have started up their monthly meetings and have been enjoying the outdoors by going on walks. They also enjoyed a handverksdag where members learned how to do wool felting. They are currently preparing for a lutefisk and meatball dinner.

Island Viking Lodge #145 Island Viking Lodge has yet to have any meetings this Fall but will hopefully get together soon.

Way to go, Alaska! I can't wait to see and hear all about what our members will do in this coming year.

International Director's Message – Chris Hicks



Greetings All,

A lot of changes have happened since this time last year.

We have a new governance structure in place, we have a new international board of directors, however one of the things that has not changed is the way that the districts are run.

They will still hold their district conventions every two years, they will elect new officers at that time. Any resolutions brought forward from the lodges, if passed at the district conventions, will be passed on to the international board of directors for consideration.

It has been said numerous times that some of our best ideas and updates have come from the local lodges and from the districts.

So what are some of the changes we are looking at? Many items Mark and I reviewed during a PowerPoint presentation at the district convention that you were all at. Membership growth is of the utmost importance. Getting those members to buy our financial products is also extremely important; that is what we were founded on; that is what is going to keep us going.

Home Office has done several things in the last few years to help this growth. In 2021 we issued 11,362 life certificates compared to only 514 in 2018. This kind of growth is not easy without having the infrastructure in place to make it happen.

We needed to have more insurance professionals in place to sell our products. That was done by changing the format in which they were structured and hiring roughly 4200 more agents since 2018.

Many fraternal organizations have changed their Governance structures in the past several years and we are one of the last to make this change.

Remember Sons of Norway is a Fraternal Benefit Society:

- That means we are a membership organization legally required to offer insurance products to our members, be not-for-profit, and carry out charitable programs for the benefit of our members and your communities.
- Our operations are carried out under the oversight of the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

* Updated Bylaws are currently posted in the member section of the International Website.

You must be logged in and then, they are under the member resources/Lodge Leadership/Governance

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All District Conventions were held in the Spring of 2022 – Some were held in person and some as

Hy-bred. International Convention was held virtually at the end of August 2022. Decisions were finalized at the International Convention and Resolutions passed.

Below are some of the changes that were passed which affect the local Lodges.

The Board of Directors has the authority to suspend or postpone Regular meetings and Board meetings of the local lodge, and in turn may provide notice of meeting(s) by means of conference telephone or other virtual/electronic communications by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time.

Affiliate/dual members – Members possessing a current membership card from SON may petition the desired affiliate lodge(s), and if accepted, pay only local lodge dues for the affiliate lodge(s) directly to the affiliate lodge. Local lodge dues may be waived or discounted for affiliate members if specified in the local lodge bylaws.

Required Annual Lodge forms

All lodge leadership should be familiar with the Lodge D-17 and 990 forms as these are finance forms that need to be filled out soon after the 1st of the year. For those lodges that own a building there is also a D-18 that needs to be filed for the building association.

District 2 did great last year getting everything turned in on time.

Let's go for another year of compliance.

Deadlines to remember

D63 Lodge officer updates	Dec 31 st
D17 Lodge Financial Form	March 15 th
990 IRS Tax Filing	May 15 th
D18 Building Association Fin Form	May 15 th



International Vice Chair’s Message – Mark Agerter



Greetings all - It is great to be starting a new lodge year. What a change from a couple of years ago. Lodges I have talked to are enjoying the renewal of activities and the freedom to plan events for the future with far less apprehension than we have experienced for some time. Let us hope and pray that this upward trajectory continues as we continue to bring things back to a more normal state of affairs.

Membership growth has been a little unpredictable over the last 3 months with a small overall decline since April, although numbers are still up for the year. In my last report I cited February membership at 63,706. As of the end of August the total members count was 64,547. With lodges back in session for the fall we should likely see membership increasing again. Here is a breakdown on the numbers:

<u>Members Joining and Leaving</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total Members beginning of year	63,027	52,021
Lodge Members beginning of year	52,747	41,922
Joining	7,654	12,391
Voluntarily Leaving	4,991	3,784
Involuntarily Leaving	1,101	875
Lodge Members July 31	54,309	49,654
Insurance Non-Lodge Members	6,039	6,125
Heritage Members	4,199	4,145
Total Members August 31	64,547	59,924

Figures provided by home office.

I wanted to share the latest numbers for the 2022 Member Recruitment Challenge but with the death of Doris Kamstra, who had put together these reports, unfortunately no updates are expected until next month. You can check your lodge’s updated results either by going online in the members only section under Member Resources, then Lodge Leadership Resources or by copying this link into your browser window. <https://www.sofn.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Goals-by-Lodge-2022.pdf>

Goals update

2022 goals for which we are largely on track as of August are:

- 8,300 new insurance members – 56% achieved with 4,613
- \$7.16M new life premium – 65% at 4.63M
- \$8.8M annuity premium – 87% at 7.64M
- 12,000 new members – 64% at 7,654
- \$290,400 foundation funds – 150% with 434,969 raised

Conventions 2022

The 2022 convention season is in the books and what a good season it was. Our gathering in Portland was a tremendous amount of fun (except for the detour we took on the “lost” bus!) Grieg Lodge did a fantastic job hosting. The event was well organized, well attended and well, just a lot of fun! We enjoyed excellent presentations, spirited discussions, strong support for the foundation,

great vendor wares and wonderful cultural heritage displays. So important to have had this gathering after the cancellations of the past two years.

Governance Update

As you may already know, most of my energy for the past year has been centered on the re-write of our Charter, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures (CBPP). As I mentioned in my report during the International

Convention, the re-write committee has invested several thousand hours in the process. I am pretty sure that all of us are happy that the work is nearing completion. With the acceptance of our revised Charter and Bylaws by the Minnesota Department of Commerce (MDOC), our regulator and governing agency, most of the legal aspect of our mission is complete. There are a few final revisions that are being submitted in the next month, but most of what you will see when you look online is the finished product.

The Policies and Procedures, unlike the Bylaws, do not need approval from the MDOC. This gives the International Board more leeway to change any of these procedures as needed. This gives us greater flexibility, if necessary, to fix issues that arise when they arise, rather than a year or two down the road. This improved our governance substantially and is one of the things the MDOC was pushing for.

I want to reiterate one thing that I have mentioned previously. That is, even though responsibility for CBPP amendments has shifted to the International Board of Directors (IBOD), it is anticipated that districts will continue to pass non-binding resolutions to forward to the Corporate Matters & Governance Committee of the IBOD for any bylaw and procedural suggestions. This did in fact happen this past year and the IBOD accepted several of these suggestions which have already been added to the CBPP. As a reminder, these resolutions must be implemented in the same manner as in the past. They must originate either at the local or district level. If local, the local lodge must approve the suggestion to move forward to the district for district approval. Approved resolutions, both district and local lodge must then pass at the district convention before being forwarded to the IBOD for consideration.

Another item of business that you need to be aware of is a process of updating local lodge bylaws that was started in 2020 but put on hold while waiting for the CBPP revisions. There are two main requirements that must be addressed in order to get approval for any bylaw revisions:

- 1 – The online template for local lodge bylaws must be used. It is important to not differ greatly from the template so as to not add items that are already covered in the newly revised CBPP.
- 2 – The updated bylaws are required to include the new Compliance and Dissolution/Distribution of Assets clauses. All local lodge bylaws that do not contain these two clauses will be required to add them as they are necessary to meet current IRS standards.

Have a great fall season.

District 2 Youth Camp – Seth Tufteland

The Camp Committee worked hard and was able to hold in person camps this summer! Unfortunately, due to low numbers, Camp Nidaros was not able to be held. We are hoping next year to have better recruitment for campers. Camp Trollhaugen had 10 campers sign up but 8 that were able to come due to COVID. Camp Normanna had 17 campers.

We are hoping to be able to have full camps again next year. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the camps.

The dates for the 2023 Youth Camps are:

Camp Trollhaugen- June 25 - July 8

Camp Nidaros- July 9 - July 22

Camp Normanna- July 23 - August 5

****Mark your calendars. Applications must not be postmarked earlier than February 14, 2023.**

The Camp Director(s) for 2023 are:

Camp Trollhaugen Matt and Ashley Huff

Camp Nidaros Tameina Guthrie and Michael Baumsgard

Camp Normanna Seth Tufteland and Melissa Rude

The tuition for camp will be \$700. We are looking into a new color for the T-shirts.

The new officers of the Camp Committee are:

Committee Chair: Chris Hicks

Committee Vice Chair: Melissa Rude

Committee Secretary: Ashley Huff

Committee Treasurer: Dan Andrews

The camps are continually looking for ways to fundraise for both the camps and the Sofie Olson scholarships. We continue supporting the Sofie Olson Scholarship Fund by selling the Norwegian flag state stickers and camp T-shirt design decals.

If you are interested in working at any of our camps or would like more information, please let us know. You can email the Camp Committee at sofncamps@gmail.com



District 2 Scholarship Report – Seth Tufteland

We have 2 scholarships here at D2.

The Carl Saltveit Scholarship is awarded to attend the International Summer School at the University of Oslo. To be eligible, you must be a member in District 2 and have completed 1 full year (4 quarters) of college. There is no age restriction on this scholarship.

The Sofie Olson Scholarship is awarded to 3 campers attending the District 2 Youth Camps. Normally 1 scholarship is awarded for each of the 3 camps.

There are many lodges that have their own scholarships for the Youth Camps as well.

If your lodge is interested in starting a scholarship fund, please reach out and I can get you some resources.

Important Dates to Remember: (subject to change, advanced notice will be sent)

End of November: Scholarship and Camp information sent to all lodges.

February 14: First date Youth Camp applications will be accepted.

March 1: Deadline for submitting applications for the Carl Saltveit Scholarship for study at International Summer School.

Upon receipt: Youth Camp Registrars will mail the campers confirmation and scholarship applications.

April 15: Deadline for submitting applications for the Sofie/Olson Scholarship.

April 30: Deadline for local lodges to notify District Scholarship Chair of the recipients' names and the amounts given so the campers are eligible to receive Draxten Funds

May 15: Deadline for local lodge scholarship checks to be received by Youth Camp Registrars – Please do not mail checks to campers!

May 31: Youth Camp Registrars mail final camper packets with statements reflecting balance due after all scholarships are received.

June 12: Deadline for Youth Camp Registrars to receive full balance of camp fees.





The Scandinavian Hour Radio Program

Since 1961, the weekly Scandinavian Hour radio program has been broadcast on the airwaves in Seattle, WA and has not missed a week. It has had the same host, Doug Warne, from 1961 to 2020. Now in 2021, Seth Tufteland is the new host and producer of this program. Bringing you music, news, and interviews from all the Nordic countries, the Scandinavian Hour has been a staple for the Nordic community in the Puget Sound area. We also include a monthly events bulletin for our Scandinavian Hour associates/partners. Scandinavian Hour associates/partners are clubs/organizations who donate \$200 or more to the program for the year. The benefits include unlimited advertising of their events on our monthly bulletin board, a history of your group vignette, a membership drive advertisement, and an opportunity to co-host a show. We also have regular advertising at \$50 a week for a 105-word ad. We are now able to expand beyond the borders of Puget Sound by streaming live online. Broadcast on KKNW 1150AM in Bellevue, WA from 9am-10am Pacific Time every Saturday morning and re-aired at 6am Pacific Time both Saturday and Sunday mornings. You can stream online from our website www.thescandinavianhour.org from anywhere in the world. We have listeners from all over the US, Canada, and Scandinavia.

If your Lodge or group is interested in advertising or becoming a Scandinavian Hour associate/partner, contact Seth Tufteland at scanhourkknw@outlook.com.

Let your friends and family know about this radio program too! Our website features an archive of interviews, book reviews, vignettes, and bulletin board features. Find us at www.thescandinavianhour.org.

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Ski For Light - Puget Sound

The SFL Puget Sound Board will be meeting on October 23 to plan our next year's event. In the meantime, I am working on getting exclusive 2 nights/3 days at Trollhaugen Lodge for our 2023 season.

Our 2023 schedule is as followed:

January 7

January 21

February 11

February 25

March 4

March 18

Due to the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19, our extended program in Methow Valley which started in 2015 is on hold until further notice.

Recent Outing: A handful of SFL and friends gathered for a campout at Fort Flagler State Park last week. Here's a brief write-up from one of our volunteers.

"Camping" at Fort Flagler



I had never visited Fort Flagler, so what a delight when I drove on to the island for a 3 day "campout" with the Ski for Light group. The weather was perfectly sunny and warm, the views across the sound to Whidbey Island and beyond to Mt Baker we're beautiful, but most of all the company was fantastic. Our cabin had 2

bathrooms with showers and a dining area and step-up living room. I roomed with Anisa who was a perfect fit since we were both late sleepers.

I can't begin to thank Deng and Cecilia for all the planning and preparation that went into the meals and activities and especially the careful attention to dietary needs. Our first day was spent hiking around the island and exploring all the old battlements and an excellent museum. Day 2 was a wonderful kayak trip in the sound at the end of which Anisa and Kelley took a cold plunge. Brrrr. Not me! Later we walked around the camp more. We were always active.



Each night after dinner, I played classical guitar for a very appreciative audience, but the last night was really special. I wanted to teach everyone a Hebrew song, He May Ma Tov, which means it is lovely when we are together as one. The group were fast learners and enthusiastic singers! Before you knew it, we were all up dancing the Hora to Hava Nagila and Mayim. I didn't expect to be a dance instructor!

As wonderful as was my ride out with Richie, my ferry ride back with Patrick was a treat as well. I can't wait to do this again!"

Deng Kong
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Trollhaugen

We have once again had a wonderful year of support from our members in our district. We have received donations of money, overnight stays, day use and gift baskets.

There have been record snowfalls this past winter. Over New Year's Eve, the power was out for 4 days.

Another year has passed in search of managers. We have received a few applications from Craigs List, that we are hoping to interview.

One of the snowcats (Freya) is spending time in Tacoma getting it's tracks redone. The other snowcats are getting along with a little TLC.

We had a great turn out for the Trollhaugen 50th Anniversary with 130 guests. We had outstanding gift baskets, talented dancers from Poulsbo Leikerringen and good food. We will be getting back to having the yearly steak fry starting next July.

Thank you for your continued support.
Erick Balstad

District 2 Convention 2024



At the District 2 Board meeting in September, there were presentations by Paul Anson, President, from the Poulsbo Lodge and by Darrin Lee and Cynthia McManus, Presidents from Tordenskjold & Harald Haarfarger Lodges. We are pleased to share the District 2 - 2024 Convention was awarded to Tordenskjold & Harald Haarfarger Lodges to be held in beautiful

Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. The working title for the upcoming 2024 Convention is “Voyaging Together Into The Future”, which showcases that working together as members and lodges within our lodges, our Zones, our District 2 and throughout the rest of Sons of Norway; we will navigate challenges, celebrate our successes and grow to sail smoothly into the future. The Lodges Tordenskjold and Harald Haarfarger from Zone 5 coming together to bid for and host the 2024 Convention is an example of “Together”.

The 2024 Convention will be held in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho which is about 30 miles east of Spokane, Washington. The Coeur d’Alene area is surrounded by dozens of lakes left behind by the glaciers from the ice age. There are more than 55 lakes within easy driving distance of Coeur d’Alene, but none more scenic and full of activities than Lake Coeur D’Alene itself. There is something magical about the town and Lake Coeur d’Alene that’s hard to define. The perfect setting to hold our 2024 Convention.



Specifically, the 2024 Convention will kick off with the Presidents Dinner May 29th and will end with our final Celebration Banquet on June 1st. Accommodation and convention meetings will be held at the Coeur D’Alene Inn located conveniently off of I-90; 506 W Appleway Ave, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814.



Thursday night will be an evening Viking Voyage Dinner Cruise on the “Mish-An-Nock” boat on Lake Coeur d’Alene. Planning has already begun...We’ve



booked the Hotel and Viking Voyage Cruise! Mark your calendars for 2024; be a delegate for your lodge or come as a guest. Its sure to be a great convention! More details to share in the coming year!



TUBFRIM
NO-3540 NESBYEN - NORGE



DISTRICT 2 IS STILL COLLECTING STAMPS

Thank you to all the lodges that continue to collect stamps for Tubfrim, one of Norway's Special Projects that sells used postage stamps using the proceeds to help provide financial aid to help improve the quality of life for handicapped children and youth.

We shipped 216 pounds of stamps in May and I have about a 100 pounds more to ship. Most of these were collected at the District 2 Convention in June.

Congratulations to Bothell Lodge and Lenus Heintz who won the Tubfrim Drawing for \$1000.00. Bothell Lodge and Lenus each won \$500.00. For many years Lenus and his wife Nancy, who past away earlier this year, did much of the trimming of stamps for the District. Pictured is Diana Hicks presenting the check to Lenus.



What can your lodge do? Got Scissors? Got Time? Lodge members can clip the stamps off of envelopes or packages received in the mail, being careful to leave a ½ inch margin to protect the stamps. When they get a pound of stamps, they need to write their name, address, phone number, lodge and lodge number on a 3" by 5" card and place it with the stamps into a zip lock bag. It is very important we have the name of the Lodge and the name of the person who prepared the stamps. Please don't send stamps with damaged perforation, edges, etc. They will be thrown away. The stamps will need to be shipped or delivered to Laurie Beach at Bothell Lodge, PO Box 492, Bothell, WA 98041. Laurie is the Tubfrim Coordinator for District 2 and will arrange to have them shipped to Norway. Please call Laurie Beach at 425-736-0555 or email at beachplace21@comcast.net if you have any questions.

This is a simple and easy way to contribute to one of Sons of Norway charitable projects.

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