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Veterans Day Parade Brings Poulsbo Community Together

On November 11th at 11:11 am, this year's Veterans Day Parade was a success, drawing a large crowd who enjoyed the parade under a bright, sunny sky. The traditional five military branches participated, along with Space Force, local first responders, motorcycle groups, businesses, schools, Poulsbo royalty, and 16 proud Sons of Norway members. Of course, Santa was there for the parade finale.

One memorable moment came when the Star-Spangled Banner was sung and the crowd fell silent in a show of respect for our nation and those who have served: a heartfelt celebration of patriotism.

Thank you to all Veterans who have served our country!

– Jan Slusher

Getting Festive

Thanks to Karen Zabinsky (left) and her crew of volunteers who decorated the lodge for the holidays last Saturday!

Julefest Cookies

Visit the Småkake Bakeri (Cookie Bakery) outside the Front Street entrance at Julefest this Saturday to purchase a box of Norwegian cookies: krumkake, kransekakesteng, mandelstjerne (almond star), brunepinne (brown stick), and spritz.

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Hei og velkommen verdsatte medlemmer av Sons of Norway Poulsbo Lodge.

December is the twelfth and final month of the year. Its name comes from the Latin word decem, meaning ten, as it was originally the tenth month in the old Roman calendar.

The winter solstice, on or around December 21st, marks the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere

The holiday season is a special time to connect with family and friends and reflect on the joy shared throughout the year. We began our celebrations with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, led by Santa Claus (lodge member Bill Heather). Volunteers decorated the Lodge for the season last weekend, and downtown Poulsbo is vibrant and festive with lights and decorations throughout town.

December will be busy with events celebrating Julefest: the Nordic Market, the Lucia Bride procession, Viking bonfire, and Taste of Norway. Also be sure to join us for our annual Special Holiday Dinner, Basket Auction, and Dessert Sale—all benefiting the Lodge.

During this busy season, please help maintain order and security in the Trolls' Den and the Lodge. Your support is essential to our ongoing programs and activities.

Our Lodge's success is driven by members' generosity, such as contributions to the Giving Tree in the Trolls Den. Thank you for your continued support of our friends at Martha & Mary.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the lodge this year. If possible, consider a year-end gift to sustain our programs.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge soon.

Merry Christmas and God Jul to all!

Tusen Takk;

Curtis Vincent
2025 Poulsbo Sons of Norway President

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Calendar

Coming Events

December 2025

6 Julefest (Poulsbo Sons of Norway)
7 Santa Breakfast (Marine Room)
12 Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner (Trolls' Den)
12 Scholarship Fund Silent Auction (Trolls' Den)
13 Xmas Onesie Party with Cod Peace (Trolls' Den)
14 Traditional Holiday Party Potluck (Trolls' Den)
19 Turkey Dinner & Bake Sale (Trolls' Den)
31 New York New Years Eve (Trolls' Den)

January 2025

1 Trolls' Den Closed for New Year's Day
31 Lutefisk Dinner (Marine Room)

Continuing Events

Mondays

8:00 am Yoga (Marine Room)
4:00 pm Leikarringen Youth Dancing (All Rooms)
6:30 pm Adult Folk Dance (Viking Room)

Tuesdays

9:00 am Old Guys' Kaffe Klatch (Trolls' Den)

Wednesdays

8:00 am Yoga (Marine Room)

Thursdays

9:00 am Old Guys' Kaffe Klatch (Trolls' Den)
6:00 pm Wood Carvers (Norse Room)
6:00 pm Trivia (Trolls' Den)
7:00 pm Norwegian Singing (Marine Room)

Fridays

7:00 am Rotary Breakfast (Marine Room)
10:00 am Needle Workers (Viking Room)
6:00 pm Friday Night Dinner (Trolls' Den)

First Tuesday

6:00 pm Lodge Board Meeting (Norse Room)

Second Tuesday

6:00 pm Lodge Meeting (Marine Room)

Third Tuesday

6:30 pm Vikings Meeting (Viking Room)

Fourth Tuesday

6:00 pm Ingeborg Society (Viking Room)

First Sunday

9:00 am Pancake Breakfast (Marine Room)

Winter Weather Schedule Alert!

The lodge follows the NKSD Snow Day schedule: If the schools are closed or delayed, so is the lodge. Trolls' Den hours might be reduced at other times to ensure staff safety. Updates are posted on our Facebook pages.

On the Cover: Santa (Bill Heather) visited to honor our veterans

Lutefisk, Lutefisk, Lutefisk!

Planning for the Lutefisk dinner January 31st, 2026 is underway and volunteers are needed!

We need folks to help with everything from food prep to tear-down.

To find out how ***you*** can help, contact Scott Kankovsky at scott.kankovsky@gmail.com.

Volunteers are Key to the Success of Our Lodge!

You can fulfill your four hour per year volunteer commitment in a variety of ways:

- Lead or assist with a Friday Night Dinner. Email info@poulsbosonsofnorway.com to volunteer.
- Volunteer for our lodge events such as the Pancake Breakfasts, December Silent Auction and Bake Sale, and the annual Lutefisk Dinner.
- Check ID in the Trolls' Den. Sign up via Signup Genius.
- Serve as a Lodge Host for a private party.

Per the lodge Policies and Procedures Section 2.5.7.3.2, members who have neither the time nor the inclination to volunteer at least four hours each year may, in lieu of volunteering, choose to donate $100.00 per year to the success of the lodge.

Sons of Norway Lodge # 44
Engraved Tile Fundraiser

Recognize Someone With a Donation That Will Last a Lifetime!

We still have room on the Trolls' Den Deck Wall for Tribute Tiles. Tiles purchased now will be installed this Spring.

Purchase an engraved 4″x 8″ tile for $150. 8″x 8″ tiles are $250. You can add clipart for $6. Want a keepsake? Add a 4x4 replica tile your order for $15.

Scan the QR code or visit https://polarengraving.com/poulsbosonsofnorway to order today! Need more info? Email PoulsboSonsTile@gmail.com.

JULEFEST
Saturday December 6
NORDIC MARKET 10-4 p.m
Jewelry
Rosemaling
Collectables
Wooden Crafts
Candles & Soaps & Gifts
Silent Auction
TASTE OF NORWAY 11-3 p.m.
Ertesuppe
Pea Soup
Pølser
Hot Dogs
Kjøttkaker
Meatballs
Vaffler
Waffles
Rømmegrøt
Porridge
VIKING BONFIRE
Waterfront Park 4:30 p.m
Lucia Bride
Boat Arrival
Winter Solstice
Proclamation

Breakfast with Santa
Sunday Dec 7
9:00am - 11:00am
$15 for Adults $7 for children
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee
Special guests the Vikings!
Sons of Norway
18991 Front Street
Public Welcome!
Photos With Santa
Meet The Royalty!

Chicken cordon bleu
with bearnaise sauce, green beans, rice pilaf, a roll, and dessert
$20
December 12th
6PM
Come for dinner, and then enjoy the
Silent Auction!
Donations for this fundraiser are needed and appreciated. Please drop off completed baskets or stand alone auction items to the office by December 9th. Questions? Contact Rob or Donna Kodalen.
ORDER ONLINE @ POULSBOSONSOFNORWAY.COM

PLEASE JOIN THE TROLLS' DEN FOR A
Christmas
ONESIE
Party
COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVORITE ONESIE OR JAMMIES OR THROW IN AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER AND COMBINE THEM FOR THE BEST LOOK!
Saturday, December 13th
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
PLUS
ENJOY CLASSIC ROCK OF THE 60'S, 70'S, AND 80'S BY
COD PEACE!

SAVE THE DATE!
TRADITIONAL
HOLIDAY PARTY!
(wear your Holiday evening attire)
DECEMBER 14 | 5-7 PM
POTLUCK -sign-ups in the Den and Office
WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE (optional)
GAMES, PRIZES AND HOLIDAY SPIRIT

JULEFEST
Nordic Market
Taste of Norway
Viking Bonfire
First Saturday in December
Velkommen til Sons of Norway
OFFICE LOCATED AT LOWER LEVEL

'Tis the Season: The Spirit of Giving

The Lodge Christmas Cordon Bleu Dinner and Scholarship Fund Silent Auction is December 12th. The following Friday, December 19th, is the annual Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale. Please join us for a great meal and help raise some $$$!

Thank you to everyone who remembered our friends at Martha & Mary and grabbed a tag from the Giving Tree—they went fast! Please bring your tagged gift and tag back by Saturday December 6.

If you missed out on the Giving Tree this year, consider bringing in a new toy for the Toys for Tots drive!

Julefest Celebration

December 6th, 2025 is this year's annual Julefest Celebration. Join us at the lodge beginning at 10 am for some cultural holiday shopping at our Nordic Market featuring Scandinavian goods from local vendors.

After shopping and working up an appetite, pop downstairs at 11am for our annual Taste of Norway! Ready to eat foods will be for sale in the Norse room; Ertesuppe (pea soup), Rommegrot (traditional porridge), Lefse, Smakaker, and Ruby's famous Meatballs with mashed potatoes! Food will be available from 11am until 3pm or until sold out.

As the sun sets, join us outside for the St Lucia procession and Viking Bonfire!

Photo credit: Love Kitsap

Year-End Giving

As our expenses continue to increase, donations to the lodge help continue all the fun and programs you love. As we approach the end of 2025, please consider a generous gift of any amount and have your name in next month's Måken. Donate Online today!

Many thanks to all of our members who have generously supported the lodge with their recent donations:

- Kara Hops
- Marsha Rova
- Leikarringen Members
- Norske Kor Members
- Poulsbo Sons Of Norway Vikings

Exciting News!

SONS OF NORWAY
DISTRICT 2
2026

Preserving the Past
Preparing the Future

We're delighted to announce that the Poulsbo Sons of Norway will be hosting the District 2 Convention at the Kitsap Conference Center — a stunning waterfront venue in Bremerton — from May 27–30, 2026.

Join the Experience!

The convention offers opportunities to connect with fellow members, celebrate Norwegian heritage through cultural programs, and participate in organizational business and social activities. Elected delegates will have attended at least six lodge meetings and volunteered for at least four lodge events during the last 12 months.

Be a Sponsor!

We're currently developing a range of sponsorship opportunities — including a $20 contribution that welcomes each of our out-of-town guests to a Skål of aquavit! What a wonderful way to say Velkommen til Poulsbo.

A key part of every successful convention is its program book, and advertising plays an essential role in making the event possible. Sponsorships and ads help us defray costs and showcase the many wonderful people, groups, and businesses that make our community strong.

Stay tuned for details on how you can promote your lodge, business, or organization while supporting this memorable event.

Volunteer!

We're making history in Poulsbo! Join the volunteer planning crew and help make this first-ever event a success. Contact Christina at the office at 360-779-5209.

See the website for more info:
www.poulsbosonsofnorway.com/convention.html

Convention logo designed by Anya Anunson

The Results Are In!

The 2026 Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge Board was elected at the lodge meeting on November 11th. 2025. Board members will be installed and begin their terms at the January 13th lodge meeting.

Many thanks to our current and incoming board members for their service to the lodge. It takes a lot of time and effort behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly and ensure that our lodge is a vibrant, sustainable community.

2026 POULSBO LODGE BOARD

President: Curtis Vincent
Vice President: Joe Perez
Treasurer: Bob Wolfe
Secretary: Theresa Vincent
Assistant Secretary: Cheryl Hall
Trustee 1: Sherry White
Trustee 2: Robert Kodalen
Trustee 3: Rhonda Mitchusson
Counselor: Paul Anunson
Membership Secretary: Keri Kankovsky
Auditor 1: Tony Smallbeck
Auditor 2: Amy Swenson
Auditor 3: Deb Goyette
Sports Director: Ruby Patterson
Social Director: Carol Glad
Youth Director: Dana Seeger
Cultural Director: Yori Seeger
Publicity Director: Jason Scott
Foundation Director: Joanne Graves
Editors: Deb Adair, Jan Slusher
Musician: Kathy Haug
Historian: Karen Zabinski
Marshal 1: Josh Washburn
Marshal 2: David Krauth
Greeter 1: May Mathiesen
Greeter 2: Carolyn Ross

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

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Assistant Secretary: Theresa Vincent
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Auditor 2: Amy Swenson
Auditor 3: Laura McDonough
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Social Director: Vacant
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