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### This Month

#### April 2020

Half of March was canceled due to the COVID 19 virus and April events may have to be canceled as well. Decisions about April events are still being made as we go to print. Latest information will be on the lodge facebook page and updates sent with the Missive later in April. Please consider making a donation to the lodge directly or through our “Go fund Me” account (Here [gf.me/u/xruk57](https://gf.me/u/xruk57) )

- Vikings' Easter Egg Hunt canceled
- No Friday Dinners are scheduled at this time
- First Sunday Breakfast for April is canceled

#### 2020 Coming Events

##### May

- 1-3- Dist 2 Heritage Retreat
- 4 – Leikarringen High School Performance (pending)
- 12 – Lodge Memorial Service
- 15-17 -Viking Fest
- 19 – Lodge Memorial Service

##### June

- 20 -Midsommer
- TBA – Heritage Camp

##### July

- 12- Border Fest
- 18 – Dist 2 Steak Fry

##### August

- 14-16 – Folkedans Stemne

##### September

- TBA- Oktoberfest

##### October

##### November

- TBD - Lodge Decorating

##### December

- 5 – Christmas Bazaar and Julefest
- 6 – Breakfast with Santa
- TBD – Youth Lucia Party
- TBD – Members' Christmas Dinner
- TBD – Christmas Kaffe Stua

#### Facebook

Did you know that you do not have to have a facebook page to see our facebook page? Check out the latest news at <https://www.facebook.com/SonsOfNorwayPoulsbo/>

### President's Message

In trying to choose a topic for April, I decided on the obvious—COVID-19. Be assured the members of your Board are conscientiously addressing the impacts of this virus and are making decisions for the protection of our members and the lodge as much as possible. In fact, a letter has gone out from the Board which you should all have received by email (or with your April newsletter if it is mailed to you). When I started this message, we had decided to keep the lodge and Trolls' Den open and do the extraordinary cleaning many of the stores were doing. But with this virus, circumstances changed daily, sometimes hourly, and, not surprisingly, the edict came down from the governor's office and suddenly the lodge and Trolls' Den had to be closed as of March 17<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. As we all know too well, the utilities, insurance, etc. continue to come due and the Board is working hard to keep the lodge and Trolls' Den viable during these difficult times. Please continue to make the best decisions for your health and remember those guidelines shared over the media: clean your hands often, avoid close contact, stay home if you are sick, and cover coughs and sneezes. Remember what we said in the letter, when we get to the other side of this virus, we will celebrate together.

Thank each of you for your support. Happy Easter and STAY WELL!

Fred være med deg til neste måned  
Sherry



#### Donating to the Lodge

We need your help to meet our financial obligations during the COVID 19 restrictions. We are asking every member to make a \$20 donation to the general fund and an additional donation to our Employee emergency fund. Donations can be made by check and mailed to the lodge at P.O Box 653, Poulsbo, WA 98370 or to our Go Fund Me Site at [GoFundMe.com](https://GoFundMe.com) and search for “Poulsbo Sons of Norway” Thank you for your generosity.

## Trolls' Den Advisory Committee

We are pleased to announce that the newly formed Trolls' Den Advisory Committee has met and is ready to work for the benefit of the members of our Lodge. It is our pleasure to be volunteering in such a respectable organization.

We are taking on many issues, one of which is to address the comments, concerns, and suggestions of the members. We will be the first step for any topic relating to the Trolls' Den except personnel issues.

Topics may be submitted in writing or brought in person. However, we will not address anonymous letters. We have agreed that discretion is important, and we will honor the confidentiality of anyone bringing forth a topic.

Blair Anderson , Co-Chair  
Kathy Prasch, Co-Chair  
Michelle Meng, Secretary  
Mike Dudley, Member  
Peter Gerstel, Member

## Ladies Club News

Meeting has been canceled for April.

## Update Mailing List

We will be updating the mailing list. If you stop getting the Maaken or know someone who has, let us know.

## 2020 Board Members

President Sherry White  
Vice President Rob Kodalen  
Secretary Laura McDonough  
Assistant Secretary – Gail Riklin  
Treasurer - Jerry Block  
Counselor -Paul Anunson  
Membership Secretary -Mary Gerstel  
Social Director - Brian Smith & Tracie Ward  
Cultural Director - Darle Towne  
Youth Director - Stephanie Doornink  
Sports Director - Colin & Ingunn Kuester  
Publicity - Tania Garberg and Lizbeth Doving  
Foundation Director - Joanne Graves  
Auditors - David Rice, Lavonne Block, Amy Swenson  
Trustees - Rhonda Mitchusson, Donna Kodalen,  
Karen Zabinski  
Historian – Gayle Thomas  
Marshal – Alisha Anunson  
Assistant Marshal Tony Smallbeck  
Greeter 1 - Dawn Desalvo  
Greeter 2 - Kristin Holt  
Musician - Kathy Haug,  
Editor - Joanne Graves



## Dist 2 Youth Heritage Camps

Registration for the annual Sons of Norway youth camps is now open. More information on their website:

<https://www.sofncamps.com/>

## Poulsbo Lodge Scholarship

Poulsbo Sons of Norway is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for post secondary education and five \$100 scholarships for Sons of Norway camps and Heritage Retreat. Applications available on the website.

## Zoom Trivia Thursdays at 8:00pm

Sign in at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/963992548> , get there early as there is some set up. \$10/person requested donation (or however much more you typically spend on drinks) for the Lodge. Donations can be made here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/poulsbo-sons-of-norway-critical-needs-fundraiser>

Teams of maximum 5 players may communicate outside the Zoom meeting on their answers... no cheating!

## Viking Games

Looking for something to do while you are self isolating? Try these Viking Games!

Vikings had to be quick thinkers, and so do the players of Norway's card games. Take *Gris*, for example. It is a version of two other games called *Pig* and *Spoons*. The players sit in a circle and receive four cards each. They then pass one card at a time to the player on their left while receiving cards from the player to their right. The objective is to collect four of a kind. In *Pig*, when a player gets four matching cards, he touches his nose. In *Spoons*, he grabs for a spoon in the middle of the circle. In *Gris*, however, he places his thumb on the end of the table. The other players must then do the same, but they must be quick because the last person to place their thumb is eliminated.

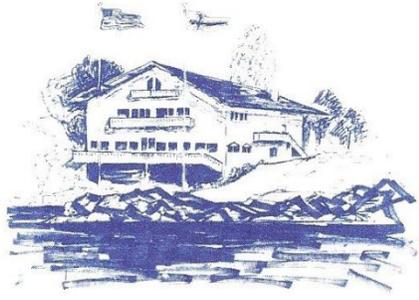
Another popular card game is *Mattis*. In the first phase, players collect cards by winning tricks. In the second, they try to get rid of their cards by beating those played by their opponents. The objective is to be the first player to get rid of all your cards. It's also the custom to make the losers wear an ugly hat called the *Mattishaetta*.

To play *Gnav*, each player has an equal number of tokens and receives one card. Instead of cards, *Gnav* is sometimes played with a set of chess-like pieces. For the round, they may keep the card or swap it with the player to their left. The objective is to end up with a high card because the player with the lowest card must pay a token at the end of the round. Beware of trading, however! Some cards carry consequences that just might cost you a token. A player is eliminated when they run out of tokens. Play continues until there is only one person left, who becomes the winner.

Thank you Tania, for the suggestions!



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*SONS OF NORWAY LODGE NO. 44*

**March 17, 2020**

**TO OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS,**

As conscientious Board members, we are sending this letter to our membership to ask for your help. Due to the growing health concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, we have closed our Lodge including the Trolls' Den, as of 12:01 a.m. March 17<sup>th</sup>. The current closure will be in effect until March 31<sup>st</sup>; however, that could get extended.

This is a very challenging time--especially with the loss of income to the lodge because of all the cancellations. Be assured your Board is working diligently to ensure the lodge remains viable until the required closure is lifted. We are busy trying to minimize lodge costs by lowering the temperature in the building and cutting any costs considered unnecessary since the lodge is not open. We would like to ask for your support in this effort. If you can see your way clear to help us at this time, we ask that you consider a donation to the lodge--a gift of \$20 per member would really help. If you want to send your gift electronically, please call the office at 360-770-5209.

Because of this closure, we have had to cancel all special events scheduled for March plus the regular events like Kaffe Stua, Rotary breakfasts, Friday Night Dinners, Sunday Pancake Breakfast, Trivia, woodcarving, Nordic Needleworkers, Leikarengen, folk dancing, and the Building Association and Vikings meetings. We've also already had to cancel certain April events, such as the Vikings' egg hunt, as there won't be time for preparations even if the closure isn't extended.

Take good care of your health during this unsettling time by following all the guidelines that are being shared over the media, such as cleaning your hands often, avoiding close contact, staying home if you are sick, and covering coughs and sneezes. This will help us ensure that our members and community stay as healthy as possible.

We will come through this difficult time and be stronger for it. And when we do, we plan to really celebrate. We have already begun to plan a Grand Re-Opening Party for all our families that may include a toast with Un-Quarantinis and Akvavit. Watch your Måken, Facebook and websites for future updates as the situation continues to evolve. Thank each of you for the support you give to our lodge. Stay well and we'll see you soon.

## Protecting your Investments

If you have investments in any kind of stock, you can "hedge your bets" against financial loss by owning a guaranteed annuity contract. No matter what happens with the stock market, you will always have funds available. If you own an annuity, you can access your money in the event of a market downturn. You can use this money while waiting for your other investment(s) to rebound.

No, annuities aren't very exciting - they just plod along without ever losing value and are great insurance for your other investments.

Why don't you contact one of us for information on how to protect the money you worked so hard for? We are here to help.

Your Financial Benefits Counselors,

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