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THE POULSBO SONS OF NORWAY LODGE NEWS MAGAZINE

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Past Presidents Gathered to Share their Wealth of Information

Saturday January 18th, President Curtis Vincent and Vice President Brian Smith hosted the third annual gathering of the Past Presidents of the Poulsbo Sons of Norway.

Eight of our former presidents met for lunch and conversation. They talked about how the lodge has evolved since their tenures and how many of our newer, younger members seek them out for their perspectives.

They recalled how the Sons of Norway Building was the "Center of the Town." How people driving down the hill to come to the stores and marina see the lodge and want to join. How new members would often remark, "I always saw the building, but I didn't know what it really was."

They talked about the changes and challenges during their presidencies and how their common goal was for the lodge to remain a place for members and friends to gather.

Thank you to all of our past presidents and those who were able to attend this year:

Jerry Reitan	1986-1987
Jim Girrade	1999-2000
Roger Spray	2002
John (Skip) Walsh	2009-2010
David Rice	2014
Robert Kodalen	2017-2018
Sherry White	2020
Paul Anunson	2019 / 2021-2024

We hope to make this more than an annual event and get together again in April.

Until then if you see these distinguished members of our lodge, stop and say *Hei min Venn*. They would appreciate it!



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Hello and welcome valued members of Sons of Norway Poulsobo Lodge.

As I began my term as President, I also had to finish my year as your 2024 Vice President. I coordinated our third Past Presidents Gathering as well as the annual Lutefisk Dinner. I was pleased to see both events well-attended and am especially thankful to the many volunteers who made the Lutefisk Dinner a success!

February was also a remarkably busy month. In hiring news, Ashley Figlan has taken on a new role as our Venue Rental Coordinator. She has hit the ground running and already has some amazing ideas for us!

There were lots of great social events here at the lodge this month, starting with Vern's Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. If you haven't been, mark your calendars and join us for breakfast next month!

We also had a Pizza and Music Night, Volunteer Host and Security Training, the Vikings Valisblot Bonfire, a Super Bowl Sunday Potluck, our monthly Birthday Party celebration, and a delicious "Fat Friday" Jambalaya Dinner for Mardi Gras.

Our next big event is the annual Building Association Auction and Comedy show Saturday March 22nd. Go to the website to get your tickets before they sell out!

Curtis Vincent

2025 Poulsobo Sons of Norway President

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Calendar

Coming Events

March 2025

- 2 Vern's Pancake Breakfast (Marine Room)
- 7 Friday Night Dinner (Trolls' Den)
- 14 Friday Night Dinner (Trolls' Den)
- 15 Monthly Birthday Party Potluck (Troll's Den)
- 21 Friday Night Dinner (Trolls' Den)
- 22 Building Association Auction Night (Marine Room)
- 24 A New Kind of Book Club (Trolls' Den)
- 28 Friday Night Dinner (Trolls' Den)
- 29 Wine Tasting & Charcuterie (Trolls' Den)

April 2025

- 9 Paint & Sip (Trolls' Den)
- 12 District 2 Zone 4 Seminar
- 16 Lefse Class (Kitchen)
- 26 Spring Fling Dance (Marine Room)

May 2025

- 17 Viking Fest Parade

Continuing Events

Mondays

- 4:30pm Youth Dancing (*Leikarringen*)
- 6:30pm Informal Scandinavian Music (Marine Room)

Tuesdays

- 8:00am Yoga (Marine Room)
- 9:00am Old Guys' Kaffe Klatch (Trolls' Den)

Thursdays

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

Fridays

- 7:00am Rotary Breakfast (Marine Room)
- 10:00am Needle Workers (Viking Room)

First Tuesday

- 6:00pm Lodge Board Meeting (Norse Room)

Second Tuesday

- 6:00pm Lodge Meeting (Marine Room)

Third Tuesday

- 6:30pm Vikings Meeting (Viking Room)

Fourth Tuesday

- 6:00pm Ingeborg Society (Viking Room)

Third Saturday

- 3:00pm Genealogy Meeting (Norse Room)

First Sunday

- 9:00am Pancake Breakfast (Norse Room)

On the cover: Paul Anunson, John "Skip" Walsh, David Rice, Robert Kodalen, Sherry White, Roger Spray, Jim Girrard and Jerry Reitan



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TROLLS' DEN

Friday Night Dinners

We've got a full-slate of Friday Night Dinners this month featuring some fantastic food!

March 7: Chicken Fried Steak

March 14: St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage

March 21: Fish & Chips

March 28: Hungarian Chicken Paprika

Dinners start at 6:00 PM. Get your tickets at poulsbosonsofnorway.com.

MEMBERS ONLY

Wine Tasting & Charcuterie

March 29th 5:00-7:00 PM

Join us to taste 15 hand-selected wines from around the world and enjoy a charcuterie buffet.

Limited to 50 people. Get your tickets at poulsbosonsofnorway.com before they sell out!



Community Spotlight: KC HELP



KC HELP is a non-profit charitable organization that provides free durable medical equipment for home use, including hospital type beds, over the bed tables, lift chairs, bath and shower chairs, and mobility equipment.

Started by the Knights of Columbus in the Tri-Cities in 1996, KC HELP Kitsap Peninsula has been helping local residents since 2017.

Christina Webster notes, "Not only can our members donate used medical supplies and equipment to KC HELP to repair and repurpose, KC HELP can provide medical equipment and supplies to those in our community who are in need at NO COST. In fact, one of the knee scooters I had during my injury came from KC HELP. It was such a blessing as I could not afford to purchase one new at that moment."

Equipment is provided based on need, especially to those with marginal or no insurance coverage.

For more information, visit kchelpkitsap.org or call 360-329-2461.



Help us Make the Måken!

Are there topics you'd like to read about? Want to write an article? Have pictures to share?

Your new Måken editors, Jan Slusher and Deb Adair, are still figuring things out and would greatly appreciate your ideas and feedback. Contact us at:

newsletterpoulsbosonsofnorway@gmail.com.

Vårfølelse

Literally *springfulness*, vårfølelse signifies Norway's answer to the end of winter. It's that feeling you get when you first see buds sprouting on plants or feel that unmistakable fresh air of springtime.

THE TROLLS DEN PRESENTS



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
A TROLLS DEN CLASSIC!
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK!!
FRIDAY
MARCH 7TH
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
SMOTHERED IN GRUUY, MASHED
POTATOES, CARROTS, A ROLL AND
DESSERT **\$18**

Poulsbo Sons of Norway
Building Association's
**THIRD ANNUAL
COMEDY SHOW & DINNER
AUCTION**

Please come & support this auction to help
raise much needed funds for maintenance of
our 50 year old lodge building.
The Public is welcome to attend!

Live
Comedy
show

\$50
pre sale

Lots of fun activities including a silent auction,
a live auction, comedy show, and dessert dash!

March 22nd @ 5pm
Poulsbo Sons of Norway
Purchase online at: poulsbosonsofnorway.com
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

VERN'S
**• PANCAKE •
• BREAKFAST •**



Pancakes and lingonberries, bacon, sausage,
scrambled eggs, fruit juice,
coffee and tea

Sunday, April 6, 9-11 AM
\$15 adult — \$7 five and under
Sons of Norway | 18991 Front Street

Poulsbo Sons of Norway
**Book Club
Revamp**

Read What You Want, Share What You Love

Join us for a different kind of book club.
All of the fun with none of the required
reading. We will meet once a quarter to
share and recommend our favorite reads
(Feel free to bring books to trade)
3/24, 6/23, 9/22, & 12/15 6pm
in the Trolls' Den

**MARCH
14TH
6PM**

\$22

**Saint
PATRICK'S
Dinner**

RUBY PATTERSON AND CHEF DUSTY
Preston

CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE

SODA BREAD, POTATOES, CARROTS, & DESSERT
ALL FOR \$22! DOORS OPEN AT 3PM
www.poulsbosonsofnorway.com

TROLL'S DEN
March 29th 2025

Wine Tasting

\$25

INCLUDES 15
HAND SELECTED WINES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
CHARCUTERIE
BUFFET

PARTICIPATION
LIMITED TO
50 PEOPLE

5 - 7 PM

PRIZES




Poulsbo
Sons of Norway

PAINT & SIP

with Paint Parties by Beth

Wednesday April 9th 6pm

\$45 Per Person
Ticket Includes a Spring Sangria
Purchase your tickets in the Trolls' Den



Members & Their Guests Only

Lær å Lage Lefse

LEARN TO MAKE LEFSE:
A NORWEGIAN
POTATO FLATBREAD

Wednesday
April 16
10 - 2:30 p.m.

\$25

Includes a Norwegian lunch with a
lesson on how to eat like a real Norwegian!

Poulsbo Sons of Norway members only




A Taste of Tradition: Lutefisk Dinner Delivers Nordic Nostalgia

Attending a lutefisk dinner is as much about embracing heritage as it is about the food. The lodge hosted its annual Lutefisk dinner on January 25th to celebrate Norwegian traditions. The meal included potatoes, carrots, lefse, beets, and the main attraction: lutefisk! Meatballs were also available, richly seasoned and served with a generous ladle of brown gravy.

Attendees were entertained with festive Scandinavian music and the talented Leikarringen dancers. One unique instrument caught the eye of several guests: the nyckelharpa (Swedish keyed fiddle) played by Rik Moseng. The nyckelharpa is a traditional Swedish folk instrument that gained popularity in the 17th century. It has a richer, deeper resonance than a modern violin or viola. Read more about the nyckelharpa at: <https://www.nyckelharpa.org/about/>.

This year, we served 475 guests in four separate seatings. The event flowed smoothly, thanks to the large number of volunteers. Several lodge members helped sign in, stamp,



and seat guests, while others sold pickled herring and lefse.

Others monitored the venue and kept the lodge secure.

The food, of course, was the focus of the event. Viking King Scott Kankovsky stepped in to supervise the kitchen. He said: "The kitchen staff was FANTASTIC. Their hard work made my job of Kitchen Lead fun and rewarding. The lutefisk cookers ensured the fish was cooked to perfection." He added how the whole staff worked together to keep everything running efficiently, from the dishwashers to the runners who carried food upstairs to the Marine Room.

Scott encourages lodge members to get involved: "If you haven't volunteered in the kitchen yet, you are missing out!"

Hope to see you at the next annual Lutefisk dinner!



Poulsbo Sons of Norway Leikarringen Dancers at Lutefisk Dinner January 25, 2025.



Queen Annette Anunson
Princess Charlotte Tamm
Junior Princess Rona Grey

May Day! Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching!

This year, the scholarship committee is offering THREE \$1,000 post-secondary school scholarships, one full Sons of Norway camp scholarship, and two \$100 camp scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded based on service to the lodge.

Our post-secondary scholarships do not have an age limit, so all lodge members are eligible to apply. If we do not award all the scholarships to youth camps, we will make some available for the adult heritage retreat at Trollhaugen in the fall.

Scholarship applications are on the lodge website and are **due in the lodge office May 1, 2025**.





2025 District 2 Zone 4 Seminar

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Sons of Norway Hall
Kelso, WA

New and returning lodge officers and members are encouraged to attend to share ideas and learn how we can make our lodges even better.

Visit the District 2 website sonsofnorway2.com or contact Paul Anunson (paulanunson@hotmail.com) for more information.



SONS of NORWAY

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.

2025 POULSBO LODGE BOARD

- President: Curtis Vincent
- Vice President: Brian Smith
- Treasurer: Bob Wolfe
- Secretary: Angel Wunder
- Trustee 1: Donna Kodalen
- Trustee 2: Robert Kodalen
- Trustee 3: Rhonda Mitchusson
- Counselor: Paul Anunson
- Membership Secretary: Keri Kankovsky
- Assistant Secretary: Theresa Vincent
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- Auditor 2: Amy Swenson
- Auditor 3: Laura McDonough
- Sports Director: Ruby Patterson
- Social Director: Ashley Singer
- Youth Director: Lizbeth Doving
- Cultural Director: Andrew Belschner
- 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: Robynn Collins
- Greeter 1: May Mathiesen
- Greeter 2: Lorena Maxwell

Just in time for Syttende Mai: Lær å Lage Lefse! (Learn to Make Lefse)

April 16, 2025

10 a.m. - 2:30 PM

\$25

Join us for a hands-on lefse-making class where you'll learn to mix, roll, and grill this beloved Norwegian potato flatbread from scratch, using a time-saving recipe!

Along with expert instruction, you'll enjoy a light Norwegian lunch and learn traditional ways to serve and eat lefse like a true Norwegian.

Suitable for beginners. You'll take home 8 rounds to enjoy with your family.

Class size is limited. Lodge members only.

