Poulsbo Sons of Norway, Lodge #44, District 2

Lodge Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2026

Meeting Call to Order

• The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Curtis Vincent.
• Anthems were played by Kathy Haug.

Roll Call

• **Present:** Curtis Vincent, Joe Perez, Rhonda Mitchusson, Bob Wolfe, Paul Anunson, Theresa Vincent, Carol Glad, David Krauth, Josh Washburn, Deb Adair Tongue, Jason Scott, Joanne Graves, Shannon Perez.

• **Excused:** Rob Kodalen, Cheryl Hall, Jan Slusher, Karen Zabinski, Matt Hoffman, Tony Smallbeck, Amy Swenson, Yori Seeger, Dana Seeger, May Mathiesen. Ruby Patterson, Kathy Haug, Sherry White.

Secretary's Report

• The June 9, 2026 Lodge Meeting minutes were presented for approval.
• Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rhonda Mitchusson and seconded by Lavonne Block. Vote: 100% approved.

President – Curtis Vincent

• King Harald of Norway passed away. A minute of silence was observed in his memory.
• Past President Paul Anunson was acknowledged for his service as Lodge President in 2019 and 2021–2024.
• Dambo Troll Project: President Vincent introduced Tom Nordle and Scott Heyman, who provided an update on the proposed Thomas Dambo troll project in Poulsbo, with Fish Park being considered as a possible location. Tom reported enthusiastic support from the Foundation and City representatives for bringing a Dambo troll to Poulsbo. Tom and Scott also donated several framed pictures to be displayed at the Lodge.

Vice President – Joe Perez

• Lutefisk: The Lutefisk Dinner will be held January 23, 2027. Approximately 500 guests are expected. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up through SignUpGenius.
• Adventurers' Club: Joanne Graves spoke at the September 2, 2026 meeting. The next meeting will be held October 7, 2026 and will include a social/potluck and a speaker from Veterans from the Wilds.
• Merchandise: Joe Perez and Jason Scott are creating an online store with approximately 40 items available, including shirts, mugs, and cups. The new online store will include delivery.

Treasurer – Bob Wolfe

• The 2026 budget is going very well. The Lodge is currently approximately $29,000 in the black, compared with ending the 2025 calendar year approximately $38,000 in the red.

Foundation Scholarship - Joanne Graves

• A $1,000 scholarship was awarded to Charlotte Tamm, who has volunteered for many years

with the Sons of Norway. Charlotte is a Leikarringen participant and currently serves as Queen of the Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge.

Membership – Keri Kankovsky and Shannon Perez
• New members presented for membership include Gary and Christine Stensland, Kyle Butler and Tara Gillen, Ginger George-Smith, Kathi Foresee, and Ryan Engdahl.
• A motion was made to accept all new members. Vote: 100% approved; none opposed; none abstained.

Old Business
• Golden Member Recognition: At the previous Lodge Meeting, the Lodge honored its Golden Members, with approximately 40 members attending the recognition. President Vincent also acknowledged the recent passing of Charlie Morgan, a 45-year member who passed away approximately two weeks ago.
• July 4th Celebration: More than 1,000 visitors attended the July 4th celebration at the park. The City has requested that the Sons of Norway consider hosting a beer garden at next year's celebration.
• Drone Show – August 11, 2026: The Peninsula High School Robotics Club from Gig Harbor presented a successful drone show.
• Building Association Work Party – August 29, 2026: The Building Association held a Saturday work party, during which a number of projects were completed. Due to the success of the August work party, another work party is being considered for September.

New Business
• Nomination Committee: Members of the Nomination Committee include Brian Smith, Karen Scott, Robynn Collins, and Donna Pheisenmeyer.
• Viability Committee: The Viability Committee is seeking a replacement for Paddy Wilson. At this time, three individuals have expressed interest in the position.
• Golf Tournament: This year's golf tournament will be held on October 2, 2026. Sponsorships have been reduced to $150 per sponsor.

Friday Night Dinners – David Krauth
• Pig Dinner: This Friday, a 120-pound pig will be prepared, with approximately 75 guests expected. Tickets are still available.
• Oktoberfest: Oktoberfest will be held October 9, 2026, with Kim and Chris Cannon preparing their annual Oktoberfest meal.
• Viking Feast: A Viking Feast is being planned.
• Thanksgiving Dinner: A full Thanksgiving-style meal is being proposed for the Friday after Thanksgiving.
• Sunday Burger Dinners: Burgers will be offered for $15, including a beer or glass of wine.
• Kitchen Volunteers: A presentation about volunteering in the kitchen will be held September 22, 2026.

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Auxiliary Reports

Vikings – Josh Washburn

• Viking Fun Day: The first annual Viking Fun Day will be held September 26, 2026. The event will include tents, crafts, and a Shield Maiden.

• Vikings Meetings: Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Annual dues are $25, with $20 going to the Vikings and $5 going to the Lodge.

Social Director – Curtis Vincent

• Sunday Burger Deal: The $15 Sunday burger deal will continue every Sunday except when the Seahawks play. On Seahawks game days, potlucks will be held in the Trolls' Den.

• Thursday Trivia: Thursday Trivia will now begin between 6:15 and 6:30 PM due to the cost of parking.

Trustee – Rhonda Mitchusson

• Hosting Class: A hosting class will be held September 22, 2026, to teach members how to serve as hosts at Lodge events.

Foundation Director – Joanne Graves

• Grant applications will open October 1, 2026, for a variety of grants available through the Sons of Norway International website. Two college scholarships are also available.

Good of the Order

• Key Cards: Jerry Block made a motion to require members to purchase a key card. The motion was seconded by Paul Anunson. Discussion followed. The motion passed, with three opposed and three abstaining.

• Ladies Night In: A new group, Ladies Night In, will hold its first gathering on September 29, 2026, from 6:00–9:00 PM. Carly Wolfe will lead the event, and all women are encouraged to attend.

Next Lodge Meeting

• The next Lodge Meeting will be held October 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

• The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Vincent