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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Trudy Enke

The date of November 12 at 1:00 should be on all members' calendars, and be ready to bring your favorite potluck side dish. The lodge will provide roast turkey (thank you Bernie and Leroy for cooking the birds), ham, and another meat selection. Cakes have already been ordered, and the speakers confirmed.

Our lodge survives and thrives only if we work together and participate in events to the best of our abilities. We are entitled to have differences of opinion but civility should be the law of the land. As I stated at our last meeting, we go by our recently modified constitution and follow Robert's Rules of Order. It is essential that when volunteers are needed that a few brave souls should say "I can do this this one time." Please go out of your way to attend at least two functions and two meetings a year. Without that show of support for the officers, I question perpetuating our current operations, the constant battle to keep the hall intact, expecting a very small group to do the work, be there to cover rentals and usage, set up repairs, and be there when folks want to view the hall.

In the matter of the written complaint against a lodge officer, it has been investigated. Seven fair and impartial members have been asked what they saw and heard. I was a witness to almost all occurrences and took notes. I did not hear foul language, rude insults, or derogatory terms. I heard similar comments from one side and, often loud, responses and forceful posturing from another. There was not cause for a "trial" which in the past has created lingering anger. Members are not to circulate accusations to the membership. I also called the Grand Lodge President, who felt I acted properly. This was delicate because of the officers involved. We are a private lodge, the issue is closed and I expect both members to conduct themselves properly. Any member who is disruptive will be escorted out of a meeting. We have more important issues to deal with, and I respect our constitution and Robert's Rules of Order. Again, I will not discuss this in another lodge meeting and will not allow disruption of meetings.

On Sunday, our last lodge meeting, I became ill at about 1:45 PM. Symptoms were serious and I should have gone straight to emergency. I saw my cardiologist within two days, had my pacemaker read, and he informed me that it would be wise to no longer attend stressful meetings. The readings and the length of time my heart was in atrial fibrillation (very fast and irregular beating for over three hours) was almost a perfect match to the contentious content and was life threatening. In comparing my calendar to the record of heart issues and my notes, it was amazingly clear that I cannot run for president again. Each episode was tied to a Lodge business meeting and often to accusations at Auxiliary meetings over a four-month period. I will try to finish my term for this year but if I am symptomatic, I will close the meeting and have Karen Reintzell take me to the hospital. I believe in our lodge, in our purpose and heritage, but the undercurrents are more than I am able to deal with presently.

Our Laksloida Dinner had to be changed to December 14th because this was a bad year for getting salted salmon from Alaska. The Auxiliary is moving ahead with the plan. We have a new cart and new aprons, thanks to the help of some special ladies at the Vasa convention where we prepared a breakfast.

The movies continue and are a very pleasant way to spend a Friday night. We hope more of you will join us during the dark and rainy winter. We might switch over to taking turns making this a soup, bread and movie night with some films focusing on HEROS. Kurt has done a fine job.


I have been proud to serve as president and I do wish I could serve for another year. I will retain my membership and support culture, heritage, and activities. I hope more of you will join me in that task. See you on November 12th.

Lodge Officers:

President – Trudy Enke
 Elder – Ron Collman
 First VP – Karen Reintzell
 Jr. VP – Kurt Koivu
 Financial Sec. – Bernie Bjork
 Recording Sec. – Leena Riker
 Treasurer – Faith Swanson
 Conductress – Kathy Hendrickson
 Doorkeeper – Charolette Nyberg

Board of Trustees:

President – Leena Riker
 VP – Stan Hendrickson
 Secretary – Arnold Hummasti
 Treasurer – Willard Nyberg
 Members at Large:
 LeRoy Adolphson
 Bernie Bjork
 Nettie Blair
 Trudy Enke
 Karen Reintzell



OTAMME OSAA SURUUNNE -

OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family of Kenneth Lampi
 who passed away in October 2017.

Kenneth was born on August 24, 1922,
 and was a Member of the Astoria Lodge
 for 14 years.

Auditors:

Greta Passetti
 Stan Hendrickson
 Cindy Daly

Auxiliary Officers:

President – David Drafall
 VP – Dea Helligso
 Secretary – Peggy Nikkila
 Treasurer – Beth Kandoll

Lodge Historians: Liisa Penner &
 Arnie Hummasti
Newsletter- Sherry Bjork

LODGE COMMITTEES *The Lodge has a number of standing Committees, which are always in need of help. Please contact:*

Auxiliary	David Drafall 325-6197
Cultural and Heritage Activities	Vacant
Historian	Liisa Penner 338-4849
Membership	Vacant
Safety Committee	Lynn Thompson 325-0918
Scandinavian Festival Princess	Charolette Nyberg
Scandinavian Midsummer Festival	Nettie Blair 325-4964
Sunshine	Karen Reintzell 325-2672
Union Town Association	Leroy Adolphson 325-6197

Suomi Hall event celebrating Finland's 100th Anniversary of Independence with visiting Finnish travellers and traditional food

By Leena Riker

On Wednesday, September 20th guests from Finland and a small number of Astoria Lodge members enjoyed a delicious dinner at Suomi Hall. A tour group of 13 Finnish foresters and two Swedish speaking Finnish newspaper reporters got together for an evening of good food and presentations on forestry practices and facts in Finland and in Oregon. The lecture given by Valerie Grant, OSU's North Coast Extension Service Section on Forestry, was educational and interesting. We heard from our Finnish guests about their involvement in forestry activities in Finland. The Hall was decorated in forestry style with fir branches and pinecones and blue and white tablecloths. Some old time forestry tools and photographs were on display. At the end of the evening, nice giftswere exchanged.

The Steering committee, Bernie Bjork, Nettie Blair, Trudy Enke, Karen Reintzell and Leena Riker donated all ingredients and cooked the food in the kitchen at Suomi Hall. We offered Oregon pink shrimp cocktail, Josephson's maple smoked salmon, pickled herring, vegetable appetizers with cherry tomatoes, radishes, cucumber, olives, broccoli and cauliflower, ham and roasted turkey with freshly made brown gravy and lingonberry jam, scalloped potatoes, a green salad and coleslaw. The dinner was served with rieska and orange rye bread and butter. Plenty of coffee was available. A blue & white Finland-100 Anniversary cake was offered for dessert.

We were disappointed that so few Astoria Lodge members took part in this festive event. Those who attended truly enjoyed it, and those who did not attend missed a wonderful event and expert commentaries on forestry practices in both Finnish and English.

A few words about the menu:

Bernie Bjork roasted a very moist and succulent 25 lb turkey in the Hall's electric oven. It was rubbed with good quality olive oil, basted often and roasted for nearly six hours.

The ham was a spiral sliced, cooked ham, heated in a large pan on the stove with a little water added.

The scalloped potatoes were made with beautiful yellow potatoes, sliced by hand into about 1/8" thick slices, assembled in the same manner as is done for laksloda, with salt, freshly ground black pepper, capers and whole allspice sprinkled in between the two layers of potatoes. In the Finnish fashion the casserole was cooked in cream (half and half) rather than evaporated milk. Enough cream was used to just cover the potatoes pressing them down so as not make the dish too wet. It took about two hours to bake the three large pans of potatoes in our gas oven.

Traditional brown gravy accompanied the turkey and ham. A roux was made with butter and flour in a large frying pan. Eight tablespoons of butter were melted and half a cup of white flour added to it and cooked, stirring, for about 3 minutes to lightly brown the flour. Then a quart of chicken bone broth was added, and cooked for another 6 - 7 minutes, stirring until the gravy thickened and was smooth, hot and bubbly. It was seasoned with white and black pepper, sea salt, a splash of cognac and, just before serving, a ¼ cup of heavy cream. Altogether, nearly a gallon of gravy was made. Everything was delicious.

Midwinter Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 14, 2017, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Laksloda, meatballs, rieska, condiments and dessert will be served

by the Auxiliary of Astoria Lodge #2.

Open to the public. Baked goods will be for sale.

Cost: Adults \$15, Children under 12 \$10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MEMBERS

NOVEMBER:

KAREN VAN CLEAVE	2
JOHN KALANDER	3
MELISSA POWELL	6
HELEN ROSENBERGER	7
JEAN BRUNNER	9
SAARA MATTHEWS	9
SHIRLEY TINNER	9
LEROY LAINE	12
BONNIE SALO	12
LARRY PETERSON	14
RON COLLMAN	15
ELLI RIUTTA	16
EDWARD NIEMI	17
LIISA PENNER	17
MARGIE THOMPSON	17
FLORENCE PEUGH	20
MARDELLE CLAYTON	21
LESLIE LONG	22
CURTIS PEUGH	22
DEBRA BOWE	22
NANCY BOUVIA	23
LEMPI KOSKELA	24
BARBARA BEGLERIES	26

DECEMBER:

MARIE LAMPI	5
LISA NYBERG	5
MIKE SWANSON	5
DAVID STEVENSON	5
CAROL NEWMAN	6
RED MATTSON	6
KERRY FARMER	7
EMMI COLLIER	10
DONNA JEAN MOBERLY	11
WARD PALDANIUS	11
SUE BEEMAN	16
WILLIE NYBERG, JR	20
PHILIP BLAIR	22
VIOLA LEONHARDT	23
JANICE JOY IHANDER	25
GLEN HOWARD BAY	27
HELM NETZEL	27
EILA RAHKOLA	27
MARVIN HAUTALA	29

UFKB&S Astoria Lodge #2 130th Anniversary Celebration



*Sunday, November 12, 2017
at 1 PM
Suomi Hall, 244 W Marine Drive
Astoria, Oregon*

Welcome
President Trudy Enke

Speakers:
Vesa Vihavainen
Oregon's Honorary Consul of Finland
Suomen Kunniakonsulaatti,
Portland, Oregon

Irene Martin
Governor's Award Winning Author
Skamokawa, Washington

Anniversary Celebrations
Finland – 100 and Astoria Lodge #2 – 130
Honoring Finnish WW II Veterans

*National Anthems of Finland
and the United States of America*

*Potluck Dinner, Turkey and Ham,
Coffee and Anniversary Cake*

All Members are invited to attend
Please bring a potluck dish
for everyone to enjoy

Lodge News,
By Leena Riker

Communications: Members were reminded about the Metsälehti, Finnish forestry magazine's tour group visit at Suomi Hall on September 20th. Reservations are due, if you have not signed up, do it now. Dinner will be served. Members are asked to bring an appetizer or salad dish. Main Course and Dessert will be provided by the Lodge.

Sick Members and Sunshine: Leena Riker had two cataract surgeries, one in July and another in August, she is fine and her vision is much improved. Cindy Daly has colon cancer and is going through treatments. She will be sent a get-well card. Members wish her all the best.

Trustees report: Willie Nyberg gave his report. No replacement parts have been found for the old bathroom heaters. Temporary solutions of using portable heaters were discussed.

All Lodge events were discussed at Trustee meetings. Dance had a low attendance. Picnic went well and we had 8 Seattle members in attendance. Very few Astoria Lodge members attended. Vasa Lodge organizers had many demands for changes and required several meetings. Trustees have decided that they will not be offered the use of Suomi Hall in the future. Auxiliary will take care of the Grand Lodge Officers meeting food. Discussion on the fate of the Svensen Cemetery continues.

Committee Reports:

Audit will be done in September. Due to Cindy Daly's illness, Kristina Berney has been assigned as temporary auditor.

Uniontown Association: Leroy Adolphson reported that the person who hit the Doughboy Monument had a stroke, and is now in a nursing home in Longview.

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival: During the Festival, Senior Miss Finland, Megan Schacher was crowned the 2017 Miss Scandinavia. Our congratulations to Megan Schacher, the 2017 Miss Finland and Miss Scandinavia!

Judy Lampi is working on the Scandinavian Monument.

Lodge Picnic was held at the Cullaby Lake County Park on Sunday, August 13th. Everything went well, weather was good and so was the food. Very few members attended. We had eight guests from the Seattle Lodge who really enjoyed the picnic and the lakefront location.

Auxiliary: Peggy Nikkila gave a report on the September meeting. Eight members were present. Grand Lodge Officers meeting will be on September 16th. Meatballs will be served at lunch. September 20th is the Metsälehti tour group visit, dinner will be served. Auxiliary members will help with serving and cleaning up. November 12th Anniversary will have potluck dinner. Lodge will provide the turkey and the Anniversary cake, members are to bring side dishes.

Movie Nights will be held at 6 PM last Friday night each month. Finnish movies will be shown by Kurt Koivu. September movie will be Härmä, it is about life in the 50s and 60s in Finland's Ostrobothnia, Pohjanmaa. Baked salmon will be served before the movie at 5:30 PM.

Lodge Meetings: The President will use the gavel to keep order at meetings. We must be more respectful of all members in the Hall.

Filling of vacant Officer positions: According to our rules, when the Vice President resigns, Jr. Vice President moves to the Position of Vice President, and Doorkeeper moves to become Jr. Vice President. The position of the Doorkeeper needs to be filled. It was moved, seconded and voted to move Karen Reintzell to fill the vacant position of the Vice President, to move Kurt Koivu to the position of Jr. Vice President, and Charollette Nyberg to fill the position of Doorkeeper. Motion carried unanimously.

November 12th Anniversary Dinner: The recently appointed Honorary Consul of Finland for Oregon, Vesa Vihavainen will be the main speaker. 50- and 25-year pins will be awarded. A detailed notice will be published in this issue of Kahden Uutiset.

Sauna Bucket Award: The Finnish American Historical Society of the West awarded the 2017 Sauna Bucket Award to Faith Swanson, for her more than 60 years as a volunteer within the local Finnish organizations. The award was presented at the Lindgren Cabin during the Society's Annual Picnic on August 26th.

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The Paavo Nurmi run, organized by Greg Jacob, was held during the picnic. Kurt Koivu was the winner.

During the September Social Hour members enjoyed birthday cakes, razor clam cakes provided by Trudy Enke and crawfish brought in by Bernie Bjork.

Membership applications: An application for membership was received from Bruce Berney, husband of Kristina Berney. They now live at the Clatsop Village. Bruce is a retired librarian and has been involved in many cultural activities in Astoria. The application was approved unanimously.

Communications: The Secretary read the following communications: A reminder of the 130th Anniversary celebration of Astoria Lodge #2 was read. We have two speakers on the Program, the newly appointed Oregon's Honorary Consul of Finland, Vesa Vihavainen, and Washington Governor's Award winning author Irene Martin from Skamokawa. Finnish WWII war veterans will be honored, and anniversary pins presented to long time members. Potluck Anniversary Dinner will be served. Members are to bring side dishes.

A summary of the Metsälehti event of September 20th was read. The full report is published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Summary of information in the newsletter received from the Hockinson Lodge was read as well.

The Charter was draped in memory of Kenneth Lampi, who passed away. He was born on August 24, 1922, and joined the Astoria Lodge on February 9, 2003.

Trustees report: Willie Nyberg gave his report. Ladies Room middle toilet has a crack in it and needs to be replaced. It was decided to get a higher toilet to accommodate our elderly members. The new fire escape from the meeting room has a water leak somewhere, Burnard Construction will be asked to come to check it out.

The Metsälehti event went well, lots of interesting information about Forestry practices in Finland and Oregon was presented. Attendance by members was unfortunately low.

Trustees decided to purchase an additional \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy at \$556. The D&O Insurance policy will be dropped, which will save us money.

Laksloda has been postponed until December 14th

Audit went well, all books are in order.

The State of the Grand Lodge was brought up. It was reported that the Grand Lodge is moving in the direction of dissolving. In case it happens we will be getting together to discuss it.

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival: Carole Lyngstad announced that the Festival is signing another contract with the foreign musical group, which was very successful financially. They are already looking into groups for 2019 since it takes more time now for visa applications to be approved.

Princess Committee: Leila Collier is no longer able to chair the committee. Charolette Nyberg will chair it. We have one candidate for 2018. Selections are due in November

Nominating Committee has been set up. Members are Nettie Blair, Charolette Nyberg and Karen Reintzell.

Picnic will be held again the second Saturday of August 2018. A vote showed that members want to return to the Cullaby Lake County Park. We have a budget for it, and need to make the reservations soon. Games and a BBQ on site were suggested.

Auxiliary: Peggy Nikkila gave a report on the October meeting. Eight members were present. The September 20th Metsälehti event went well. Valerie Grant's talk on forestry practices in Oregon was very interesting and educational, and the food was delicious. A salmon dinner was offered before the September movie. October movie will be Man Named Ove, a Swedish film. Laksloda has been postponed until Thursday, December 14th. A source of salted salmon has not been found. Baking will be done on November 27th. Beth Kandoll will put an ad in the Daily Astorian and Hipfish.

November 12th Anniversary will have potluck dinner. Lodge will provide turkey and Anniversary cake, members are to bring side dishes.

Movie Nights will be held last Friday night each month. October movie will be Man Named Ove, a Swedish film, shown on October 27th.

Decorating, help will be needed for the November 12th Anniversary Dinner. Peggy Nikkila and Kurt Koivu will help.

Kitchen Inspection was completed, and we passed.

Filling of vacant Officer positions: It was moved, seconded and approved to have Karen Reintzell fill the vacant Trustee position.

November 12th Anniversary Dinner: The recently appointed Honorary Consul of Finland for Oregon, Vesa Vihavainen will be the main speaker. 50- and 25-year pins will be awarded. A detailed notice will be published in the next issue of Kahden Uutiset. Sending out post cards advertising the event was approved.

Marvin Hautala raised two issues:

First, he reminded the Lodge Officers that nothing has been done about his charge against another member. President Trudy Enke responded that she has researched the issue, discussed it with many members who witnessed what happened and found that there are no firm grounds for the accusations presented by Marvin. She hoped that the complaints could be handled quietly, since they contained too much emotional charge, and several papers had been handed out to other members. She found no evidence for a definite insult. A counterargument by Marvin indicated that an Executive Board meeting is to deal with the accusations. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Board.

Second, Marvin questioned why this months meeting was held on Sunday rather than Monday, as defined in the Lodge Rules. The secretary, Leena Riker responded to this complaint that she was responsible, after following the schedule published for the Lodge for several years in the Grand Lodge newsletter Veljeysviesti. We have held October meetings on Sundays for at least two years now. Faith Swanson also presented her objection to Sunday Meetings in October. President Trudy Enke will call a meeting to discuss procedures for the future.

State of the Grand Lodge: There was further discussion on the Grand Lodge. Members present at recent Grand Lodge meeting noted that the Grand Lodge was going to be dissolved in the near future. At this time we do not know how things are going at the Grand Lodge. Next fall there will be a Grand Lodge Convention in Astoria. It will take time before the State of the Grand Lodge will be determined.

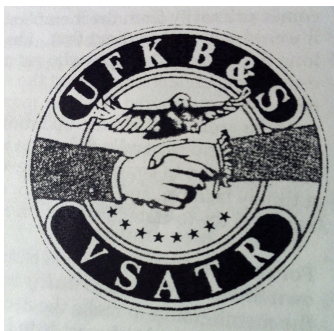
Next Lodge meeting: The next regular meeting will be on Sunday, November 12th, with an Anniversary Celebration at 1 PM and business meeting at approximately 2:30 PM.



Lakeland in Southeastern Finland

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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

Monday, November 6, Auxiliary, Coffee at 10:00 AM, Business Meeting at 10:30 AM

Sunday, November 12, Trustees' Meeting 12:00 Noon

Sunday, November 12, Astoria Lodge Anniversary Meeting, Dinner and Program at 1:00 PM, Business Meeting at 2:30 PM, free of charge, please bring a potluck side dish to share

Monday, December 4, Auxiliary, Coffee at 10:00 AM, Business Meeting at 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 10, Trustees' Meeting 12:00 Noon, Lodge Social Hour at 1 PM, Business Meeting at 2 PM

Midwinter Holiday Luncheon, Thursday, December 14, open to the public 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Coast \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 12