

Kahden Uutiset

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to members of Lodge #2.

We celebrated ST. URHO'S Day at our March meeting with a potluck before our membership meeting. The buffet table was overflowing with salads, breads, vegetables and corned beef. Special guests were members of the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court and ST. URHO. Our members welcomed the current Miss Scandinavian Megan Schacher, also our 2017 Miss Finland, and our 2018 Miss Finland, Kourtney Tischer. Miss Finland, Kourtney brought tickets to sell for the Scandinavian Festival raffle. If you were unable to get your winning ticket she will be back for our May meeting in costume with the rest of the Scandinavian Court to present her speech and join us for strawberry shortcake.

At our April meeting we initiated four new members. Welcome to Chris Lynn Taylor, Wallace Hummasti, Bill Herold and Mike Malmberg. Chris Lynn has a long family history in Uniontown as a descendent of the owners of the Wilson Bros. Ship Yards and her Mother, Marlene Taylor was a long time member of our Lodge. Wallace is the cousin of Lodge #2 member Arnold Hummasti and a lifelong resident of Svensen. Bill Herold, another native Astorian married member Helen Pitkanen last September. Congratulations to them! Mike Malmberg was initiated in absentia and is the brother of member Greta Malmberg Robinson and another native Astorian. We welcome these new members that have deep roots in our local Finnish Community and look forward to getting to know them better at the meetings and functions of our lodge. Congratulations to them and Tervetuloa!

Leena, Lodge secretary has sent out an email to all members about receiving the Kahden Uutiset by email. Please take the time to respond. This will save our lodge printing and mailing costs. If you wish to continue receiving the printed copy that will continue to be mailed to you.

The Trustees have advised they are still looking for a janitor and prefer a lodge member. This is a paid position. Contact Trustee President Leena Riker or any Trustee for more information.

Mary Cornell has applications for the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters Grand Lodge Scholarships. This year the scholarships awarded to qualified applicants will be in the amount of \$750.00. Applications need to be completed and returned to Mary no later than June 1st 2018. This scholarship is open to students up to the age of 25. Contact Mary at 503 738-5793 for an application and more information.

The Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter is organizing volunteers to host at the Lindgren Cabin this summer. The cabin is open weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 am – 4 pm. Contact Elizabeth Newton to volunteer. Phone: 503 516-6021. Email: lizbreads@gmail.com or online at signupgenius.com.

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The Grand Lodge Convention Committee is busy finalizing plans for the convention August 24th to Sunday, August 26th. Convention begins with welcoming attendees at Suomi Hall during registration on Friday afternoon. Friday evening, we have reserved seating at Shanghaied in Astoria and all members are welcome and encouraged to join us for this always entertaining production. If you have not seen Shanghaied lately this is a great opportunity. Members are welcome at all functions. More information will be provided as we confirm venues and activities and if you are interested in helping out on this committee call Faith at 325-0418 or Carole at 325-0542.

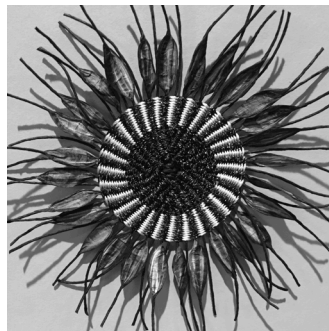
The auditors completed the audits and all is in good order. Thanks to Auditors Cindy Daly, Leila Collier and David Drafall. Thanks also to the great job of our lodge financial officers. Katie Ryding, Financial Secretary, Faith Swanson, Lodge Treasurer, Willie Nyberg, Trustee Treasurer and Beth Kandoll, Auxiliary Treasurer.

Kurt Koivu is spearheading a celebration for May Day Eve, April 30th at the lodge starting at 7:00 pm. The evening will begin with a sima toast to heroes. The film "The Wicker Man" will be shown with refreshments served. Call Kurt for more information at 503 861-0878.

Don't forget movie nights at the lodge held on the last Friday of the month. April 27th will be viewer's choice of a foreign or independent film and May 25th will be "Steam of Life."

See you all on May 14th at our May Meeting. Social hour starts at 6:00 pm with the visiting Scandinavian Court. Meeting at 7:00 pm. Strawberry shortcake is served by the men of the lodge. Gentlemen, contact Leroy or David at 325-6197 to find out how you can help.

Kiitos, Karen Van Cleave



Otamme osaa suruunne
Our condolences to the family and friends of

Susanna Bjork Bell,

who joined the Lodge on December 11, 2005
and passed away on April 1, 2018

Lodge Officers:

President – Karen Van Cleave
 Elder – Trudy Enke
 First VP – Karen Reintzell
 Jr. VP – Charolette Nyberg
 Financial Sec. – Katie Ryding
 Recording Sec. – Leena Riker
 Treasurer – Faith Swanson
 Conductress – Kathy Hendrickson
 & Peggy Nikkila
 Doorkeeper – Kurt Koivu

Board of Trustees:

President – Leena Riker
 Secretary – Arnold Hummasti
 Treasurer – Willard Nyberg
 Members at Large:
 LeRoy Adolphson
 Nettie Blair
 Trudy Enke
 Marvin Hautala
 Carole Lyngstad
 Peggy Nikkila

Auditors:

Cindy Daly
 Leila Collier
 David Drafall

Auxiliary Officers:

President – Dea Helligso
 VP – David Drafall
 Secretary – Charolette Nyberg
 Treasurer – Beth Kandoll

Lodge Historians:

Liisa Penner &
 Arnie Hummasti

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

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| Auxiliary | David Drafall 325-6197 |
| Cultural and Heritage Activities | Vacant |
| Historian | Liisa Penner 338-4849 |
| Membership | Carole Lyngstad 325-0542 |
| Safety Committee | Lynn Thompson 325-0918 |
| Scandinavian Festival Princess | Vacant |
| Scandinavian Midsummer Festival | Nettie Blair 325-4964 |
| Sunshine | Charolette Nyberg 861-1522 |
| Union Town Association | Leroy Adolphson 325-6197 |



Welcome new members

Wallace Hummasti, Chris Lynn Taylor and William Herold

Newsletter: Sherry Bjork

LODGE NEWS,

By Leena Riker, Lodge Secretary

During the March membership meeting Lodge members celebrated St Urho's Day with a nice potluck lunch of corned beef and many delicious side dishes. St Urho, David Drafall, greeted members and guests.

Membership applications: Membership applications were received from Chris Lynn Taylor, William Herold and Wallace Hummasti. William Herold is Helen Pitkanen's husband and Wallace Hummasti is Arnie Hummasti's cousin. All three applications were approved unanimously.

Communications: The Secretary noted that the newsletter of the Hockinson Lodge was received and she summarized the contents of it.

Committee reports:

Sunshine report: Judy Lampi's parents Marie and Melvin are not doing well, they are now living in Warrenton.

Trustees Report: Willie Nyberg gave the Trustees report. Trustees welcomed new members Carole Lyngstad and Marvin Hautala, and thanked Bernie Bjork, Stan Hendrickson and Karen Reintzell for their past service. Trudy Enke and Kurt Koivu are checking on the building regularly. Needs for building maintenance and upgrades were discussed. At the next meeting Marvin Hautala will give a report on specific needs. Marvin Hautala will replace Bernie Bjork on the Cemetery Committee. Trustees made a recommendation to have Peggy Nikkila fill the Trustee position left vacant by Bernie Bjork's resignation.

Vote on the vacant Trustee position: Peggy Nikkila had been recommended by the Trustees to fill the vacant Trustee position. There were no nominations from the floor. Election of Peggy Nikkila as a Trustee was unanimous.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg read the minutes of the March 5th Auxiliary meeting. Fifteen members were present. The Nordic Market Bazaar on Saturday, February 17th was good. Auxiliary will give the 2018 Scandinavian Festival \$150 raffle gift. Those who need new food handlers permits can get it at Suomi Hall, if 4 – 5 members will participate, the Health Department will come to conduct the tests. Peggy Nikkila will get further information about the FinnAm Folk Festival in Naselle. Scandinavian Festival Association will have a booth there with information about the new Scandinavian Heritage Park in Astoria. The Scandinavian Court of 2018 will visit Astoria Lodge in May. The court has been invited, and Koski gift boxes have been ordered. Grand Lodge Convention will be held at Suomi Hall on August 24 – 26, 2018. Coffee will be served on Friday, coffee and lunch on Saturday. Saturday Dinner will be catered.

Scholarships: Mary Cornell is in charge of the Grand Lodge Scholarships for the Astoria Lodge. She has applications. Contact Mary if you know someone who may qualify. The application deadline is June 1st.

Membership: Carole Lyngstad, Dea Helligso, and Katie Ryding are members of the committee.

Kahden Uutiset: Editor's position was discussed. It would be good if Sherry Bjork wishes to continue as the Editor since there is a considerable amount to learn when a new editor starts working on it. President Karen will contact Sherry to discuss the matter with her.

Scandinavian Festival: The Association is now going ahead with the design of the park. Three architects will be working on the design. Carole asked for ideas on the park, noting that the Swedes want benches, the Danes want snowdrops. Astoria Lodge members suggested Kalevala themed items or a birch tree. The area is very small. A matching grant has been applied for.

Grand Lodge Convention: The Convention will be held in Astoria August 24 – 26, 2018. The following members will be involved: Faith Swanson, Trudy Enke as the Elder, Carole Lyngstad and Helen Pitkanen. Each Lodge sends delegates whose registration fee will be paid.

Lodge Picnic: The picnic will be held on August 19th at noon at the Cullaby Lake County Park south shelter. Reservations have been made and paid for.

Uniontown Association: The Doughboy monument renovations have started. The plan for the Boarding house on Marine drive close to Suomi Hall was discussed. Concerning that there was a meeting at the College on March 26th.

Lindgren Cabin: A committee has been formed to discuss the cabin's future. Finlandia Foundation Columbia Pacific Chapter is in charge. The cabin will be open this summer.

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Initiations: During the April meeting four new members were initiated: Chris Lynn Taylor, William Herold and Wallace Hummasti were present, Mike Malmberg was initiated in absentia. Members welcomed all four new members.

Committee reports:

Sunshine report: Shirley Tinner was in the hospital and has been moved to Clatsop Care. Cheryl-West Davies' father passed away. Our member Susanna Bjork-Bell also passed away. The Charter was draped in her memory.

Audit was performed on March 16th. All books are in good order.

Trustees Report: Arnie Hummasti reported for the Trustees: Trustees welcomed new member Peggy Nikkila. Trudy Enke and Kurt Koivu are checking on the building regularly. Needs for building maintenance and upgrades were discussed. We need a cleaning person to work on a regular schedule. The building has several issues that need attention. Trustees will need to use a laser to measure the extent of building sinkage. To be able to do that many areas of the basement need to be cleaned up for access with the laser beam. It was decided to hold a work party to take care of the basement cleaning. Trustees will check into getting a survey done on the Svensen Cemetery.

A folklorist from the University of Turku in Finland will visit the area in July and wishes to interview members for a project on how Finnish-Americans living in the United States are following the old Finnish traditions. Trustees agreed to allow the use of Suomi Hall for his interviews on July 26th.

David Drafall presented a proposal from the Auxiliary to rewire the kitchen. They had received an estimate of \$4,850 for complete rewiring, of which the Auxiliary will pay \$3,000 and they asked the Trustees to provide the remainder of the cost. The plan is to do this in July or August when the kitchen would not be needed for any events. The proposal was approved. Members at the Lodge meeting expressed their willingness to help in the cleaning of the Hall.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg read the minutes of the April 2nd Auxiliary meeting. Nine members were present. Auxiliary will give the 2018 Scandinavian Festival a \$150 raffle gift. Faith was asked to select the gift from FinnWare. A decision was made to use new decorations for the Scan Fest Booth. There was a discussion on food choices or only having Astoria Lodge information at the FinnAm Folk Festival booth in Naselle. Veja Lahti recommended that tea would be served again at the Clatsop Village in December.

Scholarships: Mary Cornell has sent out three applications for the Grand Lodge Scholarships. One completed application has been returned. Contact Mary if you know someone who may qualify. Mary must receive any applications by June 1st.

Kahden Uutiset: We do not have an Editor for this month. President Karen Van Cleave will contact members in an effort to recruit a permanent Editor.

Scandinavian Festival: Several contests are planned for the Festival, Tug of War, eating contests, Scandinavian spelling bee and a joke competition. Arnie Hummasti will present a historical power point presentation.

Grand Lodge Convention: Plans are all in place. A Shanghaied in Astoria show is planned. All members are invited to the show and the dinner.

Lodge Picnic: The picnic will be held on August 19th at noon at the Cullaby Lake County Park south shelter. Wes and Rosemary Ginther will chair the event. There will be games for kids as well.

May membership meeting: The 2018 Scandinavian Court will visit the Lodge. Strawberry Shortcake will be served. It was moved to give Senior Miss Finland a \$50 check and Junior Miss Finland \$25. Motion passed unanimously.

Attendance Luncheon was held at Doogers in Warrenton, food and service were good and all present participated in a lively discussion. Members are encouraged to attend monthly Lodge meetings to earn a free lunch in the spring.

Lindgren Cabin: The cabin will be open this summer. It is located at the Cullaby Lake County Park. Volunteers are needed to host on Saturdays and Sundays. To volunteer call or e-mail Elizabeth Newton: phone: 503.516.6021, e-mail:

lizsbreads@gmail.com

New Business:

FinnAm Folk Festival of Naselle: Dr. Tuomas Hovi from the University of Turku will be visiting Astoria and Naselle in July during the FinnAm Festival, July 26 – 28, to interview Finnish-Americans living in the United States. Astoria Lodge has offered Suomi Hall on Thursday night, July 26th for the Astoria interviews. At the Festival in Naselle he will give a talk on the Kalevala. There will also be a presentation on the Sami culture. Auxiliary will set up a booth at the Festival.

Activities: Kurt Koivu proposed several activities: A Walking Group - mostly walking on gravel roads, Luonto Group - Wildlife Viewing, Lending Library – books can be picked up at meetings.

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A May Day celebration – Vappu is planned for Monday, April 30th, 7 – 10 PM. Sima will be offered and a movie will be shown.

The next Regular Membership meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018, with the Social Hour at 6 PM, Business meeting at 7 PM. Strawberry Shortcake will be served by the men of the Lodge. Scandinavian Court will visit the Lodge and give their presentations.



St Urho (David Drafall) at Suomi Hall
during the March Lodge meeting



Members and Guests are invited to
a Celebration of May Day Eve, Vappu, Walpurgis Night
at Suomi Hall on Monday, April 30th at 7 PM.

Sima will be served and
a classic film “The Wicker Man” will be featured



Happy Birthday Members!

MAY:

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| JOSEPH BARNES | 5 |
| ARNOLD CURTIS | 5 |
| ELLEN LAWGEVIN | 7 |
| LINDA NELSON | 11 |
| LYNN THOMPSON | 12 |
| SALLY HANNU | 15 |
| MATTHEW CRICHTON | 16 |
| JUDITH OSTERHOLM | 19 |
| CHERYL WEST-DAVIES | 21 |
| SARI ESNARD | 22 |
| LAUREL CARLSON | 23 |
| TIMOTHY KINDLEY | 24 |
| PATRICIA NORTH | 25 |
| ROSEMARY GINTHER | 28 |
| FAITH SWANSON | 28 |
| CHRISTINE BRIDGENS | 29 |

JUNE:

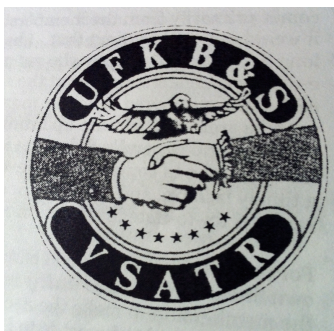
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| ALICE CODD | 5 |
| TUULA REINOSO | 12 |
| SYLVIA MOWREY | 13 — AGE 104 |
| DENNIS ADRIAN | 16 |
| JARI RANTA | 17 |
| TIM MALINEN | 20 |
| PEGGY NIKKILA | 26 |



A biker enjoying the scenery
in Finnish Lapland, March 2018

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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

Monday, May 7: Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Monday, May 14: Trustees' meeting at 5:00 PM, Lodge meeting, Strawberry Shortcake Social at 6 PM, Business Meeting at 7 PM, 2018 Scandinavian Court Visit

Monday, June 4: Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Monday, June 11: Trustees meeting at 5 PM, Lodge Pie Social at 6 PM, Business Meeting at 7 PM

Movie Nights: Friday, April 27th at 6:30 PM, Viewers' Choice movie
 Friday, May 25th, 6:30 PM showing of the movie "Steam of Life"

Vappu Celebration, Eve of May Day: Monday, April 30th at 7:00 PM with a movie "The Wicker Man" and sima "toasts to heroes."

Friday to Sunday, June 15 – 17: Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, Clatsop County Fairgrounds