

**United Finnish Kaleva Brothers & Sisters, Astoria, OR Lodge #2**

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# Kahden Uutiset

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings to members of Lodge #2.

We have just completed the 55<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Convention here in Astoria at Suomi Hall. A lot of important business was discussed, resolved and goals were accomplished. Sadly, the business accomplished was how to dissolve the Grand Lodge. Enclosed in this newsletter (page 6) is a copy of the *Resolution to Dissolve the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters Grand Lodge*. Please read it and if you have comments or questions direct them to any of the Delegates. Your Delegates are the ones voting on this. If we receive no comments we will assume you are in favor as presented. Delegates are Ron Collman, Wes Ginther, Bill Herold, Carole Lyngstad, Peggy Nikkila, Helen Pitkanen-Herold, Karen Reintzel, Faith Swanson and Karen Van Cleave.

There are so many members to thank for making this weekend happen. A big thank you to the Convention Committee, the Members who stepped forward to help and our Auxiliary, headed by Dea Helligso. Thanks also to Lynn Thompson for the magnets, Kurt Koivu for the key chains, Mike Duncan for taking the pictures and to Finn Ware for their generosity helping us out for the raffle prizes. With the Grand Lodge dissolving one of our concerns was losing touch with other lodges. We will work hard to stay in touch, have some functions together and continue to share our Finnish heritage with our fellow lodges. Congratulations to Lodge #2 scholarship recipients. I'm not sure they have been officially notified yet but I was so excited I had to share. All four of the applicants from Astoria Lodge #2 received scholarships. Congratulations to Dale Takalo, Aleksander Matthews, Megan Schacher, and Kristian Hellberg. Anne Koski-Smith, the Scholarship Chair from Aberdeen said it was the best group of applicants she had ever received. Since this is the last Grand Lodge Scholarship the amount awarded was increased to \$1200.00 each. Congratulations, and we are very proud of these recipients and wish them the best in their continued studies.

It has been a very busy summer. Our light potluck supper with Tuomas Hovi and his family from Finland was a great experience. Leena cooked the salmon to perfection and made a delicious cucumber sauce to accompany it. Members brought equally wonderful salads, vegetables and dessert to make the meal one to remember. About 30 participated and it was so interesting to be part of a conversation about our Finnishness, our traditions and how we keep our traditions alive. Seems, in the group I participated in, it had a lot to do with food. The Auxiliary sold prune tarts at the Finnish-American Folk Festival in Naselle. And sold out. Thanks to all who helped out with that and again, thanks to the Auxiliary. It is a great festival and our support is important. The Lodge Picnic was held at Cullaby Lake this year. The weather was good, the kids went swimming, and one of our newest members Angela Lister took home the big winnings from Finn Bingo. Thanks to Faith for calling Bingo and thanks to all who came and brought such delicious dishes to share.

The next big event will be Laksloda on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with this event give President Dea a call at 503 325-3984 or attend an Auxiliary meeting on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. (except Labor Day, it's on Tuesday.)

Happy Birthday to September and October Members. If it is your birthday month you are responsible for Coffee Hour treats before the membership meeting.

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**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  
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 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:*

<b>Auxiliary</b>	Dea Helligso 325-3984
<b>Cultural and Heritage Activities</b>	Vacant
<b>Historian</b>	Liisa Penner 338-4849
<b>Membership</b>	Carole Lyngstad 325-0542
<b>Safety Committee</b>	Lynn Thompson 325-0918
<b>Scandinavian Festival Princess</b>	Charolette Nyberg 861-1522 Leila Collier 861-3516
<b>Scandinavian Midsummer Festival</b>	Nettie Blair 325-4964
<b>Sunshine</b>	Charolette Nyberg 861-1522
<b>Scholarship</b>	Mary Cornell 738-5793
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Angela Lister 541 915-8446



Tuomas Hovi & family visiting Astoria Lodge #2

**LODGE NEWS,**

By Leena Riker, Lodge Secretary

Vice President Karen Reintzell called the July 9, 2018 business meeting to order at 7:03 PM, 19 members were present

**Applications for Membership:** An Application was received from Kathryn Pritchard. The application was not voted on since her payment had not been received.

**Initiations:** There were no initiations

**Grand Lodge President's visit:** Grand Lodge President Veikko Katainen was present at the July meeting. He brought his greetings to the members of the Astoria Lodge. He told us about a devastating fire at the Aberdeen History Center. Everything inside the building is gone. It contained some valuable historical documents, many of them related to the Aberdeen Lodge of Finnish Brotherhood. Aberdeen members are going through any remaining documents to see what can be salvaged.

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

**Committee reports:**

Sunshine report: Mary Cornell is doing well. Karen Van Cleave's brother Jack Kinnunen is doing much better, he had cardiac bypass surgery and is now in rehab. Trudy Enke was in the hospital for several days after a serious GI infection, she is now staying with a friend in Seaside. Peggy Olson is now at home recovering after her heart attack. The death of two past members was announced: Melvin Maki and Emil Nyberg passed away recently.

Audit has been done. All books are in order.

Trustees Report: Willie Nyberg gave his reported. D&O Insurance has been activated. We still have not received any response about the Svensen Cemetery. We will be looking for people who might know who is working there to maintain it. They usually come to mow and clean on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July. We need to set up another work party to clean the attic. Holiday decorations and other items will need to be checked in an attempt to reduce the amount of clutter in the attic. A committee of members should be set up. The dining room carpet will be cleaned this month at a cost of \$461.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg read the minutes of the July 2nd Auxiliary meeting. Prune tarts will be offered at the FinnAm Folk Festival booth in Naselle. Workers will need to be there at 9 AM. Grand Lodge Convention plans have been made. Auxiliary will help with the event. Members need to remember to bring desserts for the Social Hour during their birthday months. Kitchen electrical will be updated on July 10 -11. Prune tarts will be baked on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Scholarships: All approved applications have been sent to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Chairman.

Kahden Uutiset: Angela Lister is the new editor of the newsletter.

Scandinavian Festival: There were many new booths this year. At the Sept. meeting next year's Festival work will begin.

The Scandinavian Park has received funds in the amount of \$162,000. A grant was received from the Oregon Cultural Trust. Fundraising is doing well. On Wednesday, August 1 at 2 PM there will be a meeting at Towler Hall at CCC about the project. Architects will have information. Wish lists can be passed on to architects. Elements will represent the immigrants who arrived here. The project now has enough money for the design phase. The total budget will be just under \$1 million.

Grand Lodge Convention: Plans are all in place. We now have six delegates signed up. We can have four more based on our current membership of 202. Grand Lodge Constitution is now final and will be voted on at the Convention. Registration is due by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lodge Picnic: The picnic will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Cullaby Lake County Park south shelter.

**Unfinished Business:**

Lindgren Cabin: Hosts are still needed this summer. To host at the cabin, call Elizabeth Newton: 503.516.6021, she knows what times are available.

Naselle FinnAm Folk Festival: The Festival will be held Friday and Saturday July 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. Astoria Lodge will serve prune tarts and coffee.

**New Business:**

For the Good of the Order: Greg Jacob reported that the upcoming Cumtux will have an article about Väino and Lempi Koskela and their war time activities during the Finnish WW II. If you are not a member of the Clatsop County Historical Society, you can buy the magazine at the History Center at 16<sup>th</sup> and Exchange.

Raffle: Rosemary Ginther organized the July raffle.

The next Regular Membership meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th, 2018, with the Social Hour at 6 PM, Business meeting at 7 PM. Birthday people are asked to bring desserts.

## *Happy Birthday Members!*

**September Birthdays:**

Alan Robitsch	1
Patricia Roberts	2
August Schulbach	4
Nettie Blair	7
Martha White	7
Stanley Hendrickson	12
Cindy Daly	14
Kristina Berney	16
Lisa Tolonen	16
Diane Piippo	17
Sirpa Duoos	18
Deborah Kindley	18
Dirk Schulbach	18
Mark Tolonen	18
Kenneth Olson	20
Linda Takalo	20
Betty Curtis	22
Eija Stevenson	24
Kurt Koivu	26
Kay Bartholomew	29
Jennifer Cline	29
Geraldine Johnson	30

**October Birthdays:**

Kathleen Kinkela-Love	1
Lorell Stoneman	1
Dea Helligso	2
Trudy Enke	7
Katherine Ryding	11
Lisa Allgeyer	13
Frederick White	14
Willard Nyberg	15
Alice Nielsen	16
Elizabeth Newton	17
Greta Passetti	17
Anja Harper	23
Arnold Hummasti	24
Myron Salo	27
Karen Reintzell	30
Greg Jacob	31

# Finnish-American Folk Festival



Peggy at the Lindgren Cabin



Copy of Resolution to Dissolve the Grand Lodge. If you have any comments, please contact any Delegate.

**RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE UNITED FINNISH KALEVA BROTHERS AND SISTERS GRAND LODGE ("GRAND LODGE")**

**WHEREAS** the GRAND LODGE was established to unite, organize, and support participating local chapters of the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters ("LOCAL LODGES"); and

**WHEREAS** membership of LOCAL LODGES has declined to the point that operation of the GRAND LODGE has become untenable; and

**WHEREAS** it is the will of the GRAND LODGE to dissolve in an organized and peaceful manner while there are still enough participating LOCAL LODGES and officers to do so; and

**WHEREAS** the GRAND LODGE wishes that the LOCAL LODGES be able to continue operations independently as each local lodge sees fit; and

**WHEREAS** the GRAND LODGE wishes to completely disperse its remaining funds in a manner that is equitable among all remaining LOCAL LODGES and membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS, AND DELEGATES OF THE GRAND LODGE THAT:**

1. The GRAND LODGE President and Trustees are appointed to dissolve the GRAND LODGE by executing the actions outlined in this resolution; and
2. The GRAND LODGE cease collecting income and incurring expenses except those expenses identified in this resolution and those required for executing the actions of this resolution; and
3. The GRAND LODGE's scholarship program award the 2018 scholarships and then permanently cease activity; and
4. The GRAND LODGE's newspaper (Viesti) complete the August 2018, October 2018, and December 2018 issues then suspend operations; and
5. Subscribers to the GRAND LODGE's newspaper (Viesti) be refunded for the portions of their subscriptions that extend beyond the final December 2018 issue; and
6. All GRAND LODGE physical property, records, and electronic files, including the website, be collected and catalogued, and that all relevant paper documents be digitally scanned to PDF format, and the scanned files be distributed to LOCAL LODGES via USB flash drives; and
7. Aberdeen Lodge No. 9 be appointed the custodian of all remaining GRAND LODGE physical property, and all such items be delivered to Aberdeen Lodge No. 9 for historical preservation; and
8. Any GRAND LODGE certificates or certified deposits at TwinStar Credit Union be transferred to the GRAND LODGE's Prime Savings at TwinStar Credit Union prior to the maturity dates; and
9. All remaining GRAND LODGE funds, including scholarship funds and funds from other subaccounts, be totaled and then be distributed to LOCAL LODGES that are in good standing with the GRAND LODGE, with each local lodge receiving a percentage of remaining funds determined by dividing the local lodge's membership (as of August 25, 2018) by the current total membership of LOCAL LODGES under GRAND LODGE (as of August 25, 2018); and
10. The Internal Revenue Service and any other relevant government authority be notified of the GRAND LODGE's dissolution.
11. All LOCAL LODGES be provided a final notice of dissolution from the President once all actions are complete, and that the notice includes any relevant documentation generated during the process.
12. The actions of this resolution be executed by December 31, 2018 unless extenuating circumstances delay the process, at which point the actions will be completed as expediently as possible thereafter.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** by mail-in vote of the GRAND LODGE delegates on October 15, 2018.

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Veikko Katainen, President

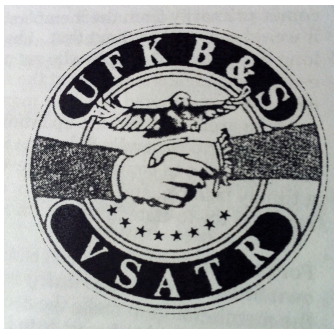
ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**55<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Convention Hosted by Astoria Lodge #2**



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### ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

**Tuesday, September 4th:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

**Monday, September 10th:** Trustees' meeting at 5:00 PM, Social 6:00 PM, Business Meeting 7:00 PM  
*\*Members with September Birthday bring desserts\**

**Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

**Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>:** Trustees' meeting at 5:00 PM, Social 6:00 PM, Business Meeting 7:00 PM  
*\*Members with October Birthday bring desserts\**

**Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Laksloda Luncheon, 12:00 Noon. Suomi Hall

**Movie Nights:** Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
 Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM