

**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,

I hope many of our members were able to attend the Laksloda Luncheon. It was fabulous! Great crowd, the food was delicious, and the bake sale was full of so many goodies. The Auxiliary made 15 dozen prune tarts and they sold rapidly. Thank you to all who made this such a success. Thank you to those who attended and supported this event. Thank you to the workers and the bakers. Thank you to all who donated to the raffle. We had so many volunteers this year to help and we needed everyone because it was a record crowd! Join us for our Anniversary Dinner Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM. The Lodge provides the Turkey and dessert. Members are requested to bring side dishes, appetizers or breads. The business meeting will follow with the 2020 slate of lodge officers presented by the nominating committee. The officers will then be voted on at the December meeting.

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM join members of the Auxiliary as we provide some Holiday cheer to the residents at Clatsop Retirement Village. To volunteer call Veja Lahti at 503 325-2654.

During the October Lodge business meeting a draft of by-laws for the "Friends of Suomi Hall" non-profit was presented. A few revisions were suggested and the draft has gone back and forth a few times within the committee.

*Our Mission is to share and preserve Finnish contributions and cultural life by providing educational, art, and craft activities in our community, and by sharing Suomi Hall with the community, as we welcome all to join us as we celebrate Finnish culture and heritage.*

If you have any comments, please direct them to recording secretary Felicia Ginther at [Morof08@gmail.com](mailto:Morof08@gmail.com). More discussion will be held at the November meeting.

The Princess committee is still accepting application for our Junior and Senior Miss Finland's for the 2020 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival but time is running out. Contact Charolette Nyberg at 861-1522 We look forward to next year. Our 501(c)3 should be in place and we can go forward to saving our Suomi Hall with much needed repairs. January begins with our Lutefisk Dinner. The date has been set for Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. February 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday will be our Nordic Market. March, the St. Urho's potluck during our March meeting. In May we look forward to the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court's visit and Strawberry Shortcake. And in May plans are being made for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Finland Tea. June brings the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. And that's just the first half of the year.

Happy Holidays!

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**Lodge Officers:**

President – Karen Van Cleave  
 Elder – Trudy Enke  
 First VP – Ron Collman  
 Jr. VP – Charolette Nyberg  
 Financial Sec. – Katie Ryding  
 Recording Sec. – Felicia Ginther  
 Treasurer – Faith Swanson  
 Conductress – Julie Leonhardt Overby  
 Doorkeeper – Kurt Koivu

**Board of Trustees:**

Arnold Hummasti  
 Willard Nyberg  
 LeRoy Adolphson  
 Nettie Blair  
 Marvin Hautala  
 Carole Lyngstad  
 Peggy Nikkila  
 Mike Duncan  
 William Herold

**Auditors**

Chris Lynn Taylor  
 Leila Collier  
 David Drafall

**Auxiliary Officers:**

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

**Lodge Historians:**

Liisa Penner &  
 Arnie Hummasti

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS**NOVEMBER:

KAREN VAN CLEAVE	2
JOHN KALANDER	3
MELISSA POWELL	6
ANGELA LISTER	8
SAARA MATTHEWS	9
LEROY LAINE	12
BONNIE SALO	12
RON COLLMAN	15
ELLI RIUTTA	16
EDWARD NIEMI	17
LIISA PENNER	17
MARGIE THOMPSON	17
ERIN CRICHTON	18
FLORENCE PEUGH	20
MARDELLE CLAYTON	21
LESLIE LONG	22
CURTIS PEUGH	22
DEBRA BOWE	22
NANCY BOUVIA	23
LEMPI KOSKELA	24

DECEMBER:

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
WILLIE NYBERG, JR	20
PHILIP BLAIR	22
VIOLA LEONHARDT	23
CHRIS LYNN TAYLOR	23
JANICE JOY IHANDER	25
DENA TUVENG	26
GLEN HOWARD BAY	27
LANNY FREEMAN	28
MARVIN HAUTALA	29





Laksloda Lunch!



Sami Bracelet Class

## LODGE NEWS:

President Pro Tem, Ron Collman called the September business meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Seventeen (17) members were present.

Applications for Membership: 2- Estelle Miller, Debbie Eastland

Initiations: 2- Estelle Miller, Debbie Eastland

Charter was draped for George Harrison, Elmer Pukkila, and Susan Lewis

Minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup> Lodge meeting were approved as read with one correction. Only trustees Willie Nyberg and LeRoy Adolphson signed the check to Attorney David Atkins for the filing of the non-profit status.

Communications: Received thank you notes from Junior Princess Chloe Jean Stelzig and her parents, Richard & Tami Stelzig. Received thank you letter from 2018/2019 scholarship recipient Megan Schacher who updated the lodge on her studies at Clatsop Community College.

Committee reports:

Sick Committee: Charolette Nyberg sent bereavement cards to the families of Susan Lewis and George Harrison.

Trustees Report: Arnie Hummasti presented the trustee's report. The Svensen Pioneer Cemetery update was worked on by Marvin Hautalla who has been in contact with Mike Ala of the Knappa Cemetery. There is a discussion to sell the Svensen Pioneer Cemetery to the Knappa Cemetery Association who have indicated interest in the purchase. There is a survey in progress to supply the deed and records. A discussion followed in the general assembly and a motion was made to approve the sale of the Svensen Pioneer Cemetery, however the motion was put on hold till the October's general meeting. The general opinion was that there were no major objections to the sale of the cemetery.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: 9 members were present at the September 3, 2019 meeting. Laksloda dinner will be October 17, 2019.

Princess Committee: Nettie Blair and Charolette Nyberg have not yet received any applications.

Scholarship Committee: Faith Swanson reported there is no scholarship report or scholarship's to be awarded as no funds have been forwarded to our lodge from the Grand Lodge.

Nordic Park: Nordic Heritage Park donations to date are just over \$500,000. The Finnish flagpole has had a large donation and has been paid for!

Scandinavian Festival: Nettie Blair said the next meeting will be September 16 at Peace Lutheran Church.

Uniontown: Nothing new to report

By-laws/Constitution Committee: Carol Lyngstad reported that there was a telephone conference call with the attorney. The by-laws are being drafted and expected shortly for a line by line review.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Kurt Koivu brought up three subjects for discussions:

1) The subject of the homeless sleeping under the building's back porch and leaving their bodily waste. This situation is to be directed to the trustees. It was also recommended that the police be called

2) Weeds are growing on the east side of the building. This problem is to be referred to the trustees.

3) Idea for the upcoming Finnish Festival in Naselle – make puukko knife kits to sell.

Peggy Nikkila presented the possibility of a professional tango teacher to teach the Finnish style tango to a minimum of 10 couples, at \$25.00 per person. Finnish tango is a variant of the Argentinean tango. The Lodge has a cultural \$500 set aside to host a Lodge Heritage Event. This event would be open to the public and held at the Finnish Brotherhood Building. The event was discussed, but any action will be tabled till next meeting.

Good of the Lodge: Kurt relayed that Helen Herold-Pitkanen has purchased 2 Finnish movies about Finland's civil war. Films are shown on the last Friday of each month. Finn-Fit is held each Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm.

Raffle: Julie Overby provided the September raffle prizes. Peggy Nikkila will bring the raffle prizes for the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

President Karen Van Cleave called the October business meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 13 members were present.

Applications for Membership: 1- Sirpa Whitman

Initiations: None

Minutes of the September Lodge meeting were approved as read with one correction. Julie Overby provided the September raffle prizes.

Communications: None

Committee reports:

Sick Committee: Nothing to report

Trustees Report: Knappa Cemetery Association has expressed interest in purchasing the Svensen Pioneer Cemetery, however there are questions that need to be answered. Installing additional railing up the stairs to the Lodge Hall has been discussed. Peggy Nikkila suggested that the carpet in the Lodge Dining Room be replaced. The lines in the Lodge room have not yet been removed. Insurance has been changed, funds were saved, and a refund has been applied.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: 13 members were present at the October 7, 2019 meeting. Laksloida dinner will be held Thursday October 17, 2019 at 11:30am. Prune tarts will be made on Thursday, October 10. Several Members will be making goodies for the bake sale during Laksloida. The food inspector will be present during the event. Anyone wanting to enter the kitchen must have their food handlers' card present. There is a sign-up sheet for Laksloida, volunteers are still needed, and clean up is scheduled for 1:30pm.

By-laws/Constitution Committee: Carol Lyngstad reported that there needs to be a Mission statement for "Friends of Suomi Hall". Marvin Hautala shared an outline with the lodge members. After much deliberation, it was unanimously decided that a revision of the outline be constructed. Katie Ryding volunteered to work on the mission statement. Felicia Ginther will email the Committee about their opinions on the revision. All members will be notified of the revised mission statement and asked their opinions. The KU will be coming out in the first of November there will be mention of the mission statement.

Nordic Park: Nordic Heritage Park donations to date are just over \$600,000. The Finnish flagpole has been paid for and there are extra funds leftover. An idea was brought up to pay for the Finnish flag, however, there is already a Finnish flag ready for the flagpole.

Scandinavian Festival: Nettie Blair said the next meeting will be held October 16 at First Lutheran Church. A publicity chairman is needed.

Uniontown: Nothing new to report

Unfinished Business:

Hiring a professional tango teacher to teach the Finnish style tango has been determined to be too expensive to pursue. Helen Herold-Pitkanen suggested looking into the Arts Movement about more affordable lessons. A dance event could be held at the Lodge and open to the public. Any action will be tabled till next meeting.

New Business: None

Good of the Lodge: Members reported that no one was at the Lodge to present the movie for Friday night. Films are shown on the last Friday of each month. Finn-Fit is held each Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm.

Raffle: Peggy Nikkila provided the October raffle prizes. Ron Collman will bring the raffle prizes for the November meeting.

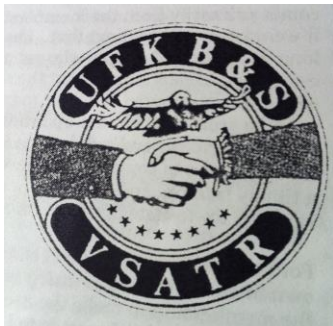
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

The next regular Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019. Anniversary Potluck at 1pm followed by the Business Meeting at 2 pm. All members are asked to bring something for the Potluck.

A sign-up sheet was passed around.

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**ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR**

**Monday, November 4th:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

**Sunday, November 10th:** Trustee meeting at 12:00 Noon, Potluck Anniversary Dinner 1 PM,  
Business Meeting 2:00 PM

**Monday, December 2nd:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Clatsop Retirement Village Holiday Visit. 2:00 PM

**Sunday, December 8th:** Trustee meeting at 12:00 Noon., Social 1:00 PM,  
Business Meeting 2:00 PM. Election of 2020 Lodge Officer