

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

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# Kahden Uutiset

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all.

Hope you all were able to attend the Lutefisk Luncheon. Thanks to the Auxiliary as they, as usual, did a great job cooking and serving the lutefisk, meatballs and all the trimmings. The lunch was enjoyed by all and we handed out quite a few applications for membership. Thanks to all members and Finn Ware who generously donated to the silent auction. We had Merimekko and Arabia items, a Scandinavian Sweater, lots of Finnish linens as well as fresh cardamom bread and prune tarts. It was very successful.

The Nordic Winter Market held Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> filled the hall. Lots of treasures this year and lots of shoppers. Thanks to all the vendors, volunteers, and the Auxiliary for the delicious pannukukuu. A big thank you to Katie Ryding and Felicia Ginther who stepped forward to chair this event.

Our 2020 officers are hard at work with so much going on at our Astoria Lodge. There are many committees formed and lots of meetings going on outside of the regular monthly membership meetings. If there is anything you are interested in, please feel free to contact me. I will be happy to put you in touch with the committee chairs. We are working on the By-Laws for both the Friends of Suomi Hall and our Astoria Lodge, meetings are being held about our Finnish Brotherhood scholarship, the Miss Finland Tea and the Suomi Summer School. We have a baby shower for our Recording Secretary, Felicia Ginther on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am, and all are welcome. Plans are in the works for a Vappu Celebration May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be pukko making on May 1<sup>st</sup> and leather stamping, food and drink plus the movie "LAULU" will be shown on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Join us for this fun filled event.

Add Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> to your calendars for the introduction of the 2020 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court at Astoria High School at 7:00 pm. Support our Senior 2020 Miss Finland, Emma Biederman and our Junior Miss Finland Avery Hoyer as well as 2019 Miss Scandinavia Sofia Morrel, our 2019 Senior Miss Finland.

Our next meeting, March 8<sup>th</sup> will be our St. Urho Potluck beginning at 1:00 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share and the lodge will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage. We will be initiating several new members during our March meeting so join us in welcoming them.

Sad news just came to us. Long time member Ella Hill passed away. She joined in 1975, was a very active member and recently had been living near her son in the Las Vegas area.

Hope to see you all at our meetings and events.

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**Lodge Officers:**

*President – Karen Van Cleave*  
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*Arnie Hummasti*

**Happy Birthday Members!****MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

<i>Heidi Nissen</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Elsa Cline</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Briitta Algeyer</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Kim Supple</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Peggy Pogue</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Anita Raistakka</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Claudia Deloff</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Fred Larson</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Susan Cox</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Richard Stelzig</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>William Meyer</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Doug Kero</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Charolette Nyberg</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Leila Collier</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Anja Ranta</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Katherine Hendrickson</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Erica Curtis</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Leroy Adolphson</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Jeff Cline</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Greta Robinson</i>	<i>22</i>

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

<i>Debbie Eastland</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Thersea Passsetti-Fonseca</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Leena Riker</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Rebecca Rubens</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Sirpa Whitman</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Esther Gotting</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>John Mattila</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Pirjo Schulbach</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Rick Parrish</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>David Drafall</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Karen Cornell</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Sandra Robinson</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Lawrence Martin Jr.</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>James Dickson</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Jerry Gustafson</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Austin Long</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Jon Westerholm</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>David Hearn</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Julie Leonhardt-Overby</i>	<i>28</i>

Join us for corned beef and cabbage

St. Urho's Potluck

March 8, 2020 1PM

**Lodge News.** By Felicia Ginther, Lodge Secretary.

The January meeting was called to order by President Karen Van Cleave at 2:00 PM. 24 members were present.

Meeting started with voting for the Jr. Vice – Dena Tuveng, Door Keeper – Michael Wagenblast, and 2 Trustees positions for 3-year terms – Wes Ginther and Eric Williams. Motion to accept nominees was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

**Installation of Officers** Officers for 2020 were installed:

Willie Nyberg and Nettie Blair retired from their positions as trustees. Charlotte Nyberg retired her position as Jr. Vice and Kurt Koivu retired as door keeper. Retiring officers were thanked for the many years of dedicated service to Astoria Lodge. The Charter was draped in remembrance of members lost during 2019. Lodge members had the opportunity to share their fondest memories and a rose was placed in honor of Gertrude Kinnunen, Helmi Netzel, Jean Bruner, George Harrison, Susan Lewis, and Sylvia Mowery,

**Applications for Membership:** None, however, many were handed out during Lutfisk.

**Initiations:** None

**Minutes of the December 8, 2019 Lodge meeting were approved as read.**

**Communications:** The Clatsop Cultural Coalition granted the Scandinavian festival \$1,050 to translate and produce a script from the Suomi Hall attic as a Readers Theater Play next summer. Sirpa Duoos will translate the scripts and Chris Lynn Taylor will cast and direct the play. The play will be performed twice on Saturday June 20 and once on Sunday June 21.

**Sick Committee:** “Thinking of You” cards to Trudy Enke (eye surgery), Charlotte Nyberg (surgery) and Leena Riker.

**Audit:** Audit will be held at the Lodge on Tuesday January 21, 2020 at 9am.

**Trustees Report:** There have been two resolutions made. 1) Installation of lock on back door. 2) Funding for a new computer/printer for the digital age was unanimously passed. Handrail for the stairs will be discussed later.

**Auxiliary:** A new refrigerator has been purchased, is in use and has been approved by the health inspector. Veja reported that the Clatsop Retirement Village Christmas Party was enjoyed by all. Christmas tart baking was a success. 125 dozen prune tarts were sold. Lutfisk lunch will be held Saturday, January 12th from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Set-up will be Monday, January 6th following the Auxiliary meeting with finishing touches done on Friday evening. Silent auction has many items donated by Finn Ware. Winter Nordic Market will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 10:00am – 3:00pm and the Auxiliary will prepare and serve a pannukakku breakfast for \$8. The memorial for Susan Lewis will be held Saturday January 18th at 1:00pm.

**Scandinavian Festival:** Next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 15th, at 6:30pm at Peace Lutheran Church to discuss plans for the festival. A member brought up that traditionally the Lodge donated \$250 for the festival while other Nordic Lodges would donate \$500. Motion to raise the donation from \$250 to \$500 was initiated, seconded and unanimously passed.

**Nordic Park:** Donations are now over \$700k, with a donation of \$75k recently received to name the Midsummer Pole.

**By-laws/Constitution Committee:** The committee went through the by-laws for Friends of Suomi Hall paragraph by paragraph, changed some of the language and ultimately went with the attorney’s format. Next meeting is Sunday, January 26th at noon. Any and all members are invited to join in the discussion.

**Membership Lunch:** The Lodge will purchase lunch for members who have attended at least 10 meetings throughout the year. This year 8 members will receive a paid lunch. All members are welcome to join in the lunch at their own expense. Lunch will be held at Bridgewater Bistro on Monday January 27th at 11:30am and reservations will be made.

**Scholarship:** Funds from the dissolution of the Grand Lodge has been received and the Lodge would like to continue to provide scholarships. A scholarship committee was established. Committee members include Julie, Saara, Dena, Carole, and Mary. A date and time for the committee to meet will to be set.

**Nordic Winter Market:** Winter Market will take place at the Lodge on Saturday February 15th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. A “White Elephant” table will be set up in the back hosted by the Lodge. All members are invited to donate items. 6’ tables are available for sale at \$20/each for anyone wanting to sell their own items.

**New Business:**

**Miss Finland Tea:** Would be scheduled for Saturday, May 9th. This is a tradition that would like to be continued. It presents and opportunity for previous and future princesses to connect. A motion was initiated, seconded and unanimously passed to host another Tea. The date will be put on the Trustees calendar.

**Summer School:** There has been suggestion of hosting a “Summer School” program for children any age to learn about Finnish Culture and Heritage.. The school would potentially be hosted a week prior to the Annual Picnic, this way the children could perform something learned at the picnic. A motion to proceed with the “Summer School” was initiated, seconded and unanimously passed. Karen Van Cleave will contact members that would potentially help with the school.

**Good of the Order** A sign-up sheet was passed for members to volunteer as Lodge Meeting Coffee Time Hostesses.

**Raffle:** Felicia Ginther provided the January raffle prizes. Dena Tuveng will bring the raffle prizes for the February meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

LODGE NEWS: By Rosemary Ginther, Recording Secretary, Pro Tem.

President Karen VanCleave called February business meeting to order at 2 pm. Twenty-four (24) members were present.

**Applications for Membership:** Sara Wisty, Craig Wisty, Mindy French, Jean Harrison. It was moved and seconded that all 4 applicants be accepted for membership.

**Initiations:** None

**Minutes of the January 12th, 2020 business meeting** were approved as read.

**Communications:** A thank you note was received "To the Ladies of Suomi Hall" from Susan Lewis's family for the Celebration of Susan's life. A thank you note was received from Avery, our Junior Miss Finland.

The Lower Columbia Danish Society sent an invitation to their Danish Mardi Gras.

**Committee reports:**

**Sick Committee:** Cards will be sent to Peggy Nikkila and Angela Lister who will be having surgery.

**Auditors Report:** Audit was completed. No report but those audited verified that they had passed the audit.

**Trustees Report:** The back door lock was installed. The annual cleaning of all windows of Suomi Hall will be May 5th. The new computer was purchased, we will have internet and a web page will be developed. The trustees approved the building's use for the March 7 baby shower for Felicia Ginther. A question was asked if the trustees could have the microphone system fixed. It was explained that the trustees are responsible for anything in the building which was affixed, and that anything movable, was the responsibility of the Lodge. A motion was made and approved to investigate the use of a wireless microphone system. Julie volunteered to check out the viability and cost of a wireless system.

**Auxiliary report:** There were 76 lutefisk dinners served. The auxiliary provided the setup of tables, and food for Susan Lewis's memorial. At the Nordic Market the auxiliary will begin serving a pannukukku breakfast at 9:30 am for \$ 8.00. New t-shirts are under consideration. A baby shower brunch for Felicia will be held at Suomi Hall, March 7, 11 am.

Faith was thanked for organizing the annual auxiliary meeting which was held at El Tapatio's Restaurant.

**Scandinavian Festival:** Next meeting will be held February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. The Princesses will present their speeches March 10th.

**Nordic Park:** Construction management is looking to buy the hardware in the very near future.

**By-laws/Constitution Committee:** The Lodge needs to choose its name which would be under the proposed corporation, "Friends of Suomi Hall". A motion was made to keep the original name: "UFKB&S Astoria Lodge", but to drop the designation "Lodge #2". Motion was made, approved and seconded by the majority, with one opposed.

**Membership Lunch:** 12 members of the Lodge attended the annual lunch at the Bridgewater Bistro. Free lunches were provided for members who attended at least 10 meetings during the year. Ten members qualified for the free dinner.

**Scholarship:** Dena Tuveng volunteered to chair the Scholarship Committee and Katie Pritchard has volunteered to join the committee. The question of age requirements was brought up and the committee will establish the guidelines. It was asked as to how much of the funds from the disbanded Grand Lodge actually came from the Astoria Lodge's contribution. Carole will check this out. Committee will be meeting soon.

**Picnic:** A volunteer to organize the picnic is needed.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Nordic Market:** Will be held February 15 from 10 am – 3 pm. A Pannukakku breakfast will be served beginning at 9:30. Cost is \$ 8.00. Set up can be done either on Friday, Feb14th, starting at 1 pm or Saturday at 8 am. Katie Ryding and Felicia are in charge of the market. 18 tables have been reserved. A volunteer to man the elevator is needed.

Kurt Koivo announced the schedule for May Day celebration, known as Vappu in Finland.

Friday, May 1. 5-9 pm. Pukko making. Saturday, May 2. 1-5 pm. leather stamping. 6 pm. Traditional foods and Sima. Movie "Laulu" will be shown.

**New Business:**

The Lodge needs a new constitution, by-laws and rules and procedures. Currently we are following the Grand Lodge's. A committee was formed: Faith, Karen, Marvin & Katy Pritchard. A meeting was set for February 21, 2020.

**Good of the Order:**

Finnish Folk Festival will be held this year at Naselle, Wa. July 24th – 26th, 2020.

The Finlandia Foundation meeting will be held in Portland, April 25. Talk to Greg for more information.

Baby shower for Felicia will be held at Suomi Hall on March 7, 11 am and a brunch will be served.

**Raffle:** Thanks to Dena Tuveng for this month's raffle prizes. Dea will provide March's raffle prizes.

Next meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> with the our St. Urho's Potluck beginning at 1 pm. The business will e held at pm

A sign-up sheet was passed around. March birthday members are asked to bring desserts.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.



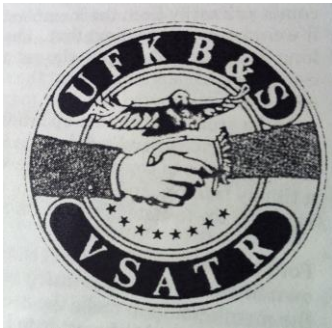
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The Winter Nordic Market

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### ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

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

**Sunday, March 8th:** Trustee meeting at 12:00 PM, St. Urho's Potluck 1:00 PM, Business Meeting 2:00 PM

**Monday, April 6th:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

**Sunday, April 12th:** Trustees' meeting at 12:00 PM, Social 1:00 PM, Business Meeting 2:00 PM

*\*Members with April Birthdays bring desserts\**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: VAPPU CELEBRATION.**

May 1, Friday. Walpurgis Night. Puukko Making. 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

May 2, Saturday. Leather Stamping Good Luck Tokens. 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Vappu traditional food, Sima and Documentary movie "LAULU" 6:00 PM

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:** 2020 Miss Finland Tea. 1:00 PM. Suomi Hall.

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:** 2020 Scandinavian Festival Midsummer Court Visit. 6:00 PM  
 Strawberry Shortcake.