



**This Month**

**Lutefisk Dinner**

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner is a Lodge Tradition Saturday, January 30, 2016 noon to 5:00 pm. Dinner includes Lutefisk, meatballs, lefse, carrots, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, ice cream, krumkake and beverages. Public welcome. Adults \$23, children 10 and under \$10. Volunteers are needed to help with preparation and serving of the dinner. If you can help, please contact Robert Kodalen email: [poulsboson@gmail.com](mailto:poulsboson@gmail.com) or cell phone: 360-710-0167.

**Friday Night Dinners**

**January**

- 1 – No dinner – New Year's Day
- 8 - Meatloaf
- 15- Prime Rib
- 22- TBA
- 29–No dinner (Lutefisk dinner 1/30)

**Un-Decorating Day**

Come help take down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 3 at 1 p.m. Sandwiches provided when the work is done.

**Ladies Club News**

We will meet on Thursday, January 7 for our luncheon meeting. Lodge Past President David Rice will swear in the new officers. It should be another good year with lots to do. We will have to plan for our work on the lutefisk dinner, which will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. A thank you to all the Ladies who put on lunches and worked the many other events in 2015.

**The Danes are Coming!**

Monday, January 18, concert at 7:00pm, followed by dancing. Watch Facebook for details.

**2016 Coming Events**

**February**

- 6 – District 2 ski races
- Feb.6 – Installation Ball
- Feb. 12- Valentines Dinner

**March**

- 11-St Patrick Dinner
- 19- Annual (Centennial) PHS codfish dinner

**April**

- 20- Easter Egg Hunt
- ?- Spray Rib Night
- 17- Spring Clean Up Day

**May**

- 2-Leikarringen End of Year Party
- 6-Cinco De Mayo
- 10-Lodge Memorial Service
- 20-22-Viking Fest

**June**

- ?-Heritage Camp
- 17-19-Midsommer(18) final Centennial celebration

**July**

- 9?-Borderfest
- 23?-Trollhaugen Steak Fry

**August**

- 4-Ladies Club Picnic
- ?-Knudsen/Berg Golf Tournament
- 19-21-Folk Dance Stemne
- ?-District 2 Golf Tournament

**September**

- 16-Fall Fest
- ?-Dist 2 Heritage Retreat

**October**

- 7-Oktoberfest
- 16-Fall Clean up day
- 28- Halloween Dinner Party

**November**

- 11-Veteran's Appreciation Night
- 27-Lodge Decorating

**December**

- 3-Christmas Bazaar and Julefest
- 8-Ladies Club Christmas Dinner
- 21 Christmas Kaffe Stua
- 12-Children's Lucia Party
- 16-Lodge Christmas Dinner

**2016 Installation Ball**

Saturday, February 6, 2015

No-Host Social Hour - 5:00 pm  
Dinner – 6:00 pm  
Program - 7:00 pm  
Dancing - 7:30 to 10:00 pm  
Music: Buz Whiteley & Orchestra  
Dress: Semi-Formal/Smart Casual  
Menu: Choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Cod, Indicate meal selection with RSVP. Price: \$25  
RSVP & Payment: By January 15, 2016. Contact Vicky at the lodge office 360-779-5209, or Julie Swenson at 360-779-6545

Send checks to:  
Poulsbo Sons of Norway  
Attn: Installation Ball  
PO Box 653  
Poulsbo, WA 98370  
Admission by Ticket Only

**Trustee Board Position Open for 2016**

The position of Trustee is a very critical position for the lodge. There are 3 trustees, who each serve for 3 years. One is up for election each year. The Trustees are responsible for taking an annual inventory of lodge items and coordinating security volunteers for lodge rentals. This includes working with the lodge manager, training volunteers to do security and getting volunteers lined up for each rental. There is an online spreadsheet set up to track rentals and volunteers. Requests for volunteers are sent out via email and phone calls. Having a knowledge of computers (email and spreadsheets) is a highly recommended skill for this position. If you are interested in this position please contact the office 360-779-5209

## President's Message

Hilsener – Godt Nytt Ar

Greetings and Happy New Year! It is always amazing how time flies by; Christmas has come and gone and it is 2016! This will be an exciting and busy year for our lodge as we celebrate our Centennial Celebration in June...100 years for Sons of Norway Lodge # 44 in our City of Poulsbo. I am looking forward to the many events which will be happening between now and June and throughout the year!

December was a very busy month at the Lodge with the Bazaar, Julfest, Viking Jul proclamation with the Jul fire, Children's Lucia Party, Ladies Club Christmas Party, Sharenet Auction, Holiday Kaffe Stua, and Lodge Christmas Party. All these events were well attended and enjoyed by all – members and the community. I was proud of all these events and was pleased with the donation of over \$7,500.00 to Sharenet as a result of the auction organized by Doc and Vicki Casper. Mange Takk to all of our volunteers for making December a fun and joyful season. Your service throughout the year supporting our lodge, its members, and the community is truly appreciated.

We will end this first month of this new year with our traditional Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on January 30<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:00. Invite family and friends to enjoy this wonderful lodge hosted event. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this or any event, please contact the Lodge at 779-5209. Thanks to the Kodalens and Vicky Spray for heading up the organization of this lodge event. Shortly thereafter, on February 6<sup>th</sup>, will be the Installation Gala with a wonderful dinner and dancing to the big band sounds of the Buz Whiteley Band. Please come join in the festivities and thank you, Kathy Moncrief and Julie Swenson, for organizing this event which was part of early lodge history.

I am honored to serve as president of this great fraternal organization and will to the best of my ability work in supporting the mission of our Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge # 44. We have a great board made up of hardworking and caring individuals – all committed to the success of our Lodge. I personally feel the support of this great group of Lodge leaders.

Please come to the first lodge meeting of 2016 – Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM for the installation of your Officers and Board of Directors. In addition to the installation of officers and board members and our regular business meeting, we will be recognizing the **Lodge Man and Woman of the year for 2015** for their hard work and commitment to our Lodge. We will also have a performance from our Leikerringen Dancers.

I want to thank all of the officers and board members for their hard work and leadership during 2015. We have grown as a Lodge because of their commitment and hard work.

Again, I look forward to working for our Lodge and its members.

Godt Nytt Ar ... Happy New Year!

Glen Robbins

President

### Dancing

Youth Folk

Dancing

4:00pm. Monday evenings.

Call Alisha for details

(360)271-7302.

Adult folk dancing at 7:00pm.

Everyone welcome. Third

Monday dance party with Lydom, Bugge, and Hoirup from Denmark, January 18.

Donations will be accepted at the door.

Call Julie Buckel at (360)394-9698 for information.



### Library

Our Lodge library is open Mondays from 4:00pm and before lodge meetings. Check out our collections of adult and children books in English and Norwegian.

### Language Lessons

Lessons resume the week of January 11.

Monday -

4:30 – Very Beginning Norwegian. No new students accepted after October.

5:30 – Advanced Beginning

6:30 – Advanced intermediate

Thursday -

10:00am – Advanced

6:30pm – Continuing Advanced

Contact Stan Overby for more information (360)271-8127.

### Vestre Sund Mannskor

Thursday evenings at 7:30pm.

### Woodcarving

North Kitsap Woodcarvers Guild meets Thursdays in the Norse Room from 6-8pm. All levels of expertise welcome. For info, call Jeff Iller at 698-7175.

### Nordic Needleworkers

Instruction in Hardangar embroidery and help in other handwork is available. Fridays 10-1pm. Call Virginia for info. (360)930-0100.

### Ladies Book Club

Book club meets 1:00pm Tuesday, January 19, at Liberty Bay Books. This month's book is "A Man called Ove"

## January:: Januar 2016 Recruitment Challenge

Are you up for a challenge?

For the next year, your lodge is pitted against other lodges from across Sons of Norway to find the ones that best combine their ability to attract new

members and bring new ones in. Now in its third year, the 2016 Recruitment Challenge will put your lodge's skills to the test and it's up to you to help out.

You may be wondering how just one person can make a difference in a year-long contest. It's easy! Here are three simple ways you can help lead your lodge to glory!

First, it's important to remember that keeping members is just as important as recruiting new members for your lodge. Keep that in mind if you notice someone has been absent for an extended period of time. Sometimes a friendly phone call or email is a great reminder that everyone is important in the lodge.

The second tip is to always be recruiting! There's a reason for everyone to join Sons of Norway. Do you know someone who loves cooking? The cooking Cultural Skills unit might be just the right incentive to encourage someone to join. Do you know someone who loves traveling? Sons of Norway's partnerships with car rental companies, hotels and Borton Overseas can more than offset the cost of membership. It's a good idea to familiarize yourself with some of the benefits of membership on the Sons of Norway website.

The third tip follows up from the second. Try and keep a new member form handy. You never know when you'll come across someone who is interested in their genealogy or an upcoming lutefisk dinner. Let's face it: people sometimes forget. Having a membership form on hand is a great way to help someone join right away rather than hoping they'll remember later on.

What does your lodge get if it wins? \$250! That's right - the top scoring small and large lodges in each district will get \$250 to spend on whatever they see fit! The top overall large and small lodges will also appear in an issue of Viking in 2017.

Keep your eyes open for more 2016 Recruitment Challenge updates and tips throughout the year. In the meantime, you can find a copy of the complete rules online at [www.sonsofnorway.com/challenge](http://www.sonsofnorway.com/challenge).

## Celebrate Founders' Day!

Are you ready to show your Sons of Norway pride? January 16th marks Sons of Norway's Founders Day, a day to celebrate the organizations beginning and acknowledge the contributions made by 18 Norwegian immigrants back in 1895. It's an amazing thing to see how our organization, which was founded to create a social safety net for Norwegian immigrants, has grown into the largest Norwegian cultural organization in the world!

While Founders

Day is a great day to celebrate

Sons of Norway's

past, it's also an

opportunity to

celebrate where

we're headed. With

thousands of hours

dedicated to our

communities and reputation built on strong, dependable financial products,

Founders Day is the perfect time to demonstrate your pride in being a part of

Sons of Norway!

So on January 16th, don't forget to wear your Sons of Norway pins proudly!

And when anyone asks about your membership pin, explain with pride that you belong to Sons of Norway and then invite them to learn more at an upcoming lodge meeting!

## Lapskaus

Adapted from [nordicnibbler.com](http://nordicnibbler.com)

Makes 6-8 servings

- 2¾ lbs chuck steak, cut into ¾-inch pieces
- 6 large carrots, chopped into ¾-inch pieces
- ½ lb parsley roots, chopped into ¾-inch pieces
- 1½ lbs rutabaga, chopped into ¾-inch pieces
- 2¾ lbs potatoes, chopped into ½-inch cubes
- 6

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⅓ cups chicken stock

• 2 tbsp butter

• Freshly chopped parsley to garnish

• Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Brown batches of meat in a casserole pot with melted butter. Add meat, chopped vegetables and chicken stock to the pot. Season as desired with salt and pepper and bring to a boil. Skim top of stew if needed. Cover with a tight fitting lid and simmer for 2½ hours. Stir carefully so that vegetables do not break down and become mushy. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed. If stew is too dense, thin with stock or water. Serve in bowls with a sprinkle of parsley and your favorite bread.

## Sons of Norway International Grants and Scholarships

The Sons of Norway foundation awards approximately \$100,000 in grants and scholarships annually. Did you know that the Sons of Norway Foundation offers college scholarships starting at \$1,000 for current members, children or grandchildren of current members? This is a great member benefit. Have the college students in your family check out [www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation](http://www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation). We currently offer seven categories of scholarships for different areas of study. **All scholarship applications are done online.**



### District 2 Ski Races

Saturday, February 6 at Trollhaugen on Stampede pass. Registration at 9:30, races at 11:00. Ski rentals available at the lodge.  
Lunch and prizes provided. For more information see the flier on our webpage.



### Tussen Takk

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the 2015 Bazaar and Julefest a huge success. I will try to thank everyone personally, but in the meantime, please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all your hard work and helping hands. It wouldn't have been possible without you.

Mange Tusen Takk.

Julie Swenson, Bazaar Chair





Pictures from Jul Fest 2015

See more pictures from lodge events on our facebook page!



January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The lodge will be closed when North Kitsap Schools are closed due to inclement weather					1 10-1- Nordic Needle workers No Dinner	2
3 Pancake Breakfast  1:00pm – Un-Decorating day	4 4:30 Leikarringen  7:00 Adult Folk Dancin	5 10:30am -Tai Chi 5 to 7pm - Dinner 7:00pm Board Meeting	6 11am-2pm Kaffe Stua (Norwegian Luncheon)	7 6:00pm -Trivia 6:00pm-Woodcarving 7:30 V. S. Mannskor	8 10-1- Nordic Needle workers 6:00pm – Dinner-meatloaf	9
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**Welcome New Members:**

Oscar and Margaret Barbo, Lindsay Dewing, Geoffry Griswold, Dennis and Monica Jacobsen, Jacob LeBeouf, Thor Munns, Margaret Norberg. Chad Gresham, Terrilynn Griswold, Craig McGinty, Jeffrey Reeves, Bryan Rutherford, Chris Ryder and Donald Vagstad

# Merry Christmas

Marlene and I want to wish everyone a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. We are here to serve you and help you meet your Financial Needs in the coming New Year.

For **free, no obligation** review of your financial plan, please telephone me at (866) 648-8889 or email me at [tipper13@comcast.net](mailto:tipper13@comcast.net).

**Marlene Taylor**, a Charter Life Underwriter, (CLU) will be able to assist you in all of your estate planning needs. She can be contacted at 360-426-5595.

**Ralph M. Naddeo**

**Financial Benefits Counselor**

1-866-648-8889; email “ [tipper13@comcast.net](mailto:tipper13@comcast.net)”.

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