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Board Meetings

Third Tuesday at 6:30
Zoom Board Meeting
All members are invited

Regular Meetings

September – May
4th Monday each
month at 6:30 PM

Columbian Hall
6794 Martin Way E
Olympia, WA 98516

Need directions?

Have a question about an upcoming meeting or event?

Contact Jim This
360-870-5820

Next Meeting
Columbian Hall
April 28, 2025
6:30 PM

Fra Presidenten



Hallo!

If it's April it must be time for Norway Day. This much anticipated event will take place on Saturday, April 19th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Thurston County Fairgrounds. It is an opportunity for us to share Norwegian culture, crafts and food with our neighbors – and it is the prime fund raiser for the Lodge.

We need everyone to help by baking, setting up, staffing the food line and cleaning up. Please make sure you let Joanne know how you can help. We really need all of us to help continue the success of this event. And don't forget to tell your family and neighbors to stop by.

Our April membership meeting (Monday April 28th) will focus on "Finding Your Roots." Jon Halvorson and Linda Fialkowski will share insights on how to trace your family roots back to Norway. We'll have a map and stickers for you to identify where your ancestors are from. It will be interesting to see how many different parts of Norway are represented.

On May 19th we'll celebrate Constitution Day (Syttende Mai) with a dinner and special program at The Hub at Ricardo's in Lacey. A No-Host cocktail bar will be available starting at 6:00 pm, with dinner served at 6:30 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$10 for members and \$30 for guests. Make your payment to Joanne by April 30th.

Vi sees i April!

Jim

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**Hovedstad Lodge Membership Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025**

Jon Halvorson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.; 27 attendees were present

Introduction of Guests

Approval of Minutes - Kevan Hagen motioned to accept the February meeting minutes as distributed in the newsletter, Mike Masters seconded it.

Financial Reports - Joanne Gray, Treasurer presented the financial report.

Investment Report - Kevan Hagen, Trustee reported on our Edward Jones Account.

Officer Reports

Jon Halvorson, Vice President; 131 current members

Betsy Hagen, Secretary – nothing to report

Sue Girsch, Cultural Director – nothing to report

Deirdre Bissonnette, Social Director – upcoming programs include: April – genealogy (Jon and Linda), May 17 brings a field trip to Poulsbo and May 19 will be our Constitution Day banquet. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Linda Fialkowski, Counselor – Scholarship reminder: no applications have been received at this time. All information and qualifications are available online. Oly Sons of Norway.org The information is also available in the newsletter. Deadline is the April meeting. Scholarships will be awarded in May.

New Business

Norway Day – April 19, Joanne provided an update about this annual event. Volunteers are still needed for set-up on April 18 and bakers are always welcome. Please contact Joanne if you can help, 360.923.1242

Mark Sterk offered a Language Lesson tonight – we learned: “Excuse me, do you understand English?” and “Excuse me, do you understand Norwegian?”

Our lodge has a new website. Stay tuned for additional information.

Calendar of Events:

Zone 4 Seminar – April 12

Zoom Board Meeting – April 15

Norway Day – April 19

Membership Meeting – April 28

Field Trip to Poulsbo – May 17

Constitution Day Dinner – May 19

Closing

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tonight’s Program (this was based on the annual interest survey):

Attendees were treated to demonstrations on making lefse, waffles, rosettes, and krumkake. Everyone was very enthusiastic in sampling all of the offerings!

FROM NORWAY TO NORTH AMERICA

It is estimated there are more than 5 million people of Norwegian descent living across the U.S. and Canada today. When separated from their homeland by oceans, what better way for these Norwegian descendants to reconnect with their roots than raising a glass of the same beer their ancestors enjoyed centuries ago?

Thanks to Norwegian Beverage Co., this impactful experience is now possible. Based in Belgrade, Montana, Norwegian Beverage Co. is committed to bringing the one-of-a-kind beer to the North American market. Norwegian Beverage Co. was founded in 2023 by Jørn Marki and Duke Johnson. Distributing a variety of canned and bottled Aass (pronounced awes) beer, Norwegian Beverage Co. is excited to bring a taste of home to those with Norwegian roots, and to spread the unique and signature taste of Norwegian beer to beer lovers abroad.

Contributed by Sue Girsch



olysonsofnorway.org **Hovedstad Lodge Has a Website!** olysonsofnorway.org

Olympia's Hovedstad Lodge now has a website! President Jim This launched it this month. You will find a wealth of information on a variety of topics: the history of the Lodge; the mission of the lodge and The Sons of Norway; the governing documents of the Lodge; a calendar of events for this season; information about the upcoming Norway Day; notes on scholarship offerings, charitable giving, and field trips offered this season. You will find all of this at olysonsofnorway.org.
Check it out!



 **17th Annual**
NORWAY DAY
And Other Nordic Countries
April 19, 2025 10-4
Thurston Co. Fairgrounds, Olympia, WA
There's SO MUCH more to Norway than Lutefisk and lefse!
Music, Vikings, Fjord Horses, Norwegian Elkhounds, Giftware, Nordic Café, Bake Sale, Crafts, Artwork, Genealogy, & So Much More!
Bake Sale 10:00—Noon
Café 10:00—2:00


Artwork courtesy of Sharon Namoff Decker
www.nordicfolklore.com
Sponsored by Sons of Norway, Hovedstad Lodge & Daughters of Norway, Prillar Guri Lodge

Admission \$5.00—
Children under 12, Free with adult
www.OlympiaNorwayDay.com

We need you!



Calling all you cookie bakers and lefse makers. April 19th is our Norway Day and our bake sale and café are a vital part of the day. **You** are important to the success of the day. We never have enough home baked goodies as they sell out quickly. So dig out those cookie sheets and lefse griddles and help.



Vesterdalen Lodge Nordic Fest

Saturday, May 10, 2025

10:00 – 3:00

Vesterdalen Lodge is once again hosting Nordic Fest at Messiah Lutheran Church, 410 H St NE, Auburn WA 98002. We will have numerous Vendors, a Bake Sale, Food Service, Demonstrations, Gently Used Items, Silent auction and Music. There will be a \$3 admission charge. Children 10 and under are free. We look forward to seeing you there!

Norway Day Baking Party

The bake sale at Norway Day is very popular, and requires a good deal of baked goods. Toward that end some Sons and Daughters of Norway got together recently for a Lefse-baking party. Thanks to Sons Mark Sterk, Terry Larson, Deirdre Bissonnette, Mike Masters, Linda Fialkowski, and Joanne Gray, and Daughters Andrea Kvernvik, Jane Howard, Judi Hambrick, Majel Boudia, Pat Baxter, and Lori Steen!



Mark Sterk shows off his Lefse making skills

Scandinavian Baking—March Lodge Meeting



Terry Larson, Joanne Gray, and Linda Fialkowski at the Lefse station



Mark and Nancy Sterk shared their Rosette expertise



Kevan Hagen filled us with heart waffles and lingonberries

At our March general membership meeting, after we got the business meeting out of the way, we got down to the business of baking and tasting a variety of Scandinavian treats. Members had the chance to make and sample lefse, krumkake, rosettes, and heart waffles with lingonberry jam. Some folks got some hands-on experience, while some just enjoyed the results of the makings. Thanks to Terry Larson, Joanne Gray, Linda Fialkowski, Dierdre Bissonnette, Mark and Nancy Sterk, and Kevan and Betsy Hagen for providing the resources and manning the baking stations. It was a yummy get-together! Join us on April 28, 6:30 pm, at Columbian Hall, for a tutorial by Jon Halvorson and Linda Fialkowski on Norwegian heritage genealogy.

Join us for two ways to celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day—Syttende Mai!

Saturday, May 17th: Charter Bus to Viking Days in Poulsbo, WA—payment due by April 30

10:30AM: Meet at Lacey Park & Ride at 4800 Martin Way

Let us do the driving. Save your gas and parking woes! Join us on a comfortable charter bus and get dropped off close to the action in Poulsbo, WA. Lunch, vendors, entertainment, and the big parade are all on the agenda.

6:00PM: Arrive back at Lacey Park and Ride

\$25 each, paid in advance, covers transportation and parking only. Please plan to pay for lunch and incidentals.

Monday, May 19th: Banquet at the Hub at Ricardo's, Lacey, WA—payment due by April 30

6:00-8:00PM: The Hub at Ricardo's in Lacey, 676 Woodland Square Loop.

Join us for a plated dinner catered by Ricardo's. Your choice of Chicken Parm or Veal Piccata. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and entertainment. Local musicians Jeff and Jane Anderson will join us on the fiddle and accordion. The banquet will take the place of our usual membership meeting.

\$10 each for Sons of Norway Member

\$30 each for Guests

Pay Online: <https://olympia-sons-of-norway.square.site/>

We're offering online payment for these two events. If you'd prefer to pay with cash or check, you can do that at the April General Membership meeting or by sending your payment to the Treasurer:

Joanne Gray, 9205 Northwood Dr SE, Olympia, WA 98513

Deadline for registration and payment is due April 30, 2025.

Contributed by Dierdre Bissonnette

Celebrate With Us!

*Happy
Norway
Constitution Day*

Monday, May 19, 2025

The Hub at Ricardo's

676 Woodland Square Loop SE

Lacey, WA 98503

No-Host Bar: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Lodge Members: \$10.00

Non-Members: \$30.00

Give Joanne your cash or check by April 30th to reserve your seat.

Or try our new online payment option:

<https://olympia-sons-of-norway.square.site/>



Scholarships Still Available!



There are scholarship monies still available from our Lodge. Don't leave this money on the table!!

Hovedstad offers scholarships for continuing education or vocational training, plus scholarships for our District 2 Youth Camps. For eligibility requirements and applications, contact Scholarship Chair, Ken Fialkowski, longlakeken@gmail.com, or visit our website,

olysonsofnorway.org

The Hovedstad scholarship application deadline is April 28, 2025.

Mark Your Calendar

April 15— 6:30 Zoom Board Meeting

April 19—10-4 **Norway Day**, Thurston County Fairgrounds

April 28— 6:30 General Meeting

May 10—10-4 Vesterdalen Lodge Nordic Fest, Auburn

May 16-18— Viking Fest in Poulsbo

May 17— **Hurra Syttende Mai!** 6PM Parade in Ballard

May 17—10:30-6:00 Field Trip to Viking Fest—Meet at Lacey Park and Ride

May 19—6:00 Constitution Day dinner, The Hub at Ricardo's, Lacey

Check out our new website! olysonsofnorway.org



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