



THE RUNESTONE



News from the Sons of Norway Lodge Fedrelandet #23, Petersburg, AK

Spring 2024 



UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

April 21 - Blessing of the Fleet. 2-4pm. Co-hosted by our Sons Lodge and the Petersburg Ministerial Association. We provide the hall and the cookies/veggies/coffee for the community. The Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association (PVOA) provides the floral wreath.

April 27 - Annual Litter Pick-up. 11am. Our area is from Hungry Point to Sandy Beach. Meet at Sally Dwyer's house (618 Sandy Beach Road) – the mid-way point, and go in either direction from there.

May 8 - Lodge/Hall business meeting. 6:30pm. All are welcome.

May 13 - Cookie baking for the Little Norway Festival Kaffe Hus. 2-5pm (more info later).

May 16 – Set-up/decorating and salad making for the Little Norway Festival Bunad Style Show. 10am.

- Pre-ticket sales for the Little Norway Festival Bunad Style Show. 12-2pm.

May 17 – Little Norway Festival Bunad Style Show Luncheon. 9am for kitchen help: platers, servers, and clean-up (contact [Sally Dwyer](mailto:SallyDwyer@petersburgsons.org) 907-518-0601).

- We need models for the show (contact [Glo Wollen](mailto:GloWollen@petersburgsons.org) 907-518-4062).



May 17 – Little Norway Festival Parade. Members follow the Valhalla ship. Wear your bunads, Norske sweaters, or just join in, wave a flag and smile at the crowd. 3:45pm lineup at Petersburg IGA.

2024 Officers

President	Sally Dwyer
VP	Stephanie Thynes
Secretary	Briana Drury
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Secretary	Sharon Wikan
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Director	Ambre Burrell
Cultural	
Director	Brandi Thynes
Head	
Trustee	Wendell Gilbert
Trustees:	Tom Rockne , Jim Swainson , Troy Larson , Dave Berg , Carolyn Kvernvik
Assistant	
Secretary	Tina Buschmann
Counselor	Robert Larson
Historian	Jill Williams
Sunshine	Sylvia Larson
Musician	Sue Paulsen
Newsletter	Robin Roberts
Greeters	Glo Wollen
	Family , Heidi Lee

May 17 – Sandwich prep for Little Norway Festival Kaffe Hus. Early evening. Help prep for the 800 sandwiches to be made Saturday morning. We need 25 heads of lettuce washed/fringed, 240 eggs boiled/peeled, parsley snipped and halibut baked/flaked. If you have chickens and want the leftover lettuce, stop by. Call Sally Dwyer (907-518-0601) if you can help.

May 18 – Sandwich Making Crew (need at least 20 helpers!) for Little Norway Festival Kaffe Hus. 6-9am. Call Sally Dwyer (907-518-0601) if you can help with this huge part of the Kaffe Hus experience.

May 29 – Sons of Norway Convention in Coeur d’Alene, ID. Four delegates will attend, plus Sally Dwyer on District 2 Board.



Letter from the President

As you can see from the calendar of events above, we are VERY busy during the next two months, and we need all hands-on-deck volunteering here and there to make this all work smoothly, and so too much work doesn’t fall on a very few shoulders. If you are new to the Lodge and see something you are interested in, please contact the contact listed or the Chair for that month (see list at the end of the Newsletter) - they will appreciate another pair of hands to help.

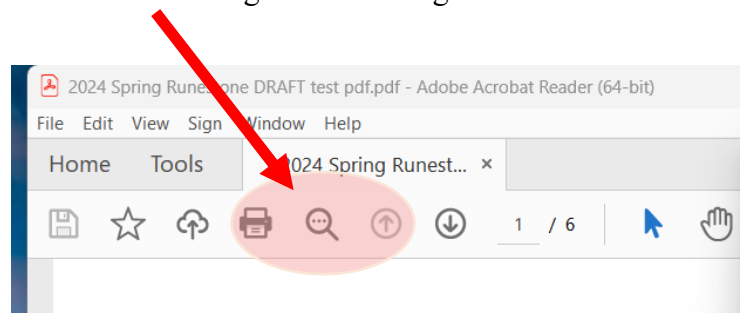
We are initiating a few new things that we hope you will all enjoy. Our newsletter editor, Robin wants lots of input and photos throughout the year to make this interesting and fun, so please contribute.
Fraternally, Sally Norheim Dwyer, President, Fedrelandet #23

How Does Our Lodge Make Events Happen??



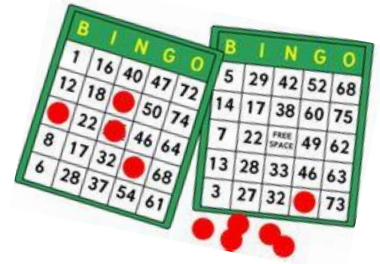
As Sally Dwyer points out, we have a very busy Lodge with many events throughout most of the year. Often, the Lodge puts out a call for volunteers to help out for something specific, but there is also a way for us to spread the work among all our members. On the last three pages of this newsletter, you’ll find a roster of members and Chairpersons for each month (except summer), and the officers have assigned each Lodge member to a particular month. To find the month where you’ve been assigned, go to the tool bar at the top of this PDF document, and look for the magnifying glass icon (highlighted here in red). Click on that, and type your last name into the search box. It should take you to the month where you name appears.

If the month we have you listed does not work with your schedule, please contact Lila Trask at 907-518-0067 to change to a different month. Please let your month’s Chairperson know as well.



Bingo Help

Bingo is held nearly every Friday night at 7pm. The funds raised pay for a lot of the upkeep and bills for the Lodge. Your donations of food are also always appreciated, and help make the evenings more fun for all. Come play with us!



What's In a Name?



Do you know why our Lodge is called “Fedrelandet”? It literally means "fatherland" as in mother country or "the homeland." History of the fraternal side of the Sons of Norway organization is rooted in sponsorship back in the day. As with most countries, Norwegian immigrants needed American citizens to sponsor them in case issues came up, and we also had a lot of migrant workers - men who would work in the fishing industry and either send their money back home to their families or bring it back with them every few years. Our lodge (building) was really the only large gathering place our community had, so of course it was the location most connection to the "motherland." By the second generation, ties to the old country were starting to fade so our local Lodge was/is where most learn the culture they identify with. Our lodge was the 23rd that formally organized, so we became Fedrelandet #23, and we belong to the 2nd District in the Sons of Norway organization. *Thanks to Glo Wollen for the history lesson!*

Missing!!

The Lodge parade Banner - a 6' x 3' red nylon banner announcing our lodge “Fedrelandet #23” is missing. It traditionally leads the lodge members following right behind the Valhalla ship in the Sytennde Mai parade at the Little Norway Festival. It was made by Glo Wollen for us and has been missing since the pandemic. Please check all those hidden place things get lost in, such as your garage, behind the seat in a vehicle, a closet or top shelf in the basement. We would love to continue using it as part of our heritage, letting people know who we are. If found, please contact Sally Dwyer or Glo Wollen. It would be great to use it again!



Bunads



please text or call Stephanie Thynes (907-518-4065).

All bunads have been mended for now and ready for the dancing season. We're just finishing up the last few knicker repairs. We are happy to add six new Leikkarring blue vests, and will continue next year! Many thanks to Kris Kissinger, Carol Kandoll, Anne Loesch, Alice Merrill, Sandy Volk, Sue Flint, and Stephanie Thynes for the help with the new vests.

If you have any pewter buttons or clasps that you'd like to donate we'd be happy to take them off your hands.

We always need volunteers for mending, if interested

Members Corner - *An interview with Roxy Lee*

Q - How long have you been a member of Sons of Norway?

A – I've been a member for over 50 years. My husband Harold was a member before me. His father (also Harold) came over from Norway to Petersburg in 1902. He was one of the original members.

Q – Why did you join Sons of Norway?

A – It was a good social outing and a great opportunity to share wonderful meals with old friends and welcome new friends.

Q – If you could change one thing about our lodge, what would it be?

A – I think I really have two things. First, we need to do more to encourage younger members to get involved. Second, we need to recognize the members who work with our kids (for example our dancers) as well as the kids who participate.

Q – What do you like best about being a member?

A – It keeps our traditions alive by our older members sharing their "How To" do things. For example: How to make lefse, how to make krumkake, and how to say or sing our prayer in Norwegian.



THE RUNESTONE RECIPE BOX

Scandinavian Almond Bars

From the collection of Sally Dwyer



These are great cookies when you are in a hurry and need them quickly, they look nice too! Yum! A favorite at the Dwyer's.

1-3/4 cups flour	2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup butter, softened	1-cup sugar
1 egg	1/2 tsp. almond extract
1/4 tsp. salt	1/2 cup sliced almonds, broken up a bit
Milk	Almond Icing (see below)

Preheat oven to 325. Stir together flour, baking powder and salt, set aside. Beat butter on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add sugar; beat until combined. Beat in egg and almond extract. Add flour mixture; beat until combined.

Divide dough into 4 equal sections. Form each portion into a 12" long roll. Place 2 rolls 3-4 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten each roll until it is approx. 2" wide, repeat with other 2 rolls on another pan. Brush flattened rolls lightly with milk and sprinkle with broken, sliced almonds. Bake one sheet at a time for 12-15 minutes or until just golden on the edges. Let sit 3-5 minutes then slice about 3/4-1" wide on the diagonal. (I use a pizza cutter.) Transfer to wire racks and cool. When cool, drizzle with icing (I put a sheet of waxed paper underneath to catch the extra).

Almond Icing - mix the following to drizzling consistency, but not too runny

3/4 cup powdered sugar	1/4 tsp. almond extract
2-4 tsp. milk	

I put the glaze in a baggie and cut the tip off, then drizzle in a zigzagging all-over motion. Let them set, break apart if needed and store in an airtight container, separating the layers with waxed paper.





Sons of Norway District Information

Our Lodge is part of District 2 (Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska) in the overall Sons of Norway organization. The District hosts various events in those states, so if you're traveling you might be able to take advantage of them. Check it all out on the District 2 web site [HERE](#). These are just a couple of highlights.



The Scandinavian Hour

with your host
Seth Tufteland



Saturday & Sunday 6:00-7:00am, Saturday 9:00-10am

Stream us online at <https://1150kknw.com/listen-online>

Visit our website at www.thescandinavianhour.org

Music, News, & Interviews for the Scandinavian Community

NORDIC HERITAGE DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

1:10 P.M.

vs.



CELEBRATING OUR NORDIC COMMUNITY

Join us at T-Mobile Park for Nordic Heritage Day on August 25 as we celebrate the impact of the Nordic Community here in the Pacific Northwest. With this special offer, \$8 of every ticket sold will benefit the Sons of Norway Foundation and its efforts to share and preserve Nordic heritage by providing scholarships, cultural exchange opportunities, disaster relief, and funding for community programs.

TICKET PRICES

MAIN \$52
VIEW \$35



TO BUY TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO CALL OR VISIT

(206) 346-4504 | WWW.MARINERS.COM/NORDIC





Sons of Norway Committee List for 2024/25

January 2025 Committee

Chair: Gerry & Knut Frostad

Co-Chair: Glo Wollen

Events: New Member Dinner (Date TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Wed: 6:30 pm

Veronica Carter
& Jane Slater

Holli & Casey Flint

Knut & Gerry Frostad

Scott & Lin Horchover

Ryan Littleton
& Tessa Bergmann,
Cedar, Denali

Mike & Barb Luhr

Bruce & Barb Marifern

Sam Marifern

Lenore Mathisen

Erin Michaels

Jason & Vanessa Miller,
Gianna, Isabella
Sophia, Victoria

Marlena & Brian Newman

Bob & Niccole Olsen

Heather O'Neil

Megan O'Neil
& Troy Thynes

Liv Pershon

Robin & Jim Roberts

Dave & Tanya Somerville

Rexanne Stafford

Dick & Bridget Walsh

Glo Wollen,
Sigrid, Arne

March 2025 Committee

Chair: Officers

Events: Meatball Palooza (Date TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Wed: 6:30 pm

Josh Adams & Lisa Schramek,
Erik

Greg & Lisa Browning,
Zane & Linda Krapu

Dick Eide

Jeff & Susan Erickson

Carl R. & Judy Forgey

Carl G. Forgey & Jill Copeland,
Taralynn

Heidi Lee

Troy Larson

Don & Alice Merrill
Jeanette Ness

Al & Shannon Peeler

Brittany & Mikalai

Potrizuski

Dylan Swainson

Jim Swainson

& Mary Ellen Anderson

Paul & Holly Winje

Tula Bell

February 2025 Committee

Chairs: Grant Trask, Bob Martin & Neil Newlun

Lefse Chair: Lila Trask

Events: Lutefisk Dinner (Date TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Wed: 6:30 pm

Katy Brantuas
Craig & Nancy Curtiss

Stuart & Katie Eddy

Hakon, Soren

Sean Griss

Sarah & Randy Holmgren

Alex, Arya

Craig Olson

Orin Pierson

Jeff & Lana Pfundt

Jimmy & Carrie Martinsen

Aaron & Katrina Miller,
Mette, Rikka, Sarissa,

Glenn Reid

Jeff Robinson

Bev Siercks

Tommy Thompson

Anna, Soren

Jody & David Tow

Kurt & Sheri Wohlheuter

April 2024 Committee

BOF Co-Chairs: Sally Dwyer, Yvonne Thynes

Litter Pickup Chair:

Events: Spring Litter Pick up & Blessing
of the Fleet (weather permitting TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Wed: 6:30 pm

Dick Aho

Devron Bennett

Pat Blair

& Jeanine Sicard

Michelle Brock

Vicki Curtiss

Bob Dolan

Rocky Littleton

& Marva Reid

Heidi & Jack Lyons

Hillary MacDonald

Brooklyn, Madi Whitethorn

Matthew Pallisard

Carson & Sonja Paul,

Henry, Mason

Brian Paust

Brian & Hannah Smith

Lloyd & Yvonne Thynes

Tom Westof

Patty Zorich

May 2024 Committee

Style Show Co-Chairs: Sally Dwyer & Glo Wollen

Kaffe Hus Chair: Bridget Wittstock

Events: Style Show (5/17) & Kaffe Hus (5/18)

Monthly Business Meeting: 1st Weds 6:30 pm

Rick & Sue Braun
Doug & Lana Corl
Clyde & Jean Curry
Charles & Dominique Davis
Briana & Don Drury
Merilee Enge,
Marit Frost
Julia Evens
Norm & Lynda Fredricksen
Dick Greseth
Signe Haltiner
Kelsey Hammer
& Camille Hammer
Chuck & Cathy Harris
John Hoag & Debbie Downs
Mark Jensen
Tim & Polly Koeneman
Sheryl Leekley
Jenny Martens
Larry & Julie Martin
Morris & Cathy Mattson
Shannon McCullough
Debi & Dan McMahan
April Miller

Margaret Newlun
Natalie Nicholson
& Michael Reid
Ladd & Brenda Norheim
Chris & Elizabeth Nyssen,
Sofie, Sten
Judy Ohmer
Helmer & Annette Olson
Sue Paulsen
Tracey Reid
Jeff Rice & Liz Cabrera
Karen Rosvold
Audrey Samuelson
Mark & Karen Severson
Floyd & Barbara Strand
Stacey Thorsen
Jackie Tyson
Naomi Welde
Bridget Wittstock
& Scott May
Gillian & Kjell
Naomi Youngberg

Fall (Sept/Oct) 2024 Committee

Chairs: Ambre Burrell & Brandi Thynes

Co-Chair: Sally Dwyer-setup

Event: Potato Ball & Ham Dinner (Date TBA)

Monthly Business Meetings: 2nd Weds 6:30 pm

William & Joyce Bergmann
Steve Berry
Dave Burleigh
Sig & Ambre Burrell,
Svea, Brandt
Daniel & Robyn Cardenas
Doug & Cathy Cronlund
Ty & Martha Cummins
Josh Etcher
Harley Ethelbah
Roger & Jean Hammer
Robert & Sylvia Larson
Tore Lenz
Mara Lenz
Andi Payne
Ken & Stacy Madsen

Phil Meeks
Terry & Karil Miller
Mike & Kay Schwartz
Rob Schwartz
Sue Short
Barb Steltz
Mark Sturgeon
Brandi Thynes
Chuck & Steph Thynes
Steve Thynes
Ted Thynes
Sam & Trish Titterington
Mike Wiegand
& Kaitlin Willis
Sharon Wikan
Vava Wikan

Summer Break...

Suggested Events:

*June: Summer Solstice

*July: 4th of July

November 2024 Committee

Chairs: Wendel & Rhoda Gilbert

Event: Harvest Potluck, Ski for Light (TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Weds 6:30 pm

Dave & Nancy Berg
Michelle Cameron
Josh & Heather Conn,
Kennedy
Charlie & Diane Christensen
Charlie, Anders
Larry & Larine Dunham
Rick & Barb Fish
Jim & Maureen Floyd
Brad & Sharon Hunter
Andy & Stacy Kittams
Mickey Knight

Chris & Samai Kegans,
Chelsea, Melisa
Kristy McConville
Pat & Bennett McGrath
Cindy Moyer
Lanette & Veronica
Odegaard
Joe Short
John & Karen Tucker
Stewart Vick
Theresa Vick
John & Sheri Wikan
Ken & Vivian Yuen

December 2024 Committee

Decorating Chair: Kurt Kvernvik

Julbord Chair: Janet Kvernvik

Contests Chair: Cynthia & Sig Mathisen

Julbuk Chair: Sally Dwyer

Bazaar Chairs: Rhoda Gilbert & Sally Dwyer

Events: Julbord, Seafood Contest, Bazaar
& Julbuking (Dates TBA)

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Weds 6:30 pm

Curt Birchell

Greg Birchell

& Diane Otness

Desi & Steve Burrell

Ronn & Tina Buschmann

Chris Buschmann

& Devynn Johnson

Ethan Bryner

Darcy Caples

John & Kirsten Dupree

Paul & Ayla Dupree

Jim Edgars & Alisa Jestel

Kathy Emmeneger,

Jack Engell

Chris & Tamara Evens

Craig & Ginger Evens

Dave Evens

Tom Rockne

Mike & Cheryl File

Michael, Ethan, Noah

Sue Flint

Mark Hofstad

Patrice Huettl

Scott & Julie Hursey

Carolyn Kvernvik

& Aaron Phillips

Kurt & Janet Kvernvik,

Adanna

Nico Larson

Pia Rogers

Cindy Rogers

Terry & Darcel Schouweiler

Matt Short

& Kendra Speh

Gary Slaven

Rob & Teri Swanson

Kole Sperl

Troy Thomassen

& Leah Vick,

Sam, Ivar

Nick Versteeg

& Haley Short

Laife Weathers

Saphire, Valon

Luke Whitehorn

Schedule Conflicts:

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