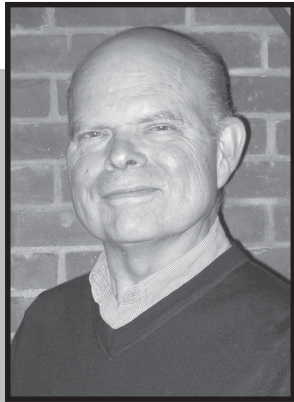




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International Order of Runeberg Supreme Board President's Message



Greetings to our members in Canada, Finland, and USA.

Well, here we are in June, with summer, and, of course, Juhannus, a national holiday in Finland, fast approaching on June 21st! Maybe you will be celebrating Midsummer with a Midsummer Festival bonfire, as is done in Finland and other Scandinavian countries. The Vancouver Scandinavian Community Centre and the Fairfield Connecticut Scandinavian Club have activities planned for a Midsummer Festival weekend, and I'm sure many other locations are also celebrating. The IOR Board wishes all our members a fun-filled Midsummer celebration.

Convention information:

Vancouver Lodge has a committee working hard to plan and welcome lodge delegates to our IOR International Convention

2014 Vancouver/Burnaby, BC, August 15–16. I, and I'm sure all our members, appreciate this effort to make visiting lodges' delegates welcome in Vancouver.

Our website has a page dedicated to providing convention information. The convention in-

formation page is easily accessible from our website's "Home" page: www.orderofruneberg.org

The IOR Board hopes that all lodges will send delegates to the convention. It is also hoped that delegates will take on the respon-

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COUNT DOWN!

To the

ORDER OF RUNEBERG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2014

—Hosted by VANCOUVER LODGE #124

AT THE Scandinavian Community Centre

6540 Thomas Street • Burnaby, B.C., CANADA

ARE YOU READY?

1. Sunglasses, suntan lotion
2. Map to Centre, phone #, etc.
3. Canadian currency if you are coming from the USA
4. Valid Passport—USA visitors only
5. Reservations made at a local hotel
6. If a delegate—Delegate Credentials
7. Information from local lodge for Proposals discussion/voting

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Convention is Here

This issue of the paper has a lot of information about the convention. Most important is the registration form on page 15, which must be returned to Lorene Mara by July 15 so the convention committee can finish their planning. If you are going as a delegate, you will need a properly filled out credentials form. There is an example of the form on page 13. And, of course, if you are coming from the USA, you will need a valid passport. Be sure to take note of the convention schedule on page 3 and the proposals for discussion on page 14. All the information in this paper about the convention is also available at the website www.orderofruneberg.org.

This issue also has the scholarship winners for 2014. This year four scholarships were presented instead of the normal three. This was due to some very generous contributions to the scholarship fund this past year. Congratulations to all the winners!

—DH

President's Message

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sibilities associated with conference participation, such as active participation in a conference committee and willingness to be nominated to an IOR Board position. Most importantly, we'd like to have convention participation from all lodges.

Form for convention delegates credentials:

For the convenience of lodges sending delegates to the convention we have placed a copy of the Credentials form, as specified in the IOR Constitution & Bylaws, on the above mentioned Convention information page. Alternatively, lodges may create their own form, as long as the form follows the format shown in the Constitution & Bylaws. The form should be filled out and signed by the lodge President and Sec-

retary. The delegate presents the form at conference registration.

As always, I continue to encourage lodges to take advantage of their lodge's web page on our website. Have you checked your lodge's web page? Does it reflect accurate up-to-date lodge information (meetings schedule, meeting locations?) Is there information to encourage potential new members to contact the lodge? If your lodge would like information posted on your lodge's web page, email or call me (my contact information is on our website). For Lodge #124, Vancouver, BC, send your lodge information directly to Shea Teixeira.

I hope to see many of you at the Vancouver Convention.

Stew Lyons



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COUNT DOWN!

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Welcome! Vancouver Lodge #124 is ready and waiting for your arrival. We have an exciting convention planned and are looking forward to hosting you at our International Convention.

On Friday, registration day, a fun event of mini-golf is planned, which will take place right at the Centre. It is organized for young and old so please join in the fun after you have registered for the convention. This will also be a time to mingle with Lodge #124 members and catch up with old acquaintances and also to renew friendships.

If you are a voting delegate, come prepared by knowing your local Lodge wishes. This will assist you in making informed decisions.

As is the custom, hard-working and deserving members are recognized. Please ask your local Lodge to submit names of deserving members for recognition. If the member nominated is unable to attend, they may still be recognized as an important lodge member, without being in attendance. The name(s) can be submitted at the registration desk upon arrival or forwarded beforehand to Lorene Mara, Convention Chair.

Sunday breakfast is not included in the registration fee. However, the committee has organized a breakfast at a local hotel where the majority of members will be staying. (Exact details will be available at the time of the convention.) The price will be nominal and it is hoped that as many convention participants as possible will be able to attend. This is a fitting conclusion to the weekend's activities.

Every Vancouver member is looking forward to your arrival. It is our wish that all members, both from far and near, will include this event on their summer calendar.

COME AND ENJOY

Order Of Runeberg International Convention 2014

Schedule Of Events:

Friday, August 15 Registration Day 1–5 P.M.

At The Scandinavian Centre

Come and Mingle Awhile ... Not Attending All Events? – Still Join in the Festivities Whenever You Can, As We Welcome Guests from Far and Near.

Mini Golf – A “Just for Fun” Event for Any and Everyone – Ages One To One Hundred ... Fun, Prizes, and Lots of Surprises! Never Held a Golf Club in Your Life? Well, Here is Your Golden Opportunity! Absolutely No Experience Necessary. Lots of Advice and Help Provided—No Equipment Needed Just a Fun-Loving Spirit.

Executive Board Meeting

3–4 P.M. Norwegian Room

Saturday, August 16, Scandinavian Centre

Registration for Latecomers 8–9 A.M.

Hospitality Lounge

International Meeting

9 A.M. Main Hall

Coffee Break

Catered Lunch

Group Picture

Continuing Meeting—Tentative Completion 3 P.M.

Social 6:30 P.M.

Evening Banquet 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 17, 2014

No-Host Breakfast 9:00 A.M.

Venue To Be Announced

All Members Are Invited To Attend

Water, Juice, Coffee, And Light Refreshments Will Be Provided “On Going” Throughout The Day.

Scholarship Donation Report

The International Order of Runeberg Scholarship Fund has received the following donations since the last report in September 2013.

Dec. 2013 San Francisco Lodge #104	\$2000.00
Feb. 2014 New Haven Lodge #205	100.00
March Tor and Etel Rosback	
in Memory of Jim Agnew	30.00
Seattle Lodge #101	3000.00
Total in Scholarship Fund May 25, 2014	\$6541.53

Thank you for these generous donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please make your checks out to the International Order of Runeberg Scholarship Fund and send them to:

Janet Anderson, Financial Secretary
6094 Myrtle Avenue
Eureka, CA 95503

Lorene Mara
Scholarship Chairman



LODGE NEWS



Lodge #106 Tacoma, Washington

Saturday, May 17, 2014

The meeting was opened at 11:30 a.m. by Marita Agnew, President of Tacoma Lodge #106, who welcomed those members who were present. We had 31 people present, which included both new and regular members.

Our President Marita was happy to announce that we received a new member, Kathleen

Mason (daughter of the president). Kathleen had been a member of the Portland, Oregon, Runebergs when she was a child. Welcome to Tacoma Lodge #106. Kathleen is the daughter of the late James L. Agnew.

Also, we have are happy to announce that we have a replacement treasurer for Lodge #106, Marilyn Thompson. Thank you, Marilyn, for taking that position.

President Marita turned the meeting over to Vice President Ed Brannfors, who gave us an update on the IOR Convention in Burnaby, B.C., in August.

Kathleen (Agnew) Mason's address is P.O. Box 601, Battleground, WA 98604.

After the meeting we all enjoyed a nice lunch brought by all the members present. We do enjoy each other's company each time we meet.

Our next get-together will be held at Carolyn Nelson's place on Clear Lake on Sunday, July 20, starting at 12:00 o'clock noon. Welcome to all of you. See you there!

Marita P. Agnew

President Tacoma #106



Order of Runeberg Tacoma Lodge #106 President Marita's 80th Birthday surrounded by family members: children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren of all ages with several that were not present.

Marita turned 80 April 12, 2014.



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Marita Agnew enjoyed 90 roses given to her by a dear friend of Jim and Marita. The vases are actually milk cans from Marita's grandmother's home in Munsala.



From left: Kathleen Mason, Signe-Anita Lindgren from Åbo, Finland; David Agnew, Sten-Erik Andreassen, Bill Agnew, Karlyn Andreassen, Marita Agnew



Picture taken from the Agnew porch of David Agnew at 8543 Sweetbrier Loop SE, Olympia, WA. Picture taken February 8, 2014, by Marita Agnew

Marita Agnew, President of Tacoma Lodge #106, and Marilyn Thompson, Treasurer of Tacoma Lodge #106. Larry Kronquist of Tacoma Lodge #106 took picture on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the SFHS Luncheon in Seattle





LODGE NEWS



Lodge #205 New Haven, Connecticut

The New Haven lodge held its traditional “St. Urho’s Day” celebration on Saturday, March 15, at the home of Glenn and Sandy Havumaki. Our annual St. Urho Day celebration has been a very popular and fun-filled event. Glenn and Sandy were wonderful hosts. They provided wonderful St. Urho’s Day decorations using the traditional St. Urho’s Day colors of Nile-green and royal-purple. Members brought their favorite hors d’oeuvres or dessert. Of course, the evening would not be complete without the reciting of the “Ode to Saint Urho.” The St. Urho’s Day celebration photos may be viewed in color via the Lodge #205 page of the Runeberg website: www.orderofruneberg.org—then select the L205 page, then click on the “St. Urho’s Day 2014” button.



Inke’s fresh oysters were very popular, as Marjatta is bout to confirm!

Summer Picnic 2014



*Clockwise from foreground:
Sirpa Lessig,
Marjatta Rautionmaa,
Dottie Bjork,
Annamari Wales,
Doug Davie,
Liisa Lindholm,
Tuula Berke,
Kaarina Lyons,
& David Lessig*



*L-R: Donna &
Tim Connell,
Klas Bjork,
Glenn & Sandy
Havumaki*



*L-R Mike & Marjatta
Rautionmaa,
Tuula Berke,
Kaarina Lyons,
Jamie & Noora
Garnett.*

*This great picture
was taken by
photographer Aaron.*



LODGE NEWS



*L-R: Roy Kosonen,
Bill Wales,
Robert Berke,
Lise Rondum*



*You might think we're
in Finland!*

*L-R: Leena Krook,
Annamari Wales,
Tuula Berke,
Marjatta Rautionmaa,
Sirpa Lessig,
Noora Garnett,
Liisa Lindholm,
Inke Sunila
Seated at table
enjoying dessert:
Jamie*



*L-R: Roy Kosonen,
Leena Krook,
Sirpa Lessig,
Annamari &
Bill Wales*

*Another great
picture taken by
photographer Aaron.*

Lodge #205 New Haven, Connecticut

We had splendid weather for our annual summer picnic

The New Haven lodge held its traditional "summer picnic" gathering on June 7 at the home of Inke Sunila. Inke graciously hosted us and, as shown in photos accompanying this article, provided delicious entries, such as salmon (smoked by Inke on the outdoor grill), fresh oysters, oysters casino, BBQ chicken, and grilled sausage. Absolutely delicious, Inke, thank you! Our picnic participants contributed delicious foods, such as appetizers, salads, vegetable dishes, and desserts.

All-in-all, a fun day! The "summer picnic" photos accompanying this article and more pictures may be viewed in color via the L205 page of the Runeberg website:

www.orderofruneberg.org—then select L205 page, then click on the "Summer Picnic, 2014" button.

Advanced information for the New Haven Lodge #205 "Fall Hike & Potluck Dinner" has been published on the Lodge #205 page of the Runeberg website. Information includes location and date, which is Saturday, October 25.

For persons/families with an interest in Finnish/Swede-Finn culture, and within travel distance of the New Haven area, we encourage you to join us. Our Lodge's contact info is available at the Runeberg website: www.orderofruneberg.org, then click "Lodges"/"L205." Hope to see you!

Submitted by *Stew Lyons*

International Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to announce the 2014 International Order of Runeberg scholarship recipients. They are Lucas Smith, Eureka Lodge #102; Sten-Erik Andreassen, Tacoma Lodge #106; Leanne Felton, Vancouver Lodge #124; and Austin Connell, New Haven Lodge #205. These students are all working very hard to achieve their goal. Their academic achievements are very impressive. We are proud to have them as Order of Runeberg members. Our Best Wishes to Lucas, Sten-Erik, Leanne, and Austin for a future that will meet their goals and expectations.

Lucas Smith has been a member of Eureka Lodge #102 for six years. He is an outstanding student and the best basketball player on his high school team. He plans to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. He will be studying Business Administration. This summer he will complete his Arizona Real Estate Salesperson license. His final career plan is to broker luxury residential real estate in the Scottsdale area. Best of luck in your chosen career.

Sten-Erik Andreassen joined Tacoma Lodge #106 two years ago. He is the grandson of Marita Agnew and has traveled with her to Finland, Sweden, and Denmark to learn more about his family heritage. He is a member of DECA Club, varsity football team, National Honor Society, and varsity soccer. He volunteers at his church, Life Center, in Tacoma. He plans to attend university and major in Civil/Mechanical Engineering with

a goal of working for a large company such as Boeing. Good luck for a successful future.

Leanne Felton has been a Vancouver Lodge #124 member for 13 years. She is the granddaughter of Eric and Lorene Mara. She is an Honor Roll student with an Excellence Award in Musical Theater. She received two gold certificates at the CMTA Piano Festival and the Top Vocal Solo Award at the Envisions Jazz Festival. She has been in Odyssey of the Mind for 11 years, with three gold medals and the OMER award (for exceptional sportsmanship, creativity, and spirit.) Her team went to Odyssey World Finals at Michigan State University in 2013, where they placed 20th in the world. Leanne will attend the University of Victoria with a career goal of becoming an elementary teacher. We wish her a successful career.

Austin Connell is a member of New Haven Lodge #205, joining in 2004. He is attending the University of Connecticut where he is involved in many clubs and organizations. One of the clubs, Engineers without Borders, helps fund projects in Nicaragua, India, and Hartford, CT. Another club is the Endurance Club which raises money for various charities, one being Vitamin Angels Charity. It helps provide food and vitamins for children in need. Austin is majoring in Environmental Engineering with a career goal to be a Chief Environmental Officer. Best of luck as you continue your studies in University.

Lorene Mara
Scholarship Chairman



June 1, 2014

Ms. Lorene Mara

2nd Vice President, Scholarship Chairman

Dear Scholarship Committee Chair:

Many thanks to you and your scholarship committee for the International Order's 2014 Scholarship of \$1,000. This is a very exciting award for which I am greatly appreciative. These funds will help to offset my educational expenses as I begin my college career. I am presently accepted to Grand Canyon University, University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, Pima Community College, and Westwind Preparatory Academy. I am participating in summer camps and training opportunities with many of these institutions to help assess the best institution for me personally and for my professional goals.

I graduated last month from Mountain Ridge High School in Glendale, Arizona, with an overall grade point average of 3.32. I was acknowledged at commencement by wearing several colorful cords around my graduation gown to symbolize the academic achievements earned each semester of high school.

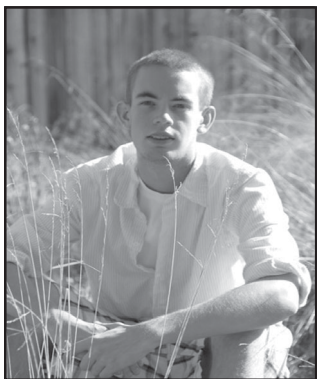
As stated in my scholarship application, I am actively involved in basketball. As a 6' 10" incoming college freshmen, I have also had many conversations with colleges and universities outside of Arizona. The latest schools include University of Pittsburgh, University of San Diego, UCLA, CSU San Jose, and Bowling Green-Ohio.

As for financial assistance, I have been awarded a partial scholarship to Grand Canyon University for academics, as well as both tuition and books for academics and athletics at Pima Community

College. I have been invited to participate in two national tournaments held annually in San Diego and Las Vegas to showcase student-athletes to major colleges and universities throughout the country. My educational institution selection will be finalized in July. My goal is to complete a 4-year college degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Real Estate Management.

Again, I wish to thank you and your committee members for awarding the 2014 International Order of Runeberg Scholarship to me. My family and I have been a part of the Runeberg Lodge for quite some time and this award has a lot of meaning to me, my parents, and grandparents.

*Sincerely,
Lucas T. Smith*



Dear Order of Runeberg,

Thank you to the members of the Order of Runeberg for awarding me the scholarship this year. I am just finishing up my senior year of high school and graduate this Friday, June 13th. I will continue my studies at Pierce Community College in September where I will attend for approximately two years and then my plan is to transfer to Oregon State University in my junior year to complete my studies to become either a mechanical or civil engineer.

This scholarship will be a tremendous help towards my tuition.

*Thank you again,
Sten-Erik Andreassen*



Dear Order of Runeberg,

I would also like to express my immense gratitude to the Order of Runeberg scholarship committee for giving me this award. It will be put toward paying my \$14,000 tuition and housing next year at the University of Victoria, where I plan to pursue a degree in education and eventually take up work as an elementary school teacher. Community support is so wonderful to receive when trying to make ends meet to accomplish my goals. Once again, a huge thank you to the Order for their contribution.

*Sincerely,
Leanne Felton*



Dear International Order of Runeberg,

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$1,000 scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as a recipient of the International Order of Runeburg scholarship award.

I am an Environmental Engineering major as well as an Environmental Economics and Policy minor. I plan to pursue a career in this field of study upon graduating from the University of Connecticut. Thanks to your organization, I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me the International Order of Runeburg scholarship award you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has helped me a great deal and for that I say thank you.

*Sincerely,
Austin Connell*

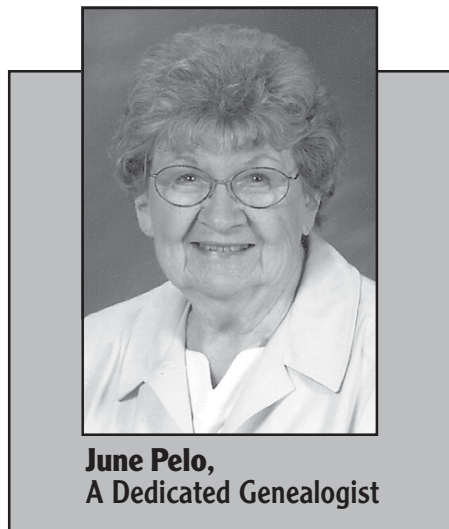
Genealogy Corner

How I found the Nyberg Family

One of my major genealogy discoveries came as a result of a visit to cousins in Michigan. Because of my interest in genealogy, one cousin gave me a couple old photo albums that belonged to my mother's parents. Most of the photos weren't identified and I didn't recognize anyone, but I decided to make copies and send them around to all my relatives, hoping that they would know someone.

At the same time that I received the albums, another cousin showed me an old letter that was sent to her mother in 1910 from Polson, Montana. Parts of the letter were missing, but it started out "Dear Cousin," and went on to mention the deaths of Esther and Harry, and the letter was signed "Bertha." None of us remembered our parents talking about a Cousin Bertha who lived in Montana. And I could not find anything in my genealogy files pertaining to this family.

I wrote letters and sent copies of the photos to every relative, and they were able to identify a few photos. But no one could recall a family with Bertha, Esther, and Harry in it. Among the pho-



June Pelo,
A Dedicated Genealogist

tos was one of two young girls with the words "Esther and Adelia" on the back. And there was a funeral remembrance card for a Harry Nyberg who died in 1910. I began to wonder if there could be a connection between the letter and the photos, so acting on a hunch I went to the library and got addresses of newspapers in the Polson area; then I wrote to each of them asking if there was any record of a Harry Nyberg dying in January 1910.

There was no response from any of them and I was at a loss as to what to try next. I went back to the library and happened to see a file of genealogy material in the reference room. When I went through it, I saw the address of a genealogy society in

Kalispell which is an hour from Polson. I wrote to them, explaining what I had done and asked if they could suggest something else. In less than two weeks, I had an envelope from them containing copies of the death certificate for Harry Nyberg and the name and address of Pearl Nyberg which they copied from the Polson phone book. And they had gone to the cemetery and copied down the Nyberg names from tombstones!

Needless to say, I was delighted and sent them a thank you note along with a contribution. My next step was to write to Pearl Nyberg and ask if any of the names were familiar. She replied that Harry was her nephew who had drowned in January 1910; Esther was his sister who had also died in 1910; Adelia was Esther's sister; and Bertha was their oldest sister. They were all dead except Adelia who was in ill health in Reno. Pearl suggested that I write to Adelia's daughter Betty who lived in Great Falls because she had no idea how we could be related.

I wrote Betty and she answered by saying she was puzzled, too. So I sent copies of the photos, especially those taken in Erie, Pennsylvania, and

California and Michigan after Betty mentioned that her grandparents had lived in Pennsylvania and Michigan, and a couple of their children had gone to California. Betty confirmed that the photos were part of her family, but we still didn't know how we were related. She then sent me a copy of her grandmother's passport from Finland and when I saw the name I remembered seeing a similar name in my mother's father's family. A check revealed that Maja Sofia Matts-dotter Porko was the niece of my maternal grandfather and the daughter of his oldest sister.

Once the identity was confirmed, other facts emerged. Maja had left Finland to live with an aunt and uncle in

AuSable, Michigan. They happened to be my maternal grandparents. Maja's daughter Bertha kept in touch with her cousin Alice in AuSable after she moved to Polson. But after she married, they evidently stopped writing and there was no further communication between the two families. No one knows why.



The Museum at Central School Northwest Montana Historical Society.

There's no one still living who would know, but it was exciting to discover new relatives. Betty supplied me with information on the entire family and we keep in touch. I was invited to visit her in Montana in 1986 and was able to meet some of the family. When I visited Finland, I made it a point to look up their relatives in Rödso. They were so happy to hear about their relatives in America and gave me some snapshots and gifts to take back to them. Such a happy ending to my genealogy problem. I'm glad I pursued it to the end.

June Pelo

Hotel Recommendations for the 2014 IOR Convention

ACCENT INN:

3777 Henning Drive, Burnaby
1-604-473-5000

www.accentinns.com

The Inn has a shuttle service that can be booked to take you to and from the Centre.

Rate quoted for a group booking is \$119 plus tax. (Anita Fraess, Assist. Manager)

BEST WESTERN KINGS INN:

5411 Kingsway, Burnaby
1-604-438-1383

www.bestwesternkingsinn.com

Rate quoted for group booking is single queen, \$109 plus tax.; two queen, \$119 plus tax.

(Vivian Leung, Booking/Conference Manager)

EXECUTIVE INN:

4201 Lougheed Hwy. Burnaby
1-604-298-2010 www.executivehotels.net/Burnaby

Rate quoted = Queen Suite with a pullout sofa bed is \$115 plus tax (Sales Manager Matt Clooten)

DELTA INN:

4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby
1-604-453-0754

www.deltahotels.com/burnaby

Rate quoted is \$119 plus tax – or \$149 deluxe plus tax (Tyler Foley, Conference Services Manager)

The Accent Inn: small, friendly – restaurant attached, lot parking – shuttle available

The Best Western: small, friendly – restaurant attached, lot parking

Executive Inn: larger hotel (reserved 10 rooms for group rate), friendly, nice restaurant within – lot and underground parking

Delta Inn: (10 rooms for group rate) very large, newly renovated hotel with large grand casino attached – friendly, underground parking – possible shuttle

All these facilities are not far from the Centre, but the Delta Inn is the closest.

The two larger hotels might give a group rate if fewer rooms are booked.

**Highlights—International Order Of Runeberg
Supreme Board Conference Call By Skype
May 25, 2014**

Attendance: All Board members present and *Leading Star* Editors

Letters and Communications:

As a matter of clarification, Attorney Kenneth Hoffman was contacted to determine necessary procedures involved with the dissolution of a non-profit organization. Mr. Hoffman did not see any necessary steps that would be required, should the membership decide to proceed with dissolution. He is available should we need further assistance.

An email from President Dick Erickson was circulated expressing concern by the Swedish-Finnish Historical Society pertaining to the Resolutions printed in the most recent *Leading Star*. The email also reminded all members that any disbanding lodges should forward any materials of importance to be archived by the Society, as they are the official repository for all such materials.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

CD's \$60,220.26

Money Market \$ 4,306.02

Financial Secretary's Report:

Checking Account \$15,091.11

All Forms required by the IRA have been filed by e-postcard.

Scholarship Fund: The Committee received 4 qualifying applications for 2014. Money for 3 Awards had been previously allotted. It was moved, seconded, passed, that all 4 scholarships of \$1,000.00 be awarded to each applicant for this current year.

Leading Star: June article deadline June 8, mail out, June 16, 2014.

Website: Web activity is up from last year at this same time...2,027 hits.

Old Business:

Delegate forms are available on the last page of the Constitution. As well, Janet has emailed or mailed a copy to each financial secretary.

Convention Updates:

Registration Fee is set at \$60.00 Cdn. Checks to be made out to ORDER OF RUNEBERG – LODGE 124.

The registration fee includes meetings, lunch, coffee breaks, and the Saturday evening Banquet. A Banquet ticket only is \$35.00.

Pre-Convention Board meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m., Friday August 15, at the Centre, (during registration). Individual Lodges may pay member's registration and expenses at their own discretion. International pays for mileage/plane fare for delegates. International also pays for hotel and mileage for Board members only.

Lodges who have sent IRS 990N reports are Butte and NewHaven. Others still have to do so.

New Business:

A Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 17, 2014—to be held at one of the local hotels after the breakfast farewell. (All hotels listed are near to the Centre—a place will be determined after registrations are in. Breakfast information will be included in the Convention package).

The next Skype call will be October 19, 2014, at 4 p.m. PST.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. PDT.

Respectfully submitted:

Annabelle Kergan

Past President

Order of Runeberg, Supreme Board



Lodge #126 Coos Bay, Oregon

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our lodge brother,

Clarence A. Downer.

He passed away March 11, 2014.

Clarence was born on October 28, 1918, in Cottonwood, Idaho, to Clarence Leroy Downer and Lillian Reed. He was one of four children and moved to North Bend/Coos Bay when he was a child.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1936 to 1939. He loved music and played in the ship's band. After discharge from the Navy in 1939, he returned to the Bay Area and married his sweetheart, Geraldine E. Moffitt. He then began his 40-plus years with Industrial Steel and Supply Co. where he worked till retirement.

Clarence played in the Bay Area Concert Band, starting in 1946. He also played with the tuba group. He was a member for 64 years.

He was a member of the North Bend Methodist Church for 50 years.

Clarence loved to fish (especially salmon), crab and clam dig. He loved being with his family and spending time with the grandchildren.

He was a 70-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

Clarence and his wife Geri joined our Lodge in 1975. They loved dancing and going to picnics and many other lodge functions.

He is survived by his two sons, Jerol and wife Shirley and Kenneth and wife Susan. He also has three grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

The family had a celebration of life for Clarence and Geri at the Methodist Church in Coos Bay on May 17, 2014.

The members of Lodge #126 extend their deepest sympathy to his family. Clarence will be greatly missed.

Resolution Committee
Gary Robinson
Clara Robinson
Heidi McCarthy

English words infiltrate Finnish language

If you're an English speaker new to the Finnish language you may have wondered why some words seem so familiar, while others seem so utterly foreign. You're not losing your mind. Those comforting sounding terms may just be English-language loan words incorporated into Finnish by popular usage.

Bloggaaja, deitti, downshifter, hybridiauto, netti, nude, pimpata, spoilata, trolli, video, videoblogi, hipster. There's a reason why some of these words may seem comfortably recognizable to English speakers. It's because they've been first borrowed, then firmly established in the Finnish language by popular usage.

According to Tarja Heinonen, a lexicographer with the Institute for Languages in Finland, Kotus, the number of English-language loan words making their way into Finnish conversations is growing every year.

"I would say that most words that have been recently adopted have been related to computer and

Internet. Like *'spammata'* to spam, *'googlata'* or *'googlettaa'* to google, print and scan are in Finnish *'printata'* and *skannata'*," Heinonen told YLE News.

The Finnish American Reporter, April 2014

Form for Credentials

To the International Convention of the International Order of Runeberg:

This is to certify that _____
has been elected in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws
to attend the International Convention of the Order as a Delegate
from Lodge No. _____, and to promote the interests of
said Lodge and present such questions as the Lodge has instructed
him/her.

Lodge No. _____ at _____

this _____ day of _____, _____.

President

Secretary

Proposals for Change for Discussion at the 2014 IOR Convention

1. Be it resolved that the International Order of Runeberg be dissolved.

Pro: The dissolution resolve is due to extreme shrinking membership, cost of Conventions, and the decline in activities that a Supreme Board is required to do.

Con: Continuation of the Order in its current form would be possible with the restructuring of the organization and changes to the Constitution and Bylaws allowing the Order of Runeberg to continue.

2. Be it resolved that International Conventions be discontinued due to shrinking membership and extensive cost of conventions.

Pro: and **Con:** Remains the same as for Resolution number 1.

3. Be it resolved that after December 2014, no more monies in the form of dues be forwarded to the Supreme Board Treasury by local lodges.

Pro: The discontinuance of dues would enable all remaining Lodges to keep their dues collected within their own treasury for local use. It would also decrease the total amount of money needed to be re-directed should the Order of Runeberg be dissolved.

Con: The dues collected would continue to support the Order of Runeberg for the purposes for which it currently uses said funds.

4. Be it resolved that should the Supreme Board be discontinued, the remaining lodges may continue to operate under the name of the Order of Runeberg.

Pro: A resolve to determine the legality of using the name Order of Runeberg by individual groups that wish to retain the name status.

Con: Without this necessary resolve, remaining lodges wishing to continue independently would possibly have to change their name, possibly contrary to the wishes of the majority.

5. Be it resolved that should the Supreme Board be eliminated, the *Leading Star* will continue to publish until all International Order of Runeberg business is completed.

Pro: The *Leading Star* is the main source of communication between all remaining members.

Con: Without this resolve, the *Leading Star* could be abolished before any finalization of the Order of Runeberg would be complete.

6. Be it resolved that should the Supreme Board be disbanded, a designated portion of the remaining funds be sent to the existing lodges to use for their local scholarship fund, charity, or lodge use. The amount should be established by a committee and then presented to the membership for final decision making.

Pro: This resolve would allow for pre-planning of the designation of funds that are held in the Supreme Board treasury.

Con: Without a resolve to pre-plan the designation of funds, hasty decisions could lead to detrimental results.

7. Be it resolved that in the event that the International Order of Runeberg disbands, all money remaining after bills, disbursements, and such related money matters are complete, that the residue of the Treasury be sent to the Swedish-Finn Historical Society, the legal repository for all documents pertaining to the Order of Runeberg.

Pro: The Swedish Finn Historical Society is the organization that has been the repository for all lodge documents. They have been responsible for archiving Order of Runeberg materials for many years.

Con: Spreading any remaining funds to several other organizations would be for goodwill purposes.

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Janet Duxbury, Secretary

Security Lodge Change

Change the name
“security lodge member”
to
“associate member”
to better reflect a more
appropriate terminology.

Registration Form

International Order Of Runeberg Convention

August 15 & 16 ••• (No-Host Farewell Breakfast – August 17, 2014)

Hosted By Vancouver Lodge #124

At The Scandinavian Community Centre

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Country _____

Postal Code/Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Member of Lodge ... _____

Guest (s) _____

Full Registration Fee \$60.00 – Meetings, Lunch, Coffee Breaks, and Banquet _____

Banquet Only \$35.00 _____

Special Dietary Requests: _____

Please Make Cheque Payable To: **Order Of Runeberg, Lodge 124**

Please Mail Completed Form by ***July 15, 2014***

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WASHINGTON

Lodge #106

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