



# LOYAL LETTER



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## Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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*The next meeting  
May 6, 2022*

*Deadline for next  
Newsletter is  
May 1, 2022*

**HAPPY SYTTENDE MAI**



The fellowship of Loyal Lodge was evident as we marched together at the Annual St. Olaf's Day parade in St. James. Tusen Takk to Karin for coordinating, Mike and Melissa Pedersen for towing the Viking Ship, and Torun for making our traditional St. Olaf's feast of Lapskaus. Great camaraderie, marching and munching with lodge friends is never better. **"Hipp Hipp Hurrah!"** to all who attended and participated! See all the fun and notice of upcoming events on our website.

<https://sonsofnorwaystjamesny.org/>

The month of May begins with the Zone Memorial on the 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Marks, Cultural dinner on the 6<sup>th</sup>, annual **"Syttende Mai"** parade in Brooklyn on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and lastly the Norden/Loyal yard sale on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to support literacy for adults!

The inaugural Loyal Lodge Heritage craft club met at Norway Hall on March 30<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. The club brewed 10 gallons beer, began constructing Viking ship table settings for our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and lastly we were provided a terrific demonstration by master wood carvers Ken Miller, Oddvar Skadberg, and Lou Sandhop. We look forward to our next meeting (TBA) and welcome all.

As our face-to-face events begin to grow, we must remain vigilant against COVID. Following our last meeting some members tested positive and we are grateful that all who have tested positive experience continue to only have mild symptoms. Meredith and I both tested positive on Monday and followed CDC guidelines calling anyone we had contact with in the past 24 hours. When it became aware that others from the lodge tested positive, phone calls were made to all those at the meeting to check in on them. Through these phone calls, we became aware that updating our Lodge contact sheet is a priority. For future meetings to better provide communications, we will have a sign in sheet to expedite notifications.

Loyal Lodge voted four members to represent the lodge as delegates at the upcoming District Convention (hybrid): Leif Easterson, Eric Johansson, and Michael and Melissa Pedersen. The delegates will be attending virtually.

The Election of Corporation Directors was held and the results for two-year terms as follow: Don Reinertsen, Ken Lakeman, Kim Lakeman, and Reidun Rasmussen. Congratulations to all!

The Audit committee completed the Annual Audit of the Lodge and Corporation and I wish to thank the Auditors, Lodge and Corporation Treasurers, Financial Secretary, and Budget Director for their time and effort of this required and vital function! I am happy to report a successful audit.

I wish to thank everyone who took the time and effort to engage our membership on all levels of the SON Lodge, Zone, District, and International.

**Fraternally, Eric**

**Loyal Lodge Communications, Updates and Activities (DITT OR DATT)**

Welcome Loyal's newest members:

Erik, Kathleen, Kerry & Sara Stevens & Julie & John Wolf. Velkommen to Loyal Lodge & Sons of Norway.

**Upcoming Lodge Events**

**Zone 1 Memorial Service on Sunday, May 1st at 3PM** at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Islip.

**May Cultural Dinner on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.**

**17<sup>th</sup> of Mai Parade in Brooklyn on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)**

As of our April meeting we have no one who has been ill. If you know of someone who is ill, please contact Torun Reduto at (631) 862-8017 and she will address. It is also nice to be remembered so we are asking all members to send thinking of you cards to those members who are not feeling well.

**Ladies Auxiliary**

There will be a meeting on April 28th. Our meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month at **7:00PM** unless otherwise stated.

**Corporation**

We need members to sign-up to clean the Hall. If you can help with cleaning the Hall please contact Don Reinertsen at (631) 584-8987.

**Are you interested in purchasing a Loyal lodge tee shirt? Or maybe you are in need of a new one? The Lodge tee shirts are a collared cotton golf shirt with three buttons at the neck. There are available in red, white or navy in sizes small through XXXL. Our lodge logo is embroidered on the left front chest. Each shirt is \$25.**

**There are six lodge shirts currently available due to a shortage of the shirt type we originally ordered. They are polyester with the embroidered lodge logo. These were sent to replace the cotton golf shirts. We have for sale four red size medium, one red size large & one navy size XL. These are also \$25.**

**We will need 12 tee shirts to place an order. As of now, we have 6 shirt orders. Please contact Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017 to let her know what size, color & how many shirts you would like.**

### The Coffee Committee

The coffee committee will be made up from the membership list. **The first name highlighted in black is the chairperson. The chairperson is to call the members listed on the committee below to find out what they will be bringing to the meeting.** The new procedures require the coffee committee to do the set-up & the clean-up. Your name may come up more than once a year, so we hope that you will be able to help. Thank you for your cooperation.



#### May Coffee Committee Members

**Bonnie Gai (Chairperson)** 516-270-6733  
**Brenda Flaherty** 631-734-7554  
**Natasha Folk** 631-767-2004  
**Suzanne Foschino** 516-672-9497  
**Ernestine Gabrielsen** 631-698-4137  
**Barbara Hagen** 631-342-1998  
**Arlene Holm** 631-737-0466  
**Lillian Hull** 631-929-1994  
**Meredith Johansson** 631-366-3539  
**Barbara Johnsen** 229-436-2659  
**Kirsten Johnsen** 229-395-1036

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#### June Coffee Committee Members

**Kim Lakeman (Chairperson)** 631-509-0392  
**Jeanne Kovacs** 631-331-5580  
**Alicia Krebs** 631-648-0845  
**Randi Kuveke** 631-588-0005  
**Lori Mahoney** 631-862-7132  
**Turid Mann** 631-289-2386  
**Norma Marriott** 631-584-5510  
**Karla Mattern** 631-724-4866  
**Deborah McMaster** 631-804-3223  
**Donna Monsen** 631-862-8185  
**Melissa Musumeci** 631-584-7528

**Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian Authors Book Club is now reading A Coat Dyed Black: A Novel of the Norwegian Resistance by Don Pugnetti Jr. Next meeting date to be determined. Please RSVP to Kim Lakeman at (631) 509-0392 or [klakeman27@gmail.com](mailto:klakeman27@gmail.com). Refreshments will be served.**



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#### May Birthdays

  
2-Erik Stevens  
7-Kenneth Kuveke  
10-Julie Wolf  
15-Gwen Thompson  
31-Frank Clancy  
4-Barbara Johnsen  
8-Kathleen Easterson  
14-Melissa Musumeci  
28-Holly Vassallo  
31-Oddvar Skadberg



The Zone One Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 3PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Islip.

Loyal Lodge this year will be remembering John Andresen, Norman Christensen, Judith Fleming, Janet Johnsen, Alice Ritchie, Gunter Samuelsen & Josephine Verdi.

Please join us as we remember our departed Loyal members.

### Loyal Lodge Cultural Dinner



Our cultural dinner will be held on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. The meal will consist of your choice of meatballs or salmon. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Toril Stevens at 631-880-8820 by Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (no exceptions) with your dinner choice.

A reservation is a must for this dinner.

Please wear your Norwegian sweaters.



### LOYAL LODGE BUS TO BROOKLYN

Loyal will once again be having a bus to take us into Brooklyn for the 17<sup>th</sup> of Mai Parade.

Parade will take place on Sunday, May 15th. Any Loyal member who would like to march in this parade will receive a **FREE** seat on the bus. **Reservations are required by Loyal members by May 1st**

If a Loyal member does NOT march in the parade there will be a \$20 charge for each seat. Any guest who is not a member will also be charged \$20 for their seat.

The bus will be leaving Norway Hall at 11:30AM and then on to Brooklyn where the marchers will be dropped off at the start of the parade & the non-marchers will be dropped off at the end of the parade. Bus will leave Brooklyn at 6PM.

Please contact Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017 to reserve your seat on the bus.

### **GARAGE SALE FOR LITERACY SUFFOLK**

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

**From 10 AM to 4 PM**

**Donated Items will be only be  
accepted at Loyal Lodge  
Saturday, May 21, 2022 between  
10 AM to 4 PM**

**Sponsored by Norden Lodge 3-407**

**For more information contact**

**Karen Olsen-Helmold at**

**[kolsen2@verizon.net](mailto:kolsen2@verizon.net) or 516 935**

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**17<sup>th</sup> of Mai Parade Pin 2022**  
**To purchase this pin please see**  
**Barbara Brownworth at our May**  
**meeting.**

**This years official 2022 17<sup>th</sup> of May**  
**Parade Committee T-shirt is available**  
**through Amazon in five colors. To**  
**order a t-shirt please follow the link**  
**on our website:www.**

**17thofmayparadecommittee-brooklyn.org**

Support the Zone One Scholarship on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Star Playhouse in Commack NY & see the play It Shoulda Been You. Tickets are \$25 each which includes a reception at 1PM & Showtime at 2PM.

Please contact Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017 to purchase tickets.

If there is enough interest in going to dinner after the show plans can be made.

<b>Loyal Lodge Proposed 2022 Calendar</b>	
<b>May</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> -Zone 1 Memorial Service
	6 <sup>th</sup> -Meeting-Cultural Dinner
	15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Mai Parade-Brooklyn
	22 <sup>nd</sup> -Literacy Garage Sale
	22 <sup>nd</sup> -Zone 1 Scholarship Play
<b>Jun</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> -Midsommer Event
<b>Jul</b>	No Events
<b>Aug</b>	No Events
<b>Sept</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> -Meeting-Sister's Eve
	22 <sup>nd</sup> -Ladies Auxiliary
<b>Oct</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> -St. James Day Fair
	7 <sup>th</sup> -Meeting
	16 <sup>th</sup> -Lodge Oktoberfest
	22 <sup>nd</sup> -Lodge Baking Day
	23 <sup>rd</sup> -Lodge Baking Day
	29 <sup>th</sup> -Lodge Baking Day
	30 <sup>th</sup> -Lodge Baking Day
<b>Nov</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> -Bazaar
	10 <sup>th</sup> -Ladies Auxiliary
	11 <sup>th</sup> -Meeting-Thanksgiving Dinner
<b>Dec</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Meeting
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -Deck the Halls Glogg Party
	18 <sup>th</sup> -Ornament Exchange

<b>Norwegian Day Parade Restaurants</b>	
<b>Nansen Lodge-BBQ</b>	3441 Victory Blvd. Staten Island Reservation Required 718-983-0464
<b>Gjoa Soccer Club-BBQ-Lapskaus Etc.</b>	850 62 <sup>nd</sup> Street 718-748-9436
<b>The Swedish Club</b>	725 65 <sup>th</sup> St. 718-745-9804
<b>Salty Dog-7509 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave</b>	718-238-0030
<b>Schnitzel Haus(German Restaurant)</b>	7319 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue 718-836-5600
<b>Skin Flints</b>	7902 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue 718-748-1116
<b>Chadwick's Restaurant</b>	8822 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue 718-833-9855



Sons of Norway Loyal Lodge & Vasa Swedish Lindbergh Lodge  
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# BOOSTERS

Your donation is \$10 for ten issues (one year). Please make checks payable to LOYAL LODGE #252 and mail to: Karin Ryan, 152 Caldwell Ave., St. James NY 11780 or see her at a meeting.

1 Rose & Lou Sandhop	03/22	29 Karin Dutra	02/23	57 Christine Rasmussen	03/23
2 Robert Johnson	07/32	30 Eleanor Miner	09/23	58	
3 Curt Rومان	06/22	31 A & C Chuliver	02/23	59	
4		32 Liz & Oddvar Skadberg	03/23	60 C & M Thomassen	04/23
5 Donna & Bill Monsen	10/22	33		61 Joan & Don Reinertsen	10/22
6 Kim Lakeman	02/23	34 C & M Thomassen	04/23	62 Bonnie Gai	09/22
7 Rick Bates	12/22	35 Solveig Ording	06/22	63 Gordon Fidje	10/22
8 Betty Stokke	04/23	36		64 Ken Holm	02/23
9 The Stokke Family	04/23	37 Tarina Beck	01/23	65 <b>Elly Supinsky</b>	<b>05/22*</b>
10 Liv Dillahunt	03/23	38		66	
11 Turid & Ted Mann	01/23	39 Nina & Ron Olszewski	10/22	67 Joan & Fred Bjorkgren	1/24
12 Meredith & Eric Johansson	02/23	40		68 Karin Ryan	11/22
13 Borgny Berger	12/22	41 Ken Lakeman	02/23	69 B & K Johnsen	02/23
14		42 Torun Reduto	03/23	70 Arlene Holm	02/23
15 Anna Christensen	01/23	43 <b>Kate Losey</b>	<b>05/22*</b>	71 Tanya Mastaglio	12/22
16 Audrey Nilsen	12/22	44 Violet Olsen	10/23	72	
17 Tarina & Ken Beck	01/23	45 John Johnsen	03/23	73	
18 <b>Samantha &amp; Harrison Reduto</b>	<b>05/22*</b>	46 Joan & Don Reinertsen	10/22	74 <b>Jackie Rose &amp; Katie Reduto</b>	<b>04/22*</b>
19 S & S Albrechtsen	05/23	47 Toril Stevens	09/22	75 Margaret Zavala	03/23
20 Ray Hansen	10/22	48 Arnold Linden	09/22	76 Kari Elfers	09/22
21 Lucinda Berninger	02/23	49		77	
22 <b>Joanne Verdi</b>	<b>04/22*</b>	50 Norm Nilsen	12/22	78	
23		51		79 Ada Wikoren	12/22
24		52 In memory of Anton & Nini Nilsen	12/22	80	
25 Anne & Greg Davis	10/22	53		81	
26 Dolores & Frank Ruby	02/23	54		82	
27 Kari Elfers	09/22	55 Edd Fleming	09/22	83	
28 Lori Mahoney	10/22	56 Ethel Thomassen	11/22	84 Monica & Barry Carlsen	09/22

If there is an **asterisk\*** placed next to your name your booster is due. The name drawn at the next meeting will win \$20.00. The Booster winner was Nina & Ron Olszewski.



**Please remember  
to visit Loyal's  
Facebook page**

**Local Food Pantries need our  
help.**

**Please bring in non-  
perishable items during our  
Lodge meetings. They will be  
collected & brought to the  
local pantry.**

# **LOYAL LETTER**

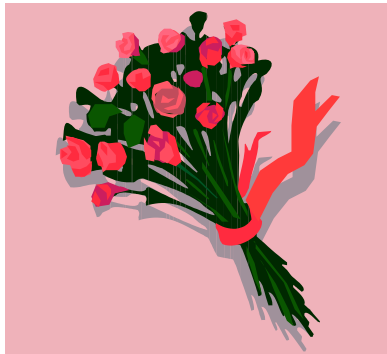
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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#### **Note:**

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