



LOYAL LETTER



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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**The next meeting
November 11, 2022**

**Deadline for next
Newsletter is
November 13, 2022**



Happy Fall! Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, our biggest annual fundraiser, the **Scandinavian Bazaar, will be held Saturday, November 5th from 10 am to 4 pm** at St. James Lutheran Church. Set-up help is needed on Friday, November 4th. Please contact Karin Ryan for the time & what your availability is. All members are encouraged to come out and support the Bazaar – Enjoy a hearty lunch, Shop from a wide-array of Nordic items, and Bring home some delicious homemade baked goods! Bring along a friend!

Kicking off the Christmas season will be the **Glogg Party on Saturday, December 3rd at 7pm**, hosted by Kim Lakeman. **The Ornament Exchange Party will be on Sunday, November 27th** from 2pm to 5pm & hosted by Reidun Rasmussen. To complete our Christmas Season, we will celebrate a **“Scandinavian Christmas Ball of Long Island” with Vasa Lindberg Lodge on Saturday, December 18th starting at 3pm** at the American Legion Hall in Huntington Harbor. RSVP by December 13th to Monica Carlsen Cell/Text 631-338-8994 – see event details inside newsletter!

Our next meeting will be on **Veteran’s Day, November 11th** at 7:30pm. In honor of our Veteran’s, an all-American homemade **Meatloaf and Mashed Potato Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm** before the business meeting. Admission is \$10, FREE to all Veterans. To reserve a seat, RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 9th to Meredith Johansson, Cell/Text 631-766-3142.

This is a busy season for Loyal Lodge and it is only because of our many dedicated volunteers who make this all happen! Thank you VOLUNTEERS, for your time and talents for the good of our Lodge and Community!

Lastly, please consider giving your adult children a gift of membership for Christmas. They will appreciate this connection to their heritage and, at the very least, will enjoy a great monthly VIKING magazine to read!

Wishing all of you & your families a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Hilsen,
Eric

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

We welcomed Kathy Steuber, a friend of Kirsten Johnsen to our October meeting.

Upcoming Lodge Events

Scandinavian Bazaar on Saturday, November 5th from 10AM to 4PM

Lodge Meeting on Friday, November 11th at 7:30PM-Dinner before at 6:30PM

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

Rosemarie Sandhop has broken ribs. She is feeling better. Gwen Thompson fractured her tibia. She has had surgery & is feeling well. Both Rosemarie & Gwen were at our October meeting. We send our get well wishes to Rosemarie & Gwen. 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 no more meetings until after the Bazaar.

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. The gutters have been replaced with six inch ones & have down spouts in the backyard. Andrew Key has finished the project. He put down grass seed with a watering system. An engraved plaque with Andrew's name on it will be installed.

Little Vikings

Please look for their future events. The Little Vikings Club is for children aged three to eleven.

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.



November Coffee Committee Members

Barbara Wikoren (Chairperson)	631-462-3508
Holly Vassallo	631-261-5507
Agnes White	631-732-6834
Ada Wikoren	631-499-3702
Julie Wolf	631-764-7871
Ellen Zavala	631-473-0183
Margaret Zavala	631-473-0183
Shelly Albrechtsen	631-736-5371
Michele Barbera	631-256-6122
Nancy Baxley	631-584-2095
Torhild Boughal	631-472-9407

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December Coffee Committee Members

Barbara Brownworth (Chairperson)	631-681-4726
Monica Carlsen	631-724-4057
Diane Cavallaro	516-997-2096
Anna Christensen	631-775-9514
Christina Chuliver	917-922-2805
Anne Marie Davis	516-987-8690
Liv Dillahunt	631-289-7940
Kathleen Easterson	631-471-2448
Kirsten Easterson	631-471-2448
Kari Elfers	631-473-1774
Michelle Faulkner	347-886-3679

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian Authors Book Club is now reading "Against the Ice" - The Classic Artic Survival Story by Eijnar Mikkelsen. It is a true story of a Danish explorer and made into a Netflix movie. Next meeting is on Sunday, November 20th at 2PM.

Please RSVP to Kim Lakeman at (631) 509-0392 or klakeman27@gmail.com. Refreshments will be served.

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November Birthdays

4-Travis McNaster	10-Kenneth Rasmussen
13-Michele Barbera	15-Kevin Andersen
17-Rhonda Tewes	18-Barbara Eiseland
21-Egil Aasan	23-John Johnsen
24-David Wallman	



LOYAL LODGE'S ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 10AM to 4PM in the Parish Hall of St. James Lutheran Church.

That time of year is here again, for our annual Bazaar. Being that our venue has changed to a much larger location we will need more baked goods.

We will be asking for donations for the ingredients for the sandwiches, so any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Any help you can give to get ready for this event would also be helpful, for example, setting up, working tables, baking, baking, baking.

Bazaar set-up will take place on Friday, November 4th at 4PM. Dinner will be served on Friday night so please let Karin Ryan know what time you are available to help on Friday.

Loyal Lodge's Annual Deck the Hall-Glögg Party will be held on **Saturday, December 3rd at 7PM.**

There will be a sign-up sheet available at our November meeting.



Loyal Lodge Proposed 2022 Calendar

Nov 5th-Bazaar

10th-Ladies Auxiliary

11th-Meeting-Meatloaf Dinner

27th-Ornament Exchange

Dec 2nd-Meeting

3rd-Deck the Halls Glogg Party

18th-Joint Christmas Party with Vasa

November Meatloaf Dinner to be held on Friday, November 11th at 6:30PM.

The meal will consist of meatloaf, mashed potatoes & vegetables & will be \$10 per person. All Veterans are FREE.

Please contact Meredith Johansson at 631-766-3142 by Wednesday, November 9th to reserve your spot.



Please come & join us in some pre-Christmas fun at Loyal Lodge's Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Party which will be held on Sunday, November 27th from 2-5PM.

We ask that you bring a wrapped Christmas ornament worth approximately \$10 to \$15. You will leave with a beautiful ornament, most likely not your own.

Smithtown Food Pantry Thanksgiving Adopt a Family

SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING ~ADOPT A FAMILY~

Fill a box with all of the fixings for a complete Thanksgiving dinner

The box should be filled with the following items:

- 4 cans of vegetables,
- 1 box instant potatoes,
- 1 can cranberry sauce,
- 2 boxes stove top stuffing,
- 1 can yams,
- 1 can fruit,
- 1 juice,
- 1 turkey gravy,
- Cake mix / brownie mix / corn muffin mix

**Feel Free to add "Extras" (bag of candy, hot chocolate, cookies)
BUT NOTHING PERISHABLE**

Loyal Lodge would like to make two boxes to provide to the food pantry. We would also like to include one \$25 gift card in each basket to cover the cost of the turkey.

All items need to be brought to the Lodge by Friday, November 11th. Monetary donations will be gladly accepted to cover the items not donated by our members & to purchase the gift cards.

Any questions, please contact Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY

Support the Zone One Scholarship Fund

Purchase See's candy for yourself or a friend and ship anywhere in the United States. Great for a Christmas gift for someone near or far away! Just use the link below and start to shop. Then enjoy!

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/zoneoso_zone_one_scholarship_fund41/KarOls8240/

Items will start to ship on Nov. 10th in time to arrive for the holidays.

Sale ends December 2, 2022.

Swedish Vasa New York District #4 presents...
*Scandinavian Christmas Ball
of Long Island*

SAVE THE DATE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 – 3 PM

AMERICAN LEGION HALL BALLROOM 1 MILL DAM ROAD HUNTINGTON HARBOR, NY

**“LUCIA” BARNKLUBBEN ELSA RIX #1 &
MUSIC BY SMÖRGÅSBANDET**

Glögg Reception, Buffet Dinner, Open Bar, Dessert



\$50/ADULTS, 16&UNDER-FREE – RESERVATIONS DEADLINE DECEMBER 13, 2022

INFO: JEANNE 718-415-0602 DRAGSPEL@AOL.COM OR MONICA 631-338-8994 SWEDESISU@GMAIL.COM
CHECKS PAYABLE TO LINDBERGH LODGE – SEND TO 30 CRICKET COURT, SHIRLEY, NY 11967



Officers for 2023-2024

President-Marty Thomassen
Vice Pres-Michael Pedersen
Counselor-Eric Johansson
Secretary-Barbara Brownworth
Recording Sec-Barbara Wikoren
Treasurer-Ted Mann
Finance Sec-Thom Brownworth
Social Director-Kirsten Johnsen
Marshall-Liz Skadberg
Ass't. Marsh-Oddvar Skadberg
Editor-Karin Ryan
Ass't. Editor-Lori Mahoney
Trustee-Ken Holm
Trustee-Leif Easterson
Trustee-OPEN
Musician-Don Reinertsen
Greeter-Turid Mann
Greeter-Torun Reduto
Auditor-Ken Lakeman
Auditor-Elly Supinsky
Auditor-Marty Thompson
Cultural Director-OPEN
Foundation Director-OPEN
Publicity/Webmaster-Christina
Thomassen
Sports Director-Kim Lakeman
Youth Director-Michelle
Faulkner

There are three officer positions open. If you would like to run for one of these positions please contact a member of the nominating committee.

Karin Ryan, Ted Mann, Edd Fleming & Oddvar & Liz Skadberg prior to our November meeting.

We will be voting on these officers at our November meeting.

Loyal Lodge Proposed Calendar for 2023

Jan 6th-Meeting-"Soup"er Supper

Feb 3rd-Meeting-International Pot Luck Dinner

Mar 3rd-Meeting-Brother's Eve

Mar 19th-Loyal Cod Fish Dinner

Apr 14th-Meeting-Ham Dinner

Apr 21st-Viking Auction

May 5th-Cultural Dinner

May 7th-Zone 1 Memorial Service

May 21st-17th Mai Parade-Brooklyn

Jun 2nd-Meeting-BBQ Dinner

Jun 11th-Midsommer Event w/Vasa

Jul-No Events

Aug-No Events

Sept 8th-Meeting-Sister's Eve

Sept 28th-Ladies Auxiliary

Oct 1st-St. James Day Fair

Oct 6th-Meeting-Leif Ericson

Oct 15th-LoyalOktberfest Event

Oct 22nd-Bazaar Baking Day

Oct 28th-Bazaar Baking Day

Oct 29th-Bazaar Baking Day

Nov 4th-Bazaar

Nov 9th-Ladies Auxiliary

Nov 10th-Meeting-Thanksgiving

Dec 1st-Meeting

Dec 2nd-Deck the Halls Glogg Party

Dec 3rd-Children's Christmas Party

Dec 10th-Ornament Exchange

Dec 17th-Christmas Party w/Vasa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE STEPHEN HELMOLD – NOVEMBER 2022

The saying goes “It takes a village to raise a child”. Well, it takes a dedicated board to run a district. District 3 is extremely lucky in that we have a very dedicated board. I would like to take some space in each President’s Message to highlight a board member and allow them to communicate with the members of the District. This month I am starting with one of our newest members to the board, Zone 5 Director Christine Taylor. But first, I would like to start by sharing some news that has come from the Home Office.

DISTRICT DUES

There is a change in the dues structure which would result in a lot less money given in dues to each district. This will not result in a change for the lodges as they will still receive \$14 for each adult member.

FRATERNAL FUNDS

Under the new procedures districts will receive a moderate increase in fraternal funds. I have instructed the members of the Executive Committee, who have historically been in charge of approving Fraternal Fund requests to develop new guidelines for the allocation of Fraternal funds.

VIKING MAGAZINE

The final change will be in the Viking Magazine which will be reduced from 12 issues to 6 issues a year; one every other month, with each issue having 4 less pages, but a nicer thicker cover.

And now a few words from **Christine Taylor**. Christine is the Chairperson of the Committee to get, compare and review bids from different companies to redo our website. Christine is also an important member of the Lodge Revitalization Committee. Since taking office in June, she has been very busy working for Zone 5 and for our District but let’s hear from Christine directly:

Steve asked me to give a brief intro to who I am and update everyone on Zone 5 in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

I grew up in the heart of St. Paul, Minnesota in a family of Norwegian descent. I never heard of the Sons of Norway until I moved to Florida 22 years ago. I was invited to attend a social event and I joined soon afterward. It didn’t take long to become involved in the lodge and I took on leadership positions and now I am one of the Zone 5 Directors.

We are all aware of the devastation brought by Hurricane Ian last month. The storm impacted nearly the entire state in some measure, but the Fort Meyers area was hit especially hard. The members of Gulf Coast Vikings Lodge were hit the hardest with at least one member suffering with four feet of water in her home!

I have spoken with Harriet McHenry and passed on information about the Foundation’s Helping Hands grant availability. Until they have full power and cell service restored, I am sure that their lives are in turmoil. I have passed on everyone’s concern for our fellow members, and I will continue to stay in touch with the members of Gulf Coast Vikings. If I learn of any needs I will be sure to pass on the information.

On behalf of the entire Third District Board, Karen and I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!

Stephen Helmold
District 3 President

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	03/23	29 Karin Dutra	02/23	57 Christine Rasmussen	03/23
2 Robert Johnson	07/32	30 Eleanor Miner	09/23	58	
3 Curt Rومان	06/23	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	10/23
6 Kim Lakeman	02/23	34 C & M Thomassen	04/23	62 Bonnie Gai	09/22*
7 Rick Bates	12/22	35 Solveig Ording	09/23	63 Gordon Fidge	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 Elly Supinsky	05/24
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 John Barnett	05/23	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		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 Samantha & Harrison Reduto	05/23	46 Joan & Don Reinertsen	10/23	74 Jackie Rose & Katie Reduto	04/23
19 S & S Albrechtsen	05/23	47 Toril Stevens	09/23	75 Margaret Zavala	03/23
20 Ray Hansen	10/22*	48 Arnold Linden	09/23	76 Kari Elfers	09/23
21 Lucinda Berninger	02/23	49		77	
22		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	09/23	55 Edd Fleming	09/23	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 50/50 winner was Karen Olsen-Helmold. The Booster winner was Rick Bates.

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Loyal Lodge #252, Sons of Norway

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Upcoming Event
Scandinavian Bazaar on
Saturday, November 5th
10AM to 4PM

Future Lodge Events
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
on Thursday, November 10th

Lodge Meeting on Friday
November 11th at 7:30PM

Note:

*Persons who were using the street address of the Lodge for mailing now must use the address
Loyal Lodge #252, P.O. Box 735, St. James, NY 11780*

If sending your items to the Editor, President or Secretary use their home addresses on the Letter page.