



LOYAL LETTER



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The next meeting
December 2, 2022

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Newsletter is
December 14, 2022

*God Jul og
Godt Nytt År!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I want to thank the Lodge volunteers who for making the Annual Scandinavian Bazaar a great team effort. Lodge volunteers managed the pre-event set up and then helped at the booths, kitchen, new-membership table, cashiers/credit card, and lastly, break-down. I especially wish to thank the members of Loyal who through their combined effort provided an amazing array of baked goods, kitchen delicacies, amazing basket and auction items, and homemade crafts....and a fun Scandinavian merchandise shopping experience for many guests. Greeters guided guests to their shopping needs and shop they did!

Tusen takk to Meredith Johansson for organizing, cooking, and serving our Veteran's Day Dinner in November. Loyal Lodge is grateful to all those who serve our nation and to the Veterans who attended: Ken Holm (Navy), Lou Sandhop (Army), Mike Damato (Air Force), and Gunnar Johansson (Coast Guard). Michelle Rasmussen was proud to announce that her daughter, Christina, is actively serving in the Air Force and has just completed her 4th of 6 years.

During my term as President, questions have routinely been raised regarding the procedures governing our Lodge finances. To help me to help you (our membership) with these questions, I invited 3rd District Treasurer, Elaine Breiland to our November meeting to provide a simple, brief and clear overview of our Lodge's Sons of Norway Charter, Constitutions, Policies and Procedures. Although our by-laws are available to all members, many members were unaware of the financial procedures, legal obligations and consequences. However, with thoughtful membership questions Elaine was able to professionally weather a rough start and the presentation ended very well with many members stating afterward that they now understood, with full clarity, why the 3rd District Treasurer was invited to speak to all of us. Our lodge is a very precious asset to our membership and our outreach to the community.



As Elaine expressed several times, we are all learning this process. And through knowledge, cooperation and our commitment to our elected duties as officers and as members, our lodge is destined to prosper for many years to come. I wish to thank, Elaine for her time and patience during the presentation.

Personally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and help during my time as President – it was a challenging time, especially with COVID, but it was a fulfilling four years. It was my pleasure to serve as President and to provide the best possible leadership and governance I could for the good of the Lodge! I wish all the officers (incoming and outgoing) much success! It is through our fraternal membership that we grow month after month, year after year, and decade after decade to be a successful, forward-moving and contributing lodge. Thank you! *“All Difficulties Come From Not Thinking Of Others”*. At this time of Thanksgiving and every day, let us, **“GIVE THANKS for all that LOYAL has to offer and may we continue to think of others by keeping our eyes and ears vigilant to those who need a helping hand in our community and beyond.”**

And lastly, please consider giving your children, grandchildren, siblings, friends, and sons- and- daughter in-laws a GIFT of MEMBERSHIP for Christmas. Heritage memberships (children under 16) are FREE! Who knows, they might surprise you and come to some of Loyal’s events. And they will so much enjoy receiving and reading the *VIKING* magazine.

Merry Christmas ~ ENJOY the SEASON! - *Eric*

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

We welcomed Third District Treasurer, Elaine Breiland to our November meeting. Welcome to Loyal Lodge.

Upcoming Lodge Events

Ornament Exchange on Sunday, November 27th at 2PM

Lodge Meeting on Friday, December 2nd at 7:30PM

Deck the Halls Glogg Party on Saturday, December 3rd at 7PM

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

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 March. 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. There will be a corporation meeting after our December business meeting.

Little Vikings

Please bring your "little Vikings" and join us for our holiday meeting on December 16th, 2022 from 6-8 pm at the Loyal Lodge. At this event we will explore and learn about Viking runes with fun holiday activities tied in. Appropriate for ages 3-11, but all are welcome!
Please RSVP to Michelle Faulkner at (347) 886-3679.

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.



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

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January Coffee Committee Members

Bonnie Gai (Chairperson)	516—270-6733
Lee Grosskreutz	631-987-2524
Barbara Hagen	631-342-1998
Arlene Holm	631-737-0466
Lillian Hull	631-929-1994
Meredith Johansson	631-366-3539
Barbara Johnsen	229-395-6390
Kirsten Johnsen	229-395-1036
Jeanne Kovacs	631-331-5580
Alicia Krebs	631-576-9485
Randi Kuveke	631-585-0005

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December Birthdays



3-Marty Thomassen	5-Arlene Holm
7-Kristine Jochen	7-Eric Johansson
7-Fred White	10-Richie Elfers
12-Karen Mullen	12-Sara Stevens
13-Liv Dillahunt	17-John Wolf
23-Shelly Albrechtsen	28-Reidun Aasan
28-Richard Barraud	28-Agnes White
29-Tarina Beck	29-Ken Lakeman
30-Roy Rasmussen	

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian Authors Book Club will be taking a break for Christmas. Book Club will start up again after the New Year. Merry Christmas to all!!!

Please look for the for the next meeting date in future newsletters.

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

Please call Kim Lakeman at (631) 509-0392 **by Thursday, December 1st** to let her know you will be coming & whether you will be bringing glögg, an appetizer or a dessert. **An RSVP is A MUST** for this event. There will be much merriment including the annual tree trimming.



heated tent
baked treats!
hot cocoa/cider/coffee
vendors
live music
character photos
empanadas
poetry and other surprises
live nativity!

at james holiday night market
wonderland

DEC 10 | 3-9pm | free entry
230 2nd Ave St James

Loyal lodge will be having a booth at this event selling gnomes, ornaments & other Christmas items. Come join us!!! Going to be a fun event.



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.

Please RSVP to Reidun Rasmussen at (631) 589-8698 by Tuesday, November 22nd. Please along bring an appetizer of dessert to share. Hope to see many of you there.

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_fund_41/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-Bob Johnson
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 two officer positions still 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 December meeting.

We will be voting on these officers at our December 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

Thank you to all of the Loyal members who helped out with the Bazaar. It was another successful event & we couldn't do it without all of you. The raffle winners will be in next month's newsletter.

Please contact Karin Ryan if you are interested in purchasing leftover non-perishable items.

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 Rooman	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 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 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	10/24	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 Kirsten Johnsen. The Booster winner was Christine Rasmussen.



Please remember to visit Loyals Facebook page to see all of our upcoming events

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Note:

*Persons who were using the street address of the Lodge for mailing now must use the address
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