



LOYAL LETTER



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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The next meeting
March 5, 2023

Deadline for next
Newsletter is
March 18, 2023



Can you believe this is the March newsletter? Spring is just around the bend!

Our second meeting of the year was held on Sunday, February 5th with an International Pot Luck lunch prior to the meeting. The lunch was chaired By Barbara Johnsen. I would like to thank Barbara and all of the members who donated their delicious dishes for everyone to enjoy.

In March we have a lot of great events and I hope to see many happy faces attending. We start the month on Sunday, March 5th with our Brothers Eve lunch at 1:00 prior to the 2:00 meeting. Leif Easterson has offered to chair this event. Please see the newsletter for further information.

On Saturday, March 11th, we will be marching in the St. James St. Patrick's Day Parade. After the parade, a pizza and Lapskaus lunch will be served at Norway Hall. I'm looking forward to a very energetic group to come out and join us as we cheer on our heritage! Don't forget to wear your Norwegian sweaters!

On Sunday, March 19th, Kirsten Johnsen will chair a Cod Fish / Meatball dinner. The dinner will be held at the St. James Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please see the newsletter for further information.

Looking ahead...

On Friday, April 14th, our evening meetings will resume. An Easter ham dinner will be served at 6:00pm. More information in next month's newsletter.

On Sunday, May 21st, Loyal Lodge will be marching in the "Syttende Mai" (17th of May) Parade in Brooklyn. A bus has been reserved to take us into Brooklyn. If you are marching with Loyal Lodge, the bus ride is free. If you're coming to cheer us on, there will be a minimal fee of \$20 per person to ride on the bus.

Fraternally, Marty

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

We welcomed new members of the Belkin family to our February meeting.
Velkommen to Loyal Lodge & Sons of Norway

Upcoming Lodge Events

Brother's Eve Lunch on Sunday, March 5th at 1PM. Meeting to follow at 2PM.

St. James St. Pat's Parade on Saturday, March 11th at 1PM. Look in this newsletter on how to participate in this event.

Cod Fish/Meatball Dinner on Sunday, March 19th at 2:30PM. RSVP information is in this newsletter

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

Rosemarie Sandhop took a fall coming off of the train. She is black & blue. Sore & a little unsteady. We send our get well wishes to Rosemarie. 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 March 23rd. 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 major indoor cleaning of the lodge during the spring. The date of this cleaning day will be in next month's newsletter. Hope to see many of you there to get this done.

Little Vikings

Please look for our announcement for our next meeting happening in the spring of 2023. We look forward to seeing your children & grandchildren at our meeting. Bring along some friends!!! Appropriate for ages 3-11, but all are welcome!

Any questions please contact our Lodge Youth Director, 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.



March Coffee Committee Members

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| Ken Olson (Chairperson) | 631-849-2287 |
| Michael Pedersen | 631-464-2304 |
| Donald Reinertsen | 631-584-8987 |
| Robert Retnauer | 631-862-7840 |
| Curtis Rooman | 631-724-8191 |
| Louis Sandhop | 631-585-4882 |
| Oddvar Skadberg | 631-584-5619 |
| Martin Thomassen | 631-764-8898 |
| Fredrick White | 631-732-6834 |
| John Wolf | 631-764-7871 |

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April Coffee Committee Members

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Margaret Zavala (Chairperson) | 631-473-0183 |
| Ellen Zavala | 631-473-0183 |
| Shelly Albrechtsen | 631-736-5371 |
| Michele Barbera | 631-256-6122 |
| Nancy Baxley | 631-584-2095 |
| Lucinda Berninger | 212-213-4913 |
| Torhild Boughal | 631-472-9407 |
| Nancy Bradley | 631-889-9501 |
| Barbara Brownworth | 631-681-4726 |
| Monica Carlsen | 631-724-4057 |

Gratulerer Med Dagen March Birthdays



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| 3-Tanya Mastaglio | 4-Leslie Ann Tewes |
| 9-Barry Carlsen | 9-Hjalmar Hansen |
| 9-Ada Wikoren | 12-Unni Johansen |
| 19-Carla Retnauer | 20-Ruth Pettersen |
| 24-Leif Easterson | 25-Jon Reduto |
| 26-Joan Reinertsen | 27-Liv Peterson |
| 30-Jeanine Monsell | |

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian Authors Book Club is now reading "Snow Blind"-a mystery by Ragnar Jonasson (Icelandic author). The meeting is on Sunday, March 26th at 2PM.

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



Loyal Lodge Proposed Calendar for 2023

Mar 5th-Meeting-Brother's Eve
Mar 11th-St. James St. Pat's Parade
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-Loyal Oktberfest 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

Loyal Lodge Walking Club

Loyals newly formed walking club will have its first event on Saturday March 25th at Holtsville Ecology Center at 10:30 am.

Please contact Kim Lakeman at **(631) 509-0392** for more information.



Loyal Lodge's Annual Brother's Eve Lunch will be held on Sunday, March 5th at 1:00PM.

The menu will consist of corned beef & cabbage with potatoes & carrots. Irish soda bread & green jello with whipped cream for dessert. The cost of this meal is \$15 per person & is payable at the door.

If you would like to attend this dinner, please contact Leif Easterson at eastersonle@gmail.com (preferred) or to 631-637-2369 to reserve your seat by Wednesday, March 1st.

Reservations Limited, No Sales at the Door.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Loyal Lodge will be marching in the St. James Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 1st at 1PM. Rain date is Saturday, March 18th.

We will be meeting on the corner of Jackson Ave. & Woodlawn Ave. at 12:15PM. Please wear your Loyal Lodge t-shirt & a Norwegian sweater if you plan on marching.

Please join us at the Lodge for pizza & lapskaus after the parade. Contact Torun Reduto at (631) 862-8017 if you plan to attend this event so we can prepare lunch accordingly. We also ask that if you come to the Lodge for lunch after the parade please bring a cake or some cookies.

WHO'S HUNGRY???
Come Join Loyal Lodge 252's
Traditional Cod Fish Dinner
with
a Modern Twist

Menu

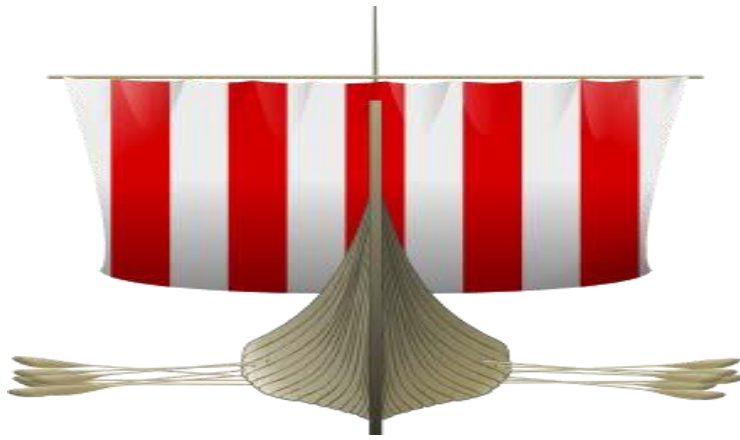
- Dinner salad - Rolls & butter
- Baked cod fish filet with butter finish or Norwegian meatballs in gravy
- Finnish carrot casserole - Red Potatoes
- Fruit tart dessert

Entertainment provided by: Ellen Lindstrom



PLACE: St. James Lutheran Parish Hall
230 Second Ave, St. James, NY 11780
Date: Sunday March 19, 2023
Time: 2:30 – 6:30pm
Price: \$35.00/pp

Seating is limited. Contact Kirsten Johnsen @ 229-395-1036 for reservations and payment information. Payments due no later than March 4, 2023



Sons of Norway - Loyal Lodge #252

VIKING AUCTION

Friday, April 21, 2023

St. James Lutheran Church Parish Hall

230 Second Avenue, St. James

\$10 admission includes 25 tickets, coffee, tea &
cake

Second level, Third level and 50/50 tickets available for
purchase

Doors open at 6:30, bring a friend!

Hot dogs, cold drinks and snacks available for purchase

Questions? Call Barbara Johnsen 229-395-6390

**LOYAL LODGE BUS TO
BROOKLYN FOR PARADE**



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

Parade will take place on Sunday, May 21st. Any Loyal member who would like to march in this parade will receive a free seat on the bus. If you do NOT march in the parade there will be a \$20 charge for each seat. Guests will be charged \$20 for their seat.

Please RSVP your seat reservation to Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017 before May 14th. Departure time will be provided as the day gets closer.

From our Lodge Social Director

Are there are social events or activities you as members of Loyal lodge like to do this coming year? Please email any & all suggestions to me at lovedragons2976@gmail.com or call me at 229-395-1036 or talk to me at the meetings.

Looking forward to hearing what you all would like to do!!

Takk, Kirsten Johnsen

Attention all Basket Makers!!!

Are you good at making prize baskets? Are you available to lend me your services? I would love to hear from you.

I will need some assistance putting together baskets for our Viking Auction. I would like to start mid to the end of March through beginning of April. If you can help please call me at 229-395-6390 and let me know when you may be available. Thank you in advance!! Barbara Johnsen

Sons of Norway Youth Camp Is Back!!!!
It will be held at Koinonia in Highland Park NY

The completed application form, along with a \$50 registration fee (deposit), must be sent to Thomas Bakos ASAP. The check should be made payable to District Lodge #3 Sons of Norway. You will receive camp materials including a health form when your application is received. \$450 Sons of Norway members, \$500 Non-members

Send to: Thomas Bakos

Sons of Norway Youth Camp Director

8 Bingham Drive

Marlboro, NJ 07746

Would you like to have your name as a booster in the 17th of May parade journal?

If you do, please see Barbara Brownworth at our March meeting. The cost is \$1.00 per name.

All names & payment must be received by our March meeting as there is a deadline to get this information to the journal chairperson. Thank you!!!!

Atlantic City Bus Trip

Hosted by Norden Lodge



April 22, 2023

Cost: \$70 per person



On the way down we will have breakfast and coffee, play a few games. On way back we will hand out some drinks/snacks and settle down for the movie chosen by all. The casino is providing something to get us started.



Leaving LIE Exit 49 Park & Ride at 8AM,
Stopping at Christopher Morley Park at 8:30AM
(500 Searingtown Rd N, Roslyn),

Stopping at Brooklyn PC Richards parking lot at 9:15AM
(576-80 86th St., Brooklyn),

Next at Nansen Lodge Staten Island at 9:45AM
And Lastly Arriving at the Tropicana, Atlantic City.
We will be departing Atlantic City around 6 PM for Home



Make sure to get to the bus pickup 15 minutes before the time stated for your stop. It is better for you to wait for the bus, because **the bus will NOT wait for you!!!**

RSVP by: March 3rd Call or E-mail Today!!!

Contact: Chuck: 516-512-9427

Kris: 516-521-3190

CGottilla@hotmail.com

*****All reservations are first come first served*****

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 02/24	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 02/24	59
4	32 Liz & Oddvar Skadberg 03/23*	60 C & M Thomassen 04/23
5 Donna & Bill Monsen 10/24	33	61 Joan & Don Reinertsen 10/23
6 Kim Lakeman 02/24	34 C & M Thomassen 04/23	62 Bonnie Gai 09/23
7 Rick Bates 12/23	35 Solveig Ording 09/23	63
8 Betty Stokke 04/23	36	64 Ken Holm 02/24
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 05/25	68 Karin Ryan 11/23
13 Borgny Berger 12/23	41 Ken Lakeman 02/24	69 B & K Johnsen 02/24
14	42 Torun Reduto 03/23*	70 Arlene Holm 02/24
15 Anna Christensen 01/24	43	71 Tanya Mastaglio 12/23
16 Audrey Nilsen 12/23	44 Violet Olsen 10/23	72
17 Tarina & Ken Beck 01/23*	45 John Johnsen 03/24	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 10/23	48 Arnold Linden 09/23	76 Kari Elfers 09/23
21 Lucinda Berninger 02/24	49	77
22	50 Norm Nilsen 12/23	78
23	51	79 Ada Wikoren 12/24
24	52 In memory of Anton & Nini Nilsen 12/23	80
25 Anne & Greg Davis 10/22*	53	81
26 Dolores & Frank Ruby 02/24	54	82
27 Kari Elfers 09/23	55 Edd Fleming 09/23	83
28 Lori Mahoney 10/24	56 Ethel Thomassen 11/23	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 Marty & Christina Thomassen. The Booster winner was Lori Mahoney.

We send our condolences to the Marriott family on the passing of Loyal member, Norma Marriott.

Our condolences to the Vinnelrod family on the passing of former Loyal member Odd.

Please make sure to check out the Lodge Facebook page for all of our upcoming events. Hope to see many of you at these events.

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Upcoming Event

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**St. James's St. Pat's Parade on
Saturday, March 11th at 1PM**

Future Lodge Events

**Cod Fish & Meatball Dinner
on Sunday, March 19th at 1PM**

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*