



LOYAL LETTER



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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The next meeting
June 2, 2023

Deadline for next
Newsletter is
August 12, 2023

Refreshing our commitment as members, officers, sisters and brothers of Loyal Lodge, many members recently participated in the Zone One Leadership Training held at the lodge. Special thanks to Karen Olsen-Helmold for her time, organization and leadership in helping us understand better the inner workings of a fraternal, non-profit organization. In addition to learning more about our individual roles and how to carry them out, the training also brought to light the importance of reviewing our organizational structure and taking action in locating, consolidating and archiving vital lodge records and documentation (i.e., deed, EIN Number, etc...). I am happy to report that all pertinent Lodge documentation has been located and consolidated and will be scanned (for digital archiving) and hard-copy stored at the lodge in a fire-proof box. Thanks to Don Reinertsen, Ken Lakeman, Thom Brownworth, and Elly Supinsky for their immediate locating, reviewing, and consolidating these documents!

Loyal Lodge was represented at the annual **Long Island Memorial Service** at St. Marks Church. Thank you to the many Loyal members who attended in memory of our departed Lodge and Zone brothers and sisters.

Kirsten and Barbara Johnsen...**WOW**...organized a fantastic, well-attended and profitable Viking Auction. More importantly, the fellowship of many lodge members attending and assisting before, during and after the full-house event was a tremendous gift for lodge members in attendance. Well done!

Our May meeting featured a beautiful dining experience with both delicious **Norwegian delicacies and decorations**. We could just imagine ourselves transported to a relative's home in Norway enjoying this same meal! Tusen Takk to chair Liv Dillahunt and her team! Following the dinner, several members asked "Can we do this again and again? :)"

Come celebrate our Scandinavian-American heritage with fellow sisters and brothers as our Social Director, Kirsten Johnsen is hosting an all-American BBQ before the June 2nd Lodge meeting. The **BBQ will begin at 6 pm** with the **Meeting beginning at 7:00 pm**. On the menu are hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, and make-your-on Ice Cream Sundaes. Reserve your spot by calling Kirsten Johnsen at (229)-395-1036. Who doesn't like Ice Cream Sundaes?

Celebrate **Midsummer LI** with our Skanska cousins on **Saturday, June 11th at Loyal Lodge** from 12-4 pm. Last year's event was a big success and this year's promises to be even better! This is a true family affair, so bring out your immediate and extended families for an afternoon of dancing around the maypole to the accordion music of Smorgasbandet, children's games and Clown, raffle baskets, homemade beer, and Swedish Meatball dinner and hotdogs being served!

May Peace and Harmony Prevail in our Lodge! Have a restful and glorious summer!

Fraternally, Eric



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

Congratulations to Katherine Chuliver & Kiersten Johansson for winning a Zone 1 scholarship!!! We welcomed Bob McKeever & Reidun Rasmussen's Sister, Astrid from Hardanger, Norway. Welcome to Loyal Lodge!!!

Upcoming Lodge Events

BBQ Dinner on Friday, June 2nd at 6PM--Meeting at 7:00PM

Midsommer Event on Sunday, June 11th from 12PM-4PM

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

Lou Sandhop is home. He will be receiving therapy at home while waiting to get into a rehab facility. We send our get well wishes to Lou. 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 June 22nd. 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. Clear bags go into the recycling bins. Black bags are for the garbage cans. Garbage pick-up is Monday & Thursday. The garbage cans can be put out earlier. A caddy of cleaning supplies is available in the file cabinet in the boiler room downstairs in the lodge. Please use these products when cleaning the lodge.



Little Vikings

Please look for our announcement for our next meeting happening in the fall of 2023. Enjoy the summer & we will see you in September!! 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

Coffee committee will consist of those listed below who have graciously signed up in advance to run the coffee hour. The social director will call those listed a week before the meeting as a reminder of their commitment. If no one signs up, the social director may need to call on members to participate. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. To sign up for future meetings, please contact the social director. Thanking you all in advance.



June Coffee Committee Members

Barbara Johnsen 229-395-6390
Kirsten Johnsen 229-395-1036

Volunteers are Ellen Zavala, Lee Grosskreutz & Leif Easterson

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September Coffee Committee Members

We are looking for people to sign up to be on the coffee committee. Please contact Kirsten Johnsen at 229-395-1036.

Gratulerer Med Dagen

June Birthdays



4-Eleanor Miner	4-Melissa Pedersen
6-Ethel Thomassen	10-John Barnett
15-Sean Baxley	16-Nancy Baxley
16-Audrey Nilsen	17-Lisa Jones-Belkin
19-Lillian Upcraft	27-Steven Reduto
29-Ken Olson	30-Bonnie Gai
30-Kim Mokarry	

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July Birthdays



1-Borgny Berger	2-Barbara Brownworth
5-Donna Skjeveland	11-Solveig Ording
12-Curt Rومان	14-Susan Olson
15-Torhild Boughal	16-Anne Marie Davis
18-Owen Wister	19-Alicia Krebs
19-Karen Tewes	21-Thom Brownworth
21-Ronald Marriott	29-Lisa Schreiber
30-Edd Fleming	30-Reidun Rasmussen
31-Kyler Easterson	

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August Birthdays



2-Meredith Johansson	4-Rosemarie Sandhop
5-Ray Hansen	7-Carl Moa
9-Evan Courtney	9-Megan Tewes
11-Jeanne Kovacs	12-Anna Christensen
13-Jon S. Hogden	14-Tom Baxley
16-Geir Eide	16-Marty Thompson
18-Kirk Easterson	20-Gunnar Johansson
21-John Johnson	24-John Boughal
24-Anthony Chuliver	25-Agnes Virgadola
27-Lillian Hull	27-Margartet Zavala
28-Bill Monsen	28-Ellinor Rossavik

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian

Authors Book Club is now reading "Last Wild Horses" by Maia Lunde (Norwegian author). The meeting is on Sunday, June 23rd 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**

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 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

Walking Club



Loyal Lodge Walking Club

The next walk will be on Saturday, June 17th at 9:30AM at Frank Melville Park, 1 Old Field Road Setauket NY. We will meet at the entrance. There is street parking.

Please contact Kim Lakeman at **(631) 509-0392** for more information & **(631) 617-0331** the day of the walk.



Barbeque Dinner to be held before our June 2nd meeting at 6:00PM. This dinner is free. The dinner will consist of hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese burgers, salads, fruit salad & soda & water.

If you would like to attend this barbeque, please call Kirsten Johnsen at 229-395-1036 by Monday, May 29th(no exceptions).

Hope to see many of you there before we break for the summer.



MIDSUMMER LONG ISLAND SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 12 TO 4 PM

**RAIN
OR
SHINE**

**CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE THE
SCANDINAVIAN WAY! DANCE AROUND THE
MIDSUMMERPOLE, EAT SWEDISH MEATBALLS,
HOT DOGS & SNACKS, SODA & HAND-CRAFTED
BEER, A MAGIC SHOW & FACE PAINTING
DANISH HOT POTATO & FISHING GAMES
RAFFLES & PRIZES & A REAL VIKING
SHIP & NORWEGIAN ST. HANS BONFIRE**



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INFO: MONICA 631-338-8994 OR MEREDITH 631-766-3142

HENRIK IBSEN LODGE FLUKE FISHING

Aboard the Capt. Eddie B III from Captree State Park-Bay Shore NY

Saturday, July 29th 6:30AM-12PM(boat leaves at 7AM sharp)

\$67 Per Adult-\$50 per child(12 & under) which includes gratuity

RAIN OR SHINE

Bring your own food/beverages

**This is a private charter & we must meet a minimum so please send names & payment
NO LATER than 7/1/23 to: Crystal Nifong 1498 Brightshore Blvd. Bay Shore NY 11706**

Questions? Please contact Crystal Nifong at (631) 260-8011 or cnifong@live.com.

Checks made payable to Crystal Nifong

SCANFEST 2023



Sunday September 3rd
BUDD LAKE, NJ

Via Zone 1 Bus

\$35.00 per person

1st Pick up LIE and Route 110 @7:30AM

2nd Christopher Morley Park @8:00AM

3rd PC Richards, 276 86th St. Bay Ridge 9:00AM

Bus will leave Budd Lake at 4PM

For bus reservations and info please contact
Barbara Kristiansen
at 718-680-4684

Bus tickets must be paid for by July 17th.

Checks made payable to S/N Zone 1
Committee

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	03/24	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	04/24	36			64	Ken Holm	02/24
9	The Stokke Family	04/24	37			65	Elly Supinsky	05/24
10	Liv Dillahunt	03/24	38			66		
11	Turid & Ted Mann	01/24	39			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	03/24	70	Arlene Holm	02/24
15	Anna Christensen	01/24	43	Liz & Oddvar Skadberg	04/24	71	Tanya Mastaglio	12/23
16	Audrey Nilsen	12/23	44	Violet Olsen	10/24	72		
17	Tarina & Ken Beck	01/24	45	John Johnsen	03/24	73		
18	Samantha & Harrison Reduto	05/24	46	Joan & Don Reinertsen	10/23	74	Jackie Rose & Katie Reduto	04/24
19	S & S Albrechtsen	05/23*	47	Toril Stevens	09/23	75		
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	Margaret Zavala	04/25	51			79	Ada Wikoren	12/24
24			52	In memory of Anton & Nini Nilsen	12/23	80		
25			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 Eric Johansson. The Booster winner was Solveig Ording.

TIL MINNE

We send our condolences to the family of Loyal member, Hjalmar Hansen.

Gratulerer to Lorna Courtney, daughter of Loyal members, Melodie & Evan who was nominated for a Tony Award for best actress in a musical for her performance in the Broadway play & Juliet. The Tony Awards will take place on Sunday, June 11th.

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Upcoming Event

**Lodge Meeting on
Friday, June 2nd at 7:00PM**

**Midsommer Event on
Sunday, June 11th at 12PM**

Future Lodge Events

Sept 8th-Meeting-Sister's Eve

**This is our last newsletter before we break for the summer.
Please look for our September newsletter in August.**

Have a great summer & see you all in September!!

Note:

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