



LOYAL LETTER



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The next meeting
October 13, 2023

Deadline for next
Newsletter is
October 18, 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wow! Kirsten and Barbara Johnsen coordinated a cultural event that our lodge will cherish for some time. Norwegian Fiddler, Vidar Skrede visited us all the way from Milwaukee, WI to entertain us with his four acoustic instruments: Hardanger, Violin, Mandolin and Guitar. Vidar combined both history and sounds of Nordic music captivating the audience in the moment and beyond. The wine and cheese cocktail hour was beautiful in its display and delicious in its offerings of food and wine, and most especially, this special hour allowed Vidar to first mingle and meet with all those who came out to hear him play! After the concert, coffee and a Norwegian-flagged cake were served and with a hearty send-off by Vidar's newest fan club, he set off for his 3-day trek to Nashville, TN - his next concert venue. We hope Vidar will find his way back to St. James. Thank you, Kirsten and Barbara for a wonderful Sunday afternoon!

The Executive Board met several times over the summer to improve communications and help provide a clear path forward for Loyal Lodge. A snail mail letter was sent to the membership to keep everyone informed of the Executive Board's summary of the challenges the Lodge faced and positive efforts made to keep our Lodge in good working order according to our local, national and international by-laws. Please note, the letter also provided the Lodge's **updated** contact information including: **Mailing Address**, 201 Seventh Street, St. James NY, 11780 (it is no longer a PO Box), **Email** info@Loyallodge.org, **Phone** 631-584-7510, and **Website** (still the same) <https://loyallodge.org/>

The Heritage Club met over the summer to brew beer for our upcoming Leif Ericsson Dinner on Friday, October 13th at 6:30 pm. If Brats, Sour Kraut, German Potato Salad and hearty Octoberfest Beer sound good to you, then reserve your dinner spot by calling/texting me at 631-766-8571. \$12 per person

The Scandinavian Bazaar being held on Saturday, November 4th at St. James Lutheran Church is our biggest event of the year. Please contact Vice President Bob Johnsen if you wish to contribute...we welcome all to join in on the comradery of preparing for this event and presenting our Lodge's love and pride of all things Norwegian (and beyond) to Bazaar-goers! As a Fraternal organization we embrace and encourage all to participate in the many wonderful activities. The Heritage Club, Book Club, Scandinavian Bazaar, Viking Auction, Lodge Dinners, Zone Memorial, Parades, and of course our very special 100th Anniversary Celebration (Saturday, June 4, 2024 at Blue Blinds Mansion, Smithtown). Join us for any and all of these vibrant events!

Our next business meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Friday, October 13th following the Oktoberfest Dinner. A second reading of the By-Laws Amendments for Lodge consideration will be on the agenda. We welcome all to attend both dinner and meeting.

Happy Fall! Check us out on our website <https://loyallodge.org/>

Fraternally, Eric

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

Upcoming Lodge Events

Oktoberfest (Leif Ericson) Dinner on Friday, October 13th at 6:30pm
Scandinavian Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th at 10am
Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 10th at 6:30pm

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

At the September meeting we knew of no one who was 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.

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 join us on Friday, October 20th at 5:30pm at Norway Hall for a pumpkin & RUNE activity. We look forward to seeing your children & grandchildren at our meeting. Bring along some friends!!! Appropriate for ages 3-11, but all are welcome!

An RSVP to Michelle Faulkner is required for this event by Wednesday, October 18th.

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.



October Coffee Committee Members

Kim Lakeman
Liz Skadberg
Elly Supinsky

Additional volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Kirsten Johnsen at 229-395-1036.

Gratulerer Med Dagen October Birthdays



1-Karin Ryan	3-Barbra Barraud
10-Lukia Reduto	15-Ken Holm
15-Lee Upcraft	16-Melodie Courtney
19-Eric Larsen	19-Kate Losey
22-Randi Kuveke	23-Gunter Samuelsen
24-Robert Reuter	26-Stacey Ferrington
31-Alf Mygland	

Loyal Lodge Proposed Calendar for 2023

Oct 13th-Meeting-Leif
Ericson/Oktoberfest

Nov 4th-Bazaar

Nov 10th-Meeting-Thanksgiving

Nov 18th-Card Making Event

Dec 1st-Meeting

Dec 2nd-Deck the Halls Glogg Party

Dec 3rd-Children's Christmas Party

Dec 10th-Ornament Exchange

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November Coffee Committee Members

Barbara Johnsen
Kirsten Johnsen
Barbara Wikoren

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian Authors Book Club is now reading "Stolen by Anne-Helen Laestadius, an international best seller by a Swedish Sami author describes as a part mystery and part coming of age story. It is also being made into a

Netflix movie. We will meet on Sunday, October 22nd at 2pm.

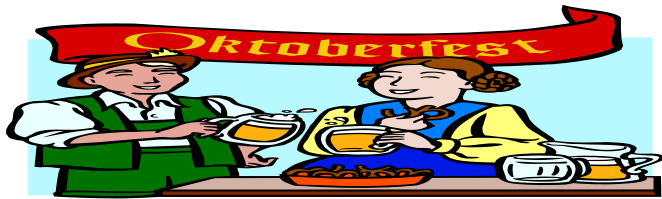
Please RSVP to Kim Lakeman at (631) 509-0392 or klakeman27@gmail.com.

Refreshments will be served.

Walking event for Saturday, October 14th at Bayard Cutting Arboretum 440 Montauk Highway, Great River, NY at 11 am.

There is an art show, a cafe for lunch and multiple walking trails that weekend.

Contact Kim Lakeman at 631-509-0392



Loyal Lodge Oktoberfest (Leif Ericson)

Friday, October 13th at 6:30PM

If you would like to attend this dinner please call Eric Johansson at (631) 766-8571 by Wednesday, October 11th (no exceptions). The dinner will consist of bratwursts with sauerkraut & Oktoberfest beer.

The cost of this dinner will be \$12 per person and is payable at the door. Please make sure you call to reserve your seat.

SAVE THE DATE

Card making/crafting with Karen Smith - Saturday, Nov 18th at Loyal Lodge. All who attend will craft a total of 6 Christmas themed cards - 2 cards/3 different designs. Karen will teach us how to assemble the cards, perhaps add some color using magic markers or some parts of the car may require embossing. All the materials, equipment and supplies are provided for you.

This is an enjoyable afternoon with plenty of laughs and you will go home with beautiful cards!! The cost is \$20 per person. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.

Please see next month's newsletter for the start time & how & who to RSVP to.



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

We are also looking for 18 authentic Scandinavian/Nordic raffle items for our raffle table. If you or your family would like to donate an item please let Barbara Johnsen know. She can be reached at 229-395-6390.

Reidun Rasmussen will be manning the kitchen. Please contact Reidun at 631-589-8698 if you are bringing kitchen food.

Toril Stevens is coordinating the baked goods table. Please contact Toril at 631-880-8820 if you can bake some items.

Bazaar set-up will take place on Friday, November 3rd at 7PM. Possibly on Thursday the 2nd as well. Please contact Leif Easterson at 631-637-2369 or eastersonle@gmail.com. We will need help with tear down on Saturday after the Bazaar.

Any additional questions, please contact Bazaar chair Bob Johnson at 631-942-6844

Thank you to all who have volunteered already.

Third District President's Message October 2023

One of my goals as your Third District President is to keep the membership apprised of what is happening in our district and at the home office. Toward that end, I am informing you of the following changes:

MAJOR CHANGE IN PROCEDURES - 2024 International Elections for Officers

In the past the officers for the international board were voted on by the delegates to the International Convention. Starting in 2024, international board members will be elected by insurance members (anyone with a Sons of Norway product, even those who are not members of a lodge). All insurance members who do not belong to a local lodge are now members of the Central Lodge 3-000 which gives them voting rights. The home office **WILL NOT SEND PAPER BALLOTS**. Members with products will only be able to vote **ONLINE** if the home office has your email address on file.

There are 2 very important steps you must take to ensure your ability to vote.

- 1.** NO ONE can share an email address; only one vote per email address will be allowed. If more than one member is using the same email address, they will only get one vote. Husbands, wives, and adult children with Sons of Norway products **MUST** have separate email addresses to have a vote.
- 2.** Once everyone has their own email address or if you are the only one with a product, you need to log on to the Sons of Norway Website and check your profile to make sure the home office has your correct e-mail address.

NEW WAY TO REPORT VOLUNTEER HOURS. The home office will no longer use "Fraternal Give" to report fraternal and community service hours. If you have entered any information for 2023 you must retrieve it as soon as possible or it will be lost. In February of 2024, each lodge secretary will get an email with a link to **survey monkey** for the reporting of these hours. Lodge secretaries will receive detailed information regarding the new system from District Secretary Karen Olsen-Helmold in the next (Nov.-Dec.) District Secretary's letter.

Sons of Norway has updated their by-laws. Please look on the Sons of Norway Website.

Sons of Norway has a new social media policy. Please check it out on the Sons of Norway Website

Now in service - eblasts from the district. The district is sending out emails to all members that have email addresses listed with Sons of Norway or the district. These emails will announce important events or news. The emails will come from "Third District News." These are important and should be opened and read. With that said, if you have not been receiving these emails, you need to send your email address to District Secretary, Karen Olsen-Helmold so you can be included on our mailing list.

The Third District has a recruitment brochure available for all lodges in the district. Since the home office no longer has brochures and other handouts for membership recruitment events, the 3rd district board decided to develop its own brochure that would be generic with general information about Sons of Norway and a space for lodges and zones to put their contact information. I appointed Zone 7 Director, Bill Browning, to chair the effort. I would like to thank Bill for designing the brochure. With input from the other zone directors and after several meetings to fine tune it they had a finished product. Thanks to you all. If you are interested in the brochure for a membership event, please contact your zone director or me and we would be happy to email it to you. You can print it yourself or take it to a printer to have it done.

October is Foundation month in District 3, so please remember to support the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Karen and I had the Privilege of representing the Third District at Washington Lodge's 80th Anniversary celebration which was very well attended. Also in attendance were District 3 Vice President Diana Syvertsen and her mother Edna and Zone 6 Director Jeanne Addison. It is always great to go to these anniversary events and mix in and talk with members from other lodges. Karen and I very much enjoyed ourselves at the Washington Lodge anniversary party and look forward to celebrating 2 monumental anniversaries in November; Fredheim Lodge and Lodge Brooklyn who are both celebrating 100 years of fraternalism.

Please send all pictures for the Viking magazine to Asbjorn Lageraen Third District Publicity Director with the proper form with the information about the picture including the names of those members who are in the picture.

The Third District Board will meet on Saturday, October 28, 2023 to continue all the good work that has been started.

Fraternally,
Stephen Helmold

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Your gift makes a difference

When you donate to the Sons of Norway Foundation, you are helping to strengthen our Nordic legacy and keep our vibrant communities thriving for generations to come. Your generous donations will:

- Provide access to higher education for Sons of Norway members
- Showcase our unique Nordic heritage and culture to wider audiences for the future
- Support cross-cultural exchange programs with Norway
- Bring humanitarian support to Sons of Norway members affected by natural disasters
- Demonstrating compassion for our members in need
- Committing to life-long learning and service
- Fostering a community of generosity
- Sustaining the link to contemporary Norway

Loyal Lodge will be doing a voluntary donation night for the Sons of Norway Foundation at our October meeting on Friday, October 13th. Please see Lee Grosskreutz, Loyal lodges Foundation Director at this meeting to make your donation.

Thank you for donation to the Sons of Norway Foundation!!

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
2	Robert Johnson	07/32	30	Eleanor Miner	09/23*	58
3	Curt Rooman	06/24	31	A & C Chuliver	02/24	59
4			32	Liz & Oddvar Skadberg	03/24	60
5	Donna & Bill Monsen	10/24	33			61 Joan & Don Reinertsen 10/23
6	Kim Lakeman	02/24	34			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			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

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. There were no drawings at our September meeting.

Our newsletter boosters will be going away. Please bear with us as we figure out what to do with the current numbers that have not yet expired.

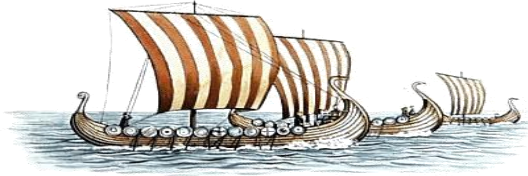
Please do not send in any money for your booster numbers.

Thanks for your cooperation & understanding.

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