



# LOYAL LETTER



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## Dear Brothers and Sisters,

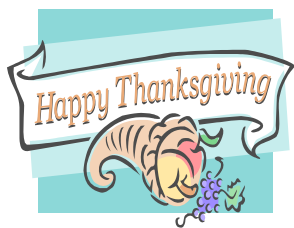
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*The next meeting  
November 10, 2023  
Deadline for next  
Newsletter is  
November 13, 2023*



Thank you to our group of 40 adults and children who partook in the Lodge's Brats and Beer Octoberfest. The Octoberfest beer was tapped and enjoyed by many.

Upcoming events at Loyal are many:

**Our Scandinavian Bazaar is on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 4 pm with set up beginning at 1 pm on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Come lend a hand in set-up on Friday and then come again on Saturday to shop for and experience Scandinavian delicacies and Nordic items. Bring your friends and join the fellowship of volunteers.

**On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, join us for our Thanksgiving Feast, hosted by Kirsten Johnsen.** Veterans bring only themselves, but all other guests are asked to bring your favorite **MEAT** dish. Call Kirsten at 229-395-1036 to let her know what you are bringing and to reserve a seat. **Additionally, guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item(s) to be donated to a local food pantry to help those in need.**

**On Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, there will be a "Card Making for Beginners"** class being held at the lodge. For planning purposes, please call Monica Carlsen at 631-338-8994 by Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat. Cost/person \$20.

We kick off the Christmas season with the annual **Ornament Exchange Party on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** hosted by Reidun Rasmussen. Shortly thereafter let the **Glogg Competition** begin on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm**, hosted by Kim Lakeman. Call Kim at 631-509-0392 to let her know if you are bringing an appetizer or a dessert. Game on Glogg makers!

Rounding out our Christmas Season is an generous invitation by Vasa Lodge to join them at **Marconi Manor, Islip on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>!**

As a gift that keeps on giving, consider gifting your adult children and grandchildren with a Sons of Norway Membership for Christmas. They will appreciate this connection to their heritage and, at the very least; they will truly enjoy the **Viking** magazine each month.

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 the lodge and our community!

**Our next meeting** will be on **Friday, November 10th at 7:30pm** preceded by Thanksgiving Feast at 6:30 pm.

**Hilsen, Eric**

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

Congratulations to Agnes & Fred White on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Upcoming Lodge Events**

Scandinavian Bazaar on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Ornament Exchange on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

**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.

**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, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Norway Hall for a Frozen activity & make your own holiday spice sachet gift. 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, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.



#### November Coffee Committee Members

**Barbara Johnsen**  
**Kirsten Johnsen**  
**Barbara Wikoren**

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#### December Coffee Committee Members

**Volunteers are needed. Please contact Kirsten Johnsen at 229-395-1036**

### **Gratulerer Med Dagen 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 Proposed Calendar for 2023

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**-Bazaar  
**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**-Meeting-Thanksgiving  
**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**-Card Making Event  
**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**-Ornament Exchange  
  
**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**-Meeting  
**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**-Deck the Halls Glogg Party  
**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**-Children's Christmas Party  
**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**-Vasa Christmas Party

### **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. November meeting will be determined at a later date.**

**Please RSVP to Kim Lakeman at (631) 509-0392 or [klakeman27@gmail.com](mailto:klakeman27@gmail.com).**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Basket of Cheer Raffle** to be raffled off for the Sons of Norway Foundation. We are looking for donations to fill this basket. Tickets will be sold at our November & December meetings with the winner picked at our glogg party on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please see Lee Grosskreutz at the November & December meetings to purchase your tickets. Thank you for your support.



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.

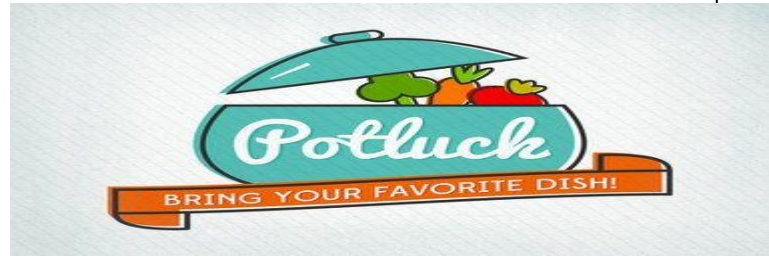
Reidun Rasmussen will be manning the kitchen. Please contact Reidun at 631-589-8698 if you are bringing kitchen food.

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 1PM. Please contact Leif Easterson at 631-637-2369 or [eastersonle@gmail.com](mailto: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.**



**November Pot Luck Dinner to be held on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

This will be a Pot Luck of home favorites. Please contact Kirsten Johnsen at 229-395-1036 by Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> ( no exceptions) to reserve your spot & to let her know what you are bringing.

We need protein dishes, starches and vegetable sides. All attendees bring a dish a piece - except our brave veterans. **Veterans. Please call to reserve a seat but bring yourself only to enjoy a home cooked meal.**

#### Card Craft

Come join us on Saturday, November 18th at Loyal Lodge from 1:00 - 4:00PM to create Christmas/Nordic Greeting Cards. Karen Smith will give us step by step instructions and will provide all the necessary supplies. We will make a total of 6 cards with 3 different designs. The cost is \$20 per person to be paid the day of the event. To reserve your seat and supplies, contact Monica Carlsen via text 631-338-8994 or email [swedesisu@gmail.com](mailto:swedesisu@gmail.com) by Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.





## ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2023 OCT. 2 - NOV. 15

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS PUT A HOLIDAY MEAL ON THEIR TABLES THIS SEASON.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR A FULL FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL MUST INCLUDE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 cans of Vegetables (Corn, Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of Cranberry Sauce                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 cans of Fruit (Applesauce, Mixed Fruits, Pineapple, etc.)               | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of Yams                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of Stuffing   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of Corn Muffin Mix                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of Mashed Potato Mix  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Dessert (Cake Mix and Frosting, Cookie Mix, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans or packets of Gravy  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Frozen Turkey (optional)                          |

Main Drop-off Location:  
Long Island Cares, Inc. - Center for Community Engagement  
75 Davids Drive | Hauppauge, NY 11788



### Do's

- Turkeys must be **completely frozen**.
- Meals must be complete with items on this list.\*
- Double bag meals or use a reusable bag.
- Visit [www.licares.org](http://www.licares.org) for **additional drop-off locations**.
- Drop off your donations as early as possible to help us distribute to families quickly.
- Questions? Email us at [fooddrive@licares.org](mailto:fooddrive@licares.org) or call 631.582.FOOD.

\* Students earn 1 hour of community service for each complete meal donated.



### Don'ts

- No fruit cups.
- No perishable food items (ex: pre-made desserts, cookies, etc.).
- No partially or fully thawed turkeys.
- No pre-made pie crusts.
- No glass jars.



If you are donating as a group/organization, scan the QR code to register today!

Finally, in addition bring a non-perishable item from the following flyer. You can bring individual pieces or pool together or provide a complete package as we are so fortunate. All donations will be brought to Long Island Cares. I would like to make donations on a monthly basis going forward as well. Let's show how much we can care for others.

Thank you all for your support

**Loyal Lodge's Annual Deck the Hall-Glögg Party will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 7PM.**

Please call Kim Lakeman at (631) 509-0392 **by Wednesday, November 29th** 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.



**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 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-4PM.**

Please call Reidun Rasmussen at 631-589-8698. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share.

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.

Swedish Vasa Lodge Lindbergh presents...

# LONG ISLAND SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS BALL



Featuring *Barnklubben Elsa Rix Lucia Pageant*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

12 NOON-4 PM THE MARCONI MANOR  
333 MOFFITT BOULEVARD  
ISLIP, LONG ISLAND, NY

**\$75/adults**  
KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE



Glögg  
Open Bar  
Hot Buffet  
Dessert  
Prizes

BRING A GIFT WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT FOR SANTA

Music by *SmörgåsBandet*

Checks payable to Lindbergh Lodge, c/o June Irvine, 72 Vincent Rd, Hicksville, NY 11801  
Include Email, Tel#, names, lodge, seating preferences.  
MORE INFO: Monica 631-338-8994 swedesisu@gmail.com  
Or Jeanne 718-415-0602



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HERITAGE & CULTURE**



The rich history of St. James is deeply entwined with the many people from Norway who settled here years ago.

Join us for a festive afternoon of storytelling, food tasting, craft making, and more!

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD - 1:00PM**

**TICKETS - \$25 MEMBERS - \$20**

**The Former St. James Calderone Theatre  
176 Second Street, St. James**

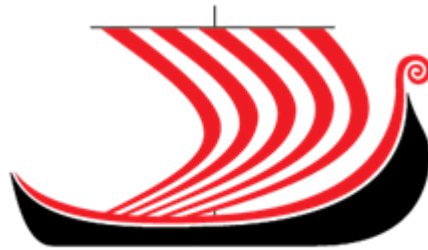
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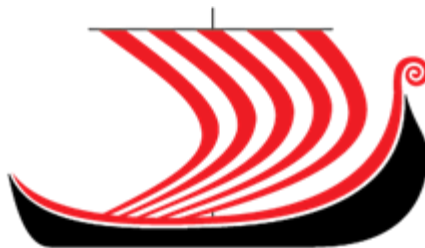
Celebrate St. James –Past – Present – Future is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization.  
All donations are tax-deductible and will help create The St James Community Cultural Arts Center!

**Loyal's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration scheduled for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> is in the planning stages. The committee will be raffling off two Viking River Cruises. Please see Reidun Rasmussen or Toril Stevens at our lodge meetings. For those people who would like tickets and are unable to attend our meetings, please call Reidun at 631-589-8698 or Toril at 631-880-8820. Tickets are \$25 a piece. Only 200 raffle tickets for each cruise will be sold. The drawing will take place at our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The winner need not be present at the time of the drawing.**



**VIKING RIVER CRUISES**

**RHINE GETAWAY FOR 2 OR DANUBE RIVER VOYAGE FOR 2  
TRIP VALID IN 2024 OR 2025  
VALUED AT \$9600**



**VIKING RIVER CRUISES**

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TRIP VALID IN 2024 OR 2025  
VALUED AT \$8000**



# 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	<b>Rose &amp; Lou Sandhop</b>	<b>03/23*</b>	29	Karin Dutra	02/24	57
2	Robert Johnson	07/32	30	<b>Eleanor Miner</b>	<b>09/23*</b>	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 <b>Bonnie Gai</b> <b>09/23*</b>
7	Rick Bates	12/23	35	<b>Solveig Ording</b>	<b>09/23*</b>	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	<b>Meredith &amp; Eric Johansson</b>	<b>02/23*</b>	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	<b>S &amp; S Albrechtsen</b>	<b>05/23*</b>	47	<b>Toril Stevens</b>	<b>09/23*</b>	75
20	Ray Hansen	10/23	48	<b>Arnold Linden</b>	<b>09/23*</b>	76 <b>Kari Elfers</b> <b>09/23*</b>
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	<b>Kari Elfers</b>	<b>09/23*</b>	55	<b>Edd Fleming</b>	<b>09/23*</b>	83
28	Lori Mahoney	10/24	56	Ethel Thomassen	11/23	84

**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.**

# **LOYAL LETTER**

## **Loyal Lodge #252, Sons of Norway**

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### **Upcoming Event**

**Annual Scandinavian Bazaar on  
Saturday, November 4th**

**Thanksgiving Dinner on  
Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30pm**

**Future Lodge Events  
Christmas Ornament  
Exchange on Sunday,  
November 26<sup>th</sup>**