



LOYAL LETTER



Norway Hall: 201 7th Street, St. James, NY 11780

Mailing Address: **Loyal Lodge #252**, 201 7th Street, St. James, NY 11780

Vol. XII

December 2023

Issue #12

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Organized
June 21, 1924
Printed monthly
Except July & Aug.*

President:
Eric Johansson
631-766-8571
Email:
safemariner@me.com

Secretary:
Barbara Brownworth
631-681-4726
Email:bbrownworth@gmail.com

Editor:
Karin Ryan
631-862-8017
Email:
karinryan1@yahoo.com

*The next meeting
December 1, 2023*

*Deadline for next
Newsletter is
December 15, 2023*



Thank you to all Loyal Lodge brothers/sisters on a successful Annual **Scandinavian Bazaar**. Success is measured by our impact on others, memories created, and the personal appreciation we experience. **A successful team effort: purchasing, cooking, set-up, sales, kitchen crew, membership table, breakdown, cleanup, and hot wash.** Old and new friends in fellowship directly resulted in a long-boat full of new Loyal Lodge members! I wish to thank all our member volunteers who made this event a success.

Our Thanksgiving Feast and Veteran's Day Tribute was hosted by Kirsten Johnsen. Our Veterans were recognized for their service and everyone enjoyed **HOME COOKED** food and lodge-brewed Red Ale crafted by the Heritage Club. A great event indeed.

The annual **Ornament Exchange Party is cancelled.**

The December Meeting will be held on Friday, December 1st at 7:30 followed by the Corporation Annual Meeting. Immediately following the meeting, "loyal" members are asked to help prep/decorate the lodge for the next day's Annual Glogg Competition and Holiday Party on Saturday, December 2nd at 7pm, hosted by Kim Lakeman. Call Kim at 631-509-0392 to let her know you are coming and if you are bringing Glogg, appetizer or dessert. Game on Glogg makers!

Rounding out our Christmas Season is a generous invitation by Vasa Lodge to join them at **Marconi Manor, Islip on Saturday, December 17th.** Several Loyal members attended last year and thoroughly enjoyed the company. Details are in the newsletter.

For safety and membership consideration, the Lodge voted without dissent to hold the January, February, and March meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 2 pm.

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, December 1st at 7:30pm
Hilsen, Eric

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

Welcome(Velkommen) to our new members: George & Marlene Berotti, Twoey Brayson, Donald Larsen, Cynthia LaSala, Ethan Mahlum, Nicole Pedersen, Lise & Tom Rich & Inger Nielsen. Welcome to Loyal Lodge & Sons of Norway.

Upcoming Lodge Events

Lodge Meeting on Friday, December 1st at 7:30pm
Glogg Party on Saturday, December 2nd at 7pm
Christmas Party w/Vasa on Sunday, 17th at 12pm.

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

Richie Elfers had hernia surgery. Fred White had COVID & was hospitalized. Michelle Barbera has stomach cancer & will have surgery on November 22nd. We send our get well wishes to Richie, Fred & Michelle. 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

There will be a corporation meeting following the Lodge business meeting. 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 15th 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 13th.

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.



December Coffee Committee Members

Barbara Johnsen
Kirsten Johnsen 229-395-1036

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.



January Coffee Committee Members

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

Gratulerer Med Dagen **December Birthdays**



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

Loyal Lodge Proposed Calendar for 2023

Dec 1st-Meeting
Dec 2nd-Deck the Halls Glogg Party
Dec 17th-Vasa Christmas Party

Don't forget about those Zone 1 Scholarship applications. Applications are available on December 1st. Individuals applying must be the child of a Sons of Norway member.

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian Authors Book Club will be taking a break for the holidays.

The Book Club will start up again after the New Year. Merry Christmas to all!!!

Please look for the next meeting date in future newsletters.

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 December meeting with the winner picked at our glogg party on Saturday, December 2nd.

Please see Lee Grosskreutz at the December meeting to purchase your tickets. Thank you 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.



SAVE THE DATE for Loyal Lodge's "SOUP"er Supper which will be held on Sunday, January 7th at 1PM.

This meal will consist of soups, salad & rolls.

Soup makers will be needed.

Please look in next month's newsletter on how to attend this event.



Loyal Lodge Proposed Calendar for 2024

Jan 7th-Meeting-"Soup"er Supper

Feb 4th-Meeting-International Pot Luck Dinner

Mar 3rd-Meeting-Brother's Eve

Mar 16th-St. James's St. Patrick's Day Parade

Apr 5th-Meeting-Ham Dinner

May 3rd-Cultural Dinner

May 5th-Zone 1 Memorial Service

May 19th-17th Mai Parade-Brooklyn

Jun 2nd-Loyal's 100th Anniv Party

Jun 14th-Meeting-BBQ

Jun 16th-Midsommer Event w/Vasa

Jul-No Events

Aug-No Events

Sept 6th-Meeting-Sister's Eve

Oct 4th-Meeting-Leif Ericson

Nov 1st-Meeting-Thansgiving Dinner

Nov 16th-Bazaar

Dec 6th-Meeting

Dec 7th-Deck the Halls Glogg Party

Dec 15th-Christmas Party w/Vasa

We will continue to collect food items at each meeting. These items can be left in the coat room at the lodge.

They will be brought to different places that accept food donations. If other items other than food are needed we will let you know what is needed.

Thank you for your support.

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



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

Can also pay with VENMO





**CELEBRATE ST. JAMES
LIVING HISTORY SERIES PRESENTS**

**A SALUTE TO OUR NORWEGIAN
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**

- celebratestjames
- celebratestjames
- celebratestjames.org
- (631) 984-0201

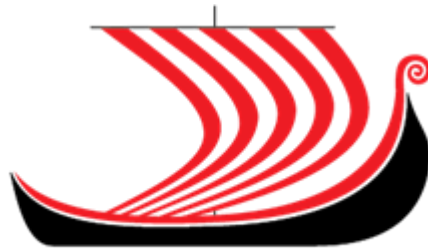
For tickets and more information visit
CELEBRATESTJAMES.ORG

OR SCAN THE QR CODE



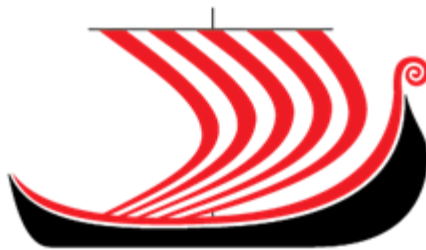
Celebrate St. James - Past - Present - Future is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization.
All donations are tax-deductible and will help create The St James Community Cultural Arts Center!

Loyal's 100th Anniversary celebration scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd 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 100th anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 2nd. 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

**ICONIC WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN OCEAN VOYAGE FOR 2
TRIP VALID IN 2024 OR 2025
VALUED AT \$8000**

LOYAL LETTER

Loyal Lodge #252, Sons of Norway

201 7th Street, St. James NY 11780
E-mail address: info@loyallodge.org
Lodge Website:loyallodge.org



Upcoming Event
Lodge Meeting on
Friday, December 1st at 7:30pm

Glogg Party on
Saturday, December 2nd at 7pm

Future Lodge Events
Christmas Party with Vasa on
Sunday, December 17th at
12pm