



LOYAL LETTER



Norway Hall: 201 7th Street, St. James, NY 11780
Celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2024

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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*The next meeting
January 7, 2024*

*Deadline for next
Newsletter is
January 14, 2024*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a God Jul og et Godt Nyttår and you have your nyttårsforsett (New Year's resolution) ready! December is filled with warm tidings and joy as we join together celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus.

Tusen takk to Kim Lakeman for organizing our annual Tree Trimming/Glogg party glad tidings for all! Lodge members and guest enjoyed glogg and fellowship with laughter and good cheer.

We have much to be grateful for and I wish to thank everyone for making our lodge warm/inviting and look forward to the **Children's Christmas Party** orchestrated by Michelle Faulkner on December 15th at 5:30 pm. The event advertised on social media and a temporary Little Vikings Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/365094559243148>

The Budget Committee will meet soon to review last year's budget process and build a 2024 Budget for Lodge consideration and approval. The committee intends to present the annual budget for lodge approval at the February meeting. I wish to thank all who worked on the budget to promote transparency and the long-term financial stability of Loyal Lodge.

Our centennial celebration on June 2nd at the Blue Blinds Mansion (Smithtown Elks Club) promises to be a grand event. Save the date and support Loyal Lodge as it celebrates 100 years of celebrating the heritage and culture of Norway, both past and present. Reidun and Toril have secured amazing raffle prizes and this promises to be wonderful event.

I wish to thank Bob Johnson and the membership team for the surge in new members. Great team effort promoting Sons of Norway, Loyal Lodge for continued success.

As discussed at our November meeting we will meet on Sundays at 2pm for the months of Jan., Feb. and March. I look forward to seeing you at our **meeting on Sunday, January 7th** at 2pm with a "Souper Supper" at 1pm. Please call Reidun Rasmussen at 631-589-8698 to reserve your place for dinner.

Hilsen, Eric

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

One of Loyal's newest members, Kathy Ford was at our December meeting. Welcome to Loyal Lodge & Sons of Norway.

Upcoming Lodge Events

"Soup"er Lunch on Sunday, January 7th at 1pm
Football Tailgate Party on Sunday, February 4th at 1pm
Brother's Eve on Sunday, March 3rd at 1pm

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

Michele Barbera had surgery & they did a biopsy. She is waiting for the results of this biopsy. We send our get well wishes to Michele. 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

Our corporation chair, Don Reinertsen after 20 years has resigned as the corporation chair. Thank you Don for your many years of service to Loyal lodge & keeping the building & grounds looking great.

We need members to sign-up to clean the Hall. 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

The Little Vikings will not be holding a meeting in January. Please look for information on their February Valentine themed meeting. More information on this meeting will be in next month's newsletter.

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.



January Coffee Committee Members

*Liv Dillahunt
Kim Lakeman
Susan Olson*

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Kirsten Johnsen 229-395-1036 if you can help

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February Coffee Committee Members

*Barbara Brownworth
Liv Dillahunt
Lee Grosskreuz*

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Gratulerer Med Dagen January Birthdays



1-Charlene Abrahamsen	2-Nancy Bradley
5-Stan Albrechtsen	5-Bob Retnauer
6-George Sandberg	8-Betty Stokke
10-Richard Eiseland	21-Donna Monsen
21-Deborah Pettersen	21-Nancy Reuter
22-Barbara Hagen	24-Scott McMaster
25-Stephen Baxley	27-Kim Lakeman

Don't forget about those Zone 1 Scholarship applications.

Individuals applying must be the child of a Sons of Norway member.

Completed applications must be received by the scholarship committee by March 15th.

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.

Please look for the next meeting date in future newsletters.

Basket of Cheer Raffle was drawn at our December meeting. There were two baskets of cheer to be raffled off.

The winners were:
Leif Easterson & Reidun Rasmussen

Congratulations to both of the winners!!

The money raised from this raffle will be sent to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Thanks to all you contributed.

Loyal Lodge's "SOUP"er Lunch which will be held on Sunday, January 7th at 1PM.

This meal will consist of soups, salad & rolls. Soup makers will be needed.

The cost will be \$10 per person which is payable at the door. Please RSVP to Reidun Rasmussen at 631-589-8698 by Wednesday, January 3rd (no exceptions).



SAVE THE DATE



of Sunday, February 4th for a football tailgate party before our meeting.

Looking forward to seeing what this event will entail.

Our next newsletter will have more details on this event.

Loyal Lodge Proposed Calendar for 2024

Jan 7th-Meeting-"Soup"er Lunch

Feb 4th-Meeting-Football Tailgate Party

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.

Sons of Norway



Henrik Ibsen Lodge No. 393
Bayshore, New York
Established March 1934

Instituted March 11, 1934

"Come Celebrate with us our 90th year"
Sunday April 14, 2024 12noon - 4 PM

Marconi Manor,

333 Moffitt Blvd. Islip, NY 11751

Buffett with open Bar

Raffles, 50/50, Music by Smörgåsbandet

Key note speaker Barbara Berntsen

\$75 per person, children under 12yrs. free

Payable to Henrik Ibsen Lodge, mail to

Treasurer Kris Holvík

49 Brook Street, Islip NY 11751

Please respond no later than

February 17, 2024

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Parade on
Saturday, March 16th**