



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
February 4, 2024

Deadline for next
Newsletter is
February 14, 2024



Takk to our members who braved our first winter snow of the year to attend our January meeting. A quorum was met along with three guests: Toril Stevens' granddaughter and two prospective members.

Don Reinertsen and Ken Lakeman have officially stepped down from the Corporation both having served for decades on this very important and integral board. Norway Hall and its grounds have been well cared for under their leadership and we are forever grateful for their service. The Executive Board met to discuss Corporation positions and I am pleased to nominate Ray Hansen and John Barnett to the Lodge Corporation. **We thank Don and Ken for their dedicated service keeping Norway Hall safe, secure, and spotless.** And although Don is stepping down as Corporation President, Don will continue to provide his natural musical talent on the piano as Loyal Lodge Musician. The great singing at the January meeting is a testament to Don's leadership!

The Executive Board also discussed the upcoming Audit and the need to appoint two auditors. After discussion, I am pleased to nominate Inger Nielsen and Lee Grosskreuz to the Audit Committee. The Audit will be conducted at Norway Hall in February (TBA) where, in addition to the Audit Committee, all members are welcome to attend. SON requires an Audit and D-17 filing before March 15th followed then by a filing with the IRS. Leif Easterson presented a proposed budget at the January meeting as per Loyal Lodge Budget Policy and Procedures. Copies of the budget are available and members are encouraged to review for discussion and vote at the February meeting.

At Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, a large turnout of Scouting, Church, and Loyal Lodge friends and family attended the 2024 Fellowship Dinner in appreciation and support of Oddvar Skadberg and Lou Sandhop who were honored at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp (BHSC) for their combined 140 years of service! **Congratulations to Loyal Lodge members Oddvar Skadberg and Lou Sandhop for earning the BHSC 2024 Alumni Service Award.**

Volunteer Hours can now be reported to Lodge Secretary Barbara Brownworth via email (sent under Thom's email). Thank you to Barbara and friends for facilitating this important survey which helps track our fraternal and charitable contribution hours. These individual volunteer hours are pooled together to reflect the overall Lodge Membership Events and Hours which are then submitted to the SON to comply with requirements and recognition. **Please support this important Lodge initiative with a few minutes of your time and submit the survey as soon as you are able to Barbara (look in your inbox for Thom's Email/Survey) so that she can have time to tabulate and submit to SON.**

Kirsten Johnsen is hosting a **1 pm Tailgate Party dinner at the Sunday, February 4th meeting.** Kirsten seeks your favorite tailgate food to be brought to the "tailgate party"! For planning purposes call/text Kirsten at 229-395-1036. Chefs and connoisseurs - bring on your best Pre-Super Bowl tailgate food and enjoy this fun social event. **On Going** - for all social events, please consider bringing an item or two for a local Food Pantry!

The Heritage club met in the New Year to brew Stout which will be served at our **Brews and Brauts St. Olaf Dinner on Sunday, March 3rd at 1pm - \$12/guest.** To attend the St. Olaf Dinner, text/call Eric Johansson 631-766-8571 and we'll reserve a spot for you!

I wish to thank the membership for their support and look forward to advancing Loyal Lodge, Sons of Norway and our storied Nordic culture.

Fraternally, Eric

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

We welcomed the following guests at our January meeting. Toril Steven's granddaughter, Julia & prospective Loyal members, Stephanie & her Mom, Laurie. Welcome to Loyal lodge!!

Upcoming Lodge Events

Football Tailgate Party on Sunday, February 4th at 1pm

Brother's Eve on Sunday, March 3rd at 1pm

St. James St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 9th at 1pm

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

Michelle Barbera is having chemo treatments. The chemo treatment she is receiving is a brand new treatment. The chemo is injected directly into the stomach cavity. She is feeling good but very tired. Lee Grosskreuz fell & broke her wrist & pelvis. No surgery was required. She was in a facility for rehab. We send our get well wishes to Michelle & Lee. 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. 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 Wednesday, February 21st at 5:30pm at Norway Hall for an activity & a story. 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 at (347) 885-3679 is required for this event by Monday, February 19th.

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.



February Coffee Committee Members

Barbara Brownworth
Liv Dillahunt
Kirsten Johnsen

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March Coffee Committee Members

Brothers of the lodge will be in charge of the coffee committee.

Please contact our dinner chair Eric Johansson at 631-766-8571 if you can help with coffee hour

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2-Karla Mattern	5-Jennifer Mintz
9-Karin Dutra	9-Kirsten Johnsen
14-Suzanne Foschino	15-Brenda Flaherty
16-Daniel Faulkner	18-Arnold Linden
20-James Lillie	21-Diane Cavallaro
21-Barbara Wikoren	22-Fred Bjorkgren
26-Carol Sliwkoski	

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian Authors Book Club will not be meeting in February.

Please look for the next meeting date in future newsletters.

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.



With the Super Bowl coming up, let's show how we tailgate. Tailgate lunch on Sunday, February 4th at 1pm.

Admission to lunch is your favorite football food for tailgating. Bring in your best chicken wings, pool together to create great burger sliders with all the fixings, prepare perfect pulled pork or an amazing chili. We need side's too so salads and such are great too.

Feel free to wear a shirt, Jersey, or just the colors of your favorite team.... I'll try not to judge (Niner Nation here!!!).

Please call or text Kirsten at 229-395-1036 and let me know what you're bringing by Wednesday, January 31st

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!!!

Viking Cruise Lines have given us 2 cruises to be raffled off.

One is a Danube or Rhine River cruise & the other is a Mediterranean Ocean cruise. Each cruise is for 2 people & the value is close to \$9000 each.

We need to sell these tickets!!! This is an amazing opportunity for our lodge to raise some money.

We need all members to purchase tickets for themselves & promote sales to family & friends. Each ticket is \$25 a piece.

To purchase tickets please contact:
Reidun Rasmussen at 631-525-1755 or
reidunrasmussen@gmail.com

Toril Stevens at 631-880=8820 or
northfork14@gmail.com

Karin Ryan at 631-839-3338 or
karinryan1@yahoo.com

Loyal's 100th Anniversary Gala tickets are now available for Loyal members to purchase.

Loyal members will be given first priority to purchase our anniversary gala tickets before they are available to the public to purchase.

Tickets are \$75 a piece & must be reserved & paid for by Sunday, March 3rd. To purchase tickets please call (631) 584-7510 & follow the prompt for gala ticket purchase.

Of course gala tickets can still be purchased by Loyal members after March 3rd after they are available to the public.

All tickets must be paid for by May 15th.

Hope to see many of you there!!!

Loyal Lodge Proposed Calendar for 2024

Feb 4th-Meeting-Football Tailgate Party

Mar 3rd-Meeting-Brother's Eve

Mar 9th-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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