

LOYAL LETTER

Norway Hall: 2017th Street, St. James, NY 11780 Celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2024

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The next meeting April 5, 2024

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,



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Mange tusen takk to our Heritage Brewers for providing the "I'll Be Bock" and "Hoppity Hop" beers served at Brothers Eve. Takk ogsa to all the Brothers who helped cook, serve, and clean the Corned Beef dinner, and who also supported coffee hour. Starting in April we will be back to Friday night meetings. We look forward to Sisters Eve on April 5th.

The Heritage Brewers will be meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6pm to brew Norwegian Maltol Beer and make Krumkake. The Krumkake will be served at coffee at the April meeting coffee hour. If you want to see how beer is made and/or how to make krumkake, please come - all are welcome!

Loyal marched in the St. James St. Patrick's Day parade with our cousins on March 9th. Our marchers braved chilly and windy weather, but the spectators were numerous, encouraging and spirited! Many enjoyed a hot meal and cold heritage beer back at Norway Hall! Thank you to all who marched and "rowed" and a special thank you to John Barnett for towing the Viking Ship.

Finally, our 100th Anniversary celebration is approaching! The event is nearly sold out so please secure your tickets quickly. Loyal Lodge members are highly encouraged to buy and/or sell Viking Cruise raffle tickets! Put on that charming smile and ask your friends, family and neighbors to take a chance on a beautiful trip for two!

Fraternally, Eric

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

Nicole Thomassen, the great granddaughter of Carl Ericksen, one of Loyals' original members was present at our March meeting. Velkommen to Loyal lodge!!

Upcoming Lodge Events

Krumkake Making on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6pm April Ham Dinner Meeting on Friday, April 5th at 6:30pm May Meeting on Friday, May 3rd at 7:30pm

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

Lucinda Berninger is doing well. She is continuing with her therapy. Michele Barbera was at our March meeting. She is in between treatments & was feeling good enough to come to the meeting. Liz Skadberg was in the hospital for an eye infection. Her eye was blown up & swollen. She also had bad headaches, difficulty swallowing & tired all the time. Liz was given an antibiotic in the hospital and is doing better. We send our get well wishes to Lucinda, Michele & Liz. 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.

Coffee Committee

April Coffee Committee-Monica Carlsen, Meredith Johnasson, Kim Lakeman & Susan Olson.

May Coffee Committee-Barbara & Kirsten Johnsen

Little Vikings

Please join us on Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30pm at Norway Hall for a spring 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) 886-3679 by Monday, April 22nd is required for this event.

Gratulerer Med Dagen April Birthdays



1-Andrew Gai 6-Michael Pedersen 8-Lou Sandhop 12-Toril Stevens 16-Violet Olsen 28-Lori Mahoney 4-Judy Regulinski 7-Liz Skadberg 11-Inga Johansson 16-James Baxley 21-Don Reinertsen

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.



Krumkake making will be held at the lodge on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6pm. These cookies will be served during coffee hour at our April 5h meeting.

Please contact Eric Johansson at 631-766-8571 if you would like to be a part of this event. This is a fee event.

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian Authors Book Club is now reading "A Nearly Normal Family" by MT
Edvardsson-a mystery by a Swedish author. It also has been turned into series on Netflix. We will meet on April 14th at 2pm.

Please RSVP to Kim Lakeman at (631) 509-0392 or

klakeman27@gmail.com.

Refreshments will be served.



Lodge Newsletter Analysis Committee: Update

Recently a small group of five members (Elly, Inger, Leif, Karin and me) have met twice to discuss our current newsletter, examine fellow lodge newsletters (about 10) and assess areas for improvement to our newsletter.

I will report to lodge members at our April 5th lodge meeting on this and solicit their ideas for improving communications through our newsletter.

However, for those unable to attend this meeting, please feel free to email me or call at the number listed below to share your thoughts regarding this effort by your colleagues.

As a vital communication source for our lodge, it is critical that we provide the most informative, vibrant and engaging publication possible, with your help and support our newsletter will continue to thrive and support the growth of our lodge.

Bob Johnson 631-942-6844 Principl12@aol.com



Loyal Lodge's Annual Ham Dinner will be held on Friday, April 5th at 6:30pm. The lodge supplies the hams, however, guests are asked to bring their signature dish-to-pass that serves 8-10 people. Please RSVP to Meredith Johansson at (631) 766-3142 by Thursday, April 4th.

At 4pm, we will be painting our Viking ships that will be used for centerpieces for our 100th anniversary celebration. Come over early & give us a hand painting!!!

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@gnail.com

Karin Ryan at 631-839-3338 or karinryan 1@yahoo.com

LOYAL LODGE BUS TO BROOKLYN FOR PARADE



Loyal will once again be having a bus to take us into Brooklyn for the 17th of Mai Parade.

Parade will take place on Sunday, May 19th. Any Loyal member who would like to march in this parade will receive a free seat on the bus. If you do NOT march in the parade there will be a \$20 charge for each seat. Guests & other SON members will be charged \$20 for their seat.

Please RSVP your seat reservation to Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017 before May 15th. Departure time is tentatively scheduled for 10:45 am from Loyal lodge.

Loyal Lodge Proposed Calendar for 2024

Apr 5th-Meeting-Ham Dinner

May 3rd-Meeting

May 5th-Zone 1 Memorial Service

May 19th-17th Mai Parade-Brooklyn

Jun 2nd-Loyal's 100th Anniv Party

Jun 14th-Meeting-BBQ

Jul-No Events

Aug-No Events

Sept 6th-Meeting-Sister's Eve

Oct 4th-Meeting-Leif Ericson

Nov 2nd-Bazaar

Nov 8th-Meeting-Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec 6th-Meeting

Dec 7th-Deck the Halls Glogg Party

Dec 15th-Christmas Party w/Vasa

SONS OF NORWAY 3RD DISTRICT PICNIC



APRIL 20TH 2024 11:00 – 6:00

NANSEN LODGE PICNIC GROUNDS

3465 VICTORY BLVD. STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314

Assorted Bagels, Danish, Muffins, Coffee & Tea

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries & Fresh Salad Bar

Roast Beef Sandwiches & Sausage and Peppers

BBQ Chicken & Corn on the Cob

Watermelon & Ice Cream

\$40 per person/\$15 per child 4-12

Children under 4 years of age Free

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

******* NO LIQUOR TO BE BROUGHT INTO PARK***********

Music by ELLEN LINDSTROM

Games for Adults and Children – Corn Hole, Klubb, Hammer Throw Tournaments

RAFFLES AND 50/50

RESERVATIONS A MUST! BY 4/6/24 * CHECKS MADE OUT TO * PAUL KORNBREKKE 256-Barnard Ave, Staten Island NY 10307 718-356-8395

Norden Lodge's Atlantic City Bus Trip



June 1, 2024

Cost: \$75 per person



On the way down we will have bagels with coffee and play a few games. On way back we will hand out some drinks and snacks. The casino is providing something to get us started.

Leaving LIE Exit 49 Park & Ride at 8AM, Stopping at Christopher Morley Park at 8:30AM (500 Searingtown Rd N, Roslyn),

Stopping at Brooklyn PC Richards parking lot at 9:15AM (576-80 86th St., Brooklyn),

Next at Nansen Lodge Staten Island at 9:45AM And Lastly Arriving at Tropicana Casino, Atlantic City. We will be departing Atlantic City around 6 PM for Home

Make sure to get to the bus pickup 15 minutes before the time stated for your stop. It is better for you to wait for the bus, because **the bus will NOT** wait for you!!!

RSVP by: April 26th Call or E-mail Today!!! Contact: Chuck: 516-512-9427 Kris: 516-521-3190 CGottilla@hotmail.com

***We need your Names, Phone #'s, Lodge and the stop you want to be picked up at (very important) ***

All reservations are first come first served



Loyal Lodge's 100th Anniversary Gala Sunday, June 2nd 2024

1PM-5PM at

Blugblinds Mansion

555 Edgewood Avenue

Smithtown, NY

Music by Smorgasbandet
Gala Tickets are \$75 per person
Please call (631) 584-7510 or email
info@loyallodge.org to order gala
tickets

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Upcoming Events

Apr 3rd-Krumkake Baking **Apr 5th**-Meeting-Ham Dinner **May 3rd-**Meeting

Future Lodge Events



May 5th-Zone Memorial Service at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 3pm



May 19th-Loyal sponsored bus to the 17th of Mai Parade in Brooklyn