



LOYAL LETTER

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Celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2024



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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

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The next meeting
May 3, 2024

Deadline for next
Newsletter is
May 20, 2024

HAPPY SYTTENDE MAI



We had a lovely Spring Potluck dinner before our April meeting, takk to all who brought the delicious dishes enjoyed that evening, good food and fellowship. We are in full swing preparing for our Centennial Celebration. Items to consider: 1) If you have not purchased dinner tickets, act fast, there are only a handful remaining, 2) If unable to purchase a dinner ticket, please support your lodge by purchasing Viking Cruise Ship raffles.....they too are selling well, 3) Please consider purchasing a Journal Ad for yourself or family to show support of how this Lodge's presence in your life has made a difference! Thank you to Ken Olsen for managing the Centennial Celebration Journal!

These are exciting times at Loyal Lodge! Last Wednesday the Heritage Club met to brew **Maltøl**, a Norwegian Beer that will be served at the Centennial Dinner on June 2nd. When we make beer again, please feel free to join us - it's always an interesting science experiment and great camaraderie!

I wish to thank VP Bob Johnson for facilitating the April meeting while I was away and managing several productive initiatives advancing our lodge.

The annual **Long Island Memorial Service** will be held on Sunday, **May 5th** at **3 PM** at St. Marks Church on Montauk Highway in Islip (at the extreme southern end of Route 111). Please come to honor our brothers and sisters from Loyal and the other lodges in Zone 1 who have moved on to the Lodge Eternal.

The "**Syttende Mai**" parade will be on May 19th. Loyal has chartered a bus so please sign up early to reserve your seat. All marchers are asked to wear blue pants/jeans with your white Loyal shirt (or any white shirt) or if you have a bunad - even better! If the weather is cool, wear your Norwegian Sweater!

Sunday, June 2nd is our Loyal Lodge Centennial Celebration at Blueblinds Mansion (Elks Club) in Smithtown, NY. See you there!

Friday, June 7- Sunday, June 9 is the Third District Convention in Washington DC.

As a reminder, as June is a busy month we will not be holding a June business meeting this year.

Our next Business meeting will be in September. I wish to thank all our officers and members for their dedicated enthusiasm, and support making Loyal Lodge fun, fruitful, and fabulous. **We are 100 years young! Happy Centennial!**

Fraternally, Eric

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

We have two new Loyal lodge members. Carol Acker & Richard Ohlsen.
Velkommen to Loyal Lodge & Sons of Norway

Upcoming Lodge Events

May Meeting on Friday, May 3rd at 7:30pm
Zone 1 Memorial Service on Sunday, May 5th
17th of Mai Parade on Sunday, May 19th in Brooklyn

The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)

At our April meeting we knew of no one who is ill. 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 lodge please call John Barnett at 917-750-7054. 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

May Coffee Committee-Barbara & Kirsten Johnsen & Bob Johnson

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
May Birthdays**



4-Barbara Johnsen 7-Kenneth Kuveke
8-Kathleen Easterson 9-Christina Chuliver
9-Tom Rich 10-Julie Wolf
14-Lee Grosskreutz 14-Melissa Musumeci
15-Gwen Thompson 17-Ellen Zavala
18-Donna Castagna-Gianelli 21-Don Larsen
28-Holly Vassallo 31-Frank Clancy
31-Oddvar Skadberg

Loyal Lodge's Scandinavian

Authors Book Club is now reading "The End of the Drum" by Hanna Pylvainen (historical fiction set near Artic Circle). We will meet on June 9th at 2pm.

Please RSVP to Kim Lakeman at (631) 509-0392 or klakeman27@gmail.com. Refreshments will be served.



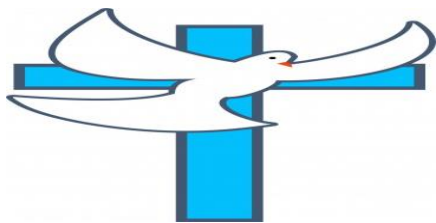
We will continue to collect food items at each meeting. These items can be left in the coat room at the lodge.

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.

Our May 3rd pre-meeting dinner will start at 6:30pm & is a bring your own picnic. Bring your packed dinner and let's enjoy a nice gathering outside (weather permitting). Maybe set up the corn hole sets, have conversations on upcoming events, or just plain hang out and relax. Feel free to coordinate with others. Hope to see many of you there and that the weather cooperates. If weather is rude... We can move our eats inside.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!!!



The Zone One Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 3PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Islip.

Loyal Lodge this year will be remembering Hjalmar Hansen.

Please join us as we remember our departed Loyal members.

Loyal Lodge Walking Club

Come celebrate the start of summer on Saturday, May 25th for a walk at Smith Point State Park at 10am.

Bring a picnic breakfast/ lunch.

Please contact Kim Lakeman at **(631) 509-0392** for more information.

**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 10:30 am from Loyal lodge.

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



There will be a dinner served at the lodge at 6pm after the 17th of Mai parade in Brooklyn on Sunday, May 19th.

The dinner will consist of meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots and dessert.

The cost will be \$10 per person and will be payable at the door.

This dinner is also open to those members who would like to come. You don't have to have participated in the parade in Brooklyn to attend.

Please RSVP to Kirsten Johnsen at 229-395-1036 by May 17th (no exceptions).

**Loyal Lodge Proposed
Calendar for 2024**

May 3rd-Meeting

May 5th-Zone 1 Memorial Service

May 19th-17th Mai Parade-Brooklyn

Jun 2nd-Loyal's 100th Anniv Party

Jul-No Events

Aug-No Events

Sept 6th-Meeting-Sister's Eve

Oct 4th-Meeting-Leif Ericson

Nov 1st-Meeting-Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 16th-Bazaar

Dec 6th-Meeting

Dec 7th-Deck the Halls Glogg Party



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

1PM-5PM at

Blueblinds Mansion

555 Edgewood Avenue

Smithtown, NY

Music by Smorgasbandet

Gala Tickets are \$75 per person

Please call (631) 584-7510 or email
info@loyalodge.org to order gala
tickets

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Happy Mother's Day

Upcoming Events

May 3rd-Meeting
May 5th-Zone Memorial Service
May 19th-17th of Mai Parade

Future Lodge Events

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