



# LOYAL LETTER

Norway Hall: 201 7<sup>th</sup> Street, St. James, NY 11780  
*Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024*



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*The next meeting*  
*September 6, 2024*

*Deadline for next*  
*Newsletter is*  
*September 15, 2024*



## Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The annual **Long Island Memorial Service** was held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark’s Church in Islip. I would like to thank the Loyal members who attended in memory of our departed brothers and sisters both in the Lodge and Zone. Part of Loyal Lodge’s history tells us that President Einar Drivdahl coordinated and founded the first Long Island Memorial Service in the 1930’s and was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Smithtown. Loyal Lodge continued to sponsor the Memorial Service for several decades at various churches in Smithtown until the Zone assumed responsibility and holds it in the beautiful Norwegian Stave Church at St. Mark’s Episcopal. God Bless all our departed members and their surviving families.

Loyal members continue to work hard in maintaining Norway Hall’s building by fund- raising, donating money/items and their valuable time, and also planning and coordinating social and cultural events – we are so fortunate to have each other as brothers and sisters of an active lodge! Our latest building improvement project will be the installation of new, energy-efficient interior and exterior lighting. The exterior lighting will greatly extend our outdoor facilities for evening events! Loyal Lodge is a recipient of a Vitality Grant from International which is providing the funding for this project!

As we approach our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary let us give thanks to all who have, for a century, contributed in keeping Loyal Lodge vibrant, relevant, and welcoming to all. See you at the 100th Anniversary Celebration at Blue Blinds Mansion-the former Smithtown Elks Club!

Our next business meeting will be **Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.**

**Have a restful and glorious summer!**

**Fraternally, Eric**

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

Congratulations to Fred & Joan Bjorkgren as they celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May. Gratulerer Fred & Joan!!!

**Upcoming Lodge Events**

***Sister's Eve Dinner on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm***

***Spaghetti/Bingo Dinner on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm***

**The Sunshine Committee (GOD BEDRING)**

Lee Grosskreutz is walking better but her wrist is still healing. Liz Skadberg is doing well after her eye infection. Rosemarie Sandhop had back surgery & is coming along. Richie Elfers has had a pacemaker out it. We send our get well wishes to Lee, Liz, Rosemarie & Richie. 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**

***No coffee committee in June as there will be no June Meeting.*** Please contact Kirsten Johnsen at 229-395-1036 if you would like to be on the coffee committees.

**Little Vikings**



We will be taking a break for the summer. Please see our September newsletter for our next meeting. We look forward to seeing your children & grandchildren in September. Bring along some friends!!! Appropriate for ages 3-11, but all are welcome!

Any questions, please call Michelle Faulkner at (347) 886-3679

## Gratulerer Med Dagen

### June Birthdays



4-Eleanor Miner	4-Melissa Pedersen
10-John Barnett	15-Sean Baxley
16-Nancy Baxley	16-Audrey Nilsen
19-Lillian Upcraft	27-Sтивен Reduto
29-Ken Olson	30-Bonnie Gai
30-Kim Mokarry	

## Gratulerer Med Dagen

### July Birthdays



1-Borgny Berger	2-Barbara Brownworth
5-Donna Skjeveland	11-Solveig Ording
12-Curt Rومان	14-Susan Olson
15-Torhild Boughal	16-Anne Marie Davis
18-Owen Wister	19-Alicia Krebs
21-Thom Brownworth	21-Ronald Marriott
29-Lisa Schreiber	30-Edd Fleming
30-Reidun Rasmussen	31-Kyler Easterson

## Gratulerer Med Dagen

### August Birthdays



2-Meredith Johansson	4-Rosemarie Sandhop
5-Ray Hansen	7-Carl Moe
11-Jeanne Kovacs	12-Anna Christensen
13-Jon S. Hogden	14-Tom Baxley
16-Geir Eide	16-Marty Thompson
18-Kirk Easterson	20-Gunnar Johansson
21-John Johnson	24-John Boughal
24-Anthony Chuliver	25-Agnes Virgadola
27-Lillian Hull	27-Margaret Zavala
28-Bill Monsen	28-Ellinor Rossavik

## 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.

Our summer book will be "Cold Victory" by Karl Marlantes and we will meet on July 14th at 2pm.

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



## Walking Club



### 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.

Saturday, June 29th at 9:30am - Frank Melville Park, Main Street, Setauket. Meet outside Setauket Post Office.

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

## SAVE THE DATE

Loyal Lodge will be having a spaghetti dinner and bingo night on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. This event will be open to all Sons of Norway members, family, friends, and the community.

The night will include a spaghetti and meatball dinner with drink and dessert with coffee/tea.

Dinner will be followed by 5 rounds of bingo with 2 games each round. In addition this is a great way to have some fun and mingle.

CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE THE SWEDISH WAY AT IKEA LONG ISLAND



**SMÖRGÅSBANDET**  
Små Grodorna & a Smörgåsbord  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024**

Purchase tickets at IKEA's restaurant,  
Broadway Mall, Hicksville, Long Island



**Norden Lodge is  
hosting a  
Long Island Ducks Event**

At 3 Court House Dr., Central Islip, NY  
11722

**On Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:35 PM**

For Ducks T-shirts,  
courtesy of Discover Long Island (first  
1,500 fans)

Cost : \$15 per person

Checks need to be sent to:  
Chuck Gottilla  
642 Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

**RSVP by June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Contact:

Chuck Gottilla: 516-512-9427

**Scholarship Award Get-together**

Norden Lodge would like to invite you to our June 23, 2024 meeting. It will begin at 2:00 pm at St Peter's Lutheran Church, 11 Ogden Court, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Please go around the back of the church to that parking lot and enter the back door. We are planning a short meeting. We are having snacks and coffee and cake. During our meeting we will present the Scholarship Awards to our 7 student who are so deserving of the scholarship. We will also have a zoom meeting for those who cannot attend in person. If you would like to join us by zoom, please send a note to [barabajb1230@optonline.net](mailto:barabajb1230@optonline.net) or [bigjobber@aol.com](mailto:bigjobber@aol.com) and we would be glad to share the link with you. Please come and share in the excitement. Plus we have our own "Meatball" Ellen coming to enhance the meeting both during and after. Hope to see many of you there.

Barbara Berntsen, Scholarship  
Committee Chair

**Henrik Ibsen Fishing Trip**

Fluke Fishing on Capt. Eddie B III  
leaving from Captree State Park  
on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
1:30pm – 6pm(boat leaves at 2pm  
sharp)

\$65 Adult \$50 12 & under  
which includes gratuity

**RAIN OR SHINE**

Bring your own food/beverages

**RSVP by 7/25/24 to:**

Crystal Nifong at 631-260-8011 or  
[cnifong11@live.com](mailto:cnifong11@live.com)

Checks payable to Crystal Nifong  
& mail to 1498 Brightshore Blvd  
Bay Shore, NY 11706

## SONS OF NORWAY THIRD DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP

**@KOINONIA, HIGHLAND LAKE, NY**

**July 21-28, 2024 8- to-17 year olds**

The completed application form, along with a \$100 registration fee (deposit), must be sent to Thomas Bakos ASAP. The check should be made payable to District Lodge #3 Sons of Norway. You will receive camp materials including health form when your application is received.

Camp tuition is \$500 per camper. The \$400 balance is to be sent to Thomas Bakos at 8 Bingham Drive, Marlboro, NJ 07746, NO LATER than June 1. Deposits are non-refundable if a cancellation is made after June 15. Any camper not related (child or grandchild) to a Sons of Norway member will pay \$550. Non-members will be registered when members have been placed.

The SON Third District offers a limited number of partial camperships to those who qualify. To apply for this campership, the camper must write a full page essay stating why s/he wants to attend our camp. Completed essays must be submitted to the District 3 Secretary, Mrs. Karen Olsen-Helmold, 183 Evergreen Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714 no later than June 1, 2024.

**Please complete application by June 1**  
**CC Application to [tcbaconbits@optonline.net](mailto:tcbaconbits@optonline.net)**

## Sons of Norway District 3 Cultural Weekend 2024

July 25-28 at Camp Koinonia 165 Lake View Drive Highland Lake NY 12743

### Room Rates

3 or more people per room..  
\$25 per person per night

2 people per room...\$50 per person per night

1 person per room...\$100 per person per night

Program fee...\$15 per person

### Meal Rates

Age 13 and above...\$13 per meal

Age 6 to 12...\$10 per meal

Age 5 and under...\$3 per meal

### ACTIVITIES

Rosemaling, Cooking, Wood carving, Norwegian language, Kubb & Hardanger

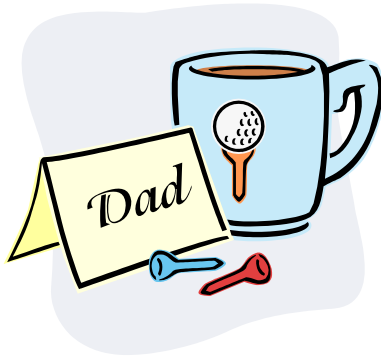
Golf(additional cost)

Please contact Diane Syvertsen at [shaw13nee@gmail.com](mailto:shaw13nee@gmail.com) for a registration form & any other additional questions.

# ***LOYAL LETTER***

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### **Upcoming Events**



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