



## President's Message

# Loyal Letter

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Our first meeting of the year opened with a Lodge BBQ was enjoyed by a large turnout. What a beautiful way to open the year then on our manicured grounds with great food, homemade raspberry wheat beer, and best of all fellowship and friendship full and lively with conversation. The Lodge business meeting followed with several timely items to attend. The Nominating Committee provided a report of officer nominations filled and noted a few vacancies left opened by officers moving up to higher positions. After the report members were nominated to fill the open positions with only one position under consideration. We are confident that all officer positions will be filled by our November 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting. The Nominating Committee also opened the floor for nominations to serve on the Zone One Board and am happy to say that all four positions were filled. Many officer nominees are first time officers demonstrating the Loyal Lodge can-do spirit that is both exciting and encouraging. It was also noted that several Loyal Lodge members also serve as high-ranking officers in the Third District. Following Nominations the Financial Secretary provided a report recommending the annual Lodge financial donation amount that was discussed and accepted. A Donation Committee was nominated from the floor and working within the agreed number will submit their recommendations for a vote also at our November 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting.




October brings us many opportunities to enjoy fellowship. Please participate and enjoy fellowship at our October events during Baking weekend, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, enchanting music by Vidar and Patrik on Lief Erikson Day October 9<sup>th</sup> and our 2 Lapskaus making events on November 13<sup>th</sup> (*bring your potato peelers*). Details of all events can be found within the newsletter.

Hilsen,

Eric

All items submitted for possible inclusion in the Loyal Letter must be received by the Editor by the 15th of the preceding month.

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## Calendar of Coming Events



Day	Date	Time	Event	
S/S	Oct 5/6	- - - -	<b>Bazaar Baking Weekend</b> - 'baking and making' for the Bazaar See the article on page 4 for the details.	
Wed	Oct 9	6:30 pm	<b>Lynx:Lynx</b> - Scandinavian musical duo performing at Norway Hall Traditional folk tunes w/ stories played on various instruments.	<b>Wow!</b>
	<i>Leif Eriksson Day</i>			
Sat	Oct 19	- - - -	<b>3rd District Board meeting</b> - planning for future events.	
Fri	Nov 1	6:00 pm	<b>Meeting - Thanksgiving Dinner</b> - need a chairman / coffee comm.	
Sun	Nov 3	2:00 am	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> - set your clocks 1 hour back.	
Tue	Nov 5	- - - -	<b>Election Day</b> - <i>do your civic duty</i> - <b>VOTE</b> - <i>it's important!</i>	
Wed	Nov 13	12 & 4	<b>Lapskaus Making Event</b> - for the Bazaar - at the lodge, come and learn. session 1 - Eric & Meredith Johanson from 12— 4 pm session 2 - Ken Olson & Bob Johnson from 4 - 8 pm (Olson & Johnson . . . sounds like a vaudeville comedy team)	
Sat	Nov 16	11-3 pm	<b>Annual Bazaar</b> - mark your calendars now— details will follow. To help, call: Elly Supinsky 631 806-1596 Leif Easterson 631 637-2369	
Fri	Dec 6	7:30 pm	<b>Meeting</b> - no meeting is planned for December	
Sat	Dec 7	7:00 pm	<b>Holiday Glögg Party</b> - Kim Lakeman is making all the arrangements.	
Sun	Dec 15	2-5 pm	<b>Christmas Ornament Exchange</b> - contact Reidun Rasmussen for info	



### Birthdays in October

1 Karin Ryan	19 Kate Losey
3 Barbara Barraud	22 Randi Kuveke
10 Lukia Reduto	24 Marlene Berotti
15 Kenneth Holm	24 Robert Reuter
15 Lee Upcraft	26 Stacey Ferrington

### Gratulerer Med Dagen

31 Alf Mygland





A fine evening at Norway Hall with lots of good friends and lots of good food.



### COFFEE COMMITTEE

?  
?  
? **no October meeting**



*Hei Karla Mattern,  
We missed you at the BBQ!*

*Your lodge - sign the book!*



**We need volunteers to sign-up to clean Norway Hall.**

Please contact John Barnett to say you'll help.

Corporation President

917 750-7054



Instructions  
for basic  
clean-up  
are posted  
on the utility  
closet door.





## This Side

The story here at home, is about two members who are celebrating their 60th anniversary as Mr. & Mrs. Qddvar Skadberg.

*Gratulerer !*



### Attention Knitters of All Levels

(including never knitted at all!),

Join us on any of the upcoming sessions when we gather at the lodge to knit and chat (in the Vasa Order they call it *Stich N Bitch*). Look for us in the Calendar of Events.

Bring a friend - they do not need to be Scandinavian!

#### Bring:

1. Your current project or start something new that night!
2. A sandwich cut in half! One half you'll eat and the other half you'll share with a friend

**If you're completely new to knitting and want to learn the basics, bring:**

1. A light-colored, smooth (no nubs) yarn with worsted weight of 4#s.
2. Pair of 10" wooden or metal knitting needles in Size 7 or 8.

If you have a recent project that you created, bring it - we'd love to see it.

No RSVP required- just come! *Meredith*



## That Side

Norwegians driving around Norway may have found themselves with outdated maps **again**.

In 2020, the Solberg government decided to abolish some of the counties ( called *fylke* ) and to merge them with other counties to form larger ones, reducing the number from 19 to 11. The Storting voted to partly undo the changes and Norway now. . . **has 15 fylker as of 2024.**

### Norwegian Princess gets married



Princess Märtha Louise, eldest daughter of King Harald and Queen Sonja, married an American self-professed shaman (kind of a psychic healer) on Saturday in a wedding ceremony following three days of festivities. The 52-year-old Märtha Louise and Durek Verrett from California, tied the knot in the picturesque small town of Geiranger . He will not be given a title.

If you want to read all the dirt, go to this site (copy the link) and click on the 2nd article. (it's a strange story)

[https://apnews.com/search?](https://apnews.com/search?q=norwegian+wedding#nt=navsearch)

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**Gotcha !**

This is very important for all our members.

Each member should have our

Home Page & facebook Group page  
bookmarked on their computers / cell phones  
for easy access to current information.

### ***Loyal Lodge # 252 . . . on the web***

**Home Page:** [www.loyallodge.org](http://www.loyallodge.org)

Site includes **Loyal Letter** newsletters.

**Facebook Page:** from your own facebook page,

- Select **Groups** . . . in the search box . . .
- Enter **Loyal Lodge #252**
- On the list, click **Join**

When you go on facebook again . . .select **Groups**

Our facebook Group, will appear for your use.

All lodge photographs (3,200) have  
been scanned and in the coming weeks,  
can be found on our Group facebook  
page under **Media . . . Albums**

*What is stockfish ?*

### **Loyal Lodge Book Club**

Meet at the lodge at 2:00 PM on **tbd**

**BOOK:** ***Haymaker in Heaven***

**AUTHOR:** ***Edvard Hoem***

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



### **Sunshine Committee**

*God Bedring*



*We have some members with health or situation  
issues but they have not been publicized. Maybe  
it's okay just to remeber . . .*

*Every one you meet is fighting a battle  
you know nothing about . . . Be kind.*

### **Loyal's Bazaar**

The members of the bazaar committee are  
busy getting ready for one of our biggest  
fund raisers each year. We will be baking  
cardamom cake and lingonberry cake at  
Norway Hall on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 8:30  
AM to 11:30 AM and again 1:15 PM on.  
With a potluck lunch from noon to 1PM.  
This will take the place of the October lodge  
meeting.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, we will be baking  
Krumkake from 9AM to 11:30 AM and  
from 12:30AM to 3PM. Come out and  
learn how to make these delicious treats and  
help the lodge at the same time.

If you are willing to sign up for any of  
these times, please contact Karen Olsen-  
Helmold at 516 935-0751 or  
[kolsen2@verizon.net](mailto:kolsen2@verizon.net)



District 3 President Stephen Helmold  
will be sharing regular district news on a  
seasonal basis going forward. It will be  
attached to our **Letter** when received.

Spring Summer Fall Winter + extra

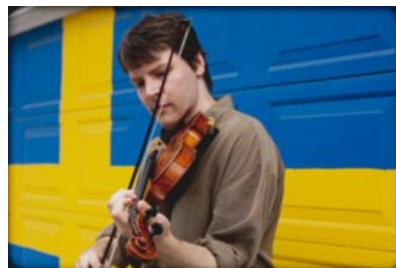


Vidar Skrede and Patrik Ahlberg will join their Scandinavian fiddle forces together for an evening of Norwegian-Swedish folk music at Norway Hall on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 630 pm. The variety of strings includes fiddles, Hardanger fiddles, guitars, and even a mandolin. The mix of tunes is put together by both their original and traditional Nordic fiddle tunes.

Loyal Lodge enjoyed a terrific performance of Nordic folk music and his homespun tales of each song's history and meaning in English and Norwegian to the delight of the members in 2023. Please join us for a musical Nordic cultural program not to be missed!

*We ask attendees to please bring a bottle of wine and/or cheese/snacks. Please RSVP to Eric Johansson at 631-766-8571. A good will donation for our musical guest will be taken.*

**Patrik Ahlberg** - is a multi-instrumentalist from Sweden. He regularly plays and performs music of both the United States and Sweden.



**Vidar Skrede** - is a Nordic folk musician and teacher from Haugesund, Norway, currently living in Milwaukee, WI. He is a performer and a teacher of Harding-fiddle, fiddle, and guitar. He has a background in traditional music from his home area, Rogaland (south west Norway) and has a master's degree in performing Nordic folk music at the Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm.





# Exploring your Nordic Culture



<https://loyallodge.org>



Loyal Lodge #252 Sons of Norway

You probably never heard of Thomas Winther, aka Dambo. He is a Dane known as a recycle artist. He builds things with waste materials, i.e. scrap debris that he recycles and creates something useful / beautiful, often in the most unlikely of places. His works can be found in many countries. We should send a request for a troll in Central Park or even at 7th and 4th.

Here is a website about Dambo's 'Hector the Protector' that demonstrates how inspirational his work is.

( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFEb4Jdg70Q> ) It's worth watching!

During the pandemic he had to halt all foreign projects and return to Denmark. He needed to do something with his time and started a nationwide project "Den Kaempestore Troldefolk-fest" (The **Great Troll-Folk-Fest**) to build 10 troll sculptures hidden all across Denmark.

( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2n8FxxhunV8> ) also worth watching



The home page can be found at

( <https://thomasdambo.com> )

Click on **Projects** to see a snip of all his works.

Click on **About** to see details of all his sculptures.





Roskva



Oscar



Bibbi



Ronja



Una and Jearus



Mamma Mimi



Alexas Elixir

Here's the rub . . .

All these beautiful, dramatic creations that are made of scrap wood will, over time, naturally decay and, unfortunately, will be lost forever.



OK . . . so this great event competes with our bazaar baking event.  
Some members who might not be of a mind to be at the lodge have  
an opportunity to visit with another SoN lodge and support their  
fund raiser and Viking cultural presentation.



## VIKING ENCAMPMENT

*Experience "Life as a Viking"!*



FEATURING

**CLAN OF THE RAVEN**



*Reenactors in authentic garb will demonstrate Viking Culture including:  
Basket Weaving, Cooking, Crafts, Music, Weaponry, Arrow Making,  
Blacksmithing, Leather Working, Nálbinding  
and "Fight a Viking" demonstration*

**NOR-BU LODGE**

21 OSLO DRIVE, ROCKAWAY, NJ 07866

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
**10AM-5PM**

**Admission – Adults \$10.00, Family \$20.00, Children under 10 Free, Seniors \$8.00**

**SCANDINAVIAN BAKED GOODS, VENDORS, VIKING GAMES,  
FACE PAINTING & CHILDREN'S TATTOOS**



**COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF VIKING FUN, GAMES & FOOD**

**Free Parking at Norway Field**

516 Green Pond Road, Rockaway Township (Telemark), NJ 07866

*Rain or Shine. For more information and updates visit: Facebook: Norbu Lodge*

## Stony Brook Harbor Day



The villages of Head of the Harbor and Nissequogue sponsored a **Stony Brook Harbor Day** on September 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate and recognize the importance of the ecological and historical significance of Stony Brook Harbor. Members of our Lodge, Elly Supinsky, John Barnett, Leif Easterson, Thom Brownworth, Don Reinertsen and Bob Johnson joined in the festivities along with our Viking Boat. There were many inquiries regarding our lodge, the boat, and membership. As these pictures show, it was a great time for all.



Steve Englebright, Suffolk County's Fifth District Legislator (far left); Head of Harbor Mayor, Michael Utevs- sky (2<sup>nd</sup> from right); and New York State 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Assemblyman, Michael Fitzpatrick (far right).