



**President's  
Message**

## *Loyal Letter*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank the Lodge volunteers who for making the Annual Scandinavian Bazaar a great team effort. Lodge volunteers managed the pre-event set up and then helped at the booths, kitchen, new-membership table, cashiers/credit card, and lastly, break down. I especially wish to thank the members of Loyal who through their combined effort provided an amazing array of baked goods, kitchen delicacies, amazing basket and auction items, and homemade crafts....and a fun Scandinavian merchandise shopping experience for many guests. Greeters guided guests to their shopping needs and shop they did!

Tusen takk to Meredith Johansson for organizing, cooking, and serving our Thanksgiving Day dinner in November despite the difficulties that arose. I was a great meal with Loyal fellowship added in.

Personally, I want to thank every one of you for your support and help during my time as President, filling in until a new one is installed. It was my pleasure to serve you, and to provide the best possible leadership and governance I could for the good of the lodge. I wish all the officers (incoming and outgoing) much success! It is through our fraternal membership that we grow month after month, year after year, and decade after decade to be a successful, forward moving and contributing lodge. Thank you! *"All Difficulties Come from Not Thinking of Others"*. At this time of Thanksgiving and every day, let us, **"GIVE THANKS for all that LOYAL has to offer and may we continue to think of others by keeping our eyes and ears vigilant to those who need a helping hand in our community and beyond."**

And lastly, please consider giving your children, grandchildren, siblings, friends, and sons- and-daughters in-law a GIFT of MEMBERSHIP for Christmas. Heritage memberships (children under 16) are FREE! Who knows, they might surprise you and come to some of Loyal's events. And they will truly enjoy receiving, reading, and learning from the *VIKING* magazine.

Hilsen,

*Eric*



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## Calendar of Coming Events



Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	Dec 7	7:00 pm	<b>Holiday Glögg Party</b> - Glögg Making competition, caroling, and fellowship. Hosted by Kim Lakeman.. Call her at 631-509- 0392 to enter your Glögg recipe — and for all others attending, please let Kim know if you'll be bringing an appetizer or dessert to share. We'll sing Christmas Carols and share in our lodge's warm fellowship! GAME ON, GLÖGG MAKERS!
Sun	Dec 8	2:30 pm	<b>Elsa Rix #1 Luciafest</b> - Lucia, refreshments, ring & folk dancing \$15 / (-12)\$5 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 54 Nassau Blvd., West Hempstead
Fri	Dec 13	4 & 7pm	<b>IKEA Julbord</b> - see the article on the next page for the details
Sun	Dec 15	2-5 pm	<b>Christmas Ornament Exchange</b> - bring in a wrapped ornament up to \$10. Also hors d'oeuvre or dessert should be brought by each attendee. Everyone will go home with an ornament, just not the one they brought.
Wed	Dec 25	- - - -	<b>Christmas Day</b> - God Jul til alle medlemmer.
Wed	Jan 1	- - - -	<b>New Years Day</b> - och Godt Nytt År
Sun	Jan 5	1:00 pm	<b>Loyal Lodge meeting</b> - 2:00 pm Installation DETAILS in the next issue



**DATES TO REMEMBER** - mark your 2025 calendars - future flyers will provide you with all the details. These are very special 3rd District events created for Sons of Norway families to come, and learn, and enjoy.

June 26-29th	Norwegian Cultural Camp	Isle of Palms, SC
August 23rd	3rd District Picnic	Nansen Lodge Picnic Grounds Staten island



### Birthdays in December

5 Arlene Holm	17 John Wolf
7 Eric Johansson	20 Andrew Albrechtsen
7 Barbara Eiseland	23 Shelly Albrechtsen
10 Richard Elfers	25 <b>God Jul</b>
13 Liv Dillahunt	28 Reidun Aasan

### Gratulerer Med Dagen

28 Richard Barraud
28 Agnes White
29 Tarina Beck
29 Kenneth Lakeman
30 Roy Rasmussen



*Loyal Lodge Bazaar was a great success due to the efforts of many members.*



Visit the Loyal Lodge facebook Group page to see all the pictures.







IKEA Long Island is having their annual Julbord on Dec. 13th. It's a celebration of the season with traditional Scandinavian Christmas favorites with something for everyone.

There will be 2 seatings 4-6 pm & 7 pm **SOLD OUT**

\$19.99 adult / \$9.99 kids -12 with IKEA Family card  
without \$24.99 adult / \$12.99 kids -12

Tickets will be in limited quantities as they have limited seating. Tickets can be purchased now ... **in advance** ... in the IKEA store.

*Dinner tickets might be a great PRE Christmas gift.*

Entertainment by Smörgåsbandet



## COFFEE COMMITTEE

Don't need one  
in December

**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.



*God Jul og Godt Nytt År*



## Sunshine Committee

*God Bedring*



Under The Weather



Let Torun Reduto know - 631 862-8017

**Youtube:**

**Johnston Health Stayin Alive**

**"Stayin' Alive" - Hands-Only CPR**

**Please check this out.**



If you want to stay up to date  
and see what's going on at our lodge,  
then you have to get on board with  
the [Loyal Lodge Home Page](#)  
[www.loyallodge.org](http://www.loyallodge.org)

and the [facebook Group Page](#)  
Search GROUPS for  
**Loyal Lodge #252** and join!



**Don't forget -  
Bring a ball  
To get a ball**

*Make your glögg early  
so it can rest . . .  
and become perfect!*



Did we have these mugs  
for sale at the bazaar?  
Maybe we should look  
into that.



### *Did You Know*

If you've ever used a cheese  
slicer, then you have to give  
thanks to a Norwegian.

Invented in 1925 by Thor  
Bjørklund, it has since be-  
come a compulsory element  
in all Scandinavian kitchens  
and still proves popular to  
this day.



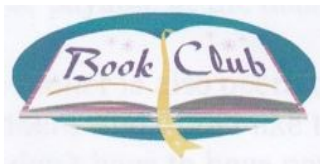
### **Loyal Lodge Book Club**

Meet at the lodge at 2:00 PM on

**BOOK:**

**AUTHOR:**

No Book Club meeting until the new year  
due to the Bazaar and Holiday Season.



## This Side

As Loyallodge goes about promoting its facebook Group, we remind our members that there are several other Group sites that would be of interest and should be visited regularly to share information.

**PUBLIC SITES** anyone can see and post to these Groups.

[Scandinavian Events - New York, New Jersey & More](#)  
[Norwegian Heritage, History, Culture and Current Events](#)  
[Brooklyn Norwegians](#)

**PRIVATE SITES** you can search Groups to find other facebook pages you may want to join to see what's on their site. They will have their own criteria for joining.

[Official Sons of Norway Facebook Group](#)  
[Sons of Norway-Nansen Lodge 410](#)  
[Norwegian Friends of North America](#)

**WEBSITES** to visit include

<https://www.sofn.com>

<https://3dsofn.org>

<https://loyallodge.org>

**SPICE MER GRØT**



Go not where a path may lead ...  
 but go instead where there is no trail ...  
 and leave a path.



When you hear the bell ...

Do you drop a bill?

## That Side

The Norwegian Parliament recently issued a formal apology to Norway's indigenous people and ethnic groups including the Sami, Kvener and Finnish migrants. Norwegian state officials tried for more than a century to force them to give up their native languages, traditions and religion and become "as Norwegian as possible," but have now concluded that just wasn't right. The previous policy was known as *fornorsking*. It included various forms of forced assimilation regarding religion, language and lifestyles which began as early as the 1700s and became formal state policy in 1851. It's now history.



Making Christmas cookies is a big deal in Norway.  
 Favorites: Pepperkaker, krumkaker, & serinakaker.



<https://www.nasjonalmuseet.no/en>

Norway's National Museum - Their mandate is to develop, conserve, research, make available, and promote public knowledge of Norway's biggest collection



## Winter 2024-2025 Third District President's Message

As I write this message, it is Thanksgiving time and Christmas is around the corner with lodges having holiday baazaars and Christmas parties. Where has this year gone? The Third District Board and its committees have planned several exciting events for next year.

A cultural camp extended weekend (Thursday to Sunday) June 26 to 29, 2025 will be held at Isle of the Palms, South Carolina, one block from the beach. It is the Third District Board's hope that it will go over well and become a yearly event. If you are interested in going, contact Cultural Director Cheri Johnson for more information. Also, the district is having its second district picnic on August 23, 2025, at Nansen Lodge on Staten Island N.Y., so if you are interested, please contact Zone 3 Director Paul Kornbrekke for more information.

Youth Camp will be held again at Camp Koinonia in Highland Lake N.Y. from Sunday July 20 to Saturday July 26, 2025, so if you have children or grandchildren, I strongly encourage you to have them attend youth camp next year. For more information on youth camp 2025, please contact Assistant Secretary Katie Brink.

You can also check out the Third District Website for more information and applications for all three of these events.

By now all lodges should have paid their lodge liability insurance premium as it was due November 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$25.00 penalty if not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> and this penalty in my opinion is unfair. While Sons of Norway is correct in charging the penalty to those lodges that haven't paid for a long time. (some are over 2 years late and are still covered by the insurance policy), it is unfair to charge it at this time as the process for sending the insurance invoices has drastically changed. Instead of receiving an invoice by either email or snail mail, lodge officers must now log onto the Sons of Norway website, click on profile, and find the category that has the invoices, go to that category and find the invoice download it and pay it. Furthermore, the invoices were not available until Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, less than one month before when the late fee would be attached. I am happy to say that District 3 did fine for 2023 with no lodges owing money for their insurance premiums, I hope the trend will continue this year as well.

On another note, I saw on Facebook that International Board Chairman Ron Stubbings was awarded a Life Member Pin for his service as he is stepping down from the board, and as much as I would like to congratulate him on it, from what I remember when all members could be awarded Life Membership, they did not have to pay dues for the rest of their life, and with that said, how is that fair when the rest of the Sons of Norway membership had a 40 to 50 percent increase in their dues? Where is the fairness and fraternalism in that? Also, will all out going international chairmen be awarded the same for their years of service? It should be asked, what about the rest of the Sons of Norway members from all the districts who have been members for 30 or more years and are 65 plus and worked hard in many offices of the lodge, zone, and district and on many committees over the years without the stipends that is given to the International Board members. Should not they be given the same courtesy? I know this is an award that ended many years ago, but why bring it back now just for the out going International Board Chairman and chairman in the future? In my opinion this is a slap in the face for all Sons of Norway members and is very much wrong and unfair. Hopefully, this life membership award does not include having his dues paid for life, but that is what life membership has always meant. This is only my opinion, but I thought this was something that had to be said.

With that said Karen and I and the whole Third District Board would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Until Spring,

Fraternally, *Stephen Helmold*





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<http://loyallodge.org>

Loyal Lodge of Norway



## Barnklubben Elsa Rix Lucia #1

Vasa Order of America

### Annual Lucia Festival

Sunday December 8, 2024 2:30 pm

St Andrews Lutheran Church

54 Nassau Blvd. West Hempstead, NY



Lucia pageant, ring dancing & folk dancing - raffle, glögg, Swedish gifts for sale

Refreshments include open faced sandwiches and desserts. \$15 adults / \$5 -12