

President's Message

Loyal Letter

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"Tusen takk" (a thousand thanks) to our President Eric Johansson as he completes his tenure with us. He's not going far though, and I am very appreciative and fortunate in that he will assume the position of Counselor in our lodge as I begin my tenure as your new President. Eric's experiences, sober judgement and sound planning will assist our Executive Board as we continue to move Loyal Lodge forward.

The honor of President and trust you have conveyed to me I hold very dear. While technically only a member of the lodge for the past few years (thank you Judy Fleming), my presence here goes back to the '50s when my parents and grandparents were members, and I joined them in attending many events. Those memories and my interest in our Scandinavian heritage is what had led me to this moment.

Essentially a lifelong resident of Saint James and as a former public-school building and district administrator, I appreciate the legacy of what precedes your arrival, our lodge ancestors influence and their significance in determining the scope, direction and subsequent planning for our future. They were very prescient in their decisions. Generationally they, and we, have passed this culture, these traditions and beliefs down to our descendants. We have that connection with them, and they continue to influence us. In reflection we have so much in which to be proud, much in which to be thankful for and hopeful for in the future.

Our recent "Glögg Party" (somehow my nonalcoholic glögg, unlike others, was not fully consumed-have to work on that recipe) organized by Kim Lakeman with a rousing singalong led by our own musical maestro, Don Reinertsen is an example of that spirit, that joy in celebrating the culture, history and traditions of not only Norway but of all Scandinavia.

Over the next few months, your Executive Board, including our Vice-President Leif Easterson and I, will be developing short- and long-range plans for our lodge. As a Loyal Lodge member, you will be thoroughly immersed in this process, both in the development and reflective portion of the process. These will hopefully include increasing social events suitable at varying times for all ages of our members, looking to refine the aesthetic of our lodge and securing the financial future of our lodge as currently overseen by our excellent financial team of Elly Supinsky and Thom Brownworth.

Looking forward to working with all of you in strengthening the cultural, history and Scandinavian traditions of which we are all most proud. "Godt nytt ar!" (Happy New Year) everyone! *Check-out facebook!*

Bob Johnson

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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Day	Date	Time	Event	Calendar of Coming Events
Wed	Dec 25	- - - -	Christmas Day - God Jul og Gogt Nytt År till alla medlemmar.	
Sun	Jan 5	1:00 pm	Loyal Lodge - Soup n Salad luncheon prior to our meeting \$10 / RSVP your spot to Shelly Albrechtsen at 631-496-6227 by Wed. January 1st.	
Sun	Jan 5	2:00 pm	Loyal Lodge - regular meeting with the installation of new officers.	
Mon	Jan 20	800 pm	Zone 7 - Zoom meeting from Vesterheim This is a very special event.	

Zone 7 has invited the members of Zone 1 to join them and the members of Zone 5 for a zoom presentation from Vesterheim on **Monday, Jan. 20 at 8:00 PM** about the **Sailing of the Restauration**. This should be an interesting and timely program.

To receive the link, you must RSVP to Zone 7 Director Bill Browning who will send you the link closer to the time of the program. If you cc me, Karen Olsen-Helmold at kolsen2@verizon.net, I will follow up and make sure you get the link.

The email address for RSVP'ing is SonsofNorwayZone7@gmail.com

Be sure to read the last page

Tue	Jan 21	12:00 pm	Webcast by SoN CEO - State of the Union address + Details will follow.	
Sat	Feb 1	9 am -12 pm	Pancake Breakfast hosted by Loyal to benefit the Zone 1 Scholarship Fund . Norwegian pancakes, sausage, fruit, muffins, juice & coffee. \$15/adult \$12/12 -	
Sun	Feb 2	2:00 pm	Loyal Lodge - regular meeting lunch at 1:00	

DATES TO REMEMBER - mark your 2025 calendars - see attached flyers in subsequent newsletters for 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 There will be a bus staring at Loyal with 2 stops - \$10
July 20-26th	3rd District Youth Camp	Koinonia Highland Lake, NY



Birthdays in January

1 Charlene Abrahamsen	8 Bette Stokke
2 Nancy Bradley	10 Richard Eiseland
5 Stan Albrechtsen	13 Liam Baxley
5 Robert Retnauer	21 Deborah Pettersen
6 George Sandberg	21 Nancy Reuter

Gratulerer Med Dagen

22 Barbara Hagen
25 Stephen Baxley
27 Kim Lakeman



Loyal Lodge Glögg Party was a good time had by all.



Several members brought in their own glögg recipes that came to life when heated. (both with & w/o alcohol) We had finger food to add to the event, Don tickled the keys, and everyone joined in the caroling.



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

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

and the **facebook Group Page**
Search GROUPS for
Loyal Lodge #252



COFFEE COMMITTEE

- 1 Ken Olson
- 2 ?
- 3 ?



Join us for a soup lunch on Sunday, January 5th at 1pm prior to our 2pm meeting. The lunch will include soups, a salad & bread. The cost is \$10 per person & is payable at the door. Please **RSVP** your rez to Shelly Albrechtsen at 631-496-6227 by Wednesday, Jan. 1.



Elections were held at the last meeting and
the installation will take place in January.
The official list of current officers in the lodge
will always be printed in the January issue

Lykke til 2025

to President Bob Johnson
and all of the officers on his team.

Result of the Glögg Contest

2nd Place (unofficial)



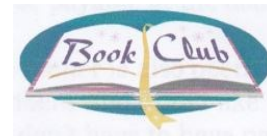
Loyal Lodge Book Club

Meet at the lodge 2:00 PM on

BOOK:

AUTHOR:

No meetings until into the new year
due to the Holiday Season.



There will be an entry in the Loyal Letter each month with a YouTube website that I believe is worthy of your time to watch.

Simply copy the url in the box at the bottom and paste it into a Google home page, and ENTER . *Ken*



In keeping with the ongoing Christmas spirit . . . *turn up the volume*
Norwegian soprano *Sissel* is widely regarded in the music industry
as having the purest tones, and the greatest clarity of the lyrics.
She is beautiful, skillful in presentation, and possesses an ease and
elegance difficult to find in the music world today. Embrace this
classic performance from the *Spektrum* in Oslo. (*play it again*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK-NZc4O6mA>



ELECTED OFFICERS - 2025

President:	Bob Johnson
Vice President:	Leif Easterson
Counselor:	Eric Johansson
Secretary:	Barbara Brownworth
Recording Sec'y:	Barbara Wikoren
Financial Sec'y:	Thom Brownworth
Treasurer:	Elly Supinsky
Marshall:	Liz Skadberg
Asst Marshall:	Oddvar Skadberg
Cultural Directors:	Stacey Ferrington Meredith Johansson
Publicity Director:	Ken Olson
Little Vikings Dir:	open
Foundation Dir:	open
Sports Director:	open
Editor:	Karin Ryan
Asst. Editor:	Lori Mahoney
Sunshine Chair:	Torun Reduto
Musician:	Don Reinertsen
Greeter:	open
Trustee 1:	Stan Albrechtsen
Trustee 2:	Susan Olson
Auditor 1:	Lee Grosskreutz
Auditor 2:	Inger Nielsen
Auditor 3:	Karen Olsen-Helmold

Sunshine Committee

Under The Weather



Let Torun Reduto know - 631 862-8017

The Christmas spirit in Norway is a peaceful time.

They have a word for it that doesn't have a direct translation as a single word in English.



Did You Know

"Grevinnen og Hovmesteren"

(English title: Dinner for One)

is a Norwegian tradition. On the 23rd of December every year it plays at the same time in the evening programming for the whole nation to laugh at the same jokes they have seen every year of their lives. If it is just a minute early, thousands of really upset Norwegians call in to complain they missed it.

Don't you miss it:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxiVtzJ1rP0&list=PLzbXAt4wmzcM-1Lqkz9rWcGvYc22I_tnF



Exploring your Nordic Culture



<https://loyallodge.org>



Loyal Lodge #252 Sons of Norway



Oslo, Norway

SIZE Norway's capital city Oslo is the underdog, albeit one whose bark is a lot louder these days. Its population has grown fast. So much so, that as of late 2022 the city itself has more than 700,000 residents, making it an equivalent size, if not slightly bigger, than Copenhagen. However, the wider urban area is home to just over 1 million, which is less than both Stockholm and Copenhagen.

Photo: Bob Johnson at Stortorvet

The Green Guy - is a monument to King Christian IV

The Happy Guy - is the King of Norway Hall, St James ☺

Christian IV was King of Denmark and Norway and Duke of Holstein and Schleswig from 1588 until his death in 1648. At the death of his father, King Frederick I, on the 4th of April in 1588, Christian was just 10 years old. He succeeded to the throne, but as he was still under-age, a regency council was set up to serve as the trustees of the royal power while Christian was still growing up. His reign of 59 years and 330 days is the longest in Scandinavian history.

He was a member of the House of Oldenburg, Christian began his personal rule of Denmark-Norway in 1596 at the age of 19. He is well remembered as one of the most popular, ambitious, and proactive Danish-Norwegian kings, having initiated many reforms and projects. Christian IV obtained for his kingdoms a level of stability and wealth that was virtually unmatched elsewhere in Europe. He engaged Denmark-Norway in numerous wars, most notably the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648), which devastated much of Germany. He undermined the Danish economy, and cost Denmark-Norway some conquered territories. Fire destroyed the city and he rebuilt it, then renamed the Norwegian capital as *Christiania* after himself. It was again renamed Kristiania in 1877, which was used until 1925. At that time, a suburb called Oslo was incorporated and contributed to reverting the city's name back to Oslo, the name given at its 1024, Viking era founding.



Norwegian Pancake Fundraiser

hosted by Loyal Lodge #252

In Support of the Zone One Scholarship Fund

**Saturday, February 1st, 2025
9am-12pm**

**Join us for delicious pancakes, sausage, fruit,
muffins, juice and coffee!**

Raffle Baskets!

\$15 - Adults

\$12 - Kids 10 & under



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Stacey - (631) 626-0142**



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KITCHEN AND DINING AREAS



Sailing Again From Norway To The USA in 2025

On July 4th, 1825, the sloop "Restauration" set sail from Stavanger with 52 emigrants on board. Their departure marks the beginning of organized emigration from Norway to America. The vessel carried a crew of seven and 45 passengers, 19 of whom were children, many of them Norwegian Quakers. The group, led by Cleng Peerson, landed in New York City on October 9, 1825, after a three-month voyage. The voyage is described in Ole Rynning's Amerika-boka (The America Book) The crossing was arduous and lasted for three months.

Crossing 200

In July, 2025, a Restauration Sailaway Event will take place in Stavanger and a new sloop will make a voyage called Crossing 200. The trip will travel a much different route to celebrate (publicize) the 200th anniversary of the first voyage. It arrives in New York harbor in October.

