



## President's Message

# Loyal Letter

September 2025

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We hope your summer has been restful, relaxing as well as invigorating. Summer is a time to reconnect with family and enjoy the beauty and tranquility of nature. Norwegians have a philosophy of embracing the great outdoors, it is called "Frilufshy" and this integration of family, friends and of nature may be the Scandinavian secret to happiness!

We, as a lodge will also be reconnecting and reengaging with one another at our annual "Return To The Lodge Barbeque" on Friday, September 5th at 6:30. The Barbecue is "Potluck", so if you have a side dish (salad, beans, casserole, condiments, dessert, beverages, paper supplies, etc.), just let me know via phone or text indicating what you will be bringing. My cell number is 631-942-6844. If I'm unable to answer, just leave a message. The lodge will provide burgers, hot dogs, beverages and plastic eating utensils.



The lodge has been busy over the summer with installing our new 75" TV in the main hall, installation of new blinds on the four main hall windows (see two of them left) as well as our impressive 4' X 6' "Giclee enhanced" painting, "Leif Ericson Discovers North America" by Christian Krohg. Originally commissioned for the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, the original is in the collection of the National Museum of Art in Oslo. A copy of the painting, created by Krohg's son, Per Krohg, has hung in the United States Capitol since 1936. Our copy will continue to grace our hall for many decades to come (see picture right).


We also completed an outdoor summer spruce up concerning overgrown vegetation and will be scheduling a fall cleanup (with volunteers) as well. In addition, we had our first Poker Night in July with ALL proceeds being donated by participants to the lodge.

The September 5th barbeque will be followed with our first of the year Business Meeting at 7:30. We will be discussing our calendar for the year, proposals for lodge projects, our annual Bazaar (scheduled for Saturday, September 27th from 10-3), the visit of the "Clan of the Raven" (the weekend of our Bazaar) and a Scandinavian Dance Group (November) and the usual communication, financial and committee reports. The first meeting of the year sets the agenda for subsequent events (thinking of a Halloween Themed dinner for our October Meeting); it is critical to the success of the lodge and fellowship. We do hope you can attend.

Remember, this is YOUR lodge and the overall success of any of our efforts is due to the coordinated efforts of the many. Stay informed, stay involved and stay active. See you at the barbeque!



Tusen takk, **Bob**

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## Calendar of Coming Events

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun	Aug 31	10 am >	<b>Scanfest at Vasa Park</b> - This is the largest Scandinavian fest in the east. A wide variety of food and music for every taste and a host of vendors. NOTE: There will be a Sons of Norway membership table.
Fri	Sep 5	6:30 pm	<b>Return to Loyal BBQ</b> - Burgers dogs etc. on the house - meeting to follow. <b>We're looking for members to provide various side dishes.</b>
Sun	Sep 14	5 pm	<b>Long Island Ducks</b> - baseball game hosted by Loyal Lodge—see the article
Sat	Sep 20	11am	<b>Wine Tasting</b> - Norden Lodge \$116 /per Contact Kristin Gottilla 516 521-3190
Sat	Sep 27	10—3	<b>Fall Fundraiser - Annual Bazaar</b> - come on out to our exciting Bazaar.
Thu	Oct 9	- - - -	<b>Leif Erikson Day</b> - a time to toast our new wall painting.
Thu	Oct 9	10:30	<b>Sloop Ship Restauration</b> arrives at the South Street Seaport pier in Manhattan. The Royal Norwegian Consulate General in New York has planed a 3 hour reception / folkefest on Pier 16 at he foot of Fulton Street (old fish market). <b>Reservations for admittance are a must.</b> See page 6 for more information. FYI: South Street Seaport Museum is a very interesting site to visit.
Fri	Oct 17	7 pm	<b>Family Film Night</b> - Halloween theme
Sun	Nov 2	2 am	<b>Daylight Savings time</b> - turn clocks back 1 hour
Sun	Nov 9	- - -	<b>Norwegian Dance Group</b> - pending confirmation of time



### Loyal Lodge Knitting Club

Meet at the lodge on: **Wed 3:00 pm**

*Not meeting in September  
or October*



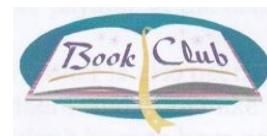
### Loyal Lodge Book Club

Meet at the lodge **Sun 2:00 PM**

**BOOK:**

**AUTHOR:**

*Not meeting in September*



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



**June—Midsommar BBQ was enjoyable with Norden 407 members visiting us.**



**June meeting was special with Barbara Berntsen, Zone 1 Scholarship Committee Chair, Roy Berntsen-President Norden Lodge, Kathy & Les Johannessen & Shirley Erland from Norden Lodge. Velkommen to Loyal Lodge. There were (4) Zone 1 Scholarship awards presented by Barbara Berntsen, and a raffle to raise more funds.**

**The winners were: Jacqueline Reduto-Loyal, Emma Larsen-Loyal, Shelby Grabher-Norge & Christopher Zender-Norge**



### **Birthdays in September**

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Richard Ohlsen     | 16 Eleanor Supinsky  |
| 6 Torun Reduto       | 18 Lucinda Berninger |
| 8 Robert Johnson     | 21 Monica Carlsen    |
| 13 Kirsten Easterson | 24 Nicole Petersen   |



### **Gratulerer Med Dagen**

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|--------------------|
| 25 Patricia Baxley |
| 25 Pamela Bensin   |

*This Side* 

*That Side* 

Audun Gythfeldt, a noted and devoted member and officer of Nor-Bu Lodge #3-427 in Rockaway, NJ, District Lodge #3, and the International Board, passed away to Lodge Eternal on Sunday morning, July 27th, from a long illness.



*Sov I Ro, Brother Audun*

### Sunshine Committee

Under The Weather



Let Torun Reduto know - 631 862-8017

### Norwegian Wisdom:

*"The more cooks . . . the more mess"*

Eight *REAL* gamers came out on July 18th for Poker Night at the Lodge. As expected some winners— most losers.

*Winnings went to the lodge!*

Christian Krohg

The **Norwegian America Line** (Norwegian: **Den Norske Amerikalinje**), was a shipping line, originally an operator of ocean liners and cargo ships. Founded in 1910, the company ran a regular transatlantic service between Norway and the United States. Primarily due to competition from air travel, transatlantic passenger voyages were slowly discontinued during the years. NAL ceased passenger service in 1995.



1st NAL Trans Atlantic Liner SS Kristianiafjord 1913



Last NAL Trans Atlantic Liner SS Vistafjord 1973

### *A video on his life and some of his works*

Norwegian Naturalist Painter,  
Illustrator, Author & Journalist.

*He changed the art world with his paintings to move from romanticism to real life art works, often from more mundane lifestyles.*

[youtube.com/watch?v=EFe84U\\_\\_kt8](https://youtube.com/watch?v=EFe84U__kt8)





Sunday September 14th 1:30 pm

**Tickets \$15 . . . if any tickets are left**

**Contact: Bob Johnson 631 942-6844**

The Sons of Norway Book Club Secretary , Jeanne Addison, has issued an email advising all members that the **SoN Book Club** is going to change it's' meeting times.

Instead of 2 sessions on the last Thursday of the month, there will be just 1 session on the last Thursday at 8 PM EST, and a 2nd session at 2 PM EST on the last Saturday of the month.. The change will take place starting on the 28th of August. \* Printed information in the Viking magazine will be incorrect.

Look for an email from Loyal Secretary Barbara Brownworth with an attachment that lists all the readings up to April, 2026.

## Movie Night . . .

### what do you think

Now that we have a TV / Monitor in place, the members can give some thoughts to movies they think would of interest to many of the other members. Please send your suggestions to our Cultural Leaders:

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johanssonsix@gmail.com

Stacy Ferrington 631 942-6844

stacey9097@hotmail.com

Also . . .

The screen can be used for laptop video presentations. If you have a Power Point file, perhaps with a series of pictures, or a video of special interest, please run it by our President, Bob Johnson, to arrange for an appropriate day and time to show it.



**SONS OF  
NORWAY**



## Scandinavian Bazaar

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

**Norway Lodge Hall**

**201 7<sup>th</sup> Street St. James, NY.**

**10:00-3:00PM**

## *Restauration is well out to sea with a first stop in the Bahamas*



**Public Gathering in NYC  
at the South Street Seaport  
to Welcome**

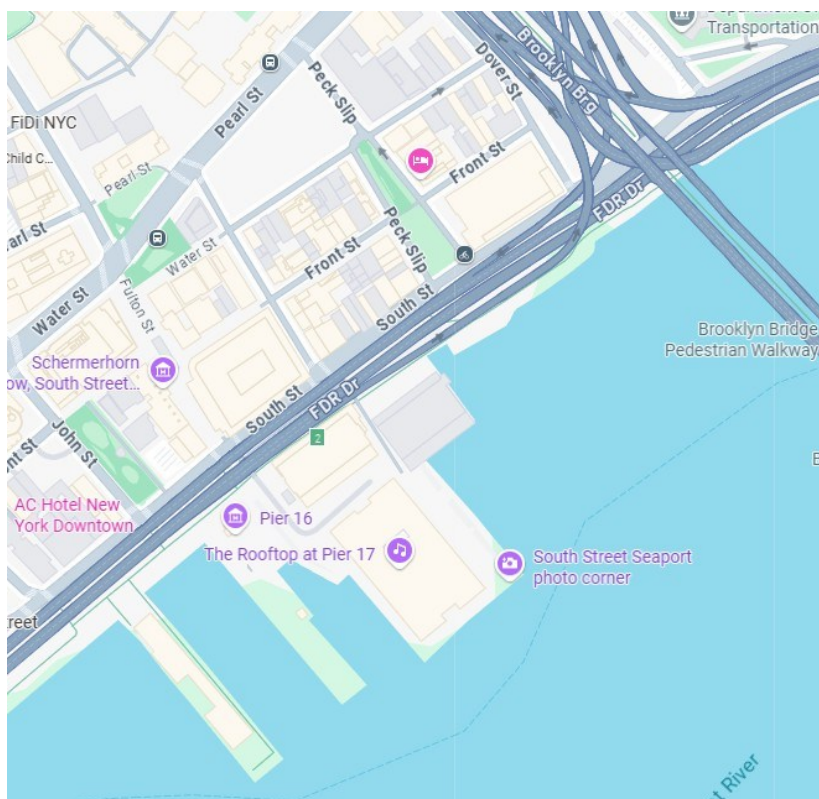
**"Restauration" & Folkfest  
on 9th of October 2025**

**This event is free but all  
**MUST** register in advance.**

**One member must manage  
the registration form which  
can be accessed on the url.**

**People wanting to attend  
should anticipate a sellout.**

**South Street Seaport Pier 16 (just below Brooklyn Bridge)**



<https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/event/public-gathering-arrival-of-the-sloop-restauration-october-9th-folkefest/>

The Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises is having a special Welcome Cruise out in the harbor on the 9th. Cost: \$215

Visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-the-return-of-the-restauration-tickets-1419522482959>



## The Restauration Sails Away

By Luella Grangaard, International Board Chair

This site is a video of Luella departing for Norway

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-GrCAqdbdQ>



I was invited by District 8 Sons of Norway to participate in events commemorating 200 years since the initial launch of the Restauration in Stavanger, Norway July 3 & 4. Many people in Norway participated in these events, including three generations of the Royal Family, dignitaries, politicians, Sons of Norway members and members of the public, who gathered to commemorate 200 years of organized migration to North America and to wish a safe passage to the crew of the Restauration. We also celebrated the strong ties between Norway and North America.



*Luella on the Stavanger Ferry*

In Stavanger I was warmly received and hosted by members from District 8, Ryfylke Lodge and Eilert Lunde the lodge president and coordinator of Crossings 200 representing Sons of Norway in the Stavanger area. I sincerely appreciate everything they did to help plan my trip and guide me to each event. Fraternal Manager Jana Velo was also able to attend and photograph the events, as a representative of Viking magazine.

While in Stavanger, I had a chance to visit Sverd i Fjell (the three swords in the rock), the Maritime Museum where they had a display of the Restauration and Ledaal, the Kings residence. I enjoyed a visit and dinner with Eilert Lunde's family and board members of Ryfylke Lodge. I met over 60 members of Sons of Norway from various lodges in the area and enjoyed lunch with them.

From there we went to Fiskepiren, the pier where the Restauration was docked to receive gifts from various organizations, including Sons of Norway Foundation. I presented a check on behalf of the Foundation and was able to say a few words on behalf of Sons of Norway and the Sons of Norway Foundation on the boat.

That evening there was a celebration of the migration with a program and meal. At this event they tried to recreate the foods of 1825 including bread made on the ship with Madeira wine from a cask found floating in the Atlantic by the crew of the original Restauration.



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## Exploring your Nordic Culture

<https://loyallodge.org>



Loyal Lodge #252 Sons of Norway



The big day—the 4th of July—I was able to attend a service at the Domkirke (Stavanger Cathedral) with Eilert Lunde. There I was able to see the King, Queen, Crown Prince and Princess and the Princess and Prince. It was a lovely service. We then proceeded to the harbor to see the Restauration waiting to start its journey. Jana, Eilert and I boarded a ferry to Randaberg. From the ferry we again saw the whole Royal Family board small boats



to take them to the Royal yacht, Norge. The ferry along with the Royal yacht and many, many boats escorted the Restauration out of the harbor. Even Eilert's son and grandchildren followed in their boat waving Norwegian flags. It was an amazing sight.

At Randaberg we docked and were met by the mayor, walked a red carpet and were part of the group including US consuls for Norway. We watched the Restauration once again dock, and ministers of Norway disembarked from the ship and I met the Minister of the Environment and the Stavanger Tourism representative. There was a beautiful locally sourced lunch.

Then we were off to the concert hall for exhibits including Sons of Norway, music and later a musical program on the migration.

What an honor it was to represent Sons of Norway and to participate in all these events. It was an amazing opportunity. I can't wait to see the United States welcome the Restauration on October 9th in New York. This event is so important to all of us who have a connection to Norway on both sides of the Atlantic. I hope each of you have an opportunity to attend an event whether at your lodge, online or—better yet—for those in the U.S., attend one of the welcome events that are scheduled at the South Street Seaport in New York City. THIS is the one and only time that this special occasion will take place so make your plans to attend.



850 people met at Fiskepiern for a Sail Away

*Luella Grangaard*



## Fall 2025 Third District President's Message

**A big hello everyone.** It has been a while since my last president's message, so I wanted to bring you up to date on what is happening in the district.

**I have just returned from the wake** for Audun Gythfeldt, past Sons of Norway International Secretary and Third District President. It was nice to see so many turn out from all over the district to pay their respects for Audun and participate in the Sons of Norway Funeral Service. It was a fitting tribute for him, for his many years of service to our order. For me, Audun was a good friend and advisor as he was for many of us, he will be very sadly missed, it is a great loss for Sons of Norway and the Third district.

**With Summer almost over** and fall just around the corner there are just two more events left to hold. One is the district picnic at Nansen lodge on Staten Island on August 23<sup>rd</sup> which the district board hopes will be a big success, if not it may not happen next year. The other event is a district membership drive at Scanfest , in Budd Lake, NJ to get new members. The district will have a table with lots of information to hand out and hopes to sign up many new members that day.

**Earlier this summer**, the district cultural camp in South Carolina and the district youth camp were both a great success. The cultural camp had a great turnout with members from all over the district that were interested in learning about cultural activities. Those that attended would like to see it happen again next year, so the district board voted to investigate having another cultural camp in North Carolina about mid-September of 2026.

**The district youth camp** had more children attending this year over last year. The children enjoyed camp so much that they asked if they could attend next year. So, the district board voted to have it next again from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the best gift that we as Sons of Norway members can give our children. So, if you have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of camp age 8-17 years old, please, highly consider sending them to youth camp next year.

**The success of both of these camps** is due to the hard work of our Cultural Director Cheri Johson and our newly appointed Vice President Katie Brink. These ladies along with their volunteer committees went above and beyond to make everyone happy.

**Also happening next year** is the Third District Convention, Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia and will be cohosted by Hampton Roads lodge and the Third District Board. I encourage you to come to the convention as a delegate, non-delegate or guest, where you can meet other members from other lodges in the district, hear from them what their lodges are doing and learn what the District is all about. I am sure you won't be disappointed, and for all past delegates I hope you will return as delegate again.

**The District Lodge Revitalization Committee** has been very busy working on ways to help lodges. One thing they have been working on is contacting the Spirit New Century 3-999 Lodge members with a personalize snail mail letter and information about Sons of Norway lodges in the third district. They are Sons of Norway members, just not in any lodge. It is the hope of the committee that these members will transfer to a lodge in the district, which will help those lodges. The District Board also approved reimbursing lodges for the purchase of a banner to be used for recruitment. Information regarding the ordering of these banners has been sent to all lodge presidents.

**At this time**, I want to wish you all a happy fall. Look for my next message in December.

Fraternally, *Stephen Helmold*

## Norden Lodge Wine Tasting Event

Saturday September 20th 11am

Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard

2114 Sound Ave., Baiting Hollow, NY

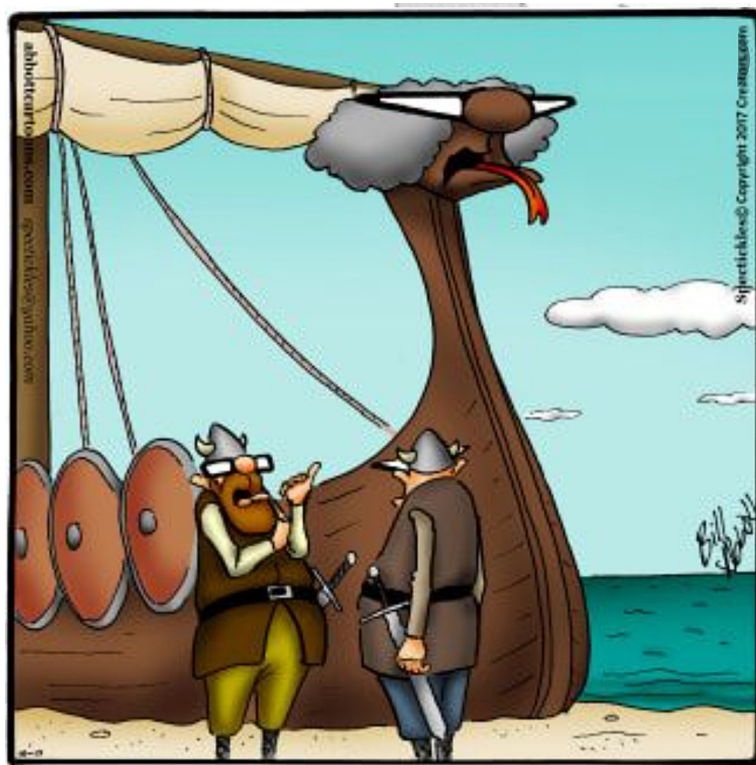


Enjoy a beautiful tour of the winery, wine tasting and a charcuterie board. Afterward, you can just hang out to enjoy the day playing yard games (Giant jenga & Corn Hole) and listen to the live music. No outside food or drink.

Cost: \$116 / person

Make checks payable to Norden Lodge ... send to Kristin Gottilla 642 Grand Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Questions: Contact Kristin Gottilla 516 521-3190



"Mother-in-law. Nice touch."