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And a very Happy New Year to everyone. On New Years Eve in Norway, many can be heard saying “*Takk for det gamle!*”, short for ‘thank you for the “old” (i.e. past) year’. This made me think. What a wonderful phrase to proclaim on such an eve. Yes, we have much to be thankful for and we are here to continue into the next year and hopefully will be able to exclaim this phrase once again. It does make you reflect and realize that maybe there were obstacles and heartaches but there was much to be grateful for. In that I will rejoice.

Typically with a new year ushering in many individuals, as well as businesses and entities, review the past year and make resolutions or set goals for the new year. We have new leadership in the District who have been blazing through with ideas, committees, remedies, and support. We should take advantage of this and educate ourselves as well as the Lodge of all the benefits Sons of Norway has to offer and learn how to strengthen our Lodge, increase membership, member participation, as well as receiving help to ease the load of all these wishes. There are many initiatives we can take advantage of it's a matter of educating ourselves.

If you have any ideas, this Lodge Board is all ears and will welcome everything.

Happy New Year!

Kimberly Breiland, President

**SAVE THE DATES
OF LODGE BROOKLYN
FUTURE MEETINGS
AND EVENTS**

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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



FRA PRESIDENTEN, STEPHEN HELMOLD – JANUARY 2023



Christmas and New Years are behind us and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season. With 2023 ahead of us, January is the month that some Lodges install their officers, while other lodges shut down for the cold winter months.

At a December zoom meeting, the Third District Board approved a vendor for the new Third District website which will be more user friendly and easier to navigate. As soon as it is up and running the old website will be discontinued (shut down), but we are told this may take a few months at least.

I am excited to announce that the **Third District Youth Camp** will be held in July from Sunday the 16th to Saturday the 22nd, so if you have children or grandchildren of camp age; 8 to 16 years old, I encourage you to sign them up and send them to camp. They will learn about their Norwegian heritage and Norwegian culture: Norwegian language, Rosemaling, and play Kubb along with other sports. More information on camp was included in the District Secretary's letter that was sent out to all District Secretaries in late December.

I have been attending the meetings of lodge presidents and vice presidents arranged by their zone directors so we can find out how the lodges are doing and hear firsthand their concerns. This is ongoing and will be done on a quarterly basis. I found it very

interesting and informative in what so many of our local lodge officers had to say. Their concerns were heard, and the **Lodge Revitalization Committee** headed by **Third District Vice President Diana Syvertsen** is working on addressing them. The committee is coming up with Programs that the lodges can use at their meetings as well as working on having Leadership Training for all lodges so officers will learn more of about their duties and members will learn more about Sons of Norway.

This month I am happy to spotlight your **Third District Vice President, Diana Syvertsen**. Diana is new to the Third District Board, but certainly not new to Sons of Norway. Here is a letter from Diana to you in which Diana tells a little bit about herself. I am proud to work with her.

My name is Diana Syvertsen and I am a 45 year member of Sons of Norway. My grandfather was a founding member of Nansen Lodge and my parents and I joined Noreg Lodge in 1977. I have served as Treasurer and President of Noreg for 4 terms each and in Space Coast Lodge as well.

Being part of Sons of Norway has enriched my life in many ways. I have met so many great people who have shared their talents with Noreg. I like being part of an



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organization that focuses on taking care of each other and helping others with our Foundation, Charitable Trust and scholarships. As a kid who was shy and didn't have much confidence, it has taught me how to speak up for myself, take risks like running for lodge and district offices and how to be a leader by watching so many great leaders in this organization. This has helped me in my everyday life, church, and career.

And that is why I agreed to become 3rd District Vice President this year. I would like to keep Sons of Norway going and growing so that others will be able to have their own great experiences.

Working with the Lodge Revitalization Committee including Bill Browning, Dirk Hansen, Harriet McHenry, Karen Olsen-Helmold, and Christine Taylor in conjunction with the other committees on the 3rd District Board, goals we have decided to work on are:

- 1) Identify lodges that need and would be willing to accept help from the district. Something that everyone can help with.*

We have a great team on the District Board, and I look forward to working on and implementing some of the great ideas we have discussed. We will keep everyone up to date as we move forward in the new year.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Syvertsen

As I hope you can tell, Diana is a keeper. I have a fabulous board with whom I am excited to work to make our Third District the best District in Sons of Norway.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Fraternally,
Stephen Helmold
District 3 President



Stephen Helmold, Third District President

**THIRD DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP JULY 16 - JULY 22****Sons of Norway Youth Camp****KOINONIA**
Highland Lake, NY***July 16-22, 2023 for ages 8 to 16***

Activities include:

Bonfire	Canoeing
Rosemaling	Language class
Hardanger	Kubb & more

The completed application form, along with a \$50 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 a health form when your application is received. \$450 Sons of Norway members, \$500 Non-members

Send to: Thomas Bakos
Sons of Norway Youth Camp Director
8 Bingham Drive
Marlboro, NJ 07746
tcbaconbits@optonline.net



APPLICATION FOR THIRD DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP

APPLICATION FOR SONS OF NORWAY THIRD DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP @KOINONIA, HIGHLAND LAKE, NY July 16-22, 2023 8- to-16 year olds

Please Print
Name _____ Male ____ Female ____

Birth Date _____ Age at camp _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Camper E-mail _____ Camper Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____ Parent/Guardian E-mail _____

Member Sponsor _____

Relationship to camper _____

Lodge of Sponsor's Membership _____

Emergency Contact (Name, phone and relationship) _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

Please identify roommate preference here:

The completed application form, along with a \$50 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 \$450 per camper. The \$400 balance is to be sent to **Thomas Bakos at the below address 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 \$500. 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, 2023**.



THIRD DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

DRAXTEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The DRAXTEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND is established in memory and in honor of Bersvend Draxten, the first President of Sons of Norway, by his daughter Nina Draxten.

This fund is established through the Sons of Norway Foundation for the purpose of providing scholarships to individuals under the age of 19. These scholarships are for youth who attend qualified camps or schools that teach and promote an understanding and appreciation of the Norwegian language, dance, history and culture.

These funds shall never exceed an award a student receives separately from his or her zone or local lodge and will be determined by the number of applications and funds available.

If you would like to be considered for one of these awards, please complete the form below and return to Karen Olsen-Helmold (address below) by JUNE 15.

Please include a short essay explaining why you want to go to Third District Youth Camp at LOV.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Scholarship amount Received \$ _____

From Whom (Lodge, Zone or District) _____

Camp or School Attending _____

Please return this completed application and your essay no later than **June 1** to:

Karen Olsen-Helmold
183 Evergreen Ave.
Bethpage, NY 11714
516 935 0751



FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

From the Sons of Norway website:

<https://www.sofn.com/blog/foundation-scholarships-available/>



By Emily Stark & Jon Tehven

High school seniors and current college students- it's time to start thinking about 2023!

If you are a member of Sons of Norway or have a parent or grandparent who is a member, you can apply for a scholarship from the Sons of Norway Foundation.

There are a variety of scholarships available for college, trade schools, and study abroad, from \$1,500 to \$20,000+.

Go to the Sons of Norway Foundation website at <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/> to find out if you are eligible to apply. When you find one or more for which you qualify, read the Overview, Who Can Apply, and View Guidelines.

Here are a few suggestions for your scholarship application:

- Treat the application as if it is a job application. Be thorough in completing all of the requirements. Make a list of all the application requirements and check them off when completed. Then, double-check before submitting to be sure that it is complete.
- Read and study the Criteria section of the application. In your essay, you are asked to address six key points. Use specific, experiential examples when answering these key points, especially your connection to Sons of Norway.
- How did you find out about the Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship and/or what do you know about the Sons of Norway Foundation? Demonstrate that you've done research beyond a simple Google search.

Emphasize your involvement in community or school volunteer work.





ZONE 1 SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: All information will be held in strict confidence. No application will be considered unless all questions are answered. Please print or type,

NOTE: Either the scholarship applicant or his parent/guardian must be a member in good standing of a lodge in **Zone 1** For at least two years prior **to** the date of application **by March 15, 2023** and remain so for the remainder of the term.

The following must be in the hands of the Scholarship Committee delegate from your lodge by March 15.

- 1) **This Application**
- 2) **Most recent Official Transcript of scholastic record**
- 3) **Two letters of reference from non-relatives, of least one of which must be from a former or present teacher.**
- 4) **Copy of current membership card.**

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Check box. Applicant is a member of a Sons of Norway lodge ☐ is not a member. ☐

Name of Lodge If member: _____ Date of initiation: _____

Father's or legal Guardian's Name: _____

Business Address: _____ Date of Initiation: _____

Name of Lodge If member: _____ Date of initiation: _____

Mother's or legal Guardian's Name: _____

Name of Lodge If member: _____ Date of initiation: _____

Schools attended by Applicant Address Date of Graduation

Indicate Activities, Honors, Other: _____

List any other Grants, Scholarships you will be awarded and amounts: _____

College, University, Institution to be attended (If known) _____

Course of Study: _____ Length of Course: _____ Admission Date (if known): _____

Remarks: _____

Date

Signature

Father, Mother, Guardian's Signature

**Date and Sign above and
Return this application and additional material requested to:**

Barbara Kristiansen
872 70th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11228
mormor46@verizon.net



LODGE BROOKLYN HAPPENINGS



Alice Spicer



Kimberly and Bjarne

We enjoyed a wonderful Julefest. The food and desert received rave reviews and the activities kept everyone on their toes and popping out of their seats. There were many last minute hick-ups, but in the end we were able to pull together and have a great event, as usual. We were especially thrilled that Arnie was able to make it to the meeting, and thank you Bjarne for giving him a lift. We were happy to see so many familiar faces and hope the trend will continue while adding guests.

It is with a heavy heart that **Aksel Andresen** as well as **Bob Carlsen** have both entered Lodge Eternal this season. Our meetings will never be quite the same.

Duties

- Sent in payment for General Liability Insurance for the sum of \$324.00
- Submitted Officers for Lodge updates (which were actually none, so everything stayed the same)
- Sent \$50 to the Sons of Norway Zone One Scholarship Fund for Bob Carlsen
- Ski for Light \$100 donation has been mailed
- D17 has been started and submitted for Lodge Board approval



We are looking for article and photo submissions. What did you been up to? Anything special? Traveled someplace new, had a celebration, learned a new skill, tried a new dish? What ever it is, we are interested. Send to **Kimberly@LodgeBrooklyn.org** so we can include it in our next newsletter.

Please remember to save stamps and postcards for the **Tubfrim** program. **Alice Svege** will be collecting all contributions. When cutting the stamps out, leave a 1/4" margin around the stamp. They can also be sent to the *Tubfrim* Chairperson: **Kjell Kittilsen**, 871 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228.



LODGE BROOKLYN MEETING DATES

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UPCOMING EVENTS WITHIN COMMUNITY



FASTELAVN 2023

Sponsored by Scandinavian East Coast Museum
Saturday, February, 2023
1 PM until 5 PM

Vesuvio's Restaurant, 7305 Third Avenue

- \$60 pp, \$20 14 and under, children under 5 Free
- RSVP: Victoria 347-860-1932



Norwegian Day Parade Fund\$Raiser

PARADE FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by May 17th Parade Committee
Sunday, May 7, 2023
4 PM until 8 PM

Salty Dog, 75th and 3rd Avenue

- Food, Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50 and more!



ATLANTIC CITY

Sponsored by Norden Lodge
Saturday, April 22, 2023

Pick up in Brooklyn, 9 AM; Leaving AC 6 PM
PC Richards parking lot, 576-80 86th Street

- \$70 pp, RSVP by March 3; Chuck: 516-512-9427



LOBSTER FEST

Saturday, July 29, 2023
1:30 PM until 6 PM

The Big Valley Lodge, PA

- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, Children under 12 FREE
- RSVP: bbud8757@gmail.com



IN MEMORY

Robert W Carlsen
October 16, 1939 - January 2, 2023



...there hath pass'd away a glory from the earth.
—Wordsworth

It is with a heavy heart in which we share the news that Robert W Carlsen, better known as Bob, has entered Lodge Eternal. His vivacious spirit and infectious smile will forever be with us.

Bob's imprint within the Scandinavian-American world was deep. He was a strong part of many institutions, not only Sons of Norway, but Land of the Vikings, Scandinavian East Coast Museum, The Danish Club, and the list goes on.

As news began to circulate, social media posts flooded in. It was noted by Ellen Lindstrom that Bob had comical antics, side-splitting laughter, and was a fantastic friend. Victoria Hofmo stated that Bob was an integral part of the Scandinavian East Coast Museum, organizing Children's Games at the Viking Fest, participating in the Lucia procession, leading Ice Fishing as Olaf at Embrace Winter, and always supported Fastelavn. Victoria expressed that she was

lucky to call him a friend in all his hysterical, irreverent glory. Many many emails of condolences have been received, it is almost hard to keep up with it all, but all the little or long stories bring smiles and laughter with memories that will never be forgotten. This is the imprint of an extraordinary man.

A Sons of Norway service was held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 and internment in Greenwood Cemetery Friday, January 6, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to
Sons of Norway Zone One Scholarship Fund
c/o Peter Johansen
168 Spruce Street, West Hempstead, NY 11714
or
3D Charitable Trust
c/o Lloyd Ritter
31 E Lake Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403



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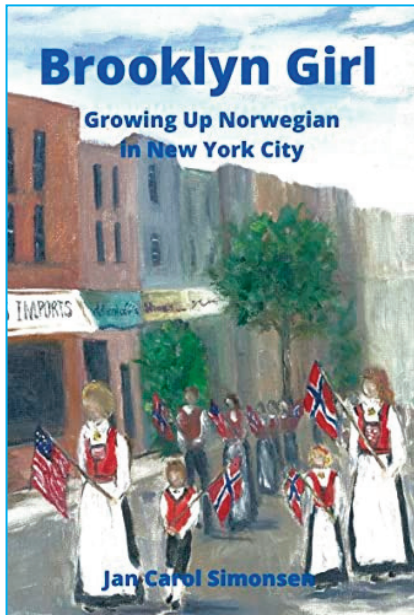
Member	Amount	Date
Oddbjorg Olsen	\$25	February 2021
Evelyn Andreassen	\$50	June 2021

If you would like a printed version of this newsletter snail-mailed to you please send \$25 to cover the cost of paper, ink, and postage.



GRATULERER MED DAGEN

Nicole J Kraft	January 01
Adelle Leone Roban	January 23
Shannon Giglio	February 03
Karin L Holldorf	February 11
Dr Daphne L Davidson	February 16
Linda Irene Kvam	February 16
Ray Allen Spicer	February 24
Karin Stromswold	February 29
Aaron E Simonson	March 4
Olav B Hansen	March 8
Stephen Sabaugh	March 8
Nancy E Settergren	March 8
Adolf A Christiansen	March 13
Synnove Froysti	March 19
Arne Larsen	March 19
Ragnhild Wallstedt	March 20
Lucas Bourbon	March 22
Michelle Hanafiah	March 30
Kjellaug Tangen	April 2
Victoria Hofmo	April 4
Greta Gustafson	April 9
Hailey Louise Papa	April 9
Kimberly Breiland	April 14
Julien Simon	April 14
Oddbjorg Olsen	April 16
Tonnes Tonnessen	April 29



Ready for a good read?
The year is 1946 as we follow Solveig Torgersen who listens to relatives and friends talk about life in Norway as she absorbs life around her in Bay Ridge. Much of the culture of the enclave is immersed in fundamental religion, and church life is the mainstay of the Torgersen family.

To get your own copy visit [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



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LODGE BROOKLYN, EST. NOV. 22 1923

Lodge Brooklyn celebrates the traditions and history of the Norwegian and American Norwegian culture. We have a reputation as being fun, down to earth, and lighthearted. We gather and share past memories and create new ones in a warm and welcoming environment. We hope you come to a meeting!

NORWEGIAN 75 COCKTAIL



- 1 oz aquavit
 - 3/4 oz fresh lemon juice
 - 1/2 oz honey syrup (1:1)
 - 3-4 oz chilled prosecco
 - lemon peel and star anise for garnish
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- To make the honey syrup - combine 1 cup of honey and 1 cup of water in a small saucepan over medium heat and stir until honey is dissolved. Remove from heat and let it cool down to room temperature. Transfer it to the glass jar and you can store it in the fridge for up to two weeks!
 - Combine aquavit, lemon juice, and simple syrup in a shaker, add ice, and shake well!
 - Strain into a flute or coupe glass, top with prosecco, and garnish with lemon peel and star anise.

* found on

https://www.crumbkisses.com/norwegian-75-cocktail?fbclid=IwAR3Rb cVBcxAXqTm9ummk3LhunhhoRRuOZ_RvkZOBEOIfOXPiOG2ja4i

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