



LODGE BROOKLYN 3-243

Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter surrounded by family and friends. The weather has finally broken from the cold, and I believe warmth is on it's way. We have seen a few beautiful days and I hope plenty more to come.

We have canceled a few meetings, our next "in-person" meeting will be in September, but I would like to remind everyone about our Memorial Service happening the last Sunday of this month. We hope you can attend. Other than that, we hope to see folks at the parade and many of our Lodge members will be joining the After-Party at Gjòa.

The Parade is on Sunday, May 19. Step-off time is 1:30 PM at Third Avenue and 83rd Street. Please email kimberly@lodgebrooklyn.org if you are considering joining.

Fraternally,

Kimberly Breiland, President

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

APRIL

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Sports Club Gjòa, Brooklyn

CANCELED

MEMORIAL

Sunday, April 28, 2024
3:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

VIKING FEST

Saturday, May 11, 2024
10 AM - 5 PM
Owls Head/Bliss Park

PARADE

Sunday, May 19, 2024
1:30 PM
"Celebrating Our 70th Parade"

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



FRA PRESIDENTEN, STEPHEN HELMOLD – APRIL 2024

Spring is finally here, and summer is around the corner. I hope everyone had a nice Easter. Many lodges will be having their 17th of Mai celebrations and getting ready for summer with their picnics and other activities. Our *Third District Sports Director*, **Paul Kornbrekke**, is trying to revive the **3D Sports Picnic**, which will be held Nansen Lodge on Saturday April 20th from 11 AM to 6 PM. It is not just sports! There will be lots of good food starting with brunch, going though lunch/dinner as well as Scandinavian music by Ellen Lindstrom and games for all ages to enjoy. This is a great way of getting together with family and friends and having an enjoyable and fun day. I hope you will make every attempt to join us for this great day.

Please keep in mind that the **Third District Convention** in Herndon, Virginia is not far off either and the convention committee (Washington Lodge) and the Third District Board are gearing up not only for the business at the convention but for a very fun and interesting time. Karen and I are looking forward to seeing and meeting with all the delegates and guests that are attending as this is the time to get acquainted with new Sons of Norway members and visit with friends from past conventions from other parts of the district.

Also, in July the district will be having **Youth Camp** and the New **Cultural/Sports Weekend**. If you have not registered your child or grandchild for youth camp please consider sending them. The Cultural/Sports weekend will be on the last 4 days of youth camp, and it looks like it should be a very fun and educational event, so please consider attending as a family, couple or even a single. The camps will take place at Koinonia Camp in New York. The Board is working hard on setting-up a cultural camp in the southern part of the district for the summer of 2025, but we need people who want to attend to come forward and

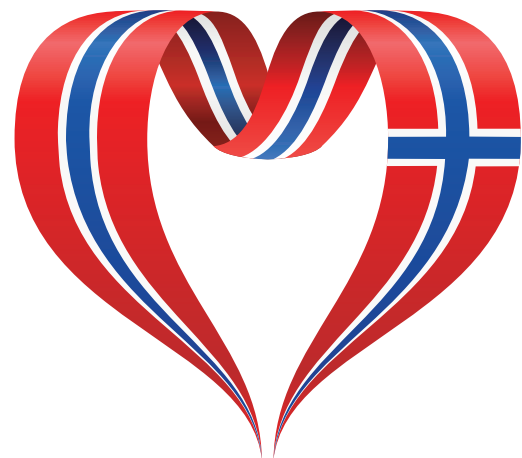
register early. There will be more information to follow on this.

One of the comments we get from lodge members is that there needs to be more fun and less business. The board is working hard to address that concern as you can see from the events listed above. But these events are only good if there are participants. **WE NEED YOU** to come out and have some fun.

Fraternally,
Stephen Helmold, *Third District President*



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LODGE BROOKLYN HAPPENINGS

We had a great meeting in March with much on the agenda to discuss. There are a few hiccups and our April meeting as well as our joint BBQ in June are canceled. We do not meet in May, but we hope to see many at the parade and then at the “After Parties” at Gjøa and the Swedish Football Club, you can find out more information on those in the Events In Our Community of this Newsletter.

Our next meeting will be in person on Sunday, September 8, 1 PM. We will be having our traditional Welcome Back BBQ but it will be a joint meeting with Færder Lodge (like we usually do in June). Our meeting in June has been canceled as many members will be attending the Loyal Lodge 100th Anniversary.

We are hoping to see many of our Lodge members at the Memorial Service taking place on Sunday, April 28, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 3 PM.

At the meeting on September 8, Færder Lodge has arranged a special presentation, **Operation Gunnerside**, by **Jeff Dirgo** of Nor-Bu Lodge. Many have walked away from his past presentations with nothing but the highest of accolades. We are looking forward to this event.

Thank you Daniel Johnson for representing Lodge Brooklyn as our Delegate at the 2024 Convention.

Important Upcoming Events

- The Third District is having a Picnic which will be held at the Nansen Lodge Picnic Grounds in Staten Island on Saturday, April 20.
- Please note that Viking Fest will be happening the weekend before the parade, info can be found in the Events In Our Community section of this Newsletter.
- Loyal Lodge 100th in June. Who will be attending?
- The 2024 Convention is around the corner. I would

like to bring attention to a night bus tour of Washington DC. Space is limited, only 100 people can join in the fun, so if you are interested, RSVP.

- Youth Camp is once again in the works, applications are due and this year the Third District is having a Cultural Sports Weekend, you can find out more about both these happenings on the 3dsofn.org website under “Events”.

General Business

- Sent donation to Scandinavian East Coast Museum
- Sent in registration form and \$ for lodge delegate
- Sent \$ and artwork for Convention journal ad

International

Please take note that **International Board Chair, Ron Stubbings** has sent out correspondence informing all members that dues will be increased effective July 1, 2024. Individual memberships will be increased by \$2 and household memberships by \$4 per month.

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.



NJAAL SVEGE

AUGUST 24, 1940 - MARCH 15, 2024



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

—Wordsworth

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Njal Svege, of Danbury, Connecticut on Friday, March 15, 2024, at the age of 83.

He was born to Sigurd and Torbjorg Svege on August 24, 1940 in Flekkefjord, Norway. He arrived in America on September 20, 1959. He was a master carpenter who exemplified his craft in fine finish work and building over the years. On September 18, 2009, he proudly became a U.S. citizen.

He is preceded in death by his son, Thor S. Svege, and daughter-in-law Aileen M. Svege on September 16, 1999. He is survived by his adoring wife Alice G. Svege with whom he would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this coming May 31st, son Eric N. Svege, daughter Linda J. Svege, grandchildren Thor S. Svege Jr., Briana L. Varto (Nick), Galen L. Nekvasil, Jonas N. Nekvasil, and Amelia A. Nekvasil,

siblings Gundy Abrahamsen, Svein Svege (Moyfid), Dagmar Snerthammer, and Turid Carter (Glenn). He was blessed with many loving nieces and nephews.

Njal was a great man, provider, loving husband and father. He will be tremendously missed by all who were blessed to have known him. A modest man who didn't like a lot of attention, however, truly enjoyed being surrounded by loving family and friends. He was known for his quiet demeanor and quick wit. Njal was a man of great character, honor, and integrity. He was an active member of Sons of Norway, Danbury Elks Club, and AARP 1067.

As for our Lodge, we all mourn the passing of Njal as his presence will truly be missed, but I am sure he will be gracing us by looking down with his wonderful smile filled with warmth.

GOOD TO KNOW



New Krone Design Revealed

Norway's 20 krone coin has gotten a new look! To commemorate the 750 years since King Magnus VI proclaimed the third nationwide legal code in 1274, a call went out for design submissions.

The winner of that competition was Michael Guilfoyle, an already established coin designer who runs his own coin and metal trade business in Wales. The 60-year-old Welshman was tipped off by a Norwegian friend about the contest and made his submission despite some stiff competition from Norwegian competitors.

Guilfoyle's design for the krone ultimately won out because of the way it linked the Middle Ages to the present and symbolizes the "legislation's significance for the country." The coin features an image of King Magnus on horseback, carrying the scales of justice and a shield, to represent the Law of the Land, or *landsloven*.

The new coin was revealed at the museum of Cultural History in Oslo, with Michael and his wife in attendance. It went into circulation February 1 of this year.

Sewing Start-up Makes Folk Costumes Accessible and Green

Norwegian bunads are famously a major investment that can run from \$3,000-\$5,000, depending on the region and what extent of silver jewelry is involved.

Thanks to a sewing start-up called Fæbrik, showing your fashion sense and cultural pride just got a lot more accessible. According to flokk.com, the group was born out of necessity- four friends, Jenny Skavlan, Ingrid Bergtun, Mari Norden, and Ingrid Vik Lysne needed a studio space, and once they were in the same room, the ideas started to flow.

The foursome got to work making accessible patterns to help people sew their own *festdrakt* (or unofficial folk costume) out of recycled fabrics. The beauty of the *fæstdrakt* is that it is based on re-use, and there are no rules, unlike the stricter requirements of an official bunad. Do you prefer to wear fuchsia? Tassels and pompoms? Your *fæstdrakt* can be made in any hue, pattern or texture to suit your personal style and shape.

Fæbrik (a wordplay on the English "fabric" and the Norwegian word for "factory") also makes downloadable patterns, step-by-step videos and offer user-friendly tailoring tips so that each person can create their ideal fit.

Just like that, a pair of lace curtains gain new life as an apron, and a hand-stitched pillowcase is reimaged as a vest. The group has hosted *fæstdrakt* parades in Oslo's Frogner Park- see the photos in *Aftenposten* in the pattern for the myriad ways to express one's creativity in this modern take on a folk costume. Find examples of patterns here:

<https://faebrik.no/products/faestdrakt>



YOUTH CAMP APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR SONS OF NORWAY THIRD DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP @KOINONIA, HIGHLAND LAKE, NY July 21-28, 2024 8- to-17 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 \$100 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 \$500 per camper. The \$400 balance is to be sent to **Thomas Bakos at 8 Bingham Drive, Marlboro, NJ 07746, NO LATER than May 1st.** Deposits are non-refundable if a cancellation is made after **May 15.** Any camper not related (child or grandchild) to a Sons of Norway member will pay \$550. 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 **May 1, 2024.**

Please complete application by May 1st.
CC Application to tcbaconbits@optonline.net



THIRD DISTRICT CULTURAL SPORTS WEEKEND

Sons of Norway District 3 Cultural Sports Weekend 2024 Dates and Pricing

Camp Koinonia

165 Lakeview Drive Road • Highland Lake, NY 12743

July 25 – 28, 2024



Pricing

3 or 4 people in a room.....	\$25 per person, per night
2 people in a room.....	\$50 per person, per night
1 person in a room.....	\$100 per person, per night
Program fee.....	\$15 per person



Meal rates

Age 13 and above.....	\$13 per meal
Age 6-12.....	\$10 per meal
Age 0-5.....	\$3 per meal



Possible activities

Golf, kubb, rosemaling, cooking, woodcarving,
Norwegian language, hardanger
More information to follow.

Questions? Please send all questions to Tom Bakos at tcbaconbits@optonline.net



CULTURAL SPORTS WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

Sons of Norway District 3
Cultural Weekend 2024
July 25 – 28, 2024
Camp Koinonia
165 Lake View Dr., Highland Lake, New York 12743

Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Number of People Attending: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Pricing

Room Rates & Other Fees	Meal Rates
3 or 4 people per room...\$25 per person, per night	Age 13 and above.....\$13 per meal
2 people per room.....\$50 per person, per night	Age 6 to 12.....\$10 per meal
1 person. per room.....\$100per person, per night	Age 5 and under.....\$3 per meal
Program fee.....\$15.00 per person	

Activities

(to be determined by the amount of interest and availability of instructors)

Circle all activities in which you are interested:

- Rosemaling
- Cooking
- Wood Carving
- Norwegian Language
- Kubb
- Hardanger
- Golf (additional cost)

Send your completed registration form and \$15 registration payment to:
Diana Syvertsen
130 Worth Street, Iselin, NJ 08830
Information: Shaw13nee@gmail.com



LODGE BROOKLYN MEETING DATES



APRIL

Sunday, April 21, 2024

1 PM until 5 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, Children under 12 FREE
- Food, Raffles, and fun!

CANCELED



JOINT BBQ WITH FAERDER

Sunday, June 2, 2024

1 PM until 5 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, Children under 12 FREE
- Food, Raffles, and fun!

CANCELED



LODGE BROOKLYN + FAERDER LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, April 28, 2024

3 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

6917 4th Avenue, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn

- Coffee hour after service



WELCOME BACK BBQ WITH FAERDER LODGE

Sunday, September 8, 2024 (note date change)

1 PM until 5 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, Children under 12 FREE



EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



THIRD DISTRICT PICNIC

Hosted by the Third District
Saturday, April 20, 2024
11 AM until 6 PM
Nansen Lodge, Staten Island

- \$40 per person, \$15 per child 4-12, under 4 free
 - Entertainment, games, raffles, and BBQ!
- RSVP Paul Kornbrekke: 718-356-8395



SCANDINAVIAN MARKET

Hosted by Nor-Bu Lodge
Saturday, April 27, 2024
10 AM until 5 PM

21 Oslo Drive, Lake Telemark, Rockaway, NJ

- Scandinavian items Vintage & New, Scandinavian Food and Vendors
- Bunads, Sweaters, Dishes, Books, Paintings, & more



VIKING FEST

Sponsored by Scandinavian East Coast Museum
Saturday, May 11, 2024
10 AM until 5 PM
Owls Head Park/Bliss Park
Colonial Rd. + 68th Street, Brooklyn

- Featuring cultures that connect with Vikings



17TH OF MAY PARADE

Sunday, May 19, 2024
1:30 PM
Bay Ridge, Brooklyn

“Celebrating Our 70th Parade”



EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



AFTER PARTY

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Doors open 12 PM

Swedish Football Club

725 65th Street (between 7th & 8th Avenues)

Brooklyn, NY

- Music by The Swedish Meatballs
- Lapskaus & full bar



ATLANTIC CITY

Sponsored by Norden Lodge

Saturday, June 1, 2024

leaving NY 8 AM; leaving NJ 6 PM

Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ

- Cost TBD per person (depends on RSVPs)
 - Breakfast, coffee, snacks and games!
- RSVP Charles: CGottilla@hotmail.com



AFTER PARTY

Sunday, May 19, 2024

After parade

Sporting Club Gjøa

850 62nd Street (between 8th & 9th Avenues)

Brooklyn, NY

- Music by Smorgasband
- Food & full bar



LOYAL LODGE 100TH

June 2, 2024

Blueblinds Mansion

Smithtown, NY

- \$75 per person
- Catered dinner, beer, wine, music & raffles
- Information can be found on www.3dsfn.org under "Events"



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GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- Kjellaug Tangen April 2
- Greta Gustafson April 9
- Hailey Louise Papa April 9
- Victoria Hofmo April 4
- Kimberly T Breiland April 14
- Oddbjorg Olsen April 16
- Gustav A Jensen April 21
- Tonnes Tonnessen April 29
- Sigrun Larsen May 5
- Corinne Alexis Hall May 8
- Peter C Johansen May 8
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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!

VARGTASS ROYALE



Serves 2

- 4-6 cl vodka
- 6 cl sparkling wine
- 6 cl lingondricka
- Ice cubes or crushed ice

Optional: fresh or frozen lingonberries for garnish

Vargtass is an alcoholic cocktail originating from the northern parts of Sweden and Finland. It consists of vodka and lingonberry juice, typically shaken together with ice. Lingonberries or lingonberry jam are sometimes added. A Vargtass Royal is a vargtass with the addition of sparkling wine.

* *Nordic food recipes; Facebook*

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