



LODGE BROOKLYN 3-243

God Jul, kjære venner!

As we gather to celebrate this wonderful time of year, let us take a moment to reflect on the beauty of fellowship and tradition. The holiday season, or Jule, holds a special place in our hearts—a time for family, friends, and community to come together in warmth and joy.

In Norway, the weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with beloved customs. Many homes glow with the soft light of advent candles, and the sweet scent of pepperkaker and krumkake wafts from the kitchen. Children eagerly await the arrival of Julenissen, while families prepare festive feasts, often including ribbe or lutefisk (Don't worry, lutefisk is not on the menu). These traditions remind us of the shared heritage that binds us together across generations and miles.

Here at Lodge Brooklyn, we continue these customs in our own way—through our gatherings, laughter, and shared commitment to the values of the Sons of Norway. Let us carry the spirit of Jule into our homes and hearts, cherishing the connections that make this season so meaningful.

As the days grow colder, may the warmth of our community and the joy of our traditions brighten your holiday season. Wishing you all a God Jul og Godt Nyttår—a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Med vennlig hilsen,

Kimberly Breiland, President

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

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 15, 2024
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

JANUARY

Sunday, January 19, 2025
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 16, 2025
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

MARCH

Sunday, March 16, 2025
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



FRA PRESIDENTEN, STEPHEN HELMOLD – WINTER 2024 - 2025

As I write this message, it is Thanksgiving time and Christmas is around the corner with lodges having holiday bazaars 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 15th. There is a \$25.00 penalty if not paid by the 15th 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 19th, 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



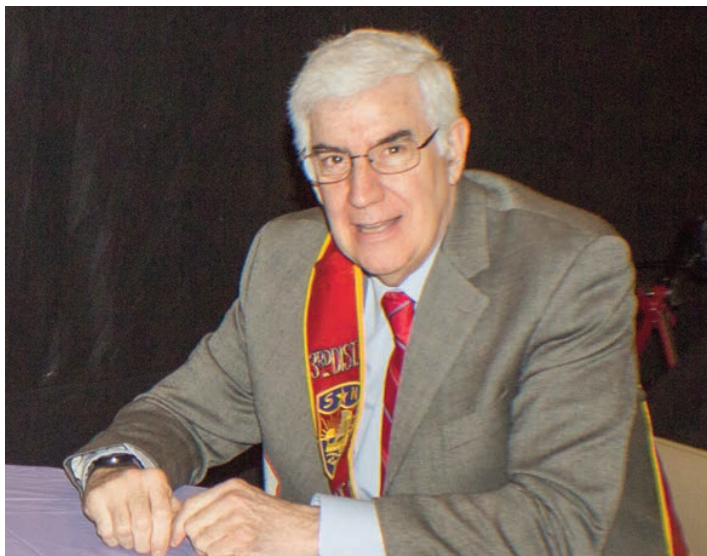
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LODGE BROOKLYN HAPPENINGS

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, Third District President



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Thank you to all who made it to our November meeting. We had wonderful Thanksgiving turkey and all the trimmings.

For our December meeting we are catering and Ellen Lindstrom with a Swedish Meatball will be entertaining us! I hear we have many raffle items and a few games. Please RSVP by December 10 so we can plan accordingly.

We will celebrate the New Year at our meeting on Sunday, January 19, we hope you can join us.

Calling All Students

Want to expand their horizons?

Applications are now open for the 16 scholarship funds offered by the Sons of Norway Foundation. There are a variety of scholarships so study the options here and begin the application process. We do ask that students contact us with any questions they may have at foundation@sofn.com Deadlines for scholarship are due either 1/15/25 or 2/15/25 depending on the fund, so pay close attention.

Zone 1 Scholarship Application

It's never too early to get started, if you are a member of Zone 1 there is a Scholarship Application in this newsletter, be sure to check it out.

On Another Note

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.





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DECEMBER MEETING

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ZONE 1 SCHOLARSHIP



SONS OF NORWAY Zone 1 Scholarship Fund Award APPLICATION



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

ELIGIBILITY: 1) 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, 2025** and remain so for the remainder of the term.
2) All applicants should intend to be **FULL TIME** students seeking post-secondary **UNDERGRADUATE** education.

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

- 1) **This Application completed clearly and legibly.**
- 2) **Most recent Official Transcript of scholastic record. (Student copies will not be acceptable.)**
- 3) **Two letters of reference from non-relatives, of least one of which must be from a former or present teacher.**
- 4) **Short essay (no more than 2 pages) introducing yourself and your involvement in the Scandinavian Heritage and /or Sons of Norway**
- 5) **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: _____

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

Mother's or legal Guardian's Name: _____

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

<u>Schools attended by Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date of Graduation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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: _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Father, Mother, Guardian's Signature</u>
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**Date and Sign above and
Return this application and additional material requested to:**

Barbara Kristiansen
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Brooklyn, NY 11228
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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

NORWEGIAN BUTTER COOKIE



- 1 lb. butter
- 1-1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 TBSP almond extract
- 4-1/3 cups flour
- Cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs and cream well. Add extract. Beat in flour until thoroughly blended.
- Let chill for 20 min. Fill cookie press and press onto ungreased cookie sheets.
- Bake at 350° F for about 15 minutes or until pale golden color.
- Remove from cookie sheet and place on cooling racks.

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