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LODGE BROOKLYN 3-243

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with time with family, friends, and relaxation. After a few months away, I am looking forward to gathering together again as Lodge Brooklyn begins a new season. September always feels like a fresh start, and I am excited to see what the coming months will bring for our lodge.

Our first meeting back will be held on **Sunday, September 21**, and it will be a meaningful afternoon. In addition to our regular lodge meeting, we will hold a **Memorial Service to honor and remember our members who have passed to Lodge Eternal**. This is always a special moment for us as we reflect on their contributions and the ways in which they enriched our lodge and our lives.

Afterward, we will join together with our friends from Færder Lodge, and then close the day with a BBQ. It will be a wonderful chance to reconnect after the summer, share good food, and enjoy each other's company. I encourage you all to come, bring your families, and be part of this day of remembrance, fellowship, and celebration.

As we begin this new season, let's carry forward our commitment to supporting one another, preserving our heritage, and keeping our lodge strong and vibrant. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting and at the events ahead.

Fraternaly yours,

Kimberly Breiland, President

SAVE THE DATES
LODGE BROOKLYN
FUTURE MEETINGS
AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Sunday, September 21, 2025
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

FALL FAIR

Saturday, September 13, 2025
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Norwegian Christian Home

SWEATER HISTORY

Monday, September 15, 2025
8:00 PM
Zoom

SCANDINAVIAN BAZAR

Saturday, September 27, 2025
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Norway Lodge Hall

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



THIRD DISTRICT; PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE; FALL

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 23rd 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 26th to August 1st. 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 4th to Sunday June 7th at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia and will be co-hosted 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, Third District President



LODGE BROOKLYN HAPPENINGS

Velkommen tilbake! After a restful summer, we are excited to gather again and reconnect with our Sons of Norway family. Our first meeting back will be on **Sunday, September 21**, and we have a full afternoon planned to honor our traditions, recognize members who have passed to Lodge Eternal, share fellowship, and enjoy good food together.

- **1:00 PM** – Lodge Brooklyn Meeting
- **1:30 PM** – Memorial Service
- **2:15 PM** – Færder Lodge Meeting
- **2:45 PM** – BBQ begins!

We hope you will join us as we remember those we have lost, catch up with friends, and celebrate the start of a new season for our lodge. Bring your appetite and your good cheer—it will be wonderful to see everyone again!

Business

- Donation to The Norwegian American 17th of May Committee
- Sent in payment for Sons of Norway Insurance
- Donation made to Ski for Light, Inc.

Congratulations

A big congratulations to **Katrina Hudson Patrick** and **Hailey Papa** who were each presented with Zone One college scholarships.

Going Paperless

Beginning September 1, membership cards will no longer be mailed for annual renewals. Members can

print off their card from the website under their profile or save a digital copy to your phone to show proof of membership. For members that belong to a lodge with property, card mailings will stop December 1.

This change is being made due to the ongoing rising costs of postage and our desire to continue to be good stewards of our resources. Please encourage members to create a profile so that they can access the card and print from their computer.

Norwegian anyone?

Interested in learning to speak Norwegian? Norsk for Alle offers engaging online Norwegian courses and private tutoring for beginner to advanced students of all ages!

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Whether you are looking to take a trip to Norway in the future or want to explore your own Norwegian heritage, our language courses will help you achieve your goals in a structured and fun environment! Click here to find out more.

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On Another Note

Please remember to save stamps and postcards for the **Tubfrim** program.



LODGE BROOKLYN MEETING & EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



SEPTEMBER BBQ + MEMORIAL

Sunday, September 21, 2025

1 PM until 5 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

- Memorial Service: 1:30 PM
- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, Children under 12 FREE



ZONE 7 PRESENTS: HISTORY OF NORWEGIAN SWEATERS

Monday, September 15, 2025

8 PM via Zoom

[Click here for link](#)

Learn about types, styles, symbolism, patterns, and colors of Norwegian sweaters made today.



FALL FAIR

Saturday, September 13, 2025

10 AM until 5 PM

Norwegian Christian Home & Health Center
1250 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219

- Food, gifts, deli food items for sale, raffle drawings, vendors, and children's activities



SCANDINAVIAN BAZAR

Saturday, September 27, 2025

10 AM until 3 PM

Norway Lodge Hall
201 7th Street, St. James, NY

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



FIDDLE TUNES & DANCES

Friday, October 3, 2025

7 PM

The Church of Transfiguration, One E 29th St., NYC

The Original Hardanger Fiddle Tunes and The Complete Norwegian Peasant Dances, Op. 72 for piano by Edvard Grieg. Suggested donation \$25.



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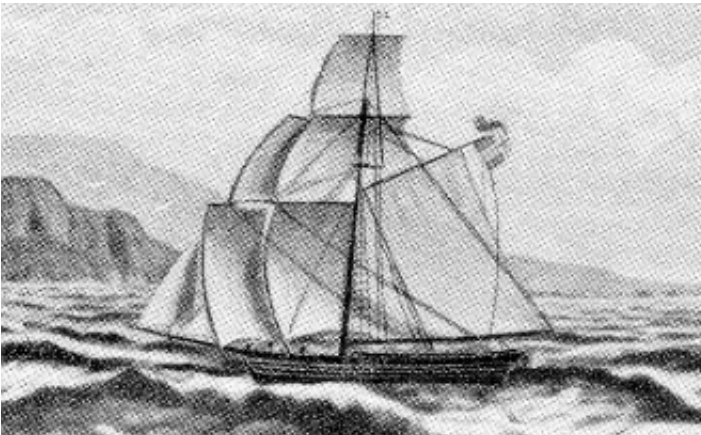
Saturday, October 18, 2025

9 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa

850 62nd Street, Brooklyn

- Featuring Loren Utt
- Live music
- Learn to Line Dance



200 CROSSINGS

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Morning

Around 12 PM; welcoming of Restauration

Pier 16, South Street Seaport, NYC

If you want to attend this historic event you must register, [click here for link](#).



SCANDINAVIAN XMAS FAIR

Saturday, November 1, 2025

10 AM until 3 PM

Zion Lutheran Church

505 Watchogue Road, Staten Island

- Nordic & Domestic Vendors
- Food, Raffles, 50/50
- Music



RESTAURATION VOYAGE



The New York Landing, October 9th

This link takes you to a form to register for the event, <http://forms.office.com/e/mpWqzdvDgg>.

On the morning of Oct. 9, 2025, join us at Pier 16, South Street Seaport, NYC, for a public gathering featuring speeches and cultural programming. Around 12 noon, we will proudly welcome the replica of Restauration as it completes its retracing of the historic journey from Stavanger to New York.

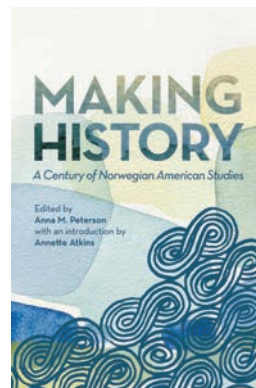
We warmly invite friends, collaborators and the Norwegian-American community to join us for this special occasion. The event is free, though it will require registration. For now, use the link above to express interest in the public event — this does NOT guarantee access to the event, but gives the organizers an overview of the estimated participation. More information, detailed program and registration link will follow closer to Oct. 9.

Follow the Restauration's Voyage

You can track the location of the Restauration on the Sons of Norway website at, <http://www.sofn.com/virtual-voyage/>

Crossings and Connections Conference

The Sons of Norway Foundation awarded a grant to the Crossings and Connections Conference, hosted by the Norwegian American Historical Association (NAHA), at St. Olaf College. The grant provided funds to video tape eleven presentations. Available here [Conference Videos Now Available - NAHA](#) the presentations are free and available to everyone. These videos may be a great resource for lodge programs.



NAHA, as part of their 100th anniversary this year, published an anthology of articles to mark a century of publishing their journal, Norwegian American Studies. The book, Making History A Century of Norwegian American Studies, is available at

[Making History: A Century of Norwegian American Studies - NAHA](#)



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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

SALMON LOAF



- 6 oz can skinless boneless pink salmon
- 1/2 cup crushed multi-grain Club crackers
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. parsley & thyme
- Lemmon pepper to taste

1. Mix together all ingredients.
2. Put in greased small Pyrex or ovenproof bakeware dish.
3. Bake about 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

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