



LODGE BROOKLYN 3-243

As the holiday season gives way to winter, this is a time to pause, reflect, and enjoy the warmth of community—even as the days grow colder. The past months have given us many opportunities to come together, share traditions, and celebrate the heritage that connects us all.

Winter also invites us to look ahead. As we move into a new chapter for Lodge Brooklyn, we are excited about the possibilities before us and the ways we can continue to grow, connect, and create meaningful experiences together. Our lodge has always been a place where friendships are formed, stories are shared, and both old and new traditions are welcomed.

Your voices matter deeply as we plan for the months ahead. We would love to hear your ideas for future programs, events, and gatherings—whether it's cultural presentations, social outings, family-friendly activities, or something entirely new. Your input helps shape the lodge and ensures that it remains vibrant, engaging, and welcoming to all.

Thank you for being part of Lodge Brooklyn and for bringing your spirit, enthusiasm, and sense of community to everything we do. We look forward to another season of connection, laughter, and shared memories.

Warm regards,

Kimberly Breiland, President

NEWSLETTER

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January 2026

SAVE THE DATES LODGE BROOKLYN FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JANUARY MEETING

Monday, January 19, 2026
7 PM
via Zoom, RSVP

WATER-BASED PAINTING

Thursday, January 16, 2026
5:30 PM - 8 PM
Scandianvia House, NYC

A NIGHT OF THE VIKINGS

Thursday, January 22, 2026
6 PM
The Explorers Club, NYC

SYTTENDE MAI PARADE

Sunday, May 17, 2026
1 PM
Bay Ridge, Brooklyn

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

THIRD DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: WINTER 25/26

Here we are in November, and the holidays are right around the corner with a new year right after that. Where has the time gone? It seems like the year has just started and now it is almost over, and we are getting ready for a new one.

We accomplished a lot this year with activities. We had the **Third District Picnic** which unfortunately had a poor turnout of members for the second year in a row even though it was a great event with lots of food and fun for everyone. But due to the poor turnout, the Third District Board will be eliminating it for 2026. It is very sad to do that, but it had to be done.

Youth Camp was held this past July and was a huge success and will be back for July of 2026. If you have children or grandchildren, I highly urge you to send them to Youth Camp, where they can learn about the Norwegian heritage and culture and make friends with the other children at the camp. It is the best gift you can give your children.

Weekend Cultural Camp was held this past June and was so successful that not only will it be back in September of 2026, but we will be adding a day to the event. If you are interested in going to the Cultural Camp or have children interested in the Youth Camp, please contact Third District Cultural Director Cheri Johnson or Third District Vice President Katie Brink for more information.

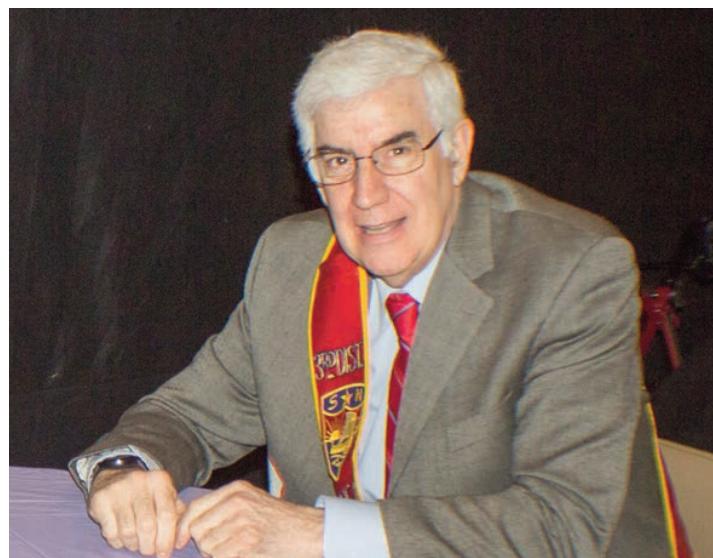
The **Third District 2026 Convention**, which is being cohosted by the Third District and Hampton Roads Lodge, will be from Thursday June 4th to Sunday June 7th, at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center Virginia Beach, Virginia. I encourage you to send your lodge's full delegation to the convention so your lodge will be fully represented.

Since the Fraternal Funds program has been

eliminated by the home office starting January 2026, the Third District Board has come up with a **Lodge Assistance Program** that will start in January of 2026. We hope to help offset some of the loss of not getting Fraternal Funds from the home office, but it will cover less things than were previously supported. The district's projected income is less due to the drop in membership (dues) and the drop of interest rates, but the Third District will do what we can to continue to support our lodges.

Until my next message in the spring, Karen and I and the whole Third District Board would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy Healthy New Year.

Fraternally,
Stephen Helmold



Stephen Helmold, *Third District President*



LODGE BROOKLYN HAPPENINGS

A New Format for a Stronger Lodge

At our last in-person meeting in November, we had an open and thoughtful discussion about the way Lodge Brooklyn has been operating and what we need to do to ensure its long-term health. While our membership continues to be strong, we've also recognized that attendance at in-person meetings has been limited, making our current format unsustainable.

With that in mind, we agreed to try a new approach this year—one that reflects how our members live and participate today, while still preserving the in-person connections that are so important to our lodge.

For the coming year, **Lodge Brooklyn will hold most of its meetings via Zoom, with at least three in-person gatherings planned throughout the year.** This hybrid format allows more members to take part regularly, regardless of schedule or location, while still giving us meaningful opportunities to gather face-to-face.

Our first meeting of the year will be held via Zoom on Monday, January 19 at 7:00 PM. We encourage all members to join us as we kick off the year together. To receive the Zoom access information, please email Kimberly@lodgebrooklyn.org.

As we move forward with this new format, member participation is more important than ever. We truly need members to attend, engage, and volunteer in order for our lodge to thrive. Whether you can help plan an event, suggest programming, assist with outreach, or simply show up and take part, your involvement makes a difference.

This change is about strengthening our lodge—making it more accessible, more sustainable, and more connected. We hope you'll join us as we embrace this new chapter together and help shape the future of Lodge Brooklyn.

Business

- Sent \$150 donation to Norwegian Christian Home

General

- Upcoming events are happening within the Third District, the **2026 Sons of Norway Third District Convention** happening June 4 - June 7, 2026 taking place in Virginia Beach, the **Third District Sons of Norway Youth Camp** happening July 26 - August 1, 2026 taking place at Camp Koinonia in Highland Lake, NY, and the **Third District Cultural Weekend** which will be taking place in September of this year, of course we will update you with more information as we receive it. Information can also be found on the Third District website: 3dsofn.org.

- Please remember to save stamps and postcards for the **Tubfrim** program. We will be collecting all contributions at our next in-person meeting. When cutting the stamps out, leave a 1/4" margin around the stamp.



Sneak Peak: *Parade Pin 2026*



**CLICK HERE TO
DOWNLOAD
APPLICATION**

**SONS OF NORWAY
Zone 1 Scholarship Fund Award
A P P L I C A T I O N**



NOTE: All information will be held in strict confidence. No application will be considered unless all questions are answered. Please print or type. Barbara Ruth Kristiansen will email you a note to say she received your application.

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, 2026** and remain so for the remainder of the term.
2) All applicants should intend to be FULL TIME students seeking post-secondary UNDERGRADUATE education. Either for a college/university or a Trade School.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The following must be in the hands of the Scholarship Committee person below before by March 15th deadline.

- 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, at 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. (either with your family membership – or your own)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Your E-mail Address: _____

Check 1 box or both if applicable. Applicant is a member of a Sons of Norway lodge Parent is a member.

Name of Lodge you are a member of: _____

Father's and/or Mother's or legal Guardian's Name: _____

Name of Lodge the Parent/ Guardian are a member of: _____

Schools attended by Applicant Address Date of Graduation

Indicate Activities, Honors, Clubs, Other: _____

List any other Grants, Scholarships you will be awarded 1 _____

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:

You will be emailed a note back your application was received.

Barbara Kristiansen
871 70th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11228
mormor46@verizon.net



Sons of Norway Book Club Selections

and Zoom Sign-on Information

Thursday, Jan. 29 & Saturday, Jan. 31, 2025
Thursday Meeting at 8 PM Eastern & Saturday Meeting at 2 PM Eastern

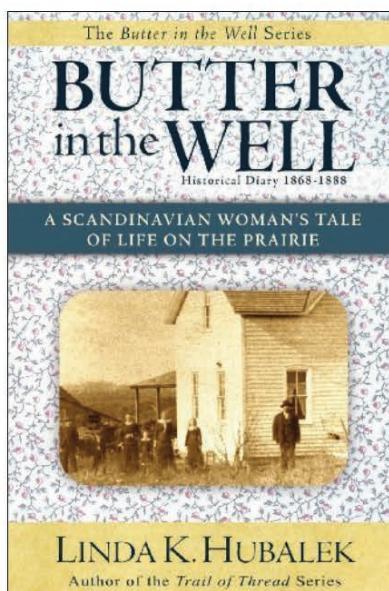
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All books are available from:

U.S.: Amazon or Barnes & Noble *** Canada:** Indigo or Amazon.ca
 or your local booksellers

Main Selection:

Butter in the Well:
A Scandinavian Woman's Tale of Life on the Prairie
 by Linda K. Hubalek



Synopsis: This historical fiction, written in the form of diary entries dating 1868 to 1888, is based on the actual woman who homesteaded the author's childhood home. True stories gathered on this Swedish family and community show the determination these pioneers had, to face and overcome the conflicts and tragedy that happened in their lives.



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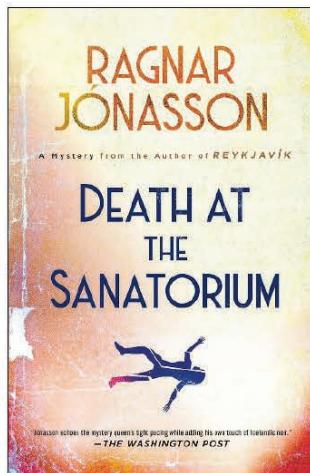
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Mystery Selection:

Death at the Sanitorium

by Ragnar Jónasson

Translated from the Icelandic by Victoria Cribb



Synopsis:

1983: At a former sanatorium in the north of Iceland, now a hospital ward, an old nurse, Yrsa, is found murdered. Detective Hulda Hermannsdottir and her boss, Sverrir, are sent to investigate her death. There, they discover five suspects: the chief physician, two junior nurses, a young doctor, and the caretaker, who is arrested following false testimony from one of the nurses, but subsequently released.

Less than a week after the murder, the chief physician is also found dead, having apparently fallen from a balcony. Sverrir, rules his death as suicide and assumes that he was guilty of the murder as well. The case is closed.

2012: Almost thirty years later, Helgi Reykdal, a young police officer, has been studying criminology in the UK, but decides to return to Iceland when he is offered a job at the Reykjavik police department—the job which detective Hulda Hermannsdottir is about to retire from.

All synopses and reviews are from Amazon.com unless otherwise noted.



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Thursday Evening Book Club Zoom Meeting

Thursday, January 29, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/86583341374?pwd=Dl4wbbBBDKV6OBV5yTpcIBh4orOfwq.1>

Meeting ID: 865 8334 1374
 Passcode: 961574

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Saturday Afternoon Book Club Zoom Meeting

Saturday January 31, 2025, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/82853631147?pwd=wbCwfNUaNtZobZMOPVVbcFa97OLSQ.1>

Meeting ID: 828 5363 1147
 Passcode: 251202

Please RSVP

To let us know if you will be participating this month or to ask questions about the book club, please send an email to: SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com.
 Include your lodge name and district/lodge number.

**Sons of Norway Book Club
 c/o Bill Browning
 P.O. Box 1050
 Roswell, GA 30077**





HENRIK IBSEN LODGE

ANNUAL

BOWLING FOR FUN

Sunday February 15th 2026

1:00pm-4:00pm

East Islip Lanes

117 E Main Street, East Islip

**\$28 adult/ \$26
child under 12
(shoes included)**

**DESSERT & COFFEE
PROVIDED**

**3 GAMES
4-6 PLAYERS PER
TEAM**

Please submit payment & names by 2/1/26 to:

Sport Director John Kern

jkern1337@gmail.com

(631)636-2035

**1498 Brightshore Blvd
Bayshore, NY 11706**





MISS NORWAY APPLICATION



Application for the 67th Miss Norway of Greater New York Contest
Saturday, March 28, 2026

Arthur Nilsen Banquet Hall
Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center
1250 67th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219

Contest commences at 2 PM. Contestants should arrive at 10 AM
(Please note: Contestants are limited to 12)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ eMail: _____

EDUCATION

Highest level of education completed (high school, undergraduate, etc.): _____

Name of School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Degree/Major/Graduation Year: _____

Current Employer or School: _____

Have you been a previous Miss Norway of Greater NY Contestant? Yes; if Yes, which year(s) _____ No

NORWEGIAN BACKGROUND

Indicate the closest Norwegian born relative: Parent Grandparent Great Grandparent

Name of relative: _____

Place in Norway where relative was born: _____

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Please include a type-written biographical statement. Your statement should demonstrate your knowledge of Norway and experiences with Norwegian culture, family background, traditions, and/or travel in Norway. You should also include your current activities, hobbies, clubs, volunteerism, educational, and professional goals.

I agree that all statements made above are true and to abide by all contest rules. I give permission for the committee to use my name and photographs for the purpose of the Miss Norway Contest of Greater New York. I agree to make scheduled appearances attired properly, or in national dress and displaying the symbols of my office (sash and crown). I understand that I must advise the committee immediately but no later than a week in advance of the appearance. I am not married and will be between 17 and 26 years of age through March 28, 2026.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

If under 18 - Parent's Signature: _____



MISS NORWAY APPLICATION



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please return:

- Completed and signed original application
- Recent photo (facial close-up preferred), 4 x 6 or larger
- Application fee: \$30

Mail the completed application, photo, and fee payable to The Norwegian-American 17th of May Parade Committee postmarked **NO LATER** than Sunday, March 01, 2026, (only the first 12 will be accepted) to: **George Jensen**, 20 79th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209.

Please email **George Jensen** your mailing receipt: Vikinggj@aol.com.

MISS NORWAY OF GREATER NEW YORK CONTEST AND BANQUET Day Reservations

It is imperative that families wishing to attend make reservations in advance by contacting ArleneRutuelo@gmail.com.

Table seating is limited so it is important to reserve as soon as possible.

The price for the event is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

PRIZES

Prizes awarded will be confirmed at a later date.

Prizes are non-refundable.

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION



MISS NORWAY CROWNING ANNOUNCEMENT



We are excited to welcome back Little Miss Norway and Junior Cadets to this year's Miss Norway of Greater New York event!

To add your child's name to the list, please contact Arlene: ArleneRutuelo@gmail.com.

**Saturday, March 28, 2026
2 PM**

Arthur Nilsen Banquet Hall
Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center
1250 67th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219

\$25 per Adult
\$10 per Child (12 years of age and younger)
Children under 3 years old are free



Light refreshments served

Please email Arlene Rutuelo for reservations or questions at ArleneRutuelo@gmail.com

Sponsored by The Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee of Greater New York, Inc.
WWW.17THOFMAYPARADECOMMITTEE-BROOKLYN.ORG



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NORWEGIAN DAY PARADE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

**GJOA CLUB •
850 62nd STREET, BROOKLYN**

**4–8 PM • \$25 PER PERSON
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS • CASH BAR**

**PARK IN BAY RIDGE AND
UBER TO THE GJOA CLUB.**

LODGE BROOKLYN MEETING & EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



JANUARY MEETING

Monday, January 19, 2026

7 PM

via ZOOM

Virtual meeting for members of Lodge Brooklyn. An invitation with details of zoom link will be emailed when you RSVP. [Click here to RSVP.](#)



WATER-BASED PAINTING

Thursday, January 15, 2026

5:30 PM - 8 PM

Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, NYC

Explore and experiment with water-based colored paint and water using brushes on paper in this workshop led by A Time for Everything artist Margarethe Aanestad. [Click here for more info.](#)



A NIGHT OF THE VIKINGS

Thursday, January 22, 2026

6 PM

The Explorers Club, 46 E 70th Street, NYC

Meet three distinguished lecturers from Norway and England who will present some of the most exciting and new views on the Viking Age and the roots of the Vikings. [Click here for more info.](#)



SYTTENDE MAI PARADE

Saturday, May 17, 2026

1 PM

“Our Legacy Continues”

Parade will start at 85th Street marching along 3rd Avenue turning up 75th Street to 5th avenue to 67th Street. [Click here for more info.](#)



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GRATULERER MED DAGEN

Nicole J Kraft January 2

Rami Eskelin January 11

Laila Braaten-Proulx January 24

Karin L Holldorf February 11

Dr. Daphne L Davidson February 16

Linda Irene Kvam February 16

Nora Simonsen February 17

Ray Allen Spicer February 24

Olav B Hansen March 8

Stephen Sabaugh March 8

Synnove Froysti March 19

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BLOMKALSUPPE



WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. dried juniper berries
- 1/2 tsp. cardamom seeds
- 1 Tbsp. canola or rapeseed oil
- 20 oz. chicken broth or stock
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- Ground white pepper to taste
- Preheat oven to 400°F / 200°C
- Rinse the cauliflower, snap off the leaves. Cut off stem, leaving a flat base on which the cauliflower can rest. Place cauliflower on a baking sheet. Pour oil over cauliflower, use your hand to rub it in.
- Blend salt, juniper, and cardamom using a mortar and pestle or coffee grinder. Generously sprinkle over cauliflower.
- Roast for about 40 minutes (possibly more), until a knife easily pierces the stem and it is a deep golden color.
- Cut cauliflower into rough florets, reserving the leaves, while it's still warm but cool enough to handle and place in a blender. Blend, gradually adding chicken broth, until smooth. Add enough for desired consistency.
- Melt butter medium heat until the butter starts to brown. Promptly remove the pot from the burner to stop cooking, then pour the pureed cauliflower in. Stir in the sour cream.
- Return the pot to medium heat and cook, continuing to stir occasionally, until the soup is heated through. Taste and season with additional salt and white pepper if necessary.

Courtesy of SOFN.com

LODGE BROOKLYN

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At Lodge Brooklyn, we celebrate the rich traditions of Norwegian and Norwegian-American culture while fostering a community that is fun, friendly, and welcoming. Our gatherings are a place to share memories, make new ones, and enjoy each other's company. We hope you'll come experience it for yourself at an upcoming meeting.

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