



NEWSLETTER
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Dear Members and Friends of Lodge Brooklyn,

Winter has certainly made itself known here in New York. Between the bitter cold and the seemingly endless snow, it's been a season that encourages us to slow down, stay warm, and find connection where we can. In many ways, that makes this moment an important one for our lodge.

As we continue into the new year, keeping Lodge Brooklyn active and thriving truly depends on participation. While I was disappointed by the limited response to our January Zoom meeting, I remain hopeful—and determined—that we can make this format work for us. Zoom meetings allow members to stay connected regardless of weather, travel, or busy schedules, and embracing this option is essential to maintaining the health and future of our lodge. Your presence, your voice, and your ideas matter more than ever.

I was reminded of the magic of connection just days later while attending A Night of the Vikings at The Explorers Club. It was a truly special evening—rich with history, conversation, and shared enthusiasm. Seeing members of Lodge Brooklyn alongside members from another Sons of Norway lodge, all learning and engaging together, was a powerful reminder of what our organization can be at its best: connected, curious, and community-driven.

As we move through these winter months, I encourage you to stay engaged, join our meetings, and take part in shaping what comes next. Lodge Brooklyn can continue to grow and adapt—but only if we do it together.

Warm regards,

Kimberly Breiland, President

SAVE THE DATES
LODGE BROOKLYN
FUTURE MEETINGS
AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY MEETING

Monday, February 15, 2026
7 PM
via Zoom, RSVP

NORDIC KNIT-IN

Saturday, February 7, 2026
12 PM - 6 PM
Scandinavia House, NYC

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE

Beginning February 2026
6 PM - 7 PM
Scandinavia House, NYC

SYTTENDE MAI PARADE

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

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



LODGE BROOKLYN HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY LODGE MEETING

—Your Voice Is Needed—

Our next Lodge Brooklyn meeting will be held **Monday, February 15 at 7:00 PM** via **Zoom**, and this meeting is especially important. We will be opening this conversation to **all Sons of Norway members**, as we need to have an honest and productive discussion about the current climate of Lodge Brooklyn, what changes may be necessary moving forward, and how we can best plan upcoming meeting dates—including securing space for future in-person gatherings. Decisions about our lodge's direction, programming, and sustainability depend on member participation. If you care about the future of Lodge Brooklyn, this is the time to show up, share your thoughts, and help shape what comes next. To receive the Zoom access information, please email Kimberly@LodgeBrooklyn.org.

A Night of the Vikings

Several Lodge Brooklyn members had the pleasure of attending ***A Night of the Vikings*** on Thursday, January 22, at the historic Explorers Club in Manhattan. We were delighted that Vicky and her daughter were able to attend, along with a member of Vicky's Viking re-enactment crew. It was also a pleasure to meet one of our newest members, Robert Nelson, as well as Justin Belkin and his son, whose home lodge is in St. James, Long Island—making the evening a wonderful opportunity for connection across lodges.

The intimate setting of *The Explorers Club* made the experience especially meaningful, allowing attendees to personally meet and speak with the presenters, *Jon White*, *Sturla Ellingvåg*, and *Kim Hjardar*. Their presentations were engaging and deeply informative, offering fresh insight into Viking history and culture.

It was truly an enlightening evening and a memorable shared experience for all who attended.

COLLEGE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Norwegian Children's Home Association of New York, Inc. is offering a college grant opportunity for eligible students for the 2025–2026 academic year. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and residents for at least one year, between the ages of 17–23 (for first-time applicants), and enrolled in or accepted into a full-time undergraduate or bachelor's program at an accredited American college or university. In addition, applicants must have a minimum of 25% Norwegian ancestry. This is a wonderful opportunity to support higher education while honoring our Norwegian heritage. **Deadline is April 15** for all applications. **Please click here for application details and instructions.**

Convention, Youth Camp, & Cultural Weekend

- 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.

General

- 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.



Fastelavn 2026

Come Celebrate Danish Mardi Gras



Saturday, February 28th, 2026
Vesuvio's Restaurant - 7305 - Third Avenue
1:00 - 5:00

**Dress in costume, decorate spring branches,
eat special cream buns for dessert
& be part of this wonderful tradition.**

Music by Ellen Lindstrom

Sponsored by Scandinavian East Coast Museum

\$75.00 includes: Games, Music, 4 course meal, Soft Drinks & Coffee
Children 14 and under \$45.00

Reservations encouraged - Victoria at 929-745-4839



**CLICK HERE TO
DOWNLOAD
APPLICATION**

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. 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: _____

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

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**



MISS NORWAY APPLICATION

THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN 17TH OF MAY COMMITTEE OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC.

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

THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN 17TH OF MAY COMMITTEE OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC.

Parade held in Brooklyn on Sunday, May 17, 2026
Parade Theme: "Our Legacy Continues"

67th Miss Norway of Greater New York Contest 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

THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN 17TH OF MAY COMMITTEE OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC.

Parade held in Brooklyn on Sunday, May 17, 2026
Parade Theme: "Our Legacy Continues"

Join us for the 67th Annual Crowning of Miss Norway of Greater New York

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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THE PARADE!**



**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



FEBRUARY MEETING

Monday, February 15, 2026
7 PM
via ZOOM

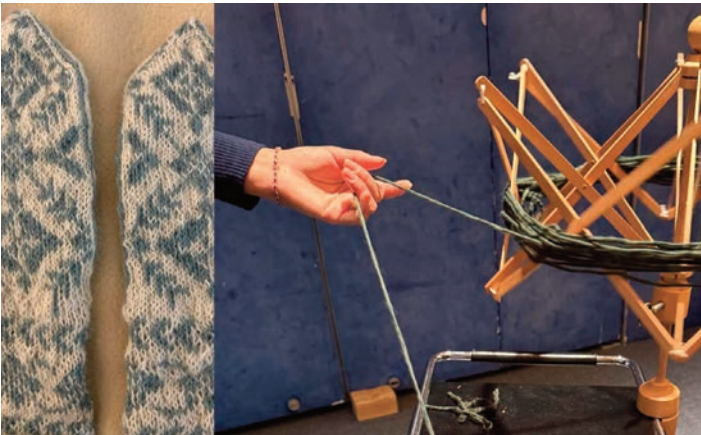
Virtual meeting for members of Lodge Brooklyn. An invitation with details of zoom link will be emailed when you RSVP. [Click here to RSVP.](#)



NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Norwegian 1, 2, and 4
6 PM - 7 PM—Hybrid format
Scandinavia House, NYC

Enrollment is now open for the spring calendar of Norwegian language classes beginning February 17!
• \$675 (\$607.50 ASF Members), 20 hours total
[Click here for more information.](#)



NORDIC KNIT-IN

Adult Crafts with Hilary Snell
Saturday, February 7, 2026
12 PM - 6 PM
Scandinavia House, NYC

Participants are encouraged to drop in and create, create, create — alongside other crafters. [Click here for more information.](#)



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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Your donation is a voluntary act which helps pay for the publication and distribution of our Lodge newsletter.

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Karin L Holldorf	February 11
Dr. Daphne L Davidson	February 16
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Nora Simonsen	February 17
Ray Allen Spicer	February 24
Olav B Hansen	March 8
Stephen Sabaugh	March 8
Synnove Froysti	March 19
Arne Larsen	March 19
Katherine Stromsland	March 20
Ragnhild Wallstedt	March 20
Lucas Bourbon	March 22
Avelline Burke-McLoughlin	April 2
Greta Gustafson	April 9
Hailey Louise Papa	April 9
Daniel Sayani	April 11
Kimberly Breiland	April 14
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FISKE SUPPE



WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Fish stock
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- 200 ml heavy cream
- 1/6 of a leek
- 1 carrot
- 1/6 of a celeriac
- 100 g white fish
- 100g red fish
- 50 g prawns
- Dill for garnish
- Sauté butter and stir in flour until smooth. Add hot fish stock and simmer for approx. 30 min. Add the cream and boil for a further 15 min. Strain the liquid through a colander.
- Rinse the vegetables thoroughly. Peel the carrot and celery root and slice the leek into roughly 5 cm pieces.
- Set aside the leeks. Slice the vegetables into thin strips and place them in a pot of lightly salted boiling water for a few minutes. Add the leeks for the last approx. 1/3 of the boiling time. Then transfer the vegetables to cold water.
- Bring the soup to a boil. Blitz with a hand mixer, season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Heat the vegetables in lightly salted water. Slice the fish into rough pieces and poach in salted water. Heat the prawns for a minute in the water.
- Arrange the pieces of fish on deep plates and add the vegetables and prawns on top. Add the steaming hot soup and garnish with dill.
- Serve with bread or traditional Norwegian crisp bread (flatbrød).

Courtesy of Visitnorway.com

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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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