



LODGE BROOKLYN 3-243

Dear Members and Friends of Lodge Brooklyn,

As we begin to welcome the long-awaited arrival of spring, there is a renewed sense of energy and optimism within our Lodge. After a long and snowy winter, the changing season feels especially meaningful this year, offering us all a chance to reconnect and look ahead.

I would like to thank those who joined our recent Zoom meeting. While it was a smaller group, it was a productive and thoughtful discussion. We spoke about the upcoming Convention, where I will proudly serve as a delegate representing our Lodge, as well as ongoing considerations regarding our By-Laws. We also discussed plans for our April meeting, which will include our Memorial Service—an important tradition as we take time to honor and remember those who came before us.

What I am most excited to share is that our April meeting will be held in person. This will be our first opportunity to gather together as a Lodge since November, and I truly look forward to seeing everyone face-to-face once again. There is something special about being together in the same room, and I hope many of you will be able to join us for this occasion.

As always, please keep an eye out for upcoming meeting dates. We are continuing to organize a mix of Zoom gatherings and **in-person** meetings to accommodate as many members as possible. Whether online or in person, your presence and participation are what keep Lodge Brooklyn strong and connected.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our Lodge. Together, we carry our traditions forward—through every season.

Warm regards,

Kimberly Breiland, President

SAVE THE DATES
LODGE BROOKLYN
FUTURE MEETINGS
AND EVENTS

APRIL MEETING

Sunday, April 19, 2026
1 PM - 5 PM
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

SYTTENDE MAI PARADE

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

JUNE BBQ

Sunday, June 14, 2026
1 PM - 5 PM
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

SUMMER BREAK

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



LODGE BROOKLYN HAPPENINGS

APRIL LODGE MEETING

—Your Voice Is Needed—

Our next Lodge Brooklyn meeting will be held in-person, **Sunday, April 19, 1:00 PM** at Sporting Club Gjøa. We hope to see you!

Our March meeting was held via Zoom on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7 PM, and we were pleased to welcome members and guests for another productive evening. A key focus of the discussion was the upcoming Convention, where Kimberly will serve as Lodge Brooklyn's delegate. We began exploring the possibility of submitting a resolution centered on membership value and the future direction of the organization. In addition, we reviewed lodge business, including recent filings, upcoming journal ads, and future event planning. Members also shared ideas for a potential Rosemaling paint-and-sip fundraiser to benefit a Parkinson's charity, which will be explored further. Looking ahead, we are excited to gather in person on April 19 for a meeting with Færder Lodge, which will include a Memorial Service and additional lodge updates.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Our Lodge Brooklyn by-laws were last updated in 2003, and it is time to review and refresh them to reflect how we operate today while honoring our traditions. Kimberly Breiland and Robert Nelson have begun this effort, and we welcome additional members to join the committee. If you are interested, please reach out to: Kimberly@LodgeBrooklyn.org.

COLLEGE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Norwegian Children's Home Association of New York, Inc. is offering college grants for the 2025–2026 academic year. Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens (at least one year), ages 17–23 (first-time applicants), enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university, and have at least 25% Norwegian ancestry. A wonderful opportunity to support higher education while honoring our 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

- Created ad and sent \$75 for Convention Journal
- Created ad and sent \$100 for Parade Journal
- 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.



**COME AND SUPPORT
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



APRIL MEETING & MEMORIAL

Sunday, April 19, 2026

1 PM - 5 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, children under 12 free
- Memorial service
- Food and raffles



JUNE BBQ

Sunday, June 14, 2026

1 PM - 5 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, children under 12 free
- BBQ food, raffles, and fun!



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.



MISS NORWAY OF GREATER NY

Congratulations!!!

Miss Norway, Olivia Kongevold
Miss Heritage, Baylyn Shankman



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GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- Avelline Burke-McLoughlin April 2
- Greta Gustafson April 9
- Hailey Louise Papa April 9
- Daniel Sayani April 11
- Kimberly Breiland April 14
- Oddbjorg Olsen April 16
- Bertram Hauk Okpokwasili IV April 28
- Corinne Alexis Hall May 2
- Sigrun Larsen May 5
- Sophia Adannia Okpokwasili May 6
- Peter C Johansen May 8
- Daniel E Johnson May 12
- Oleander Burke-McLoughlin May 14
- Robert P Travis May 14
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- Leo Bourbon May 29
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EASTER DELIGHT – RAKFISK



WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Filet of rakfisk*, cut into small pieces
- Sour cream
- Lefse
- 1 red onion, sliced very thinly

This Norwegian delicacy is a traditional Easter supper eaten throughout much of Norway. Rakfisk is fermented fish, commonly made from fresh trout.

- Spread the rakfisk over a piece of lefse. Top it with a dollop of sour cream and slices of the red onion. Roll up the lefse, cut it, and enjoy!

* If you are brave and would like to try your hand at making homemade rakfisk, visit the recipe blog northwildkitchen.com for more details.

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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.

OFFICERS

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