



LODGE BROOKLYN 3-243

Spring is finally here—a season of renewal, growth, and fresh opportunities. Just as the world around us comes to life, this is the perfect time for us to think about how we can grow our Lodge.

One of our biggest challenges is bringing in new members, especially younger individuals who can carry on our traditions while also shaping the future of our Lodge. We need members who are not only excited to join but who are willing to step up, get involved, and even take on leadership roles. If you know someone—a family member, a friend, or a neighbor—who would enjoy being part of our community, invite them to an event. Let's work together to keep our Lodge strong and thriving.

Speaking of events, the Syttende Mai Parade is just around the corner! This annual celebration is a wonderful opportunity to connect with family and friends, celebrate our Norwegian heritage, and enjoy the festivities after the parade. I encourage all of you to take part in this special day and help us showcase the strength and spirit of our Lodge.

As we welcome the new season, let's focus on growth—both in membership and in strengthening our bonds as a Lodge. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Warmly,

Kimberly Breiland, President

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

APRIL

Sunday, April 27, 2025
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

PARADE

Sunday, May 18, 2025

JUNE

TBD
Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

SEPTEMBER

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

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



FRA PRESIDENTEN, STEPHEN HELMOLD

Happy Spring! With spring here and winter over, a lot of lodges will be gearing up for Easter and 17th of May celebrations.

The district is having several great events this year. In June there will be a long weekend cultural camp at Isle of the Palms, South Carolina from Thursday June 26th to Sunday June 29th. It promises to be a fantastic event not to be missed, so if you are interested in going, sign up as soon as you can, as room are filling up fast.

Another great event is the Third District Youth Camp at Camp Koininia in Highland Lake, New York from Sunday July 20th to Saturday July 26th. This is an event at which the children enjoy learning about Norwegian culture and heritage and make friends with children from other parts of the Third District. So, if you have children or grandchildren ages 8 to 17, I urge you to send them to this great camp, the children will be happy you did.

The Third District Picnic is being held at Nansen Lodge on Staten Island, New York on Saturday August 23rd. Last year the picnic was a great success and looks like it will be even better this year. The District President's Advisory Council, which is comprised of the president from each of our 8 districts, met on March 1st with the CEO of Sons of Norway, Dan Seyfried, and Chairman of the Sons of Norway International Board, Luella Grangaard, to discuss issues of importance to the 8 districts and district lodges. The main issues were communications from both the International Board and the home office staff, fraternal problems, and the dues increase causing membership losses. Dan and Luella agreed to have more open communications, stress the importance of the fraternal aspect of Sons of Norway and were sorry that there was a loss of members because of the dues increase. I hope they were sincere with what they

said, but we can only hope. As I am the chairman of the District Presidents Advisory Council, I will be having Dan, Luella, and some home office staff on future meetings with the District Presidents.

To get the members of the district to get to know more about the 4 new Third District board members who were elected at our last convention. I will be including in my messages a little bit about them in their own words. In this message I want to introduce you to Katie Brink the new Assistant District Secretary. Please read about what Katie had to say about herself.

Assistant Secretary Katie Brink has been a member of Sons of Norway since 2017. She is currently the Secretary for Hampton Roads Lodge located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Katie is involved in coordinating the District's Cultural and Youth camps. She has extensive experience as a teacher collaborating with others and currently lives in the Richmond, Virginia area with her husband Drew.

Karen and I are very pleased to have the opportunity to work with Katie. She has been a tremendous help already, always willing to step up to the plate and lend a hand.

Until my summer message, Karen and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and a great 17th of May.

Fraternally,
Stephen Helmold, Third District President



LODGE BROOKLYN HAPPENINGS

ASTRONAUT!

I missed the last meeting, but I'm glad to hear it went off without a hitch! Sigrun and Elaine did a fantastic job leading, and it sounds like the Lapskaus and the "Pass the Parcel" game were big hits. "I'm happy to know everyone had a great time.

Please consider supporting the Zone 7 fundraiser by purchasing a few sweets—details can be found in this newsletter.

As you know, Nansen Lodge will be hosting the Third District Annual Picnic. Lodges have been asked to contribute, and one of the best ways to help is by donating a raffle gift basket or a gift card. We'll discuss this further at our April meeting.

Business

- D17 completed
- 990N submitted
- Lodge Brooklyn Activity Report submitted
- Donation in the name of Njål Svege sent to District Lodge No. 3 Charitable Trust

Youth Camp and Cultural Weekend

Included in this issue, you'll find the flyer and the Summer Youth Camp application. We encourage you to consider the young members of your family who would enjoy and benefit from a culturally enriching weekend filled with friendship and fun!

We have also included a flyer for the Third District Cultural Weekend as well as the application.

On Another Note

Please remember to save stamps and postcards for the **Tubfrim** program. **Alice Svege** will be collecting all contributions.

First Norwegian Astronaut

History is being made in space exploration. Last year it was announced that a four-person crew will conduct a spaceflight orbiting the Earth's two poles for the first time. None of the crew has ever been in space before, although each brings a unique skill set to the team. Leading them on the 3 to 5 day mission is Jannicke Mikkelsen, a Norwegian from Svalbard, Norway. This makes her the country's first astronaut. Another Norwegian connection is that the mission is named *Fram2*, a nod to the ship that was used by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen in their polar explorations.

Mikkelsen is a filmmaker and cinematographer who specializes in 3D, virtual reality, and visual effects. One of her major contributions to this mission will be to film as they are in orbit. The purpose of the mission is for research. First, is to study the effects of radiation exposure on the human body, since the polar orbit is known to have higher levels. They will also study other aspects of human physiology and psychology as it relates to the effects of space travel to inform future space endeavors. The second area of research that the mission will contribute to is related to the northern lights phenomenon.

While it may seem unconventional to have a filmmaker go into space as part of a mission, Jannicke Mikkelsen's story is by no means conventional either. At just 10 years old, after a horse-riding accident that left her in a wheelchair, she developed a fascination with and love of all things space-related. At age 12, she applied for a job at NASA. She even made it through the first round of selections, until her mother had to clarify that she was a bit too young to actually work for them. When she regained her ability to walk, she went on to become an accomplished speed skater and even trained for the Olympics before getting her degree in film.



LODGE BROOKLYN MEETING DATES



APRIL MEETING

Sunday, April 27, 2025

1 PM until 5 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, Children under 12 FREE
- Food, Raffles, and Fun!



JUNE BBQ MEETING

TBD



17TH OF MAY PARADE

Sunday, May 18, 2025

1 PM until 5 PM

Celebrating 200 years of Norwegian Immigration
1825 - 2025



SEPTEMBER BBQ MEETING

Sunday, September 21, 2025

1 PM until 5 PM

Sporting Club Gjøa, Brooklyn

- Requested donation of \$15 SON members, \$20 all others, Children under 12 FREE
- Burgers + Hot Dogs, Raffles, and Fun!



EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



AFTER THE NORTH POLE

Sunday, April 6, 2025

7 PM until 8:30 PM

WORD Bookstore

126 Franklin Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222

Meet the author Erling Kage, in discussion with Academy award winning actor Timothy Hutton



75TH ANNIVERSARY OSLO LODGE

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Beginning at 5 PM

Hathaway Homestead

For more info contact kimberly@lodgebrooklyn.org



CROWNING MISS NORWAY

Saturday, April 12, 2025

2 PM - 4 PM

at the Nisnanchanet Hall

Newburgh Christian Home and Health Center
1250 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY

• \$25 Adults, \$10 Kids 12 + under, Free under 3



3D COASTAL RETREAT 2025

June 26 - June 29, 2025

Isle of Palms

2101 Palm Blvd., Isle of Palms, SC

- Scandinavian dancing, hardanger fiddling, rosemaling, bunads, and more.
- [Click here for more info!](#)



SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Sons of Norway Youth Camp



@ KOINONIA
Highland Lake, NY



July 20-26, 2025 for ages 8 to 17

Activities include:

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| Bonfire | Canoeing |
| Rosemaling | Language class |
| Hardanger | Kubb , Archery & more |

The completed application form, along with a \$100 registration fee (deposit) must be sent to Katie Brink **before April 30, 2025**. The check should be made payable to Sons of Norway District Lodge #3. You will receive camp materials including health form when your application is received. \$550 Sons of Norway members, \$600 Non-members. **The full balance must be received by June 15th.**

Send to: Katie Brink

Sons of Norway Youth Camp
Coordinator 7107 Fernwood St #2421
Henrico, VA 23228
uyakkm27@outlook.com (614)202-5964



SUMMER YOUTH CAMP APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR SONS OF NORWAY THIRD DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP @KOINONIA, HIGHLAND LAKE, NY July 20-26, 2025 8- to-17 year olds

Please Print
Name _____ Male ___ Female ___

Birth Date _____ Age at camp _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Camper E-mail _____ Camper Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____ Parent/Guardian E-mail _____

Member Sponsor _____

Relationship to camper _____

Lodge of Sponsor's Membership _____

Emergency Contact (Name, phone and relationship) _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

Please identify roommate preference here: _____

The completed application form, along with a \$100 registration fee (deposit), must be sent to Katie Brink ASAP. The check should be made payable to Sons of Norway District Lodge #3. You will receive camp materials including a health form when your application is received.

Camp tuition is \$550 per camper. The \$450 balance is to be sent to **Katie Brink 7107 Fernwood St #2421 Henrico VA 23228, NO LATER than June 15th.** Deposits are non-refundable if a cancellation is made after **May 15.** Any camper not related (child or grandchild) to a Sons of Norway member will pay \$600. Non-members will be registered when members have been placed.



CULTURAL WEEKEND

Third District Cultural Camp at Coastal Retreat Center

June 26- June 29, 2025

Isle of Palms, South Carolina

Join other Sons of Norway Members for a fun weekend of Norwegian Cultural programs.

There will be classes in Scandinavian Dancing, Scandinavian Music, Rosemaling, Norwegian Language, and Bunads as well as interesting classes about Leif Eriksson and Sami People of the Northern Cap.

There will also be time to enjoy the beach only a block away for those who wish to spend some time on the beach. Walking tours of Downtown Charleston and/or Fort Moultrie are also being planned.

The price includes 3 nights' stay, Thursday dinner, Friday & Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner, Sunday Breakfast, fresh linens and tax and all the activities and supplies.

1 person per room	\$700
2 people per room	\$900 (\$450 per person)
3 people per room	\$1,150 (\$383.34 per person)
4 people per room	\$1,350 (\$337.50 per person)



There are a limited number of rooms so reserve your room today by completing the registration form below and sending it with your nonrefundable deposit of \$300.

Send your completed application and deposit by March 30th to **Katie Brink, 3rd District Assistant Secretary**. Make checks payable to Sons of Norway **District Lodge #3**. Full balance is due by May 30th.

Katie Brink

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CULTURAL WEEKEND APPLICATION

2025 Third District Cultural Weekend Application

June 26-29, 2025

Isle of Palms, South Carolina

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please elaborate: _____

Please list everyone staying in your room. (a separate application should be completed for each room)

_____ Circle one Adult Teenager child

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**** Please note- you must attend the entire cultural camp weekend- you cannot attend for only 1 or 2 nights.**

Please return this form along with your \$300.00 deposit made out to Sons of Norway District Lodge No. 3 to:

Katie Brink, 7107 Fernwood St #2421, Henrico, VA 23228

Any questions contact Katie at uyakkm27@outlook.com or (614)202-5964

Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. Deadline to reserve your room is April 1, 2025



A SWEET WAY TO HELP ZONE 7

Sons of Norway Zone 7 of District 3



See's Candies Online Fundraiser

We in Sons of Norway Zone 7 are raising money for projects in our Zone. The money raised will be used for Zone 7 heritage projects, our annual memorial service and funding our Scandinavian author speakers' series to name just a few projects.

To raise funds, we are selling chocolates through See's Candies YumRaising fundraising program. If you would like to help us raise money, and get some very good chocolate in the process, please scan the QR code below. You will be taken to our store on See's website where you can order directly any of the chocolate products listed.

I have also placed a link below the QR code for those receiving this flyer via email. The link will also take you to our store on See's website.

After receiving your order and payment, See's will ship your chocolates directly to you.

Thanks for helping us!



https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sonsonz_sons_of_norway_zone_34/RWRWi7095/candy

Bill Browning

Zone 7 (District 3) Director

Sons of Norway

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GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- Aveline Burke-McLoughlin April 2
- Kjellaug Tangen April 2
- Victoria Hofmo April 4
- 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
- Sigrun Larsen May 5
- Sophia Adannia Okpokwasil May 6
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- Oleander Burke-McLoughlin May 14
- Signe Sabaugh May 15
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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 EGG COFFEE



- 5 Tbsp. coffee (medium grind works best)
- 1 egg

1. Beat egg in a small bowl with a fork. Add coffee grounds and mix until you have a sludge.
2. Bring 7 cups of water to a boil in a large coffee pot or saucepan. Add coffee/egg mixture. Continue boiling until the foam disappears – about 3 minutes. Remove from heat.
3. Add 1 cup of cold water to the coffee pot. This will help settle the grounds.
4. Pour coffee through a strainer to catch any loose grounds. Serve.

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