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Meeting normally each 4th Sunday of the month at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Huntington Station, NY
Phone (516) 791-3983 NordenLodge407@Gmail.com -Next Meeting **Sunday October 26, at 2 PM**
On Facebook at: **NordenLodge3-407 Sons of Norway** - On the WEB at **NordenLodge3-407.org**
Deadline for Items for the November, 2025 Newsletter PERIODICAL is November 14, 2025

MONTHLY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our meeting is on Sunday October 26 at 2:00pm. If you would like to help please come at 1pm. I want to thank our Zone 1 Director Elaine Breiland for visiting us on zoom. She said she enjoyed our meeting and would like to sign on with our zoom again.

The meeting went well, seemed long but was only 10 minutes longer than usual as it is September and catch-up time after the time off. It was really nice to visit with all of you. We did show the program about the Norwegian immigration and the arrival of the replica Restauration ship into NYC, but many went home before the finish. It is something to ask for the future, would you like some culture events after the meeting. We had 2 events last year, but not sure if it is something you want to stay for. Come to the meeting in October as Kristin has thoughts as well as Barbara and I don't want them doing a lot of work if you don't want to stay.

Our Social Directors asked if we can celebrate next month and have all of us wear a costume or at least a crazy hat or shirt. You can win a prize if you do.

Karen and Steve updated us about the 2026 Convention hosted by Hampton Roads Lodge and the District. When we find out how many delegates we are allowed to send we will elect them at the January or February meeting. They also updated us on the summer programs and if you missed the culture weekend in South Carolina they are planning another one in late summer/early fall next year.

Our corporation said our Julefest at Palmer's Restaurant in Farmingdale NY, is all booked. We will have guests from other lodges, and it will be a nice afternoon of fellowship. We will not have a December meeting.

Leif brought some items for sale after the Loyal Bazaar so if you missed Loyal's fun day, you can still get some chocolate or food goodies.

Barbara said we are marching again in 2026. They are confirming the theme and will have hybrid meeting, some in-person and some on zoom. It will save her at least 3 hours going and coming to that meeting for 4 meetings.

I am really getting concerned about what is happening with the Sons of Norway, it seems our deadlines are getting closer and our lodge volunteers are a second thought. I hope they realize that the health of a lodge is what keeps them in the heart of the members. The more that is gone, the less that is done, the less that is offered, will all cause more hardship on leadership and on "volunteerism" and the thought of why are we still here? It is something to watch and think about. Are the Norwegian members fading away? At least in my house it's not.

Remember each meeting you attend, in person or on zoom, will earn you 1 ticket in the Dues Assistant Program. So, the more meetings you attend the better chance you have to win a free one-year of membership. Just ask the committee: Roy, Karen, Kristin or Barbara.

Fraternally, Roy

If you hear of anyone who is not feeling well, or needs some cheering up, please contact our **SunShine Lady, Kathy Johannessen (631) 421-9482**, so we can respond & get the word out.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS TO EVERY MEETING.

As voted, a \$1.00 reminder fee for a temporary name rental will be charged each time you forget. This could be fun! Only excellent above reproach excuses will be exempted by Vote on the floor. **See Les Johannessen for your Tag**

NORDEN ALWAYS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS



*** *NORDEN OFFICERS FOR 2025* ***

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President: Roy Berntsen

Vice President Kristin Gottilla

Membership Chair: Tim Baxley Assist Mary Booton

Secretary: Barbara Berntsen

Counselor: Les Johannessen

Social Director: Janet Hannigan

Youth Dir: Vacant **Editor:** Les Johannessen

Alternate Editor: Barbara Berntsen **Financial Secretary:** Shirley Erland

Treasurer Shirley Erland **Sunshine:** Kathy Johannessen

Sports Dir. Charles Gottilla **Greeter:** Mary Booton

9-28-2025 Minutes Summary

Opened the meeting at 2:40pm and welcomed all, announced it is September and we three month's of business to follow-up on. Next, we all sang Happy Birthday to Barbara Struckman who reached a milestone birthday. Cake would follow. He noted plans for Restauration's arrival. And a 3 Video presentation today It is about 33 minutes total for all 3 videos. – Opening ceremonies & The welcoming of Zone 1 Director Elaine Breiland on zoom.

June Minutes approved as distributed. No Apps for membership. **Correspondence:** Barbara announced a reminder to sign in for the day and noted the 3D Banner had been received & displayed at our picnic. 2- Our Caterer and the Church have been given our schedule. 3-Ski for light is celebrating their 50th year. A Newsletter was available & the 2024 financial report with a donation form..

Financial reports – Treasurer Shirley was away, no report.

Committee reports

Social Directors: Janet – said she reviewed many different places to visit on long island and gave them to Kristin to check out for us. She specified Museum Row where there are 5 museums and one more is coming. She brought Norwegian/American newspapers and placed them on the table for us.

Newsletter: Les – had extra copies with him. Remember to sign up for a remembrance & boosters. Be on the lookout for other happenings emails. Was sorry for late updates to Booster list. He needs to update the booster list in the newsletter. Les also asked if anyone was interesred in taking the train on Oct 9th to the South Street Seaport for the arrival of the Restauration ship? (No interest expressed.)

Sports directors: Chuck & Kristin followed up on the summer activities.- Ducks Game July 19th was very successful over 40 attended, all enjoyed see our SON name on the big screen along with the fireworks – Ibsen Fishing trip also successful, all had a good time not to mention Kristin winning the biggest fish pool & Anna Tonon winning the first fish pool. - Picnic: a slight snafu with the date was quickly corrected and all 36 members had a good time as Ellen provided the Traditional Music. Some concern about walking up the big hill was expressed. We will look into Addressing this before the next picnic. - The Winery Tour Sept 20th was a great afternoon, 15 members and 2 guests attended. All appreciated the tasting, at only a \$10 loss for the lodge.

2026 Sports: Henrik Ibsen Bowling for Fun has been planned for February 22nd. Our Meeting Date, Barbara sent a text to Ken J. Hopefully the date can be changed if so, let Kristin, Chuck or Roy know if you want to bowl. It is a fun day even if you just visit. Kristin is looking into a brewery or distillery, & the whaling museum for next year. If you think of something like Janet did, let Kristin know.

Karen thanked the sports directors for all their hard work planning our outside events. we who went, had a great time.

Zone: Steve/Karen reported the bus trip for the third district picnic had 18 people attend. The third district did not get the attendance they expected so there will be no 3D picnic next year.. - Raffles for the scholarship fund. Held by Lodge Brooklyn along with Loyal's Raffle. raised almost \$1000 which covers 1 award. - Our memorial service will be held on the first Sunday in May. Ibsen is host. - Færder is celebrating their 115th anniversary. It will be on Dec. 14th along with their Christmas party. We should try to get a table together.

Sunshine: Kathy said that Nancy Seals had a heart attack and was in the hospital last week but is doing well and sounds great. Linda P is in still in rehab recuperating & doing fine, should be out soon.

Corporation: Steve said they would like the lodge budget by Nov. 15th, so they can plan for the activities and meetings for 2026.

- Christmas party is full now. Meetings the beginning of December will go over the numbers including the convention numbers for 2026. Steve asked if the lodge would mind having the corporation meeting in a restaurant. The lodge approved unanimously. We need a minimum of 25 in attendance. Barbara will contact Gerry at the church. - Dues assistance program: Karen – sill available for those who need help paying their additional dues payment. Don't forget you get a ticket to win an annual paid-dues, just by attending a meeting. Betty and David Stahl turned 90 years, so the lodge paid their dues.

3rd district: Steve & Karen: Youth Camp will be held July 20-26 ,2026, at camp Koinonia and the age for campers is up to 17.

They did well and had inquiries with more campers. - Sports Picnic at Nansen Lodge had about 65 in-person on august 23rd.

There were only 18 on the bus but the cost had not covered the bus or the picnic. There's no picnic in 2026. - Culture camp down south. – was a great success and they wanted to do it again next year even though it is a convention year. It will be held in the same place – the coastal retreat Isle of Palms, SC, mid-September. They added a day because there was so much going on.

- Revitalization committee: send out 544 letter to the 999 members. They received about half back and those people have not paid dues since 2018-2022. At Scanfest they recruited 6 new members and more gave their email and wanted to be contacted. - Fraternal funds: the IBoD are taking away the funding for the districts to share with the lodges for wonderful culture events.

They are discussing what and if things will be covered for the future. This was a main concern for our members, and there was a lot of discussion about what is happening. We are wondering what is going on in Minneapolis and why everything the lodge would receive is taken away. Are the districts doing their work for the lodges? What is left? - The deadline dates for the D63 – officer list is Dec 15th 2025 & the liability insurance is due before Nov15 - 2026 convention will be held in Virginia Beach VA on June 4-7 It is coming along nicely and Hampton Roads and the District are hosting it. We will need to elect our delegates in January. The cost for the Holiday Inn is \$185 and the package is \$325. Even if you are not a delegate, it is a great place to visit and a lot of things to

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see there. - 2028 convention – the district is looking for a lodge or zone to host it. Think it over.

Parade: Barbara – we had the perfect day to march. We had our first meeting and there was a lot of discussion and we are having another parade in 2026. Some people stepped up to assist us with the planning. We voted on our slate of officers. They are:

General Chair = Arleene, Co-Chair = Ken Johnson, CoChair Church = Dave Thorsen, Secretary = Barabar Berntsen, CoChair = Victoria Hofino, Treasurer = John Gillen

We still need a few committee chairs open so please see me if you want to get involved. We are revamping our meeting schedule, half in-person and half on zoom. We are working on our theme so she will hopefully know it next week.

Barbara asked a favor if would the lodge be willing to allow the parade committee to use our zoom program for the 4 or possibly 5 zoom meetings. Motion made by Steve and Janet to allow the parade committee to utilize our zoom, second by Les all in favor. Approved.

Barbara had some programs up front from the 2025 parade if you want to take one. Plus, a copy of the thank you list for donations.

Zoom: Les also asked if the Submarine Veterans Club could also use our zoom for their meetings. He will ask them again if they want to but wanted to ask before that. Les said he would be the coordinator for the zoom for his group. Chuck reminded us that he has a lot of personal information on the site for the lodge. Karen made a motion to allow Les to be the coordinator for the Submarine meetings. Kristin second. Approved.

Good of the order

1. Bob said the annuity is the best way to secure your money with the way the stock market goes up and down.
2. Kristin told a joke.
3. The 50/50 of \$35 was won by Asbjørn L.

Counselor Les: may peace and harmony prevail within our lodge. Our next meeting is meeting on Sunday afternoon – October 26, 2025 at 2 pm– we will again have a zoom meeting at 2:30. Roy would like to thank everyone for coming today.

Roy declared this business meeting adjourned at 3:45pm. We showed the program of the Sloop ship Restauration.

Respectfully Submitted by Barabara Berntsen

(Edits by the Editor for space considerations)

★ HAPPY ★
LEIF ERIKSON DAY

OCTOBER 9

IT's AN ALL MONTH THING!

*** UP COMING EVENTS ****



IT'S ALL SCANDINAVIAN

Follow and see

Ellen Lindstrom's Band
perform at:

<http://www.theswedishmeatballs.com/shows.html>

Norden Lodge

**Christmas at Palmer's
American Grill**

115-123 Fulton St., Farmingdale, NY

Sunday, December 7, 2025 1-4 PM

Appetizer

Eggplant Rollatini

Pasta Starter

Penne Ala Vodka

Entrée - your choice of

Chicken Marsala

Grilled Honey Herb Atlantic Salmon

Sliced Pork Tenderloin with Cherry

Chambord Sauce

Dessert

Apple Crisp

Dinner includes

**Dinner rolls, vegetable, potato, unlimited
soda, juice, coffee or tea.**

Price for Norden members - \$10.00

Price for other Sons of Norway members - \$35.00

Price for non-members - \$65.00

Cash Bar available

**Reservation are a must. Send your check
made out to Norden Lodge Membership
Corporation to Karen Olsen-Helmold at 183
Evergreen Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714 by**

November 30, 2025.

Music by Ellen Lindstrom

YOUTH CAMP IS BACK NEXT YEAR

JULY 26 to August 1 2026

It's All Back Including: Bonfire,

Canoeing. Archery, Viking Games,

Rosemaling, Woodcarving, Cultural

Studies, and Hardanger

Put the Date On Your Calendar, More Info to Come!



FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT



Fra 3D President, Steve Helmold, Fall 2025 - A big hello everyone. It has been a while since my last president's message, so I wanted to bring you up to date on what is happening in the district.

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 cohosted 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 personalized 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

H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon's Visit Commemorates 200 Years of Norwegian Emigration

From October 6-9, H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon toured the United States to commemorate 200 years of organized Norwegian emigration to the United States

The tour kicked off in Decorah, Iowa, at the Vesterheim Museum, where H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon met with descendants of the "Sloopers"—the Norwegian immigrants who arrived in America on the ship "Restauration". He also visited Luther College, where he was conferred with an honorary doctorate, a testament to the academic and cultural partnership between Norway and the college.

The Minnesota visit began at Norway House, where H.R.H. opened the new Saga Center and attended the USA-Norway Business Summit. At the State Capitol, he reaffirmed ties with Governor Tim Walz and honored the 50-year partnership with the Minnesota National Guard. He also celebrated cultural heritage at Mindekirken and St. Olaf. At Augsburg University, he joined NHL's Mats Zuccarello to support youth sports inclusion with the DinoMights.

In New York, the Crown Prince welcomed the ship Restauration, a replica of the vessel that carried that first group of Norwegian emigrants across the Atlantic in 1825.

LODGE SAVE THE DATE 2025

Oct 26 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM

Nov 23 - Lodge Meeting St Peters 2 PM

Dec 7 - Christmas Fest at Palmer's in Farmingdale 1-4PM

Activities In and Out of Our Zone!!!

- TBA

*** BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ***

Month's Birthdays – Gratulerer Med Dagen!

Name	Day	Name	Day
Mary T Booton	1	Olaf B Johnsen	19
Kate E Johnsen	2	Michael D Di Pierro	20
Robert J Saunders	2	William A Jensen	23
Ann Omholt	8	Kristen Johannessen	24
Krystal M Gottilla	12	Robert Ryan Wick	24
Carol A Jacobsen	14	Kaylin Roth	28
Andrew J Gottilla	15		

5 Yr+ Membership Milestones For This Month, Congratulations:

Mari Hansen – 59 Years, Jean A Rogers – 48 Years
 Carol A Jacobsen - 43 Years, John J Jacobsen – 43 Years
 Karen L Carella – 27 Years, Richard J Edwards – 27 Years
 David D Stahl – 24 Years, Andrew J Gottilla – 10 Years
 Carmin M Odin – 10 Years, Robert J Saunders – 8 Years

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Last month we witnessed the arrival of the replica of the sloop Restauration to New York Harbor (a reenactment of the original migration from Norway in 1825 denoting 200 years of organized migration) A milestone event of the success we have experienced during that time. – We still feel the attachment to that far away land, many had called home and have extended that warmth and culture here in America. Our Lodge remains active and strong both in the culture and the camaraderie we extend to all who we welcome. We are already planning for another year of activities and how we can improve on our feeling of safe heaven and help for others. Let's stay the course!

Meeting Attendance – in order to enhance our members benefits by increasing subsidies for good participation. The more involved the more you benefit.

If you don't see your name, & you attended, let us know.

Attendance for Sept 28, 2025 MEMBERS: Mary Booton, Tim Baxley, Chuck & Kristin Gottilla, Les & Kathy Johannessen, Barbara & Roy Berntsen, Susan Olson, Asbjørn Lageraen, Karen & Steve Helmold, Nina & Clif Hotvedt, Nancy Rucci, Barbara Struckman, Janet Hannigan, Bob Saunders, Bob & Ethel McKeever, Jean & Fred Tremel, Mike DiPierro, Anna Tonon, Mildred Sandberg, Leif Easterson, Roy Berntsen Jr.

GUESTS: Elaine Breiland – Zone 1 Dir., June Irvane 50/50 won by Asbjørn Lageraen.

The Lodge's Official Annual List of Attendance at our Meetings is Available upon request. Just ask your Editor or any of the Lodge's Officers.

2025 Norden Star Boosters Updated 10/15/25

Berntsen, Barbara & Roy 5/26	Holvedt, Clif & Nina 11/28
Berntsen, Margret 5/26	Meusel, Helen 6/27
Berntsen, Roy Jr 5/26	Obsberg, Norma 11/26
Brown, Greta & George 6/28	Rucci, Nancy 7/25
Carlson, Craig & Christine 11/24	Sandberg, Mildred 6/26
Erland, Shirley 9/25	Seals, Nancy 5/27
Hansen, Elsa 6/25	Stuckman, Barbara 12/25
Helmold, Steve & Karen 3/25	Tremel, Fred & Jean 9/25

IN MEMORY OF

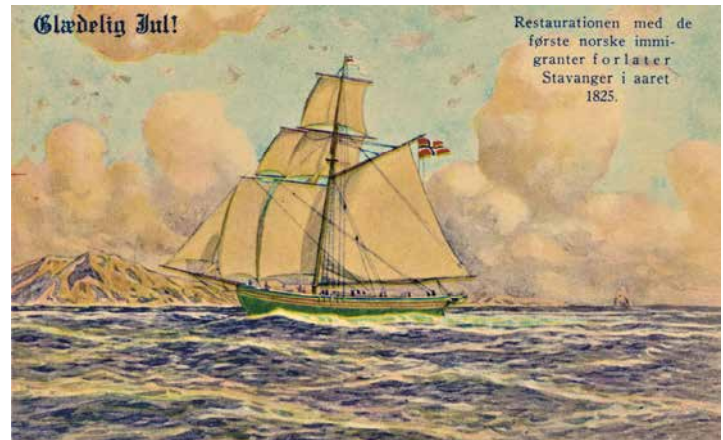
Berntsen, Knut	Barbara & Roy Berntsen
Erland, Endre & Sigrid 9/25	Daughter Shirley Erland
Frey, Judith 2/30	Daughter Norma Frey
Maier, Betsy Jane Sersted 3/26	Daughter Janet Maies Hannigan
Johansen, Lars, Sigrid & Art 10/30	Family
Jacobsen, Edward 4/29	Brother John & Wife Carol
Larssen, Tryggve & Signe 3/23	Daughter Greta & George Brown
Obsberg, Artie 11/26	Wife Norma
Stuckman, Erik 12/25	Mother Barbara
Skauvold, Harry & Kate 12/24	Daughter Christine Carlson

COMMEMORATORS

Room for more members that would like to join us. The \$5/Yr helps mailing costs. The dates following the names denote the end of the annual support

Please make checks payable to Norden Lodge 407. Cash is fine.

WE THANK ALL OUR BOOSTERS HELPING TO GET THE NEWSLETTER OUT



Norway has always been a country of immigration and emigration, but the large number of overseas emigrants during a relatively limited period in nineteenth and twentieth centuries is significant in Norwegian history.

About 900 000 Norwegian women and men have emigrated to North America from 1825 until present. Those who emigrated during the period 1865-1930 make up 87 per cent of the total number of emigrants.

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An important goal of the Bicentennial commemoration of Norwegian emigration in 2025 is to bring the topic of emigration to the public sphere and to shed more light on forgotten and neglected topics relating to Norwegian migration.

Some Cultural Items for the Month

Cultural Corner: Emigration to New York

There was a Norwegian presence in New Amsterdam ([New York](#) after 1664) in the early part of 17th century. [Hans Hansen Bergen](#), a native of [Bergen](#), Norway, was one of the earliest settlers of the Dutch colony of [New Amsterdam](#) having immigrated in 1633.



Approximately 60 persons had settled in the [Manhattan](#) area before the British take-over in 1664.

The arrival of the sloop ship "Restauration" in 1825 is considered the beginning of Norwegian group migration [original city map of New](#)

Amsterdam

to America. Of the 52 persons aboard, only the skipper is reported to have remained in New York City as most continued on via the Erie Canal through the Great Lakes to the Midwestern states of the United States. It was not until 1836 when Norwegians came here in substantial numbers. The fjord-to-prairie migration continued, as the farmland was rich and reminded them of home. Generally, the Norwegians who remained in New York City did not as a rule stay of their own volition, and the metropolis soon earned the reputation of being "a genuine home for all beggars, arch pickpockets, and swindlers."

At the tip of Battery Park is Castle Garden, the most historic site in New York City. It had many functions and names in its long history and was converted into the first [Immigration Processing Station](#) in New York on August 1, 1855. It continued in that capacity for thirty-five years and it is estimated 8,500,000 immigrants who passed through its gates, Norwegians among them.

In 1880, a depression ravaged Norway, and the agricultural crisis in the old country resulted in the settlement of the American West, but the importance for the Norwegian settlement in New York and later in Brooklyn was the transition from a sailing ship to steam engine which spiraled Norway into the maritime crisis. Many sailors would desert their ships and stay in the eastern

[Norwegians in Castle Garden waiting room](#) American port. These early settlers were later followed by men in the building trades and ship workers from the coastal towns of Norway. At a young age, these workers had been trained to make a living in a sea locale. It was during the period from about 1850 to 1890 that the first "colony" grew up in Manhattan, in the neighborhoods now bound by the Brooklyn Bridge, the Manhattan Bridge, along the East River. It was in this area that Norwegian immigrants lived, worked, and built their churches.

In the 1870's, the Norwegian population in New York began migrating across the East River and purchased houses in the relatively sparsely settled sections of Old South Brooklyn and Greenpoint, thus forming their second community. The Hamilton ferry docked at the foot of Brooklyn's Hamilton Avenue. During the period between 1870 and 1910, men could either walk to work or commute to Manhattan; since the ferry connected both sections to Manhattan. Norway was in the middle of an economic change while New York offered many jobs with good paying wages to men who were skilled in building, repairing, and the handling of ships. Therefore, the Norwegian-born population more than doubled. At the turn of the century, there were only 11,387 persons classified as Norwegians in New York. But by 1910, this figure had increased to 25,013 born in Norway, and another 12,392 born in America of Norwegian parents and the number was on the rise. The Norwegians were not the only group, which increased in population. After 1865, many south Europeans, particularly Italians from Sicily, were now occupying their area of residence. This increase of another population made it necessary to demolish the one-and two-family houses and soon tenements were built in their places. The green grassy areas had rapidly disappeared. Once again the Norwegians shifted their establishment. Their traditional love of the sea and of nature, coupled with their desire to

have plenty of space around them, compelled them to migrate when conditions they believed were no longer existed in Old South Brooklyn or Greenpoint.

By 1890, the Norwegian population was again on the move. The residents of the Greenpoint section had scattered in all directions. The inhabitants of Old South Brooklyn continued to shift to the southeast, toward the fashionable area, around Prospect Park in the Park Slope sections. This established the third center of Norwegian settlement in New York. More churches were soon built, plus social, benevolent and charitable institutions were founded. These agencies aided the Norwegian immigrants to adapt themselves to life in America and provided them with necessary benefits. The Norwegians formed a close-knit community within a quickly expanding Brooklyn. But the constant growth of Brooklyn and the construction of the Fourth Avenue subway, completed in 1915, allowed the immigrants to remain within commuting distance of the shipping center in Red Hook. But the city's never ending encroachment upon their residential area took its toll so yet again; their movement was toward the southwest along the sea, into the Sunset Park section of Brooklyn. By 1928 this was no longer accurate. Other nationalities and creeds had moved in while the Norwegian population in Brooklyn centered at the intersection of 7th Ave. and 57th St.

Barbara

History Article: The Rose Church -- part 4

The Rosemaling Artwork and Palette continued: The rosemaling artists used continuous borders of S strokes, dots, and lines, simplistic, yet complementary, in yellow, and, again, like most elements, they are outlined in black.



The artists used blue to paint the border scrolls on the gallery, which contrasts well with the yellow scrolls and leaves on the central column, the white background on the walls, and the yellow vases, below which is painted a faux finish - curtain - in grey and white. The ceiling is painted with hundreds of white stars and a yellow moon on a grey background.

The pulpit exhibits again the same blue and yellow, a very Swedish Color Influence, and is adorned with panels of Renaissance-style floral motifs and naive angels. The palette the artist used was likely to come from pigments available to him in the local area: yellow, red, blue, and tints of these colors. All elements are outlined in black.

Biblical Motifs: Tradition held that women and men should sit separately within the church, with women on the left-hand side or northern wall of the building. The women's wall is decorated with the figure of Christ in the middle surrounded by wise (good) and foolish (bad) virgins. The figures are flat and two-dimensionally painted in a naive fashion. Other biblical characters that adorn the walls include David and Goliath and Samson and the lion.

Structural remnants salvaged from the original stave church can be seen in the slightly mismatched timber ceiling of the Rosekyrkja's entrance vestibule, said to come from the chancel in the old church. The foundation under the pulpit and the baptismal font, both carved, are also from the original church, as are the stave church's four central log pillars.

Another interesting relic from medieval times is the "poor" pole, which is a long pole with a red fabric pouch attached to one end. The pouch is decoratively trimmed with glass beads and was used to collect money from the poor who were often considered unclean. As such, they were required to sit in the outer wings or even outside the church.

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The ship hanging above the pews is a common object in Scandinavian churches. Being symbolic of the rough passage possibly experienced through life, the ship that hangs in Rosekyrkja Is thought to date from the 1700s, or even older.

Each pew is unique and was built and carved by each owner, or family, whose name is written on it. The villagers without registered land (tenant farmers) were seated at the rear of the church under the gallery on the narrow benches without backs. The richest families were always closest to the altar. The exterior church walls are plain white; however, every inch of the interior walls, columns, and ceiling are richly decorated. From biblical figures to scrolls, floral and fruit elements, borders, and faux finishes, there is no section left unpainted? Given that churches and houses in the area had been, up to this time, largely undecorated. It must have been quite an experience for the farmers to see this much decoration. The people obviously liked what they saw, because church services were very popular.

Barbara

Don't forget by selecting (clicking) on a picture you can enlarge it by selecting it first and then select & hold one of the dots that appear & pull until the desired size is reached



Pictures From the October 9, 2025 Arrival of The Sloop Restauration

Provided by: Cliff Holvadt in Attendance

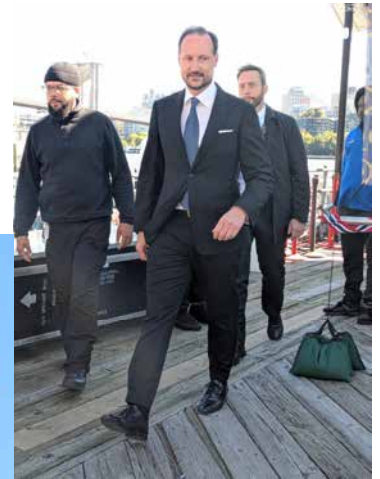


Alisa Jornheim
(Soprano)
performing at
Scandinavia
House the night
before

Cliff About to Board the
Circle Line



Crown Prince Haakon Approaching the Stage at South Street Seaport



Crown Prince on Stage

As She Passes
The Statue of
Liberty



En Route to the
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Join us at our next meeting on Sunday October 26th at 2PM Many of us witnessed the arrival of the Sloop Restauration and the Celebration at NYC's Seaport. Come see what else we are doing and don't forget we love sharing our feelings and demonstrating the meaning of "Koselig" during this Halloween season and recognizing Lief Erikson Day. Bring a friend!



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