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ATTENTION

MAY

May 4-6th LOV Golf Tournament

May 19th 6:30pm May 17th Celebration
Reservation required see inside

May 20th 11:30am Bus to Parade
For reservations see inside

May 20th 5:00pm Picnic after Parade

JUNE

June 5-10 3rd District Convention

June 23rd St Hans Zone Scholarship
Special Event & Fund Raiser
See info page 10

June 23rd Dusk St Hans Bonfire



The "John Karlsen Memorial"

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Golf Tournament

at

Land of the Vikings

The Weekend of



May 4 – 6, 2018



For LOV Reservations - Call or E-mail Bev or Rick:-
Phone:- 570-461-3500 E-mail:- vikingland@tds.net

Tournament Fee:- \$70.00 for each Golfer

Includes:- Golf, Cart, Greens Fee and Prizes.

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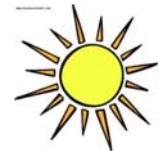


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We have some limited space with a group on Hurtigruten on Aug. 23, 2018 if anyone is interested. Give me a call.



GOD BEDRING



We would like to send get well wishes to Emma Osvold, Gladys Stene, Love Green, Rita Kugler, Glenn Green, Bob Haugeto and Bill Nostrand



NOTIFY our Sunshine Lady, Sister Evelyn Hammaren, 973-584-8249 ASAP if you know of anyone who is sick, or if you wish to extend congratulations to someone, for whatever reason It only takes a minute to call.

We have some of our members living in nursing homes. Their lives in many ways are very lonely and they could use a visit from friends when family can not get there. If you have a little time to spare to visit one of our members please consider doing so.

We have Emma Osvold living at Merry Heart in Boonton. Also Jenny Berntsen at the Arden in Whippany. They would really love a visit.

Contact Evelyn Hammaren if you have any questions or if you can go and would like to go together with someone.



GRATULERER MED DAGEN

- John Titus
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- Kimberly Jenkins
- Randi Jenkins
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- Shane Randazzo
- Linda Hand
- Lila Stephani
- William Matyola
- Samantha Piterski
- Louise Cluett Thoresen
- Judith Durkin
- Christian Nielsen
- Zach Brescher



Don't forget our ongoing sale of Shop-Rite cards. This is an successful fundraiser. Since we started in March of 2010, we have sold almost \$100,000.00 in gift cards, that is just short of \$5000.00 for Nor-Bu. Please consider purchasing for yourself or for gifts.

If you wish to purchase some gift cards, contact Evelyn Karpack at 973-627-5634 or just mail a check for your order to Nor-Bu Lodge, PO Box 317, Hibernia, NJ 07842 and let us know the amount you wish.



Please help the editor keep this updated.
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APRIL 2018 MESSAGE



The history of the 17th of May celebrations reflects the changing character of Norwegian society through successive periods of turbulence and unity. It has been both a day for celebrating and solidifying patriotic and cohesive identity, and a day on which the scars of occupation, and the division of political rivalry have been laid bare. Most of all it is a celebration of freedom and of diversity, and an opportunity to gather and be thankful for all that is worthy of celebration in one of the most democratic nations in the world.

The celebrations of this day began spontaneously among students in the years following the signing of the constitution. However, following the Convention of Moss in August 1814, Norway was in a union with Sweden, and for some years the king of Sweden and Norway was reluctant to allow the celebrations. For a few years during the 1820s, King Karl Johan actually banned celebrations, believing that celebrations like this were a kind of a protest and disregard, even revolt, against the union. The king's attitude changed after the battle of the Square in 1829, an incident which resulted in such commotion that the king had to allow commemorations of the day. It was however, not until 1833 that public addresses were held, and official celebration was initiated near the monument of former government minister Christian Krogh, who had spent most of his political life curbing the personal children's parades, or Barnetoget, that form the centre of the festivities are a symbol of the character and mood of the celebrations. Rather than patriotic, nationalistic or military pride, the day has become a celebration of and for the children. It is a day for the people, and the government and military over of the monarch. The address was held by Henrik Wergeland, thoroughly witnessed and accounted for by an informant dispatched by the king himself.

After 1864 the day became more established when the first children's parade was launched in Christiania, at first consisting only of boys. This initiative was taken by Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, although Henrik Wergeland organized the first known children's parade at Eidsvoll around 1820.

The are barely visible. Local communities come together in a celebration of both diversity and unity, putting aside conflicts and differences to celebrate the values of freedom that unify the country. The 17th of May combines reflections on the past with optimism for the future.

Although our celebrations over here differ from how they do it in "the old country", Nor-Bu will honor our traditions by having a grand, festive dinner-dance on May 19, followed by marching in the parade in Brooklyn the day after. I hope I will see many of you at the dinner and on the bus which we will once again share with Bernt Balchen Lodge. And as usual, we will finish it all with our traditional picnic at the BUL Cabin after the parade.

Hurra for syttende mai!

Fraternally,

Audun



Bus to Parade May 20th 11:30am departure

We are now planning to leave from Nor-Bu Lodge at 11:30am and returning at 5:00pm. There will be a picnic at Nor-Bu Lodge but no band is coming from Norway this year.

The cost for the bus will be as follows. Marchers will pay \$10.00. Non-marching members will pay \$12.00 and non members \$15.00. Member children are free, non-member children will cost \$5.00. Please call Anne-Lise at 973-663-1070 or email anne@smallworld-travel.com First come first serve as we are sharing bus with Bernt Balchen Lodge. Thank you

Gratulerer med Dagen

Our May 17th Celebration on May 19th at 6:30pm at Nor-Bu



We'll celebrate Norway's Syttende Mai at the lodge with our usual smørgåsbord and dance. Cost is \$25.00 and BYOB

Music by Ed Hendela

Please make sure you have made your reservation for the evening. **Deadline May 13th**
Contact Kari Brescher 973-627-6334 or email at karibrescher@gmail.com
Then follow with payment in advance.

HURRAH FOR SYTTENDE MAI!

Reservation Coupon for May 19th

We would like to attend the 17th of May Dinner Dance on **Saturday May 19th**

Please reserve _____ seats for us. I have enclosed \$ 25.00 for each ticket.

Name _____

Phone _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Mail to Social Director **Kari Brescher, 3 McDermott Pass, Denville, NJ 07843**
973-627-6334 with check made out to Nor-Bu Lodge **by May 12th**





May 2018

Fra Presidenten

“At last came the golden month of the wild folk-- honey-sweet May, when the birds come back, and the flowers come out, and the air is full of the sunrise scents and songs of the dawning year.” Samuel Scoville Jr., Wild Folk

Hurra for syttende mai!

There is a lot going on in May – Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Syttende Mai; equally as important is the opportunity to get together and celebrate, and yes, the winter weather will finally break!!!

Preparations for the convention are in full gear; our Nominating Committee is doing a great job pounding the pavement searching for candidates to fill 3D Board positions; our Convention Committee is starting to see the fruits of all their labors and countless hours coming together and thanks to your efforts, we are gaining new members!! There is a buzz of energy in the District.

I was thrilled to see that 11 lodges met the 2017 Recruitment Challenge, congratulations to you all. Just like the smell of spring flowers fills the air, I smell a sense of excitement in the Third District. There is a saying that goes something like “it takes money to make money”. Well, from what I am seeing, the same is true with members. It takes members to bring in more members and you are all doing an outstanding job! Keep up the great work!

Don’t forget to ask your lodge’s Convention delegates to review the resolutions that will be discussed at the Convention. Let your delegates know your thoughts; your opinion matters!!

Jeg ønsker dere alt godt,

Mary

Remember all who serve(d) (past and present)



Thank you

The folks that help bring you the newsletter.
Booster Club Members

Stuart Anderson.....	11/2018
Dorothy Furst Bahnatka.....	7/2020
Sigrid Bjelland.....	5/2018
Frank & Kari Brescher.....	2/2019
Anne-Lise Henriksen Carew.....	3/2019
Ann Carlsen.....	4/2018
Joe Carlsen.....	11/2018
Artie Crane.....	12/2018
Ellen Crane.....	12/2018
Marga Conn.....	4/2018
Jeff & Debbie Dirgo.....	5/2020
Kim Dwyer.....	2/2019
Judith Eriksson.....	4/2018
Marit Fosstveit.....	9/2018
Gail Garnett.....	11/2019
Audun & Margaret Gythfeldt.....	4/2019
Ellen Hantho.....	3/2020
Bob Haugeto.....	10/2018
Jimmy Heien.....	10/2018
Vega & Arthur Hendela.....	04/2021
Ilene & Walt Jacobus.....	12/2018
Lillian Jensen.....	1/2019
Barbara & Peter Johanson.....	2/2019
Earl and Siri Kjekstad.....	4/2019
Stan & Hessie Kjekstad.....	2/2020
Irma Bergland Lafko.....	4/2019
Debbie Landvik Larsen Felner.....	1/2019
Barbara & Joseph Lehner.....	1/2019
Bjorg Lema.....	11/2019
Gerda Lindstrom.....	12/2018
John & Claire Loken.....	9/2021
Per & Marit Mikalsen.....	6/2019
Russell & Doris Nelson.....	6/2018
Christian Nielsen.....	4/2018
Elizabeth & Roy Nilsen.....	12/2018
William Nostrand.....	3/2019
Mary & Harry Ostevik.....	1/2019
Charly Pedersen.....	5/2019
Marilyn Pettersen.....	1/2021
Judy and Eugene Randazzo.....	4/2018
Kjell & Edith Ring.....	6/2018
Ruth Ruediger.....	11/2018
Gunvor Satra.....	1/2019
Ray and Carol Schutz.....	5/2019
Roy & Barbara Selland.....	2/2019
Thor & Gladys Stene.....	05/2019
Joyce Svendsen.....	1/2019
Mari Svensen.....	1/2019
Angie Thompson.....	1/2019
Austin Thompson.....	1/2019
Joanne Thompson.....	1/2019
Robert & Mary Thompson.....	1/2019
Gwyn Anne Thompson.....	1/2019
Mary Ellen Thompson.....	1/2019
Garth Eric Thompson.....	1/2019
Gindy Dale Thompson.....	1/2019

Garon Keith Thompson.....	1/2019
Gayle Elaine Thompson.....	1/2019
Heather Thompson.....	1/2019
Jason Thompson.....	1/2019
Laura Thompson.....	1/2019
Thelma Thompson.....	1/2020
Barbara & Karl Peter Thorsen.....	4/2019
Ellen & Richard Tonnesen.....	3/2019

You can be a booster too! Adding your name to the booster list helps to pay for mailing and printing. \$ 10.00 donation to the Treasurer will put you on the list! Make Check out to Nor-Bu Lodge.

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 If your name is missing and you have sent in your booster, please let Anne-Lise know, 973-663-1070.

Memorial Boosters



Daniel Lema	October 2019
Arne & Ingeborg Strom-Henriksen	April 2019
Arne Landvik-Larsen	December 2019
Dagmar & Susan Heien	October 2019
Eileen Anderson	November 2018
Oscar & Evelyn Tonnesen	June 2018
Ivar & Ruth Skavnes	June 2018
Palma & Olav Brastad	December 2018
Arnt & Solveig Walaas	April 2028





2018 Nor-Bu Lodge Calendar



May

LOV Golf Tournament
17 May Celebration
Bus to Brooklyn Parade
Picnic after Parade

Friday, May 4th to Sunday May 6th
Saturday, May 19th at 6:30pm
Sunday, May 20th at 11:30am
Sunday, May 20th at 5pm

June

3D Convention, Hauppauge, LI
St. Hans Zone Scholarship events
St. Hans Bonfire

Wednesday June 6 to Sunday June 10
Saturday, June 23rd time 3:00pm
Saturday, June 23rd at dusk

August

Event TBD

September

Board meeting
Business meeting
Sunday Dinner

Tuesday, September 11th at 7pm
Saturday, September 15th at 6:30pm
Sunday, September 30th at 2pm

October

Cultural night program
Zone meeting, Bernt Balchen

Saturday, October 20th at 6:30pm
Sunday, October 21st at 2pm

November

Tricky Tray
Board Meeting
Business meeting with elections

Sunday, November 11th at 2:30pm
Wednesday, November 14th at 7pm
Saturday, November 17th at 6:30pm

December

Food Sale
Annual Pork Dinner
Julefest
Children's Julefest

Sunday, December 2nd at 1pm
Sunday, December 2nd at 2pm
Saturday, December 15th at 6:30pm
Saturday, December 29th at 2pm



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Hans Majestet Kongens Garde His Majesty The King's Guard

Hans Majestet Kongens Garde is a battalion of the Norwegian Army. The battalion has two main roles; it serves as the Norwegian King's body guards, guarding the royal residences (the Royal Palace, Bygdøy Kongsgård and Skaugum) and Akershus Fortress, and it is also the main infantry unit responsible for the defence of Oslo. The Guard is located in Huseby leir in suburban Oslo.

The first all-Norwegian unit of the royal guard of Sweden and Norway was a 38-man strong squadron of dispatch riders, and its main function was to go as messengers between Stockholm and Oslo, or Kristiania as Oslo was known as then. By 1856 this service was obsolete, and the king decided to form a new Norwegian infantry company to be part of the guard. The Norwegian guards company was formally formed on November 8, 1856 by King Oscar I, in order to underline his status as king of both Norway and Sweden. The company moved from Stockholm to Kristiania in 1888, where, in addition to its guard duties, it served as a trials unit. On Norway's independence in 1905, the company became the new guards unit for the King of Norway, Haakon VII, and was increased to battalion size.

The battalion served with distinction during the Second World War. At the battle of Midtskogen Gård near Elverum on April 10, its fierce resistance prevented the Germans from capturing the Royal family and the Cabinet. This gave the Guard its first battle honor. Later in the campaign the Guard fought with distinction on Dovrefjell and at Lundehøgda near Lillehammer, winning their third battle honor. During the campaign in central Norway they were known among the German soldiers who fought them as "die schwarzen Teufel" or "the black devils", due to their ferocity and dark uniforms.

The Guard is organized as a light infantry battalion of six companies. Company 1, company 2 and company 4 are rifle companies, and they were all involved in battles with the Germans in April 1940. Company 3 is the renowned band and drill company, participating in military tattoos all over the world.

Company 5 is the company they say "makes the wheels turn". It is organized differently from the other companies and consists of various support units like medical, mechanics and maintenance, communications and supplies logistics personnel. About half of the company are qualified guard soldiers, while the other half will not stand guard, but will participate in parades.

Company 6 is the training school, currently at Terningmoen in Elverum, where new recruits are trained before being transferred to Oslo.

Each of the rifle companies takes turn in carrying out guard duty at the royal residences in between other duties. The majority of Guardsmen are National Servicemen who are posted to the regiment after their basic training. Following basic training, they spend the first several weeks in ceaseless drill practice, hand-to-hand fighting, physical training, close range firing and case solving exercises before they are allowed to perform their first duties outside the Royal Palace or at Skaugum. In addition, the guards practice specialized operations within their platoons, and whenever a company becomes the oldest unit within the battalion (longest period of conscription), the company enters service as "gardestridsgruppe" (guard battle group), GSG, with a 72 hour emergency response time. The mission of the GSG is classified, but it was used during the July 22 attacks on Oslo in 2011.

The changing of the guard ceremony in front of the Royal Palace takes place every day and is a popular event with tourists and the people of Oslo alike. The dark blue dress uniforms have remained virtually unchanged throughout the regiment's existence. One noteworthy detail of the uniform is the plumed bowler hat, which was copied from the hat of the Italian Bersaglieri troops – a regiment that so impressed the Swedish princess Louise (the great grandmother of King Harald V) that she insisted the Norwegian guards be similarly "hated" in 1860. The regiment's cap badge is a rosette in the royal colors of Norway, with the monogram of the current monarch. In addition to performing guard duty, The Guard is also on parade whenever important state events take place in the capital. These include the annual opening of the parliament by His Majesty the King, visit by foreign heads of state, or anniversaries of major events in the history of the nation.

His Majesty the King's Guard cont'd

Organization and structure as well as the duties of the Guard have obviously changed over the years, even since the time almost 60 years ago that I had the honor of serving in the Guard. One notable difference is that we did not have the pride of the Guard today, the drill group. We all practiced drilling, and although we were clearly advanced compared to other Norwegian military units, we were not close to the standard displayed by the current drill group, and we did not perform.

Another notable difference was that in my days, one of the rifle companies, Company 1, was what we called the "ski company". They had a number of outstanding athletes, cross-country skiers in particular. In 1960 when I served in Company 2, I had the daunting pleasure of competing against a superb skier, Ole Ellefseter, who won the 50 kilometer cross-country in the Olympics in Grenoble 8 years later. Luckily it only happened a couple of times, and since we did not do mass starts, they were not totally embarrassing experiences!

Physical fitness was a top priority for the Guard, and it served a purpose. I think we appreciated that being fit gave us the necessary strength, both physically and mentally, to perform our duties as soldiers, and also the frequent guard duties we were assigned to. With several turns as guards during the week the company was assigned guard duty, physical strength was necessary. It was certainly a factor in our performance at the Royal Palace where we took pride in showing the many people that watched and appreciated our efforts both during the afternoon change of the Guard, to conduct ourselves in the true manner of the King's Guard. The King himself took a great interest in the Guard, and could often be seen watching from a window in the Palace.

Undoubtedly everything wasn't roses, but in the end it is the good memories that come to mind. How our service was appreciated by the people of Oslo, the many outstanding young men I served with, and how as a team, we succeeded in our tasks. For me there was no better way to do my duty for my country.

Audun Gythfeldt



3RD ZONE SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER & BON FIRE

Date: JUNE 23RD, 2018

Time: 3:00PM until DUSK



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152 Caldwell Avenue
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LOV's 6th Annual Lobster Fest

Time: 1:30 pm

Saturday - August 18, 2018



Meal Options:

- Lobster
- Prime Rib
- Surf & Turf*



Meal includes corn on the cob, melted butter, potato, salad, rolls ... and delicious dessert!

Squeezing & Pleasing by:

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Cost is \$35 per person for those planning to come for the afternoon of August 18th. *Each additional lobster or prime rib (Surf & Turf) is \$10 per item.



For those staying the weekend, there will be a small \$15 activity/entertainment fee added to each lobster/prime rib dinner. Expect fun-filled entertainment for the weekend!

FUN & Games by Crazy Bob Carlsen

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We need to make sure we order enough Lobsters

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