

HISTORY of HENRIK IBSEN LODGE No. 393

SONS OF NORWAY

Instituted March 11, 1934

Henrik Ibsen was a major 19th-century Norwegian playwright



In 1934 Henrik Ibsen Lodge was destined to have it's beginning. At a meeting held in Peter Nilsen's home, a question by Christ Myrvold to start a Lodge under the banner of Sons of Norway was heartily accepted. The aims and objectives of Sons of Norway were explained to the group by District 3 President Louis Olsen and Zone Director George Rostad. After discussion, questions and answers it was agreed that, on March 11, 1934, this new Lodge would have its institutional meeting. When the day arrived District President Olsen served as temporary President with members from Norge - and Brooklyn Lodges filling the other Chairs. Henrik Ibsen #3-393 was officially launched with:

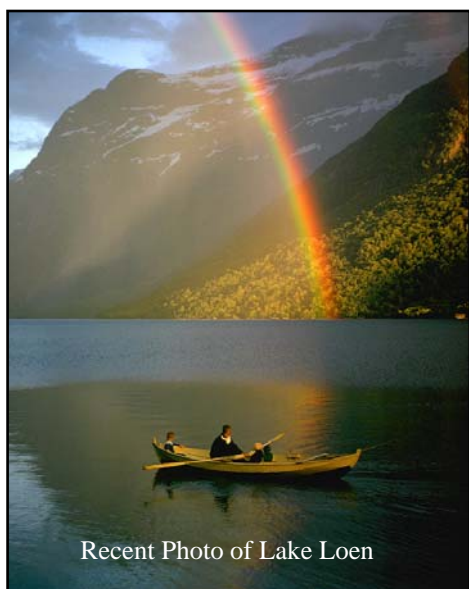
Peter Nilsen, Charter President, at the helm.

Charter members:

Lars Arvik	Olette Berg	Oscar S. Berg	Johan Bysheim
Orelia Bysheim	Agnes Danielsen	Olaf D. Danielsen	Sigurd Gatland
Elvira Hansen	Lars Hansen	Selma N. Henning	Laurence Martinsen
Ida Mathisen	Lars Mathisen	Serina Nelson	Jenny Nilsen
Peter O. Nilsen	Adolph G. Torkelsen	John G. Torkelsen	Olga Torkelsen
Osmund N. Torkelsen	Nils Walderhaug	Dora D. Wick	Jesse Wick
Fette Wick	Johanne Wilkelmsen	Peter Wilkelmsen	

On May 28, 1934, Henrik Ibsen celebrated this occasion with an opening festival in Forester's Hall, Bay Shore. Seven lodges were represented on the occasion.

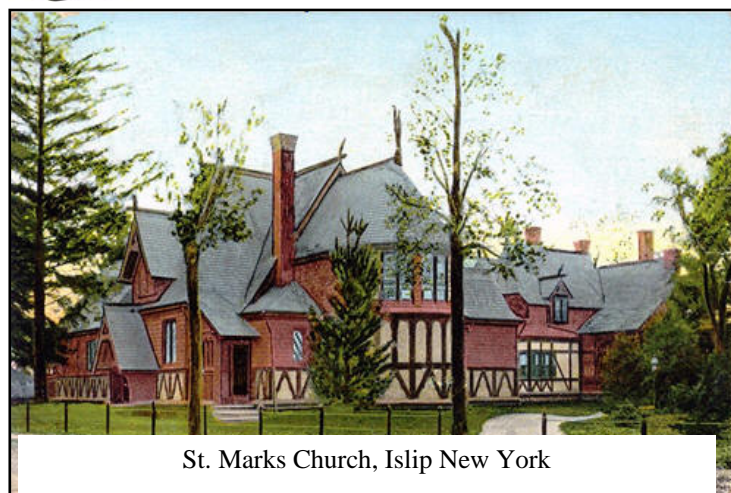
Henrik Ibsen Lodge, has over the years, participated in many community activities.



Recent Photo of Lake Loen



Another service of recent years is the Christmas food basket distribution to needy families in the community.



St. Marks Church, Islip New York

Following the fire December 1989 at St. Marks Episcopal church in Islip, a replica of a Stave Church, the Lodge donated \$1000 as well as labor to the restoration of the church.

On September 13, 1936 a severe landslide followed by a 12 foot high wave across the Loen lake, in Sogn, Norway submerged Farms across the lake, where 78 people died. Henrik Ibsen Lodge donated money to both Loen as well as aid to the flood-stricken areas in the Midwest in 1938.

Other than founding members, it is often times difficult to single out and mention those who have served Henrik Ibsen Lodge and Sons of Norway.

During the World War II years, Henrik Ibsen participated, along with many other Lodges, in providing morale-boosting services to our armed forces overseas.

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June & Dave Morris

David Morris served as Operating Group (LOV, Ltd.) Treasurer from August 1980 until December 1982. During that same period June Morris served on the Marketing Committee as Editor of "LOV NOTES."



Rusty and Fran Anderson

Fran and Wilbur (Rusty) Anderson chaired the Ways and Means Committee for the 1984 Supreme Convention. Profits from that effort were used to found the Long Island Zone Scholarship Fund.

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The Long Island Zone Committee has also benefited from the participation of many Ibsen members. June and David Morris both have served as Zone Chairman as well as Ken Johnson and Asbjørn Lageraaen. Perhaps the most outstanding contribution was by Finn Carlstadt, who served as Treasurer for 25 years.

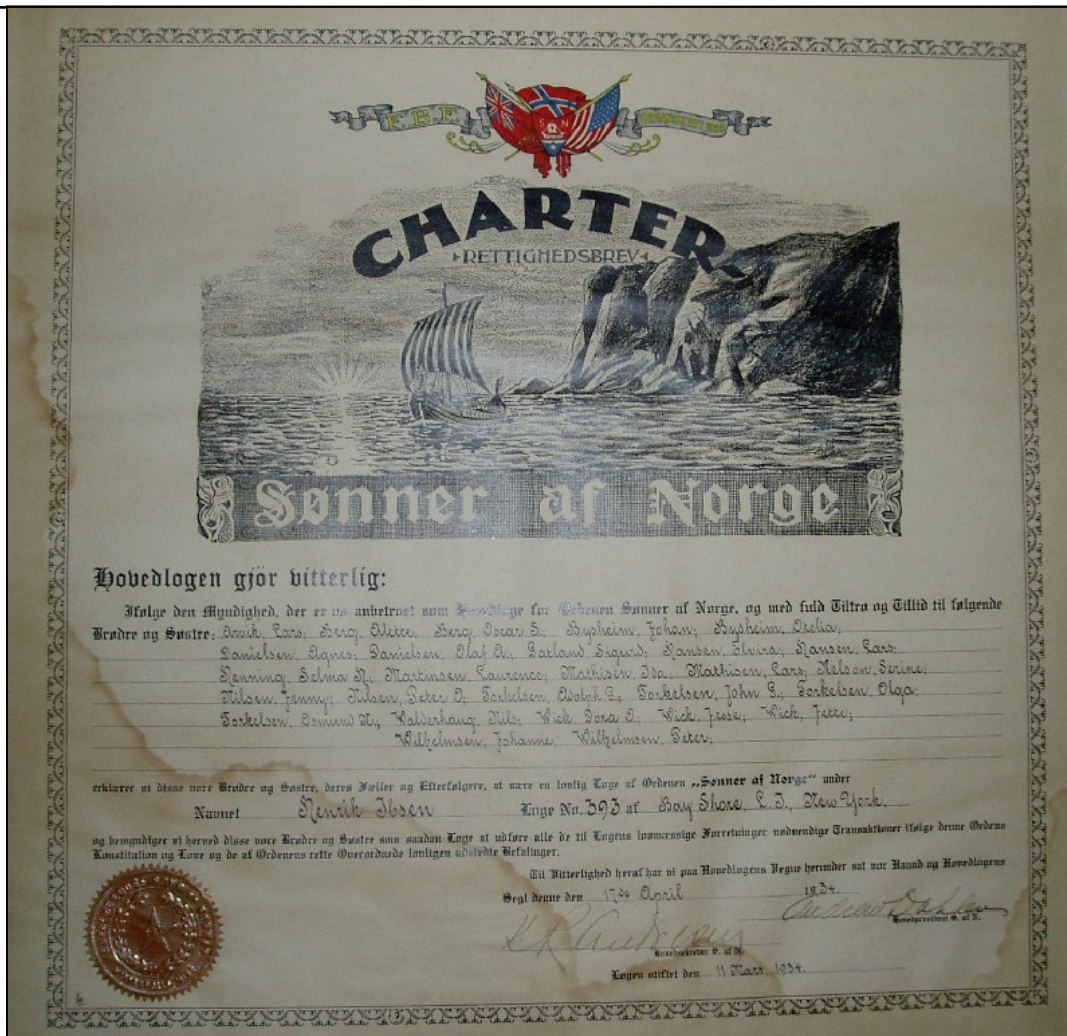
Ibsen members have provided outstanding support to Land of the Vikings since the acquisition of that property in 1978. We have been there in work parties, including the first one in November 1978, and as paying guests and financial contributors.

The Zone started a fund raiser to show their appreciation to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Islip, New York for allowing the Zone Memorial Service to be held in the church. Henrik Ibsen lodge contributed and the Church was presented with a Viking ship custom made for the Church. The ship is shown mounted in the Church.



The Ladies Auxiliary, with strong support from Helen Amlie and Gerd Eide, was started with the idea of helping to promote a building fund.

John Amlie was a prime mover in organizing the original Long Island Zone Male Chorus. The members of Henrik Ibsen were the major participants in the original Male Chorus as well as the now defunct Mixed Chorus.



The “Ibsen Courier”, one of the first Sons of Norway newsletters on Long Island, was first published during the Presidency of Erling Kjeka in 1982.

In the mid 90’s, Brother Larry Lund started a web page on his web site for the Lodge. On it, you can find Ibsen Courier newsletters and some of the following.

<http://llund.com/sons.htm>

- Our Charter
- Lodge forms
- Pictures pages
- Life Members list
- An application form
- Organizational Chart
- Web Shows of events
- Scandinavian joke page
- Business/Social Calendar
- Land of the Vikings (LOV)
- Find out how to join the Sons of Norway
- Other Sons of Norway lodges home pages
- Link to Sons of Norway International Headquarters, containing a full lodge directory

Some Past Presidents



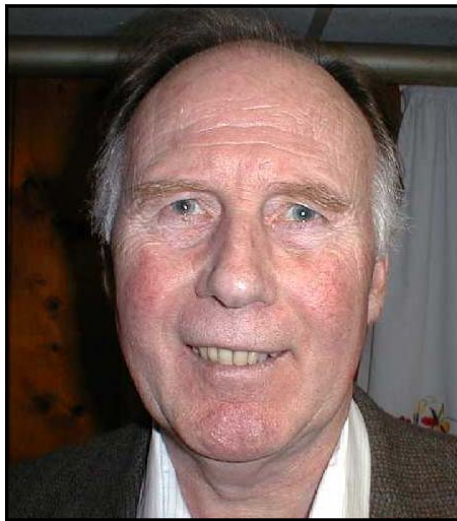
Asbjorn Lageraen 2007-2010



Bette Stahl 2003-07



Stephanie Hipperling 2001-03



Walter Bergskaug 2001



Rusty Anderson 1997-2000



Kenneth Johnson 1993-97 2011-present



Dave Morris 1977-80



June Morris 1974-75 & 1991-92

Henrik Ibsen Presidents 1934-2012

Name	Term
Peder Nilsen	1934-?
Oscar Berg Sr.	
Einar Dahl	
John Sampson	
Christian Vikane	
Adolph Puntervold	
Sigurd Malen	
Arnold Anderson	
Oscar Berg Jr.	
Bjarne Eriksen	
Wilbur (Rusty) Anderson	1962-1964
Arthur Christiansen	1965
Jacob Thomassen	1966-1967
Erling Kjeka	1968-1970
Henry Nilsen	1971-1974
June Morris	1974-1975
David Morris	1977-1980
Charles Kramer	1980-1981
Erling Kjeka	1982-1983
Martin Gunkel	1984-1985
Arthur Mikalsen	1985-1988
Richard Ferris	1989-1990
June Morris	1991-1992
Kenneth Johnson	1993-1997
Wilbur Anderson	1997-2000
Walter Bergskaug	2001-2001
Stephanie Hipperling	2001-2003
Bette Stahl	2003-2007
Asbjorn Lageraen	2007-2010
Kenneth Johnson	2011-Present