



Chicago Sons of Norway *Torske Klub*

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Torske Klub Meeting Notice October 12, 2002

Dear Torske Klub Member,

 Our October Torske Klub meeting will be held on October 12, 2002 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847. 824.1556). Cocktail hour begins at Noon; Dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to tradition, the bell is rung by our BOSS, Robert Alsaker.

Our Torskmaster is the handsome and talented representative of the Emerald Isle, as well as an honorary Norwegian by virtue of his long-standing service to the Torske Klub Board. I am speaking of Art Fitzgerald, of course.

Our speaker is our own Klub member, Marvin Meyer. Marvin will speak of his experiences as an Air Force Pilot and Pilot for United Airlines. He was born in eastern North Dakota and traces his Norwegian ancestry to the Isle of Karmoy. He was a pilot for the Air Force from 1954-1965, the Air Force Reserve from 1966-1984 and United Air Lines from 1965-1993. He retired as an Air Force Colonel and as a DC-10 Pilot in 1993 and now resides in Palatine. Join us to hear and see his experiences.

Passing of Chris Johansen

We are deeply saddened to acknowledge the passing of one of our last charter members, Chris Johansen. He was the second Boss of the Torske Klub and remained active on the board as Boss Emeritus until his death on 13-Sep-2002. He is pictured here with our Torske Klub guest speaker, Paul Simon, at a Torske Klub meeting in 1984, during Simon's 1st run for the Senate.



Boss Emeritus Chris Johansen and Klub Speaker Paul Simon ca. 1984.

From his Chicago Tribune Obituary:

*Chris Johansen, died September 13, 2002, beloved husband of June; loving father of Carl (Beth); proud grandfather of Lauren. Born on the Island of Karmoy, Norway in 1921. Chris was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Sons of Norway, Lions Club, Masons, Torske Club and Shriners. Chris served on the board of the Norwegian-American Hospital and was a World War II veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arne and Anna; and brothers, Oliver and Arne. Visitation Thursday 4 to 9 p.m. at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 Talcott Rd. (at Cumberland), Park Ridge. Funeral Service Friday, 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Mt. Olive Cemetery. (Published in the Chicago Tribune on 9/17/2002).*

Chris was remembered at the September meeting by the attendees, especially by his long time friend and Klub member, Finn Braathen. Chris will be missed but his legacy lives on.

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For Reservations Please Call (630) 443-6839

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2003 Dues

Enclosed please find your membership renewal form for 2003. Please check your address for accuracy and include your current phone number(s) and other information requested, so I can update and confirm the record. This information will remain confidential and used only for Torske Klub purposes, as has always been our policy. 2003 membership cards will be sent in the January letter. The yearly dues remain at \$35, which covers the mailing and purchase of Aquavit to celebrate your birthday.

New Reservation Phone Number

Call 630-443-6839 at any time to leave a reservation. As before, please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. Note that this new reservation phone is unattended since it is an answering system only. In the event of a failure of technology or the need to talk to a human, please call my office at 847-781-6820 during weekday business hours. If I am not there, leave a message at either phone and I'll call you back.

For those with email, feel free to send me a note to l Larsonnk@hp.com with the same information and the message title "Torske Klub Reservation". I will reply to that with a confirmation of receipt.

Currently, we have reservations from member numbers 3, 22, 23, 32, 43, 43A, 44, 47, 55, 51, 58(2), 64A, 69A, 73C, 85, 98(2), 103, 171, 174A. **Reservations must be in by the Wednesday Evening, October 10, 2002.** Call 847-781-6820 if we need to discuss this further.

New Secretary

You probably have noticed a new reservation phone number, a new letter format and a new name on the return address. Dave Cornwell asked to be relieved of his secretary duties as of this month, due to his work commitments. Dave will still attend the dinners when he can, but will actually have a chance to enjoy the cocktail hour now. Dave has been making the Secretary job look easy. However, it is a lot of work. We will truly miss Dave in this position.

Skol to Leif Eirikson!

According to most historians, Leif Eirikson found Vinland (the eastern shore of North America) about 1002. The record of the saga in "Heimskringla" by Icelander Snorri Sturluson recorded this event, almost as an afterthought.

"... The same spring King Olaf also sent Leif Eirikson to Greenland to proclaim Christianity there, and Leif went there that summer. In the ocean he took up the crew of a ship which had been lost, and who were clinging to the wreck. He also found Vinland the Good; arrived about harvest in Greenland; and had with him for it a priest and other teachers, with whom he went to Brattahild to lodge with his father Eirik. People called him afterwards Leif the Lucky ..."

Poor Leif never had a holiday for his feat 1000 years ago, so come to the dinner and raise a glass to him and the re-discoverer of America, Christopher Columbus.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th of October.

Beste Hilsen,



Ken Larson