



Chicago Sons of Norway **Torske Klub**

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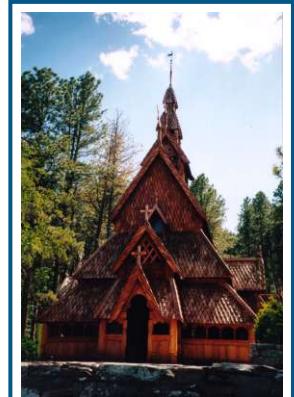
New Season of Torske Klub September 13, 2003

Dear Torske Klub Member,

 Our first Torske Klub meeting for this 2003-2004 season will be held on September 13, 2003 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 our tradition, our BOSS, Robert Alsaker, rings the bell.

Our Torskemaster will be our own Dr. Ray Newgard. He has served this Klub well in the past 43 years as a charter member of the Torske Klub, board member, and past Assistant Boss. He will transition his role as Torskemaster to that as our speaker. Ray has been a Chiropractic Physician for a number of years, having practiced in the Belmont-Central Area of Chicago and later to the northern suburbs. The title of his talk: "MY NORWEGIAN HERITAGE - what it means to me, and how it has affected my life."

The summer is passing quickly and we are anxious to return to our tradition of torske, aquavit and all the amenities of our fellowship. Bring a story of summer vacation for the table talk. Also, please join us with a guest or two.



Norway? No, this is a Stave Kirke in Hill City North Dakota. Photo by Jan Glure.

► **Make Your Reservation by TUESDAY noon, Sept. 9, 2003**

The Elks Club chef needs time to order the fresh fish. Timely reservations insure that an adequate portion can be reserved for you.

Call 630-443-6839 at any time day or night to leave a reservation. As usual, 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. As we did last year, this reservation phone is unattended since it is an answering system only. It will ring 4 times before answering. If you need to speak to me urgently, 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 get back to you. I am frequently out

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

I have taken no reservations from the May Meeting, but, we have standing reservations from board member numbers 3, 13C, 22, 43A, 47, 55, 64A, 85, 98, 114. The board reservations are automatic (a perk of being a board member; maybe the only perk besides the board meeting?). Remember that the guests of the board members must be called in as well. Call 847-781-6820, if we need to discuss this further.



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Deadline Approaches for the October Event: Madison Torske Klub Oct. 4, 2003

We have noted for months that the Chicago Torske Klub has made arrangements to be the dinner guests of the Madison Torske Klub on October 4, 2003. We'll leave in the morning, have lunch in Madison (convening at 11:30am) and travel home in the afternoon. The times will be announced at the September meeting or call me after for details. The Boss has already confirmed reservations for a 55-passenger coach limousine bus (large bus, comfortable seats, toilet, A/C) from Robinson Coaches to provide transportation to the dinner from the Elk's Club parking lot in Des Plaines. We also announced that we would make a stop at the Clock Tower Inn in Rockford to pick up members there. We owe our appreciation and gratitude to our good member Bill Scheiderich for arranging this bus. This trip will be a BYOB event for the bus; each member pays his own dinner/drinks in Madison. THE BUS RIDE IS COURTESY OF YOUR TORSKE KLUB AND IS FREE! Mark your calendars for this daylong event and call (630) 443-6829 to reserve your space early or make changes. We have already received reservations from members 3(2), 14, 22, 35C, 51, 55, 62, 73C, 84, 85, 98, 114(2), 115, 118, 143, 167, 171, 177(1 + 1 dinner only). We will cut off the bus reservations at 55, so reserve now.

Oct. 11, 2003 Torske Klub Meeting

There has been some confusion about the fact that there are two dinners in October: the October 4 Madison Trip PLUS our regular meeting on the second Saturday of the Month, October 11. We will discuss this further at the September Meeting.

Torske Klub Endowment

You may recall last year that the Torske Klub had received some funding earlier this year in memory of the late Al Newgard from his son, Dr. Ray Newgard as well as additional funding from Thor Jondahl. The purpose of this gift was meant for the encouragement of new and younger members. We had agreed to start using this at the beginning of the "Torske Season" and also define the terms of its use. Here they are:

- **Any male guest to the Torske Klub this season, who is 21 - 50 years old, will have his first dinner paid for by the Klub if he joins the Torske Klub.**

The intent of this is to generate new members from the community by encouraging our younger folk to try this, as Al Newgard did for his son, as many uncles, grandfathers and friends and have done for their younger friends and families. We'll let you know how this works and how long it will be in effect.

Since we are focusing on membership, I have enclosed a membership flyer for you to pass on.

Passing of Irv Gunderson

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our long time member, Irving A. Gunderson, who was 101 years. He was born Dec. 16, 1901 and died June 11, 2003 at Burlington General Hospital, Burlington, WI. He was a member of the Skjold Lodge, Sons of Norway. Normennenes Singing Society and the Torske Klub. He is survived by his widow Selma, to whom the Torske Klub offers our condolences.

Memorial service was at the Mount Hope United Methodist Church on 1015 N. Broadway, McHenry IL on Saturday, July 12, 2003. Memorials may continue to be made to the church in McHenry or made to his widow Selma, who will make the donation to the church. The Torske Klub provided flowers and a donation in his memory. Thanks to our treasurer, Gene Kasczmarek from whom I received a call and a note regarding Irv's passing and who handled our Klub condolences. Since there was no Torske letter before this event, many of you were contacted by email and, hopefully, phone calls by those in the know.

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Trip to Norway

Many of our members belong to other Scandinavian organizations as well. The Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a trip to Norway in December. See our Assistant Boss Don Hogansen for details.

Is the Pro Tour far behind?

A fairly good percentage of our members are, or have been golfers. This is somewhat remarkable, considering our heritage, the steep terrain of Norway and the extreme water hazard of the fjords. They are not conducive to the sport. In spite of all this, our good member and director, Dr. Ray Newgard has beaten the odds on Wednesday May 21, 2003. While playing golf at a Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook Illinois, he had the thrill of a golfer's lifetime, his first "Hole-in-One" on the 158 yard third hole of East nine course. The 5 iron shot was witnessed, and recorded in club house. I also noticed that it was recorded in the Lane Tech Alumni News for August 2003. Congratulations Ray, it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. How do you top that? PGA?



"Trygve Woodsen?"

...and so it goes

We had word this summer that Myron Tollefson was recovering from surgery in June 2003. Our best wishes to you, Myron.

See you all at the dinner.

Beste Hilsen,

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