



Cultural Heritage for Father/Son/Daughter Day

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Baard Titlestad to our speaker's podium for our annual celebration of Father, Son and Daughter Day. He will speak about the topic: "Preserve and persevere in a brave new world: Thoughts on the importance and relevance of cultural heritage in 2016"



Baard Titlestad at Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim

In 2014, the first volume of *Flateyjarbok*, a translation of the largest and most enigmatic saga manuscript created in Iceland, was published in Norway to great public acclaim. Led by Mr. Titlestad, an international team had worked for years to create an unprecedented campaign to disseminate and preserve a rare cultural gem for future generations, at a cost of more than \$600,000. The importance of the work was acknowledged by HM King Harald of Norway, HM Queen Margrethe of Denmark and HE President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson of Iceland, all of whom wrote prefaces to the book. Along the way, he learned many valuable lessons about the significance of cultural heritage, the importance of preserving it and how connecting the past, present and future, brings people together and rekindles the ancient wisdom. In this lecture, Baard will also talk about some of the challenges and rewards that comes with being involved in this work. He hopes that sharing his experiences will inspire the listeners in their own pursuits in the field of heritage and tradition.

Baard Titlestad (b. 1977) is vice chairman and project director for the Norwegian foundation *Radix*

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Ladies Day with Ibsen

Tusen Takk to speaker, Kimberly Kenny, our torskemaster Paul Anderson, and all who worked behind the scenes to make the day a success. Thanks to Julie Nordan who sent some photos (see p. 2).

Torske Klub Luncheon - March 12, 2016

The luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556 for directions that day). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation by the evening of March 7, 2016. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER—this month indicating preference for Steak or Fish. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. \$5 surcharge for late reservations. Call **312-233-2887** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Garry at 312-497-6407. 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. We have reservations from the following members : **3, 38, 40, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 149.** Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to reservations@torskeklub.com (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. We will respond with a confirmation email. ****TIP** – Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number by your name. **FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2015/2016 season, *excluding father/son/daughter day in March* and *excluding ladies day in February.*

Reservations
by
March 7

Luncheon Reservation Phone: (312) 233-2887

Culturae Norvegicarum aiming to preserve the Norse cultural and historical heritage in its widest sense. He runs the publishing house Saga Bok, Norway's premier purveyor of saga literature. He has organized saga-based events in Norway, USA and Iceland, and has been involved in some of the most prestigious translation and publication projects in the saga field. He is a cultural entrepreneur, publisher, composer, musician and martial artist. Having lived for six years on Chicago's South West side, he is also a self-proclaimed Chicagoan, returning each year with his family to where he first found the significance and meaning of heritage.

As this day is father, son and daughter day, feel free to invite your children, grandchildren and fathers of any age. Moms and wives had their day last month. Let us know if you have a younger guest under 18; we'll try to ensure they get a special package. Make your reservations early as we enjoy the emerging spring day. Our Torskemaster is Ken Nordan.

A Few Photos from Ladies Day



**Mark your calendar for this
Torske Klub 2016 season:**

Mar. 12, 2015 Father, Son,
Daughter day

April 9, 2016– Luncheon

May 14, 2015– Anniversary
Luncheon

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Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the March: Dan Cord, David Cord, Scott Solberg, Ray Syverson, Rodney Lee, John Halverson, Eric Skoien, Hugo Lanesskog, Roald Harr, & David Bentsen Sr. On this month, we will raise our glass of green beer to celebrate the birthdays of the men who bought the aquavit. May the road rise to meet you!