



Chicago Sons of Norway
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Torske Klub Meeting Notice
 April 12, 2003
 Annual Father / Son / Daughter Event

Dear Torske Klub Member,

Our April Torske Klub meeting will be held on April 12, 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.

Keeping with our tradition each April, we are inviting our sons and daughters to dine with us, as well as our fathers. My father brought me to my first Torske dinner in 1975 and we have good memories of sons, daughter and their grandfathers attending over the subsequent years. It is a good tradition.

Our Torskemaster is our good member Thor Fjell. Remember to bring a “clean” story or joke.

We are honored, once again, to have Normennenes Singing Society, combined with the Swedish Glee Club of Waukegan as our entertainment. As our thanks for attending and dining with us, ALL singers wearing their jackets and performing for the Torske Klub will receive a \$5.00 discount on their dinner as a token of thanks from the Torske Klub. We do need reservations from our singers as well as members and guests, so follow the instructions below.



Normennenes Singing Society

(Dining Room Mural painted by John Cadel, 1953)

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| 1. Oslo City Hall | 9. Eidsvold Building
(Birthplace of Norway's
Constitution) |
| 2. Sigrid Undseth | 10. Edward Grieg |
| 3. Alexander Kjellland | 11. Ole Bull |
| 4. Edward Munch | 12. Roald Amundsen |
| 5. Bjornsterne Bjornson | 13. Fritjolf Nansen |
| 6. Henrik Wergeland | 14. Stave Church |
| 7. Henrik Abel | |
| 8. Henrik Ibsen | |

This mural was painted in 1953 by John Cadel. It hung in the Mural Room of the Normennenes Club at 2414 N. Kedzie Avenue in Chicago until 1979 when the building was sold. It was moved to the SACS club in Palatine where our Klub and others enjoyed it until that building closed. This was provided from a photo print by Dick Fjeldheim.



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For Reservations Please Call (630) 443-6839

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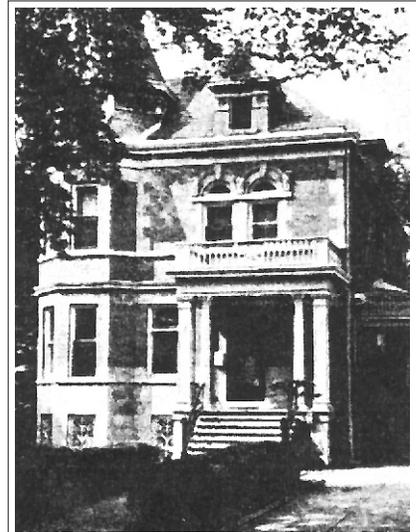
We have had a long association with Normennenes, initially as a brother organization in Logan Square, when we met at the Norway Center on Kedzie Avenue. Later we admired their mural at the Scandinavian American Cultural Society in Palatine. Many of our own members are also members of Normennenes. This month, we salute you and our brothers at the Swedish Glee Club.

⇒ *Reservations by April 9, 2003 at Noon*

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. For Normennenes or Swedish Singers, members or guests, please indicate this fact as well. Note that this reservation phone is unattended since it is an answering system only. It will usually ring four times before answering. 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 get back to you.

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

This month, I will ask everyone to reconfirm their reservations, even if they made one last month. I think I left the list on my work desk in another city and I won't be back there for a week or so. Sorry for the inconvenience. Currently, we have standing reservations from board members only: 3, 13C, 22, 43A, 47, 51, 55, 64A, 73C, 85, 98, 114. ***Reservations must be in by Wednesday at Noon, April 9, 2003.*** Call 847-781-6820 if we need to discuss this further. I attempt to give you the last possible moment to make your decision, please make it as early as possible.



This was the Normennenes Club from 1925 to 1979 at 2414 N. Kedzie Ave. in Chicago. Photo provided by Dick Fjeldheim.

Last Month's Dinner

Dick Fjeldheim discussed the work of the Norwood Park Home last month as Chairman of the Board. Ron Bentsen, our new Torske Klub board member, took the helm as Torskemaster. Thanks to both and to Thor Jondahl, who contributed to the new member "scholarship fund".

Other Klub News

I believe that I have distributed membership cards to everyone that has paid their dues for 2003. If you have not received one for 2003 and have paid your dues, contact me. For some reason, keeping track of this minor detail has been one of the challenges I have not yet mastered as your secretary.

We welcome two new members this month,

- ▶ C.E. "Doc" Kallem of Wheaton, IL.
- ▶ Richard Wielock of Morton Grove

Thanks for joining us gentlemen, we look forward to lifting a glass and telling a story with you.

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Future Events

For the future, remember that the Chicago Torske Klub has made arrangements to be the dinner guests of the Madison Torske Klub on October 4, 2003. The Klub intends to provide luxury bus transportation to the dinner from the Elk's Club in Des Plaines. Mark your calendars for this.

The Torske Klub 43rd Anniversary Dinner in May will also be ladies day. This event is just before Mother's Day as well, perhaps a way to treat mother as well.

Of course, the 17th of May, or Syttende Mai will be celebrated once again in Park Ridge, IL, courtesy of the Norwegian National League. Our Klub has sponsored an ad for this event over the years and will do so once again. Our members were offered well-wisher ads at the last meeting as well.

One of our new members, Ken Nordan, announced an "All you can eat" Torske Dinner, sponsored by the Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge on Saturday, April 26, 2003. It will be at the Beecher Building, 980 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL (southwest of Aurora, IL). It is near Highway 34 (Hillcrest Ave). They are serving from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. The menu is somewhat similar to our own: Poached Fish, Boiled Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Cole Slaw, Limpa Bread, Cake Coffee Milk. For tickets in advance, (\$10.00, Children under 10: \$4.00) call Ken Nordan 630-406-8155. Tickets at the door are \$12.00.

When in Norway, Beware of the Tipsy Moose

Animal experts are warning that unusual weather in Norway has led to groups of drunken moose wandering around the forests. Many Norwegian moose are becoming intoxicated after eating large numbers of fermenting fruit, which were plentiful after the country's exceptionally warm summer.

According to local sources they could pose a threat to humans. A Norwegian veterinarian says it's the first time he's heard of moose getting drunk. He assumes they behave in the same way as drunken humans: Some become harmless, while others are the total opposite.

Animal control officials have warned people to beware of drunken moose. "Be careful when you approach moose that have been munching apples for days. Their behavior can alter, and they can become frighteningly aggressive. Clap and see how it reacts. If it doesn't retreat but instead comes even closer, by all means stay vigilant. It can be intoxicated and attack." [Thanks to Dave Cornwell for this news story.]

Beste Hilsen,



Ken Larson