



April Luncheon—Report on the Viking Ship

The Chicago Torske Klub is pleased to announce the luncheon on April 9, 2022 which will feature an update on the Viking Ship by the Friends of the Viking Ship (FOVS). Representing this group will be Bjørn Rektorli, President and Dave Nordin, Vice President.

If this seems like déjà vu to some of you, recall that we heard from FOVS in 2017, and 2012. The historic ship sailed from Norway to the Chicago Columbian Exposition in 1893, Over a decade ago, it was transferred from the Chicago Park District open shelter along the lake to a temporary shelter in Geneva IL for stabilization and restoration. It's past, status and future will make an interesting review. BTW, many of our own members are past and current board members, including Paul Anderson, Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, Don Hoganson, Ken Nordan, and Perry Straw.



The Viking in storage in Geneva IL
- vikingship.us

The reservation line is open. Call early and bring a friend or two.

March Father/Son/Daughter Day Well Attended

We enjoyed the company of special guests on father, son and daughter day for a good luncheon followed by a passionate and candid talk by Mr. Terry Sullivan, a scout for the Boston Red Sox. Although the fish was fresh and well prepared, many noted that it was not the north Atlantic cod we would like. Fishing disruptions and availability limited what was available. We discussed the cod supply last month, we hope that will improve over the year.

Torske Klub Luncheon - April 9, 2022—Reserve today!

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 Sunday April 3** for the luncheon. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

Call **(847)886-4841** 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. We have reservations from the following members: **38, 51, 55, 58, 97, 98, 120, 124, 135, 149**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel or add guest to the count. 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 2021/2022 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

The birthdays April include Bob Fisk, Lars Ohrstrom, Karl Pearson, Richard Elmer, David Hardy, Carl Graf Jr., Doug Conte, Richard Nelson Jr., John Eisenmann, Chris Gruner, and our new Aquavit Chairman Fred Olk. Skål to the spring lambs!

All members be sure to set your calendar for the last luncheon of the season to May 7, 2022. The normal 2nd Saturday luncheon is occupied with luncheons and dinners of other Nordic organizations celebrating the Norwegian Syttende Mai Constitution Day. Note that the parade is on May 15, and the Torske Klub will be participating.

Notices:

- 1) **The price of our meal is now \$35.**
- 2) **Checks may be made out to "Chicago Torske Klub" once again.**

Aquavit Chairman—Fred Olk

We have been without an Aquavit Chairman since the passing of our good friend Bob Frost, with various members filling in the void. Dr. Ray Newgard and a few others suggested that void be filled with one of our members who has rarely missed a luncheon since he joined us in 2010, plus he has a steady hand and gives good pour. At the March board meeting it was agreed to ask Fred Olk, who agreed to the role at the March luncheon. Be sure to thank Fred for his service to our little group and his willingness to serve.



Fred Olk

The Majority Request to Remain at the Elks

You all may recall the vote/poll sheet included in the last letter requesting your opinion of the location of the future luncheons for the Chicago Torske Klub. This was proposed during the last board meeting, and distributed for all members of record to be returned at or before the March luncheon.

The advisory vote requested the future luncheons to remain at the Des Plaines Elks Club as the boss announced after the tally on March 12.

Of the 85 voting members of our group, 18 requested to remain at the Elks, 12 requested the Rolling Hills CC., one asked to split luncheons between the two. The remainder indicated specifically no preference, other options, or did not vote.

Two additional votes were received after the deadline, but they didn't change the results anyway. Thanks all for your guidance. No further action will be taken on this.

Why is Easter so Late?

Why is Easter so late in 2022? With Easter Sunday falling on Sunday April 4 in 2021, this year's Easter Sunday on April 17 is taking place later than usual. This is due to the fact that it falls on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon (known as the 'Paschal') after the spring equinox, according to Google.

The earliest day it can happen is March 22—but the next time that happens won't be until 2285! The latest day that Easter can take place is on April 25, which hasn't occurred since 1943.

Future 2022 Events

Apr. 9— Luncheon—FOVS
May 7*— 62nd Anniversary Luncheon.
May 15—Norway Constitution Day parade in Park Ridge IL.

[*Note May luncheon date change to 1st Saturday of May]

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