



CELEBRATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE *RESTAURATION*

October 9, 2025 is celebrated as the 200th anniversary of the first Norwegian Immigrants landing in America on the sloop *Restauration*, with millions to follow afterwards.

That event is being recreated right now by hearty Norwegian sailors in a replica of that sloop's voyage. See <https://www.Restauration.no>

The story of the crossing has been fondly related for generations, yet that story neglects

much of the facts about the religious persecution, the route chosen, illegal activities, the threat of being fired upon, and a president's pardon.



Image credit: <http://www.Restauration.no>

The Chicago Torske Klub BOSS Ken Larson has been assisting the NAGCNL with the update and republishing of the Gerhard Naeseth book *Norwegian Immigrants* and is prepared to tell that story and the less common told back story of the immigration.

Join us for those stories, the celebration of the anniversary and to skål our Immigrants ancestors.

Torske Klub Luncheon - Oct 11, 2025—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 Sunday evening before 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 a \$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, 98, 102, 120, 124, 135, 149, 170A**. 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 2025/2026 season, excluding Ladies day in February and Father/Son/Daughter day in March.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

**Reserve
before Midnight
Sunday
Oct 5**



Congratulations are in order to Ken Larson's Grandson, Lt. Chris Gruener, and his fiancée, Bella Ksel, on their upcoming nuptials October 3. You might not recognize Chris though he is a long standing member of the Torske Klub. He hasn't had the opportunity to attend because of his military service.

Vi ønsker dere begge alt godt på den store dagen og i fremtiden.

Reminders

- 1) The price of our meal is \$35, excluding cocktails and raffle.
- 2) Please make checks out to "Tom Peterson"
- 3) The Torske Klub now also accepts Zelle payments via your cell phone. Tom will help you set this up at the check-in desk for the first time to insure you have it set up correctly.
- 4) The Elks Lodge is making available access to the large banquet room downstairs via the outside stairs. If you come too early the door may still be locked and you'll still need to use the elevator inside the lobby. It should be unlocked after 11:30 am. Give it a try. Coat racks are downstairs in the banquet room facilities



This postage stamp was inspired by the [Alexander Stirling Calder](#) statue of [Leifur Eiríksson in Reykjavík, Iceland](#) and was issued on October 9, 1968

Future 2025-2026 Events

Oct 11 Restauration 1825

Ken Larson

Nov 8 Emil Biorn Memorial Park update

Andrew Schneider

Dec 13 Christmas Program

Jan 10 **Sweater Day**

A ride on the Rio Grande Zephyr

Fred Glure

Feb 14 Ladies Day

Valentines Day



This month we recognize the birthdays of the following members who have contributed their dues money toward the purchase of the Line Aquavit we enjoy so much at our monthly gatherings.

Thank you for keeping our tradition alive.

October

Darryl Bengtson, Walter Lorentsen, Eivind Torske, and board member Sam Smith.

Gratulerer med dagen og Skål !

2025 Vasa Park Annual Scandinavian Day Festival

It was a beautiful late Summer Day for the event in a shaded glade along the Fox River. Our BOSS, Ken Larson, reported it was one of the few times he had an excellent view of the main stage and the acoustics were outstanding. Members helping to man our display table included board members Larry Ekstrom, Tom Maxon, Sam Smith, and John Van Alstin.



"It was a beautiful day in the park"

— Ken Larson

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