



Tour of Stave Kirke Set for November



The Stave kirke from Gol in Hallingdal was rebuilt and restored from the original site to Bygdøy Island at the Folk Museum near Oslo
- photo by Ken Larson

Our November Luncheon will feature a slide tour of some of the famous and ancient stave kirken (Pole Churches) in Norway. Our tour guide is our own long-time member and Corresponding Secretary, Ken Larson. Ken and his wife Kathy have toured parts of Norway with a number of the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) and Torske Klub tours in 2006, 2007, and 2010. As they split off for self tours later, they visited and recorded some historical and family sites in Bergen, Oslo, Stavanger, Vest Adger, Valdres and Trondheim visiting some of the stave kirken, and other old family and historic churches along the way. This yielded some videos and slides of some interesting views and perspectives of these sites. These are the cradles of many of our religious and social beliefs; they evolved to represent Norway's evolution from the Norse gods to Roman Catholic to Reformation styles of Christian worship. Our torskmaster will be our Recording Secretary, Garry Grube.

Make your reservations early, the secretaries are going to take over and be busy at this meeting.

October Luncheon

We enjoyed another good turnout for October as we hosted Solveig Schavland Quinney of Madison Wisconsin. She spoke about her translation of the Albert Jaern book, "And then Came the Liberators". The book was released in Norwegian in 1945, and Ms. Quinney's translation provided the first English translation of the atrocities and indignities of the Norwegian occupation in World War II.

Thanks also to Don Hoganson, who led the meeting as torskemaster.

Torske Klub Luncheon - November 9, 2013

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 Nov. 4, 2013. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline.

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, 13C, 38, 40, 47, 55, 84, 98, 114, 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 2013/2014 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.



Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Birthdays & Member News for November

We here recognize the November birthdays of our members. This month we celebrate Vern Bengtson, Jorgen Laursen, Coach Chuck Enge, Robert Olberg, and Ron Betz. A wish for a cornucopia of aquavits to these men and skål to their celebration. Join us for a formal skål on November 9.

We have received news of many members, friends and relatives who have been hospitalized or recovering from recent hospitalizations. Our former treasurer, Gene Kazmarek has been hospitalized. We had received word from Dr. Ray Newgard that his sister Diane was hospitalized in serious condition; then later that his brother and our good member Bob Newgard was found unconscious at home and hospitalized. We also heard at the last luncheon that Carl Eglund was recovering from joint surgery and is expecting to rejoin us soon. Our prayers for a speedy recovery to these friends.

Finally, we would like to have your prayers for one of our good members that we have not seen for awhile, Dan C. Dan is the grandson of Stu B. and is being deployed in the middle east as he has finished training. We'll not publish details here, but his overseas address and information will be available to those who would like to correspond to our member on active duty. Contact Kayo or Stu B. for info or ask at the sign-in table at the luncheon.

Thanks Dan, we're all proud of your service to our country.

Preparing [Lefse] for the Holidays

It is that time of year that we start thinking lefse. Many can't find time to make their own, so we get calls from our members and friends about our source for the luncheons. Countryside Lefse ships theirs by the box, but the holiday rush requires an early order. They ship 12 or 24 pack boxes, with about 6 wedge slices in a pack. For smaller amounts, see the Woodman's grocery in the Chicago suburbs. See the website at <http://www.lefse.com> or call 800-584-6789.

Dues Reminder

You were sent a dues payment slip and return envelope with membership information last month. Please submit your \$40 for the years' dues as well as any changes to address information.

This can be returned by mail, or brought to the luncheon for payment. Thanks to those who paid.

As your dues are paid, please claim your membership pin at the luncheon.

Mark these Luncheon and Other Dates for the 2013 / 2014 Season

- November 9, 2013 (normal 2nd Saturday this year) - Luncheon
- December 14, 2013-Christmas Party
- December 31, 2013—Last day for dues
- January 11, 2014— Sweater Day Lunch
- February 8, 2014—Ladies Day Lunch
- March 8, 2014— Father, Son, Dtr. Lunch
- April 12, 2014—Luncheon
- May 10, 2014— Anniversary Luncheon

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We hope everyone had a great year! With the weather turning, and the holiday season right around the corner *it's time to get those lefse orders in!*