



May Anniversary Luncheon with Brent Lyons “The Trail and Whereabouts of Lee Harvey Oswald”



Brent Lyons in Lee Harvey Oswald's Rooming House, 50 years from the moment when Oswald picked up his weapon.

This month is the final luncheon of this Torske Klub season before we recess for the summer. It is the 54th anniversary of our group, which adds to the other celebrations this month. See the back page.

We also reserve this month for a less formal attire. Polo/golf shirts and caps are welcome. It's a good month for the Torske Klub shirt and hat if you have one.

Our speaker is Brent Lyons, who began his interest of the JFK Assassination in February of 1994, when he watched the CBS documentary of the 30th Anniversary of the JFK Assassination. From that point he never looked back, doing JFK Assassination Research for the last 20 plus years. He has been to Dallas, Texas over 50 times, personally meeting famous people who are linked to the JFK Assassination, including Caroline Kennedy, Walter Cronkite and Oliver Stone. Because of his interest in the JFK Assassination, he finished his Associates Degree at College of DuPage and is enrolled at DePaul University working toward a Bachelors Degree. Make your reservation early.

Olympic Dreams in April

Tusen Takk to Olympian Speed Skating Hall-of-Famer Nancy Swider-Peltz who spoke to our luncheon in April. We enjoyed the stories of the adventures at the Winter Olympics in Russia as well as her views on the national and international speed skating. Takk again to Don Hoganson who brought her to the luncheon as well as his role as torskemaster.

Torske Klub Luncheon - May 10, 2014

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 May 7, 2014. 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. \$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, 13C, 38, 40, 47, 51, 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.

**Reservations
by
May 7**

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

200th Anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution

This month denotes a milestone in the land of many of our ancestors: the 200th Anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution. It seems odd that one of the oldest European nations is actually younger than the USA on paper, but here we are. Here's a reminder of the transitions that Norway has undergone over the millennia:

- 782 A.D.—King Harald Hårfagre (Fairhair) unifies the Viking settlements into a single unified Norway at the Battle of Hafsfjord near Stavanger
- 1319—The Kalmar Union forms under King Magnus VII uniting Norway, Sweden and Denmark.
- 1521— Sweden breaks from Kalmar Union leaving Denmark united with Norway.
- 1661—Norway restored as a Kingdom, but is a legislative union with Denmark yet.
- 1814— Denmark is on the losing side of the Napoleonic War, ceding Norway to Sweden in the *Treaty of Kiel*. The Norse colonies of Iceland, Greenland, and Faroe Islands remain with Denmark.

During this time, Norway declared independence. They elected Crown Prince of Denmark and Norway Christian Frederick as king on the **17th of May in 1814**. This is the Syttende Mai or Norwegian Constitution Day that is celebrated to this day. Sweden didn't like this arrangement and started the famous Norwegian-Swedish War whose highlight is recalled in the prose "*1000 Swedes ran through the weeds, chased by one Norwegian*". In reality, neither side had the resources for a protracted war, and the *Convention of Moss* left the Swedish King Charles XIII as king of Norway, but left Norway's Parliament and constitution mostly intact.

- 1905—Norway peacefully separates from Sweden and selects their own King, Haakon VII.

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of these good members: Nels Nelson, Ken Nordan, Pastor David Langseth, Jim Stoga, Henry Hansen, Thor Fjell, Fred Gilbertsen, and Assistant Boss Roger Elmer. Happy Birthday to all!

Note to all: An umbrella and a white Torske Klub Hat have been left at the luncheon, likely in April. See Ken L. if it is yours.

At the time of printing, we received word of the passing of Trygve Lonnebotn, past Boss of the Madison Torske Klubben, retired Norway Consul General and good friend. Our prayers for his family.

May is a Busy Month

May 2, 2014— Normenneses Singing Soc. Concert—Crowne Plaza, Northbrook, 7:30pm—847-296-2568

May 16, 2014—Norway Constitution Day Concert—Minnekirken, Chicago 7:30pm

May 17, 2014— Viking Skip Visitors' Day—1-4pm—Good Templar Park Geneva, IL

May 17, 2014— Norwegian Constitution Day Formal Banquet. Invitations are in the mail by the NNL for formal celebration the 200th anniversary of the constitution. Svein Ludvigsen is the keynote speaker. Orion Samuelson is MC. Contact the Norwegian Consul General office at 312-377-5050 to be added to the invitation list.

May 18, 2014— Constitution Day Parade—Hodges Park—Park Ridge IL. The Torske Klub will line up to march at Cumberland and Talcott at 12:30pm

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