



Are Nordic People the Happiest in the World?

The April Luncheon will answer that question for us this month. Why are the Nordic people measured year after year as the happiest in the world? Our speaker will address this at the luncheon on April 14 with his presentation: "We should have more people from Norway." You may recall that President Trump made this statement after meeting with the Prime Minister of Norway. We will look at several international rankings to compare Norway to the United States.

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Our torskemaster this month is Fred Glure. Call the number below with the instructions to make your reservation. The line is open now.



The Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce dine with happy Norwegians on the island of Skrova

Vikings Invade the March Luncheon

We had a great time with fathers, sons, daughters and lots of guests at the March luncheon. We were treated to the insights of Viking sword secrets from both the blacksmith of the Ulfberht sword, Richard Furrer of Door County, WI as well as Prof. Greg Olsen from Northwestern University. Prof. Olsen developed a modern steel alloy based on the Viking materials. Thanks to Garry Grube for running the meeting. The luncheon was well attended and festive.



Rich Wielock brandishes the Sword

Torske Klub Luncheon - April 14, 2018

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 April 9 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 **(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: **3, 38, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 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 2017/2018 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

**Reservations
by
April 9**

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847)886-4841

Notes from Easter 2018

Easter 2018 was on April 1 this year. It is the first time in decades that Easter is on April Fools day, which offers a lot of opportunity to those who celebrate both. For instance:

- ◆ This year, you can tell your kids to look for Easter Eggs, and not hide any.
- ◆ How do you make Easter easier?

Replace the t with an i.

- ◆ A farmer plays a prank on Easter Sunday. After the egg hunt, he sneaks into the chicken coop and replaces every white egg with a brightly colored one. Minutes later, the rooster walks in. He spots the colored eggs, then storms out and beats up the peacock.
- ◆ How did the Easter Bunny dry himself after getting wet in the rain? With a hare dryer.
- ◆ Sign on the Lebanon Baptist Church: "Easter comes on April Fools Day. Satan was fooled. Jesus is alive."

And we'll leave it there. We hope you had a Happy Easter and April Fool's Day.



Looking forward to May

Besides being tired of this long winter, we are coming up to the end of the torsk season. Events coming up:

- ◇ April 6– Normennenes concert at Conant H.S. www.norgesings.org
- ◇ April 21– Viking Ship in Geneva is open www.vikingship.org
- ◇ April 22– NAGCNL Dinner in Madison WI. www.nagcnl.org see events
- ◇ May 14– Torske Klub Luncheon—58th Anniversary— last one until September
- ◇ May 17– Minnekirken Concert
- ◇ May 19– NNL Banquet nnleague.org
- ◇ May 20– Norway Constitution Day Parade in Park Ridge IL. The Torske Klub marches in this. Join us.



The latest generation of Vikings enjoyed the program at the March father, son, daughter day luncheon

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the spring lambs: Peter Nielsen, Lars Ohrstrom, Jim Severson, Richard Elmer, Richard Fjeldheim, David Hardy, Carl Graf Jr., Douglas Conte, Richard Nelson Jr., John Eisemann, Rolf Larson, Tore Bakk-Hansen, and Fred Olk. Skol!

We wish the best to our friend and Aquavit Chairman Bob Frost. He has been absent a couple months as he has been recovering from back surgery. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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