



## May 7 Luncheon—62nd Anniversary of our Torske Klub

I won't lie to you, we talked to quite a few a few people about addressing the Torske Klub in May. Recall that we changed the date from the usual 2nd Saturday to the 1st Saturday; May 7. The bad news is that the change conflicted with a couple of potential speaker's calendars. The good news is that we both have these speakers in the queue for next season, and we also have an excellent speaker lined up for May. Dr. Ray Newgard brokered one of those potential programs, and then offered to step up and do this one. Tusen takk Ray!

We only have a few members that recall that last 50 years of the Torske Klub, but only one that recalls the whole 62 years, and that person is Ray. We will be entertained to his memories and anecdotes of past events and a bit of history. This is the last luncheon of this Torske season until September.



Dr. Ray Newgard and his late brother  
Bob Newgard in Ålesund Norway 2006

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

## The Viking Ship Future was Reviewed in April

Friends of the Viking Ship president Bjørn Rektorli, and Dave Nordin, Vice President, provided a great update to the Viking Ship status in Geneva Illinois. The ship, which is owned by the people of Illinois, with admin by FOVS, outlined plans to locate to a new building next door to the Geneva History Museum on 3rd Street in Geneva IL. Thanks to Bjorn and Dave, and to all that attended. We were joined by our good friends Paul Berge and John Grinde of the Madison Torske Klubben. Come again!

### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - May 7, 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 May 1** 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 May birthdays include Nels Nelson, our good board member Pastor David Langseth, Arizonian and past treasurer Ken Nordan, and Joseph Arnold. Skål and gratulerer med dagen!

Our congratulations to Chris Gruner, who was promoted to E5/Sergeant in the Illinois National Guard as he finishes his college senior year while on flood duty and touring the state prisons with the Covid team.

All members are invited to march in the Norwegian Constitution Day parade in Park Ridge, IL. In fact, most members that join us bring family, children and grandchildren who enjoy marching the distance and waving to the crowd as a unique experience. In the past decades we have brought an auto or two to carry those that cannot walk the distance, and have thrown wrapped candy to the kids. Needless to say, the Torske Klub is a popular group to the kids of Park Ridge.

**Notices:**

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

## 62 Years of the Luncheon

Over the last 62 years, we have hosted a number of notable speakers and celebrities. The first speaker in 1960 was police chief O.W. Wilson. The speakers and memorable entertainment to follow included politicians and sports figures of the day, many facilitated by our member the late Ald. Bernie Hansen. Mayor Jane Byrne, State Comptroller Jerry Constantino (who was later indicted), Chip Carter (son of Pres. Jimmy Carter), senator and presidential candidate Paul Simon, Ald. Richard Mell (who was stumping for his son-in-law Rod Blagojevich for Governor), Sports figures include but are not limited to Cubs notable Andy Pafko, Sox legend Moose Skowron (who told stories of dining with Marilyn Monroe and her then husband Joe Dimaggio), Kurt Becker (who played on the 1986 Super Bowl Bears team), and Bears Quarterback Bobby Douglas. We welcomed a few in the Chicago News community too, weatherman Steve Baskerville, anchor Mary Ann Childers. From overseas, Svein Ludvigsen - Norwegian Minister of Fisheries and Governor of Troms with Havard Johansen Norwegian Fisheries Minister in Washington DC. We also welcomed Lodve Solholm as Governor of More og Romsdal fylke(county) and President of the Norwegian Lagting (parliament) . Lt. Col. David James, one of the Tuskegee Airman, spoke to our group in 2007. Only a few of us can recall the belly dancer. Perhaps Ray will recall many more on May 7.  
- Ken Larson—that young fella that joined in 1976

**Future 2022 Events**  
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]**

## May 2022 Chicago Syttende Mai

A number of events are taking place on the weekend of May 13-15.

May 13—Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce—Chicago Luncheon at Rolling Green CC. See [naccchicago.org](http://naccchicago.org).

May 14—Norwegian National League Dinner. Park Ridge CC. See [www.nnleague.org](http://www.nnleague.org)

May 15—Norwegian Constitution Day Parade—1pm in Park Ridge IL. Start at Cumberland and Talcott Av. End in Hodges Park. See [www.nnleague.org](http://www.nnleague.org)

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