



## Expanded Annual Christmas Celebration!

Our annual Christmas luncheon is being led by our good board member and shepherd Pastor David Langseth and with Kathleen West accompanying on the piano. He has expanded his program with some family members accompanying the “Elves” that typically join us. We have had the request from other members to bring their spouses and adult children this month, so the board agreed with Ray Newgard’s proposal: Why not invite everyone’s wives and friends?

### Ladies Invited this Month!

Your wife and friends and friend’s wives are invited this year to our celebration. Be sure to call in the reservation by Dec.4 to insure a portion of torsk, and if beef is preferred, denote that in your reservation.

IF you wish to reserve a table of 10, send a representative to reserve it before noon.

We are not replacing ladies day or father/son/daughter day. That will be next year.

So bring your singing voices and Christmas Spirit for the traditional sing along. We look forward to a few sopranos this year. The reservation line is open, the lefse and aquavit

is on the way, the fish is awaiting your plate.



David Langseth and his Elves

## November Veterans Day

An excellent torsk plate and an inciteful talk from Gary Midkiff topped out November Luncheon. Thanks to all who attended and especially the Swedish dancers who joined us before they went to an event.

### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - December 10, 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 Dec. 4** 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 2022/2023 season, excluding December, father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

***Reservation Line: 847-886-4841***

This month we recognize the kids that got their Christmas presents combined with their birthday presents: Dr. Egil Fosslie, Michael Mogil, Harold Bendicson, our new member Dave Hall, our assistant boss Garry Grube, and our treasurer Milt Gustafson.

Gratulerer med dagen, God Jul and Skål !

## Teaching the Bible to Children

In this season, we reflect on the story of Christmas, the music, and the memories of our childhood. In our email this month arrived a chuckle of how confusing this must be when you are little.

Children in a Catholic elementary school were asked questions about the Bible and here are some untouched, unedited responses:

- In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark, Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire at night.
- Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezibel like Deliah. He slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- Moses led the hebrews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
- The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The seventh commandment is thou shall not admit adultery.
- It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, a man doth not live by sweat alone.
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
- St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
- The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
- The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
- St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.



### Reminders:

- 1) The price of our meal remains \$35.
- 2) Checks may be made out to "Chicago Torske Klub" once again.
- 3) **Submit yearly dues today if not done, else next month will be your last letter.**

### Future Events

- Dec. 10**—Christmas Party
- Dec. 31**—Torske Dues dues date
- Jan.14**—Sweater Day/Gary Skoien on Antarctica
- Feb. 11**—Ladies Day
- Mar. 11**—Father/Son?Daughter Day

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