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Join us when our Torske Master for the month, Dr. Ray Newgard, manages our meeting for this month. Our guest speaker, Carl Vogel is the Director of Communications for the Forest Preserves of Cook County, which protects nearly 70,000 acres of natural public land throughout Cook County and is one of the oldest and largest forest



preserve districts in the United States. Prior to joining the Forest Preserves he has been the editor of nonprofit magazines in New York and Chicago, an adjunct professor at New York University, and a communications consultant for universities, think tanks, community groups, and government agencies, with a focus on urban policy and social change.

At our September meeting Matt Nygaard, President of [NorCham Chicago](#), announced name change of the Chicago Chapter of NACC to [NorCham Chicago](#).

This change will provide an opportunity for NorCham to improve and expand its mission for Norwegian interaction for trade promotion and goodwill, and to foster business, financial and professional interests between Norway and the United States. [At noon, on Saturday, October 7th, they will be hosting the Sleipner Plaque & Chicago Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum event.](#) They will have a docent-led tour of the McCormick Bridgehouse Museum on the Chicago River, and also learn about the nearby Sleipner Plaque on the State Street river bridge.

Torske Klub Luncheon - Oct 14, 2023—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 Sep. 8** 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, 1, 98, 120, 124, 135, 149.** Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or pre-arrange 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 2023/2024 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841



Gentlemen of the Chicago Torske Klub

I am pleased to take the reins as the boss of the Chicago Torske Klub in this October luncheon. I am following in the footsteps of a number of men that have kept this group fun and memorable for the last 63 years. Lowell Olberg has done a magnificent job in this last decade, preceded by Robert Alsaker, Ralph Eglund, Chris Johansson, Irving Highland and Andrew Highland. In my 47 years as a member of the Torske Klub, I have had the privilege to witness and learn from these wonderful leaders. With your help and support I hope to continue to carry on the traditions of our fathers and grandfathers.

-Ken Larson

What is the Vegvisir Norse Compass as depicted on the notice above?

Renting a car in Oslo is not going to help you very much when it comes to seeing the Vegvisir Viking Compass. Pronounced “VEGG-vee-seer”, this word translates to ‘sign post’ or ‘way finder’. It is an eight-pointed shape, with each point having a unique design. The Vegvisir Compass is also known as the Nordic compass, the runic compass, the Odin compass, and the Viking compass.

It was not a literal compass, but a symbol used to prevent you from losing your way. And although we no longer hand these to boat captains for good luck on their journeys, the symbol still holds a pretty powerful philosophy. So one can still find it on people in the form of a tattoo, and the jewelry they wear. The symbol was inserted here to help give Ken and the Klub guidance.

Future 2023 Events

Oct. 14 – Luncheon.

Nov.11—Luncheon

Dec. 9—Christmas Party

Jan. 13—Sweater Day

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Looking for a coordinator for our group to plan and contact speakers or programs.
Most programs are suggested by members,
Usually an hour or so per month.

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