

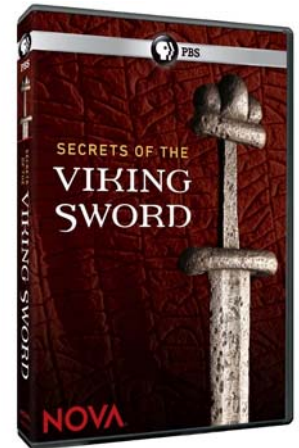


Viking Swords at Father, Son, Daughter Day

The Annual Father, Son, Daughter day Luncheon is scheduled for our March luncheon. What better program topic for the Chicago Torske Klub to feature than Viking Swords!

Our featured speaker this month is Richard Furrer from Door County Forgeworks. He is the blacksmith featured on PBS show *Nova - Secrets of the Viking Sword* showing the making of Ulfberht sword. He is based outside of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin and will be joining us with his insights. If you have not seen this show, the abstract notes:

"The Vikings were some of the fiercest warriors of all time, and a select few carried the ultimate weapon, a sword nearly 1,000 years ahead of its time, built by a mysterious craftsman, from a material unknown to rivals for centuries. The sword was known as the 'Ulfberht.'"



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this month

In addition to Mr. Furrer, we will welcome the Northwestern University professor, Greg Olson, who developed a steel alloy based on these kind of medieval sword metals.

He will give a 10-15 minute introduction leading to Mr. Furrer's presentation.

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

February Ladies Day Enjoyed

The February Luncheon was a needed break from winter as over 100 joined us for the annual ladies day event. Our speaker for that day was Beth Sair, who spoke and shared her passion and her presentation about the Statues of Chicago.

We were also joined by Normennenes, who is the oldest continuously performing Norwegian Singing society of North America. They started our luncheon with traditional numbers. Tusen Takk!

Thanks to Perry Gulbrandsen, who served as Torskemaster and to the many that made the luncheon enjoyable. A tip of the viking helmet to D&S Flowers of Des Plaines; our vendor for the roses.

Torske Klub Luncheon - March 10, 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 March 5 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 **plus note FISH or BEEF**. 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.



Luncheon Reservation Phone: (847)886-4841

Photos from Ladies Day

A sample of photos taken by Julie Nordan



Assistant Boss Roger "Rusty" Elmer (1948-2018)

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our Assistant Boss, Rusty Elmer on February 20 after a short bout with cancer. Rusty was a fixture at our Torske Klub for the last 40 years. He was retired from the Bomb and Arson Squad of the Chicago Police Department. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Karen, daughters Kristen and Lauren, and with his extended family including mom, Doris, and brother Rick, who is also a member of the Torske Klub.



His youngest brother Rocky passed away a few years ago and his father Roger preceded him as well. Both were Torske Klub members. We sent an email to members about the visitation and service on March 3 at Smith-Corcoran, 6150 N. Cicero Ave, Chicago.

Member Birthdays

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the March: Our new pair of tricenarians, David Cord & Daniel Cord, our newly minted septuagenarians Ray Syversen & Roald Harr, Rodney Lee, nonagenarian John Halversen, Eric Skoien, Gerald Jensen, Hugo Lannesskog, and David Bentsen Sr. As they say in Ireland, "May you live to be a hundred years, With one extra year to repent! "

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