



## Cryptocurrency and Blockchain

We cannot listen to the current financial news today without hearing about Bitcoin, Ethereum, and other cryptocurrencies. But what is this mysterious entity? How can it affect each of us? Why all the excitement about it? The second luncheon of this season will feature our own Ken Larson, who will speak about the nature of cryptocurrency and blockchain, the technology behind it and its viability and challenges for the future. This program will speak to the basics, its mechanism and a discussion of some of its intricacies and opportunities.



Ken retired in 2020 as a consultant of information technology from Hewlett Packard Enterprise, a leading provider of technology and services.

Make your reservation today.

## September Luncheon Redux

Our first luncheon of the new Torske Season, and the first opportunity to meet in over 18 months welcomed about 26 members to be reacquainted in a month that is typically light in attendance. In lieu of a speaker, the microphone was passed but after Lowell, Perry and Garry spoke, there was no time for any more. We'll have to rethink that strategy for the future to give others a time. If you have a topic, let us know for a future talk.

It was a good day and the odds were good for the raffle.

We continue to watch the COVID-19 situation. We are obligated to follow state and local rules for separation and masking, if needed, as well as any requirements of the Elks' Club on the day of the luncheon. We know that the Elks are anxious to see us, and we understand that spacing may be a little more distant for them and us. We rely on your good judgement at the luncheon.

### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - October 9, 2021—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 September 5 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: **3, 38, 42A, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 120, 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](mailto: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 April and excluding ladies day in February.

***Reservation Line: (847)824-1556***

Birthdays for October include board member Tom Field, Eivind Torske, Darryl Bengston, Walter Lorentsen and Raffle Chairman Sam Smith. Happy birthday and Skål !

Our collective greetings to our board member Tom Field, who has been ill.

## Open Your Wallet–Time for Dues!

Recall that the board decided to suspend dues for Torske Klub for the 2020-2021 season, owing to the lack of meetings, letters and costs required that COVID year. As we are meeting again, it's time to restart the dues for the 2021-2022 season. Dues remain at \$40 for the year.

Our dues pay for the costs that this group incur, specifically, this letter and postage, the cost of the lefse which we order for the meals, and the Linie Aquavit to skål to the torsk and your birthday. We purchase other incidentals for special days, such as flowers for ladies day and an occasional appetizer. Your \$25 meal price pays for the monthly meal and included tips, and is adjusted as our price per meal is adjusted. We have been fortunate not to have many increases in that last decades, but we will have to see how inflation treats us this next year.

A return envelope has been provided for your prompt return of the dues, and we have also enclosed a form with the information we have for you. Please review it and make changes where the info is incorrect. Address and email tends to be the biggest issues, and if you do not get a mailing and email each month, we may have incorrect info.

Please provide your birth month so we can celebrate your birthday. Year and date are optional.

Please mail or bring your dues to the luncheon.

### Complementary Letters

The Chicago Torske Klub sends a number of complementary or informational letters to various embassy, consulate, and related organization heads as a courtesy to relate our program and solicit men who would be interested in our gathering. We are an informal gathering of men in the Chicago area who enjoy the gathering, program and meal offered.



Ken Larson and Lowell Olberg manned the Chicago Torske Klub booth at the Vasa Park Scandinavian Day on September 12, joined by Sebastian Gruener

### Writing Checks for Dinner or Dues

Remember the new requirements for Torske Klub related checks. In the past we have maintained an account for the "Torske Klub," however banking regulations and the fact that our group is "a bunch of guys getting together for lunch" we can no longer deposit checks as the Torske Klub. Moving forward, all checks must be written to "Milt Gustafson" as our treasurer.

The same will apply to paying dues. Dues will be collected starting in October

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