



The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.....

The luncheon for November will honor Veterans Day. Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Europe stopped fighting. The late involvement of the United States army had tipped the scales of the conflict and Germany asked for an armistice before their armies were pushed backward into their country. Sadly, the Armistice set the scene for the Treaty of Versailles, which one historian has described as "the peace to end all peace". The program will cover the war from our involvement at Cantigny (and other battles) through the negotiations regarding that treaty.



Our speaker, Prof. Gary Midkiff is the founder of the Kennan Group and author of the novel "Busville". He presented to us in 2019, and we are pleased to have him return.

The reservation line is open, the lefse and aquavit is on the way, the fish is awaiting your plate.

October Celebrated Leif Erikson

A couple dozen celebrated Leif Erikson Day with Dr. Charles Peterson as our speaker. He prepared a unique and interesting presentation charting the exploration of America by the Vikings as written in the sagas and by the map of Newfoundland. It was a day and weekend that conflicted with a number of Scandinavian activities, but we won out for many with a good plate of fish.

Torske Klub Luncheon - November 12, 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 Nov. 6** 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 father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

This month we recognize the birthdays of November: Jorgen Laursen, new minted septuagenarian Bruce Carlson, “Coach” Chuck Enge, Robert Olberg, Ed Waters, and Ron Betz.

Gratulerer med dagen. Skål !

Our good member Don Hoganson was to receive the Distinguished Norwegian Service Award on October 28, but has been hospitalized after a bout with Covid, we understand. Our best wishes to Don.

Many members like to order lefse for the holidays, if not making it at home. Our supplier Countryside Lefse at Lefse.com now sells smaller quantities for shipment, and reminds people to order early for the holiday rush. It refrigerates for a couple weeks, and freezes successfully for longer, in our experience There are six servings/slices of lefse to each 6oz package. Ground Shipping:

6 Package case: \$44.00, 12 Package case: \$60.00, 24 Package case: \$86.00

Are You Scandinavian?

The last decades have renewed interest in genealogy, much of that from easy record access through the internet, and the development of DNA sciences. Many of our group have been involved with the Norwegian-American Genealogy Center or other sources and heritages in this country of the melting pot, the USA.

Many go though life assured of their heritage by stories of their parents and grandparents, immutable as a percentage of a national boundary: 50% Norwegian, 25% Swedish, 25% Swiss, etc..

If you claim Scandinavian heritage, governance, borders, and emigration between countries may blur those immutable percentages. This hasn't been realized as much as in recent years, when DNA analysis exposes many old beliefs. Why is this? A few reasons:

- Norway was Danish from 1521-1814. They intermarried.
- Norway was a part of Sweden in the 1800s, and much earlier part of the Kalmar Union. Some royalty and “kings men” born in Sweden and Denmark took land and brides in Norway. Example: Swedish born Ramborg Knutsdotter Lejon (1360-1480) married and lived in Norway, ancestor to many.
- The Hanseatic League offered trading, jumping ship and intermarrying with Norway from German, Flemish and Baltic areas.
- “Forrest Finns” emigrated to Sweden and Norway in 16th and 17th centuries, blending into society. See that outcome on the map. Ditto for the Sami people, who migrated the north.
- And then there was the vikings who introduced DNA to Norway by intermarriages from Normandy, Baltic, English Isles, Portugal, Sicily, Russia, and more.

Yup, we are all mutts. - KOL

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. About 50% have paid.**



The DNA analysis of “100% Norwegian” heritage. DNA noted as 15% Finnish and remainder as Northern European and UK

Future Events

- Nov.12**—Luncheon –Prof. Gary Midkiff on 104th Armistice Day, ending WW1.
Dec. 10—Christmas Party
Jan.14—Sweater Day/Gary Skoien on Antarctica

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