



January is Sweater Month

Wear your favorite Norwegian sweater or ugly sweater if so desired.



Please join us in welcoming Pastor Tim Johnson who is currently the pastor at Minnekirken. Pastor Johnson grew up in Washington State apple country. He attended college and seminary at North Park. He has pastored congregations in Connecticut, Minnesota, and the South Suburbs. Finally, he served as dean of North Park Seminary. Minnekirken is a transition from a full career to retirement. The Minnekirken congregation is now enjoying its first Swede from the Swedish Covenant Church as a part time pastor. These are just the highlights. I'm sure he'll enjoy filling in the details while enjoying our traditional Norwegian cod fish meal.

Tom Maxson will attend to duties as our torskemaster for the day.

Torske Klub Luncheon - January 11, 2025—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 Sunday evening before 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, 98, 102, 120, 124, 135, 149, 170A**. 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 2024/2025 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March, Christmas and ladies day in February.

**Reservations
by Sunday
January 5**

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841



Annual Winter Ski Jump Tournament Celebrating 120 Years of the Norge Ski Club

January 25 - 26, 2025

Fox River Grove, Illinois



For 120 years, the Norge Ski Club has hosted the annual ski jump. This year, it is on January 25-26, 2025 in Fox River Grove. Gates open 10:30am Saturday, 11am on Sunday. See the web site <https://norgeskiclub.org> for more details. Many of our members will and have attended this event as visitors, opening ceremony singers and a select few as jumpers. If you've never gone to this event, it is a winter celebration that has grown to rival a pre-football tailgating party followed by a few hours of this exciting sporting event and of course the food and drink that warms the body and soul. It is a national and international event, with many already identified as contending for the Olympics. We'll see you there.

Sweater Day History

We have committed to wearing sweaters for this January luncheon in the last decade, and the style most of us favor is the traditional Norwegian sweater with traditional design.

It may surprise you to learn that these sweaters are not some ancient Viking tradition handed down through the generations. In fact, most Norwegian origins of knitting gloves and hats are derived from mainland Europe in the 1600s, and knitting sweaters not popular until the 1800s. The Dale of Norway sweater company was not founded until 1872 when Peder Jebsen selected the small town of Dale outside of Bergen to set up textile manufacturing. This coincided with the two colored sweater designs of Setesdal and Fana, so sweaters became more widespread across the nation. The sweaters were popularized abroad as travelers to Norway brought souvenirs in the early 20th century. Ugly Christmas sweaters came later.

This month we recognize the New Year birthdays of these members: Ralph Gilbertsen, Thomas Maxson, Jon Knudsen, Norman Roland, Gary Skoien, and Larry Ekstrom. Gratulerer med dagen, godt nytt år og Skål !

Future 2024-2025 Events

Jan. 11 Sweater Day

Feb. 8 Ladies Day

Mar. 8 Father/Son/Daughter Day

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Reminders

- 1) Please make checks out to "Tom Peterson" otherwise your check will be returned.
- 2) The price of our meal is \$35, excluding cocktails and raffle.
- 3) The dues for the Klub are \$40 yearly, which covers the cost of the mailings and Linie Aquavit in honor of your birthday.