



Father Son Daughter Day



This mural was painted in 1953 by John Cadel. It hung in the Mural Room of the Normennenes Club at 2414 N. Kedzie Avenue in Chicago until 1979 when the building was sold. It was moved to the SACS club in Palatine where our Klub and others enjoyed it until that building closed. Photo print by Dick Fjeldheim.

We are honored, once again, to have Normennenes Singing Society as our entertainment. Normennenes is 155 years old now, founded in 1870. It is the second oldest men's singing group in the U.S.; second only to the Harvard Glee Club.

This month is the day we invite our fathers, sons, daughters of all ages (and grandsons, granddaughters, great grandsons, etc.). To provide Normennenes with a full audience, we are inviting everyone to the luncheon again, men and women. Join us for a interesting family day and a nod to our Irish cousins on St. Patrick's day. Make your reservations early.

As our thanks for attending and dining with us, ALL singers wearing their jackets and performing for the Torske Klub will only be charged \$20 for their dinner as a token of thanks from the Torske Klub. But all guests of the Normennenes Singing Society will be charged the normal membership fee of \$35 for the meal. We do need reservations from our singers as well as members and guests, so follow the details in the box below.

Reminders

- 1) Membership Cards were enclosed with the February newsletter. If you paid your 2025 dues after that mailing you can pick up your card from Tom Peterson at the check in desk the next time you attend a meeting.
- 2) The Elks Lodge is making available access to the large banquet room downstairs via the outside stairs. If you come too early the door may still be locked and you'll still need to use the elevator inside the lobby. It should be unlocked after 11:45am. Give it a try. Coat racks are downstairs in the banquet room facilities as well.
- 3) Please make checks out to "Tom Peterson"
- 4) The price of our meal is \$35, excluding cocktails and raffle.
- 5) The Torske Klub now also accepts Zelle payments via your cell phone. Tom will help you set this up at the check-in desk for the first time to insure you have it set up correctly.

Torske Klub Luncheon - March 8, 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.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841



News and Announcements

As we have written ad nauseum in the past 22 years about Norwegian Viking contributions to Ireland, we'll leave that alone to concentrate on sharpening our communication skills by learning some native Irish slang. Be forewarned. This may involve attributes to social drinking habits. So here are a few words you might hear or use at an Irish pub.

Knackered: This is an Irish word for being completely exhausted. For example, "I'm knackered after that."

Scattered: Ireland has a lot of terms for alcohol and drinking, as you can imagine. If you were scattered last night, you were blind drunk. The Irish get very creative here and typically add "ed" to the end of practically any word to get across the same meaning e.g. buckled, locked, hammered, trolled, plastered, etc. Some of these also appear in British slang.

Langers: Another expression for being drunk. For example, "I was absolutely langers last night." You might also hear "Langered" used which has the same meaning.

Now we're suckin' diesel: You've heard the phrase "Now, we're cooking with gas" which translates to something like "Now we solved that problem successfully and we're ready to solve the next one." The Irish have a similar expression that means to make progress. For example, "I couldn't motivate myself earlier but now we're suckin' diesel." Use it the next time you're ready to go to the Torske Klub meeting as you get into your car.

Gas: No, we don't mean the fuel. "Gas" in Irish slang means funny. It can refer to a person, "He's gas!" or a situation "That's gas," meaning "that's funny!" It can also be used to depict shock or disbelief. For example, "Jesus, that's gas! I wouldn't have thought that." "Gas" Irish slang is definitely one to add to your vocabulary if you want to sound like a true local.

Effin' and blindin': This is a gas one. "Effin' and blindin'" means to curse and swear a lot. For example, "Yer one was effin' and blindin' at me."

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: Speaking of effin' and blindin', when it comes to blasphemy, there are no half measures in Ireland. As a historically religious country, when an Irish person deems it absolutely necessary to take the Lord's name in vain, they use the entire holy family.

Table of 8 Rule in Effect

Due to the number of people expected for Father Son Daughter Day we will once again ask you to form a table of 8 if you wish to sit together. Send a representative to reserve your table before NOON. The first to announce a table of 8 at check-in gets first pick of the the tables. No single table reservations will be allowed before then.

GET WELL WISHES

Lowell Olberg has spent the last three months recovering from a stroke. We wish him well on the road to recovery.

Future 2024-2025 Events

Mar. 8 Father/Son/Daughter Day

Apr. 12 Andrew Schneider/Logan Square Preservation

May 10 Charles Petersen

May 18 Syttende Mai Parade-Park Ridge

Photos from Ladies Day



Christian W. Øverland answering questions regarding the Wisconsin Historical Museum and how the recent archeological discoveries in Lake Mendota will be preserved for public viewing.



Christian W. Øverland with the BOSS, Ken Larson exchanging Torske Klub pins. Mr. Øverland is an active member of the Maddison Torske Klubben of Madison Wisconsin.

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