



Father Son Daughter Day



As our thanks for attending and dining with us, ALL Normennenes 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 \$30 for the meal. We do need reservations from our singers as well as members and guests, so follow the details in the box below.

We are honored, once again, to have Normennenes Singing Society as our entertainment. Normennenes is 156 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.

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.

Torske Klub Luncheon - Mar 14, 2026—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 a \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

Call ****NOTE THE CHANGE** (224-377-9160)** 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: **17, 38, 51, 55, 58, 60, 98, 102, 120, 124, 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 prefer email reservations, please send to **secretary@torskeklub.com** with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. We will respond with a confirmation email. 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!" ****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 2025/2026 season, excluding Ladies day in February and Father/Son/Daughter day in March.

Reservation Line: 224-377-9160 **Make checks out to: Bruce Carlson or send to Zelle at torskebruce@gmail.com





A Note from the Boss

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It seems as if prices have been going up for awhile since the Covid days. Indeed we needed to raise the price of our torsk meal to \$35 as the cod was increased dramatically back then and the Elks had to charge us \$37 (we covered the extra with raffle and dues). The Elks charge includes tip and service.

Well, happy days are here again as the price of fish is down and we can drop the meal price to \$30. The beef dinner will be the same \$30 but we occasionally have someone craving their burger. The Elks Lodge charges us \$20 and we can pass that along too.

This month we have the Normennenes Singers entertaining us. As thanks for their program we offer our dinner at \$20 for each singer.

Prices may change again but we're happy these are down for now.

Notice

1) The Torske Klub now has a new dedicated registration phone number that will be monitored by our Recording Secretary, David Hall.

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to leave your reservation for the number of people in your party and if you want a fish dinner (\$30), beef dinner(\$30), or hamburger dinner (\$20). The price is exclusive of your favorite beverage.

2) Membership Cards were enclosed with the February newsletter. If you paid your 2026 dues after that mailing you can pick up your card from Bruce Carlson at the check in desk the next time you attend a meeting.

3) The Elks Lodge is making available access to the large banquet room downstairs via the outside stairs. Coat racks are downstairs in the banquet room facilities.

4) Please make checks out to "Bruce Carlson". Or use Zelle through your bank phone app and search for torskebruce@gmail.com

5) The Torske Klub now also accepts Zelle payments via your cell phone. Bruce Carlson will help you set this up at the check-in desk in case you need assistant.



In Memoriam



Nels Richard Nelson

May 3, 1930 – December 18, 2024
After 94 years well lived and deeply loved, Nels Richard Nelson passed away at home in Evanston, Illinois, on December 18, 2024.

Born on May 3, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, to Swedish and Finnish immigrants Nels Hjalmar and Margaret Nelson, Nels was raised on the north side of the city. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1952, served in the Army, and went to work for IBM. Nels served IBM loyally for his entire career of almost 40 years, earning the company's top performance Golden Circle Award 14 times.



This month we recognize the birthdays of the following members who have contributed their dues money toward the purchase of the Line Aquavit we enjoy so much at our monthly gatherings.

Roald Harr
Andrew Schneider

Gratulerer med dagen og Skål !

Future 2026 Events

Mar 14 Father/Son/Daughter Day — Normennenes

Apr 11 TBD

May 9 TBD

May 17 Syttende Mai Parade
Park Ridge

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