



Chicago Sons of Norway  
**Torske Klub**  
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# Newsletter

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**October 2024**

## Røros, Norway



Downtown Røros is quite small and walkable. The major attraction is probably the main shopping street Kjerkgata, which you might recognize from Netflix! [Home for Christmas](#) which was filmed here. Many people still use [spark sleds](#) to get around town. [Inexpensive sled rental](#) is available in Røros. How does one get up hill after kick sledding down?

Please join us for our October luncheon when our Torskemaster for the day, Tom Maxon introduces long time member Bruce Carlson. Bruce has visited the copper mining town of Røros, Norway which is not on the standard tourist route. He has interesting history of this mining community that has transformed itself into an historic tourist destination. To some of you who speak the native language Røros might sound familiar as it was recently used as the backdrop for the 2019-2022 Netflix TV series [Home for Christmas](#) (Hjem til jul)

### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - Oct. 12, 2024—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 Oct. 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, 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](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 2024/2025 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Reserve  
by  
Sunday  
October 6

***Reservation Line: 847-886-4841***

# Member Birthdays and News

## Vasa Park 2024



It was a beautiful day for the 44th annual Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park in South Elgin last month. Our BOSS, Ken Larson manned the Chicago Torske Klub information table with the help of Assistant Boss, Lowell Olberg and our Raffle Chairman, Sam Smith. Ken Larson reported that a few dozen potential members stopped by the table to gather more details about the club.



Left to right Lowell Olberg, Sam Smith, and BOSS Ken Larson

### Reminders:

The price of our meal is  
\$35  
Checks may be made out to  
"Chicago Torske Klub"

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## Birthdays

This month we recognize the birthdays of October. Glenn Lyse, Darryl Bengtson, Walter Lorentsen, Eivind Torske, and our Raffle Chairman Sam Smith.

Skål and gratulerer med dagen!

## Recent Board Developments

Pastor David Langseth has stepped down from his role as board member, pastor and Mestersanger for the club to devote more time to his family. Sam Smith is winding down his duties as Raffle Chairman and Milt Gustafson is retiring as Treasurer. Tom Peterson will be assuming both Treasurer and Recording Secretary responsibilities.

## Future 2024 Events

Oct. 12 Luncheon  
Nov. 9 Luncheon  
Dec. 14 Christmas Party  
Jan. 11 Sweater Day

## Chicago Torske Klub Board of Directors

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Looking for a coordinator for our group to plan and contact speakers or programs.

Most programs are suggested by members,  
Usually an hour or so per month.

Inquire to the boss



**Wanted: Program Chairman**



Vikings at work