



The Hjemkomst (Norwegian for "Homecoming")



A crew of 12 sailed the *Hjemkomst* from Duluth to Norway in 1982. A thirteenth member sailed as far as New York City. The crew consisted of professional sailors, a long distance truck driver, and college students. Four of Robert Asp's children helped to sail their father's Viking ship across the North Atlantic. The *Hjemkomst* is currently housed at the [Hjemkomst Center](#) in Moorhead, MN.

Please join us this month when Tom Asp tells the story about a dream his father, Robert had to build and sail a Viking ship to Norway. Robert Asp, Tom's father, had no experience in sailing or shipbuilding and was a Jr. High School guidance counselor in Moorhead, Minnesota - a landlocked community just west of Fargo, North Dakota. Over a period of 8 years, Robert Asp cut and milled over 100 oak trees, constructed the ship, and saw the ship launched in August of 1980. Robert Asp passed in Dec. of 1980 from a leukemia. After his passing, Tom lead the efforts planning the voyage to Norway. In 1982 a crew of 12, including Tom successfully made the voyage from Duluth, Minnesota to the final destination of Oslo, Norway. Tom will present how the *Hjemkomst* Viking ship went from a dream to it's arrival in Oslo.

Torske Klub Luncheon - Nov. 9, 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 Nov. 3** 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** (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.

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November 3

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

Member Birthdays and News

October 19, 2024 luncheon at the Madison Torske Klubben



Guest speaker for the day was Dana Kelly, Executive Director of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center - Naeseth Library where she gave her presentation titled "Why Should You Care About Your Family's Norwegian History?". Scott Johnson, who is a member of the Madison Torske Klubben and serves as Chairman of the Board for NAGC-NL, was the Master of Ceremonies of the day.



Our dedicated representatives, Ken Larson, BOSS, and David Hall before the aquavit pour.

Reminders:
The price of our meal is
\$35
Checks need to be
made out to **"Tom Peterson"**

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Birthdays

This month we recognize the birthdays of November; Ronald Betz, Bruce Carlson, Jorgen Laursen, and Robert Olberg.
Skål and gratulerer med dagen!

Getting Pinned



During the Madison Klub luncheon there was the ceremonial exchanging of the the Torske Lapel Pins. The two pins might suggest that both clubs enjoy poking cod fish with a sharp instrument

Future 2024 Events

Nov.9 Luncheon
Dec. 14 Christmas Party
Jan. 11 Sweater Day
Feb. 8 Ladies Day

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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



Vikings at work

Wanted: Program Chairman