



Leif Ericson Day 2009

Sunday, October 11th



Featured Country : **SWEDEN**

The **Leif Ericson Viking Ship, Inc.** in association with the **Leif Ericson Society International**, takes great pleasure in cordially inviting you to attend the annual observances that are held in commemoration of the first European to discover North America over 1000 years ago, **Leif Ericson**.

In 1964, the U.S. Congress, by joint resolution, declared October 9th as Leif Ericson Day. Since then, the Scandinavian community both in the Philadelphia area and all over North America, has held that day as a very special occasion. *Note: This year we will be observing all ceremonies on Sunday, October 11th.*

Each year, a featured **Scandinavian** country is chosen, and this year that honor belongs to **Sweden**. We are happy to announce that Consul General Alf Karlsson, from the Swedish Consulate in New York has been invited, as well as local U.S. Congressman Joe Sestak. In addition, invited guests include Consuls from **all** the Scandinavian countries and members of the local community business and government.

Join us at **12:00 p.m.** at the annual Leif Ericson Day banquet. This year again, the luncheon will be held at the **Holiday Inn Select in Claymont, DE**, with all the pomp and ceremony that befits this auspicious occasion. This is a great time to mingle with old friends, enjoy a good meal, listen to words from guest speakers, see our display of Viking artifacts, and hear news of our famous traveling Viking Ship "Norseman".

The next segment of our celebration **begins at 2:30 p.m.** at **Market Square Memorial Park in Marcus Hook, PA**. Come and see our replica Viking Ship "**Norseman**" and her crew on the banks of the Delaware River. At 3:00 p.m. there will be introductions of honored guests, as well as the reading of proclamations from the President of the United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania, and inspirational words from keynote speakers. At the conclusion of this ceremony, a wreath symbolizing the encampment at Vinland, will be dedicated in honor of the life and accomplishments of Leif Ericson.

We hope that you will mark your calendars and plan to attend one or both of our festivities, and bring a friend, a relative or a neighbor. This cultural observance is **open to all nationalities**, as we celebrate the historical fact that "**Leif Landed First**". After another successful event last year, we are very excited to continue with our new venue and location. Please visit our website at www.vikingship.org for all details.

Best regards,

Joe Jeantet

Joe Jeantet, *Chairman*
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Leif Ericson Day 2009 Luncheon

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Holiday Inn Select

630 Naamans Road
Claymont, Delaware 19703

12:00 p.m. "Luncheon program & Presentations"

Luncheon Menu

Caesar Salad

Entree choice of:

Chicken Dijonaise

or

New England Baked Cod Fish

Dessert:

Chocolate Layer Cake with Raspberry Coulis

Cost: \$ 30.00 per person -- gratuity incl.

(Cash bar will be available for the duration)

Deadline to accept reservations is October 7, 2009

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Total : \$ _____

Sorry, I/we can not attend, but would like to support your cultural and educational programs. Please accept this tax-deductible contribution.

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