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**Happy 82nd Birthday
to Her Majesty,
Queen Margrethe II.
Born April 16, 1940.
She has just
celebrated her 50th
anniversary as the
Queen of Denmark.
Long live the Queen!**

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THE PRESIDENT' CORNER
by President Chris Howard



**Happy
Easter
Brothers**

From March 24th to July 23rd, the exhibition of Scandinavian Design and the United States, 1890 – 1980 is being held at the Milwaukee Art Museum in Milwaukee, WI. This exhibition will explore the extensive design exchanges between the U.S. and Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Iceland. The exhibit includes furniture, textiles, drawings, ceramics, jewelry, glass and product design.

The Danish Parliament recently agreed to establish a billion-kroner Ukraine fund. This fund is dedicated to help fulfill the military, civil and business need of Ukraine. They are also sending tanks to help Ukraine.

On Sunday, April 9th, Denmark will celebrate the annual Flag Flying Day, recognizing the occupation of Denmark during WWII. Normally the Danish flag, or Dannebrog would fly at half-staff until noon, and then at full staff until dusk. . Due to Easter also falling on this day, all flags will be flown at full staff all day long.



Also celebrating birthdays this month - Princess Isabella (left), born on April 21st, 2007 and is 3rd in line to the throne.

Princess Benedikte (right), the Queens sister, was born on April 29th, 1944 and is currently 11th in line to the throne.



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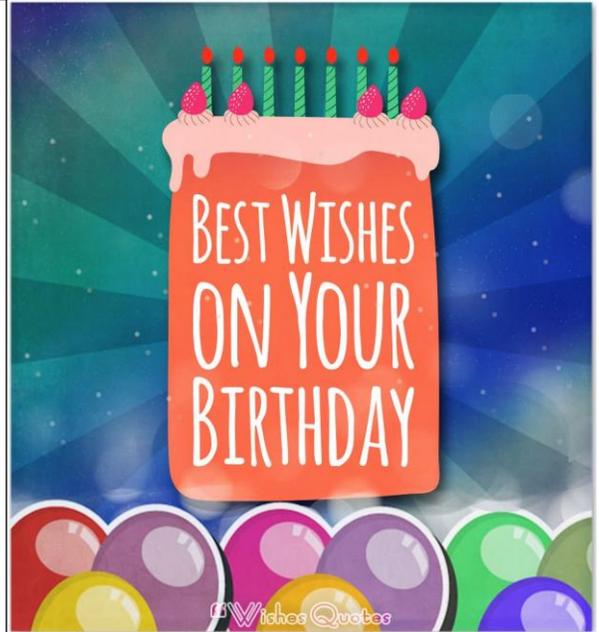
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| 10th John Rakow | 20th Kenneth Learmont |
| 11th Bryan Bernhardt | 20th Harold Sikorsky |
| 13th David Rosenbalm | 25th Robert Schaffer |
| 14th Chris Howard | 27th Dean Schultz |
| 15th Jes Tarp | (Any errors or omissions, contact editor) |



Just announced – our annual Lodge Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 30th at our regular spot at Kennedy Park. Setup will begin at 9:30 and we will start eating at 11:30. We ask if everyone could bring a side dish to share, as meat will be provided. We also would appreciate any donations for raffle prizes as this helps us offset the expenses incurred. This picnic is for members and their families, so bring the kiddies!

We are still working on selling our building (and also our old property). Our glitch currently is with the city and the process of either rezoning or getting a variance for the property. It would help if members could call their alderpersons and explain the dire situation we are currently in. We cannot move on and buy a more suitable building until the current one is sold.

Our Brewers / Cubs bus trip this coming October 1st is moving forward. We are in the process of securing a bus and we will begin selling tickets soon, once all the expenses are figured in. Mark your calendar as this will be a great time to spend with our brothers and families. Tailgating will be included.

There are still a few members and advertisers who have yet to renew for the year. We would greatly appreciate all of you staying with us as we move forward to a brighter future as a Lodge!

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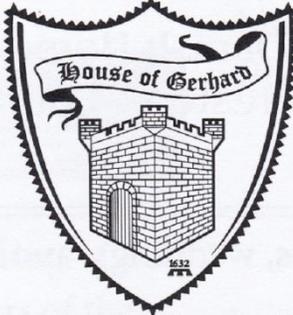
The Danish West India Guinea Company annexed the uninhabited island of Saint Thomas in 1672 and Saint John in 1718. In 1733, Saint Croix was purchased from the French West Indian Company. When the Danish company went bankrupt in 1754, the King of Denmark-Norway assumed direct control of the three islands. Britain occupied the Danish West Indies in 1801-02 and 1807-15, during the Napoleonic Wars.

Danish colonizers in the West Indies aimed to exploit the profitable triangular trade, involving the export of firearms and other manufactured goods to Africa in exchange for slaves, who were then transported to the Caribbean to work the sugar plantations. Caribbean colonies, in turn, exported sugar, rum, and molasses to Denmark. The economy of the Danish West Indies depended on slavery. After a rebellion, slavery was officially abolished in 1848, leading to the near economic collapse of the plantations.

In 1852, the Danish parliament first debated the sale of the increasing unprofitable colony. Denmark tried several times to sell or exchange the Danish West Indies in the late 19th and early 20th centuries: to the United States and to the German Empire respectively. The islands were eventually sold for 25 million dollars to the United States, which took over the administration on March 31st, 1917 (Transfer Day), renaming the islands the United States Virgin Islands.

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