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## Fastelavn

The celebration of Fastelavn will be held on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> this year. Fastelavn is a Lutheran version of the Roman Catholic celebration of Carnival held the last Sunday before Lent. Fastelavn means fast-evening and was originally a holiday for adults with different competitions, games and activities, but later became associated with children. During the festivities you'll see lots of colorful balloons and sweets hanging from the birch branches.

There are two main traditions connected with Fastelavn. The first is eating buns with different fillings like marzipan. They are sold in every bakery during the holiday. The second is that the kids put on costumes and play a game. They have to hit a barrel filled with sweets and presents. The first kid to make a hole in the barrel will be proclaimed "king or queen" of the cats. That is because back in the day there used to be real cats in those barrels and the aim of the custom was to drive the evil spirits away (people used to believe cats are connected to evil). When the barrel was broken open, the cats would all run away. Celebrations are held everywhere in Denmark.

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**THE PRESIDENT' CORNER**  
*by President Chris Howard*



Hoping all are staying warm this winter. Looking forward to seeing more brothers at the meetings as the weather warms in the coming months. Cheers to the Danish!

*Chris Howard*

Congratulations go to Brother Joseph Sielski of the Kenosha Fire Department for his promotion from apparatus operator to lieutenant.

Renewals are slowly trickling in. If you haven't yet returned your renewal, please do so as soon as possible. And also please consider receiving the Viking Views via e-mail. So far, we have had 87 of our members renew and also have received over \$4300.00 in building donations. These donations will help us to pay the utilities on the building and also on our old property.

The last of the garbage and building material is being removed from the Lodge building. Our thanks go to the many members who have helped clearing the building over the last year.

We are currently working with 3 entities who have shown interest in purchasing the building. Hopefully we will have good news to report in the near future.

We are pleased to announce the reinstatement of a former member of the Lodge, Roger (JR) Willems.

We are still looking for individuals to suggest or run events for the Lodge. Considering the time it sometimes takes to organize these events, especially with spring and summer coming up, please come forward at the meetings or contact one of the board members for help.

**SICK REPORT**

Jeff Berhardt is doing well, Bill Hafke is doing better, Jason Kreier doing great and Gary Sorensen is recovering.

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On February 5<sup>th</sup> Danes will be celebrating the 51<sup>st</sup> birthday of Mary, the Crown Princess of Denmark and wife of Crown Prince Frederik, who is the heir apparent to the throne. Should Frederik succeed to the throne, Mary will automatically become Queen Consort of Denmark. Mary and Frederik first met in a pub in Sydney, Australia during the 2000 Summer Olympics. They became engaged on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2003 and were married on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2004 in Copenhagen Cathedral. They now have 4 children – Prince Christian, Princess Isabella, and twins Prince Vincent and Princess Josephine.

Noma, the Copenhagen restaurant that has been named best restaurant in the world 5 times, has announced they are closing their doors in 2024. The master chef Rene Redzepi announced that fine dining at the highest level has hit a breaking point. According to Rene high costs and shortages of ingredients, combined with employee burnout contributed to this decision.

The state of California has announced a lawsuit against Danish pharmaceutical company Nova Nordisk and 5 other companies regarding the cost of diabetic insulin in the United States. They allege that the companies including Eli Lilly, Sanofi, CVS Caremark, Express Scripts & OptumRX are charging 10 times the amount for insulin as they do in the rest of the world.



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