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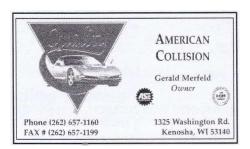
Our thanks go to all our members who have renewed their memberships, and thanks to those who have generously donated to our building fund. Also thank you to those advertisers who have also renewed. We can't publish this newsletter without your support. If any of you have yet to renew, we encourage you to do so quickly. And we also would appreciate anyone who is able to bring new advertisers to our newsletter.

The Lodge would like to congratulate Brother Russ Nolen on his recent retirement as Building Inspector for the Village of Somers.

Our thanks go to Brothers John Larsen and John Eric Larsen for removing the last of the debris from the building.

For quite some time Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II has been having problems with her back, and the situation has worsened recently. After consultation with Rigshospitalet's specialists, the Queen decided to undergo extensive surgery. Her surgery was done on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and her condition has been declared good and successful. She now faces an extended period of hospitalization and rehabilitation. Meanwhile, Her Majesty's official program in the near future will either be postponed, canceled or handled by members of The Royal Family. We offer our well wishes on a speedy recovery.

There was a discussion during our latest meeting on bringing back our bingo games. We will keep everyone informed on progress with this very popular activity.



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Bob and Elaine Ibsen



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# THE PRESIDENT' CORNER

by President Chris Howard



Well, football is over for the year, but baseball is fast approaching. Keep and eye out for this year's sign up for our bus trip to American Family Field for a match-up between the Milwaukee Brewers and the Chicago Cubs. Go **Cubbies!** Chris Howard

We are currently working with an interested party for the sale of our building. The City of Kenosha is requesting further information on the intended use of the building and are requesting architectural plans. This party is working to comply with the City's request. We will be updating our membership as soon as we have new information.

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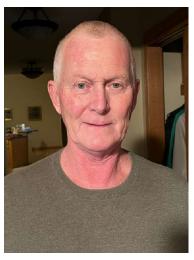


#### Happy Birthday to our Brothers in 2023!

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If I missed anyone, I apologize. Please contact me.

#### On the Mend - Jason Kreier, Gary Sorensen

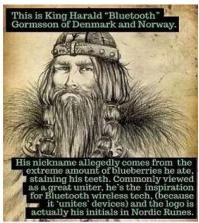


Meet our newest member-Jes Tarp!

Jes was born and raised in Copenhagen, Denmark, and currently holds dual citizenship.



Official Danish Brotherhood shirts are available from Super Sports on 80th Street in Kenosha.



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The Assured Life Association, successor of the National Danish Brotherhood in America, has announced that scholarship applications for children and grandchildren of benefit members are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Applications may be downloaded or completed online on their website.

There are many local members who we have not seen in a long time at our meetings. We would like to invite you to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. We meet at Chutes and Ladders on 60<sup>th</sup> St. and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. Food is available, and camaraderie is free. Come join us!



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## BEST WISHES AND CONTINUED SUCCESS TO DANISH BROTHERHOOD LODGE #14 FROM:

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# Meet Denmark's new Consul General for Chicago, Jesper Køks Andersen!

September 1, 2022, Jesper Køks Andersen was appointed new Consul General in Chicago. Jesper joins the Consulate with a great understanding of the Danish community in the Midwest and commercial opportunities as well as a big love for Chicago. The consular responsibilities of the Consulate General in Chicago span across Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

As Consul General, Jesper's main priorities are supporting the Danish community in the Midwest while also assisting Danish companies in getting a foothold in the U.S.

"I am very excited to embark on this journey here in Chicago where I have lived at three different occasions. The Midwest is the heartland of America and a very interesting region especially within sustainable industries like water management, which serves as a great opportunity for our technology providers. Denmark is one of the global frontrunners within sustainable water management, and with the U.S. increasing their focus on developing sustainable utilities, our primary goal is to build bridges between the Danish and U.S. water sectors. We want to inspire local governments and utilities from our journey, as well as take home the latest innovation and know-how from the US water sector as inspiration for solutions back home."

Jesper's career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs actually began at the Consulate General in Chicago in 2016 where he took on the position of Commercial Advisor before moving back to Denmark in 2020. Here, he worked with Green Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Copenhagen before returning to Chicago this year, first as a Counsellor for Water and Environment and now as the Consul General.





