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Meet our new Board!

Front row, left to right: Treasurer Rob Nelson, Financial Secretary Bob Ibsen, Vice President Chris Howard, President Bryan Bernhardt, Past President Todd Bernhardt, Recording Secretary Gary Sorensen.

Back row left to right: Outer Guard John Eric Larsen, Inner Guard John Larsen, Conductor Lee Otis, First Trustee Bill Kirby, Second Trustee Joe Vaughn, Third Trustee Roger Willems (sitting in - Jim Kirby).

We are planning our upcoming Spring Breakfast and we need ALL the help we can get! Even if you have never done this before, we can find a spot for you. You are guaranteed to have fun, and get to sample our WORLD FAMOUS Æbleskiver and Medisterpølse! It's time for the young'uns to start taking over!

We welcome back the Ladies of the Danish Sisterhood to our Lodge, and First Trustee Bill Kirby has assured us that the storage cabinet we are providing them will be all ready for their Feb 18th meeting.

Have an idea for an event? Please speak with our Entertainment Chair Chris Howard, and our Business Agent Joe Vaughn. We can make it happen!

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Bryan Bernhardt _____ President
262-914-5066

Chris Howard _____ Vice President
262-412-4509 (Ent. Chairman)

Gary Sorensen _ Recording Secretary
262-771-9383 (Viking Views Editor)

Robert Ibsen ____ Financial Secretary
262-657-3895 (Historian)

Robert Nelson II _____ Treasurer
262-308-8473 (Bingo Chairman)

Bill Kirby _____ First Trustee
262-658-8195 (Building Chairman)

Joe Vaughn _____ Second Trustee
262-945-8840 (Business Agent)

Roger Willems _____ Third Trustee
262-358-1598

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262-652-2450

John Laresn _____ Inner Guard
262-748-2430 ____ (Sick Comm. Chair.)

John Eric Larsen _____ Outer Guard
262-748-3754

If you know of a Brother that is ill or
in distress, Call John Larsen. # above

THE PRESIDENT' CORNER
by President Bryan Bernhardt



Brothers

Thank you for the opportunity to help lead the club into the future. I have been blessed with a very experienced board to work with. These gentlemen will work hard to keep us on the right track. We have the activities and their dates listed in this bulletin, so mark your calendars for these

exciting and fun events. As always, we are looking for volunteers for things throughout the year, so please do not be shy about asking what you can do to help. We are only as strong as our membership! God bless, and let's keep moving forward!

Bryan

BINGO

Every month, on the Fridays after the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Next ones are:

Feb. 6th & 20th

Calendar of Events

- Super Bowl Party** February 8th
- Spring Breakfast** March 22nd
- Anniversary Party** May 16th
- Summer Picnic** July 12th
- Fall Breakfast** October 18th
- Torsk Dinner** November 14th
- Christmas Parties** TBA (Dec)

Though the Progressive was won, Bingo has returned with a vengeance! Come Join us for a wild and crazy evening of camaraderie and silliness (and maybe win some money too). Our popular Glow in the Dark Bingo is now in the rotation.

We would like to welcome new (old) advertisers Gateway Café and Peter Barca's 4Corners Consulting Group. Thanks for supporting us!

We are acquiring new pins for our members. These are Past President, 25-, 50-, and 60-year pins. Also, if any member would like to get a Danish Brotherhood in America pin, contact Gary Sorensen.

Join us for our Super Bowl party here on Feb. 8th, even though the Packers and Bears aren't in it. Please bring a snack to share if able.

LARRY RASCH P.E.
President



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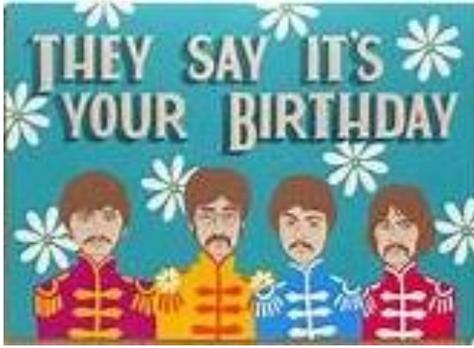
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Happy Birthday to our Brothers in February!

03rd James Paulsen

21st Felix Gallo

04th Clifton Peterson

21st Robert Zapf

12th Gerald Merfeld

22nd David Sessa

19th Eric Haugaard

25th Curzio Caravati

- IN MEMORIUM -

With sorrow it becomes my sad duty to report that we have lost a link in our fraternal chain of brotherhood, and it is with profound regret and in thoughtful remembrance of Brother Dan Jensen, who has passed on to the eternal Brotherhood of man. Be it resolved that we sincerely and deeply regret the loss of our true, good, and loyal Brother, that we extend to his bereaved family our most deep-felt sympathy and consolation.



Queen Mary
Born Feb 5th 1972



Princess Marie
Born Feb 6th 1976



Dan Jensen
1935-2025



New Member
Michael Gonzales



New Member
Dan Christansen



Well, He did it again!
Brother Bob Ibsen
was awarded with
the Hometown Hero
of the City of Kenosha
for the Year!



Earliest known pic of
the old DB. Taken in the
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Sorensen 4th from left.
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Danish Night / New Member Dinner

January 17TH, 2026



We welcomed new members, members and spouses, and honored out-of-town guests! Thanks to Brother Peter Deschler and his family for a wonderful meal, and thanks to Paul Gehrke for running the 50/50 raffle. It was a great time!

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We now have access to new lapel pins (thanks to Sir Robert Ibsen) to replace those that were destroyed in the fire. We will be purchasing Past President pins, 25-, 50-, and 60-year pins, DB pins, and DBIA pins. Many never receive their pins. If a member would wish to get any of these, please contact Rec. Sec. Gary Sorensen @ 262-771-9383 for information.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 07TH

We would like to correct the January newsletter reporting of the Children's Christmas Party. Credit was given to Rob Nelson; however, Samantha and Rob Nelson co-host this event, with Samantha doing most of the work. Special thanks to her for running the bake sale fundraisers and the party. Also, we would like to thank all the volunteers who helped her put the event together: Peter Deschler, Mike Fiore, Kim & Bryan Bernhardt, Todd & Patty Bernhardt, John Gehring, Don Jambrek, Duane Kreier, Lee Otis, Robert Nelson, Julie Voss, Rob Nelson, Dave Wallenta, and anyone we may have missed. The event was well attended. Despite some no shows we ultimately ended up with 39 kids and over 80 people were present! Let's push for a bigger event next year!





2026 REGULAR SESSION BINGO DATES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 09TH	FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 06TH	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 02ND
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
FRIDAY, MARCH 06TH	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 06TH
FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
FRIDAY, MAY 22ND	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 04TH
SATURDAY, JUNE 06TH	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

2026 GLOW-IN-THE-DARK BINGO DATES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST	SATURDAY, JULY 11TH*
SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH	SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH*
SATURDAY, MAY 30TH	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

***PROPOSED SUMMER EVENT**

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DANISH BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST!

DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2026

**MEMBERS, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
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We will not know if we have one or both dates for the Kenosha Area Pipe and Drum Association until middle of February. Times to be determined. We are planning on having food available for purchase and a band along with the bagpipers.



BREAKFAST BAKE SALE REMINDER!



BAKE SALE DONATION REQUEST

** Help us raise funds for the Children's Christmas Party! **

We're looking for **BAKED GOODS DONATIONS** for an upcoming Bake Sale on Sunday, March 22nd.
Every cookie, bar, brownie, loaf, and cupcake helps us make the Children's Christmas Party extra special!

Donation Drop-Off Times

- Saturday, March 21st: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Sunday, March 22nd: Please drop off before 7:30 AM

Important Packaging Reminder

- ✓ All baked goods must be **pre-bagged** (ready to sell)

Questions or Want to Donate?

Contact Samantha Nelson
(262) 498-9780.

Thank you for supporting the kids and helping
make the Christmas party a success!

