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Christmas is almost here. We hope you can take a minute from your busy preparations to read the American Dane and to pause and think what your Danish Brotherhood membership means to you.

Your local lodge is a place where you can join with friends and family to enjoy wholesome, worthwhile entertainment. The Home Office is working on new ideas for more entertaining lodge programs for everyone to enjoy. These will be in the hands of your lodge officers soon, and we hope you'll take advantage of, and participate in, these new programs.

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**HAVE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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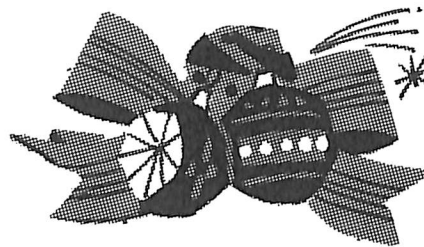


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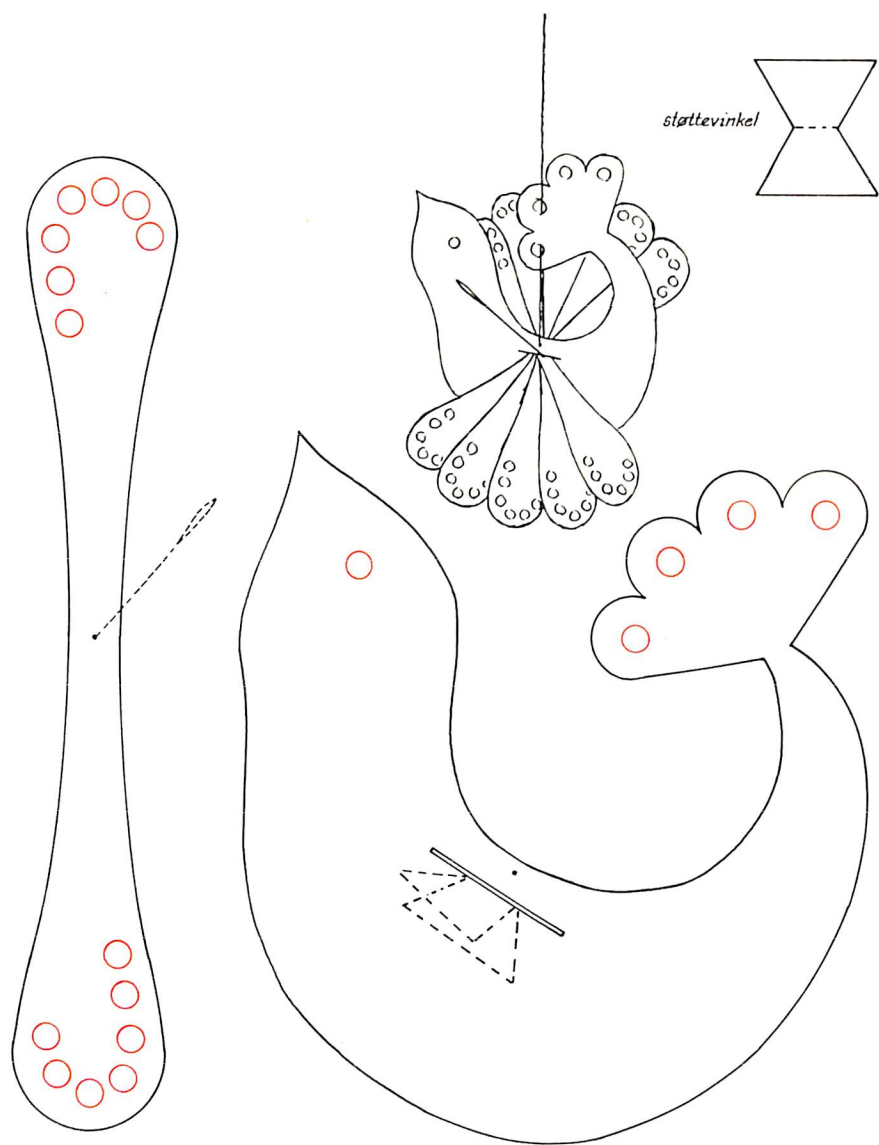
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Many more of these paper decoration designs are contained in the book, "Med Saks Og Papir," by Guvnor & Harriet Ask. For information on how to obtain this book, write to J. Fr. Clausens Forlag, Aschehoug, Copenhagen, Denmark.



The red, green and blue blinking Christmas lights outlining the steamed-over diner window cast a colorful pattern on the snow as the burly officer and the young boy got out of the patrol car and made their way toward the diner door.

Inside, the officer stamped the snow off his feet on the dirty rubber mat, while the young boy removed his worn stocking cap and stood, stiffly, the freckles standing out on his pale face.

"I'll have the pumpkin today, Mike, and a cuppa' coffee. What'll you have, son?" Officer Nelson bent his head to the tall, tow-headed, ten-year-old boy in faded jeans and too-small mackinaw who clambered up on the diner stool beside him.

Jimmy Jones shrugged and ducked his head. "I'll have the punkin, too, and a cuppa...uh... milk, I guess." He carefully placed the grimy canvas airline bag on the floor by his feet.

"Say, Mike," said Officer Nelson, "I want you to meet my friend here, Jimmy Jones. Picked him up about a mile down the road."

The counter man, in a grease streaked, once white apron, grinned and stuck his big hand across the counter. Jimmy hesitantly offered his chapped, reddened little paw.

"Hiya, partner," said Mike, and turned to get the pie and coffee.

Officer Nelson regarded his little friend solemnly. "Now, let's have it again, son, you say you're going into the city and you've got a job there?"

"Well, not ehzackly...but I know I could get a job there," bristled Jimmy.

The black box on Officer Nelson's belt gave out a high-pitched buzz and he rose quickly and placed a firm hand on Jimmy's shoulder. "You stay right here and eat your pie now, I'll be right back."

The diner door banged. Jimmy hungrily attacked his pie. Then, as if a thought struck him, he carefully put his fork aside and looked from under a worried brow at Mike, who had returned to stand before him.

"Ya don't think he'll put me in jail, do ya?"

"Well...uh...I don't know, kid," Mike chewed on a toothpick and busily polished the counter, "you break any laws?"

"No, I didn't break nuthin', honest," Jimmy hastily assured him. He turned to watch as



"Your folks have been looking for you, Jim," said the Officer. "Do you want to tell me about it?"

Too Many Mouths To Feed

A Christmas Story by

Dolores Kraner

Officer Nelson came in, resumed his seat, and began to eat.

Officer Nelson took his time about finishing his pie and coffee, then confronted Jimmy. "Your folks have been looking for you, Jim. They'll be here in a few minutes. Do you want to tell me about it?"

Jimmy, who had been warily eyeing the officer, shook his head stoically and resumed eating his pie.

In a few minutes a beat-up station wagon, packed with children of all sizes, drew up in front of the diner. A thin-faced, worn looking little woman, large with child, and engulfed in an old tweed coat, got out and hurried through the snow to the diner. She was closely followed by the driver, a tall man with slightly graying hair, whose horn-rimmed glasses began to steam over as he opened the door for his wife.

As she rushed to enfold Jimmy in her arms, she cried softly, "Jimmy, Jimmy, why did you do it? We've been worried sick."

Jimmy, fighting a losing battle with the tears, squirmed out of her grasp. "I heard you, Mom. I heard you this morning when you told Dad you already had too many mouths to feed, and you didn't know what you'd do with one more right here at Christmas. I heard you! Anyway, I don't really want any old bike, and I know I can earn some money in the city to help out. I could stay with Aunt Dorrie..." The rest was drowned in sobs as he wiped his nose on his stocking cap.

His mother looked pleadingly, first at Officer Nelson, then at her husband. Then she buried her face in Jimmy's shoulder.

Jimmy's father picked up the airline bag and gently took his son by the hand. "Come on Jim! Let's go home, son. I need a 'man' to help me put up the Christmas tree."

Officer Nelson dropped some coins on the counter, and followed the little band out the door. He watched as they got in the car and started back onto the highway.

Jimmy scrambled through the kids in the back seats to present a tear-stained face at the back window. He smiled tremulously and gave a farewell wave.

Officer Nelson grinned and raised his arm in salute. "Merry Christmas," he murmured as he climbed into the cruiser.



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Calendar measures 11" x 17", open, and has generous space for daily notations — shows the Danish as well as American holidays, and has a page in the back for emergency telephone numbers, anniversaries and birthdays to remember, etc. Order yours today.

THE DANES LIVE TO EAT

"Danes live to eat. Norwegians eat to live, and the Swedes eat to drink."
Whether that old saying is strictly true or not, we don't know, but what better way to start off the new year than with the traditional Danish "smørrebrød"?

Start with good bread and real butter. Dark rye, close grained and sliced thin is preferred for all smørrebrød except those to be topped with shrimp, lobster, smoked salmon, or, sometimes, cheese or chicken. For those, white bread with a hard crust is best. Be sure to spread the butter completely to the edge of the bread to form a kind of "seal." Then use your imagination and be lavish and artistic with the topping.

Some of the sandwich shops in Denmark have menus three feet long, but here are just a few of the hundreds of different "smørrebrød" that can be made from readily available ingredients:

- 1 White bread, smoked salmon, mayonnaise, sweet pickle.
- 2 Rye bread, thin sliced roast beef, cream cheese, raw onion ring.
- 3 Rye bread, liver paste, sautéed mushroom slices, strip of bacon, lettuce.
- 4 Rye bread, Danish blue cheese, onion ring, sieved hardcooked egg yolk.
- 5 White bread, chopped chicken, pineapple, mayonnaise.
- 6 Rye bread, sliced corned beef, watercress, sliced hard cooked egg.
- 7 Rye bread, chopped cooked chicken livers, crumbled bacon, sliced tomato, lemon juice.
- 8 Rye bread, sliced roast pork, prunes, curl of sliced orange.
- 9 White bread, chopped shrimp (poiled high), cucumber slices, french dressing, radishes.
- 10 Rye bread, sliced boiled new potatoes, strip bacon, cocktail sausages, tomato slices, chopped parsley.
- 11 Sliced frikadeller, topped with pickled beets, cucumber slice.
- 12 Rye bread, pickled herring, sliced sweet onion.
- 13 Rye bread, salami, sliced jellied con somme, dab mustard.
- 14 Blue cheese mixed with Cherry Heering on white bread.



- 15 White bread lobster asparagus in mayonnaise.
 - 16 Rye bread roast beef crisp bacon slice horseradish.
- These are just a few suggestions. Good Danish cooks use leftovers — slices of the Christmas goose, cold frikadeller — but the results neither

taste nor look leftover. Making smørrebrød is an art and almost as much fun to make and serve as it is to eat.
Have plenty of good Danish beer or snaps or coffee (almost any beverage goes with smørrebrød) on hand and you'll have a New Year's Day party to remember.

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Days I'll Always Remember

by SORENS K. PETERSEN

A WONDERFUL GIFT

It was December 24, 1900 my last Christmas in Denmark.

The festivities were somewhat depressing as I was to leave for the United States in a few days. Away from family and friends, to a country where I knew no one and couldn't speak the language.

The family had spent many evenings before the holy event making ornaments for the tree, which our parents had decorated in the living room behind closed doors so that no one could take a peek at the tree or gifts arranged under the tree with the recipient's name.

According to Danish custom the holy event is celebrated on the evening before Christmas day.

A bowl of cooked rice was placed in the barn so the "Nisse" (a small image of the Dutch Santa Claus which, according to legend, is in every barn) could celebrate too.

At the traditional Christmas dinner of roast goose, stuffed with prunes and apples, sour-sweet red cabbage, apple cake, topped with whipped cream, and strawberry jam in the center, Grandma presided with the warning "not to eat too much and leave the table while we were still hungry!"

We then adjourned to the living room, clasped hands, and walked slowly around the tree, while singing "Silent Night." Father would then distribute the gifts lying under the tree.

Though father was well off, he was very frugal. His gifts to the children consisted of things he had to furnish us with anyway. Always distributed with the air of a potentate.

On the eve of an important point in my life I had on several occasions expressed my wish for a watch with the picture of a locomotive on its face, an American production watch much in vogue at that time.

Upon opening the package, Father handed to me, I became very disappointed to find it contained a pair of fur gloves with leather palms and said, "You never gave me anything that I really wanted." He became very angry and said, "Listen, I gave you one gift that you will, exclusive of your behavior, enjoy every day of your life. Because of my Christian way of living, you were born in good health, which I have taken good care of as long as you lived under my roof, and I hope you will live long enough to appreciate that gift."

The day after New Year's day I boarded the tramp steamer "Norge" for the United States, and you can be sure that father's gloves were greatly appreciated when I landed in Chicago late January, where the temperatures was 15° below zero!

It is almost 73 years ago since I left Denmark and every Christmas I wish it was possible for father to be here so that I could tell him how much I regret my untimely remarks and thank him for his wonderful gift.

WE'VE LANDED!

I don't remember the exact date, but it was early in the morning the last week of January 1901 that the old steamer "Norge" dropped anchor in New York Harbor after a 20-day stormy voyage across the Atlantic. Every immigrant who had strength enough, after days of seasickness, were on deck gazing in mute rapture at the Statue of Liberty.

A boat came along side and immigration inspectors came aboard. At that time the immigration laws required that every immigrant had to have 24 dollars in cash. I was a bit worried because I had spent 20 dollars of my 24 buying meals from the first class galley.

After each immigrant had been examined by a doctor, he was put aboard a large boat and taken to Ellis Island, recently built and used by the

U.S. government as an immigrant station. Immigrants detained for investigation as to compliance with the U.S. immigration laws are held on the island until allowed to land or are deported.

A farmer returning from a visit to Denmark to whom I had spoken about my financial predicament advised me to declare my profession as a farmer. When my turn came to appear before the Danish speaking inspector and I told him about my four dollars, he sadly shook his head. I already had the carpet bag in my hand ready for my return voyage when he asked "What were you doing in Denmark?" I said farming. Show me your hands said he, observing a few calluses, motioned me to join the line of immigrants to be taken to New York City and put aboard trains to their various destinations.

At the railroad station about 60 of the immigrants entered the coach for Chicago. I placed my bags on the overhead rack and made myself comfortable on a wooden seat. Soon a black man appeared with an armful of packages. No one understood what he was talking about. He walked through the aisle tossing a paper box on each passenger's lap. Always of an inquisitive nature I opened the box and found it contained candy. I had heard Uncle tell of "Free Lunch" though he had never mentioned "free candy". Half way through the box the man returned, held up one finger in the air and said "one dollar". I paid, of course, leaving me with only two dollars!

After three days I arrived in Chicago exhausted from the long journey. I dropped my bags on the deserted station floor and collapsed on a nearby bench. My rest was brief. A burley Chicago policeman led me outside into the 15° below zero weather!

I walked down the deserted street, noticed the sign "Hotel Stockholm" painted on a large plate glass window. It wasn't exactly Danish but close to it. I walked in, saw only one man the bartender. I made a deep bow, at the same time announcing in my best Swedish "I've just arrived from Copenhagen". He inquired if I wanted a job. Said he needed a man to clean up the bar room and the rooms upstairs. I said all right and considered myself lucky to have found a job so quickly.

In a moment I was fast asleep, not realizing at the time that I was in a bordello in Chicago's infamous ten-derloin district!

THE FLYING MACHINE

When I was twelve years of age, there was a lot of talk in Denmark about "Things to Come", horseless carriages, etc., but mostly about "Flying". My father said, "Nonsense! If God intended people to fly he would have put wings on them."

It was my birthday April 6, 1894 at the dinner table when father read an article out of the newspaper that Jens Orr had invented a flying machine which he was going to demonstrate on the following Sunday by taking off from the top of Kastrup Windmill, which incidently was built by my Grandfather. The attempt would be made at 11 a.m.

After dinner I rushed to Grandma's, who believed in flying. "This," said she "I want to see". But Grandma was 80 years old, and there was over a mile to the Mill.

When Father made his daily visit to her next morning and told her she was too old to go, she was furious, and threatened to order a horse and carriage to take her there.

I spoke to our hired man Loritz (who always had an answer for everything) about the event. He said, "I'm not going, any fool can fly down, flying up is a different story."

Father said he was not interested in flying stunts. He had known Jens Orr since he was a child. His family kept a Livery Stable which furnished carriages for weddings, confirmations, etc. He thought Jens a peculiar person, and Father, adept at creating nicknames had labeled him "Umali-gus" which translated from the Danish means "Impossible".

On Sunday morning, one of Orr's carriages, ordered by Grandma, arrived at our house. It was driven by Jens' brother. Since I was the only one of the family going to the event, I was the only occupant in the carriage. We drove to Grandma's place. It took some time for Grandma to get into her bonnet and cloak, and the efforts of the driver and myself to get her into the carriage. At last I was off to the great event.

Grandma asked the driver how his brother was going to fly. The driver said Mrs. Orr and her daughter had spent considerable time stitching goose feathers on her bed sheets, cut into the shape of wings, attached to a harness. The flapping of the wings was made by moving the arms backwards and forwards.

There were many carriages and a large crowd of people. The air was electrified with excitement to witness the first flying achievement in the world.

Jens crawled out on the roof, gazed and listened for a moment to the applause of the crowd below. He

placed the harness on his shoulders and jumped off. His wings flapped but once. He landed on the cobblestones below, a horrible mess of blood and goose feathers.

The next day at lunch Father showed us the newspaper with a drawing of the mess. The only comment was.... "An old lady walked up, took a good look at the mess, and said.... My goodness, I hope you didn't hurt yourself."

Mother remarked, "I am sure that was Grandma!"

That certainly was a "Day I'll Always Remember."

MY AFFLICTION

One evening in the latter part of July 1964 my wife Mollie and I were having dinner when she remarked that my eyes were bloodshot.

Next morning I consulted an Oculist in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He put some drops in my eyes and after six months of bi-weekly visits with no improvement he suggested I try a specialist.

After answering a few questions, the specialist gave me a couple of pills and told me to walk around outside for a couple of hours.

When I returned to his Park Avenue office he asked me what happened and I said nothing. That's strange he said, you should have passed much water.

Returning home that night, I became ill and was taken to the hospital where I was operated on for a stone in the bladder.

After six weeks in the hospital, and several more visits to the Poughkeepsie Oculist with no improvement, he recommended a specialist in Brooklyn, who didn't give much hope either.

Although I was at the stage where I was unable to get a distinct image of what I was looking at, I still had hope until one night while watching TV everything went black. I asked Mollie what's wrong with the TV? When she said nothing, I realized that I was totally blind and doomed to live in complete darkness the rest of my life.

I had to orient myself to an entirely new way of life. Confined to the house, my sense of direction didn't matter. Outside, it was a different story. A normal person walks by sight; I am compelled to walk by thought.

I was unable to drive the car. Being unable to see what you eat, half the joy of eating has gone. But, as the English poet Alexander Pope said, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." One day Mollie read an article in the Reader's Digest about a Dr. Castroviejo who had perfected the cornea transplant operation. He has

his own hospital on 91st Street and 5th Avenue. I phoned his secretary who said I would have to wait two months for an appointment. Arriving there we waited three hours before he saw me. After an examination he said there was nothing he could do for me.

I am now awaiting information from the man who, according to the radio, has perfected the plastic cornea. I may be seeing you yet!

It was my second year in the United States that I celebrated my first Thanksgiving in Lisbon, N.D. In the middle of August we started cutting the wheat, placing it in the shocks to dry. Then it was hauled to the threshing machine where it was pitched into the mouth of the separator, where a rotating steel cylinder, spiked with iron teeth, pounded the kernel from the stalk. A straw-fed steam engine furnished power to the thresher, also pulling it from farm to farm. Most of the wheat was hauled to the granary and some was stacked, with oats, as food for the farm animals.

A light snow had started to fall as I was pitching the last bundle of oats from the stack into the separator. The farmer's wife took me by the arm and said — "It's Thanksgiving today, we have a Thanksgiving dinner at the house." The children folded their hands and the man of the house said a prayer thanking God for the wonderful harvest, we got 35 bushels of wheat per acre, and asking Him to bless the meal we were about to partake of. I'll say it was a dinner, Danish style, a large roast goose stuffed with apples and prunes, sour-sweet red cabbage, sweet potatoes, which I had never tasted before, and apple cider. For dessert, apple cake topped with an inch of whipped cream. It was a day to remember.

From my observations traveling in Europe, I venture to say that people of every race and creed have adopted the simple way of the pilgrims in paying homage to their God.





Our Lodges in Action

Downtown, which will be our convention headquarters. We hope to be able to fill that hotel. Then we will have an outstanding convention.

There will be a great deal of emphasis at this convention on the fraternal part of the Danish Brotherhood, as well as very important business sessions for the delegates.

The future years of opportunity for growth of the Danish Brotherhood will, to a great extent, depend on the action the delegates will take and the accomplishment they make, at the convention. It may be a very important turning point in the history of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

The 19th National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood was held in Denver in 1935. At that convention, there were 198 delegates from different lodges. Maybe some of the members can remember the good time that was had at that convention.

We will be informing the membership, through the American Dane magazine, of planned activity, and the room prices, in the months ahead until convention time.

We will be very pleased to hear from members and



Colorado-Wyoming

DENVER, COLORADO — The next National Convention of The Danish Brotherhood in America is just about ten months away. September, 1975, is much closer than we realize.

By this time the membership in lodges throughout the country have elected their delegates and alternates to come to Denver to participate in this National Convention.

We would like at this time to congratulate these delegates and alternates and let them know that we are looking forward to welcoming all of you to Denver. We are planning to go all out to make your stay here in Denver very pleasant.

We do not have the exact count of delegates yet, but think it is somewhat less than 100. That is not really a big convention for a national organization such as the Danish Brotherhood.

We know the elected delegate will come and hope he or she will bring their spouse. However, we are very interested in getting several hundred of our members in the Brotherhood to come to Denver for the convention as guests.

Therefore, we come to you newly elected delegates and lodge officers to ask for your help in promoting the convention and encouraging your members to come to Denver as guests.

The time is now, during the winter months, for lodges to sponsor such programs. Maybe programs to help finance the trip to Denver for your members. We would like to see each lodge send at least three couples in addition to their delegates.

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delegates. Suggestions are always welcome, and we would like to hear if you are planning to attend.

As this year is fast coming to an end, and this will be my last article for 1974, let me conclude by saying: "There is a destiny that makes us brothers; None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others; Comes back into our own."

We wish the membership of the Danish Brotherhood, and the readers of this magazine, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Svend Sonderup, Chairman
National Convention Steering Committee.



Minnesota

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minn. — Eighty-one members plus guests, Mrs. Anna Nielsen of Bindslev and Reinhold Pedersen of Hedensted, Denmark, and guests from the Austin Lodge, gathered at the Stables Supper Club in Albert Lea, Friday evening, November 15, to honor the newly, and not so newly, wed members of Lodge No. 75.

We honored Carmen and Otto Thompson for 50 years of wedded bliss and Ruth and Richard Sorensen for 25 years. The newlywed members are Mr. and Mrs. Einer Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mortice. Mrs. Harry Mortice is better known as Mary, president of the Albert Lea Sisterhood.

Alva Jensen served as toastmaster and a good time was had by all.

Alton Neve, Secretary.



California, Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif. — Los Angeles Lodge 126's 75th anniversary at the Airport Marina Hotel was a well-celebrated affair with 117 guests in attendance.

President Carl Sorensen welcomed everyone and then introduced the Germansen boys, Peter and Paul, who presented the flags. Alice Hagner then played the piano for the anthems. Master of ceremonies Alfred Munck then introduced the guests at the head table, consisting of Consul General Mogens Edsberg and Mrs. Edsberg; Howard Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer; California General Committee President Peter Weber and Mrs. Weber; Pastor and Mrs. Anker Jensen; Lodge President Carl Sorensen and wife, Grace (who is President of Sisterhood Lodge 67); Regmor Palle and Mrs. Alfred Munck. The Sisterhood lodge presented the brothers with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. As the Edsbergs were leaving Los Angeles for another post in South America, Mrs. Edsberg was presented an orchid corsage from the Sisterhood, and the Consul General was presented a plate designed and made by artist Otto Lund.

As is the custom at these yearly birthday parties, all 50-year members were honored and came as guests of the lodge. There were four of these members this year, with Anton Gram and Chris Schodt receiving 50-year pins and Thorvald Kellerup and Nels Roed taking it all in.

Mel Oredsen came down from Oakland along with Larry Olsen and Anders Rasmussen. General Committee Secretary-Treasurer, Ebba Norby and husband, Chris, came from San Diego, and Peter Weber brought along Sam Jensen from Solvang. Jens Andersen and wife represented Alhambra.



Pictured at left is Jens Lauridsen, and great-granddaughter, Wendy Mathiasen, representing four generations of D.B. Lodge No. 126 members. Wendy is the granddaughter of Harold and Lillian Mathiasen, and the daughter of Raymond Mathiasen. Mr. Lauridsen, Lillian Mathiasen's father, has been a member of the D.B. for 46 years.

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — A combined birthday party for our juvenile members was recently held at Warm Springs, Nev. Each "Young Viking" present was presented a D.B. T-shirt, and much fun and good eating was enjoyed by everyone.

Shown in picture are from left, Anita Reed, Leslie Reed, who is holding Melissa Holmes, and Steven Rogers, holding his niece, Crystal Gerrity. Other juvenile members not present were mailed their D.B. T-shirts.



Alice Pinkerton, Correspondent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lodge No. 339, although a fairly new lodge and relatively small in membership, is big in good ideas, particularly for their young members. Maybe other lodges would like to present their juveniles D.B. T-shirts on their birthdays.



Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis. — At the meeting of August 28, five new applications were read and accepted for membership into Lodge No. 4, namely: Soren P. Fournais, James C. Gregersen, George W. Porter, Gordon J. Christiansen and Ray C. Helling. Also, at the meeting of October 9, the applications of Norbert C. Bartelt and Martin C. Sorensen were read and accepted for membership. Our lodge is growing.

Birthday boys donating for September were Art

McCallum, Bud Nielsen, Clifford Miller, Ray Thielen, Alfred Hyldegaard, Orville Jarlsberg and Gordon Sorensen. Donating for the month of October were Walter Jensen, Axel Jespersen, John Mollerskov, Harold LaBlanc, Hans Hermansen, Edward Johnson and Herbert Johnson. Thanks again and Happy Birthday.

Members reported on the sick list at our meeting of October 9, were Poul Nielsen, Otto Andersen, Einar Nielsen, John Mikkelsen and Augie Rasmussen. Remember brothers, stop by or give our sick members a call. They would surely appreciate it. Also, if you know of a member that is sick or disabled, please notify the sick committee.

Don't forget our big Christmas party on December 18, and mark your calendar for Lodge No. 4's annual banquet on January 11, 1975 and our 25-year member's banquet on April 25, 1975.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — We're still rolling right along on membership. Joining since last issue were Mathias Fosbinder, Stanley Jensen and Duane Williams. Also transferred from Racine Lodge No. 4, was Tommi Nielsen. Welcome gentlemen! We have five waiting for initiation and, also, I am happy to report our torsk recruiting smoker was a huge success. Not only did we have a fine meeting with over 50 members in attendance, five young men are going to be joining us shortly. I will continue to remind you to call Bennie Peterson about that new member — just call him at 652-8136 and give him the name and he will do the rest. Being one of the top representatives in our district, Bennie recently won a turkey and a cash prize. Congratulations, Bennie.

A nice little profit for our building fund was generated at our recent aebleskiver breakfast. We had a fine turnout and our hat's off to the hard working committee: Elmer and Helen Nelson, Gordon and Lillian Andersen, Ronald Jensen, Bill Nelson, Myrtle Ibsen, Elaine and Bob Ibsen. It's a lot of work and this committee did a fine job once again.

Our sincere condolences to the family of our departed brother, Karl Laursen, who recently passed away.

Word from Flemming Andersen, our District Insurance Representative, is that we may possibly have two new lodges in the district soon, which is good news.

Just a reminder of our annual Christmas party, Saturday, December 14. We will have cocktails, dinner, entertainment, dancing and door prizes. Be sure to be there.

Bob Ibsen, Reporter.

WORTH QUOTING

Proverbs 9:8-12

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." Paul Tillich has interpreted this text to say that "there cannot be wisdom without an encounter with the holy, with that which creates awe, and shakes the ordinary way of life and thought. Most removed," he says, "from wisdom are not those who are driven by desire for pleasure or power, but those brilliant minds who have never encountered the holy, who are without awe and know nothing sacred, but who are able to conceal their ultimate emptiness by the brilliant performance of their intellect."

—From Kirke og Folk Magazine.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — We have moved to our new location, the new Moose Hall, on Barclay Street. We enjoyed our first social meeting there on October 22. The sisterhood has also moved there, and they were kind enough to furnish us with some coffee for after our card game.

We have two new members this month, Michael Mollema and Bruce Haase. I am sure they will be a real help to our lodge. Art Burkall reports that our bowling team is coming along very good. We also are planning a couple of hunting trips again this fall.

We were saddened by the death of one of our members, Carl W. Jensen, Sr. He will be missed. We are planning a fish dinner at a local restaurant for our next social meeting.

Clayton C. Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. — On October 2, Lodge No. 51 held their regular monthly business meeting with President William Smith presiding. On conclusion of the meeting, a lunch was served consisting of open-faced sandwiches, pickles, rolls and assorted beverages.

On October 16 we held our regular monthly social evening. This time we started out with a carry-in supper with our wives and guests invited for the evening. On the committee were President and Mrs. William Smith, Secretary and Mrs. Earl Jensen and Trustee and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson.

Following the luncheon, we were treated to a slide presentation by Trustee Kenneth Johnson of the trip he and his daughter made to the Scandinavian countries. It was a most enjoyable evening and Trustee Ken had many beautiful pictures of the countries of Denmark, Sweden and Norway which he shared with us. It was an evening enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Ken and also the committee for the fine evening.

On October 23, Lodge No. 51 held their monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. Following the games, a potluck luncheon was served by the committee, and prizes were awarded. On the committee were Treasurer Al Garcia, Brother Lars Christoffersen, Brother Frank Hansen and Mrs. Hansen, and Brother Oscar Peterson and Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Mich. — We have had a very good summer. Now for fall events which always puts us in the mood for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The JADA group is using our building twice a month for their meetings, as they have grown too large for home meetings.

The roof over our heads has recently been tarred, the sidewalk replaced, and, with the special care of the entire premises by Brother Wesley Kraft, we are very proud of our building. A lot of effort has been given by all the active members who show a desire to keep the name D.B. Lodge No. 70 in the top bracket of social life.

Our city signs, "Danish Festival City," on the four

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Apply For Scholarship Now

The Scholarship Committee wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1975, will be considered beginning February 1, 1975. Those eligible members wishing to apply should write to The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebr., 68131, and request an application form not later than December 31, 1974. No applications received after February 1, 1975, will be considered by the Committee for 1975 awards. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$125.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$1,000.00.



Eligible for scholarship awards are insured members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending, or planning to attend, an accredited college, technical school or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award. [See Sec. 61, Par. 9 of the bylaws.]

**KRISTEN JORGENSEN, Chairman,
The Scholarship Committee.**

Additional Danish Brotherhood scholarships available at the local lodge and district level are:

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Other scholarships are available to persons of Scandinavian descent through Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, 68008 and Grandview College, Des Moines, Iowa, 50316.



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Our Lodges in Action

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highways at city limits, are rewarding to our organization. The festival was an overwhelming success. So much can be said for the area people as well as visitors from many other states. The festival has become a rewarding activity for the entire area — ever growing in interest. There seems to be no limit. "Velkommen til den Ellevte Annual Danske Fest" rings in our minds.
Vern Minard, President.

Detroit Lodge No. 227 — On October 9 there were 140 brothers and sisters who showed up for our monthly pre-meeting dinner. The turnouts at these dinners has really been gratifying to those of us who are constantly trying to find ways to increase attendance at the twice monthly business meetings. Attendance at the meeting on the night we have these dinners is usually in the area of 70 to 80 brothers but at our second business meeting of each month attendance drops drastically to an average attendance of about 40 brothers even though the lodge pays for beef, coffee and pastries for those who show up. Incidentally, the greatest number of brothers at these meetings are the few who are always there and are doing all of the work to keep the Brotherhood in the Detroit area the great thing it is. It surely would be nice to see some of the other 400 plus members in our area show up and take an active part in the organization of which they are members. As of now only about five per cent of Lodge No. 227's members really take an active part in the running of the lodge business but we sure get a lot of flak from those who show up only when they have something to complain about.

Now that I have that off of my chest, on to some of the other news from our area. On October 9, Viggo Blegvad was initiated into the Brotherhood and was bid welcome by one of our long-time members and also a Past-President Carl Jensen.

Albert Halse, who I reported in the last issue of the magazine was due to receive his 60-year pin finally got it. Past-President Carl Hansen who has known Albert for many years did the honors of presenting Al with the coveted pin. In the lodge jackpot drawing Gary Jensen missed out on \$47.50 by not being there.

On October 23, we had our usual small turnout but we still had a good meeting and our President, Werner Walther, saw to it that we had sandwiches, Danish-type, to go along with the beer and coffee. Aage Madsen missed out on \$50 in the lodge drawing. Too bad Aage. I think this was the second time he missed out on the pot.

Recently Albert Halse and his wife celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary and George Nielsen and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary. Congratulations to all of you from the lodge.

The annual Christmas party for the members is scheduled to be held as usual on December 26 at the Danish Club. The lodge officers started to make arrangements for this party a couple of months ago along with the officers from the Sisterhood Lodge.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes for the holidays and the New Year to all of our brothers and sisters and their families all over the United States, Canada and those in Denmark.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.



**Washington-Oregon
British Columbia
(Pacific Northwest)**

Throughout the year, we are constantly reminded that this is an age of science and efficiency — an age of electronics, nuclear fission, calculating machines, jet propulsion and automation. In order to compete in our streamlined society, we try to keep our thinking objective and realistic — our emotions hidden and suppressed and our feelings in a state of deep-freeze. On the surface it appears that the material things in life have been over-emphasized to the point where planned economies, time studies and research programs are now what make the world go-round. However, about the middle of December, we permit our thinking to become a little less practical — we let our minds wander into the unscientific past and we think of sleigh bells, candle light, carol singing and home cooking. Something in our subconscious seems to tell us Christmas was enjoyed more in days gone by when life was simple — but as the holidays draw nearer, we begin to see people around us exhibiting the human qualities that previously seemed to have vanished with the past and a little reflection convinces us that these qualities have always been there — sometimes a little less obvious but always apparent to those who took the trouble to look for them.

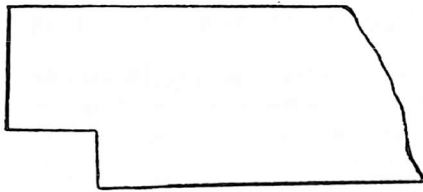
As we write this column with the New Year just around the corner, we realize once again that our human values remain unchanged — we are reminded of the personal rewards we enjoy throughout the entire year by taking a genuine interest in the welfare of others and striving to be worthy of the confidence and trust of our fellow men and women. In that light, all of your friends in the Pacific Northwest wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a glorious Happy New Year.

Portland, Oregon Danes remind you to mark your 1975 calendars for May 23 when the Rose City will entertain a weekend of business, social events and hospitality for the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood delegates. If you have suggestions or criticisms of past district conventions, share them with Publicity Chairman Helene Hirsch, 2556 Northeast 28th, Portland 97212. For better or for worse, it might just help the cause along.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.

Thought for the Month

You can never do a kindness too soon; Tomorrow it may be too late.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska — Axel and Rose Skelbeck celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. It started with a dinner party at the "Hilltop," where their guests were members of the National Board of Officers, who were in Omaha for their semi-annual meeting. Also attending the dinner were Fred and Sena Jensen. Fred is a past National Board member.

On Saturday, November 9, Axel and Rose's two daughters, Evelyn Warner and Norma Sauter, were hostesses at an open house honoring their parents. Pamela Warner, granddaughter, was in charge of the guest book, and Bradley Sauter, grandson, greeted the guests at the door. About 200 attended this lovely affair and cards, telegrams and gifts were received from all over the United States and from Denmark. Axel was especially pleased that his brother, Rasmus Skelbeck, could be here from British Columbia. Other out-of-town guests were Rose's sister, Violet Stiglitch, of Chicago; Rosa Skelbeck (Mrs. Svend Skelbeck), from California; and Joan Madsen, wife of the late Chris Madsen, former Board member, from New Jersey.

Pictured at the "Open House" are (left to right) Robert and Evelyn Warner, son-in-law and daughter; Axel Skelbeck; Robert Sauter, son-in-law; Rose Skelbeck and Norma Sauter, daughter.



On November 10, the actual anniversary date, Axel and Rose were honored by their children at an intimate dinner at the "Hilltop" for family and very close friends.

Very sincere congratulations to the Skelbecks, who for many years have been a 100 per cent Danish Brotherhood family.

Our Christmas party, sponsored jointly by Lodge No. 1 and the Danish-American Club, will be held on Tuesday, December 17.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.



Connecticut, New York, Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island (Eastern Lodges)

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — November 8 marked an important occasion for Lodge 102, when the first woman member was initiated into the lodge. Mary C. Braumann is pictured here being initiated by Erling C. Braumann, G.C.E.L. President, while Carl W. Sorensen, Secretary of Lodge 102, assists. Erling also happens to be

Mary's husband. Mary's daughters, Christine and Justine, also became D.B. members, making the Erling Braumann family another 100 per cent Danish Brotherhood family.



Mr. and Mrs. Bent Pedersen of Copenhagen are visiting with Brother Peter and Sister Edith Rasmussen for awhile. Brother Carl W. Sorensen was elected delegate, and Erling C. Braumann was elected alternate to the 1975 Convention. A daughter was born to the Asbjorn Guldhauges on November 5. Congratulations and good luck to them.

A lovely engraved pendant was presented to Sister Lizzie Williams by the members of Haab Lodge 158 at a party in the home of the Raymond M. Jensens recently. Sister Liz has moved to South Carolina and we shall all miss her.

Brother Edmund C. Sorensen passed away on September 28, after an extended illness. We extend deepest sympathy to his family.

Carl W. Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, N.Y. — At our meeting held on November 9, a smorgasbord was served by Martin and Vivi Hansen and Ejvind and Louisa Lausteen. Thank you for a nice dinner. At this meeting, we had our first art and hobby show. More about this in the next newsletter.

Finally, after one year, we had a jackpot winner. Svend Hansen was the lucky winner of \$60. Next month, we will start over with \$5.00. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the annual dinner dance is on November 30.

The children's Christmas party will be held in the hall on Saturday, December 14, at 3 p.m. As usual, we will have a Christmas tree, which will be decorated by our members.

We will not compete with the "Mellon Galleries," but the December meeting is going to be a real challenge for our distinguished judges, Ms. Caroline Petersen, Ms. Hanne Marech, and Svend Hansen, to determine the winners of the three prizes for the best art work. Please compliment the exhibitors by coming to our art and hobby show. The beauty of art would be lost without the admiration of our members and their friends.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — At our last meeting, election of officers for 1975 was held. Refreshments were served by Svend Nielsen and Susie Hansell.

The date for the Christmas banquet has been changed from December 7, to December 14. It will be held at the Swedish Museum, as planned.

We had the following new members initiated into the lodge in October: Bente Olesen, Rosemary Barrata, Christina Liberace, Christian Jensen and George Jensen.

Congratulations to Hans and Julia Andersen, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

Danish church service at the Norwegian Seamen's church is still being held the third Sunday of the month. Pastor Munk Jensen is coming up from Baltimore to service the local community. After service, coffee is being served and children are welcome at the services.

George Clausen, Secretary.

JUST BEING DANISH

From all of my Danish friends and acquaintances, I still can not help but witness the inner and deep-rooted love of Denmark, the inherited manner of living and social graces. The choice of our children's names, the fulfillment we receive when we speak our native tongue to family and friends and the ever present desire to seek out Danish cuisine.

As I look around and observe some of our children being taught the Danish Language, the adult members grateful smile of appreciation, I ponder to myself: "This is our future, our aims and goals becoming a reality and I feel that they do have something special going for them."

Being able to walk this way only once, remember, the good or indifferentism we foster has a very great bearing on the growth and culture of our society, especially for those who follow after us. Let us then dwell for a few very conscientious moments.

Reaching the conclusion and realizing that we are Danish-Americans and to refresh our minds with the promises we have undertaken, I feel certain we can acclaim... "If I do not do my share to cultivate the seeds of Danish heritage that I possess, who is then responsible?"

America is surely the melting pot of many nations. She derives her greatness from the people and customs that immigrated to these shores. We as Danes know we offer the best people, heritage and culture one could desire. Could anyone be so inconsiderate as to let this greatness they possess lie idle and waste away? My friends, it is never too late to become actively involved as we all have something special to offer our adopted America. Just be a real Dane and let this greatness rub off on those who surround us.

From Lodge 172's Newsletter.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J. — At our last meeting, on November 9, election of officers for 1975 was held. Also, Brother Paul Ifversen was elected delegate to the National Convention, and Carl Torp was elected alternate.

Our 75th anniversary banquet was a success. It was well attended, thanks to everyone who came and helped make it a success.

Our annual Christmas tree party for the children will

be held Sunday, December 22, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

Brother Ivan Erlandsen suffered a slight heart attack last month. After a few days in the hospital, Ivan is now home recuperating and we all hope for a speedy recovery.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — At our last meeting, Bill Petersen gave a report on his trip to Denmark. It was, he said, a wonderful but expensive trip. The outing, held at George Severson's camp, was well attended. Food and refreshment were plentiful and we thank George for the use of his camp. Brother Walther Jorgensen is on the sick list. Brother Chris Biering is well over his illness.

It was decided at the last meeting that Chris Biering is in charge of Christmas gifts to all widows of deceased brothers. At last, a "thank you" to Sara Becker for serving dinner at our last two meetings.

Chris Biering, Secretary.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — At our meeting held on November 13, John Hinrichsen, our Area Manager, gave a short speech and showed slides from Solvang, Calif. I'm sure it was the first time many of our members saw Solvang. Nothing could be more Danish. Afterward the sisters served frikadeller, rolls, coffee and pastry. Thanks to John and the sisters for making it a very pleasant evening.

Again this year, there will be a Christmas party for the children. It's being held on December 8, 3 to 5 p.m., and it will be necessary to have reservations for this event. We would also like to have each child bring a Christmas ornament to hang on the tree — one that the child has made. For reservations, please call Carol Martone, 1-457-0049; Nina Wagner, 933-5573; or Eleanore Swirsky, 795-6809.

Norman Edmonds, Secretary.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. — At the G.C.E.L. convention in September, our delegates were Chris Johnsen, James Elliot, Einer Petersen and Aage Jespersen. The wives also attended as guests.

In October, George Keller was elected delegate to the National Convention in 1975, and James Elliot was elected alternate.

Our lodge and Frihed Lodge No. 153 of the Sisterhood

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT

Number 906

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December 1, 1974

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January 1, 1975

Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

**HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.**

will hold a Christmas party for the children on December 15, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

James Elliot, Secretary.

Lodge No. 41, Derby, Conn. — On May 17, 1975, Enighed Lodge No. 41 in Derby is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Reservations for this affair are now being taken. We hope to see our neighboring lodges there. The place will be Rapps Paradise Inn in Ansonia. Ted Novak's band has been hired for this event. For reservations, call Chris Andersen, Shelton, Ct.

Chris Andersen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N.J. — Congratulations are in order for Brother Axel Hansen, who is celebrating 50 years service as a member of the Danish Brotherhood.

The members of No. 90 feted their ladies to a day out and evening dinner at Bachert's Hof Brau Haus in the Atlantic Highlands. We sure appreciate our ladies for making so many good sandwiches and the like for after-meeting festivities. The Oktoberfest here was the main attraction and we all sang, danced and had a great time. Committee arrangements were outstanding.

Happy Birthday to Brother Meyer Nelson in Bradenton, Fla. This also goes for his wife, Marie. Meyer will be 92 years old on November and Marie, 95 on November 8. We also extend a belated 71st wedding anniversary congratulations to these people who observed this occasion on September 1.

How about it members of No. 90, come on out to meetings before the snow keeps you home.

Chris Nielsen, Correspondent.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN: G.C.E.L. HISTORY

After attending the D.B. National Convention in St. Louis, in 1923, as a delegate from No. 205, Niels Simonsen continued his trip to California, where a G.C. already was in existence. Learning about its actual and potential benefits to the California lodges, he, upon his return and with the full approval of his lodge, contacted the other D.B. lodges in the East regarding the advisability of forming a district organization here.

As a result, representatives from 19 lodges in N.Y., N.J., Conn. and Mass., together with Supreme President Soren Iversen, held a meeting in Acme Hall, 7th Ave. and 9th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., on September 28, 1924. With 17 votes in favor and two abstaining, it was decided to form the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, and the following officers were elected: President Niels Simonsen, No. 205; Vice President C.B. Christensen, No. 190; Secretary H.M. Marker, No. 87; Treasurer Henry Hansen, No. 46; Trustee V. Killedare Jensen, No. 116.

The next meeting was held in Schnectady, N.Y., May 30 and 31, 1925, by which time 28 lodges with 3,824 members had joined the General Committee.

Promoting the best interests of the Danish Brotherhood in America was, of course, to be the overall purpose of the General Committee, and this has been done by strengthening the ties of Brotherhood through the yearly meetings, by exchanging ideas and opinions, about matters of importance to the D.B., its lodges and members. One particular purpose, namely, the securing of ever-needed new members, was easily accomplished during the years of unlimited immigration; but, in later years the modesty of Danish-born immigrants and their desire to become "Americanized" have reacted to the disadvantage of the Danish Brotherhood.

If we — all of us — at this time would give as much sincere and devoted effort to the promotion of the best

interests of the D.B., as did those who started it, there would be no question about the continued existence of the Danish Brotherhood in America. Justifiably proud of our Danish heritage of honesty, competence, dependability and consideration for others, we should have no hesitancy about urging our second and third generations to join and thus provide for the assured continuance of a worthwhile fraternity.

LOOKING FOR ANCESTERS?

DR. HVIDT OFFERS HELP

Dr. Kristian Hvidt, Librarian to the Danish Parliament and famed author, visited the Home Office in Omaha recently while he was on his lecture tour of the U.S.

Dr. Hvidt is quite interested in genealogy, and was kind enough to give us addresses of places in Denmark that could be of assistance to anyone trying to trace their family tree back to Denmark:

For census material:

Rigsaruiwet

Rigsdagsgarden 9,

1218 Copenhagen

The following have access to church records, but you would have to know when and where the person was born:

Landsaruiwet for Sjaelland

Jagtvej 10

2200, Copenhagen N

Landsaruiwet for Fyn

5000, Odense

Landsaruiwet for Nørrejylland

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6200, Aabenra

CHRISTMAS PLATES FROM DENMARK

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Our Readers Write



Dear American Dane:

Rarely do I sit down to write a letter, but I sure got a kick out of the article written by Levi Persson.

Having been a member of D.B. Lodge No. 106 in Trufant, Michigan for years, how well do I remember the cod fish in mustard gravy, and the wooden boxes the fish came in.

Thank Levi Persson for me for his article in the American Dane.

John W. Irwin
R.R. #1
Trufant, Michigan.

Dear Editor:

Just a line to let you know that I like your handling of THE AMERICAN DANE magazine and want to thank you for doing so.

Your encouragement of the older generations to share their experiences with others gives them an opportunity to relive many incidents in their lives both happy and sad; but which, with the passing of time and the maturing of the spirit, can be seen in their proper perspective. Today, it seems that to be able to live to a ripe old age is an achievement in itself.

We are all told "To know ourselves"; and to the young this can be a very trying thing. These episodes from the lives of the older generations can help them to better understand these instinctive longings and desires which are their heritage from Danish ancestry. We all need each other — men, women and children.

Sorry that I haven't written for sometime but experience has taught me that if there isn't anything important to say, it is best to keep quiet.

Fraternally yours,
Anon E. Muss.

Dear Sirs:

We are interested in your "Young Vikings" coloring book, as well as the Viking Ship kits, T-shirts and balloons. Leif Ericson Day is coming up, you know, and we thought to use some of these things at our celebration.

Would you be kind enough to send us

a price list? We would appreciate that very much.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,
Sally E. Christensen, Secretary
Leif Ericson Society,
Penn. Chapter.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to have another Pen Pal. Pen Pals are really, really fun. I like learning about other children and where they live. I find it very interesting.

I am going to tell all my friends. Then they can learn about other children in the world.

Vicki Pedersen
203 Steward Street
Elmont, N.Y. 11003.

Dear Sirs:

In the beginning of this year, you forwarded me a name of a girl in Copenhagen whom I began writing to and had the pleasure of meeting this past summer. We have become great friends now, but I would also like to write to someone else. Is it possible for you to give me a name of someone living in or around Copenhagen? I would like to write to a boy this time, if possible. I doubt if you have any restrictions about that.

I am registered with you already, so there should be no trouble. I am 19 now and would like to write to someone of that age category.

The first time around you gave me a great friend. I hope you can do it again.

Lisa Johansson
23-18 124 Street
College Point, N.Y. 11356.

"Dear Friends:

As time goes on and I get up in age, I do not do as I used to. I will, however, let you know that I am now at the Danish Home for the Aged, for D.B. members of the G.C.E.L. and I would like to let you know how we are doing here. We are not many — only about 15, but we have a very good manager in Peter Christensen, member of Lodge No. 46. He and his fine wife and the other sisters are just great to us. We have three very good

meals every day, nice clean rooms, and every Tuesday, Pete takes us in town to shop. Two different lodges have their regular meetings here every month and it is a pleasure to be able to attend.

I assure all of my fellow D.B. members that my life in the D.B. has given me much pleasure and I wish to thank the Brothers who, from time to time, have come to see me. It is so good to know that you are not entirely forgotten.

I would like to hear from any of you who would care to write, and from all of us here at the Danish Home, Brotherly Greetings to all."

George V. Petersen
Edison, N.J. 08817.

Dear Sirs,

Thank you very much for the \$25.00 Camp Grant. I had a great time in summer camp. We were kept busy most of the time with activities scheduled for us. We worked on merit badges in the morning with an hour before lunch for free time. We went horseback riding once and had plenty of rifle shooting practice. On the last night we had a campfire with several hundred Boy Scouts attending. It was a thoroughly great camp and I had a wonderful time.

David Mau.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the splendid PR help in THE AMERICAN DANE on Dr. Hvidt's trip. Because of it, we were able to complete a full schedule for him, including Chicago, about which there'd been some doubt.

John E. Norton
Midwestern Representative
American Scandinavian Foundation.

Dear Sir,

Please send our granddaughter two coloring books.

I joined the Danish Brotherhood lodge 2 1/2 years ago. We have a grand group here in Spokane, but I must say our group that met weekly and studied the Danish tapes last winter really enjoyed it immensely. I would like to see you put more tapes out for study.

Ethel Matheny.

Dear American Dane:

I enjoy reading your magazine very much.

As the hours roll around and the days go by, I think of days as stepping stones to higher and more beautiful consciousness full of grace and good works. As the light gets brighter and the darkness wanes, we shall see the end of our journey — a beautiful sight to behold and God's glory as of old.

Henry Hendrickson
212 S. 2nd Street, Sp. 20
El Cajon, Calif. 92021.

Just for Today

Just for Today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for Today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do — just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

Just for Today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for Today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, some time, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

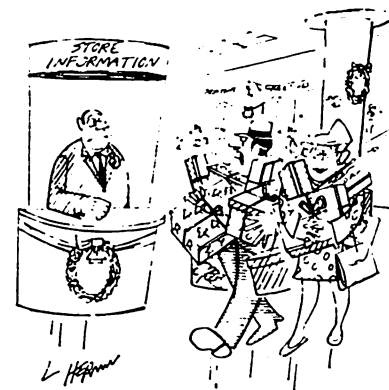
Just for Today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Just for Today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

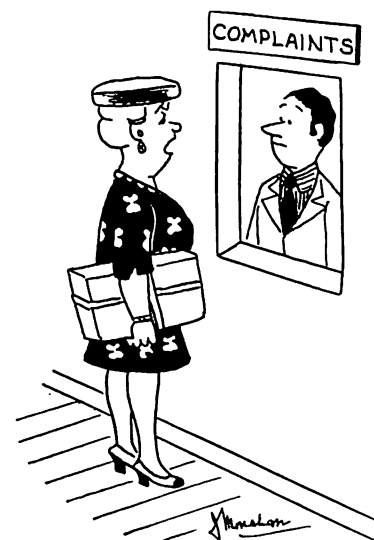
Just for Today I will try to live through this day only and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for Today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for Today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.



"Thanks a lot!"



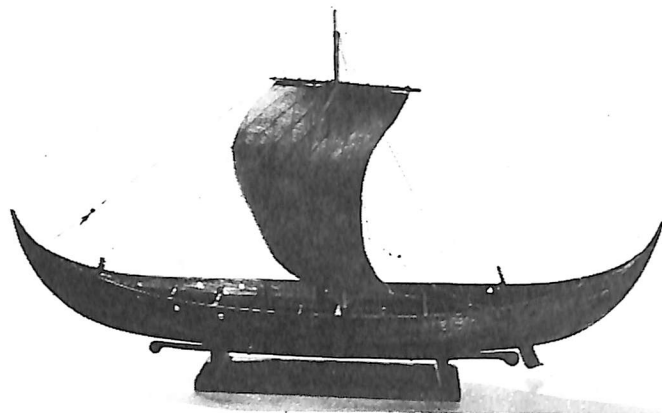
"My feet hurt."

It Is Not Easy

To apologize,
To begin over,
To be unselfish,
To take advice,
To admit error,
To keep trying,
To face a sneer,
To be charitable,
To be considerate,
To avoid mistakes,
To endure success,
To keep out of a rut,
To profit by mistakes,
To forgive and forget,
To think and then act,
To make the best of little,
To subdue an unruly temper,
To shoulder a deserved blame,
To recognize the silver lining—

BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS.

NEW PRODUCT AVAILABLE



VIKING SHIP

The lines were taken from an actual Viking ship raised in 1962 and presently on display in the "Viking Ships Museum" at Roskilde. This was a typical small merchant vessel of the Viking period, beautifully formed, of oak, on which the prow was featured, and which probably moved merchandise by charter across the Baltic Sea, North Sea, and into larger rivers.

Merchandise was stored amidships, under hides, while the crew of four to six men stayed on the half deck, fore or aft. From these half decks they rowed the ship by means of long oars stuck out through openings in the uppermost plank, along the side. Whenever possible, the wind was used for propulsion. The mast stood mid-ship, fitted into a slot in the keelson, braced by a mast beam. In addition, brace ropes held it from both sides, and to forward, from the mast head, running to rings fixed into the upper planking. The merchant ship was about 43 feet long, about 11 feet wide, and about 5½ feet high, midship. Some 75% of the original timbers were preserved for reconstruction.

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AXEL DESSAN HONORED FOR PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS

Axel Dessau (left), Director of the Danish National Tourist Office, is presented with a Royal Viking plaque by Ed Lichtenhagen, New York District Sales Manager for Scandinavian Airlines, on the occasion of the Danish National Tourist Office's 25th Anniversary here in North America.

Axel, who founded the office, is one of the very few non-travel agent persons ever to receive the coveted SAS award annually which is usually reserved for travel agents who produce the most tourist business in Scandinavia.

Axel is known among Danish Brotherhood members for his excellent colored slides of Denmark, which have been arranged into a special program available from the D.B. Home Office.

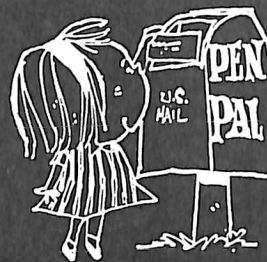
Axel's success in the quarter century past was best summed up by comedian Victor Borge, an old school pal of the Great Dane, when Borge said, "... For the last 25 years Axel has successfully, with brilliance, affection and with dedication, converted millions of ordinary American citizens to tourists; and thereby has created a steady stream of immense importance to the American/Scandinavian relationship..."



Danish Brotherhood

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PROJECT



It's an exciting moment when a stranger becomes a friend and that is just what happens when you belong to D. B. Pen Pals! Let us pick a pen pal for you and you'll share interests and hobbies with young people all over the United States, and perhaps even Denmark.

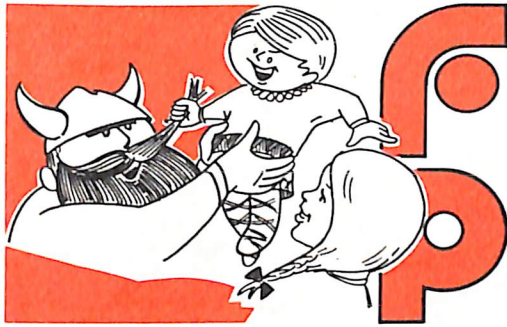
Anyone between the ages of 5 and 20 is eligible. Fill out the attached application and mail to Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters, Fraternal Affairs Dept., 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

Name

Address

Age Hobbies

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Yes. Ours even has a provision which can be included which will guarantee future insurance purchases regardless of health.

Grandparents and parents, too, can give their children a financial "head start" by applying for a Danish Brotherhood Youth Plan, and, if possible, paying the premiums yearly, or in their entirety. There are gift tax exclusions to the premium payer too.



You can purchase your five-year old grandson a \$5,000 Danish Brotherhood Life Insurance Policy for the single sum of \$1,229.89. Total value of this policy at age 65 will be an impressive \$10,207.00 [cash value is guaranteed; dividends are on current scale and not guaranteed]. As you can see, this is a gift that keeps on giving — and gaining in value.

Please send me information for a Head Start plan for the following:

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AGE:

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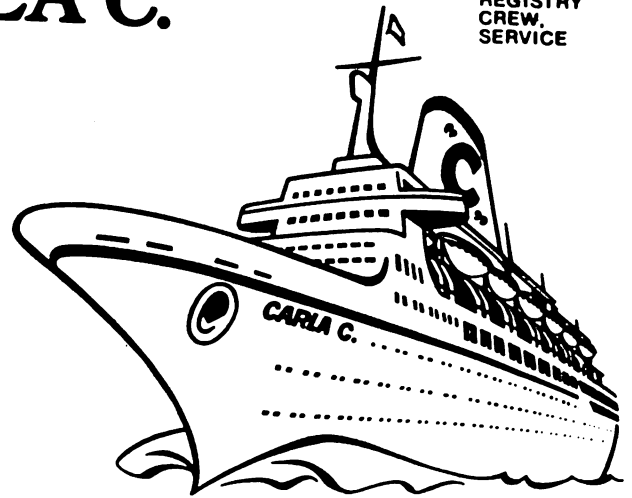
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Danish Kitchen

After the turkey's all gone, try this economical entree for dinner. Your meat and vegetables are all in this dish, so serve some good cheese and rye bread and butter and, maybe, a jello salad, and you've got your meal.



BEEF IN SOUR CREAM [Oksemørbrad I Surfløde]

2 lbs. sirloin or top round steak
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
3 tbs. butter
1 tbs. lemon juice
¼ cup minced onion
¼ cup diced celery
¼ cup diced carrots
2 tbs. minced parsley
2 tbs. flour
1 cup sour cream

Cut steak, across grain, into strips, season with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Melt butter in

Dutch oven or heavy skillet, add steak and brown quickly. Mix vegetables and parsley together and spread them in a layer over the steak.

Cover with tight-fitting lid and cook over low heat, or in 325° oven for about one hour, or until meat is fork tender and vegetables are done.

Remove meat and keep warm. Blend flour into vegetables and cooking juices in pan. Cook about two minutes. Add sour cream, stirring until sauce is thick and smooth. Return meat to sauce and heat through. Serve over rice or noodles. Serves 4.

JOHN HINRICHSEN ELECTED TO BOARD OF LEIF ERICSON SOCIETY

John Hinrichsen, D.B. Eastern Area Manager, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Leif Ericson Society at their annual fall meeting.

The Leif Ericson Society, headquartered in Media, Pa., was officially organized because of growing interest in the cause of Leif Ericson, both nationally and abroad. On Leif Ericson Day, October 9 last, President Ford, as well as most of the nation's governors, sent Leif Ericson Day proclamations to the Media headquarters.

The society is a natural extension of the Leif Ericson association founded in 1926 in connection with the U.S. Sesqui-centennial and is planning to take a very active part in the American Bicentennial festivities coming up in 1976.



attend semi-annual Board meeting, \$375.91; Yearly expense, \$350.00.

George Jacobsen — To Rockford, Ill., to attend Midwest District Convention, \$230.27; To Omaha to attend semi-annual Board meeting, \$352.94; Yearly expense, \$350.00.

George Godthaab — To Omaha to attend semi-annual Board meeting, \$358.94; Yearly expense, \$350.00

Byron Petersen — To Omaha to attend semi-annual Board meeting, \$276.27; Yearly expense, \$350.00.

Donald Moon — To Omaha to attend semi-annual Board meeting, \$250.73; Yearly expense, \$350.00.

Svend Sonderup — To Omaha to attend semi-annual Board meeting, \$246.72; Yearly expense, \$350.00.

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Section 7, Paragraph 3[b] — Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4, and/or Section 6, paragraph 1; Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2, is hereby published:

OCTOBER, 1974:

Einar Danielsen — Salary, \$229.85. To Omaha to attend semi-annual Board meeting, \$245.73.

Kristen Jorgensen — To Storm Lake, Iowa to attend Iowa United Lodges Convention, \$300.91; To Omaha to

Lest We Forget

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP, WE HONOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

| Date of Death | Name | Age | Birthplace | Lodge No. | Year Location | Joined |
|---------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------|
| Aug. 11— | Viggo Nielsen | 87 | Denmark | 17 | Chicago, Ill. | 1921 |
| Sept. 23— | Peter M. Boesen | 92 | Vejle, Denmark | 257 | New York, N.Y. | 1913 |
| Sept. 29— | Knud E. Petersen | 83 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 600 | Omaha, Nebr. | 1927 |
| Oct. 15— | Ejner C. Larsen | 76 | Norte Ultrup, Denmark | 1 | Omaha, Nebr. | 1926 |
| Oct. 20— | Gilbert Olsen | 72 | Iowa | 283 | Dagmar, Mont. | 1924 |
| Sept. 21— | Hans P. Carlsen | 72 | Denmark | 325 | Nassau Cnty., N.Y. | 1925 |
| Oct. 12— | Ejnar Hinrichsen | 75 | Gording, Denmark | 321 | W. Palm Beach, Fla. | 1956 |
| Oct. 22— | Louis W. Ballard | 48 | Iowa | 144 | Dike, Iowa | 1963 |
| Oct. 12— | Karl P. Laursen | 83 | Rogen, Denmark | 14 | Kenosha, Wis. | 1919 |
| Oct. 21— | Martin Svendsen | 86 | Svendborg, Denmark | 85 | Rochester, Minn. | 1910 |
| Oct. 2— | Magnus P. Nielsen | 88 | Denmark | 107 | Chicago, Ill. | 1911 |
| Oct. 20— | John Carlsen | 92 | Sweden | 149 | Luverne, N.D. | 1918 |
| Oct. 15— | Charles H. Jensen | 65 | Fowler, Colo. | 261 | Fowler, Colo. | 1944 |
| Sept. 18— | John P. Madsen | 52 | | 184 | Hayward, Calif. | 1948 |
| Oct. 28— | Thomas Thompson | 88 | Council Bluffs, Iowa | 10 | Council Bluffs, Iowa | 1905 |
| Oct. 24— | Louis Madsen | 72 | Denmark | 62 | Sioux City, Iowa | 1952 |
| Oct. 18— | Sam Sampson | 76 | Jewell, Iowa | 283 | Dagmar, Mont. | 1937 |
| Oct. 25— | Mark C. Jensen | 78 | Chicago, Ill. | 182 | Waukegan, Ill. | 1943 |
| Oct. 27— | Carl Lund | 73 | Denmark | 50 | Byram, Conn. | 1916 |
| Oct. 25— | Peter Christensen | 84 | Denmark | 167 | Portland, Ore. | 1908 |
| Oct. 27— | Charles F. Hansen | 85 | Denmark | 306 | San Diego, Calif. | 1934 |

PROPOSALS TO CHANGE LAWS DUE FEBRUARY 17, 1975

Attention please all members, and Lodge Law Committee members in particular: February 17, 1975, is the deadline for submitting proposals for changes in the laws of the Danish Brotherhood at the 1975 National Convention in Denver.

All proposals **must** be postmarked by February 17, 1975, to receive consideration by the Nine-Man Law Committee, which will convene at that time.

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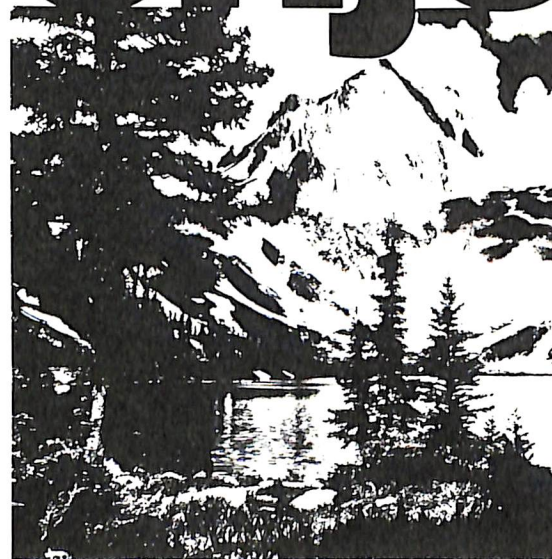
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