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June is a great month for picnics, and several of our lodges are planning picnics to celebrate two Danish holidays which fall in June — "Grundlovsdag" and "St. Hans Aften." We hope your lodge is one of them.

Ask your lodge president, secretary or treasurer to see their copy of the April issue of the "Viking Adventures" newsletter. It has a number of suggestions for planning a "Grundlovsdag St. Hans Aften" picnic (including making and burning a witch).

Happy picnicking!!!

Don Eversoll

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This issue contains special instructions, suggestions and information on Danish costumes, in preparation for the "Get-Acquainted Party" at the National Convention in Denver on Wednesday evening, September 17th. Please see pages 14 and 15.



Stepping Out, The Danish Way

The Danish influence in the small, rural town of Kimballton, Iowa, is obvious in many ways, both overhead and underfoot. A glance down Main Street of this friendly community reveals a healthy dose of Danish names on storefronts, windows and shop doors. In many cases, slogans and titles appear in Danish right next to the English. The corner cafe, for example, called "Kom-Som-men

Kafe," or "get together" cafe, bears the inscription over the door, "Her mødes venner for at spise," which means, "friends meet here to eat."

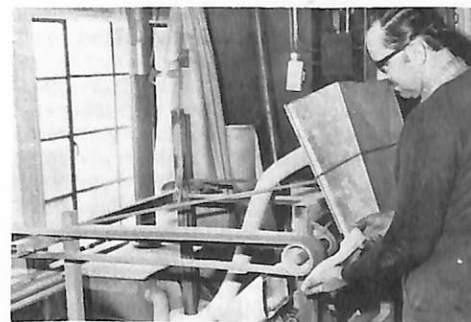
Underfoot, in the strict, literal sense of the word, the Danish influence is also unmistakable, thanks to Dania Sko, Inc.

The Danish Shoe Company is only three years old, but its influence is seen behind counters on the feet of

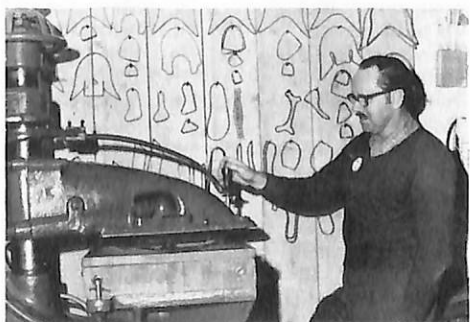
shopkeepers, clerks, and on many residents in Kimballton, in nearby Elk Horn, and other cities in Iowa and Nebraska.

Dania Sko footwear is definitely an example of an old-world craft which is making a comeback in modern-day America. Fashioned from imported Michigan beechwood, each shoe (wooden bottom clog, they are officially called), is made by hand to a large degree. They come in some 20 different styles, for both men and women, and feature genuine leather tops, or uppers, as the Danes say.

Dania Sko is the brainchild of the present owners, Jens Sorensen and Howard Juel, both members of the Brotherhood. Jens and Howard figure eventually, with the help of some full-time employees, they can put out 200 pair of shoes per day. That's roughly 100,000 shoes, or 50,000 pairs, in a year's time. If they can reach that level, chances are sometime, somewhere, in the next year, you'll see someone wearing a pair of "traesko" made at Dania Sko, Inc., Kimballton, Iowa.



Process of making wooden shoes starts with inspection of imported beechwood, upper left photo. In next picture, Jens Pedersen, Andy Andersen and Howard Juel show next step which is dye cutting of shoe from plank. At upper right, Jens applies the next touch, which is sanding. Lower left photo, Jens uses dye cutter to trim leather for upper portion, then attaches leather to clog [next photo] with pneumatic staple gun. After touching up, shoes go on final display rack, at right.



Membership Recognition Program

As you can see from the following listing, our Membership Recognition Program is "booming" right along, with many members in many lodges participating. As of the end of March, 1975, 36 of our members have won "Booster" awards [for sponsoring or recommending five insured or ten social members, or a combination of both]. One member, Larry Knudsen, Lodge No. 206, Blair, Nebraska, has won the Distinguished Service Award [25 insured, or 50 social, or a combination of both].

All members who have won awards in the Membership Recognition Program will be recognized at the National Danish Brotherhood Convention in Denver in September, so that's another added incentive for all of us to get in there and "pitch" for the Brotherhood.

Congratulations to all the award winners and to every member who is working to increase our lodge membership. Call the D.B. representative in your area and recommend someone you know for membership.

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Points	Name	Lodge No.	Location	Points	Name	Lodge No.	Location	Points
Albertsen, Ellen	172	Philadelphia	1	Bruhn, Ove	328	Vancouver	2	Fahl, Lawrence R.	167	Portland	2
Albrechtsen, Anders	34	Dwight	16	Bracker, Edward	10	Council Bluffs	4	Farber, Herman D.	46	Perth Amboy	3
Alderman Betty L.	211	Grand Island	2	Buckhave, Jens C.	227	Detroit	1	Farrup, Gerda	164	New York	1
Andersen, Alan	17	Chicago	19	Buckhave, Robert	227	Detroit	1	Ferdinandsen, Geo.	46	Perth Amboy	24
Andersen, Alvin L.	4	Racine	5	Bundesen, Jess P.	36	Milwaukee	2	Fisher, Holger	45	Minneapolis	1
Andersen, Anders	126	Los Angeles	2	Burkall, Arthur M.	30	Muskegon	4	Fitzgerald Kenneth	299	Solvang	4
Andersen, Axel	62	Sioux City	2	Cherney, John H.	329	Long Beach	10	Fournais, Soren	4	Racine	2
Andersen, Benjamin	67	Fresno	2	Christensen, Aksel	14	Kenosha	3	Frederiksen, George	263	Askov	2
Andersen, Floyd	161	Ruskin	6	Christensen, Arthur	334	Geneva	4	Frederiksen, Sam	29	Seattle	1
Andersen, Palle D.	126	Los Angeles	4	Christensen, Faye	17	Chicago	36	Freeberg, Jan	1	Omaha	2
Andersen, Pauline	1	Omaha	2	Christensen, John	1	Omaha	2	Germansen, Peter	126	Los Angeles	2
Andersen, Robert	34	Dwight	2	Christensen, John	225	Canton	8	Gerrity, April	339	Las Vegas	2
Andersen, Susanne	17	Chicago	1	Christensen, Nis	299	Solvang	2	Grand, Olav	45	Minneapolis	2
Andersen, William	14	Kenosha	4	Christensen, Peter	46	Perth Amboy	15	Grunberg, E. A.	10	Council Bluffs	10
Andersen, William	242	Erie	2	Christensen, R. Sr.	17	Chicago	10	Hahn, Terry	34	Dwight	2
Anderson, Bob	4	Racine	1	Christiansen, Ejner	268	Junction City	1	Hanrath, LeRoy	14	Kenosha	1
Anderson, Delbert	34	Dwight	2	Christiansen, John	225	Canton	1	Hansen, Arol D.	263	Askov	2
Anderson, Glen R.	600	Omaha	6	Christiansen, Niels	323	Alhambra	4	Hansen, Clayton	30	Muskegon	2
Anderson, Jeffrey	4	Racine	2	Clausen, George	172	Philadelphia	6	Hansen, Dorthea	126	Los Angeles	2
Andreasen, Genevieve	34	Dwight	10	Clausen, Richard E.	227	Detroit	2	Hansen, Erik	84	Lincoln	4
Andreasen, Leo	34	Dwight	2	Cloud, Marion	294	Barre	2	Hansen, Frances	1	Omaha	6
Axelsen, Lydia	10	Council Bluffs	2	Collin, Bent	42	Spokane	2	Hansen, Hans K.	49	San Francisco	1
Baggott, Birgit	325	Nassau County	2	Conradson, Per B.	339	Las Vegas	2	Hansen, Howard	227	Detroit	9
Bang, Aage	328	Vancouver	1	Cook, Lucille	167	Portland	1	Hansen, John	143	Petaluma	2
Bay, Clifford S.	273	Dillon	15	Covelle, Viva	329	Long Beach	1	Hansen, Jorgen I.	299	Solvang	1
Bech, Carl	182	Waukegan	2	Dalley, Nielsen S.	227	Detroit	2	Hansen, Kenneth	14	Kenosha	3
Bech, Carl	42	Spokane	2	Danam, Eric, Sr.	126	Los Angeles	1	Hansen, Leif S.	170	Rocky River	2
Behrens, Bud	75	Albert Lea	1	Danielsen, Carl	182	Waukegan	1	Hansen, Lester G.	34	Dwight	4
Bendixen, Eva	326	West Branch	3	Danielsen, Delmar	144	Dike	2	Hansen, Svend A.	325	Nassau County	3
Bendtsen, Harry	340	Wood Dale	6	Danielsen, Einar	92	St. Charles	10	Hansen, Walter	194	McMinnville	2
Bentz, Donald	51	Ludington	1	Danielsen, Vernon	92	St. Charles	1	Harmsen, Alice	1	Omaha	3
Bentzen, Edmund	170	Rocky River	1	Dansholt, Einar	4	Racine	2	Haugaard, Jens	14	Kenosha	2
Bernhardt, Rudolph	14	Kenosha	13	Data, Harry L.	14	Kenosha	2	Hedegaard, Mel	1	Omaha	2
Bertell, C. C.	227	Detroit	1	Davidson, Leonard	1	Omaha	1	Hegedus, Alice	600	Omaha	2
Berthelsen, Viggo	206	Blair	1	Dons, Hans	273	Dillon	2	Heiser, H. E. Sr.	184	Hayward	4
Bice, Bruce, W.	51	Ludington	1	Duffins, Clarence	14	Kenosha	2	Helzer, Helga	211	Grand Island	1
Bilgrav, Albert W.	46	Perth Amboy	2	Edmonds, Barry	32	New Haven	7	Hempel, Mogens	172	Philadelphia	10
Birkholm, Sidney	299	Solvang	1	Edmonds, Norman	32	New Haven	2	Hess, Harvey, Jr.	4	Racine	3
Bodtker, Joen N.	268	Junction City	1	Edwards, Lorraine	329	Long Beach	1	Hinrichsen, Flem.	172	Philadelphia	18
Boyd, Donald R. Sr.	227	Detroit	2	Elster, Christian	167	Portland	1	Hirner, Albert E.	46	Perth Amboy	2
Boysen, Elmer	113	Enumclaw	1	Ericksen, Elmer	4	Racine	2	Høj, Jens	45	Minneapolis	4
Brems, Christian	46	Perth Amboy	6	Ericksen, Jens P.	4	Racine	2	Holme, Carl C.	116	Newark	2
Broadbent, Walter	172	Philadelphia	2	Ericson, Olaf	126	Los Angeles	3	Ibsen, Robert	14	Kenosha	10
				Ervin, Leila	172	Philadelphia	4	Isserstedt, A. H.	15	Des Moines	2
				Espersen, Arne	211	Grand Island	2	Jacobsen, Anton	139	Viborg	7

Jacobsen, Birgit	325	Nassau County	4	Lund, Harold O.	34	Dwight	12	Petersen, Julia	206	Blair	4
Jacobsen, Elmer	211	Grand Island	4	Madsen, C. C.	206	Blair	1	Petersen, Laurits	182	Waukegan	1
Jacobsen, Herman	257	St. Petersburg	1	Madsen, C. P. Jr.	14	Kenosha	10	Petersen, Magnus	110	Winside	2
Jacobsen, James P.	211	Grand Island	1	Madsen, Einar	301	Akron	9	Petersen, M. B.	172	Philadelphia	1
Jaeger, Arthur G.	268	Junction City	2	Madsen, Gunnar	227	Detroit	1	Petersen, Martin Jr.	14	Kenosha	2
Janco, Joseph G.	172	Philadelphia	2	Mahler, Fred	184	Hayward	1	Petersen, Milo	70	Greenville	1
Janssen, Larry S.	4	Racine	2	Mahler, Stuart	184	Hayward	2	Petersen, Otto	177	Cordova	2
Jensen, Aage	161	Ruskin	4	Marcussen, Viggo	182	Waukegan	2	Petersen, Ralph A.	14	Kenosha	7
Jensen, Aage W. K.	29	Seattle	2	Mathiasen, Hardvig	46	Perth Amboy	23	Petersen, Roger H.	206	Blair	6
Jensen, Arnold	340	Wood Dale	5	Mathiasen, Harold	126	Los Angeles	10	Petersen, Walter	182	Waukegan	4
Jensen, Carl B.	227	Detroit	2	McBride, Ellen S.	16	Minden	2	Pihl, Melvin P.	167	Portland	2
Jensen, Carl F. S.	126	Los Angeles	2	McKinley, Robert	10	Council Bluffs	4	Ploughman, Harry	340	Wood Dale	5
Jensen, Chris	34	Dwight	1	McKinnon, Robert	143	Petaluma	1	Plugge, Ellenora	206	Blair	4
Jensen, Earl G.	51	Ludington	2	McMahon, Richard	242	Erie	4	Raahauge, Erik H.	4	Racine	3
Jensen, Elmer Sr.	257	St. Petersburg	12	McNeil, Signe A.	184	Hayward	2	Rafaelle, Albert	227	Detroit	4
Jensen, Hans P.	167	Portland	2	Meier, William H.	16	Minden	2	Rasmussen, Elmer	206	Blair	2
Jensen, Harold	211	Grand Island	2	Melgaard, Marius	242	Erie	1	Rasmussen, Holger	238	Juhl	10
Jensen, Henning	49	San Francisco	6	Midtgard, Herluf	227	Detroit	1	Rasmussen, Jacob	62	Sioux City	2
Jensen, Jack M.	172	Philadelphia	5	Mikkelsen, Elsa	337	Fremont	2	Rasmussen, Keith	4	Racine	2
Jensen, James	261	Fowler	2	Mikkelsen, Helga	600	Omaha	1	Rasmussen, Ruth	206	Blair	2
Jensen, Jan B.	700	Omaha	2	Mikkelsen, Viggo	227	Detroit	2	Redder, Oscar	299	Solvang	2
Jensen, John	46	Perth Amboy	1	Minard, Vern	70	Greenville	8	Reed, Jutta	339	Las Vegas	11
Jensen, Julius	161	Ruskin	2	Mogensen, Kai	325	Nassau County	2	Rehan, Kenneth C.	227	Detroit	2
Jensen, Kenneth	34	Dwight	2	Mohnsen, Robert	126	Los Angeles	2	Reinhardt, Edwin	257	St. Petersburg	1
Jensen, Mark E. Sr.	71	Penn Yan	1	Mollema, Michael	30	Muskegon	2	Saabye, Howard I.	332	Ripon	2
Jensen, Metha	34	Dwight	13	Morch, Hanne E.	325	Nassau County	4	Sabol, George	46	Perth Amboy	1
Jensen, Richard	261	Fowler	6	Nedergaard, N.	113	Enumclaw	3	Schmidt, George F.	4	Racine	2
Jensen, Stanley	14	Kenosha	1	Nelson, Harvey C.	227	Detroit	2	Schou, Hilda	34	Dwight	2
Jensen, Theodore R.	268	Junction City	4	Nelson, Irvin L.	16	Minden	2	Schouw, Carl	92	St. Charles	2
Jensen, W. S.	46	Perth Amboy	2	Nelson, William G.	14	Kenosha	14	Schuler, Laura	230	Arcata	2
Jessen, Kenneth	1	Omaha	2	Neve, Lela	206	Blair	2	Seerup, Oscar	34	Dwight	4
Jessen, P. Sten	29	Seattle	5	Nielsen, Arthur	34	Dwight	4	Sloth, Gordon	144	Dike	4
Johnson, Arthur	46	Perth Amboy	1	Nielsen, Benny	126	Los Angeles	5	Smedegaard, Hans	4	Racine	2
Johnson, Janice	1	Omaha	1	Nielsen, Christian	107	Chicago	4	Sonderup, Svend	43	Denver	7
Johnson, Kenneth L.	51	Ludington	4	Nielsen, Erik	17	Chicago	2	Sorensen, Edward	600	Omaha	2
Johnson, Rick	299	Solvang	3	Nielsen, Harold C.	283	Dagmar	2	Sorensen, Einer	14	Kenosha	2
Jones, Bob	329	Long Beach	4	Nielsen, Irwin R.	34	Dwight	19	Sorensen, Esther	340	Wood Dale	2
Jones, Clinton	16	Minden	2	Nielsen, Jens C.	29	Seattle	2	Sorensen, Gilbert	283	Dagmar	4
Jorgensen, Eric	322	Santa Barbara	2	Nielsen, John Mark	206	Blair	1	Sorensen, Gordon	4	Racine	9
Jorgensen, Esther	139	Viborg	2	Nielsen, Johannes	299	Solvang	2	Sorensen, John	75	Albert Lea	2
Jorgensen, H. H.	144	Dike	1	Nielsen, Morris	283	Dagmar	2	Sorensen, John	340	Wood Dale	2
Jorgensen, John	35	Chicago	2	Nielsen, Shirley	16	Minden	8	Sorensen, Lloyd	283	Dagmar	2
Jorgensen, Karna	600	Omaha	2	Nielsen, Svenhina	325	Nassau County	1	Sorensen, Roger	17	Kenosha	3
Justesen, Eric	75	Albert Lea	4	Nielsen, Thomas L.	1	Omaha	2	Sorensen, Vernon	700	Omaha	2
Kasputis, Charles	14	Kenosha	5	Nielsen, Viggo	116	Newark	3	Springer, William	299	Solvang	3
Kirkegaard, Peter	182	Waukegan	4	Nissen, Frederick	325	Nassau County	2	Steves, Charles L.	299	Solvang	1
Klitz, Borge	328	Vancouver	1	Nissen, John	172	Philadelphia	2	Strand, Paul	206	Blair	10
Knudsen, Harry J.	30	Muskegon	1	Nylen, Merle	17	Chicago	4	Sweet, Arthur	30	Muskegon	1
Knudsen, Larry	206	Blair	75	Oakley, Jack D.	113	Enumclaw	2	Sykes, Rex	16	Minden	2
Kobetech, Anthony	51	Ludington	2	Olesen, Chris	1	Omaha	3	Taekker, Martin	268	Junction City	2
Kramme, Thorvald	17	Chicago	2	Olesen, George	172	Philadelphia	5	Thielen, R. H.	4	Racine	2
Kreidke, Harvey E.	227	Detroit	2	Olesen, Linda	172	Philadelphia	2	Thompson, Otto	75	Albert Lea	2
Kristensen, Bjorn	299	Solvang	2	Olsen, Edlar	206	Blair	2	Thomsen, Armand	1	Omaha	5
Krogh, Chris	1	Omaha	2	Olsen, Helen	206	Blair	4	Thomsen, Bent	299	Solvang	6
Kusk, Walter	92	St. Charles	5	Olsen, Jens	328	Vancouver	1	Thomsen, Donald	16	Minden	8
Lampe, John E.	242	Erie	2	Olsen, Leo	144	Dike	4	Thomsen, Julius	211	Grand Island	21
Langstead, James	29	Seattle	2	Pagel, Phillip	206	Blair	1	Thomsen, Shirley	10	Council Bluffs	1
LaPointe, Arthur	17	Chicago	1	Paludan, Katherine	1	Omaha	4	Thorgesen, Sam	92	St. Charles	1
Larsen, Edward C.	51	Ludington	10	Pedersen, Anton	110	Winside	2	Thuesen, Jerry V.	283	Dagmar	2
Larsen, Effie	1	Omaha	1	Pedersen, Chris	46	Perth Amboy	1	Thyrring, Jan	337	Fremont	4
Larsen, Einer	4	Racine	2	Pedersen, Georg R.	257	St. Petersburg	9	Villadsen, John	184	Hayward	4
Larsen, Hans C.	4	Racine	2	Pedersen, Herluf	328	Vancouver	1	Vinther, Conny	328	Vancouver	1
Larsen, Harold	227	Detroit	1	Pedersen, Knud H.	164	New York	2	Voitberg, Ralph	4	Racine	2
Larsen, Paul	211	Grand Island	20	Pedersen, Loetta	161	Ruskin	14	VonQualen, Keith	34	Dwight	2
Larsen, Peder	17	Chicago	8	Pedersen, Otto W.	227	Detroit	3	Walker, R. K. Sr.	14	Kenosha	4
Larsen, Roger	35	Chicago	2	Pedersen, Vagn L.	182	Waukegan	2	Walther, John R.	227	Detroit	2
Larsen, Sven E.	227	Detroit	2	Pedersen, Walter	217	Humboldt	40	Walter, Werner	227	Detroit	4
Lassiter, Bob	299	Solvang	12	Petersen, Byron	263	Askov	3	Walthers, E. V.	126	Los Angeles	2
Lauritsen, Alice	211	Grand Island	1	Petersen, Carl	117	Plainview	2	Wanggaard, G. K.	4	Racine	2
Lauritsen, James	34	Dwight	3	Petersen, Carl L.	182	Waukegan	11	Weber, Peter	299	Solvang	5
Laursen, Leif T.	227	Detroit	2	Petersen, David	14	Kenosha	6	Westerlund, Carval	36	Milwaukee	6
Laursen, Maxwell	211	Grand Island	2	Petersen, Elna	206	Blair	14	Wheat, Herbert W.	273	Dillon	1
Learmont, Kenneth	14	Kenosha	4	Petersen, Fred	268	Junction City	2	Winther, Thorkil	17	Chicago	8
Lee, William T.	14	Kenosha	4	Petersen, Hans	326	West Branch	4	Witte, Greg	206	Blair	4
Leese, Edmond	263	Askov	2	Petersen, Harold A.	242	Erie	1	Wood, Jack F. Sr.	3	Davenport	1
Levin, Aage	340	Wood Dale	1	Petersen, Harold R.	14	Kenosha	5	Woods, E. W. Jr.	227	Detroit	2
Levison, Arnold	75	Albert Lea	2	Petersen, Howard	3	Davenport	2	Worden, Paul	70	Greenville	1
Lister, Arthur J.	51	Ludington	2	Petersen, Howard	299	Solvang	2	Wulf, David	206	Blair	2
Lorentzen, Gerhard	182	Waukegan	4	Petersen, Jay	211	Grand Island	19	Yates, Larry D.	14	Kenosha	2



Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
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Kenneth V. Larson	4—	Racine	Keith Rasmussen
Wendy M. Bernhardt*	14—	Kenosha	Rudolph Bernhardt
Wesley R. Bernhardt*	14—	Kenosha	Rudolph Bernhardt
Stephen P. Petersen*	14—	Kenosha	David J. Petersen
Jennifer L. Petersen*	14—	Kenosha	David J. Petersen
Robert E. Bernhardt	14—	Kenosha	Rudolph Bernhardt
George O. Whyte	14—	Kenosha	Charles Kasputis
Glen V. Harris	14—	Kenosha	Robert E. Ibsen
Perle C. Boyd	14—	Kenosha	Stanley Jensen
Donald L. Larsen	34—	Dwight	Arthur Nielsen
Arthur G. Kern	34—	Dwight	Metha Jensen
Cecilia M. Larsen	34—	Dwight	Arthur Nielsen
James M. Larsen	34—	Dwight	Arthur Nielsen
Leroy L. Hansen	34—	Dwight	Irvin R. Nielsen
John Skovmose	35—	Chicago	John Jorgensen
Bernhard J. Olsen	43—	Denver	Svend Sonderup
John G. Johnson	45—	Minneapolis	Jens Hoj
Roger A. Jensen	46—	P. Amboy	Hardvig Mathiasen
Roy T. Sorensen	46—	P. Amboy	Hardvig Mathiasen
George H. Johnson	46—	P. Amboy	George Sabol
William Jensen	46—	P. Amboy	Chris Pedersen
Albert H. Johansen	46—	P. Amboy	Arthur Johnson
Arthur H. Clausen	46—	P. Amboy	John Jensen
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Thorvald Christensen	143—	Petaluma	Robert McKinnon
Ruby K. Olsen	161—	Ruskin	Loetta Pedersen
Lawrence J. Christensen	172—	Philadelphia	F. Hinrichsen
Charley Marcussen	182—	Waukegan	Gerhard Lorentzen
Henning A. Wolff	182—	Waukegan	Robert Ibsen
Deborah J. Mahler	184—	Hayward	Stuart Mahler
Nis A. Mommsen	206—	Blair	Etlar Olsen
John M. Kuhr	206—	Blair	Ruth Rasmussen
Emily Kuhr	206—	Blair	Ruth Rasmussen
Alice M. Ray	206—	Blair	Elna A. Petersen
Mae M. Espersen	211—	Grand Island	Arne Espersen
Tiffany J. Osterman*	211—	Grand Island	Julius Thomsen
Earl Pedersen	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Betty L. Amosson	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Rosa M. Pedersen*	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Elmer J. Jensen	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Hazel E. Jensen	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Alvin Christensen	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Edith E. Robbins	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Olga B. Tellier	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Ernest A. Tellier	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Harold Jensen	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen

Christine Jensen	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Lucille A. Christensen	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Helen Lindhart	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Roy Lindhart	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Evelyn M. Pedersen	217—	Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Carl Jensen, Jr.	227—	Detroit	Carl B. Jensen
Eigil F. Dahl	227—	Detroit	Werner Walther
William F. Letenyei	227—	Detroit	Tage Guldbrandsen
Roger W. Christensen	227—	Detroit	Tage Guldbrandsen
Ellen Blidsoe	257—	St. Petersburg	Elmer Jensen
Maren C. Schmidt	257—	St. Petersburg	E.W. Jensen
Marie S. Holm	257—	St. Petersburg	E.W. Jensen
Edith E. Godsted	257—	St. Petersburg	Viggo Mikkelsen
James Godsted	257—	St. Petersburg	Viggo Mikkelsen
Tove Parkes	257—	St. Petersburg	Georg Pedersen
Paul E. Vedel	257—	St. Petersburg	Georg Pedersen
Ella A. Jensen	257—	St. Petersburg	Georg Pedersen
Svend L. Taftemark	268—	Junction City	Martin Taekker
Timothy R. Jensen*	268—	Junction City	Theodore Jensen
Peter M. Jensen*	268—	Junction City	Theodore Jensen
Michael S. Thomsen*	299—	Solvang	Bent Thomsen
Peter J. Thomsen*	299—	Solvang	Bent Thomsen
John E. Petersen	299—	Solvang	Johannes J. Nielsen
Pablo T.G. Pedersen	299—	Solvang	Bjorn Kristensen
Jorgen H. Madsen	299—	Solvang	Peter Weber
Richard M. Stewart	299—	Solvang	Bob Lassiter
Kevin H. Petersen*	299—	Solvang	Howard Petersen
Ib Moller	323—	Alhambra	Gunner Hansen
Kirsten L. Brantley*	325—	Nassau Cty.	Frederick Nissen
Patricia J. Young	329—	Long Beach	Ervin Tobeck
Lawrence E. Young	329—	Long Beach	Ervin Tobeck
James A. Denison	334—	Geneva	Arthur Christensen
Erik F. Young*	339—	Las Vegas	Jutta Reed
Birgit F. Young	339—	Las Vegas	Jutta Reed
Mary P. Ryan	340—	Wood Dale	Faye Christensen
Elaine Goldberg	340—	Wood Dale	Faye Christensen
Evelyn M. Giovannoni	340—	Wood Dale	Harry Ploughman
Fred R. Hansen	340—	Wood Dale	Esther Sorensen
Rose Hansen	340—	Wood Dale	Esther Sorensen
Carl F. Jensen	340—	Wood Dale	Aage Levin
Kenneth K. Balling	400—	Anaheim**	Harold Mathiasen
Erik Andersen	400—	Anaheim**	Ervin Tobeck
Mathilda C. Dalberg	700—	Omaha	Ervin Tobeck
Anne M. Christiansen	700—	Omaha	Carl Sorensen
Judith A. Petersen	700—	Omaha	David J. Petersen
Judith G. Bernhardt	700—	Omaha	Rudolph Bernhardt
Howard L. Harrington	700—	Omaha	Tage Guldbrandsen

*Juvenile Members

**Lodge in organizational stage

Scholarship Winners Announced

The Scholarship Committee has completed its work of evaluating the applications for this year and takes pleasure in awarding scholarships for the following:

Mark Pihl, Lodge No. 167, Portland; Richard Fausnaught, Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia; J. Walter Eskeberg, Lodge No. 42, Spokane; Scott Jensen, Lodge No. 261, Fowler; Steven Jensen, Lodge No. 211, Grand Island; Erik Christensen, Lodge No. 700, Omaha; Pam Rasmussen, Lodge No. 600, Omaha; Jill Mortensen, Lodge No. 600, Omaha; Kathleen Wolff, Lodge No. 600, Omaha.

The Board of Officers expresses its congratulations on behalf of The Danish Brotherhood in America to these young people, and also wishes to thank all those who applied for a scholarship for their interest in this program.

Kristen Jorgensen, Chairman, Scholarship Committee.



Our Readers Write



Dear Brothers,

I received my last Danish Brotherhood scholarship check about a week ago at a time when I was wondering how I was going to manage for money to pay next term's tuition. The check certainly helped. I would like to thank the Danish Brotherhood very much for their aid and support over the last four years. It has made possible a rewarding college experience.

As for my future plans, I still have another year to go at Lawrence because I am on the five year, double degree program, majoring in psychology and music composition. After next year, I hope to go to graduate school. Where, I do not know. I've been thinking about the University of Copenhagen and several schools in the United States.

Once again, many thanks (Mange Tak).

Andrew Christiansen.

Gentlemen:

I wish to take this opportunity to again express my appreciation for the scholarship the Danish Brotherhood bestowed upon me a few short years ago during the course of my undergraduate study.

I am presently residing in Phoenix, Arizona, and am about to take the Arizona Bar Examination (in February), having graduated from the University of Denver College of Law.

I enclose a personal resume only for the purpose of bringing you up to date with events which have transpired since my undergraduate days.

Niels Loechell.

Dear Brothers:

Recently I was presented with a 50-year membership pin. I was greatly honored and will always wear it with pride. Although I'm now unable to go to meetings, I've never

lost interest in the Brotherhood, so it pleases me very much to notice how it's progressing in membership. The resurrection of the Blair lodge is really heartening and great credit should go to those who did such wonderful and hard work.

I've been thinking if it couldn't be repeated in Southwestern Iowa, where there are four dormant lodges within twenty miles of each other; namely in Avoca, Atlantic, Audubon, and Harlan. Why couldn't they be consolidated into one lodge and meet in a centrally located place? There still must be hundreds of people with Danish blood in their veins, so the field seems ripe for the harvesting.

It would please me very much if you'd take this idea up with the board or the promotion department.

Otto I. Sorensen,
Alhambra, California,
Formerly of Omaha, Nebraska.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We are pleased to report that Area Manager, "Andy" Andersen is currently working in the Elkhorn-Kimballton area to revive and consolidate the D.B. lodges in that area. If you know someone in that area, give them a call and tell them we'd like to have them in the Brotherhood, or call "Andy" if you know someone who is eligible to join.

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.	Location	Year Joined
9-17-74	Fred Jensen	88	Ebelteft, Denmark	42	Spokane, Wash.	1936
1-24-75	Wolf C. Hansen	91	Kolding, Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1961
1-18-75	Chris C. Dueholm	81	Stroholm, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1960
2-17-75	Ellen Rasmussen	77	Denmark	194	McMinnville, Ore.	1961
2-7-75	Ingerslev Jacobsen	84	Denmark	261	Fowler, Conn.	1941
3-8-75	Jacob Christiansen	76	Louisiana	190	Schenectady, N.Y.	1928
3-26-75	William E. Andersen	74	Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1961
10-7-74	Clinton W. Steffensen	51	Lake Norden, S.D.	299	Solvang, Cal.	1974
3-30-75	Andy W. Andersen	88	Kearney, Nebr.	16	Minden, Nebr.	1949
1-3-75	Hans Jorgensen	69	Oakland, Cal.	184	Hayward, Cal.	1961
7-11-74	Edward C. Jensen	84	Nysted, Nebr.	268	Junction City, Ore.	1945
1-24-75	Vandel L. Nielsen	66	Gowen, Mich.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1968
2-13-75	Erik R. Hansen	97	Denmark	164	New York, N.Y.	1913
2-24-75	Lars Peter Larsen	88	Kangsted, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1905
3-1-75	Christian P. Madsen	79	Newark, N.J.	116	Newark, N.J.	1917
3-25-75	Arthur M. Lausen	75	Austin, Minn.	111	Austin, Minn.	1920
3-21-75	Thomas Jensen	87	Vejen, Denmark	39	Oakland, Cal.	1909
3-29-75	Albert Christensen	83	Denmark	111	Austin, Minn.	1933
3-20-75	Bergil P. Christensen	80	Varde, Denmark	299	Solvang, Cal.	1942
3-30-75	Niels C. Thomsen	83	Skandeborg, Denmark	116	Newark, N.J.	1913
2-20-75	Niels Hansen	83	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1926
3-17-75	Henry T. Mogensen	73	Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1935
4-7-75	Ullerup Thomsen	84	Ballum, Slesvig	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1947
3-29-75	Anders P. Rossen	76	Løgumkloster, Denmark	143	Petaluma, Cal.	1947
3-24-75	Niels P. Nielsen	74	Jylland, Denmark	143	Petaluma, Cal.	1940
3-27-75	Earl Elmer	63	Barton, Kansas	261	Fowler, Conn.	1949
4-8-75	Eldor E. Moslet	57	Frederic, Wis.	186	Luck, Wis.	1945
3-20-75	Valdemar Christensen	81	Kalundborg, Denmark	148	Cheyenne, Wy.	1923
3-28-75	Christian P. Madsen	91	Denmark	149	Luverne, N.D.	1913

President's Report

"Growth and financial soundness," proclaims President Danielsen in his State of the Society message. "We are not through growing by any means — we're just beginning."



Einar Danielsen

A look at the New Member List, the Membership Recognition Program, as well as the Financial Report in this issue bear testimony to the good news in the following message.

The year 1974 was a great year for the Danish Brotherhood in America. Last year saw a substantial net gain in members over 1973, reversing a trend of many recent years. A new lodge was started in Wood Dale, Illinois, which was chartered the early part of this year, and now has a membership of over 50. Several lodges around the country, due to the hard work of our members and member representatives, have experienced an upsurge in growth. Lodges in Omaha, Nebraska; Kenosha, Wisconsin; Minden, Nebraska; Chicago, Illinois; Dwight, Illinois; Perth Amboy, N.J.; St. Charles, Illinois; Ruskin, Nebraska; New York, N.Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Waukegan, Illinois; Blair, Nebraska; Grand Island, Nebraska; Humboldt, Iowa; Detroit, Michigan; Dillon, Montana; and Solvang, California, have increased their membership with good growth in all cases — in some, phenomenal growth!

Life insurance, endowment and retirement protection in force increased to over 10 million dollars at the end of 1974.

Over one-quarter million dollars was paid last year in Fraternal and Life insurance benefits to members and their families including general aid, special aid and scholarship grants. The entire Fraternal Program is expanding in many directions and our magazine, the American Dane, is continually improving.

These facts bear testimony that our representative system is not only working, but is contributing largely to the literal salvation of the Danish Brotherhood. The Danish Brotherhood, due to conscientious and careful

investments through the years, has always been a sound financial institution. But with more and more lodges losing members, and some lodges dying out altogether, it was only a matter of time until the Danish Brotherhood would have ceased to be a strong, viable, fraternal benefit society. Today, instead, growth is evident, particularly in areas where we have full time representatives, proving that this system must be implemented throughout the entire land as soon as possible and wherever practical.

We are not through growing by any means. We are just beginning. The institution of the representative system has cost money, but it is money which represents an investment in the future of the Danish Brotherhood, an investment which will pay dividends, not only in more members, but in more fraternal benefits and services for all members.

Our fraternal services are broader and our lodge membership involvement greater than in many years. The one-quarter million dollars mentioned above represents only life insurance benefits, general and special fraternal aid, scholarships and camp grant programs. It does not reflect the concrete steps which have been, and are being, taken to provide more fraternal programs, products and services to our members, nor the effort that is being made to make our members aware of the fraternal services available to them. This, too, has cost money. But without a strong fraternal program to offer our new members and our present members, the "Brotherhood" in our name is meaningless.

All of this growth and fraternal expansion has occurred in a year when inflationary-recessionary factors made it one of the worst economic years in the history of the United States.

You will note from the Statement of Operations, our society incurred a loss from operations last year. This was due in large part to expenditures made by the society in the development of a full-time representative system, whereby the society employed full-time professional representatives to sell Danish Brotherhood memberships. This, too, should be regarded as an investment in the society's future.

You will also note on this statement, the society incurred an unrealized investment loss. This is a result of a decrease in the market value of common stock investments owned by the society. All financial institutions holding common stock investments had this experience and it is important to remember that the nature of our business does not require that we dispose of assets in a depressed market. In addition, these unrealized investment losses reflect paper losses and over half of these have been recovered during the first four months of 1975. Economic conditions can and do change, but the Danish Brotherhood's long-term financial soundness is not threatened by market fluctuation.

The accomplishments of 1974 would not have been possible without the dedicated cooperation of many members throughout our lodges, our professional field workers, our Home Office staff and the harmonious efforts of the Board of Officers.

You, as a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America, can feel pride and confidence in belonging to an organization which is strong financially and fraternally, and whose future growth is assured.

Einar Danielsen, President,
The Danish Brotherhood in America.

The Danish Brotherhood in America

BALANCE SHEETS — DECEMBER 31, 1974 [Note 1]

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
ADMITTED ASSETS			
CASH, including \$147,394 of certificates of deposit and savings accounts	\$ 25,746	\$ 138,466	\$ 164,212
INVESTMENT IN BONDS, at amortized cost (market \$3,433,258)	225,278	3,804,673	4,029,951
INVESTMENT IN STOCKS:			
Common, at market (cost — \$379,389)		238,947	238,947
Preferred, at cost (market — \$84,512)		144,950	144,950
PREMIUMS RECEIVABLE FROM LODGES		18,809	18,809
INTEREST INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED	1,682	65,942	67,624
CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS		30,338	30,338
REAL ESTATE, at cost:			
Land		46,910	46,910
Building and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$44,800		239,178	239,178
	<u>\$252,706</u>	<u>\$ 4,728,213</u>	<u>\$ 4,980,919</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
AGGREGATE RESERVES FOR LIFE POLICIES AND CERTIFICATES (Note 4)	\$	\$ 3,067,397	\$ 3,067,397
POLICY AND CERTIFICATE CLAIMS		23,686	23,686
ESTIMATED REFUNDS TO MEMBERS, payable in 1975		54,000	54,000
PREMIUMS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE		13,639	13,639
ACCRUED EXPENSES OF SUPREME LODGE MEETING		40,000	40,000
ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES	125	6,817	6,942
ACCRUED RETIREMENT PLAN EXPENSE (Note 3)		83,401	83,401
ACCRUED TAXES		7,577	7,577
OTHER LIABILITIES		7,288	7,288
Total liabilities	\$ 125	\$ 3,303,805	\$ 3,303,930
MANDATORY SECURITIES VALUATION RESERVE	2,085	83,694	85,779
FUND BALANCES (Notes 2 and 6)	250,496	1,340,714	1,591,210
	<u>\$252,706</u>	<u>\$ 4,728,213</u>	<u>\$ 4,980,919</u>

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
INCOME:			
Life premiums and membership assessments	\$	\$ 210,054	\$ 210,054
Investment income, net of expenses of \$38,214	9,204	242,198	251,402
Miscellaneous		6,644	6,644
Total income	\$ 9,204	\$ 458,896	\$ 468,100
DEDUCT:			
Death benefits	\$	\$ 178,438	\$ 178,438
Matured endowments and surrender benefits		19,194	19,194
Increase in reserves for life policies and certificates		20,642	20,642
Provision for retirement plan (Note 3)		3,508	3,508
Commissions		11,626	11,626
General expenses, per accompanying statement	11,994	229,057	241,051
Membership awards		7,758	7,758
Taxes, licenses and fees		8,212	8,212
Total deductions	\$ 11,994	\$ 478,435	\$ 490,429
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS, before refunds to members	\$ (2,790)	\$ (19,539)	\$ (22,329)
REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		52,041	52,041
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (2,790)	\$ (71,580)	\$ (74,370)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year (Note 6)	253,361	1,494,797	1,748,158
Unrealized investment gains (losses)		(106,976)	(106,976)
Decrease in non-admitted assets		2,205	2,205
(Increase) decrease in mandatory securities valuation reserve	(75)	22,268	22,193
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Notes 2 and 6)	\$ 250,496	\$ 1,340,714	\$ 1,591,210

The accompanying notes to financial statements are in integral part of these statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
RESOURCES PROVIDED BY:			
Bonds sold, redeemed or matured	\$	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000
Increase in premiums received in advance		6,548	6,548
Decrease in cash	2,921	71,133	74,054
Other, net		3,935	3,935
	<u>\$2,921</u>	<u>\$ 249,616</u>	<u>\$ 252,537</u>
RESOURCES APPLIED TO:			
Operations —			
Loss from operations	\$2,790	\$ 71,580	\$ 74,370
Non-cash items —			
Increase in policy reserves		(30,455)	(30,455)
Amortization of bonds, net	131	4,868	4,999
Depreciation (straight-line method)		(9,977)	(9,977)
Increase in accrued general expenses		(11,850)	(11,850)
Resources used in operations	<u>\$2,921</u>	<u>\$ 24,166</u>	<u>\$ 27,087</u>
Investments purchased —			
Bonds		209,171	209,171
Stocks		8,079	8,079
Increase in certificate loans and liens		1,290	1,290
Increase in interest income receivable		6,910	6,910
	<u>\$2,921</u>	<u>\$ 249,616</u>	<u>\$ 252,537</u>

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Salaries and wages	\$	\$ 93,781	\$ 93,781
Agency development expenses		34,792	34,792
Official publications		19,917	19,917
Traveling expenses		13,752	13,752
Printing and stationery		11,310	11,310
Expense of Supreme Lodge meeting		10,000	10,000
Rent		7,500	7,500
Fraternal payments	6,494		6,494
Legal fees		6,303	6,303
Actuarial, audit and statistical fees		5,570	5,570
Scholarship grants and prizes	5,500		5,500
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone		4,891	4,891
Sundry general expenses		4,689	4,689
Retirement benefits paid (Note 3)		4,085	4,085
Advertising		3,870	3,870
Depreciation expense (straight-line)		3,577	3,577
Insured benefit plan for employees		2,045	2,045
Medical examination fees		1,665	1,665
Annual statement expense		1,310	1,310
General expenses incurred	<u>\$11,994</u>	<u>\$ 229,057</u>	<u>\$ 241,051</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1974

(1) The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. The principal accounting practices are as follows:

A. Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.

B. Policy reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements and without consideration of withdrawals.

C. Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost,

preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.

D. The mandatory securities valuation reserve is reported as a liability.

E. Certain assets designated as "non-admitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to surplus.

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1974, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Special Reserves	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	\$ —	\$ —	\$250,496	\$ 250,496
General	781,649	37,500	521,565	1,340,714
	<u>\$781,649</u>	<u>\$37,500</u>	<u>\$772,061</u>	<u>\$1,591,210</u>

(3) The Society has a Retirement Plan for full-time salaried employees with a minimum of three years' service. As of December 31, 1974, there were five employees qualified for the Retirement Plan. In addition, the former Secretary-Treasurer has been receiving benefits under the Plan since 1970. The Pension Reform Act of 1974 requires the Society to amend its pension plan to conform with certain provisions of the Act, which will become effective in 1976. The Society believes that the effect on annual pension costs and the funding of such costs for 1976 and subsequent years resulting from this amendment will not be significant.

(4) The Society cedes reinsurance on certain ordinary life insurance to another insurance company. Maximum retention of any one life is \$10,000. This company has agreed to accept automatically for reinsurance all amounts on any one life in excess of the retention amount not exceeding 400% of that retention.

The amount of insurance in force ceded was \$696,075 at December 31, 1974. To the extent that the reinsuring company is later unable to meet obligations under reinsuring agreements, the Society would remain liable.

(5) The Society is exempt from Federal income taxes as it is an organization described in Section 501(c)8 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(6) The fund balances at the beginning of the year ended December 31, 1974, and at the end of that year differ from the amounts reflected in the Society's statutory annual statement filed with the state insurance department. The differences are as follows:

	Fund Balances	
	Dec 31 1973	Dec 31 1974
As reported to state insurance department	\$1,762,222	\$1,604,716
Adjustment to statement value of bonds	(14,064)	(13,506)
Per accompanying financial statements	\$1,748,158	\$1,591,210

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Officers of
The Danish Brotherhood in America:

We have examined the balance sheets of the Fraternal Fund and General Fund of THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA (incorporated in Nebraska as a nonprofit fraternal benefit society) as of December 31, 1974, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balances, changes in financial position and general expenses for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our examination did not include an examination of the financial statements of the member lodges.

The Society presents its financial statements in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Generally accepted accounting principles for fraternal benefit societies have not been determined by any authoritative body within the accounting profession.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial positions of the Fraternal Fund and General Fund of The Danish Brotherhood in America as of December 31, 1974, and the results of their operations and changes in their financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska on a consistent basis with that of the preceding year.

Arthur Andersen & Co.

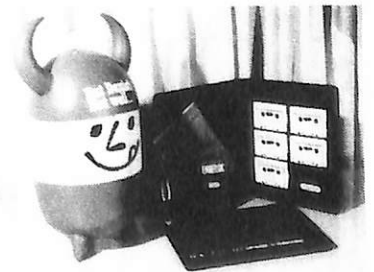
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March 7, 1975.

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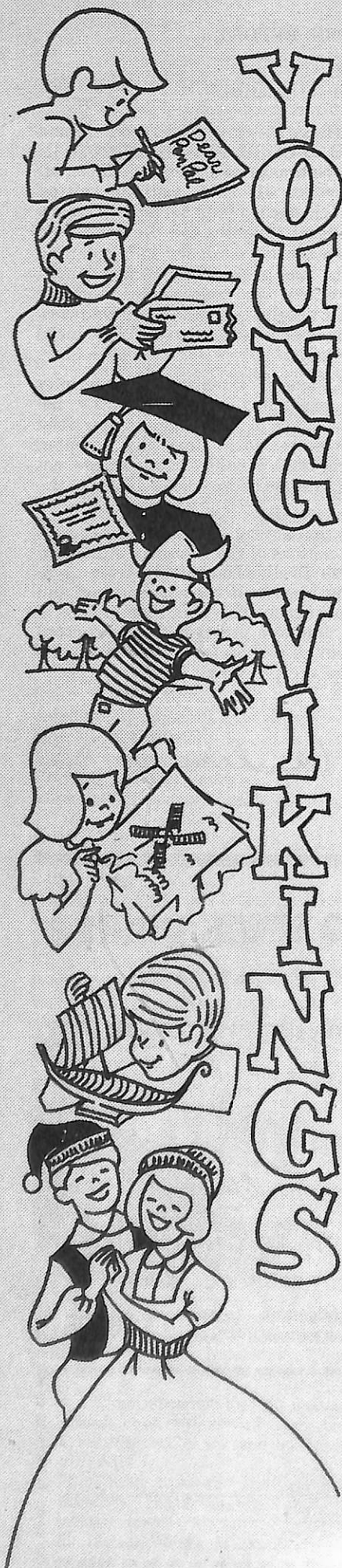
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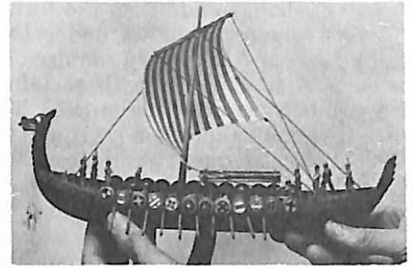
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"Well," George replied, "if that's the way you're going to look when you're 35, let's forget it!"



BOOK REVIEWS

By Erik

Following is the first in a monthly series of "Book Reviews" for our members.

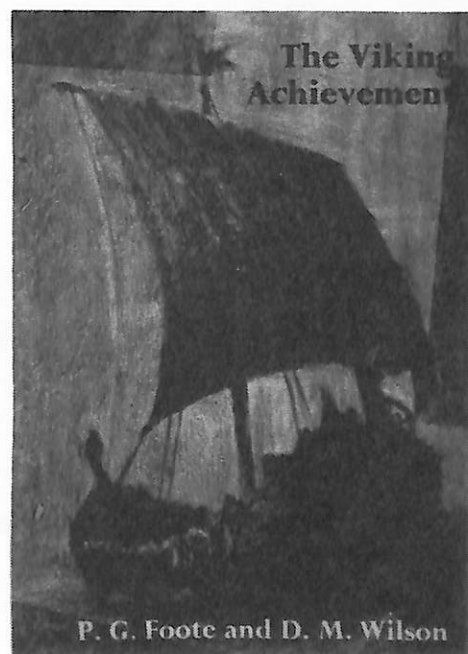
ERIC RECOMMENDS —

"THE VIKING ACHIEVEMENT"

By: P. G. Foote and D. M. Wilson.
Published by: Prager Publisher's Inc., 75 Hook Road, Bayonne, N. J. 07002.

This is a scholarly, but readable, work produced through the collaboration of David M. Wilson, an eminent archaeologist, and Peter Foote, a literary historian. Ample illustrated with many line drawings and black and white glossy plates of Viking archaeological finds, "The Viking Achievement" explores and examines the question of how the Vikings maintained their commerce — both peaceful and warlike — with the outside world on so large a scale and for so long a time. The Viking's ventures abroad depended on individuals, on ample and reliable food production, and on a widespread ability in the crafts that provided the shelter, clothes, weapons, tools and ships that made life and movement possible under Scandinavian conditions of climate and terrain.

The authors vividly re-create the Viking era by describing religion, family ties, social organization, decorative art, literary expression, games and pastimes, and attitudes toward



birth, coming of age, marriage and death.

This book explores the civilization of the Vikings from A.D. 800 to 1200. It focuses not only on the stirring record of exploration and conquest, but also on the lesser-known society, technology, art, and literature of these remarkable people.

Recommended as particularly interesting for Scandinavian scholars and Viking buffs, "The Viking Achievement" is 433 pages, excluding bibliography, and list price is \$13.95.

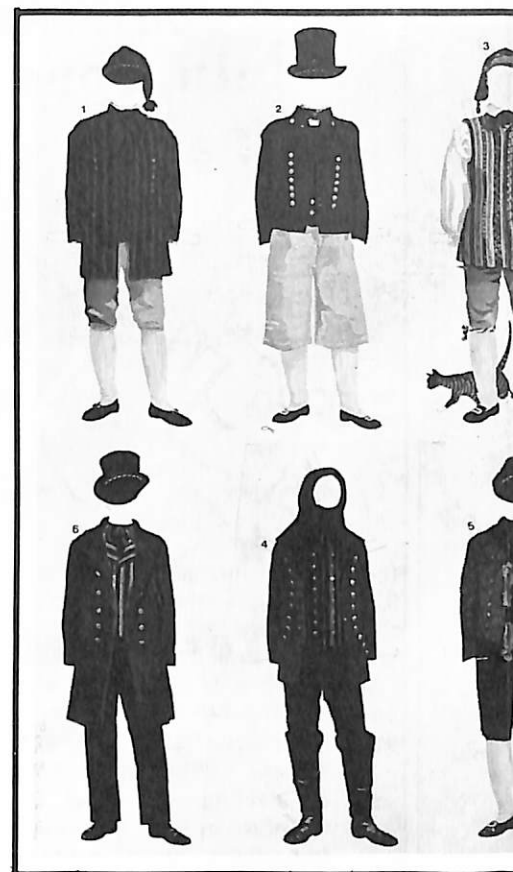
A Call To Revive An Old DB Tradition

In these days of recession, depression, or call it what you will, there exists a unique opportunity for our lodges to serve their membership in a true fraternal spirit. It's been a long-standing tradition in the Danish Brotherhood for those in the lodge who needed employment to let the lodge know, and for those who knew of employment to also make it known.

This act of finding employment for those brothers who need it should be emphasized at your next lodge meeting. Take it upon yourself to bring it up. You won't be let down. This act of helping others is a reward in itself.

Kris Jorgensen, National First Vice President.

The Danish Folk Costume



In Denmark, the peasants ceased wearing folk costumes about 100 years ago with the exception of the Skovshoved women in the fish market in Copenhagen and a score of old women on Fanoe. Now, the folk costumes exist mainly in the collections of museums and some can be seen in use at midsummer folk festivals. Curiously, only festival costumes have been preserved.

At school, Danish students learn about the poor and oppressed peasants who were fighting a hopeless battle to make both ends meet. They, naturally, did not wear silk ribbons and lace. The peasants' everyday clothes were made of gray homespun, but in the bottom of their big chests, the well-to-do freeholders kept a treasure of beautiful and valuable clothes which were brought out on occasions of festivity.

The country festivals all had a character of their own which, among other things, was expressed in the special costumes worn on these occasions. There is no doubt that, in previous times, there existed a very rigid dress ritual, which, although for the most part forgotten, is still faintly traceable.

In America, it is becoming popular to recreate the atmosphere of an old-time country festival, including playing authentic Danish folk music and wearing of folk costumes. The gaiety and charm of these events is broadening in appeal to the extent new festivals are springing up in scores of American communities.

It is in this spirit of pride and perpetuation of our Danish heritage that the Steering Committee of the



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MEN' COSTUMES FROM:

1. Aerp, South of Funen.
2. Falster, South of Zealand.
3. Copenhagen.
4. Randers.
5. Salling, in Northern Jutland.
6. Rømp, off S.W. coast of Jutland.

LADIES' COSTUMES FROM:

1. Island of Amager.
2. Village North of Copenhagen.
3. Strandby in Funen.
4. Island of Als.
5. Laesø, Island between Jutland and Sweden.
6. Salling, on Jutland.

National Convention in Denver, Colorado, is announcing a special "Folk Costume Party" to be held Wednesday night, September 17. All delegates, wives, friends and guests are urged to attend in folk costume attire. The atmosphere will be very light and we are striving to have special instructors on hand to provide lessons for basic Danish folk dancing, complete with live music.

For those who do not have folk costumes at present, American Dane magazine is pleased to offer this special feature, showing many individual styles of folk costumes with as much information as we have on how these can be made, and where additional information can be obtained.

What is a folk costume? Where did it originate? Why did it develop differently from the clothes worn by the townspeople? In order to understand this, it is necessary

to remember that from the end of the middle ages, the peasants lived in small, isolated communities, secluded from the outside world and occupied only with the drudgery of everyday life and the various festivities which their existence offered. In consequence, their whole way of living, as well as their clothes, acquired a more "old fashioned" stamp. They had neither the means nor the opportunity of following the fashion in the way the townspeople could. That is why the folk costume bears traces of ancient dress customs which sometimes go right back to antiquity and the middle ages. The peasants did adopt the town fashion, but they transformed it in the course of time to suit their own requirements. In this way, the costume originated which was characteristic of country people.



ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON DANISH FOLK COSTUMES

[Many in Full Color]

1. Danske Folke Dragter, Nanna Gandal, Available through Fred Host & Son, Bredegade 35, Copenhagen K, DK 1260, Denmark [\$5.25]
2. Minister of Cultural Affairs, Christianborg, Copenhagen.
3. Danish National Museum, Permild & Rosengreen

Prints, Sheet No. 3-B, Copenhagen, Denmark

4. Alfred G. Hassings Forlag, A/S Publishers, Vodroffsvej 26, 1900 Copenhagen V
5. Hanne Frøsig, Keeper, National Museet, Brede, 2800 Lyngby, Copenhagen
6. Foreningen Til Folkedansens Fremme, Lundebugten 68, DK 2500 Valby, Denmark

[All correspondence to Denmark must be Air Mail and costs 26c per half-ounce.]

Patterns which can be easily adapted for Danish costumes are: For women and little girls — Butterick, No. 4205; men and boys — Simplicity, No. 4205.

Our Lodges in Action



California, Nevada

Lodge No. 329, Long Beach, Calif. — First of all I would like to say how really nice our March meeting was. Most everyone was there, and one member, Brother Bill Hansen, surprised us all with his visit as we haven't seen him in three years since he moved to Yucca Valley, Calif. Also had Brother Erv Tobeck of Lodge 126, Los Angeles, and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Young. The Youngs, I might add, are joining our Lodge this month. Mr. Tobeck gave a nice talk on members benefits and various plans available to members of The Danish Brotherhood.

After this I had the honor and pleasure of presenting Brother John Cherney with the Booster award and \$25.00 savings bond. He was really quite surprised and happy to receive them both. He said this was the first time he had won anything in his life, and had no idea he would ever receive such an honor. He said he really couldn't believe it.

Am enclosing pictures taken that night. One picture is of John and myself as I presented the award to him, and



the other is the entire lodge and guests assembled. Standing back row, left to right, are: Erv Tobeck, Paul Edwards, Sara Mack, Viva Covelle, Bob Jones, Pat Young and Larry Young. Seated are, left to right; Bill Hansen, Debbie Loya, Stella Andersen, Olga Nergard, and Carol Cherney. Front row; Lorraine Edwards and John Cherney.

After this, meeting was closed and we all sat down to a delicious dessert of strawberry shortcake and coffee, after which we had some real good games of pinochle and canasta, along with some good old fashion fun in the true "Danish" manner.

Lorraine Edwards, Secretary.

Silver State Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — Silver State Lodge No. 339 had its installation of officers and anniversary party combined this year, the event being held at the Howard Johnson Hotel and Casino on March 1, 1975. The attendance was very small, and due to the various work schedules, many of the installed officers were substituted by other members present. Peter Weber, president of the California General Committee, was the installing officer. Peter was accompanied by his lovely wife and two boys. Our faithful founder, Pete Petersen, was also present and with him was Harvey Rasmussen from Petaluma. Pete has never missed an anniversary of our lodge since he founded it in 1968. We were really happy to have you with us again, Pete! Thank you!

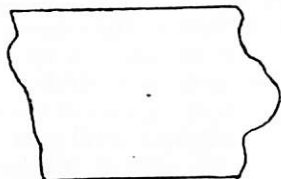
Officers installed were: April Gerrity, President; Kell Petersen, Vice President; Kathe Romane, Secretary; Anni Gam, Treasurer; Alice Pinkerton, Conductor; Melvin Holmes, Birgitte Conradsen and Julie Pinkerton, Trustees; Harry Conradsen, Outer Guard.

The Easter egg hunt for the children of Silver State Lodge and their friends was to be held at the Valley of Fire, but due to the uncertainty of the weather at that time, it was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gerrity. This event was well attended, all the children enjoyed hunting for eggs, including the two youngest members, Crystal and Melissa. Barbecued hot dogs with all the trimmings were served. There were games and prizes for the children. This event was very well planned and special thanks to April Gerrity for all her hard work in making this an enjoyable day.

Steven Rogers is still at CARIH in Denver, and just celebrated his 15th birthday there. His sister, Delia Pinkerton, who also resides in Denver, was with Steven for the day to help him celebrate. Steven seems to be doing quite well at CARIH at present, but it is not certain as yet when he may return to Las Vegas.

Inge and Melvin Holmes and baby Melissa have just returned from a visit to Denmark, and we were all happy to see them again! We are happy to hear they had a nice visit with relatives there, but glad to have them back amongst us again.

Alice M. Pinkerton, Correspondent.

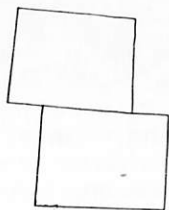


Iowa

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa — Here is a list of planned activities in our lodge for the remainder of 1975:

April 26, Saturday: Danish potluck supper and party; May 12, Monday: Regular meeting, show and tell Danish slides; June 9, Monday: Regular meeting; June 15, Sunday: Annual Summer Picnic; July 14, Monday: Regular meeting; August 10, Sunday: First Annual Breakfast and Games Picnic; August 11, Monday: Regular meeting; August 30, Saturday-Monday: Iowa United Lodges Convention; September 8, Monday: Regular meeting; September 17, Wednesday-Sunday: National Convention, Denver; September 27, Saturday: Guest Night Party; October 13, Monday: Regular meeting; November 10, Monday: Regular meeting (Mortensaften); December 8, Monday: Regular meeting; December 20, Saturday: Christmas Party, adults; December 21, Sunday: Christmas Party, children.

Des Moines and Iowa have a rich heritage of Danish influence. Encourage your Danish friends to become active in the Danish Brotherhood. We are planning an even bigger year for bicentennial 1976.



Colorado-Wyoming

Columbine Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colo. — Vice President Gunnar Petersen recently arranged for us to enjoy two short films, one called "Scandinavian Arts and Crafts", the other is "Christmas in Denmark. These films are available for lodges to use through the Home Office Fraternal Department.

The Danish language class, teacher, Mr. Allan Easttorp, has informed us that eighteen persons attended the first beginning class, held last month at Denver University. We ask our members and friends, if you know of any persons who may wish to learn to speak Danish, these lessons are held once weekly, every Thursday, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for ten weeks at Denver University. Please contact Mr. Allan Easttorp at 985-7160. He will be glad to give extra help to persons who start late in the class. It will be a lot of fun to participate, and you will learn Danish. Det er sjov at kunde tale dansk.

We are also glad to hear that our members are

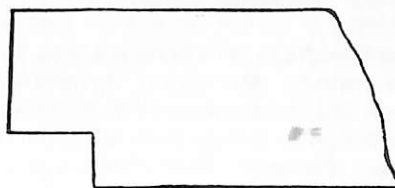
Grundlovsdag

"Femte Juni" (5th of June) marks Danish Constitution Day. Up to 1849, the government of Denmark was autocratic in form (an absolute monarchy). From June 5 of that year when the first liberal constitution became law, it has been that of a constitutional monarchy, with government by parliamentary majority, "de facto" from 1901, and "de jure" from June 5, 1953, the date of the present Act of Constitution.

In Denmark on Constitution Day, school children are given the day off and public speeches are made, but it is celebrated much less in Denmark than the 4th of July in America. In fact, Grundlovsdag is celebrated probably more by Danish-Americans in America than by Danes in Denmark. Grundlovsdag would be a good day to get together with neighboring lodges and make an all day celebration.

enjoying the Scandinavian Folk Dance. One World Dance, held every week at the Denver University Student Union, 2050 East Evans Avenue, Denver. The Steering Committee for the National Convention is progressing very nicely in making their arrangements for the Convention.

Svend A. Sonderup, Secretary.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 206, Blair, Nebr. — Folk dancing was the program for the March meeting of the Blair lodge. The Danish Dancers from Dana College entertained some twenty-five members and guests, Martin and Bonnie Kuhr.

The first half of the program featured the Dana dancers as they performed several dances on their own.

Following coffee and pastry members were invited to join in. Lead by the Dana troupe, lodge members "danced the night away", learning several steps.

A collection was taken up for the Danish Dancers following the meeting to help pay for new costumes. Along with the collection was a matching check from the lodge.

Doug Bro, Correspondent.



Pictured above are the Dana College Danish Dancers "picking up their heels" as they did for the Blair Lodge's March meeting.



Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, Wis. — Lodge No. 36 President Jess Bundesen, my wife and I, wish to extend our hearty thanks to the new Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Illinois, for the wonderful and "hyggelig" time we had when your new Lodge was instituted, and thanks to the president, Richard Christensen, for having us as guests.

Mrs. Johanne Westerlund and Carval Westerlund received a certificate of thanks for helping to institute Lodge No. 340 in Wood Dale, Illinois, on February 15. The certificate was presented by Flemming Andersen at Milwaukee on March 18.



Lodge No. 36, with the help from Sister Lodge No. 15, had Torske dinner April 12. There were 104 attending the dinner. Among the guests were a Danish girl exchange student, a Swedish girl exchange student, three guests from Menominee, Michigan, three from Chicago, and two from Richland Center, Wis. After the dinner slides from Denmark and Solvang were shown by Flemming Andersen from Chicago. Everybody agreed that the Danes have more fun.

Carval Westerlund, Secretary.

Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill. — On April 5, Ellen Copper, Terry Clayton, Stevo and Fritze Rodic, my wife, Shirley, and I (all for No. 340) had the pleasure of sharing in the 90th and 91st anniversary celebrations of our brother Lodge No. 17 and our sister Lodge No. 4, in Chicago. There is no longer any question in my mind that "Danes Do Have More Fun."

Lodge No. 340 also had its second official meeting on April 7 and the attendance was great. Mr. Palle Juul-Larsen showed two exciting films on Denmark and spoke on the upcoming charter flight to Denmark in June. This was also an occasion for the president to officiate at his first initiation ceremony, with Flemming Andersen as Conductor, for seven initiates: Frede Hansen, Rose Hansen, Dr. Patricia Ryan, Carl Jensen, Leighton Jorgensen, Shirley Christensen, and Karen Christensen.

The lodge voted to apply for membership in the Midwest District and to field a bowling team for the tournament in Kenosha on May 10. Other matters voted in were to preserve the use of rituals in our meetings, to select representatives to the Danish National Committee, and the acceptance of Mr. Joseph Miliauskas as a new member.

Our vice president, Floyd "Chris" Christensen, presented inscribed charter pens to each member as they came forward to sign the charter. The charter will be available for signing for the next few meetings.

Chris, also our entertainment chairman, is planning an exciting May 5 meeting in which we will have an

opportunity to learn Danish folk dances. Pictures of various costumes of Denmark will also be available for anyone willing to try their hand with a needle and thread.

Members — please bring your "Young Vikings" out to our meetings. We have separate facilities available and hope to get a good program rolling.

Richard H. Christensen, Jr., President.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — Lodge No. 34 met for their regular meeting Monday, March 10, with 47 in attendance. The meeting was called to order by president, Leo Pedersen. President Pedersen then initiated nine new members into the lodge. They are: Keith and Joanne Telford, Paul and Eunice Scott, Gene and Barb Mortensen, Kathleen Andersen, Lester Jensen and Margaret Goodwin. Conductor Bob Andersen put pins on them and they were welcomed by all members.

We discussed the Hard Times Dance to be held March 21. Gene Mortensen, Bob Weller and Kenny Jensen were put on a committee to take pictures of special events to be sent to the American Dane magazine. It was decided to start meetings at 8:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m., starting in April.

President Pedersen read an invitation to the Gala Faraars' Fest for April 5. Everyone was invited to come to Chicago. Concluding the meeting, lunch and a social hour was enjoyed by everyone.

Beverly Lund, Secretary.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — At the Monday night meeting, April 14, Jim Andreasen presented (left to right), Shari L. Stevens, Mark W. Stevens, Glen C. Jensen, and Donald L. Larsen with "Young Viking" certificates.



At the conclusion of the meeting, Clarence Jacobsgaard gave a talk and demonstration on his hobby of making mallard duck decoys. He also showed a film of his fishing trips. A special "thanks" to Clarence for some very interesting entertainment.

The meeting was called to order by President Leo Pedersen, with a very good turn-out of 60 in attendance. We had nine new members join the lodge. They are June and Debra Jensen, George and Linda Stevens, Arthur and Betty Kirn, James and Cecelia Larsen and Leroy Hansen. Welcome new members. There was more discussion on the bowling tournament. We are all looking forward to a good time bowling.

Jim Andreasen presented Harold Lund and Genevieve Andreasen with the "Booster" award, consisting of a plaque and \$25 Savings Bond, for recommending new members. Harold and Genevieve join Metha Jensen, Anders Albrechtsen and Irvin Nielsen as lodge "Boosters".

A citation was presented to Art Nielsen, signed by President Einar Danielsen, for his loyal support of Lodge No. 34 and the Danish Brotherhood.

Beverly Lund, Secretary.

Attention Delegates and Guests to 1975 Convention

Lodge No. 17, Chicago, Ill. — Our gala Foraars Fest, which was held on April 5, was indeed a great success. The dance, which was held jointly by Chicago Lodge No. 17 and Dagmar Lodge No. 4, Danish Sisterhood in America, commemorated Lodge 17's 91st anniversary and the Sisterhood's 90th.

The presence of several distinguished guests added to the excitement of the evening. From the surrounding lodges the following presidents and their wives attended: Lodge No. 4, Howard Bassinger and wife; Lodge No. 34, Leo Pedersen and wife; Lodge No. 35, Norman Christensen and wife; Lodge No. 36, Jess Bundersen and wife; Lodge No. 64, Peder Larsen and wife; Lodge No. 182, Carl Petersen and wife; Lodge No. 340, Richard Christensen and wife; and Lodge No. 14, Vice President Gordon Andersen and wife. Our special guest speaker was Donald Moon, who was accompanied by his wife. It was a delightful evening proving that Lodge 17 is once again on the move. Our bowling teams are doing very well as we now have achieved three teams for our upcoming tournament.

Alan Andersen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — Numbers 205 and 206 have joined us since the last report — Perle Boyd and George Whyte — welcome to both of you and glad to have you with us. If you have anyone in mind to join make sure you let Bennie know real soon so they will be eligible to become members before the anniversary banquet which entitles them to a free ticket. If you don't catch Bennie at 652-8136, call me at 694-3895.

We had some good luck on the Viking Ship — we found an already built one, thanks to Brother Edwin Andersen. We will have the use of it in the Memorial Day Parade and also in Somers. What is needed now is information on some Viking costumes, so let me know if you have any information on this.

A small report on my visit to the home office. The National Bylaws Committee was made up of members from across the nation and they were a great group of people to work with. We all worked hard and a cooperative spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. I want to extend my thanks to all of the National Board members for their help and a special thanks to a wonderful group of people working at the home office. Howard Christensen and his staff went out of their way to make us feel at home and it was sincerely appreciated. The home office is a very beautiful structure well taken care of and we can all be proud of its existence as a monument to the Danish Brotherhood in America. I am now looking forward to the National Convention in Denver to work for the best interests of this society with the law committee. If any of you are planning to go to Denver, please let me know very shortly as reservations have to be made.

The picnic will be held on August 31 instead of in July.

Bob Ibsen, Reporter.

Dannevang Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — After a short meeting March 14 we were entertained by "The Flag Man" Seymour Cohn. Mr. Cohn displayed over one hundred flags from states and countries as well as clubs, shopping centers and even a department store. For those of us that are not so familiar with the finer points of Danish history, he informed the group that the Danish flag is the oldest known flag. The fun part of the program was the look-alike flags. At the close of the evening our secretary treasurer, Walter Petersen, presented the



The 1975 National Convention Steering Committee is hard at work making plans for the social and fraternal activities for the enjoyment of delegates and guests during their stay in the "Mile High City."

The response to our first in a series of letters sent out to all delegates and lodges has been very good. About 42% of the delegates have responded to the bulletin seeking information in regard to "Greetings" messages and advertisements in the Souvenir booklet, and also the request for the delegates to send in their photos, names and addresses, so they can be featured in the attractive booklet.

We would like to take this opportunity to explain a new pre-registration procedure for the 29th National Quadrennial Convention. We will provide a booklet of tickets covering the various activities of the Convention. This book of coupons will cover the following: Wednesday, September 17 — Luncheon; Wednesday Evening "Get Acquainted" party; Thursday Luncheon; Thursday Afternoon Bus Tour of U.S. Air Force Academy and evening Dinner and Show at Flying W Ranch (don't miss this); Friday Luncheon; Friday Night Banquet and Dance; Coffee and Cake during all meetings, plus one copy of the Souvenir Booklet.

The cost of this coupon book is \$48.00 per person. We are hoping we can receive your remittance for this book in advance so our Convention Committee can operate on a cash basis. We feel that this small inconvenience on your part will result in a large savings of time and effort. We sincerely hope you will cooperate with our Convention Committee to prepay your registration fees in advance. You may send your remittance to Glen R. Jorgensen, 5381 East 52nd Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado, 80022. We thank you for your cooperation.

We are happy to announce that the Danish Sisterhood members of Ellen Lodge No. 21 in Denver will be hosting visiting Sisterhood National Board members, Sisterhood members and wives of our Danish Brotherhood delegates during the Convention. Be our guest, won't you.

**Svend Sonderup, Chairman,
Convention Steering Committee.**

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lodge with a Danish flag. Many thanks from the lodge, Walter.

On April 5 our president, Carl Petersen, and vice president, Carl Beck, and wives attended the 91st anniversary dinner-dance for Lodge No. 17, Chicago. All spent an enjoyable evening in fellowship with brothers from lodges in Chicago, Dwight, Kenosha, Racine, Rockford and Wood Dale. Congratulations, Lodge No. 17, and thank you for your kind invitation.

At our April meeting we had the first reading of our new bylaws — another step forward in firmly establishing our lodge back on its feet again. We have two teams entered in the Midwest District Bowling Tournament, May 10, in Kenosha, Wis. Our sights, of course, are on the big trophy. Good Luck, teams!

After the meeting Mr. Palle Juul Larsen showed colored movies of Denmark. They were extremely interesting, depicting scenes from sea and land, city, farm and industry — it made all of us want to jump on a plane and go. Our lodge has purchased a set of Danish language tapes and they are available for rental at \$1.00 per month to members. For all of the members that have not been making the meetings, they are held every second Friday of the month, at the Waukegan Public Library, at 7:30 p.m. Come on out and join us. Don't you know that "Danes have more fun?"

Janet Petersen, Correspondent.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Michigan — On Wednesday evening, March 5, 1975, Lodge No. 51 held their regular monthly business meeting in the Lodge Rooms of the Danish Hall with President Anthony Kobetich presiding. The big event of the evening was the presentation of a Booster award plaque and a savings bond to Brother Edward C. Larsen. Brother Edward now has four of his sons in the Lodge, and we extend a warm welcome to Brothers Brian, Douglas, Gordon, and David Larsen into our lodge, and congratulations to Brother Edward on this noteworthy event. Brother Howard Barber received our jack pot award — and now we must start all over again.

On Wednesday evening, March 19, we held our monthly social evening in the lodge rooms. In charge of the lunch for the evening was our new member Victor Mallers, who really put on a spread for our appetites. We welcome Brother Victor and also another new member, Leslie Case, into our lodge and hope they will enjoy many good times with us.

Our monthly pinochle party was held on Wednesday evening, March 26, in the lodge rooms of the Danish hall. Inner Guard Lars Christoffersen was chairman of the event, assisted by Treasurer Alvin Garcia, Brother Oscar Peterson, Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen and Brother Frank Hansen and his wife, Bertha. At conclusion of the games prizes were awarded and a pot luck lunch was served by the committee.

Under the guidance of First Trustee Al Seguin and with the assistance of Brothers William Smith, Emil Larsen, Wally Nelson, President Anthony Kobetich and

Nebraska Danish Days Set For June 13, 14, 15

The members of Minden Danish Brotherhood lodge No. 16 and residents of Minden, Nebraska, wish to invite all American Danes to participate in Nebraska Danish Days in Minden, June 13, 14, 15.

There will be a few new twists to the theme this year, namely a bread-baking contest on Saturday morning, and the addition of prizes for best folk costumes. Also a new feature will be church services at the Fredericksburg Church on Sunday morning, complete with Danish liturgy by the Minden Danish class.

Another new event will be a display of Danish crafts — woodworking, art, sewing, antiques, etc. All Danish Brotherhood lodges have been invited to take part in some portion of Danish Days this year and we are looking forward to many lodges taking us up on this offer.

Here is the slate of events, as planned through April 15.

Bingo Game, Friday, June 13 at City Hall, starting at 8 p.m. Danish sandwiches, coffee, and Danish coffecake will be served.

Saturday morning — Danish displays, registration, and a bread-baking contest at 10:30. Entries must be in by 9 a.m. for the bread-baking contest.

Saturday — from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. — Danish smorgasbord at Bethany Lutheran Church. Tickets available at the door.

Saturday afternoon — King and Queen Contest [elimination to three candidates each]. Danish folk dancing by enlarged Minden Danish Folk Dance troupe and special dancers from Omaha, and costume judging at Court House Square. The best Danish costumes will be awarded in these categories — man, woman, boy and girl 12 twelve years old, and under.

Saturday evening — 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. — Aebleskiver sdsuppe dinner at City Hall, followed by a big dance to the orchestra of Dane, Harold Jensen. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. B.Y.O.B.

Sunday Morning — Church services at Fredericksburg Church [located four miles south, one east, of Minden]. Coffee and rolls at the church at 10:00 a.m. Service at 10:45 a.m. Liturgy by Minden Danish class. Message in English by Reverend Larry Lepper.

Noon Sunday — Picnic in the park. This is a catered event. Following will be the judging for King and Queen and announcement of Monarch King and recognition of special guests.

Applications for King and Queen may be made to Mrs. Warren Eckloff, Route 1, Minden, Nebraska, 68959.

Anyone who wishes to stay overnight in Minden should contact either the Nichols Hotel or the Pioneer Motel in Minden for reservations, or the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska.

Herb Nielsen and Don Thomsen, Chairmen.

Secretary Earl Jensen, big things happened to our ballroom on the upstairs floor. The ceiling was lowered by putting in a suspended ceiling with recessed lights — a really big job and a job well done by these workers. We are still conducting "Bingo" on Thursdays — how about a few new volunteers?

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — As you know by now, Muskegon is host lodge for the Michigan-Ohio Convention this year. We've been busy with the Sisterhood getting it all set. I am sure it will turn out fine under the able guidance of our president, Thomas Stafford, and his assistants.

On our social night this month, Clayton Hansen was in charge of the lunch, and "Sloppy Joes" were served. At our business meeting, Art Burkall and Don Hansen served sandwiches, along with some of Art's wife's delicious pickles.

We are talking now of a fishing trip in the near future. We are looking forward to seeing many of you on May 3 at the Convention.

Clayton C. Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — Once again we had a large turnout for our pre-meeting dinner on March 12. 140 brothers and sisters this time. After the dinner 78 brothers attended the business meeting. At this meeting we had the pleasure of seeing four more new brothers join our ranks. They are Randy Rehan, Gene L. Jensen, Richard Christensen and Ed Woods III.



A short while back our lodge came into possession of a medal which dates back to the Nordic Wars that took place between 1700 and 1720. Fred Marxson offered to take the medal and frame it for display in the Danish Club of Detroit. He recently brought it back, along with an explanation of the medal and it should be on display now for all to see. Thanks, Fred, for your efforts.

At this same meeting Leo Taillefer missed out on a \$67.50 jack pot by not being at the meeting when his name was called.

On March 26, Lodge No. 227 held our annual blood drive but we didn't do very good on donors. We got only 30 pints to credit to our bank. I sure hope that all of you brothers who couldn't be bothered to come out and help your lodge in this worthwhile program aren't the ones who have to come calling for help in the form of blood for yourselves or your families. Remember 30 pints from a membership of over 500 is really a pathetic showing. This is just another example of what I keep talking about when I say that we need the help of all the members to keep the lodge progressing.

We have recently lost two more brothers to death. They were Vandel Neilsen and Albert Raffelle. The lodge extends our deepest sympathies to the families of these departed brothers.

We had the pleasure of having Keith Minard, area manager for the D.B.S., at our March 26 meeting. He explained his role as area manager to us. We hope to see him down in Detroit again soon. Keith is from Greenville, Michigan.

Emil Neilsen lost out on the \$70.00 jack pot by missing the March 26 meeting. Too bad, Emil, as I am sure your brother-in-law, Al Pedersen, will let you know all about it.

The annual "Grundluvsfest" is scheduled for June 8, 1975, at the grounds of the former Danish Old Peoples Home.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.



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

Lodge No. 325, Long Island — Our meetings are held in the Franklin Square Hall, meeting begins at 8:30, Smorgasbords are served after the meetings. Eric and Allice Ersboll, Helge and Krista Steiness are on the refreshment committee in April. In May it is Otto and Gitte Andreasen and Lars and Esther Moeller. After the smorgasbord we will all take part in a game of bingo. Nice prizes will be awarded to a few lucky winners. While on the subject of lucky winners, Birgit Jacobsen won the \$25 jack pot at our March meeting; some people are just born lucky.

Our March meeting was indeed very well attended. If you weren't there to enjoy the real Danish cod fish dinner that was served, you don't know what you missed. Not only the cod fish dinner, but everything that went with it was with the compliments of the Danish Fish Industry and Mr. Erling Hulgaard, Fisheries Attache at the Danish Consulate. After the dinner an interesting film was shown to prove how efficient and sanitary the Danish Fish Industry handles its products. We thank Mr. Hulgaard, the food committee, and everyone who helped making the evening enjoyable.

At this meeting Laila Mogensen and Krista Steiness

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Our Lodges in Action

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were initiated as members, also Kirsten Lea Brantley, who was one-year-old March 24. Otto Andreasen and Carl Jorgensen received their 25 year pin with best wishes from the Head Lodge. At this meeting we elected delegate to the annual convention of the G.C.E.L., sponsored by the Perth Amboy Lodge, N.J. We were pleased to have Peter Christensen and Herman Farber, two members from that lodge, as our guests at our March meeting.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — At the meeting held in March, Palle Christensen was initiated and Lawrence Christensen was approved and initiated. Larry will be our insurance representative for the Philadelphia area. John Hinrichsen is still looking for representatives for other areas. The attendance prize of \$15 was won by George Clausen.

The childrens fastelavns party was very successful and well attended. A magician entertained the children, games were played and prizes awarded. Our thanks goes to Lizzie Broadbent who took care of everything. Also, thanks to those who helped. We still need nail barrels for next year. Bring them down to the meeting. Plans are in process for a summer picnic at the Old People's Home, and a camping trip in September. Anton M. Mou is our oldest member; on April 22 he will be 96 years old. Anton has been a member since 1923. Only 28 years more and we can celebrate 1000 years since Leif Ericson landed in America, according to the Leif Ericson Society bulletin.

Niels Malmquist, Editor.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — At this meeting our oldest member, Stephen Smidt, was presented with a certificate for being a member for 69 years. Louis Stolzenback will get a certificate for 67 years at our next meeting.

Going to Denver in October. Already now plans are being made for the trip. Anyone who would like to join us should contact Mrs. Barbara Larsen as she can give you all information about plane fare and reservations: Barbara Larsen, 315 Paradise Avenue, Hamden, Conn. 06514.

The chairman for our annual picnic will be Jack Willshire and chairmen for the cod fish dinner and dance in October will be Art Sorensen and Marinus Bjarno.

Norman Edmonds, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — At the meeting held on March 5 we had a nice fish dinner, made by Nina and Greda Christensen. It was a treat again to be served a good Danish meal. We have made arrangements with the manager of the Elks club to allow us to have our own girls to put on our dinners. After dinner, everybody went up to the meeting room on the third floor. I am sorry to say that when I entered the meeting room I became ill and fell to the floor. The Brothers thought that I had a heart attack and I was taken to the hospital by ambulance. The meeting was canceled that night. I spent eight days in intensive care. I am now home and glad to inform you that I am feeling fine again. I wish to thank all my Brothers for what they did for me, for taking care of my Lodge bags and car, and bringing my wife to the hospital every day, as Rigmor does not drive a car. Thank you, Chris.

Wednesday, March 19, we had our birthday dinner meeting. We had Bøf med Løg and beer and schnapps, which were served by Svend Munch and Peter A. Sorensen. Carl Christensen was M.C. and he is always good at that. Carl called on may of the Brothers to say a few words, and we were glad to see the Brothers Walter Sorensen, Niels Olsen and Evan Christensen, Jr., coming back to our meetings. Brother Niels Olsen has not been to a meeting here for 22 years, but now that he lives here in Schenectady again, he will try to attend most of the meetings. On March 8 Brother Jake Christiansen died in California. Jake had been active in our lodge for many years before moving to California. Lodge 190 sent deepest sympathy to Hilda Christiansen and the family.

At the last meeting our delegates to the Old Peoples Home in New Jersey gave a good report of the meeting. Brothers Pete Nielsen, Olin Yauchler and George Severson attended the meeting. Brothers Ernest Jorgensen, Walther Jorgensen and Svend Munch are on the sick list. We hope you will get well soon.

Chris Biering, Secretary.

Lodge No. 116, Springfield, N.J. — Since the last meeting two of our oldest brothers have passed away. Our sympathy goes to their families.

A Ladies Night has been planned for Friday, May 9. Only business of importance will be taken care of. Thomas Eliason will play his accordian, coffee and cake will be served.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPHONY WIND ORCHESTRA. Muskansa International is a nonprofit organization which exists to promote international understanding through the performing arts. Becoming a member of Muskansa International costs only \$10.00 and is tax deductible. Your money will help young American musicians get to know Danes and Denmark, as well as



The Danes have a street of their own in Junction City, Oregon. Many of the people on the street roster are members of Lodge No. 268 in Junction City.

the rest of Scandinavia. Members of Muskansa International will also be members of People to People Scandinavia, at no additional cost, and will be able to take advantage of the many low-cost charter flights scheduled throughout the year between the U.S.A. and Copenhagen. Most flights leave the J.F. Kennedy Airport in New York. Flight schedules will be mailed to all who join. There are usually at least twenty flights in each direction each year. Any brother knowing a talented young American or Danish American musician should contact Brother Carl F. Wilhjelm, who is musical director. For membership and further information, contact Carl C. Wiljelm, 6 Campo Road, Randolph, N.J. 07801.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 183, Troy, N.Y. — Enclosed is a picture taken at our anniversary party (left to right) Bill Peterson, president of Schenectady Lodge; Erling Brauman, president, G.C.E.L., and Robert Nelson, past president of Troy lodge. Party was enjoyed by all. Brother Vincent Maloney took up the president's gavel and Brother Tim Proper assumed the duties of vice president. Harry Jensen, Sr., is looking forward to Denver, as our elected delegate to the National Convention.



Our lodge building is presently undergoing a face lifting with the aid of a successful Chinese auction night to help defray expenses. We have succeeded in painting and paneling the meeting hall, and it looks real good. Our lodge has had some good times lately and we are all looking forward to many more. I, too, am looking forward to meeting my old friends at the G.C.E.L. Convention in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Harry B. Jensen, Jr., Secretary.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — We were happy to have with us over the March 14 weekend Brother John

Hinrichsen, who came to address our meeting on the benefits of belonging to this great Danish organization. Unfortunately, the meeting was canceled due to a severe storm. Nevertheless, Brother Erling and Mary Braumann and the undersigned enjoyed his company and benefited greatly from our short association with him and hope he'll come again soon.

Danish Silversmith, Jorgen Christensen, arrived home recently from a weeks tarpon fishing in Costa Rica. In the company of several other businessmen from R.I., Mass., and Conn., they stayed at Casa Mara, an island paradise in that area. In competition with a group from the midwest they didn't win any firsts, but Brother Jorgen and his friends plan to correct that situation the next time out, which he hopes will be soon.

Carl W. Sorensen, Secretary.



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

One after another — our leading brotherhood lodges are allowing the ladies to join the ranks of our respective memberships. With an open mind, why not entertain a complete merger of the two great organizations and even changing the combined name to The American Dane. Not because I had the honor of naming this official publication of the DBS — not because I have served the Pacific Northwest District as President and Secretary — not because I have had the privilege of leading both the Enumclaw and the Tacoma lodges in years gone by — and certainly not because I have just been presented a twenty-five-year lapel pin — should you listen to my brainstorm — but let's talk about it — at Portland and in Denver — okay?

And speaking of the Rose City — Helene and Ed Hirsch are anxious that you sign up for the \$45.00 per couple package deal which includes the May 23rd "Friday, Fun and Frolic" night of dinner and home talent program; the May 24th Saturday Meeting Sessions, the annual banquet and "the little Mermaid from the Harbor of Copenhagen" (hands off); and the Buffet Breakfast on Sunday with personal farewells. When you first register, Sisterhood Past Presidents will be on hand to greet you with homemade refreshments. Nostalgia is the theme of this year's annual convention as we "remember when" and recall "the good old days" of yesteryear. It is an opportunity for everyone, young and old alike, to reflect on the past and discover what it has contributed to our present lives on the threshold of America's Bicentennial.

While we are still down in Oregon — let's talk about McMinnville — the new president of DB 194, Brother Thorvald Jensen, is Delegate to the National Convention — Florence, wife of Past District President Sigurd Nielsen, is doing fine after major surgery in the Bess Kaiser hospital — Brother Harry Jensen and wife,

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Look Ahead

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

May 4	Michigan-Ohio at Ludington, MI.
May 23, 24, 25	Pacific-N.W. at Portland, OR.
June 14	Minn. at Albert Lea, MN.
Aug. 14, 15, 16	Calif.-Nev. at San Diego, CA.
Aug. 16, 17	Midwest at Racine, WI.
Aug. 23, 24	Nebraska at Grand Island, NE.
Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1	G.C.E.L. at Perth Amboy, N.J.
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	Iowa United at Davenport, IA.

(Editor's correction from last month)

NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 17-21 at Denver, Colorado

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June 5

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June 29, Castlerock Park at Walnut Creek



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Our Lodges in Action

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Marie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 23rd at the First Baptist church — still on the sick list is Brother Jim Jensen — and lastly, our belated sympathies to Past District President Peter Rasmussen on the loss of his wife, Ellen, who was laid to rest in the Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum on February 21st.

Up in Washington, most of the trophies were won by Seattlites at the Pacific Northwest District Brotherhood and Sisterhood Annual Bowling Tournament at Enumclaw on March 8th. And in that "little city of big attractions", Past President Jens Holm, a retired painting contractor, is now a cactus fan and prides in his and wife, Elsa's, collection of exotic cacti plants. Then there are the Slotts — Brothers Ed, Chris (ill of late) and Nels (in a rest home) remembering their father, Jacob, (long since deceased) "being the first to actually talk to his shrubs" — the Slotts have always been active, both in the brotherhood and sisterhood lodges, and the community is proud of them all. Brother Lester Jensen of DB 113 and wife, Barbara, winter vacationed in Hawaii; Past President Elmer Boysen with wife, Anna, recently visited relatives in Calgary, Canada; and Past President Hans Weston has just returned from a trip to California. And, finally, congratulations to Henry and Gerda Hergert on the addition of a new grandson in Port Orchard, Washington.

The Queen City Danish Brotherhood in Seattle has initiated their first female into DB 29 — Birgit Jessen, wife of Northwest Danes Newsletter Editor, Sten — congratulations. She was also the first new member of 1975 — second was Ib Larsen of Bellevue. Moving on to Spokane, our Lilac City, Past President Ernie Wales (just having received a 25-year membership pin at the Missoula, Montana, Elks Lodge) was recently in San Francisco with his son, Brother John, attending a Western Wood Products meeting.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.



PACIFIC-NORTHWEST CONVENTION

MAY 23, 24, & 25

PORTLAND, OREGON

Convention Site — Sheraton Hotel.

Friday, May 23 — Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. Coffee and goodies served by our Past-President's Club prior to meeting to be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

6:00 til 7:00 p.m. — Happy Hour — then a sit-down dinner and program that includes talent you have never seen — all from members of our PNW District.

Saturday, May 24 — Business meetings at 9:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon where you please — there are a dozen fine restaurants within a few blocks in our famous Lloyd Center — meetings resume at 1:30 p.m. to be followed by a joint installation — then time for rest or visiting until 6:00 p.m., when you will receive a complimentary cocktail, then a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m.

This is the evening the Little Mermaid will be here, on loan to us for a few hours from the Harbor at Copenhagen. Dancing to follow until ?

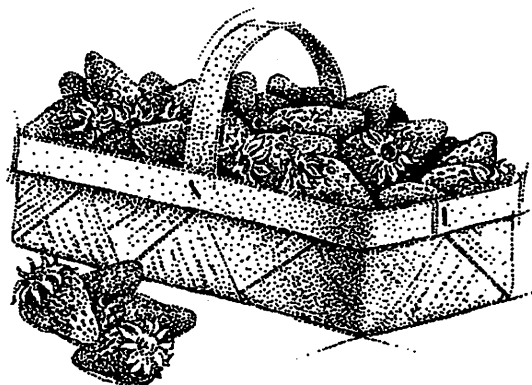
Sunday, May 25 — A gorgeous buffet breakfast to be served from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Then, on your own, unless you want to come and see us just five minutes from the hotel.

Tak.

Helen Hirsch.

Danish Kitchen

This recipe isn't strictly Danish, but all you good Danish cooks will want to add this dessert-cake recipe to your collection. It's so delicious, we wanted to share it with you.



2-8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese
2 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 box yellow cake mix
2 cans dark, sweet, pitted cherries
1/2 cup sugar
3 tblsps. corn starch
1/3 cup cold water
Dash salt

Grease and flour 11" X 14" cake pan. Set oven at 350 degrees and preheat. Mix softened cream cheese, eggs, sugar and vanilla at medium speed with electric mixer until smooth. Pour in greased and floured cake pan. Mix yellow cake

CHERRY CHEESE-CAKE

according to directions on box and pour on top of cream cheese mixture. Bake at 350 degrees approximately 35 minutes, until cake is nicely browned and top springs back when touched. Leave cake in pan to cool.

Drain juice off cherries into saucepan. Add sugar and salt and bring to boil. Add corn starch which has been mixed with cold water to form paste. Thicken cherry juice. Add cherries and reduce heat to low. Continue cooking until cherries are heated through. Serve over squares of cooled cheese-cake. Any fruit sauce is good with this — pineapple, strawberry, raspberry. Whatever your family likes best.

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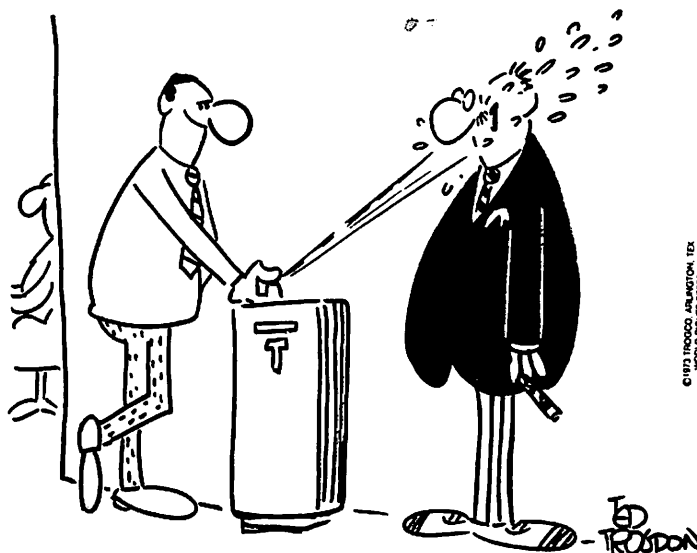
Loss of membership — lack of interest — lack of attendance. We constantly exhort our Brothers to greater efforts to correct what we consider deficiencies in our approach to the problems of Brotherhood today.

Perhaps we have forgotten the basic principles upon which The D.B. was founded and which are responsible for all the success we have had....

In these days of turmoil, when we seem to lack confidence in our strength, let us return to the door at which we knocked. Let us recall the tenets of our fraternalism, the lessons we were taught, the thoughts which meant so much to us at that time. Let us remember the lessons of brotherly love, aid to the needy, and truth, ponder them, practice them.

As we relive those teachings, as we practice them every day, so will our Fraternity grow with new strength and vigor to even brighter days than we have seen in the past.

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Essay Contest Open Until July 1

Don't miss your chance for big prizes and national recognition in American Dane magazine. Choose one of the three subjects — "Why Danes Have More Fun," "What Danish-Americans Can Do To Help Celebrate The American Bicentennial in 1976," or "My Favorite Dane, and Why."

Right now, while you're thinking about it, sit down and write your essay and send it to National Headquarters. Complete rules are below, and remember — you can't win if you don't enter.



CONTEST RULES

- Entrants must qualify in one of two age categories; (A) those 15 and under as of June 30, 1975, or (B) those 16 and over as of June 30, 1975.
- Duplicate prizes will be awarded in both categories.
- Entrants must be a member of the Danish Brotherhood or be related to a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.
- Choose one of the above subjects for your essay.
- Essays must not be more than 500 words in length.
- Your name, address, phone, age, birthdate and number of lodge or number of lodge where relative is a member must be written on a separate sheet of paper attached to the entry. Also include name of DB relative if applicable.
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12. Winners will receive these prizes: First Place — \$100 Savings Bond and one Danish Coat of Arms of your choice. Second Place — \$25 Savings Bond and one Danish Coat of Arms of your choice. Third Place — One Danish Coat of Arms of your choice and complete package of Young Viking products consisting of Y-VI t-shirt, Viking balloon, Danish stickers and Viking model ship kit.

Summer Music Festivals

In Denmark

If you plan to travel to Denmark this summer, one of your most enjoyable experiences could be a summer music festival. Here is a calendar of the key musical events in Denmark. More complete information on specific events can be obtained from the Scandinavian National Travel Office, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y., 10020:

International Summer Concerts, May-September, Rønne, Bornholm.
Tivoli Gardens, May-September, Copenhagen.
Royal Ballet and Music Festival, last two weeks in May, ballet, opera, symphony concerts.
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