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DB comment

Next year has suddenly become this year, and the DB has many events coming up. First and foremost is the visit by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik of Denmark. The charter flight to Denmark is in the works now and hopes to be most successful. The DB cookbook is being assembled, so be ready for a traditional Viking feast in the new year. A troupe of Danish Folk Dancers is coming to America this summer and will be making several appearances around the country, and be sure to watch for our special Bicentennial issue, which will be out this spring. As you can see, there is going to be plenty to do and American Dane is proud to have the opportunity to share these events with you.

Don Eversoll

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The objects of the Brotherhood are to: (1.) Encourage its members in their fidelity to the constitution and laws of the country, in which they live, whether it be the United States of America, Denmark or the Dominion of Canada. (2.) Perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America. (3.) Render aid to its members and their dependents whenever illness, disability or death may befall its members or their dependents. (4.) Assist unemployed members in securing employment. (5.) Provide and maintain a fund for the payment of such sums, as may be stipulated by law, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries of every insured member or person. Rules governing the administration and maintenance of the insurance fund are prescribed in the by-laws of this society. (6.) Conduct its affairs, as a fraternal benefit society, in the manner of the subordinate lodge system.

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A Message From The President

As the year 1975 has ended, and the lights of the new year approach, it is no more than proper for the National Board of Directors to express our sincere thanks for the past year, and ask you to continue supporting us in the future.

May I express the feeling of all of your Board of Directors to each of you, your families and friends, for a healthy and prosperous New Year. Hopefully, one of your best.

During the past four years we have seen needed growth within our Fraternal Society. Each doing his share, maintaining good fellowship, bearing in mind the principles wherein our society was founded, this growth will continue. We must endeavor to look into the future, as we want the Danish Brotherhood in America to be outstanding in representing the spirit of the Danish born, their progeny, and their relatives. It is our desire to nurture the culture and heritage of Denmark in order that our children and future generations will continue to enjoy true Danish tradition and fraternalism.

"There will always be a Danish Brotherhood, and the memories of the members will never fade away."

Fraternally,

George Godthaab

President.



Welcome Aboard!

National Headquarters Will Sponsor Charter Flight To Denmark This Year

The National Headquarters of the Danish Brotherhood in America is proud to announce that arrangements have been finalized for a charter flight to Denmark, leaving Chicago June 11, and returning from Copenhagen on July 7. The flight is sponsored and supported in whole by the National Headquarters.

One of the most pleasant aspects of this flight is the price. Round trip, coach fare per person is approximately \$315, Chicago-Copenhagen-Chicago. Round trip from Omaha will be close to \$380. Accommodations for parking and transfer to the Omaha airfield will be made available for those desiring it.

Given sufficient interest, a tour within a tour will be arranged. It is envisioned such a plan would include spending the first few days in Denmark, and the last few days in Denmark, and the balance of the time touring Norway, Sweden, and Finland. Special prices will be in effect if the tour group numbered 20 or more persons. Independent tour arrangements will also be made available. Land arrangements, for those needing them, are also available. All questions, replies, and inquiries should be forwarded to our travel agent, which is: AAA World Wide Travel Agency, 5011 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68132, Attn.: Miss Gere Cole.

The Danish Brotherhood Charter Flight is a result of several months investigation by the Fraternal Affairs Department in Omaha, and answers a long-standing need to sponsor such a charter flight on the National level. Due to the low cost of this flight, and anticipated interest in it, we would suggest those who plan to participate book as early as possible.

According to Federal regulations all persons who have been members of The Danish Brotherhood for a period of more than six months, their wives, husbands, dependent children, and parents who live in the same household, are eligible to participate in the flight. Children under two years of age, when traveling with parents, and occupying the same seat, will fly free. The carrier will be Pan Am, the aircraft used is a Boeing 707. There are 180 seats available.

The per seat price is a pro-rata share of the total charter cost, and is subject to increase or decrease, depending on the number of participants. All participants are responsible for their own transportation arrangements and costs both air and ground, while in Europe.

Requests for reservations should be sent to: AAA World Wide Travel Agency, address given above. All reservations must include a \$100 deposit. This deposit is due on or before March 1. The balance will be

due 45 days prior to departure. Reservations accepted on first come, first serve basis. Please use the coupon below, or a facsimile thereof, to reserve seats. All participants will receive a special travel brochure prepared just for this occasion by the Home Office, including tips on travel, a language pronunciation booklet, and places to eat and visit.



Yes, I/We want to go to Denmark with the Danish Brotherhood. Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$100 per person.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____ Phone _____

I/We have been a member of the Danish Brotherhood since _____

Others traveling with me: Last Name First Name Relation;
If child, indicate age

1. _____

2. _____

I/We understand the deposit and cancellation requirements.

(Your canceled check is your receipt)

Signature _____

A SPECIAL TROLL THAT GLADDENS HEARTS

by H. M. Kinnear

(Special to American Dane)

Smoky Mountain trolls are a special breed of wee wooden people whose appearance would make Jule Nissen himself envious of their workmanship. They are the creation of Ken and Neta Arensbak, Danes transplanted in America by way of Canada.

The Arensbaks live in the midst of forests and where else would a troll have its origin? Assisting the Arensbaks at their Five Arts Studio in the mountain top home they built between Cosby and Gatlinburg, Tenn., are two helpers, including a son, Erik.

The trolls are made of and from the mountains — being made entirely of organic material. The body of the troll is often of ironwood that is just as tough and long lasting as its name implies. Pine will not do because it harbors a beetle that will cause the wood to deteriorate.



Neta and Ken Arensbak and a visitor at work creating Smoky Mountain trolls.

The Smokey Mountain Trolls

The hair — all six carefully-combed layers of it — is made of sisal hemp. Eyes, nose, mouth and headpiece are made from the fruits of the nearby mountain farms and forests and include sweet gum balls, acorns, cowbeans, hemlock cones and any wild flowers that will dry well.

The origin of the Smoky Mountain troll was simple. Ken Arensbak made the first one because his son wanted one. This started a chain reaction because then daughter, Vivi, asked for one, too. Friends saw and marveled at the handiwork and craftsmanship that went into these

particular trolls and urged the Arensbaks to make some of the wee folk for them.

First thing they knew, an order came for one gross (144) of trolls from a craft shop in nearby Gatlinburg. Thus came the birth of the Smoky Mountain troll business.

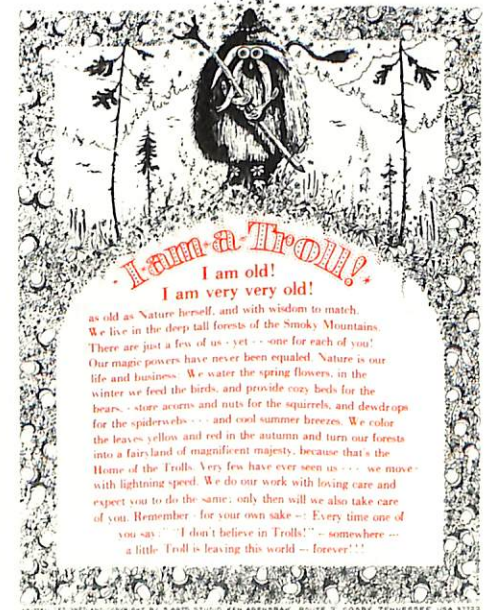
The enterprise has grown to the extent that the trolls, and some other wooden creations, are the sole source of family income for the Arensbaks. Son, Erik, who has bought an old farm nearby that has a 100-year-old house, is the sales manager. A local businessman, Frederick J. Dumont, and his firm, Duola, Inc., handles promotion and distribution of this mountain art.

The Arensbaks love their life in the Smokys, where they have lived for seven years with the trolls and in the midst of all manner of wildlife. It's a far cry from a more hectic life they once led in Columbus, Ohio.

The studio where the trolls are created with loving care is situated on the bottom floor of the house they built, complete with narrow stairs and a hidden passageway. Their lifestyle enables them to serve guests native herb tea, buy their staple food items cooperatively with their mountain neighbors, and work in the studio or relax as they please.

Other mountain creations originated by the Arensbaks include a boy and girl pen set made of wood and Smoky Mountain stick dolls. But the troll is the one who really fascinates the public and keeps this Danish-American family in bread and butter.

As every good Dane knows, trolls have been around for a long, long time. It's the Arensbaks who intend to make sure that these little people of the forests continue to gladden the hearts of young and old alike in America for a long time to come.



Solvang Dancers Perform At L.A. Music Festival



The Danish Family Dancers, many whom are members of the DB.

The dedicated members of the Danish Family Dancers of Solvang were invited to provide the entertainment Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, at three Robinson's Department Stores in conjunction with the Denmark Festival, a Community Arts Music Association benefit.

The dancing group appeared Sat-

urday night at Robinson's Santa Barbara store and on Sunday at both the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills location.

Transportation was provided for the group via a large Greyhound bus and those aboard enjoyed games and refreshments during the trips.

In lieu of payment for their performances, the group asked for

donations to the Santa Ynez Valley Recovery Residence and the Solvang Festival Theater. They earned a total of \$1,000 for their efforts, \$500 going to each of their two named charities.

The group, long favorites during Solvang's annual Danish Days celebration, dances as a family unit and perpetuates traditional Danish folk dances. Many of them are also members of the Danish Brotherhood.

Those performing were Andrew and Thora Mae Andersen, with their children Donna and Kenny; Howard and Linda Petersen with Brenda, Kevin and Debbie; Vern and Jean Madsen with Chris and Stephanie; Peter and Ellen Weber with Steen and Palle; Bill and Einalee Springer, with Eric and Laurie; Gene and Pat Strauser with Susan; Arden and Shirley Petersen; Ed Madsen; and Larry Dotz.

The dancers pictured with Mrs. Royce Lewellen, front left, receiving the Festival Theater check from Stephanie Madsen and Jerry McConnel, right front, receiving the Recovery Residence donation from Kenny Anderson. (Photo by Santa Ynez Valley News)

Elk Horn Citizens Will Erect Windmill Imported From Denmark

An enterprising band of Danes, some of them Danish Brotherhood members, from the town of Elk Horn, Iowa, are working hard to bring an authentic Danish windmill to their town. It will be erected in a prominent site by early 1976.

The mill is presently located in Nørre Sneve, Jutland, and is being dismantled in preparation for its journey from Denmark to the United States.

The group sponsoring the project is known as the Better Elk Horn Club, an association of merchants and businessmen in the western Iowa town of 700. Elk Horn-Kimballton is the location of a new Danish Brotherhood lodge.

It is anticipated the mill will be operational and feature stone-ground flour in addition to a gift and curio shop. A drive to raise funds for the mill is currently underway to hit a goal of \$50,000.

The project started out as a dream in the minds of some Elk Horn citizens, but quickly received impetus last summer when Harry Petersen of Esbjerg, Denmark, wrote that he had located a mill that could be purchased. He warned that most colorful Danish mills were disappearing fast. Petersen and his wife were guests this summer of relatives, Milo and Svend Andersen.

Danish Brotherhood members interested in helping with the fund drive may contact LeRoy Petersen, who is a member of the Danish Brotherhood and Better Elk Horn Club.



Report To Members Following Annual Meeting of National Directors

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Home Office November 6-8, 1975. All board members were present. An orientation program was held for the newly elected members of the board. They were acquainted with administrative procedures, philosophies and board procedures for communication and decision making between board meetings. The legal requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and the state laws for maintaining fraternal benefit status were explained and discussed. Also reviewed was the new organizational structure compared to the old method of selecting officers of the organization.

The new terminology as established by the recent convention was discussed; namely, changing the Board of Officers to the Board of Directors. Bylaw changes made at the Twenty-Ninth National Convention were reviewed by the Directors. Special attention was given to the change in eligibility rules and the effect any

eligibility rule changes would have on the society. Home Office policies were reviewed and organizational charts illustrating functions of the various departments and their relationships were discussed.

The affiliation of The Danish Brotherhood with the National Fraternal Congress of America, and its state arm, the Nebraska Fraternal Congress, was explained. This organization serves as a legislative information bureau, keeping fraternal benefit societies informed about legislative trends and matters pertaining specifically to fraternal benefit societies. The congress holds several meetings through the year to provide the opportunity for representatives of member societies to share knowledge.

In the interest of providing more board members with an opportunity to apply individual talents to specific areas, President Godthaab made the following committee appointments:

Scholarship Committee: George

Jacobsen, Chairman; Byron Petersen, Robert Ibsen and George Godthaab. This committee reviews applications and determines the recipients. They review rules and methods of administration and make changes in procedure wherever necessary. Recommendations for bylaw changes are also made by this committee.

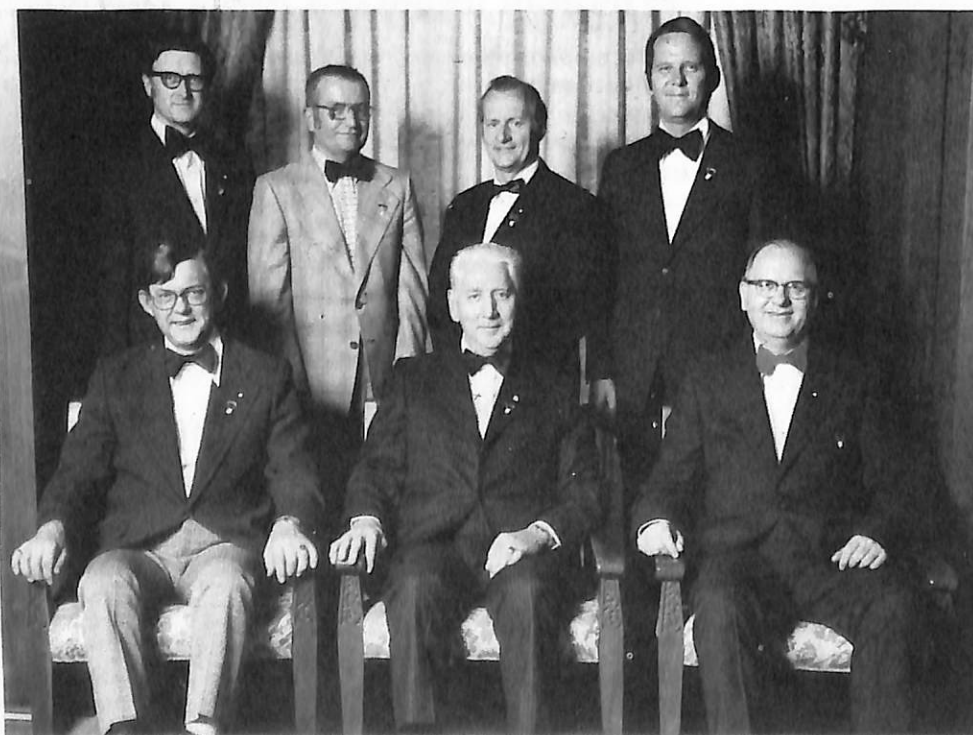
Youth Group Committee: Clyde Langsted, Chairman; Robert Ibsen, Kenneth Pedersen and Peter Weber. This is a new committee and it has the responsibility for administering camp grants and making awards. They review existing rules and methods of administration and make changes wherever possible to contribute to the success of this program and to publicize it when they have an opportunity. They formulate recommendations for bylaw changes for the benefit of the society's juvenile membership.

Bylaw Committee: Robert Ibsen, Chairman; Clyde Langsted, Kenneth Pedersen and Peter Weber. The duty of this committee is to review proposed changes to local lodge bylaws to assure their conformity to National Bylaws and compliance with state insurance department requirements.

Promotion and Publicity Committee: Byron Petersen, Chairman; Robert Ibsen, Clyde Langsted, Kenneth Pedersen and Peter Weber. The responsibility of this committee is to promote membership in the society, to oversee publicity, and to determine courses of action providing the best possible publicity for the society. They encourage local lodges to secure publicity for their social and civic functions for the benefit of the society.

Executive Committee: George Godthaab, Chairman; George Jacobsen and Howard Christensen. The Executive Committee is established by Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation and exercises those powers delegated to it by the laws of the society and the Board of Directors.

Fraternal Activities Committee: Kenneth Pedersen, Chairman; Robert Ibsen, Peter Weber and Clyde



Official Board of Directors photograph, front row, left to right: Byron Petersen, Second Vice President; George Godthaab, President; George Jacobsen, First Vice President. Back row, left to right: Robert Ibsen, Director; Kenneth Pedersen, Director; Peter Weber, Director; Clyde Langsted, Director.

Langsted. This committee has the responsibility of helping the society develop progressive and meaningful fraternal programs for its membership. These programs, in addition to helping local lodges have interesting meetings and fraternal projects, include developing fraternal programs which are national in scope.

Auditing and Securities Committee: Peter Weber, Chairman; Robert Ibsen, Clyde Langsted and Kenneth Pedersen. The Auditing and Securities Committee will perform the duties set out in Section 14 of the Bylaws, which includes counting the securities owned by the society and detaching coupons to be turned in for collection.

Building Committee: George Jacobsen, Chairman; Byron Petersen, Howard Christensen and George Godthaab. The Building Committee oversees the improvement and maintenance of existing Brotherhood property, as well as making suggestions regarding future projects for improvement, maintenance and expansion.

Investment Committee: Howard Christensen, Chairman; Axel Skelbeck, George Jacobsen and George Godthaab. The Investment Committee is charged with the investment of the funds of the society. They will establish and periodically review investment policies of the society.

Kenneth Holm of the law firm of

Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann and Haggart joined the Directors in session, along with Alex Clarke, another member of the firm. Holm is the society's legal counsel and instructed the new board members on their legal obligations to the society. Also, as the newly appointed Danish Consul for Nebraska, he recounted for the board his Danish background and the extent of his participation in the program for Queen Margrethe's visit to Omaha in May.

From Lodge No. 328, host lodge for the 1979 National Convention, a request for permission to set the convention dates in either the second or third week of September was read. The lodge was later advised the second and third weekends of this month were to be avoided because of the district conventions and other Danish functions traditionally scheduled on these dates.

Correspondence with the Danish Sisterhood of America regarding the possibility of a joint convention was presented to the board. Additional investigation will be held on this after

the Sisterhood board meeting in the spring of 1976.

The progress of the agency department was discussed and evaluated by the Directors with John Dressler present. Each area of the Danish Brotherhood was analyzed and projections for hiring new area managers discussed. Existing agency divisions were reviewed. It was the board's feeling the agency department has progressed to a point where a full-time director of agencies, headquartered in the Home Office, should be hired. Contacts have been made and a series of interviews will be held during December with actual selection being made as soon as possible. The agency force is growing and is the most important factor in the society's growth, demanding a full-time director whose primary responsibility will be recruiting, training and administering the agency department.

A new five-year convertible and renewable level term product, as well as a flexible premium retirement annuity, have been added to the society's insurance portfolio and will soon be ready for use by members.

To comply with Internal Revenue Service rules for providing individual retirement accounts for society members, filings have been made and will add another valuable service for the membership.

With Don Eversoll attending the meeting, fraternal department growth was reviewed by the board. During the past year the department has experienced success with many of its fraternal products. Language tapes and folk dance kits are available and in demand. The calendar, newly introduced last year, has proven extremely popular. New Danish Brotherhood jackets are also available to members and have met with excellent response. Many programs are under way for 1976, particularly in support of the nation's Bicentennial celebration.

Included among these plans are a special charter flight to Denmark, and a visit by Queen Margrethe II to Omaha on May 20, 1976. The fraternal affairs department proposed to contract for a charter flight to Denmark. (Full details are announced elsewhere in the magazine.) The visit of Queen Margrethe was also discussed. The Danish Brotherhood has been selected to host a banquet in the Queen's honor, and takes pride in doing so. Banquet tickets are now available on a first-come, first-serve basis from the Home Office. All

particulars are also published elsewhere in this issue of American Dane.

A representative from the consulting actuarial firm of George V. Stennes & Associates was present to conclude with the board discussion and action on changes to the Danish Brotherhood retirement plan. Necessary changes to bring the plan into compliance with recent federal legislation were adopted.

All of the appointed committees held meetings during the board session and the chairman of each presented a report on behalf of this committee.

Disclosure statements were given to each member of the board. These statements, required by all insurance departments, stipulate that all Directors, officers, and key employees must reveal any conflict of interest. The statements were signed and formally accepted by the board.

The board also took action to establish the 1975 annual statement reserves.

The meeting was adjourned until the semi-annual meeting date of May 19, 1976, which would coincide with the planned Danish Brotherhood banquet to honor Queen Margrethe.

**JANUARY
ASSESSMENT
Number 919**

**is due and payable to the
Lodge Treasurer**

**January 1, 1976
and must be paid before
February 1, 1976**

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

**HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.**

A PRAYER

Give us, Lord, a bit o'sun,
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun,
Give us in all the struggle and sputter,
Our daily bread and bit o' butter,
Give us health our keep to make
And a bit to spare for other's sake
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale and a book to help us along,
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise, and
free,
Our goodly best for ourselves and
others
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

An Old English Prayer



A NEW LODGE IS LAUNCHED — Scenes from the institution ceremony of Lodge 342, Bucks County, Pennsylvania: 1-DB President George Godthaab accepts lodge charter from No. 342 in behalf of Vice President George Jacobsen; 2-The charter is read to all present; 3 & 4-Initiation of new members; 5 & 6-Officers are sworn in; 7, 8, 9, 10-Members sign the lodge charter; 11-Certificates of membership are passed out; 12 & 13-Lodge President Niels Malmquist addresses the lodge; 14-Niels introduces official lodge representative, Gyda Jensen.

A New Lodge Is Launched

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA JOINS CHAIN OF FELLOWSHIP STRETCHING ACROSS U.S.A.

Saturday evening, November 22, 6 p.m. Nervously waiting for the opening of our big night. Some 85 guests have made reservations for our charter banquet; will they come? Can they find our lodge? It's like the opening night of a Broadway play. Several months of planning and we are approaching the big event that will make us a chartered lodge of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

And then they come. First to arrive, thank goodness, is the caterer with big trays of food, and while he is still unloading, the guests walk in. Geert Pedersen, our vice president, and Carl Abjornson busy themselves behind the bar. Hostess Ulla Pedersen and Warren Jensen greet the guests with the sale of tickets. Soon the reception is in full swing. Finally we are on our way.

It is 8:30 when National President George Godthaab takes the stand and calls the meeting to order. First Vice President George Jacobsen serves as conductor and officers and members of Lodges 46 of Perth Amboy, 172 of Philadelphia, serve as installing officers. They include Norman Edmonds of New Haven and president of G.C.E.L., George Ferdinansen, president of Lodge 46, Herman Farber, secretary, Kenneth Jensen, and Peter Christensen of the same lodge. Also seated are Raymond and Grete Leth.

The president presents the charter to activate the lodge. Then he accepts the transfer members from Philadelphia Lodge 172, along with social and dual members. Following this there is a mass initiation of the new members.

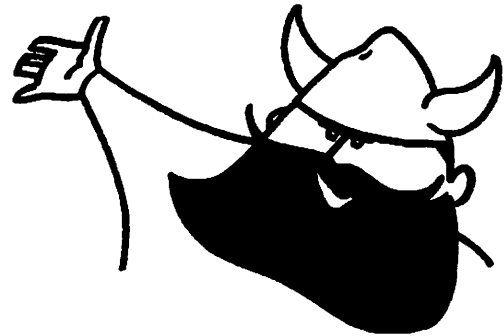
There is a pause. Then follows the installation of the new officers of Bucks County Lodge No. 342, The Viking Lodge. Each in turn is told of his or her duties and installed in his seat. The lodge is a reality.

A LODGE IS CREATED

Several people, some members of Philadelphia Lodge 172, some not, conceived the idea, along with Area Representative John Hinrichsen, early last summer. Unhappy with the great distance and heavy traffic to reach Lodge 172 in South Philadelphia, the idea of a Bucks County Lodge was born.

A discussion at the home of Geert and Ulla Pedersen preceded a general invitation to an organization meeting in the small town of Southampton in June. Some 40 people turned out for that meeting. Then the summer doldrums set in and for two months nothing took place. But the idea never died.

Then on Friday, September 19, John Hinrichsen called a small group to a meeting at the home of Gyda Jensen in Chalfont, Pa. John declared that sufficient members had been signed up or had promised to sign up to make Bucks County Lodge No. 342 a reality. Nominated for office at this point were Niels Malmquist as president, Geert Pedersen as vice president, Lorraine Malmquist as secretary, Gyda Jensen as assistant secretary, Melanie Madsen as treasurer, Warren Jensen



as conductor and William Madsen, Julius Jensen, and Carl Abjornson as trustees.

The plans were made that evening. A general meeting would be called on the third Friday of October and a charter banquet would be planned for November. Ulla Pedersen was to be in charge of the charter banquet plans.

DEFINING OUR AREA

Where would our members come from? Checking the map we found that we would be serving the Danes in

The Viking Lodge
No. 342 of Bucks County



"Brother President, on behalf of the Viking Lodge and its officers and members, I thank you for this instrument of good faith. I promise you that we shall be worthy of its meaning.

We are the first new lodge in the east for 24 years but we are beginning from a tradition that dates back to 1882. We are new and we will, as such, also incorporate new ideas to become a progressive and active lodge.

Our symbol is the Viking Ship ... the free spirit of adventure that symbolizes our pride in the past, and on it we will sail into a great future.

Our crew is small, but Vikings longing for exploration and adventure are lining up for the trip into our future—a future that will be bright.

We are Americans that come from all walks of life. We are Americans whose one common interest is our Danish Heritage. And it is that heritage which binds us together in the Danish Brotherhood.

Today we are a small lodge, but trust us, for tomorrow we will be an important influence on all Americans with a Danish heritage.

We in the Viking Lodge have pride in our past and great faith in the future, and on that we shall build a great society."

Niels Malmquist

(On the acceptance of the Lodge Charter
from National President George Godthaab
Saturday, November 22, 1975.)

Bucks County, Northeast Philadelphia, Eastern Montgomery County, and parts of New Jersey, from Trenton to Cherry Hill, or approximately some 650 square miles of territory. Our lodge headquarters had to be situated somewhere in the middle.

At our initial meeting Vice President Geert Pedersen was appointed in charge of locating a suitable meeting hall. Our criteria were to be met. A place where we could handle our own food and drink, centrally located, probably in or near Southampton, but definitely with a Bucks County address. It must be attractive and available at a reasonable cost. During the second week of the two weeks allocated, we contacted the Sons of Norway, who had renovated an old barn in Andalusia into a beautiful stucco club hall. They were willing to rent us their hall for only \$60 per night on the third Friday of the month.

SET UP THE FIRST MEETING

Now that we had the meeting hall we needed the people. A letter was composed and sent to all signed-up members, all those interested in a transfer from Lodge No. 172, and all prospective members. This was followed up with phone calls to many potential members of our new lodge. The meeting was scheduled for and held on the 17th of October. Despite the heavy rain that evening, some 40 people turned out for the event, and with high spirits took part in the proceedings. It was now evident that we had the makings of a very successful lodge.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was sent to all lodges of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges informing them of our new lodge. But our involvement with Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 was of direct concern. Since a number of members of that lodge were transferring to our lodge and several others would become dual members, we did not want to become a competitive lodge. The idea was to serve as a meeting place for those members living in our area and to secure new members who otherwise would not have joined the Danish Brotherhood due to travel difficulties.

With Lodge 172, we agreed to share our newsletter, LURBLADET, of which I was the editor. This newsletter is now in its 25th year. Activities of one lodge would be open to all members of both lodges. In short, we would work in partnership with the 72-year-old Philadelphia lodge.

In our promotion we have been stressing THE VIKING LODGE rather than the Danish Brotherhood in order to make certain that prospective members and older members of Philadelphia's ENIGHEDEN LODGE would not think that we were the old lodge with a new name and address.

CHOOSING A "SYMBOL"

To identify our lodge we chose the Viking Ship. We named the lodge The Viking Lodge. The advantages were many. For one thing the name connotes adventure and glamor, it is easily recognizable; Secondly, tie-in with the Home Office promotion is easy. We can easily "borrow" art from the American Dane for use in our local publications. And thirdly, it ties in with the decor and theme of our meeting hall at the Sons of Norway. If need be, we would also be able to borrow one or both of the Viking Ships built by the Leif Ericson Society and the Sons of Norway. Both are very handsome ships.

We use the Viking Ship provided by the Home Office

on all our printed matter, from letterheads to membership cards, for total identification of the lodge.

AN ACTIVE LODGE

New ideas are necessary when attempting to start a lodge in this era. We decided that all our meetings would be open. This is especially important when it is not practical to banish non-members from the meeting hall during the business meeting. Our meetings would be short and limited to important items concerning all members. Details and items of minor importance would be settled at officers' meetings and merely reported to members. Any one objecting to our decisions could, of course, do so at a meeting.

Lorna Abjornson was appointed to head an entertainment committee of her own choosing to keep the meetings lively and the social hour interesting. Our trustee, Julius Jensen, made up a guest book for all visitors to sign. This is not only interesting, but also serves as an address book for prospective members.

THE FUTURE

The interest in our lodge has been very gratifying and we feel that we have started something of value to many people. We expect rapid growth and the ability to create lively and interesting programs is our strength. Our members are young and active and our meeting hall is superb. And with this we are confident of the future.

Niels Malmquist, President.

Photo Contest Ends

The winner of the 1975 Danish Brotherhood Photo Contest is Julie Jean Jepsen, age 21, 457 West Almora Street, Monterey Park, California, a member of Alhambra Lodge No. 323. Julie's photograph is entitled "Aristree". The photo won for her first prize of \$50. Honorable mention is awarded to Ejvind Kjems, Fords, New Jersey; Florence Madsen, Lincoln, Nebraska; and Holger Thuesen, North Muskegon, Michigan, all of whom will receive \$25 checks for their entries. Fewer entries were actually received than hoped for, and the program will likely be replaced with a new idea next year.



Model Bylaws Now Available

For new lodges or other lodges wanting to overhaul or update their lodge bylaws, a model set of bylaws are now available through the National Headquarters and can be obtained for the asking. These are fully approved by the National Directors and will help you eliminate antiquated rituals or terminology if a change is needed.



Name	Lodge No. Location	Sponsor
Judy Rasmussen	1—Omaha	Larry Knudsen
Randall Rasmussen	1—Omaha	Larry Knudsen
Larry G. Valade	1—Omaha	Larry Knudsen
Thyra Valade	1—Omaha	Larry Knudsen
Bernard McCallum	4—Racine	Arthur McCallum
Donald Voetberg	4—Racine	Harvey Hesa
Donald Frost	4—Racine	Carl Frost
Frode E. Andersen	9—Oshkosh	Ejler Skou
Michael Eichman	9—Oshkosh	Ejler Skou
Mary Nielsen	9—Oshkosh	Ejler Skou
Harold C. Nielsen	9—Oshkosh	Ejler Skou
Luella Larsen	9—Oshkosh	Ejler Skou
Arthur H. Larsen	9—Oshkosh	Ejler Skou
Robert G. Welch	14—Kenosha	Lawrence Sorensen
Donald H. Wruck	14—Kenosha	Paul Smith
Kirsten Lundgren	15—Des Moines	Ellis Lundgren
Cecil Jorgensen	15—Des Moines	August Rasmussen
Agnete Anna White	15—Des Moines	J. O. White
Dorothy M. Petersen	16—Minden	Todd Petersen
Charles Petersen	16—Minden	Todd Petersen
*Lisa Clayton	17—Chicago	Terry Clayton
Mary Sue Ely	34—Dwight	Irwin Nielsen
*Wendy Marie Butler	34—Dwight	Charleen Gassman
Susan J. Butler	34—Dwight	Charleen Gassman
David P. Butler	34—Dwight	Charleen Gassman
Edith L. Clausen	34—Dwight	Arthur Nielsen
John R. Clausen	34—Dwight	Irwin Nielsen
Sigvard Andersen	34—Dwight	Irwin Nielsen
Bertha Beiswanger	34—Dwight	Harold Lund
Norman Tonn	36—Milwaukee	Carval Westerlund
Niels K. Halager	39—Oakland	Aage Lundquist
Charles Lund	46—Perth Amboy	H. Mathiasen
George W. Samuelson	46—Perth Amboy	H. Mathiasen
Nelson A. Kistrup	46—Perth Amboy	H. Mathiasen
Howard Guenthardt, Jr.	51—Ludington	A. Christofferson
John M. Thibert	51—Ludington	Earl Jensen
Tom R. Dalby	92—St. Charles	Einar Danielsen
Richard Gardener	161—Ruskin	Aage Jensen
Diane Gardner	161—Ruskin	Aage Jensen
Edith M. Meyer	161—Ruskin	Aage Jensen
Edward J. Meyer	161—Ruskin	Aage Jensen
Hildur Cohen	172—Philadelphia	George Clausen
Grace Petersen	182—Waukegan	Carl Petersen
Elly R. Christensen	182—Waukegan	Carl Petersen
Gary J. Mulligan	182—Troy	Timothy Proper
Doris Pomorski	217—Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Evelyn Huyser	217—Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Mary Nielsen	217—Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Lawrence Nielsen	217—Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Glenna Holgersen	230—Arcata	Holger Holgersen
Constance Sherman	230—Arcata	Laura Schuler
*Jeremiah B. Dutch	254—Brush	A. A. Christensen
Grethe Larsen	257—St. Petersburg	G. Pedersen
Anne Kjeldgaard	257—St. Petersburg	V. Mikkelsen
Mels Kjeldgaard	257—St. Petersburg	V. Mikkelsen
Ellen H. Johnson	257—St. Petersburg	G. Pedersen
Kirsten S. Nelson	306—San Diego	Lillian Suda
Finn B. Andersen	323—Alhambra	Evelyn Hansen
Maren Severinsen	326—West Branch	Deloris Ross
Anker Severinsen	326—West Branch	Deloris Ross

Jacqueline Juel	341—Kimballton-	Kaja Juel
Jo Ellyn Juel	341—Elk Horn	Kaja Juel
Edith Hansen	341—Kimballton-	Karma Sorensen
Clarence Hansen	341—Elk Horn	Karma Sorensen
Toby Bobman	342—Bucks County	Geert Pedersen
Margaret C. Jensen	342—Bucks County	Julius Jensen
Arnold R. Jensen	342—Bucks County	Julius Jensen
C. Kenneth Petersen	343—Waupaca	Ronald Jensen
Richard E. Johnson	343—Waupaca	Ejler Skou
Maxine Johnson	343—Waupaca	Ejler Skou
August Christensen	343—Waupaca	Ejler Skou
Ella Gudmandsen	343—Waupaca	C. Kenneth Petersen
Helen Petersen	343—Waupaca	Leonard Petersen
Margaret Miller	343—Waupaca	Ella Gudmandsen
Aleine Miller	343—Waupaca	Ella Gudmandsen
Elna Shisler	343—Waupaca	Ella Gudmandsen
Peter L. Jensen	343—Waupaca	Ronald Jensen
Agnes Jensen	343—Waupaca	Ronald Jensen
Daniel R. Clausen	600—Omaha	Larry Knudsen
George E. Stoughton, Jr.	600—Omaha	Gunnar Hansen
*Brian E. Gorman	600—Omaha	Herman Boraks
Sonja E. Wacker	600—Omaha	Kai Hansen
Vaughn Moore	600—Omaha	Andy Andersen
Berneice Moore	600—Omaha	Andy Andersen

*Indicates Juvenile Members

North Dakota Gal Queen's Runner-up

Pamela Kay Warner, 17-year-old member of the Danish Brotherhood, living in Grand Forks, N. D., was recently crowned first runner-up to the Queen of the North Dakota Horse Show Association.

Miss Warner is the daughter of DB members, Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Warner, Grand Forks, and is the very first juvenile girl to become an insured member of the Danish Brotherhood back in July of 1961. Pamela became a member under the sponsorship of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck, of Omaha.

Pam was one of nine contestants competing for the N.D.H.S.A. Queen title. She also took first place in Girls Western Pleasure, riding her nine-year-old quarter horse, Mr. Dunny Band.



A 100% D.B. Family!



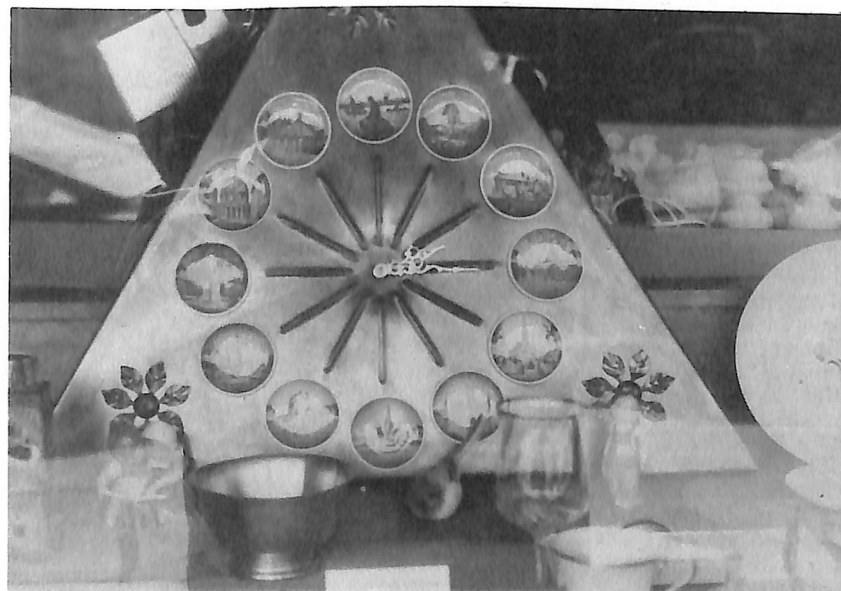
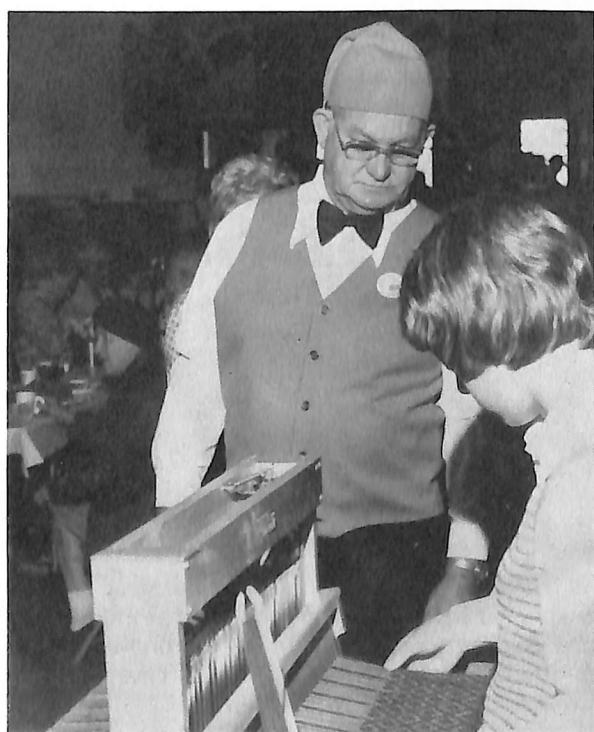
Here is the 100% DB family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carstens, sponsored by George and Lois Petersen of Lodge No. 3 in Davenport, Iowa. In the left photo Tracie, Jill, Todd, Shirley, Robert, Travis and Jeffrey; at right are George and Lois, the parents of Shirley Carstens, and the grandparents of the Carsten children.

Blair Sponsors "Danish Day"

Last fall, the Blair lodge decided to sponsor a one-day "Danish Festival" for their town. These photos show some of the activities, and people, that helped make the event an unqualified success. Almost all lodge members helped in one way or another. Carole Schafersman served as director of the festival committee, which is already contemplating another "Danish Day" next fall.



"Skal — To
Fun, Food,
Fellowship"



Bowling Tournament Begins March 15

The Danish Brotherhood's 1976 National Bowling Tournament will feature a new twist then it comes time to award prizes this year. In addition to offering virtually the same generous cash awards as last year, an added bonus this year will go to each winner in the form of a personalized monogrammed DB jacket, featuring the winners own first and last name. Prize money, as always, will also be awarded to all winners.

Entry forms and a special announcement are being sent to each secretary this month, so please contact him for entry forms and information. Entry deadline is March 1 and you may bowl any time between March 15 and May 1.

A special "Young Viking" category will be offered again this year and the total prizes will be valued at over



\$1,000. You cannot win any of the prizes unless you enter the tournament before the deadline and also submit your score in accordance with rules printed on the entry form. National Headquarters has extra entry forms in the event you fail to receive one from your lodge secretary.

Reservations Now Being Accepted For Royal Banquet

As you no doubt are aware of by now, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik, will pay a visit to the United States May 10-24, 1976, in connection with the Bicentennial celebration of our nation. The royal couple will visit Washington, D.C., Chicago, Boston, New York City, Omaha, Blair, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

While in Nebraska, the Queen and Prince Henrik will tour the Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Bellevue, visit Dana College in Blair where the Queen will deliver the Commencement Address, and later in the evening be honored at a special banquet hosted by The Danish Brotherhood in America.

Reservations are now being accepted at National Headquarters for banquet tickets. You must use the attached coupon, or facsimile thereof, in requesting tickets. Reservations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. No telephone orders will be accepted.

In anticipation of extremely high interest on the part of our membership, we have reserved the largest, most modern, and most accomodating ballroom in Omaha. Nevertheless, seating is limited, and we urge you to make reservations **at your earliest convenience**, if you plan to attend.

Seating at the banquet will commence at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20, in the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel, located at 1616 Dodge Street, with the banquet beginning at 7:30. Nothing has been spared to provide the audience with an experience they should treasure for a lifetime.

The highlight of the evening will be comments from the Queen, and special entertainment will be provided by the famous Strategic Air Command Band, which will present a musical "Salute to the Bicentennial".

The banquet meal will feature prime rib of beef and wine at each table. Dancing to the music of the Mal Dunn Orchestra will follow until 12 o'clock. Dress will be informal (suits for the genis, ladies dress accordingly).



Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik.

Please reserve _____ seats at the Royal Banquet May 20, in the name[s] of: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Tickets are \$16.00 each. I enclose \$ _____ in full payment. I understand tickets will be sent to me at the above address before April 1. Seating will be assigned on the basis of first come, first serve.

Our Readers Write



Dear Sir,

I want to thank the judges of the Essay Contest for selecting my essay on "My Favorite Dane and Why" for a second place winner in the senior category. I also want to thank the National Headquarters in Omaha for giving me this opportunity in the American Dane.

Thank you for the \$18.75 for the savings bond. Lodge No. 4 just presented me with the beautiful plaque at their November meeting. This I will cherish. Every time I look at the plaque on my dining room table it reminds me of the happy Danish people, and how much I love them.

Mrs. Arnold Christiansen
Racine, Wis.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the third place award in your National Essay Contest; also for a Danish Coat of Arms. My Grandfather was very happy and proud of my sister and me. Thank you again for this nice opportunity of being able to express my feelings about My Favorite Dane.

Laura Madsen.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for such a nice gift. I am turning it into a bond to add with my other bonds. I just about touched the ceiling when I heard I won. My Grandpa was also very happy when he heard the good news. He didn't know I had written the essay. I'm

getting the plaque where my Grandpa was born. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Kirsten A. Madsen.

Gentlemen:

I have long wanted to tell you that the new format of the American Dane is quite an improvement. It is no longer new, but anyhow, CONGRATULATIONS.

Yours truly,

Peter Christensen
48111 Colony Farm Circle
Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

Dear Sir,

It seems as if we just can't get enough calendars for our members and friends, so we are enclosing payment for twelve calendars — again! Last Friday night we had a Danish "Show and Tell" social after our regular meeting, and I brought along a few extra calendars — they all disappeared, and more are wanted, plus we want to give some as gifts, so please accept our order for twelve. Hope they are available.

Harvey and Alice Rasmussen
Petaluma, Calif.



DENMARK - Oldest Kingdom in the World - sends best wishes to a great young friend
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on your 200th birthday.



California, Nevada

Silver State Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — Silver State Lodge members will be busy this month celebrating the Christmas season. The regular children's Christmas party will be held on December 14 and will include refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. The adult Christmas party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed on December 21.

Election of officers was held at the December 8 meeting and the new slate of officers for the ensuing year is as follows: President, Kathe Romano; Vice President, Birgit Young; Secretary, Harold Reed; Treasurer, Anni Gam; Trustees, Birgitte Conradsen, April Gerity and Nancy Conradsen; Conductor, Alice Pinkerton.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. David Young on the birth of their baby boy, Christian Young, weighing in at four pounds, four ounces. We are happy to announce that both mother and baby are doing fine now. "And Dad, too!"

Annie Gam and Leslie and Anita Reed are pictured among the many lovely handcraft items featured by Lodge No. 339 at a recent International Arts Festival in Las Vegas, Nev. All handcrafts have been made by the women of the lodge.

Alice M. Pinkerton, Correspondent.



Our Lodges in Action

Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Calif. — There were about 30 members and friends attending our annual Christmas party which was held at the Bella Vista Inn on December 6. The room was attractively decorated with the Nativity scene and typical Christmas decor. Following a delicious dinner, which Pete always serves, a delightful program of Christmas carols were sung in Danish and English languages. There was also an accordin rendition by Anne Bruhn with her daughter, Lori, accenting it playing "Silver Bells". Glenna Holgersen and Lori Bruhn sang a duet "Star of the East". Erlyn McLaren played a couple of lively tunes for us on the piano, too. Since Brother Viggo and his wife, Vera, left the following day for Denmark to attend his parents golden anniversary and spend the holidays there and Sister Mary Frost and her husband, Hans, are also going to spend Christmas in Denmark with their daughter and relatives, we all sang "Hils Fra Os Der Hjemme" to them.

One of our guests, a prospective member, showed Secretary Laura Schuler a letter she had received from our supreme president, George Godthaab, which she read to the group. This letter expresses his appreciation of this person's desire to become a member of our organization. He further mentions that there are many benefits this member can derive from being a member of this lodge. We are grateful for this, President George, as it gives the membership a much closer relationship with the National Board and a feeling that "you care."

Thursday night, December 11, we held initiation and we are happy to announce that Glenna Holgersen, Eva Deegan and Constance Sherman were initiated into our order. Robert Deegan signed our register as a transfer from Gimle Lodge No. 95. Election of officers was held and plans for installation ceremonies of Ferndale and Arcata Lodges are in motion, as Arcata is the host this year. This date will be in accordance with the schedule of the General Committee on February 28. Plans are forming for a dinner and ceremonies at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 16th and L Streets, Arcata (formerly Danish Hall). We hope that many of you will mark your calendars on that date and send us your reservations by February 15.

Again, a Very Happy New Year to all of you and try to come to Arcata on February 28.

Laura L. Schuler, Secretary.



Minnesota

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minn. — Lodge No. 75 observed the anniversary dinner with their wives and guests on November 21 at the Stables Supper Club. M. C. Alva Jensen introduced Rev. Fred Jacobsen, who gave the table prayer. Alva Jensen, who is also secretary of the lodge, then introduced those at the head table, with a few choice remarks, and guests from Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Larsen. Mr. Larsen explained he will be representing the National Lodge in selling insurance to members in this area. Mr. Jensen then introduced Lewis Opdahl, president of the lodge, who extended the welcome. He introduced Mr. William Jensen, who is the most recent member, and his wife. Mr. Jensen then introduced Vernon Doppelhammer, who gave several selections on his accordion. Mr. Bidney Bergie was then introduced as a very active member of the Historical Society for Albert Lea area. He showed slides of Freeborn county area of years ago and also slides of some buildings still being used — past and present, so to speak. Mr. Bergie explained each slide which made it so interesting. Ten vases of cut flowers were given to the ladies as door prizes. Chris Nelsen, one of our members over 90, drew the names. Some of the ladies expressed appreciation with a kiss to him. He didn't seem to mind. A good evening of food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed. The committee in charge of arrangements was Harley Jensen and Harlan Hansen. Concluding the program were a few more selections by Mr. Doppelhammer.

Lewis Opdahl, President.

Iowan Vaughn Moore Named Area Manager

National Headquarters of The Danish Brotherhood in America is pleased to introduce Vaughn Moore, who has been appointed Area Manager for the lodges of Minnesota and Eastern Iowa. Vaughn recently completed a tour of most lodges in his area with Andy Andersen, and is looking forward to visiting all others in the near future.



Vaughn's responsibility will be to work with local lodge members in signing up new members, explaining fraternal insurance benefits, in addition to recruiting full and part-time representatives to serve local lodges.

Vaughn brings to the DB a distinguished career as a financial counselor and insurance representative. He is also familiar with the unique advantages a fraternal benefit society can offer its members, as he served the Baptist Life Association as regional supervisor prior to his appointment by the DB.

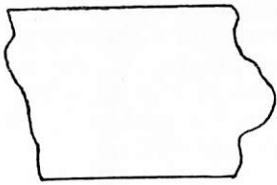
Iowa has been Vaughn's home for most of his life. He and his wife, Berneice, live on a farm near Lenox. They plan to relocate to northern Iowa or southern Minnesota, however, after January 1.

Vaughn belongs to a number of civic and social organizations, including Elks, Optimists, Shriners, Iowa Life Underwriters, and is a 32nd-Degree Mason in his local Masonic Lodge. He attended Drake University at Des Moines, and is a graduate of the Life Insurance Executive School in New York, as well as the Research and Review Life Training Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Let Us 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	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
10-31-75	John Serpe	71	Cosenza, Italy	14	Kenosha	1975
10-30-75	George Lukou	88	Buntie Ballum Sogn, Denmark	43	Denver	1967
9-9-75	Harold L. Jensen	88	Hunderup, Denmark	67	Fresno	1953
9-12-75	Chris Halick	89	Odense, Denmark	84	Lincoln	1938
10-7-75	Martin Petersen	78	Green River, Wyoming	113	Enumclaw	1952
11-14-75	Richard Larsen	77	Tiboran, California	143	Petaluma	1969
10-1-75	Oscar Glahn	90	Petaluma, California	143	Petaluma	1947
9-29-75	Soren C. Pedersen	69	Denmark	147	Newell	1971
10-11-75	Christen Christensen	77	Thisted, Denmark	172	Philadelphia	1963
9-23-75	Melvin G. Ellison	66	Tiboron, California	230	Arcafa	1974
9-15-75	Frederick Nelson	63	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie	1965
2-4-75	Richard Larsen	86	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine	1959
3-25-75	Harry H. Mikkelsen	79	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	4	Racine	1969
11-5-75	George Wacker	61	Sabula, Iowa	11	Clinton	1971
11-13-75	Arthur Pedersen	75	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	4	Racine	1974
11-8-75	Gustav Axelsen	61	Byrum Laso, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs	1955
11-3-75	George F. Horluck	74	Chapman, Nebraska	29	Seattle	1946
11-9-75	Peter Nielsen	95	Vester Vedsted, Denmark	29	Seattle	1903
11-5-75	Antonius Mumgaard	92	Baase Prastz, Denmark	600	Omaha	1916
11-15-75	Ove C. Olesen	88	Raudeds, Denmark	1	Omaha	1905
11-14-75	Robert Christensen	76	Weeping Water, Nebraska	153	Dannevirke	1928
11-29-75	William Nielsen	86	St. Louis, Missouri	30	Muskegon	1919
9-9-75	Hans C. Hansen	86	Ringsted, Denmark	4	Racine	1917
10-23-75	Holger E. Nielsen	70	Oster, Denmark	4	Racine	1944
11-19-75	Theodore Jensen	74	Westbrook, Maine	600	Omaha	1919
11-8-75	Vernie Jensen	73	Luck, Wisconsin	186	Luck	1944



Iowa

A car-motorcycle accident has put Jerry Sonsalla, First Vice President of the Iowa United Lodges in the hospital with numerous injuries. Jerry is recovering from a broken elbow, ribs and foot, and a spinal injury. Jerry would no doubt appreciate hearing from his many friends and fellow DB members in the midwest. His "get well" address is: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Mason City, Iowa.

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Iowa — Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 217 met for their monthly meeting December 2, when 48 members were present. New officers for the coming year were elected: President, Nels Jensen; Vice President, Walter Pedersen; Secretary, Harold Jensen; Treasurer, Vernon Faltinson. Trustees for the coming year: Marvin Christensen for a three year term; Viggo Pedersen, two years; and Harold Larsen serving his last year as a Trustee.

Our Christmas party was held December 12 at the Star Restaurant, Humboldt. The social hour began at 6 p.m., smorgasbord dinner was served at 7:00, and 60 members and guests enjoyed the delicious meal.

Special guests were Andy Andersen and Vaughn Moore from the Omaha office. Andy, we feel, is one of us, only he can't be with us as often as we would like but appreciate his presence whenever he can make it. We were happy to make the acquaintance of Vaughn Moore, who will be seen more in the eastern part of Iowa and Minnesota. Andy Andersen installed the new officers for the coming year. Walter Pedersen presented Chris Madsen his 25 year pin. Congratulations, Chris. (Please see the photos.)



One of our "youngsters" had a birthday December 11. John Nyby observed his 87th year and still in good health. John became a member of Lodge No. 217 in 1910 and has

Area Manager Says "Thanks" To Members

On behalf of all Area Managers of The Danish Brotherhood, our local lodge representatives, and for the Home Office employees, I would like to say "Thank You" to all members of local lodges for helping us make this our biggest year in membership gains and in new insurance protection provided new and old members. Without the support of our local members, such a gain would not have been possible. Speaking for the Area Managers, we very much appreciate your cooperation.

We in the insurance section pledge to:

1. Work with the local lodges to continue increasing membership in this Bicentennial year and to provide our members with all their life insurance needs,
2. To make the Danish Brotherhood the best place to buy life insurance by providing professional life insurance counseling, and
3. To continuously impress upon our members that our insurance programs compare favorably with those of any major insurance company

We need your continued support to make 1976 another record year. You can help by providing your lodge representative or a lodge officer with the names of prospective members or names of new or old members who have a need for life insurance.

Remember, before you buy life insurance on yourself or on someone in your family, check with the Danish Brotherhood in America. It makes sense to buy from your own organization, especially if you can save money.

Fraternally,

Andy Andersen, Area Manager.

served the lodge in various offices during his active years. Our president, Nels Jensen, and wife, Mable, have left for the warmer climate and will be gone for several months; destination, Florida.

Marie Pedersen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 326, Clear Lake, Iowa — On October 3 the lodge met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Ross in Springfield, Iowa, with a good attendance of members and also four visitors. The evening started with a 6:30 supper of aebleskiver and sausages, which was greatly enjoyed by all. After the business meeting, the Ross' showed pictures of their trip to Denmark, and also Mr. and Mrs. Thorald Thomsen, who were in Denmark this summer, showed their slides, which brought back many memories of their native land.

At our November meeting the lodge had a hard times party, and all dressed as such for the occasion. Our December meeting was a potluck supper and we all helped trim a Christmas tree in the Danish tradition and later donated it to a nursing home for the elderly. Our lodge keeps busy even though we are a small lodge.

Eva Bendixsen, Secretary.



Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — We recently had a very successful torsk smoker, with 45 members and at least one new member signing up. Congratulations to Lodge No. 182 in Waukegan for the fine banquet and dance for their anniversary party. As usual, Kenosha was well represented, with about twenty people in attendance. To all at 182, "a job well done". It was a great honor for me to present Einar Danielsen with a plaque and gift for his many years of service to the DB.

This is a time to reflect about your lodge. I would hope that many of you from Lodge No. 14 would think seriously about being more active in your lodge, and making a New Year's resolution to donate your services when called upon to do so; or even better, volunteer **without being asked**. Let's make a good attempt to make the Bicentennial year the greatest ever in the history of Lodge No. 14.

Bob Ibsen.

Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — Here are some scenes from a big party held recently, depicting proud moments for us and some of the members and guests



who received special recognition. In the left photograph is a picture of Robert Ibsen, National Board Director, presenting an appreciation plaque to Past National President Einar Danielsen. In the right photograph are pictured four 50-year men, Henry Sorensen, John Petersen, Verne Sorensen and Thorkild Lehde.

Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill. — Well, the Christmas party is over and all our efforts were greatly rewarded. More than 70 people were present, dancing around the tree singing Danish Christmas carols, accompanied on the piano by Jimmy Sorensen. We were also very honored to hear the great singing voice of Kenneth Michaels of the Danish Singing Society.

The tree was decorated with traditional Danish ornaments, by the children as they arrived. Miss Holly Block (15 months old) and Miss Andrea Swanfield (20 months old) were the tiniest and prettiest decorators of the ten-foot fir tree donated by Frede and Rose Hansen, and assisted by Svend and Lise Jensen.

Mr. Robert Rasmussen of the Magicians Club of Chicago held the children's interest for quite some time making objects come and go in a bewildering way.

Our own Faye Christensen entertained us with beautiful violin Christmas music for a sing-along. It was a real pleasure to hear her playing as she was also accompanied by Jimmy. Then to cap off a marvelous musical program we were also honored by Mr. Ricardo Espinosa, pianist and music arranger for the United States Army. Ricardo played background mood music during the refreshments.

Refreshments! A real spread of Danish foods and pastries, the result of a potluck that was organized and set up so well by our Evelyn Giovannini and Dr. Pat Ryan.

Christmas stockings acquired by Hanne Farrar were passed out to all the children. Hanne also gave the left-over stockings to a retarded children's home in the name of our lodge.

Harry Ploughman, carver of the Viking, and his wife, Dorothy, and Floyd Christensen were also key factors in organizing the party. Harry officiated, organized, and conducted the evening in a splendid manner. And Ted Kaiser provided much unselfish support taking care of some small details and providing us a toast of advardt.

Winners of the raffle were: Hand-carved Viking, Ray Nielsen; Bathroom Scale, Flemming Andersen; Bottle of Cheer, Evelyn Giovannini and Chris Christensen; Jet Spray Washer, Faye Christensen. We are all grateful to each other for such a beautiful evening and to Flemming Andersen for representing the Home Office. Next meeting, January 7, 1976, at 7:30 p.m.

Dorothy Ploughman, Correspondent.

P.S. To Carl and Janet Petersen and all our brothers and sisters in Waukegan, Ill., you should all be very proud of the manner in which your anniversary dinner came off. Shirley and I were very deeply moved by the warmth and brotherhood that was obviously shared by all.

Richard Christensen, President, No. 340.

Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — At the December meeting an election of officers for 1976 was held, as well as a Christmas party. There was a great turnout with 45 men, women and children in attendance. I do hope this is a good sign of things to come. We added two more "links in our chain" when Grace Petersen and Ellie Christensen were initiated. Ellie is our newest member — her husband, Hans, is our oldest member, with 62 years in the lodge. We are so happy to have you both, Grace and Ellie.

The slate of officers for next year is, for the most part, the same: Laurits Petersen, Past President; Carl Petersen, President; Carl Bech, Vice President; Walter Petersen, Secretary Treasurer; Sine Petersen moved up to First Trustee; and Peter Nielsen, Second Trustee. The new officers are: Ingolf Petersen, Third Trustee; Viola Christensen, Conductor; Vivi Wolff, Inner Guard; Christian Tobias Jensen IV, Outer Guard. Janet Petersen volunteered to be Program Chairman as well as continue as Correspondent. Our thanks to last year's officers, especially the outgoing ones: Viggo Marcussen, First Trustee; Kenneth Nelson, Conductor; and Helga Nerstrom, Outer Guard. The year 1975 was a successful year, but 1976 will be even better! Robert Ibsen of Kenosha Lodge No. 14 and National Board Director will be the Installing Officer at the January meeting.

There was entertainment at the Christmas party — which will be a regular thing now that we have a program chairman. Paul Lopaz, a senior at Waukegan Township High School mystified us with his illusions and captivated the children. The refreshments were special,

too. Marion Nelson and Sine Petersen made open-face sandwiches which were "out-of-sight" and many members brought cookies, cakes and candy. Coffee and punch were also provided. The table decorations were beautiful and added to the feeling that Christmas was near. Thirty-three dollars was collected for the "Help Them To Hope Fund". This was done in lieu of exchanging gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bech, Mr. and Mrs. Laurits Petersen, Viola Christensen and Peter Nielsen represented Lodge No. 182 at Kenosha Lodge No. 14's Christmas party on Friday, December 13. Everyone had a great time. Thank you Kenosha!

Besides the installation of officers at the January meeting the exchange student from Denmark that is studying at Kenosha High is scheduled to speak to us and show slides of her homeland.

It is said that the Danes work hard — but they also know how to have a good time. Come on out and have a good time with us. Meetings are at the Waukegan Public Library the second Friday night of the month at 7:30 p.m. See ya there!

Janet Petersen, Correspondent.



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

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. — We hope everyone was ready and did attend the children's Christmas party on December 14 at the Elks club. In keeping with the Christmas spirit the Brotherhood joined with the sisters for a Christmas party on December 19. We hope many did attend these parties and had a good time.

Our congratulations go to Brother Walter Christensen who, at our last November meeting, celebrated his 83rd birthday. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and will begin a very Happy New Year.

Chris Biering.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. — At our November meeting Brother George Keller reported to the lodge with the news and events concerning the National Convention. With 25 years in the lodge this was the first National Convention for him. Also at our November meeting everyone enjoyed the bingo party that we held. As always, the Christmas party for the children is well planned for. The date is December 21 and we are hoping for a large attendance.

Waldo Elliott, Secretary.

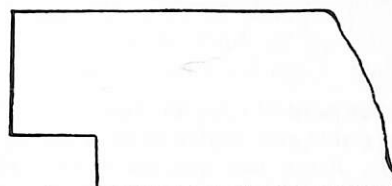
Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. — Our November meeting was a rather interesting one, what with a report from the National Convention delegate and a generous smattering of discussions, both fraternal and social.

Just prior to our meeting a raffle was conducted featuring a Thanksgiving basket, a case of Tubor beer and two bottles of Danish wine. The results were gratifying and the social funds of the brother and sister lodges were benefited. Congratulations to President Herbert Nelson who sold more tickets than anyone else.

Our annual children's Christmas party, held on December 7, was as usual a delightful affair. Brother Jan Braumann surprised us by taking over the entertainment part of the program and was an instant success. Brother Erling Braumann appeared as Santa and did an outstanding job. Congratulations to both of them and the rest of the committee for a fine affair.

Received word recently that Brother Poul Neilsen of Hebron, Conn., is hospitalized with the flu. Hurry and get well, Poul. Brother Henry Nelsen is also hospitalized in the R.I. hospital after an accident at his home in Foster, R. I. We are looking forward to a complete recovery soon.

Carl Sorensen, Secretary.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, Neb. — Lodge 211 is still alive and going very well, thanks to the efforts of our members and Area Manager, Andy Andersen. Here is a photograph of some of the newest members taken in at our special dinner party held in St. Paul. Special awards were also presented to Julius Thomsen and Paul Larsen.



At left new members are [l to r] Elvera Rohman, Russell Jensen, Lucille Mahrt, Gaylan Bennetzen, Herman Mahrt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jorgensen, and Henreitte Hansen. At right Andy Andersen presents Meritorious Service Awards to Julius and Paul.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Neb. — Saturday night, November 15, was the scene of a gala celebration in Ruskin. The occasion was a "Kenny Pedersen Night", honoring Kenny on his recent election to the Danish Brotherhood National Board.

The evening began with a sandwich supper, followed by a short program, at which time Axel Skelbeck welcomed Kenny to the National Board. Andy Andersen presented a trophy and bond to Lodge No. 161 president, Floyd Andersen, for the new members he sponsored into the Brotherhood. A poem of Danish heritage was written and read by Mrs. Elizabeth Anker. State Board members and guests were introduced by Kenny and our president. Guests present were from lodges in Omaha, Lincoln, Blair, Grand Island, Minden and Cordova.

Closing the evening was dancing until midnight.

Thanks so much to our guests for helping to make this a truly fun night for Kenny, Loetta, and their family (Margene, Marcia and Ken), and to Lodge No. 161 members for making it the success it was.

Ginny Schultz, Correspondent.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — We have had quite a few people ask about our lodge and what we stand for since getting our bowling teams organized. Perhaps this will gain us some new members. We took in a new member this month, John Ake. He is also a member of one of our bowling teams.

Our national insurance representative, Keith Minard, was present for our last meeting. He gave us some suggestions on how to get the young fellows interested in our lodge. He also urged us to think about getting a meeting place of our own. I am sure he is right.

Our social meeting was held at Clayton Hansen's. We had an evening of cards, darts and shuffleboard. We wish more had been present. After the games, lunch was served. We are getting our rabbit hunters lined up for a couple of hunts. We always look forward to our delicious rabbit suppers that we have in the winter.

Clayton C. Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — At our pre-meeting dinner on November 12 we had 140 brothers and sisters on hand to enjoy the meal and conversation that goes along with seeing friends in relaxed surroundings. The attendance at the business meeting that followed dinner was 75 brothers which is about average for the first meeting of the month. It was at this meeting that the president announced that we have lost another brother to death. Peter Lohde passed away on October 28. He will be missed around the lodge as he was one of our officers as well as ticket taker at the monthly dinners.

Albert Garcia is the latest brother to join our ranks here in Detroit. He was welcomed to the lodge by Past President Bob Sorensen. On November 26 we had only 40 members at our meeting but the ones who did show up were treated to Danish sandwiches and beer and coffee by the lodge. As I have mentioned in earlier issues, the president, at his discretion, can arrange to have these goodies served four or five times a year with the lodge picking up the bill. Peter Kusk missed out on the lodge jackpot at this meeting. Someday we are going to come up with a winner again, I hope.

On January 16, 1976, Lodge No. 227 is going to have a joint installation of officers with Sisterhood Lodge No. 125. This time we are going to have a dinner dance along with the installation. We have requested that a national officer from each of our organizations act as installing officers. The evening promises to be a great time as well as making our installation a more formal affair, as it should be.

Our bowling league is still going strong and the competition is still as keen as ever. No one team seems to be able to get much of a lead in the standings, but that's the way it should be in a league such as ours. In the next issue of the American Dane, I will have a list of the officers elected to serve Lodge No. 227 for the year of 1976. That will end the news from Detroit for this month.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

LODGE NO. 34, DWIGHT, ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES DANISH BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL MIDWEST DISTRICT HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT [Five-Team Member Competition]

April 3, 1976

Mens — Womens — or Mixed Teams

Fiesta Bowl, Pontiac, Mich.

Bowling \$30 per team

Banquet and Dance \$6.75 per person

Interested lodges outside Midwest District are cordially invited to participate. For information and entry blanks, contact **Vernon Goodwin, 304 East James Street, Dwight, Illinois 60420. Phone [815] 584-2906.**

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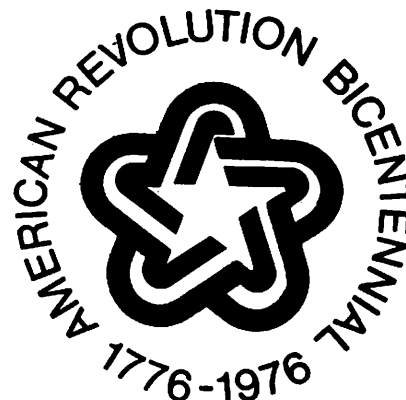


Florida

Lodge No. 257, St. Petersburg, Fla. — At our meeting on November 20 we had about 35 members present for a closed meeting with only D.B. members admitted. It was a real good turnout and future plans for the lodge were discussed. After the meeting refreshments were served and we all joined in wishing one of our veteran members, Brother Herman Jacobsen, a happy 70th birthday. Our December 19 meeting will again be open only to D.B. members. We are going to have our election of officers. This will also be our Christmas party and the ladies have promised aebleskiver. Also an embroidered picture by the undersigned and framed by our entertainment committee chairman, George Holm, will be raffled off..

Our January 15 meeting will be an open meeting and all Danes are invited to attend. We hope to have some Danish films to show.

Georg R. Pedersen, Secretary.





Praternal Protection

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A new certificate is available to enlarge the Brotherhood's Financial Services to members — Five Year Level Protection, automatically renewable at the end of each five-year period, and convertible during the term period without health requirements.

SPECIAL FEATURES:



- ★ Very favorable rates, minimum of \$10,000.
- ★ Level premiums for five years, then a small increase if automatically renewed for another period, at member's option. This plan can be renewed until the end of the five year period nearest age 60.
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EXAMPLES OF ANNUAL PREMIUMS FOR FACE AMOUNTS (Male)

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15	56.00	190.00	370.00	.20
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45	103.70	428.50	847.00	1.25
50	140.20	611.00	1212.00	1.80

Other ages and other methods of paying premiums are available to members.

NEEDS FOR THE ABOVE TERM PLAN ARE MANY — **Students** in High School or College; **Business owners** to cover debt, expansion and inventory; **Young Families** with many obligations and low temporary income; **Property Owners** can conserve estates by covering taxes with term.

Contact your local DBIA Representative, or write to the Home Office for a proposal.

Name _____ Age _____ Phone No. _____

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The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, Nebraska 68131

20th Consecutive Refund Announced By Board

A very real benefit of your membership in The Danish Brotherhood in America becomes obvious this month as the National Board of Directors announces the 20th consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of our fraternity.

All certificates which have been in force for two or three years, depending upon issue date, including fully paid-up certificates, will share in the refund. Not entitled to a refund are term insurance certificates, including those carried under the extended non-forfeiture option.

Members have four options for receiving or applying the refunds. These options are:



1. They may be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. This means that there are no monthly assessments to be paid on this additional insurance which the dividend will buy. This additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate. This additional "paid-up" insurance is allowed regardless of the age, occupation or state of health of the member and, as mentioned, no additional assessments on account of this insurance are required.
2. They may be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the board.
3. They may be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate, the month of issue, or effective date of issue (consult your benefit certificate.)
4. May use refund to reduce life insurance premiums if on direct bill from the Home Office.

Each qualified member is permitted to choose one of the mentioned optional uses for his refund.

If a member exercises no choice his dividend will automatically be used to buy additional "paid-up" insurance.

However, any member can receive payment of the cash value on the paid-up additions or payment of the refunds on deposit whenever he wishes to do so, by making a written request to the Home Office.

Your officers believe that D.B. members will welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability, and regardless of age and state of health, and without the payment of monthly assessments on the additional paid-up portion.

In the interest of the member, this is the use of the dividend which your directors recommend. While the amount of insurance purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the payments are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

TAKE A VIKING TO LAUNCH, Flemming Hinrichsen and Rose Clausen, members of Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 stand on board a Viking ship replica constructed jointly by members of the Danish Brotherhood, the Leif Erikson Society and other Scandinavian clubs of Philadelphia.

NEW PRODUCT AVAILABLE



VIKING SHIP

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

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

The kit comes complete with paint, sail cloth, rigging, nails and complete building instructions. Length 25½". Width 6". Height 14". Scale 1:20

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Danish Kitchen



STRAWBERRY FILLED CAKE

- 1 pkg. angel food cake mix or other sponge cake of your preference
- 1 9-oz. container of whipped topping
- 2 small or one large pkg. frozen strawberries, drained with juice reserved
- 1 pkg. strawberry jello

Prepare and cool cake. Thaw and drain strawberries, reserving 1 cup of liquid. Remove completely cooled cake from pan. Cut top of cake

off evenly, one inch from top (use electric knife if available). Place top to one side. Cut out 2-3 inches of cake interior, leaving about 1 inch for sides and bottom.

Prepare jello, using one cup boiling water and 1 cup liquid from strawberries. Refrigerate jello with strawberries to soft set. Fill cake and replace top.

Frost cake with whipped topping and keep chilled in refrigerator.



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

Again it is the time of the year when leaves have fallen from the trees and bushes, the atmosphere is colder but the warmth of Christmas is still in our hearts and we look forward to a New Year and hopefully with love for our fellow man. And speaking of our less fortunate, why not help the Northwest Danish Home by writing Donations Chairman Brother Anton Jessen at 10010 Des Moines Way South, Seattle, Wash., and asking for some beautiful commemorative stamps to partially defray operating losses for our very excellent older citizens comfort. Honoring the United States in our Bicentennial year, you can be proud that you are a Dane and taking part of our mutual heritage.

DB 29 staged their annual Christmas tree celebration on December 14 at the Swedish club in honor of their offspring and the children had a glorious party with the help of DS 40 and the Danelag Folk Dancers — all in the Queen City. On January 31, at the University Tower Hotel, new officers of the largest lodge in the Pacific Northwest will be installed for 1976. "Meet Queen Margrethe the Second of Denmark at a luncheon on May 21" — so says Northwest Danes Newsletter Editor P.

Sten Jessen. Just about that same time, the Rebild Park Society is scheduled for a visit to Seattle.

DB 33 was represented at Tacoma's Denmark Days by Brother Maurice Millgard and Sister Lolita, his wife — Maurice is nearly 90, a retired cabinetmaker, who arrived in the City of Destiny in 1910. A major attraction at the Scandinavian Days was Sister Anna Laursen, widow of Past President Marinus, who baked "aebleskiver" for wellwishers.

DB 167 installed their new regime on January 3. Past District President Hans Jensen of Portland attended the Harmony Hall tribute party on November 11 for retiring National Officer Kris Jorgensen and incoming Trustee Clyde Langsted.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 318, København, Denmark — Soon Christmas will come and go and our lodge wishes to send a few lines to tell you, our lodge brothers in the U.S.A and Canada, that we still are alive even if our membership is decreasing. We meet twice a month and keep up the old tradition in conducting our meetings.

On October 21 the lodge held its yearly "Gentleman Night" (Herreaften) by serving open-face sandwiches, beer and schnapps. We raffled away three bottles in hope of attracting more members to attend.

Our December 9 meeting will begin with election of new officers. The members will bring their wives to our "Julestue" and beforehand celebrate a Christmas party. The refreshments consist of the famous drink "Glock", coffee and Aebleskiver. After our gifts are picked out we sing several of the old Christmas hymns.

Lodge No. 318 sends its heartiest wishes to all lodges in the U.S.A. and Canada for a blessed Christmas and a healthful and prosperous New Year and success for the Danish Brotherhood.

Ib Schack-Eriksen, Secretary.

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Reprints of the book, "Take All To Nebraska", by Sophus Keith Winther are available for \$3.95 through the University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, Neb. Winther is recognized as one of the most prominent of all Danish American authors.