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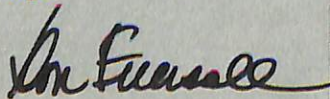
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DB comment

Our evening with the Queen is now history, but the memory of that event will be with us forever. There is no way to express how one feels being in the same room with a reigning monarch, but perhaps the photos in this issue will give you a little of the feeling that was there that night.

The nearly 800 people attending the event have expressed their thoughts in every way. Some were in awe, some were very humbled and honored, and everyone had a "night to remember".

There have been other events like this before, but none hosted by the Danish Brotherhood. We trust the Queen found favor in the activities of the event and our members, likewise, sensed the deep pride that Americans have for their rich and everlasting European heritage.



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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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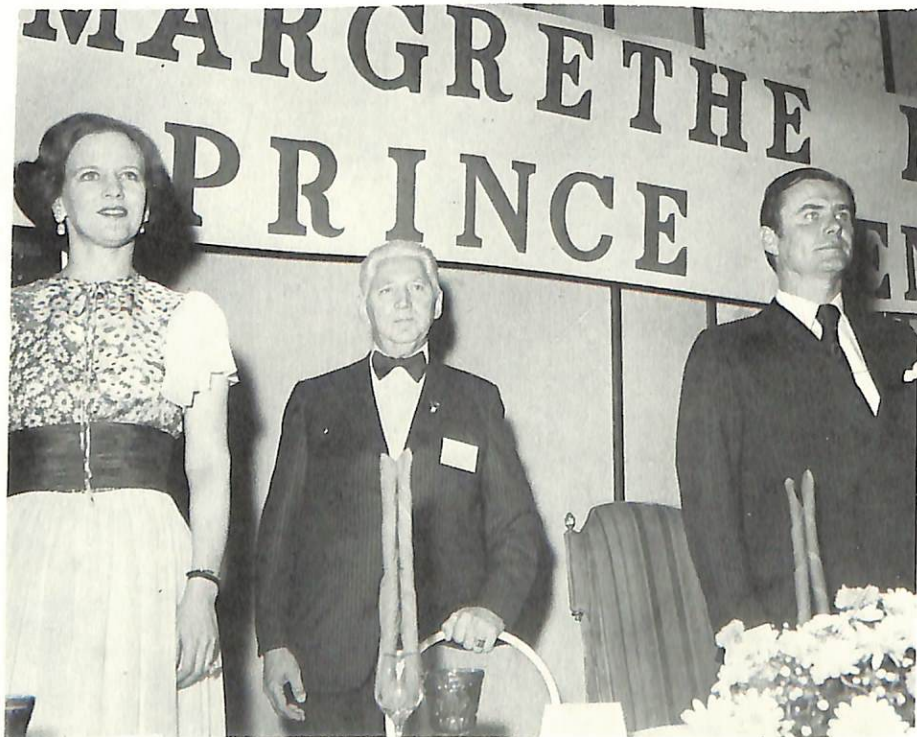
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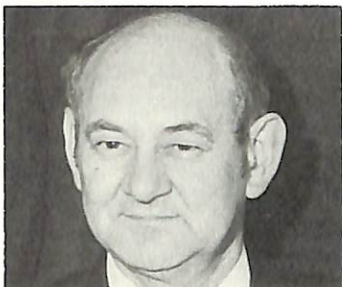


May 20, 1976, will be a date long remembered by members of the Danish Brotherhood. On that evening, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik of Denmark were our honored guests at a Royal Banquet in Omaha. Pictured with the Royal Couple is Mr. George Godthaab, center, president of the DB, who presided over the event.

Jorgensen, Danielsen Knighted by Queen Margrethe II

Two prominent members of The Danish Brotherhood in America, both Past National Presidents of the Board of Directors, have graciously been appointed Knights of the Order of Dannebrog by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. They are Kris Jorgensen of Seattle, Wash., and Einar Danielsen of St. Charles, Ill.

Kris Jorgensen was recognized for his deep and everlasting dedication in the areas of home, church and education. Brother Danielsen was recognized for his leadership and dedication made possible through 20 years' service as a National Officer of The Danish Brotherhood in America.



Kris Jorgensen

Announcement of the distinguished honors was made during the recent visit to the United States by Queen Margrethe II and Prince Henrik.



Einar Danielsen, second from right, with wife Mary [right], receives congratulations from Bengt Johns, Consul General of Denmark, Chicago, and Mrs. Johns, left.

Touring Danish Dancers Will Be Guests of D B

The Danish Folk Dance group, "Folkedansergruppen Østjyske Folkedansere", will be touring the central states from July 7 to July 26. Among their stops will be Askov, Minn.; Ringsted, Iowa; Omaha, Neb.; Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa; Yankton, S.D.; Pierre, S.D.; Rapid City, S.D.; Tyler, Minn.; and Minneapolis, Minn. Their appearances are being hosted by Danish Brotherhood lodges in some cities. They will be presenting programs in each city. While here they will be housed in private quarters.

The group totals 40 members, including musicians and dancers, and ranges in age from teenagers to 59 years of age. The appearance of this group is another in the efforts of the DB to promote cultural exchange between Denmark and the United States. Some of the advance planning and arrangements was handled by the fraternal department of National Headquarters.





Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark honored DB National Board members by extending personal greetings in a pre-banquet ceremony. In photo from left; Ken Holm, Omaha; Her Majesty the Queen, George Godthaab, Mrs. Godthaab, Clyde Langsted, and Mrs. Langsted.

Once In A Lifetime

Members of The Danish Brotherhood in America were honored last month by the appearance of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik of Denmark at a Royal Banquet sponsored by the National Board of Directors and the National Headquarters office of The Danish Brotherhood in America. The gala event took place in the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in Omaha, Neb., the evening of May 20, 1976. Nearly 800 people enjoyed an evening of elegant dining and superb entertainment in the presence of the Royal Couple.

One of the many highlights of the evening was a brief

address by Prince Henrik, who spoke on behalf of himself and Queen Margrethe in commending the Danish Brotherhood for their efforts in perpetuating Danish heritage.

The Royal Couple arrived in the Omaha area in the morning at Strategic Air Command Headquarters just south of Omaha, where they were guests of honor at a luncheon at Offutt Air Force Base. From there, they proceeded to Blair, Neb., where Her Majesty delivered the commencement address at Dana College. The Royal Party then returned to Omaha for the banquet.

Danish Brotherhood President George Godthaab



Prince Henrik [left] and Queen Margrethe [right] visit with Ruth and George Godthaab prior to banquet.



Queen Margrethe is introduced to DB Secretary Treasurer Howard Christensen [right].

presided over the event, which was M.C.'d by Dale Munson, a well-known Omaha television personality. President Godthaab and his wife, Ruth, acted as host and hostess for the Royal Couple at the head table.

Several state and local dignitaries were seated at the head table with the Royal Couple. Included among these were Mr. Kenneth Holm, Danish Consul for Nebraska in Omaha; the Mayor of Omaha, Edward Zorinsky; and Mr. Val Peterson, former Ambassador to Denmark. Entertainment was provided by the Strategic Air Command Stage Band, who presented a musical "Salute To The Bicentennial". The program concluded with the singing of "Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen", in honor of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness.

The Queen and her party departed Omaha the following morning for Seattle, Wash., where she and her entourage were the guests at a luncheon spearheaded by members of the Danish Brotherhood.

Before coming to Omaha, Her Majesty was the guest of honor at a luncheon in Racine, Wis., also planned and carried out by Danish Brotherhood members. At press time no photos of these events were available.

Although the Queen and her party has now departed for Denmark, her presence and that of her party will always be remembered by those who were fortunate to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event.

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In Dana College appearance, the Queen delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree from the Danish institution.



Lavish banquet preparations enjoyed by Mrs. Robert Ibsen [left], Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weber [center] and Mr. and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck [right].



Mr. Kenneth Holm, Danish Consul, Omaha, has the honor of escorting the Queen to the head table.

President's Report



by **GEORGE GODTHAAB**

It has been my pleasure, since you elected me president of the Danish Brotherhood in America in September, 1975, to preside at two official meetings of the Board of Directors, and especially during the May 20 banquet in Omaha honoring Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik. The banquet was a great success. It was a source of deep personal pride for me to issue the official welcome to the Royal Couple. We are hopeful many of our members from other parts of the country have had the opportunity to see this gracious lady, her consort, and the royal entourage.

During 1975 our society demonstrated its commitment to growth by instituting new lodges in the Elk Horn-Kimballton area of Iowa; Bucks County, Pa., and most recently, in May of this year, in Waupaca, Wis. These lodges are being founded on the basis of the hard work done by our area managers and representatives. In Waupaca, the members have named their lodge the "Bicentennial Lodge" of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

The year 1975 was another record year in life insurance provided our members and in membership gain. We can look forward to another milestone in 1976 as indicated by new insurance issued to date, which exceeds issued business for the same period last year by more than one-half million dollars.

It was a year also of other key accomplishments. A new tax favored retirement plan (IRA) was made available to our members in recognition of the fact that many of our members are self-employed or not covered by pension plans.

Our fraternal department helped provide for the future of 29 bright young people with scholarship aid during the year, awarded camp grants to deserving children who attended summer camp, and helped many of our senior members enjoy life a bit easier through direct financial assistance.

The ability to provide new products and improved fraternal service is testimony to the strength of our society, while developing the agency concept.

Our Twenty-Ninth National Convention held in Denver during September of 1975 was an outstanding successful event. We look with pride to our host lodge and those who gave so much of themselves to make us feel comfortable in their city. Many favorable comments have been reported. We now look forward to another convention in 1979 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Plan now to join us.

In your National Headquarters we're very happy to have announced the appointment of Eigil (Andy) Andersen as our new National Sales Director. Andy will be working with the Area Managers and Representatives as well as recruiting additional Area Managers in areas where we have none. Many of you have known Andy and liked him when he served Nebraska and Iowa as Area Manager. We hope many more of you will get to know Andy, who incidentally was born in Denmark and speaks Danish fluently. He plans to continue visiting many of our lodges. He will also appreciate hearing from you should you have any questions about our insurance products or suggestions concerning representatives in your area.

My personal appreciation is expressed to those members of the Board of Directors who served before me and to those now serving, in our efforts to continue the upward trend we have established; 1975 was a year in which time and thought were given to the future of the Danish Brotherhood which will greatly benefit us in 1976 and subsequent years. Your participation in local lodge and district activities will make you an integral part of the exciting events "coming soon".

I encourage all of our members to participate in your local lodge and district functions. If we all pull our share when we can, the work load will not be too much for any one member.

Two important objectives during 1976 will be to create exciting new programs for your lodge and make the district an effective implement for promoting our goals to share Danish heritage and culture. Queen Margrethe's visit to our country this year has amplified the efforts of all Danish-Americans to preserve our rich and everlasting Danish heritage.

The Danish Brotherhood in America

BALANCE SHEETS - DECEMBER 31, 1975

Admitted Assets (Note 1)	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
CASH, including \$199,947 of certificates of deposit and savings accounts	\$ 26,386	\$ 192,021	\$ 218,407
INVESTMENT IN BONDS, at amortized cost (market \$3,390,903)	222,398	3,680,147	3,902,545
INVESTMENT IN STOCKS:			
Common, at market (cost -- \$382,111)		295,861	295,861
Preferred, at cost (market -- \$88,250)		144,950	144,950
PREMIUMS RECEIVABLE FROM LODGES		17,780	17,780
INTEREST INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED	1,643	68,684	70,327
CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS		35,175	35,175
REAL ESTATE, at cost:			
Land		46,910	46,910
Building and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$51,225		232,753	232,753
Total Admitted Assets	\$ 250,427	\$4,714,281	\$4,964,708

Liabilities and Fund Balances			
AGGREGATE RESERVES FOR LIFE POLICIES AND CERTIFICATES (Note 4)			
CERTIFICATES (Note 4)		\$3,133,183	\$3,133,183
POLICY AND CERTIFICATE CLAIMS		16,622	16,622
ESTIMATED REFUNDS TO MEMBERS, payable in 1976		54,000	54,000
PREMIUMS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE		24,159	24,159
PREMIUM DEPOSIT FUNDS		11,499	11,499
ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES		10,564	10,564
ACCRUED RETIREMENT PLAN EXPENSE (Note 3)		87,498	87,498
ACCRUED TAXES		8,177	8,177
OTHER LIABILITIES		1,413	1,413
Total Liabilities	\$	\$3,347,115	\$3,347,115
MANDATORY SECURITIES VALUATION RESERVE	2,160	73,021	75,181
FUND BALANCES (Note 2)	248,267	1,294,145	1,542,412
Total	\$ 250,427	\$4,714,281	\$4,964,708

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES For The Year Ended December 31, 1975

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
INCOME:			
Life premiums and membership assessments	\$	\$ 254,744	\$ 254,744
Investment income, net expenses of \$35,847	9,089	242,603	251,692
Miscellaneous	1,215	13,403	14,618
Total income	\$ 10,304	\$ 510,750	\$ 521,054
DEDUCT:			
Death benefits	\$	\$ 149,039	\$ 149,039
Matured endowments and surrender benefits		21,407	21,407
Increase in reserves for life policies and certificates		65,821	65,821
Provision for retirement plan (Note 3)		4,097	4,097
Commissions		18,053	18,053
General expenses, per accompanying statement	12,457	292,272	304,729
Membership awards		3,567	3,567
Taxes, licenses and fees		16,626	16,626
Total deductions	\$ 12,457	\$ 570,882	\$ 583,339
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS, before refunds to members	\$ (2,153)	\$ (60,132)	\$ (62,285)
REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		52,095	
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (2,153)	\$ (112,227)	\$ (114,380)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year			
Unrealized investment gains (losses)	250,495	1,354,221	1,604,716
Decrease in non-admitted assets		98,744	98,744
(Increase) decrease in mandatory securities valuation reserve	(75)	2,734	2,734
		10,673	10,598
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)	\$ 248,267	\$1,294,145	\$1,542,412

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL EXPENSES
For The Year Ended December 31, 1975 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Salaries and wages	\$	\$ 137,037	\$ 137,037
Agency development expenses		37,813	37,813
Official publications		20,949	20,949
Traveling expenses		13,854	13,854
Printing and stationery		14,425	14,425
Expense of Supreme Lodge meeting		6,990	6,990
Rent		10,500	10,500
Fraternal payments	6,472		6,472
Legal fees		3,155	3,155
Actuarial, audit and statistical fees		13,693	13,693
Scholarship grants and prizes	5,985		5,985
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone		6,886	6,886
Sundry general expenses		11,276	11,276
Retirement benefits paid (Note 3)		4,086	4,086
Advertising		2,521	2,521
Depreciation		3,872	3,872
Insured benefit plan for employees		2,682	2,682
Medical examination fees		2,533	2,533
General expenses incurred	\$ 12,457	\$ 292,272	\$ 304,729

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1975

(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. These financial statements are unaudited. 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, 1975, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Special Unassigned			Total
	Reserve	Reserves	Funds	
Fraternal	\$	\$	\$248,267	\$ 248,267
General	781,649	37,500	474,996	1,294,145
	<u>\$781,649</u>	<u>\$37,500</u>	<u>\$723,263</u>	<u>\$1,542,412</u>

(3) The Society has a Retirement Plan for full-time salaried employees with a minimum of three years' service. As of December 31, 1975, there were five employees qualified for the Retirement Plan. In addition, the former Secretary-Treasurer has been receiving benefits under the Plan since 1970.

(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 \$1,217,359 at December 31, 1975. 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.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3 [b] — Payment authorized in the laws of the Society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4, and/or Section 6, paragraph 1; Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2 is hereby published:
MAY, 1976:

George Godthaab, Salary, \$252.50; George Jacobsen, Expenses for Michigan-Ohio District Convention; George Godthaab, Board Meeting Expenses, \$454.00; George Jacobsen, Board Meeting Expenses, \$454.00; Byron Petersen, Board Meeting Expenses, \$361.00; Clyde Langsted, Board Meeting Expenses, \$480.00; Robert Ibsen, Board Meeting Expenses, \$348.00; Kenneth Pedersen, Board Meeting Expenses, \$284.40; Peter Weber, Board Meeting Expenses, \$486.00.

**JUNE
ASSESSMENT
Number 924**

**IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE
LODGE TREASURER**

JUNE 1, 1976

**AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE
JULY 1, 1976**

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Position Open In National Headquarters

A challenging and rewarding opportunity exists for the person who will be appointed to fill the position of Director of Fraternal Affairs in the Home Office of The Danish Brotherhood in America. Responsibilities include editing American Dane magazine, creating new fraternal programs and services, administering national fraternal programs, and developing brochures and promotional aids for use by members and lodges.

It is recommended applicants possess a background or experience in journalism, public relations, or program administration. All such persons are invited to apply by sending a resume to: Howard Christensen, Secretary Treasurer, Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Neb. 68131. Your inquiry will be a confidential matter between you and The Danish Brotherhood in America.

An Open Letter of Appreciation From The Editor of American Dane

Dear Members;

One of the most pleasant aspects of my life during the past four and one-half years has been editing the American Dane magazine. Now, sometime in the near future, this responsibility will be assumed by someone else.

This is true for the reason I will be leaving my position with the Danish Brotherhood in America on June 30, 1976, to pursue a new career in a higher climate needed to preserve the good health of my family.

I would like to personally tell you that this "transition" in my life is being made easier, and perhaps even possible, through a feeling of optimism and hope I have found through my work with the Danish Brotherhood.

As your editor during the previous 52 issues (since the beginning of American Dane) I can state without hesitation that my life has truly been enriched by the association with Danish Brotherhood members, the Home Office staff, Board of Directors, and the many wonderful individuals who have personally encouraged and supported fraternal program development on the national level.

To each of you I express my warm gratitude and sincere thanks for your contributions toward making many DB programs, according to our colleagues, national leaders among ethnic fraternalists.

I hope the pride I will take with me lies in even greater measure within the hearts and minds of those I have served since 1971. Till we meet again,

Most sincerely yours,



Don Eversoll.

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Text of Speech by George Godthaab at Royal Banquet

"Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, honored guests, sisters and brothers:

"On behalf of every member of The Danish Brotherhood in the United States, Canada and Denmark, we most heartily welcome you to the City of Omaha, Neb., the home of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

"We sincerely thank you for accepting our invitation to visit us this evening. Your visit will be an historic event in the history of the Danish Brotherhood and especially during the celebration of our nation's 200th birthday.

"We have been richly encouraged by your visit and will continue endeavoring to promote the culture and heritage given us by the Danish people, a heritage so richly enjoyed by members of the Danish Brotherhood and their friends for over 90 years.

"Upon your return to Denmark, please bring greetings to your people from all of the members of the Danish Brotherhood.

"Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness, please accept our love and affection for you and for Denmark. May you enjoy your visit here and may God's hand guide the remainder of your journey."

Remarks by His Royal Highness Prince Henrik

The Queen and I have been moved by the warmth and friendliness with which we have been received by the members of the Danish Brotherhood.

The history of the Danish Brotherhood clearly illustrates the development of the Danish immigrants in their new country. In the early days what was needed above all else was an organization on which the newly arrived could lean in times of trouble and during periods of insecurity. The Brotherhood, together with the Danish American church and the Danish American press, provided them with meeting places and financial assistance, while at the same time keeping alive the values and traditions of their old country.

The Danish immigrants took with them a well-developed sense of responsibility for the weaker members of the community, witnessed by the Danish Brotherhood and Danish-American homes for the aged and, now that immigration has declined and the Danish-Americans have become deeply integrated in the American community, the Brotherhood has also changed its activities. New programs have been set up with a special view to providing scholarships and furthering the interest in the Danish language.

We feel very proud to see how faithfully Danish-Americans have kept the strong cultural and emotional bounds with their old country while at the same time becoming loyal and proud citizens of their new fatherland.

For us who have traveled from that distant country which was the home of your fathers, it is a great pleasure to be among you tonight and to find such a strong awareness of your Danish origin. The Queen and I bring you warm greetings from Denmark and in this year of 1976, also our heartfelt congratulations on the Bicentennial of the United States.

Frank Lawson Dies

Past Supreme Secretary of The Danish Brotherhood in America, Frank V. Lawson, passed away in Omaha on May 7, 1976. Mr. Lawson served as Supreme Secretary from 1919 to 1939. He was a member of Lodge No. 1, joining in 1908. Mr. Lawson lived in Omaha following his emmigration from Denmark as a young man. He was an attorney in the city, and also served as the Danish Consul for Nebraska.

Diner to friend: "I certainly haven't lost much weight since I've been counting calories and carbohydrates, but my arithmetic certainly has improved."

VIKING SHIPS



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

| TO: Danish Brotherhood in America, P. O. Box |
 | 31748, Omaha, Nebraska, 68131. |

| Please send me _____ wooden viking ship |
 | model kit(s) at \$19.49 each. |

| Name |

| Address |

| City State..... Zip..... |

| My check is enclosed for \$..... |

| Please allow two weeks for delivery. |

Color Portrait of Royalty Available With Program

The National Headquarters is making a special attempt to bring the Queen of Denmark, in a manner of speaking, into the homes of many thousands of our members during Her Majesty's trip to the U.S.A. this month.

This is being done by offering a beautiful full-color portrait of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik to all members at a special low price.

The portrait, measuring 8½" x 11" is printed on heavy, coated stock, and is ready for frame mounting. It is actually the cover photograph of our official banquet program, printed for distribution at the Royal Banquet in Omaha, May 20. The entire souvenir program, including portrait, can be ordered after May 6 for the low price of \$1.50 each. The price includes postage. This would make a perfect gift for that special someone.



Special note: Only a limited planning on attending the banquet in number of these souvenir programs Omaha will, of course, receive a will be printed. Those members souvenir program free.

Yes, rush me my souvenir program of the Royal Banquet, which features a full-color portrait of Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik. I enclose herewith \$1.50 per program.

Send to: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____

Number Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed _____

A Ship in Church - An Old Danish Custom

The Danish custom of hanging the replica of a sailing vessel in the church sanctuary is widespread in Denmark and in churches of Danish origin in America. It has two sources of origin.

It must first of all be said that the custom of giving the replica of a ship to the sanctuary is very ancient. It can be traced back to times long preceding Christianity. The ancients believed that the offering of a miniature ship would assure a safe voyage for the ship and its crew. Such a gift is called a votive offering. In the Christian era the magic character of this act faded away, but the tradition of carving and rigging a replica of the ship in which a retired seaman had spent his life remained as a hobby of many an old salt, and what better place could it be hung than in the parish church.

This folk custom coincided with an ancient Christian metaphor of comparing the church itself to a ship. Even to this day we call the main sanctuary of our churches the "nave", and this name is obviously derived from the

Latin word *navis*, which means ship and which is the origin of words such as "navy" and "naval". The metaphor of the church as a ship has many symbolic connections. We speak of the Christian life as a journey over the sea and we talk about a pilot that guides us. A well-known hymn reads: "Jesus, Savior, pilot me / Over life's tempestuous sea." The World Council of Churches used the ship with a cross as its mast as a symbol of ecumenism. The ship is probably not a major Christian symbol but it is an appropriate one.

—Johannes Knudsen.
From Kirke og Folk

Humility is the ability to act ashamed when you tell people how great you are.

An Appeal To All Persons Interested In Preserving Danish Culture In U.S.A.



In the last few years it has been apparent that our Danish-American publications have diminished to a point that today we have only two newspapers still in existence with a relative wide circulation. "Den Danske Pioneer," is one which covers the United States and Canada in addition to Denmark and some other countries. This paper is published in Elmwood Park, Chicago. Mr. Hjalmar Bertelsen is, and has been for the last 19 years, Editor and President of this publication and has done an outstanding job.

Another Danish paper, "Bien," is published in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Paul Dalby Andersen is Publisher and Editor of this publication and has been doing an excellent job as well. This paper covers the west coast. A small church paper is also published. It has for some time been apparent that without some form of assistance, the Danish American Press will be hard pressed to continue.

Therefore, we as a group of concerned and interested Danish American men have formed an organization called, "The Danish American Language Foundation." This foundation has been incorporated in the State of Illinois, Nov. 20, 1975, as a not for profit foundation and a Federal tax exemption has been granted as of April 13, 1976. The Foundation Board consists of five members, a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, and two directors.

As a concerned citizen, you are no doubt aware of the declining interest in the United States toward matters signifying the importance of the Danish culture and heritage. No doubt at one time or another you have reflected upon the persons, institutions

and traditions which have had a substantial impact on the course of your life. Among those traditions was the effect of the Danish culture on you. We would like you to recognize in some manner the effect of that culture on your life. One likes to recognize the persons and institutions who shape their career; the people may be remembered in a personal way; the institutions through gratitude and generosity to them; and the traditions, by a most direct and meaningful way, in sharing those traditions with others by making them aware of the traditions through a gift of some amount to the Danish American Language Foundation to foster and preserve those traditions you hold so dear.

Your gift to the foundation is a way of expressing your continuing belief in the traditions that have been so important to you. As a recipient of your generosity, the foundation shall seek to encourage and develop the preservation of the Danish Press in the United States and the education and instruction of the public in the role of the Danish People and their heritage on the American system.

We would like you to make a special effort to show your tangible sign of recognition of the importance of the Danish culture. We would ask that you make a gift or pledge to the foundation.

Sincerely,
DANISH AMERICAN LANGUAGE FOUNDATION
Jens Jensen, President

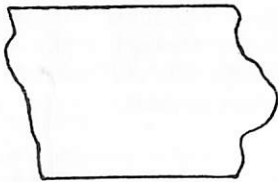
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Our Lodges in Action



Iowa

Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa — The Kimballton-Elk Horn Danish Brotherhood Lodge, newest lodge in the brotherhood, continues to grow. At Monday night's fish fry, April 26, in the Elk Horn town hall, President Howard Sorensen announced that the total to date was 169. It is doubtful that all members will ever attend a lodge function simultaneously; members live in California, Minnesota, and New Mexico, as well as in other Iowa towns.

Monday night's feed was another gourmet's delight. Main dish was "Rodspetter". The fish were shipped in from Denmark. Women on the food committee spent

much of the afternoon frying 160 of the large, flat flounders, besides preparing side dishes.

Special guests were 16 members of the Dana College folk dance group, Don Eversoll, and Andy Andersen of the Home Office, and six members of a now disbanded Shelby, Iowa, Brotherhood Lodge. The folk dancers put on a good show featuring German and Swedish dances, as well as several Danish. After their program the dancers invited two sets of 16 men and women from the audience to join them in a dance. Andy Andersen is shown enjoying the opportunity in the accompanying photograph.

The next lodge meeting will be at Kimballton June 28, and will feature an ice cream social. Preliminary plans were made at the meeting for a lodge float in the Memorial Day parade at Elk Horn. The float will undoubtedly also be entered in a Danish Days celebration at Kimballton June 5. Plans for building a booth for displaying Brotherhood material and other items at public gatherings were discussed.

Alfred Hansen, Reporter.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, Iowa — Mrs. Kathy Sonsalla (right), secretary of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 219, is shown with Mrs. Nancy DeCoursey (left) and some of their Brownies from Riverview School in Webster City at the annual Girl Scout Tasting Fair. All Brownie and Girl Scout Troops in Webster City picked a country representing the early settlers to Hamilton County and prepared recipes from that country. The Riverview Brownie Troop chose to represent Denmark and made a variety of "goodies" for the people of Webster City to taste. The 20 Brownies embroidered aprons with the word "Nisse" on them to wear at the Tasting Fair. Each girl was given a sticker saying, "Dane for a Day".



IOWA UNITED LODGES

Iowa United Lodges met in Des Moines, Iowa, at the L. B. Sherman home for the annual directors meeting. Those attending were Past President Irvin Strand, President Mark Grunberg, Vice President Jerry Sonsalla, Conductor Niels Jensen, Trustees Gordon Sloth, Paul Wind, L. B. Sherman, and Secretary Treasurer Loyd Plaehn. Chairman of the 1976 Iowa Danish Brotherhood convention, Marlyn Hook of Dike Lodge No. 144, also attended. After the regular business meeting, Marlyn Hook, president of Dike Lodge No. 144, extended an invitation to all to attend the convention to be held at the Ramada Inn, Waterloo, Iowa, over the Labor Day weekend, September 4, 5 and 6, 1976. Dike Lodge No. 144 will host the convention.

The meeting ended with a fine lunch served by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sherman.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa — Meeting held May 10 at the Dike Community Center. Twenty-four members were present. The members voted to donate \$100.00 to the committee for the proposed erection of a swimming pool for Dike, Iowa.

The winner of the \$100.00 scholarship to be given to a Dike senior will be chosen this week. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the upcoming convention to be hosted by Lodge No. 144, and to be held at the Ramada Inn, Waterloo, Iowa. All committees have been selected. Ramada Inn will reserve a block of rooms for out-of-town guests. There will be more news at a later date concerning reservations, prices, etc. We hope all of our old friends and many new faces will be with us at this convention.

A. B. Thode, Correspondent.



California, Nevada

Lodge No. 299, Solvang, Calif. — Our lodge this year is a very active lodge with a challenging calendar. We have a dinner meeting once a month with an average attendance of 60 members. At every dinner we have several guests from other lodges and prospective members from our own valley. So far this year we have initiated six new members and accepted three transfers from other lodges.

As most of you have probably heard, we were indeed fortunate in having the Queen of Denmark visit our town of Solvang. Our own president, Erik Pedersen, has been selected as the official escort for Queen Margrethe and her party.

Next on schedule will be our 4th of July celebration. DBS No. 299 is always a leading contender with our Queen candidate. This event is a fund raising event for the youth of our valley, so much effort is put forth by everyone. We will report to you more about this as the activities are planned.

Of course, in September we become very much involved in our Danish Days celebration which draws

some 30 to 40 thousand people into Solvang for our two-day celebration.

In the fall we, along with the Solvang Danish Sisterhood, will team up for a harvest ball. These are just a few of the activities that we are involved in this year, but more details of each one will be given as it happens.

We were happy to have a special occasion at our April meeting. The man on your left in the picture is Sigurd Lunde, who was a member of the Askov, Minn., lodge for 50 years. He transferred into our Lodge No. 299 this year so it was our honor to present him with his 50-year pin. The one in the middle is our president, Erik Pedersen, who is providing us with excellent leadership and a very enthusiastic interest in building our fraternal lodge and furthering our Danish heritage here in Solvang. The man on the right is Brother Jake Svensen, who was a charter member of Lodge No. 299 and received his 60-year pin. He had many interesting memories of the beginning lodge, which was slightly different from our present organization.



Two other members who were scheduled to receive their 60-year pins were unable to attend due to illness, so our president, secretary and treasurer presented their pins to them in their homes.

We hope that many of you will be able to visit us this summer and let us show you our Danish town of Solvang.

Bob Lassiter, Reporter.

Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Calif. — On Saturday night, May 8, the members and guests of Humboldt Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Calif., entertained the members who are going to visit Denmark and other Scandinavian countries this summer. The honorees were: Glenna and Holger Hølgersen, who have already left; Peter Iversen, our oldest (67 years) member, who is going on the Brotherhood and Dania flight, and will spend most of his time around Kolding and Haderslev; and Laura Schuler, who is also booked on this flight. This was a gala dinner party held at the Bella Vista Inn, with about 30 members and guests in attendance. The room was decorated in our traditional Danish colors, and the group sang a lot of Danish songs. Among the guests, Brother Peter Iversen was pleased to introduce his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Iversen, from Sacramento, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alma Jacobsen of Ferndale, Calif.

Aage Christiansen of Arcata died May 9 at the age of 73 years of a heart attack. He was born on the island of Fyn January 19, 1903. He came to America, arriving in Petaluma, Calif., in 1920. He worked on farms there where he met Marie Petersen, who was from Arcata, but was operating a needlework shop in Petaluma at the time. They were married in Arcata January 25, 1927, where they resided all these years, operating a dairy on the Petersen ranch near Alliance. Marie passed away on February 7, 1944. Aage was a member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 230, Arcata, for 49 years, having joined the Petaluma Lodge in 1927 and later transferring to Arcata. He was also a member of the Lutheran Church in Arcata.

L. L. Schuler.



Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois
(Midwest)

Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill. — It looks like we have finally found the magic we've been looking for. It seems to be in the excitement that we as members are creating for ourself. Our aebleskiver were great and a very special thank you to Hanne Farrar for all the extras she has given us, and Rose Hansen for pitching in (again).

Next month, June 2, 1976, DON'T EAT SUPPER before you come, because Elin Sorensen and her able crew will be providing a free smorgasbord. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase also. Jimmy Sorensen and Frede Hansen will be helping us learn the Danish National Anthem.

Our representatives to the Danish National Committee, Frede and Rose Hansen, reported on the status of the Queen's visit and the Bicentennial activities. Frede also reported on the plans for the July 4 parade. We plan to walk in a group with a banner of the DBIA and flags, followed by a viking ship float from the Shriners (also arranged by Frede and Floyd). Assembly time is 1:00 p.m. in Wood Dale and picnic after the parade.

Three new members were initiated; Anthony Ciangi, Richard Woda and Esther Woda, which is always a rewarding experience for us. James Albo was also accepted as a new member and we look forward to many more. Thanks John, Floyd and Flemming.

Karen Christensen is still looking for bits and pieces for our scrapbook. Candlelight Bowling is now on the docket for August and Ted Kaiser will be providing more details next month.

WAUPACA! Here we come, with at least five families, to share in your exciting installation ceremonies. It is always great when we can extend our hands to our brother lodges.

Also, don't forget the Grundslovdag Picnic in Bellevedere June 5. Use reservation ticket from last month's newsletter.

Richard Christensen.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — Congratulations to Dwight Lodge No. 34 for an outstanding job in hosting the Midwest District Bowling Tournament. We had 38 people in attendance, which was the second largest out of town group, with Racine bringing the most — 44. Five Kenosha teams participated, with one team finishing third bringing home some money. That team consisted of Len and Eleanor Baas, Warren and Elma Rasmussen and Richard Walker. Next year's tournament is slated for Milwaukee.

While on the subject of Midwest District activities there is a real good one coming up on June 5 in Rockford, sponsored by No. 64. It will be a Midwest District picnic from 10:00 in the morning until we go home. There will be activities for all ages, a catered meal and dance, free beer and soft drinks. Guests are invited. For all the details call me at 694-3895, and we will get you signed up to go. Let's support the district!! Other future plans

include the Convention in Chicago August 28-29, and golf in Racine September 11.

WAUPACA is ready to go!! This new lodge will be installed by the National officers on May 29. A gala banquet and dance will be held at the Waupaca Country Club beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is Memorial Day weekend so plan to go up and enjoy the beautiful lakes and campsites in that area. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Let's show this new lodge that Kenosha and the Midwest District are behind them by being in attendance.

Besides the picnic in Rockford, we are planning a bus trip to a baseball game in Milwaukee in June — more about that later. Our local picnic will be on July 11 at Washington Park.

Bob Ibsen, Reporter.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — Thanks to Hilda Schou and Marge Lauritsen for donating the crocheted shawl and pillow as door prizes for the April 10 dance. If you missed the open house birthday party for Metha Jensen on April 24, you surely missed the event of the year. A good time was had by the many friends and relatives that attended (myself included). This was only her 75th, so we will look forward to many more to come. All the excitement at 5:15 a.m. on April 12 (the evacuation of the town of Dwight because of a bromine gas leakage) must have been too much for quite a few of our members since our attendance was sparse. Let's hope this was the only reason for keeping so many of you away. While we're on the subject of Dwight's evacuation, thanks to our brother lodges for their concerns.

Bowling tournament and dance committee reports were given. Action is under way to get a trap shoot going soon. Watch your newsletters and come to the meetings to help get this next event started.

Our monthly dances will be slacking off now until August. Summertime is always a busy, active season. Following the April meeting, Mr. Ron Vickory showed slides and gave a talk on the new swimming pool to be built in Dwight and about the fund raising campaign soon to get underway.

Margaret Goodwin, Reporter.

Lodge No. 245, South Bend, Ind. — Perhaps once or possibly twice in the lifetime of the smaller lodges of the Danish Brotherhood, they have the pleasure of awarding a 60-year pin to one of their members.

There is such a man in our lodge. Our president, Hjalmar Bergenhagen, is a 60-year member. Hjalmar joined our lodge in 1916, after coming directly to South Bend from Copenhagen in 1913. While in Denmark he apprenticed as an electrical maintenance man in Denmark, and after coming to South Bend, continued in this field. He retired from the Studebaker Car Manufacturing Company in 1958. Mr. Bergenhagen and his wife have three children. He has held all the offices in the lodge. He is now serving for the fourth or fifth time as our president since becoming a DB member.



At left is Hjalmar Bergenhagen, a 60-year member of Lodge No. 245, being "pinned" by Vice President Phillip Achton.

Donald B. Lynch, Secretary.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, Wis. — At the meeting on April 24, the officers and members were making big plans and preparations for the gala event of initiation and installation of members of Lodge 343 on May 29, 1976. Many distinguished guests and spouses will be in attendance. This will take place at the Waupaca Country Club. There will be dinner, a program, the initiation and installation, and entertainment. President George Nielsen announced that our membership has increased to 61 members. Our regular meeting place has been changed and we now meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Community Center at West Fulton and Washington Streets at 7:30 p.m.

Helen Petersen, Secretary.

Dannevang Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — It is our sadness to report the loss of two members this month; Chris Holst and Una Hansen. We extend our sincere condolences to Dorothy Holst and her family, as well as Paul Hansen and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

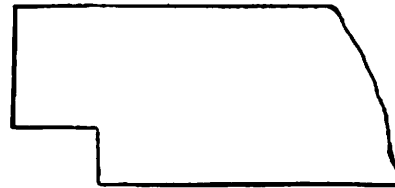
Hans Christensen had the misfortune this past month to fall and break his hip. While confined to the hospital he celebrated his 85th birthday. Hans and his wife, Ellie, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 15. We are sorry that Hans' accident prevents any formal celebration, but lodge No. 182 sends their congratulations and best wishes for much happiness to them both. And we hope that Hans' recuperation is rapid.

Our president, Carl Petersen, suddenly found himself in the hospital the day after Easter. After many tests and much proding and poking, an operation was performed and two discs were removed from his neck. And I'm happy to report that he is doing fantastically well, and is making plans to attend the initiation of Lodge No. 343 in Waupaca, Wis., on May 29. Carl would like to thank all the members that visited him, called him or sent cards and well wishes while he was in the hospital.

There are reports from Orlando, Fla., that Roy Riebock is back on his feet and building a garden house. That's great news, Roy! Keep up the good work.

At our May meeting, Illinois State Senator Karl Berning is scheduled to speak. And on June 11, 6:30 p.m., will be the potluck supper at the Belvidere Recreation Center, with meeting and Bunco party following, complete with prizes. July 9 we will have a surprise program.

Janet Petersen, Correspondent.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Neb. — At the first part of the year our entertainment committee came up with a suggestion for our social evenings to divide the lodge members into six groups with one couple to serve as chairpersons. This was accepted by the lodge. It has worked out fine so far; more members are showing up, with an average of 60-70 present, and we are also getting new members. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were in charge of our first social night in March, and with their committee, put on an interesting program with St. Patrick's Day as their theme. A professional singer, Mrs. Ida Zusto, accompanied by accordionist, Mr. Rolfs, provided us with delightful songs and led a sing-along.

Twins, Florence Rasmussen and Francis Hansen, served a delicious lunch at our regular April meeting. We also initiated five new members that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Thomsen were in charge of the April social meeting. They had a bingo party with lots of

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	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
3-7-76	D. P. Hansen	83	Denmark	42	Spokane, Wash.	1936
3-31-76	Niels P. Jespersen	81	Waterloo, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1916
4-3-76	Walter Krogh	72	Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1923
4-7-76	Jorgen Sondergaard	72	Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1936
4-1-76	Sofus Jensen	83	Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1928
4-10-76	Peter R. Petersen	83	Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1916
3-20-76	Fred Andersen	84	Minden, Neb.	16	Minden, Neb.	1921
4-12-76	Chris A.M. Nielsen	86	Ludington, Mich.	51	Ludington, Mich.	1909
4-8-76	Samuel Brask	93	Denmark	39	Oakland, Calif.	1906
3-26-76	L. Chris Hansen	90	Denmark	600	Omaha, Neb.	1910
4-2-76	Jens Chris Nielsen	83	Denmark	121	Tyler, Minn.	1920
3-22-76	Kenneth C. Krogh	66	Minneapolis, Minn.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1938
4-15-76	Anders B. Petersen	73	Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1944
3-30-76	Chris M. Holst	75	Denmark	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1941
4-12-76	Theron W. Sargent	69	Payson, Utah	273	Dillon, Mont.	1945
4-22-76	Robert Larsen	68	Fenewick, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1941
1-1-76	Soren Seirsen	77	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1926
4-3-76	Lorenz Nissen	71	Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1942
5-1-76	John C. Christensen	66	Troy, N.Y.	183	Troy, N.Y.	1946
5-8-76	Myron J. Delbarker	54	Frankfort, Mich.	51	Ludington, Mich.	1971
1-14-76	Victor L. Lund	77	Alverado, Calif.	77	Hayward, Calif.	1945
4-14-76	Jens P. Lund	78	Denmark	23	Alhambra, Calif.	1975
4-4-76	Martin Nelson	80	Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1954
2-24-76	George Gurvin	63	Adams, Minn.	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1964

good prizes, the top prize being a dinner certificate from Kenny's Steak House, which is run by Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larsen will be in charge of the June social evening. The JADA girls will folk dance and later everyone will join them in Danish folk dancing.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Neb. — Lodge No. 161 held their regular meeting Saturday, April 10. Ruskin's Bicentennial day, July 11, was discussed further. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schultz were honored with a gift of a 1976 Danish plate for their silver wedding anniversary. The remainder of the evening was spent playing cards, after which a cooperative lunch was served by hosts and hostesses, Kenny and Marion Andersen, Art and Doris Pedersen, and Johanna Powell.

Ginny Schultz, Correspondent.



Minnesota

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minn. — The Brotherhood celebrated their 82nd anniversary with a dinner and a pleasant evening May 7 at the Stables Supper Club.

The delightful evening was shared with the local Danish Sisterhood and thirteen members of the Austin lodges. Mr. Vaughn Moore, State DB Representative, was a special guest.

Alva Jensen, president of the local lodge, presented pins to the following members: 50-year pin — Chris Nelson; 50-year pin — Chris Jorgensen; 25-year pin — Richard Sorenson.

An enjoyable program was introduced by the vice president, Harlen Hansen, and Miss Betsey Halverson sang three numbers accompanying herself on the guitar. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jordahl showed slides of their boat trip on the Colorado River.

The geranium plants used as table decorations were presented to the ladies whose names were drawn from a basket by Chris Nelsen, who will celebrate his 92nd birthday in January of 1977.

Lydia Jensen.



Michigan, Ohio

MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT CONVENTION

There were 20 delegates and 35 members in attendance at Greenville on May 1, 1976, when the convention was opened by District President Paul Worden. The National First Vice President George Jacobsen was a very welcome guest at the convention. He talked to us about the need to make new members

welcome to the Brotherhood and the necessity for us to make the lodge an interesting place to come to a meeting. He also talked about the difficulty of the area representatives jobs and stressed how much our help is needed by them.

Although we have 12 lodges listed as members of the District, we only had representatives for five of them. Detroit will host the convention next year, and hopefully we will be able to draw some delegates from the Ohio area.

The following were elected to office for the next year: President, Ed Woods, Detroit; Vice President, Ken Johnson, Ludington; Treasurer, Manus Norton, Trufant; Secretary, Bob Sorensen, Detroit; alternate, Don Hansen, Muskegon.

Lodge reports were given and then some discussion followed on ways to improve the District and the Brotherhood.

In the evening we were entertained at a banquet and dance hosted by Greenville Lodge and their companion Sisterhood lodge. It was a fine evening and convention, and our thanks go to Greenville for all of their efforts.

Bob Sorensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — Our April 14 business meeting was canceled to enjoy a social night along with the Sisterhood lodge. The Copenhagen Girls Radio Choir was visiting in our area, and asked to put on a performance for us. We had 300 people in attendance for this entertaining evening. After dinner was served, the girls sang several numbers in both Danish and English. Many of our members supplied housing for the girls during their stay in Detroit.

Our bowling season has ended and the bowlers had a fine season.

Detroit has rejoined the Mid-West District as a social member, and to celebrate the occasion, we sent one men's team and one ladies' team to the recent Mid-West Bowling Tournament held in Dwight. Our men won the tournament.

Don't forget the Chesaning Showboat trip on July 16.

Bob Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. — The new officers for Lodge No. 51 for the year 1976 have been elected and installed and are as follows: Past President Anthony Kobetich, President Conrad Nelson, Vice President Lawrence Swan, Treasurer Alvin Garcia, Secretary Earl Jensen, Trustees, Victor Mallers, three years; Alfred Seguin, two years; Carl Soneral, one year; Conductor Alfred Larsen, Inside Guard Lars Christoffersen, Outer Guard Emmet Jacobsen.

Lodge No. 51 had three delegates attending the convention at Greenville on May 1 and 2, Kenneth Johnson, Carl Soneral, and Alfred Larsen.

Our meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month with the meeting on the third Wednesday a social affair. We urge our members to attend and take part in our activities.

Alf Larsen.

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — Many of us attended the very nice convention at Greenville this past weekend. I am sure all of us who were there wish to thank the Greenville Lodge for a job well done.

We have been quite active here this past month. We had our final bowling games and now look forward to our

banquet on May 21. We had a very nice time at our social meeting on April 13. I know I enjoyed our card game. On our business meeting of April 27 we had a fish fry. Our two Arthurs — Sweet and Burkall, did a fine job of preparing them. We raffled off a Danish Brotherhood jacket, and yours truly won it. George Williamsen would have won the jackpot had he been there. Keith Minard from Greenville was present for the meeting. He gave us some things to think about in regards to building up our lodge.

Art Sinivee suggested that we take up a free-will offering gift for Carl Hansen, who has just had heart surgery. The gift was given to his brother, Don, to be delivered to Carl, and we wish Carl a speedy recovery.

Clayton C. Hansen, Secretary.



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

Danes in general and prominent government dignitaries gathered in the Grand Ballroom at the Olympic Hotel on Friday, May 21, to lunch with Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik of Denmark. As part of the Danish Bicentennial committee of Seattle, under leadership of Brother Paul O. Nielsen, Danish Royal Consulate for the Pacific Northwest, and Brother Martin D. Metzton, Treasurer for the Danish Trade Center, the entr'acte was led by Past National President Kristen Jorgensen, who was the escort from the airport.

The Seattle Danish colony successfully launched another Annual convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood members from Canada, Washington and Oregon following the Queen's visit. Good fellowship, fraternal decisions and "heart to heart" hospitality reigned over the weekend at the University Towers Hotel. The "esprit de corp" of our beloved fraternity is tops and again is attributable to our forefathers and pioneers of the DBS.

Brother Edmund S. Olsen, 4224 -33rd Ave. West, Seattle, is still looking for a couple to manage the Northwest Danish home. Contact Home President Ed at 282-9323 if interested.

Enumclaw brothers and sisters entertained nearly 50 directors of the Northwest Danish home last month. DB 113 delegates to the Seattle Conclave were President Harry Hansen, Secretary Einar Bruhn, Outer Guard Wendell Oliver and Trustee Louis Nelsen.

Tacoma delegates to the District Convention included Secretary Treasurer Martin Rasmussen, President Henning Lindberg, Brother Anker Kjar and Conductor Ebbe Olsen. City of Destiny Danes will picnic in July at Harold Olsen's retreat in Gig Harbor. Past District President Henning Lindberg and wife, Signe, will be touring Leningrad and other European cities this summer.

Seattle's Financial Secretary Anker Sorensen and

family are spending this month visiting in Denmark. On July 25 Brother Jim Langsted launches DB 29's Annual Fishing Trip. According to Secretary and National Director Clyde Langsted, Veterans Night will be observed by the Queen City Danes on August 4. President Ted Kofoed informs us that their annual lodge picnic is scheduled for August 8 at Vasa Park on Lake Sammamish.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.

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

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. — At our meeting in April Brother John Madsen was elected delegate to the G.C.E.L. convention and Brother Paul Ifversen was elected alternate delegate. Brother Christian Nielsen has been ill for several months and this lodge wishes him a speedy recovery and many years of good health to come.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. — On Sunday, July 4, the Verdandi Club (which is our meeting hall) will be the scene of a concert by the 78 member Vaerlose Guards from Vaerlose, Denmark. This group of youngsters, ages 10 to 20, are on a tour of the Eastern states and will be in Rhode Island on that date. We are looking for a great turnout for this affair and everyone is invited.

Brother Erling Braumann was elected delegate to the G.C.E.L. convention and Brother Jan Braumann was elected alternate.

Nominations for officers were taken at our April meeting. Those nominated were the following: President Jan Braumann, Vice President Johannes Jespersen, Secretary Carl Sorensen, Treasurer Erling Braumann, Trustee Chairman Asbjorn Guldhaug, and Trustees, William Guldhaug and William Gill.

Carl W. Sorensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. — We would like to announce that John Andersen of North Hills, Pa., is the recipient of the Lodge No. 325 scholarship. He is a sophomore this year and will be a junior in the fall at Dana College, Blair, Neb. Congratulations, John, and much success in the future.

Maurice Gruber, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — The bingo game in April was successful and enjoyed by all who came. The lodge's participation in the Philadelphia Folk Fair is a thing of the past. We had a very attractive booth and many people came. It was work, but we all had a good time at it. Get well wishes are sent to Foss Munksgaard and Axsell Rasmussen and let's hope they take it easy and recover quickly.

On March 31, Brother Sofus Jensen passed away. He was only a short distance away from being a 50-year member. We will all miss Sofus and our condolences go to his daughter, Gyda Jensen.

Brother Christian Wilhjelm died suddenly on April 22. Brother Chris joined the lodge in 1918 and was active in lodge functions until his death. Our condolences go to his wife, Alma, and his daughters, Louise and Elizabeth, and his son, Carl.

Rosemary Baratta, Secretary.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa. — Our meeting on May 21 at the Sons of Norway Lodge will be the scene of more initiations into our growing lodge. The meeting will, of course, be followed with refreshments.

At our April meeting we all enjoyed the film, "The

Viking Life and Conquests" supplied by our National Office, and also at this meeting, five more members were accepted into the lodge. The Danes in this area are getting ready to welcome the Copenhagen Boys Choir, who will be in Philadelphia from June 2 to June 6. They are singing several times during their stay and we are all looking forward to a wonderful show.

Niels Malmquist, President.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — This lodge wishes to congratulate Brother Christian Simonsen and his wife, Bente, on the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on May 12. We wish them many years more of love and happiness.

Our annual picnic is still on for June 20 at Art and Elaine Sorensen's home. We want everyone to come and enjoy the good food, drink and fellowship that is always associated with this picnic. Festivities begin about noon, so jot down the date and join us.

Brother Peter Sorensen was elected to be delegate to the G.C.E.L. and Brother John Holm as alternate at our April meeting.

Norman Edmonds, Secretary.

Lodge No. 183, Troy, N. Y. — On February 14 we were served a covered dish supper. For those who missed this event, it sure was a great treat and there was plenty to eat. Following the meeting we had our Fastelavns party with the traditional "Cat in the Barrel". It was a bat-swinging time, followed by a Danish film shown by Bob Nelson, who happened to win the Kijaffa.

March 13 was the night Gladys and Paul Christensen served a real sit down dinner. Paul is famous for his corned beef and cabbage and there was plenty of food there. We thank Gladys and Paul for a wonderful dinner.

On April 10, Mary Nelson and Mortina DeFey hosted another wonderful covered dish supper. It was followed by our meeting and also a Chinese auction. Harry Jensen, Jr., was the auctioneer, ably assisted by James Christensen, Irving Jensen, Tim Proper and Gary Mulligan. The "thirst problem" was handled by Harry Jensen, Sr.

Harry Jensen, Sr.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J. — Thor Lodge No. 46 celebrated its 85th anniversary with a dinner-dance at the Step-Inn, Sayreville, N. J., on May 8, with over 240 members and friends in attendance.

After a cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., George Ferdinandsen welcomed the guests. Mrs. Ellen Christensen, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Chris (Edna) Brems, sang the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America. Later in the evening, Der Er Et Yndigt Land was sung. We thank both of them for their fine renditions.

A roast beef dinner was served at 7:30 p.m. George Jacobsen spoke about the Danish Brotherhood's aims and goals, and congratulated Thor Lodge for its good work. A telegram was received from Howard Christensen, Secretary Treasurer, with congratulations from the National Board of Directors, and a letter from President George Godthaab congratulating the lodge and expressing regret at being unable to attend. President Emeritus Peter Christensen gave a short talk and presented Mrs. Christian Sindet with a 60-year plaque for her husband, Christian, who was unable to attend.

After dinner we enjoyed dancing to the tunes of Tommy Eliassen's Orchestra. At 11 p.m. a hot and cold

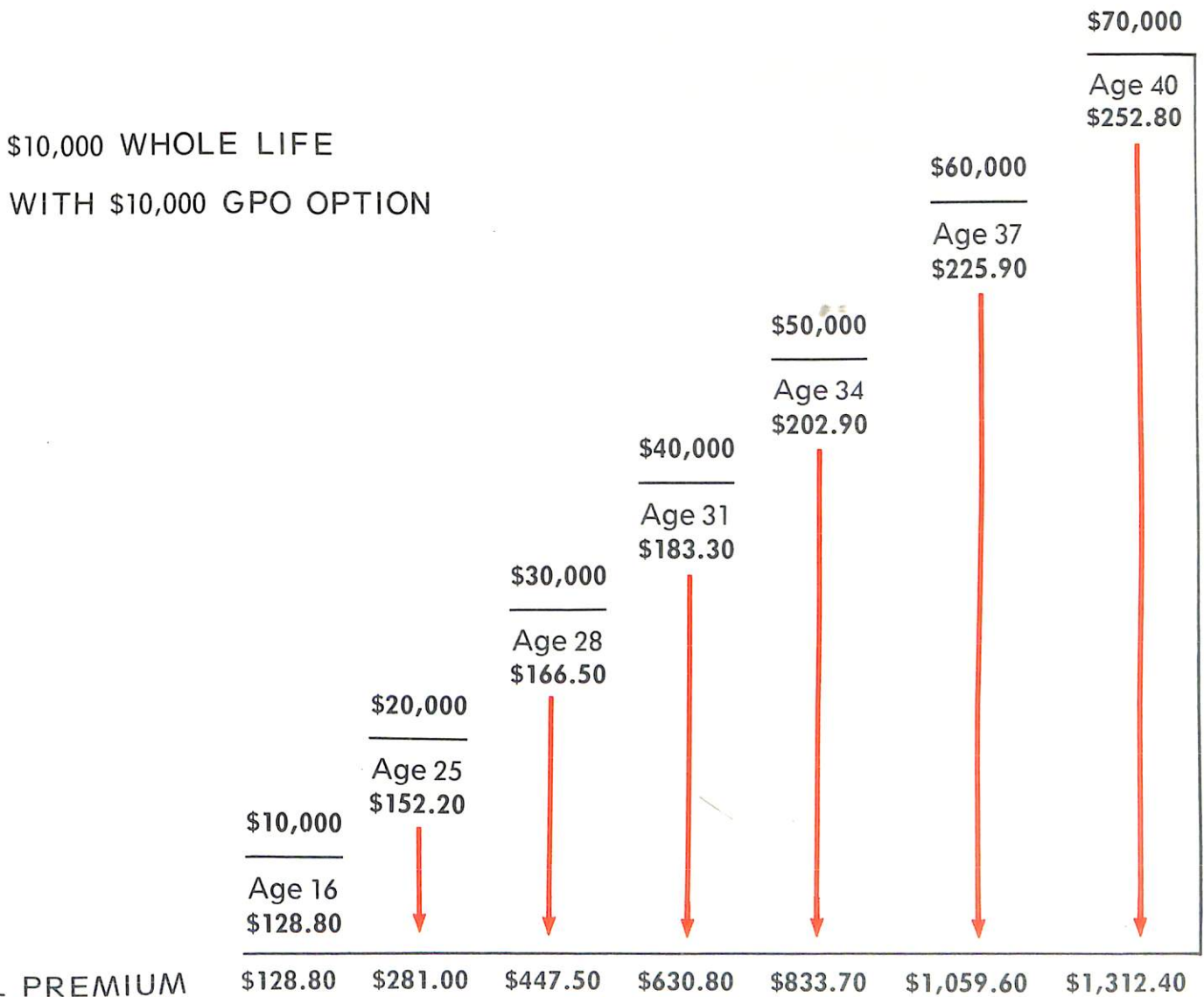
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"Old Only At 90"

Although former cement block manufacturer Jacob (Jake) Svendsen (left) emigrated from Aalborg, Denmark, in 1906, he did not make it to Solvang in time to become a co-founder of the new settlement. He did not arrive in Solvang until 1911, but that was still early enough to help start Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 299. He is shown here as he receives the 60-year membership emblem from the lodge's current president, Erik Pedersen. "I never considered myself old until last year when I celebrated my 90th birthday," Svendsen said. And that's the way it ought to be! No one should consider himself old until he gets to be 90. (Levi Persson photo)



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Danish Kitchen



ROMBUDDING [Danish Rum Pudding]

3 Egg yolks
6 Tablespoons sugar
1 Tablespoon unflavored gelatin
3/4 Cup cold water
2 Tablespoons Rum
1 Cup whipping cream
Dash of salt

Beat eggs and sugar well; add flavoring. Soak gelatin in cold water; dissolve over hot water and add to eggs. When mixture begins to thicken, add whipped cream. Serve with a sauce made of sweetened fruit juice (preferably raspberry) mixed with a small amount of cornstarch. Cook until slightly thickened. Cool.

Denmark's "Tingluti" Will Tour USA This Summer

It is with great pleasure that the Danish Embassy has learned that the organization, "International Cultural Exchange" has invited the Danish youth ensemble "Tingluti" to perform for a period of approximately three weeks in the Midwestern States in July, 1976. They are hopeful of appearing in Detroit, Chicago, Racine and St. Paul.

This trip is being supported by the Danish Ministry of

Cultural Affairs and by several of the major Danish private foundations, while the participants themselves are covering a considerable part of the costs.

The "Tingluti" youth ensemble has participated every year since 1963 in international folklore festivals. The ensemble, which consists of able young amateurs, is participating in approximately 20 major arrangements in Denmark each year. It has appeared often on the Danish television and has made two LP records.

It is the hope of the Embassy that this talented ensemble through the efforts of "International Cultural Exchange" will be able to visit a number of cities in the Midwest during their forthcoming tour in July, 1976.

Niels Toff, Cultural Counselor,
Danish Embassy.

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Our Lodges in Action

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buffet was served. Mr Arthur Clausen, a member of Lodge No. 46, was the winner of the basket of cheer — Skal, Arthur.

Our heartiest thanks go to our Good Times Chairman Knute Jensen, and his aides, Harold Martensen and Alan Jackson. Also our thanks to Mrs. Alan (Sue) Jackson and Mrs. Herman (Clara) Farber, and to all the young ladies who helped in so many ways.

We also wish to thank our secretary, Herman Farber, for all his work, especially with the Postal Department. You will be hearing from Herman about the picnic at a future date. Thanks again to each and every one who helped make our 85th anniversary the success it was.

George W. Ferdinandsen.

During the medical examination, a Czech football player recruited by Ohio State was asked if he could read the bottom line of the eye chart. "Read it?" he said. "I played with him."

Announcing Fifth Annual National Essay Contest



Contest Rules

1. Entrants must be a member of The Danish Brotherhood, or be related to a member of The Danish Brotherhood in America.
2. This year members and relatives of all ages will be considered for awards in one category.

3. Subject of the essay must be: "The Value Of A Sense of Humor".
4. Essays must not be more than 300 words in length.
5. 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.
6. Essays should be typewritten. If this is not possible, they must be written legibly in ink on one side of the paper only.
7. All entries must be accompanied by a black and white photo of author, head and shoulders only, measuring at least 2 x 3 inches.
8. All entries must be sent to "Essay Contest", National Headquarters, The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.
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August 28, 29	Midwest at Oak Brook, Ill.
Sept. 4, 5, 6	United Iowa Lodges at Dike, Ia.
Sept. 4, 5, 6	G.C.E.L. at Long Island, N.Y.
Fall, 1976	Minnesota
Fall, 1976	Nebraska

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

June 5, 6	Danish Festival, Newell, Iowa
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July 18	Nebraska State Picnic, Grand Island
August 20, 21, 22	Greenville Danish Festival
September 18, 19	Danish Days, Solvang, Calif.