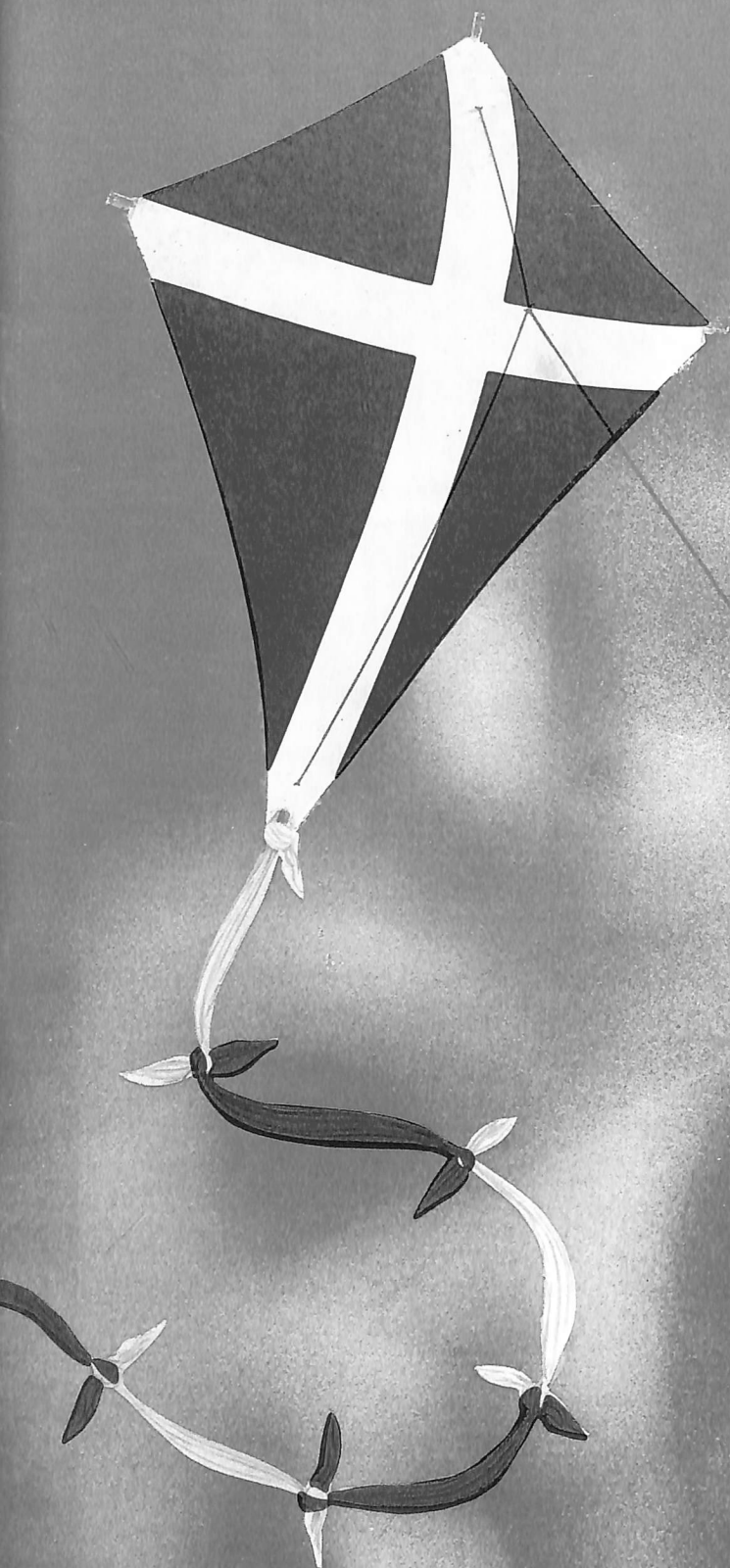


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It would seem we have a problem. Fifteen lodges representing over 300 members appear to have vanished. And we don't know where they've gone. No word has been received from any of them in over three years. So, a "Missing Lodge Report" has been filed. Thus, if anyone knows the whereabouts of Lodges No. 184, 254, 50, 107, 234, 239, 173, 106, 163, 73, 171, 300, 260, 78, or 148, would you kindly drop us a line.

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A calendar is probably the last place one would look for humor — unless you have a copy of the 1977 calendar "collated and calibrated by the Danish Brotherhood in America".

Unfortunately the events recorded are on the correct dates, but the year is not recorded for posterity. However, this does create an opportunity for joining events in different centuries with levity.

Did you know that fire was discovered January 5, and that on January 24 bandages were removed from the discoverer of fire.

First automobile accident occurred February 18. It was probably snowing and the car didn't have studded tires.

Birth of an iceberg occurred April 5. A week later came the death of the Titanic.

May 21 is not only Armed Forces Day, but also the National Frog Jumping Contest is held the same day in Calveras County, California.

June 14 is America's Flag Day, June 15, according to the calendar, "the Dannebrog appeared from heaven."

Dannebrog, you should know, is the name of the Danish flag. According to

... the banner fell from heaven and inspired the Danes ...

legend, the banner fell from heaven and inspired the Danes, who were getting the worst of a fight with the Goths, Visigoths, Carthaginians, Slavs or some other lodge they were trying to convert by liberal applications of broad swords, lances and clubs.

If you are skeptical of this story, try this one. The occasion was the same. A gigantic Viking took the red Long Johns he had stripped from a fallen foe, attached the garment to an arrow, set the LJ's on fire and shot the arrow into the midst of the attackers. When the field marshal of the heathens saw this flaming object, he panicked and gave the order: "Those darned Danes have discovered chemical warfare, let's get out of here."

Beethoven's birthday is December 16. Good time to try out the '5th, the calendar advises. Perhaps you, too, can discover gems in a calendar that usually only gives you the month and the day.

Front Cover: Dick Ferrari of "Creative Workshops" in Omaha developed this March cover. It's kite flying time — why not go fly one



The Danish Brotherhood in America

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA

Ninety-five years ago a group of Danish veterans who had recently emigrated to the United States decided to form a Fraternal Society. And the major directive of the society was to aid the widows and families of their members in time of death. This society was named the Danish Brotherhood in America. And today, 95 years later, we are still insuring the families of our members.

However, there are some who question the need for our life insurance programs. For, it is argued, we are a fraternal benefit society based on the social aspects of lodge membership and not on the premise of life insurance protection. Yet the founding fathers of the Danish Brotherhood felt differently. As we have stated previously, their primary objective was care and assistance for the families of our deceased members.

We stand today exactly where our founders thought we should. And we are offering a substantial, quality insurance portfolio. One our founders would have been very proud to acknowledge.

Times change. And any organization, to survive, must change, too. Our insurance programs offer more now than just death benefits. For the contemporary American society we live in requires much more now than it did 95 years ago.

Insurance is not a necessary evil. Insurance is a necessary security, an investment in your own future. And you, or your family, will always be the beneficiary through such an investment.

The detractors of our insurance programs will always argue against our position. But the fact remains: The Danish Brotherhood began as a fraternal society geared to the protection of the members' families in case of his death. In other words, Insurance. And today, the Danish Brotherhood offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the sociability of lodge membership; to preserve and promote our Danish heritage and traditions; and to offer sound insurance protection for our families. An unbeatable combination.

"Et Lille Øjeblik"



WANT TO VISIT MONGOLIA

An adventurous ... and expensive ... tour is available from the Society for the Preservation of Archeological Monuments (Seattle) and Scandinavian Airlines/SAS.

It is called "Project Mongolia" and involves 22 days visiting the fabled lands of Samarkand, Uzbek, Bukhara, Tashkent, Mongolia, the Gobi Desert, Siberia and Lake Baikal.

The traditional life of Mongolia will be explored, through visits to private homes and spending some nights in Mongolian tents, called "yurts", among the camels and the wild horses.

Additionally, tour members will delve into the history of the Mongolian people through a complete series of lectures covering natural history and wildlife, culture, history and archeology.

There are six summer departures in 1977 and six in 1978, with a limit of 20 persons per tour. Cost is roughly \$3,200 per person from Chicago. Copenhagen and Moscow are also visited.

Further information is available from Scandinavian Airlines, 55 East Monroe, Chicago, Ill. 60603; or Society Expeditions, P. O. Box 5564, University Station, Seattle, Wash. 98105; or a travel agent.

THE DANA INTERIM STUDY COURSE

You will be glad to know that our Danish Language and Culture Interim was a great success. The entire month was filled with a wonderful variety of learning experiences. Unfortunately for us, we had to omit several items we had planned because we ran out of time. In addition to the lectures and movies we scheduled, we also visited the National Headquarters of the Danish Brotherhood in Omaha, and made a trip to Elk Horn and Kimballton, Ia., to see the Danish windmill and "traesko" factory. Twice we baked Danish pastries and cookies, we prepared a "smørrebrød" dinner, and twice we were guests for Danish meals, where we enjoyed "klar suppe med kødboller og melboller, medisterpølse, lagkage, og aebleskiver". To help work off all the delicious food we learned several Danish

folk dances and sang many songs in Danish.

We all became quite proficient in the Danish language. Our instructor, who was born in Denmark, was excellent and spoke Danish to us most of the time. We worked with a small but good textbook and whenever possible we practiced speaking Danish by pretending we were actually shopping in Denmark. As a finale to the course, we presented a 20-minute Chapel service entirely in Danish except for a brief history of the Danish Church in America.

The Interim was very worthwhile and we are grateful to you for helping make it possible for us. Each of us learned about Danish culture and all of us can better speak and understand the language. We really experienced "living in Denmark on the Dana campus". Again, we say "tusind tak" for your contributions and support.

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DANA DANCERS PERFORM AT NEBRASKA BREAKFAST IN WASHINGTON

The Dana College Folk Dancers added another performance to their schedule when they were in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the inauguration. In addition to performing at the three "Farmers for Carter" inaugural parties at the International Inn on January 18, 19 and 20, they also danced at the traditional Nebraska delegation breakfast on the 18th at the Capitol.

Arrangements for their performance were made by the offices of Nebraska Congressman John Cavanaugh (2nd District) and Congresswoman Virginia Smith (3rd District). Also attending the breakfast was a non-Nebraskan, Congressman Paul Simon of Illinois, who is a Dana alumnus.

The trip to Washington by the Dancers was sponsored by the "Farmers of Iowa" inaugural Committee.

The Dana Dancers are a physical manifestation of the cultural heritage of Dana College. As the only four-year college in America founded by Danish pioneers, Dana strives to preserve many of the finest traditions in Denmark. The Dancers are an excellent example of these traditions.

The dancers accentuate their Danish background by dressing in authentic Danish provincial costumes. The costumes were made by the mother of a former student-director who patterned them after dolls dressed in the various costumes of the many provinces in Denmark. Their dances range from the fun-type, peasant dances to the more stately ballroom styles. They also include some game-type dances because many of the folk dances of Denmark are based on games. They have also borrowed and modified versions of other dances popular in many European and other Scandinavian countries.

Live music is a "Must" for the dancers and they prefer to use an accordian. The music and dance movements must synchronize and it is difficult to accomplish this using recorded music.

Membership in the Dana Dancers is open to all students who are interested regardless of past experience or national backgrounds. While many of the members do have some Danish in their family history, most of them have no previous exposure to Danish culture.

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hjemme,
Der har jeg rod, derfra min verden gaar.
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stemme,
Saa sødt velsignet du mit hjerte naar.

Du danske friske strand,
Hvor oldtids kjaempegrave
Staar mellem aeblegaard og humlehave,
Dig elsker jeg! — Danmark, mit
Faedreland!

In Denmark I was born, and there 'tis
homely,
There clings the root whence all my being
flows.
O Danish tongue, your tones are soft and
comely,
None but a mother's voice could soothe
like those.
You smiling Danish strand,
Where Viking barrows muster,
While round them orchards bloom and
hop-vines cluster,
'Tis you I love — Denmark, my native
land!

A BLIND MAN'S PRAYER

This Spring before the dawn,
I sat by an open window
Wishing I could see the lawn.
The birds and flowers that I've known
How high the willow tree had grown.
Tho, I could not see the lilac tree
Its fragrance was wafted toward me.
I hear, and long for another look
At our sparkling little brook.
All this I never again shall see
Because the sight was taken from me
My greatest source of ecstasy.
Once energetic, sure and proud
Now, I feel my way about.
No one knows what each day discloses
For man proposes, but God disposes.
Sorens K. Petersen.

Maalt med verden er det lille,
derfor ingen plet at spilde;
maalt med hjertet er det stort;
der er Danmarks saga gjort.

In this larger world, she is so small
So wasted is no spot at all;
But in her heart, as large as gold,
There is Denmark's saga told.

AWAY FROM DANMARK

My memory heard a music that my ears
did not;
The silent notes their ecstasy wrought;
Upon a lonely soul, upon a hopeful heart,
As I sit and remember, then, as we did
part.

The last day is distant; so far away;
Good-bys were short — little to say;
But as I took leave, the deep deep yearn;
My heart shed a tear and began to burn.

Time bears no mercy, and passion no
respite,
The music swelled louder in the still still
night;
Yet, as I no longer even tread your soil;
I enjoy your greatest gift — Nostalgia.

Nostalgia — calling, coaxing,
Bidding, beckoning,
Reminding, remembering,
Alluding, promising:
My land! Land of cigars,
Butter and pigs,
Undulating hills, and
neat farms;
Bricks and rustic red roofs,
Ivy, deep on the wall;
The lucky house with the chimney stork,
and the gay blond children;
Great busy waters, island upon island;
Unceasing ferry vessels,
Red and white pride,
Long life, and honor,
My hope, my existence,
My land.

My candle has burned, the flame wanes
low;
The dark drifts through an open window;
No steps now tread the empty cobbled
street,
Yet my memory hears still their busy feet.
Allan Easttorp.

NOON

Sandra Rapaport

Four fat leaves
keeping company
in a black, iron planter.

Lime green leaves
leaning leftward
toward the window-sun.

GRANDMA

Old house on the hill — your house
Your home of love, laughter, tears
Tiny toddlers growing up, grandchildren
"Grandma, where's the cookies?"
Long weekends I stayed with you
in your house ...
High ceilings, depressed worn gray sofa
and chairs
mahogany-stained tables, on one,
By your chair, a well-thumbed Bible, old
photos;
on papered walls, pretty pastel pictures
of Jesus;
Stiff white doilies, like commas, punctuat-
ing painted clay birds,
African violets, English ivy, geraniums
Growing proudly profusely in every room.

Mine was the middle bedroom with yellow
papered walls,
Cracked ceiling, the freezer in the
corner.
Family portraits in oval frames, the iron
bed —
A child's dream, soft mattress, metal
springs
That creaked and groaned beneath
bouncing
Pajama-clad bodies giggling
Through muffled mouths, ears cocked
Towards the door listening for the
talking floor
In the front room that signaled Grandma's
approach.
She came in for a kiss goodnight
Just as Cousin and I flew down between
the sheets.
"G'night, Grandma. See you in the
morning.
Can we have pancakes for breakfast?"
The ebony clock on the top shelf
In the living room ticked away night,
tocked in morning.

You became more than just "Grandma",
an individual,
You wore hair nets over soft thin gray
waved hair,
Bought church bazaar dresses for only a
few dollars,
Washed, pressed, wore them proudly over
your thin frame
That breathed violet toilet water;
Cast-off snagged run hose you wore rolled
above your knees,
and orthopedic old lady pumps.
Pearls, glass beads, plastic beads circled
your neck,
Silver, ceramic, rhinestone pins on coat
lapels.
"Grandma, you look funny with your teeth
out!"
Grandma, you talked funny, your own
Danish English spoken with hissing s's,
swallowed r's —
Grandma, I loved —
I miss you.

Lori Nielsen.



A JOURNEY THROUGH COPENHAGEN

by David Valade

I have called this "A Journey Through Copenhagen" because you, the reader, and I are going to take an imaginary walk through Denmark's capitol city. We will look at just historical places, so I am not going to mention restaurants, although we will stroll past many good places to eat.

Before we get off the electric train at Østerport, there are some historical facts that we should know about Copenhagen. First of all, Copenhagen wasn't always a big city. At one time it was a small harbor town called "Havn", until it was presented to Axel Hvide, otherwise known as Absalon, the Bishop of Roskilde. Under Absalon's rule, the city grew and its name was changed to Kōbmānhavn from which Kōbenhavn (Merchants' Harbor) evolved. The Bishop erected the city's first castle in 1167 on the site where Christianborg now stands, and named it Axelhus after himself. After Absalon, Copenhagen changed hands many times until it officially became the capitol of Denmark in 1443. Now we are ready to start our journey.

For convenience's sake, we will begin walking from Østerport Station, which is located in the northeastern part of the city. As we walk down towards the promenade, Langelinje, along the waterfront, we pass Kastellet, one of the old fortresses in the city dating from Frederick III's time. At the beginning of Langelinje is a large fountain called the Gefion Fountain depicting the goddess, Gefion, and her four sons, whom she had turned into oxen. She did this when she was offered all of the land she could plow in a day. The goddess then changed her sons into bulls and plowed all Sjaelland out of Sweden.

We will walk further on down the Langelinje to where the Little Mermaid sits looking across the harbor at Holmen,

part of the naval arsenal built by Christian IV. The statue commemorates the heroine of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale about the unfortunate love of a mermaid for a human prince.

We shall now walk back from Langelinje and stroll up Bredgade, take a left at Frederiksgade and go down to the Queen's palace, Amalienborg. The castle was built in the mid-eighteenth century by Frederick V. In the middle of the castle's courtyard is a statue of him riding a horse in all his glory. Around the square are four palaces. One is occupied by the Queen.

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The second and the third are inhabited by the Crown Prince and others of the royal family. The fourth palace holds the coronation and state rooms.

Down Frederiksgade from Amalienborg is Marmor Kirken (The Marble Church).

The construction of the church was started in 1749 by Frederick V, but was not finished until 1894 under Christian IX's reign after 125 years of financial difficulties. One of the most impressive features of Marmor Kirken is its huge marble dome that was added to the roof by a wealthy banker. Let's go through the church and start a walk down St. Kongensgade (The Great King's Street).

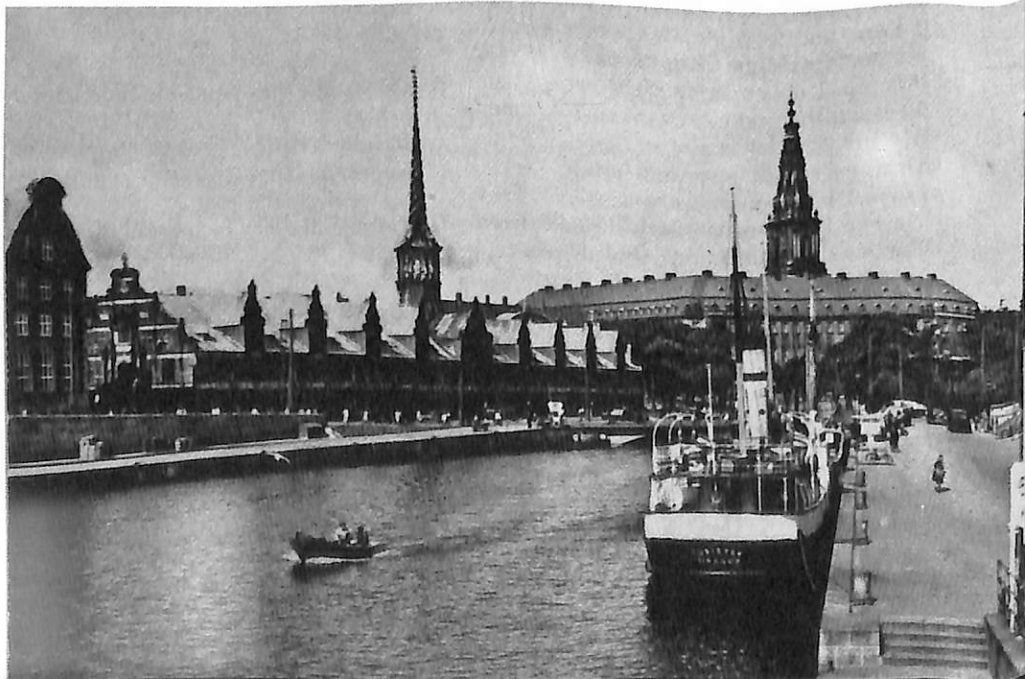
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If we look to the right on Kongensgade, we will see Nyboder, a series of navy houses built by Christian IV for the sailors of his fleet and their families. These houses are still in use today as they were when they were built.

At the end of St. Kongensgade we arrive at Kongens Nytorv, which is located at the head of Nyhavn (New Harbor). If we go clockwise in the direction of the harbor, we will pass Nyhavn and the Royal Theatre. On the right of the theater a street called Holmens Kanal begins its winding way to Holmens Kirke (the church for the Royal Navy) and Børsen, the stock exchange. Børsen was built with its green copper roof and spiral tower between 1619 and 1640 by Christian IV because he anticipated that Copenhagen would become the Amsterdam of Northern Europe.

Down the road to the right is the castle, Christianborg, which stands on the old site of Axelhus. Christianborg was built between 1731 and 1745 by Christian VI. The castle was destroyed twice by fire, once in 1794 and again in 1884, and was finally rebuilt in 1903 for use on official state occasions. After 1918 the castle was occupied by Parliament, the Supreme Court and the Foreign Office.

After Christianborg we go back to Kongens Nytorv and then stroll down Stroget (Walking Street) with all its fine



shops and interesting people. After walking along the cobbled street, we turn right on Krystalgade. On this street there is a church and a tall, round tower called Rundetaarn. The Round Tower was built by Christian IV in 1642 as an observatory in memory of the astronomer, Tycho Brahe. The King had driven Brahe off his observatory island, Hven. The astronomer then went to Prague where he died a broken man. Christian felt guilty after the astronomer's death so he built the tower to further the study of astronomy. It is said that Peter the Great of Russia drove a coach and four horses up the spiraling ramp in the tower. Whether it is fact or legend, the ramp is wide enough to fit a coach quite easily.

Tucked behind Rundetaarn is Regensen which was built by Christian IV in 1623 to house the students from the University founded by Christian I in 1479. The cathedral, Vor Fru Kirke (Our Lady's Church) is located behind Regensen and the University, and is where the students go to church.

Now we walk back to Strøget and go down to Raadhus Pladsen where the town hall is situated. It was built at the turn of the century. On the other side of the city hall is Tivoli, which is over 100 years old and one of the most famous amusement parks in the world.

From Raadhus Pladsen we take the bus from Nørre Voldgade to Gothersgade, where we get off to visit Rosenborg Castle and its park. The castle and its gardens were built between the years 1608 and 1624 and was Christian IV's favorite castle. Inside the palace is the famous silver drinking horn of Oldenburg and the crown jewels of Denmark.

Across the street is the botanical garden that was developed in 1874 under the reign of Christian IX. The garden contains an observatory and a statue of Tycho Brahe along with different varieties of flowers, a lake and other attractions.

Our journey is now over. We have seen many buildings and palaces built by the kings of Denmark. We have taken a brief walk through Copenhagen and have seen some of the more interesting sights in the city. Maybe some day we can all go to Denmark and see with our own eyes the beauty of "Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen".

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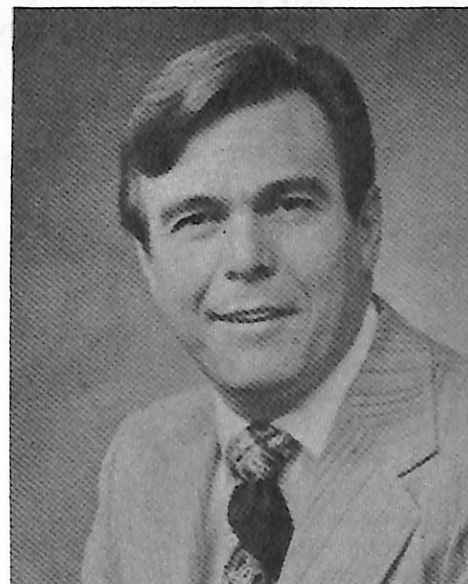
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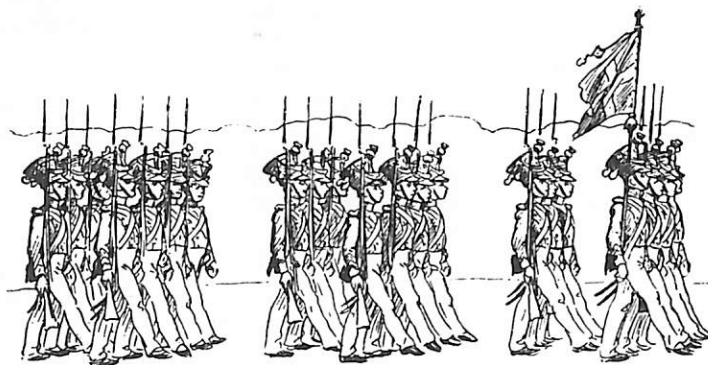
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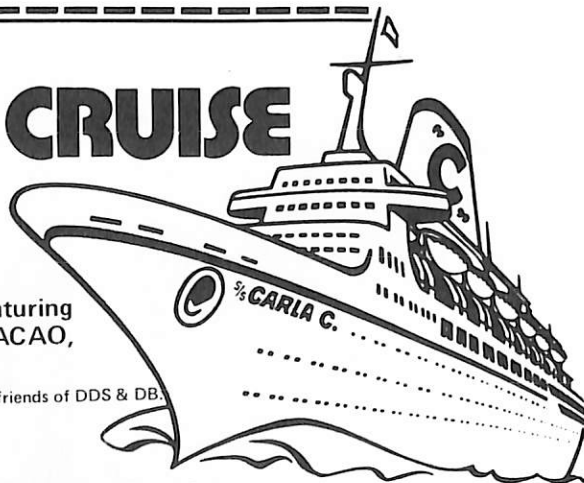
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The Storks

On the roof of a house situated at the extremity of a small town, a stork had built his nest. There sat the mother stork, with her four young ones, who all stretched out their little black bills, which had not yet become red. Not far off, upon the parapet, erect and proud, stood the father stork; he had drawn one of his legs under him, being weary of standing on two. You might have fancied him carved in wood, he stood so motionless. "It looks so grand," thought he, "for my wife to have a sentinel to keep guard over her nest; people cannot know that I am her husband; they will certainly think that I am commanded to stand here — how well it looks!" And so he remained standing on one leg.

In the street below, a number of children were playing together. When they saw the storks, one of the liveliest amongst them began to sing as much as he could remember of some old rhymes about storks, in which he was soon joined by the others:

"Stork! stork! Long-legged stork!
Into thy nest I prithee walk;
There sits thy mate,
With her four children so great.

The first we'll hang like a cat
The second we'll burn,
The third on a spit we'll turn,
The fourth drown dead as a rat!"

"Only listen to what the boys are singing," said the little storks. "They say we shall be hanged and burnt!"

"Never mind," said the mother. "Don't listen to them. They will do you no harm."

But the boys went on singing and pointed their fingers at the storks. Only one little boy, called Peter, said it was a sin to mock and tease animals, and that he would have nothing to do with it.

The mother stork again tried to comfort her little ones. "Never mind," said she. "See how composedly your father is standing there, and upon one leg only."

"But we are so frightened!" said the young ones, drawing their heads down into the nest.

The next day, when the children were again assembled to play together, and saw the storks, they again began their song:

"The first we'll hang like a cat,
The second we'll burn!"

"And are we really to be hanged and burnt?" asked the storks.

"No, indeed!" said the mother. "You shall learn to fly. I will teach you myself. Then we can fly over to the meadow and pay a visit to the frogs. They will bow to us in the water, and say, 'croak, croak!', and then we shall eat them. Will not that be nice?"

"And then what?" asked the little storks.

"Then all the storks in the country will gather together, and the autumnal exercise will begin. It is of the greatest consequence that you should fly well then, for everyone who does not, the general will stab to death with his bill. So you

must pay great attention when we begin to drill you, and learn very quickly."

"Then we shall really be killed after all, as the boys said! Oh, listen, they are singing it again!"

"Attend to me, and not to them!" said the mother. "After the grand exercise, we shall fly to warm countries, far, far away from here, over mountains and forests. We shall fly to Egypt, where there are the three-cornered stone houses whose summits reach the clouds; they are called pyramids and are older than it is possible

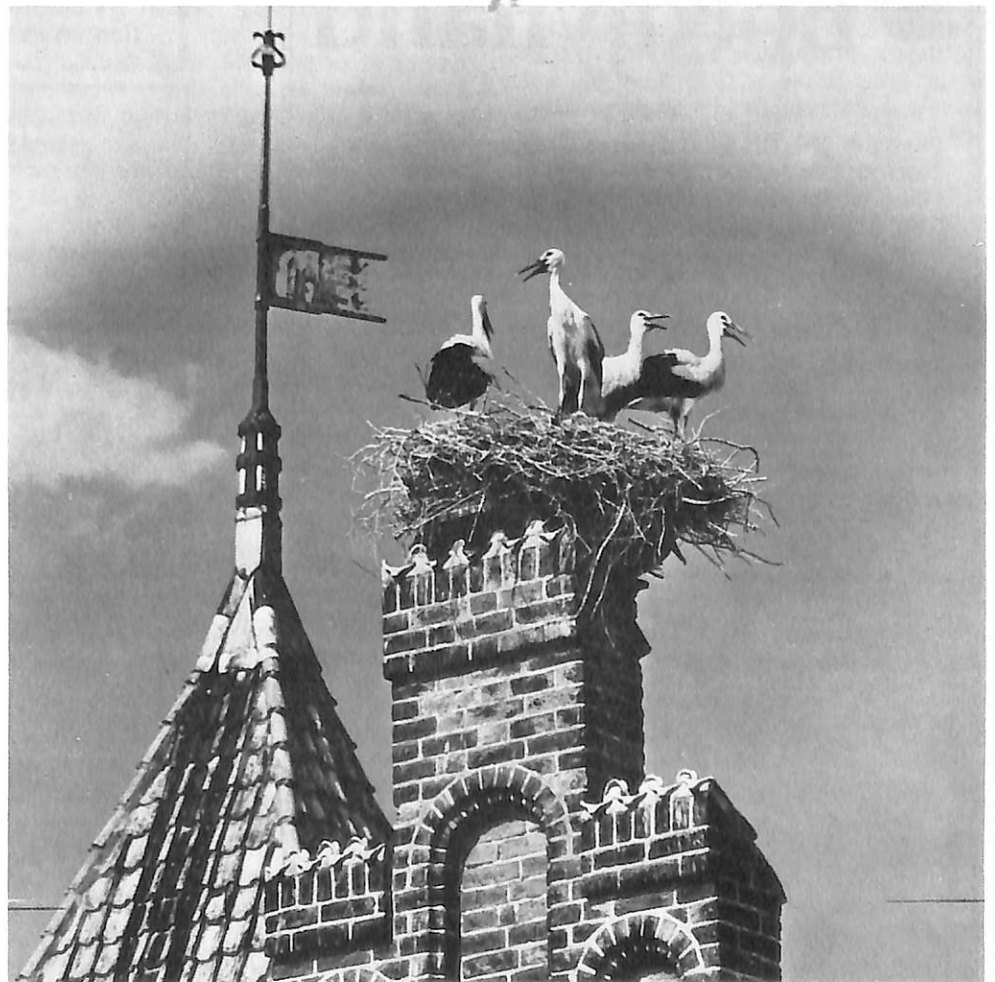
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for storks to imagine. There is a river, too, which overflows its banks, so as to make the whole country like a marsh, and we shall go into the marsh and eat frogs."

"Oh!", said the young ones.

"Yes, it is delightful! One does nothing but eat all the day long. And whilst we are so comfortable, in this country not a single green leaf is left on the trees, and it is so cold that the clouds are frozen, and fall down upon the earth in little white pieces." She meant snow, but she could not express herself more clearly.

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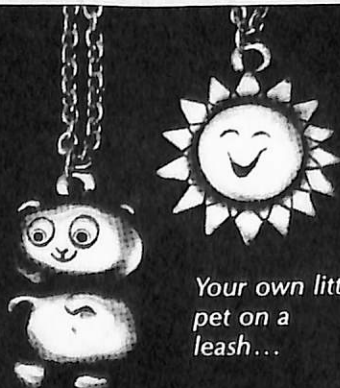
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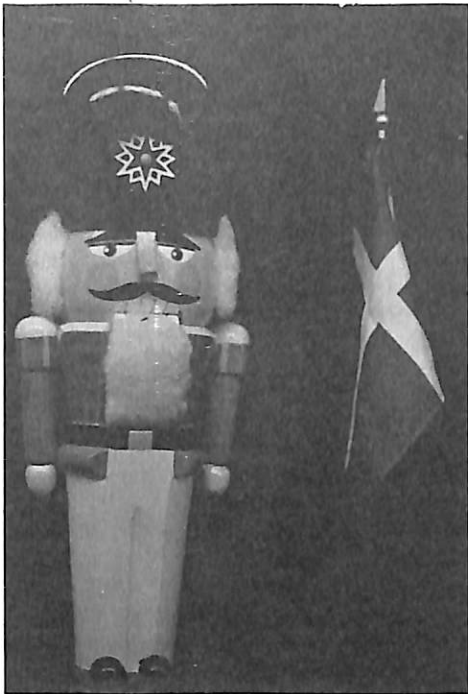
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Our Lodges in Action

Editor's Note: The new format for the "Our Lodges in Action" section of the "American Dane" magazine was developed in an effort to offer our readership the best informational material presented in the most personal and appealing manner. There have been long time lapses between an event and its appearance in this column. This is the March issue and we are still reporting Christmas material. Though this is most assuredly not the fault of the various lodge secretaries.

Our deadlines were formerly the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication (January 15th for the February magazine). From this date until the completion of printing takes approximately three weeks. Then, if the magazine is mailed by the 6th of the month, total delivery will be completed by the 20th. Barring all unforeseen delays, of course. Throughout all of this, if we receive a statement concerning a December event by January 15, the readership can expect to read about it by the end of February. Two months after the fact.

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We are trying to change this. But, because our options are very limited, and so is our space, the first change is the deadline date. We have moved it back from the 15th to the 10th of each month. That five days, hopefully, shouldn't affect the correspondent's duties too much, whereas it will allow us the time necessary to get the magazine in the mail by the end of the same month, thus insuring delivery (that's with any luck at all) near the first of the dated month.

The second change will be the visual

one. The entire magazine will be taking on a new look, and the "Our Lodges in Action" will also reflect this upgrading. Patterned after the "Spot News" briefs in the newspapers, it will facilitate more coverage while, at the same time, conserving space. The following is a sample.

So, I ask your cooperation and your opinion. Trying to create a more current magazine is like trying to stop a train by tugging on the caboose. And I will sincerely appreciate all the helping hands I can get.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Mich. — The second meeting of the year was canceled due to snow-filled highways and severe cold which is most unusual. But our meeting of February 11 made amends as the brothers prepared and served the annual "Valentine Dinner" for the sisters that brought many compliments throughout the evening.

The selection of delegates for the Annual District Convention in Detroit this spring are: Paul Worden, Hugh Thompson, Wesley Kroft, Vern Minard and Lawrence Petersen as chairman.

Our dining room is very attractive with 100 new chairs to surround the pretty tables.

We are waiting to initiate a new member into our group, David Burke.

Already we are making plans for the Annual Festival in August of 1977. There are lots of activities that prove the Danes enjoy fun, friendship and progress.

Vern Minard, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — On January 22, Detroit Lodge No. 227 along with Sisterhood No. 125 held a joint installation of officers at the Danish Club of Detroit. In conjunction with the installation we also had a dinner-dance which was attended by over 150 brothers and sisters. Chris Fabricius, who is a past president of our lodge, presided as the installing officer and he was assisted by Past President Eric Larsen, who performed the duties of installing conductor. Both of these brothers are to be congratulated for a job well done. For the Sisterhood, Past Presidents Marion Smith and Helen Sorensen did the honors as installing officer and marshal, respectively. Because of the efficiency of these people we had a very impressive installation ceremony.

On January 26 we had our first meeting under our new officers and even though we didn't have much business to transact, we did manage to have a couple of things happen. Those of you who were not at the meeting missed out on Danish sandwiches and beer, and coffee and pastry.

We will be bowling in the National Tournament on April 17 at the Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington. Anyone interested should contact Jim Crocket.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

IOWA

Lodge No. 147, Newell, Ia. — Brother Jens L. Pedersen received his check for his paid-up DBIA certificate upon reaching his 96th birthday. His son, Soren, is presenting it to him, on behalf of the Brotherhood. Jens has been a member of our lodge at Newell for over 60 years.



The board of directors presented a potted flower to Jens through the help of his son, Chris. Jens and his two sons live in Sacramento, Calif.

Elmer Jensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia. — February 1 was our regular monthly meeting. The officers for the new year were in charge: Harold Jensen, president; Walter Pedersen, vice President; Lucille Christensen, secretary; and Vernon Faltinson, treasurer. Two new members were accepted into the lodge at the meeting.

Harlen Johnsen, Laurens, Ia., was our guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Johnsen is a talented craftsman. He has designed, built and finished various tables in Danish style, each one crafted,

laminated and pegged. One of his finished products was on display. He showed slides of tables he has completed, as well as pictures of his trip to Denmark last fall, at

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which time he was awarded a scholarship. The seminar was held at the Danish Institute in Copenhagen. It was a most interesting evening and all enjoyed visiting with Mr. Johnsen. Thirty-one members were present.

Marie Pedersen, Correspondent.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, Wash. — The first annual "Danske White Elephant Sale" was held in conjunction with the February 3 meeting. It provided the evening's entertainment and put some dollars in the lodge treasury as well.

District Presidents Elizabeth Madsen and Max Madsen of the DB and DS, with very able assistance from Marshal-Conductors Astrid and Hans Jensen, and photographer, Doris Madsen, did an outstanding job as the installation team for our 1977 officers on January 6. Their grand beginning should make this year one of great growth and achievement. Thanks for the start.

... notify lodge representative Sharon Kinder of any prospective Danish Brotherhood members.

Officers for the year are: Past President Ernest Hansen, President Pat Gilbert, Vice President Fred Matheny, Secretary Lawrence Charneski, Treasurer Emil Larsen, Trustees Edith Gage, Lorraine Miller and Herbert Miller, Conductor Carl Kjeldsen, Inner Guard Sheridan Perry, Outer Guard Iver Hansen, Entertainment Chairman Rudy Vida, and Insurance Representative Sharon Kinder.

Please notify Lodge Representative Sharon Kinder of any prospective Danish Brotherhood members.

Lawrence Charneski, Secretary.

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash. — Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29 meets every first Wednesday except July and August at the Swedish Club, 1920 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, Wash.

Our Christmas party on December 12 was a great success and very well attended. Special thanks to all those both in the Brotherhood and Sisterhood who helped make this a wonderful party.

From Portland we have received the good news that our friend and member of Portland Lodge No. 167, Marcus Peter Pihl, was presented the Order of Ridder of

Dannebrog. Our congratulations to Pete and his family.

The joint Brotherhood and Sisterhood officers of Seattle installation was held on Saturday, January 29, at the University Tower Hotel. Installation followed after the dinner. Our District Presidents of the Brotherhood, Max Madsen and Betty Madsen, of the Sisterhood, officiated. After the installation there was dancing to Richard Svendsen's Orchestra.

Mrs. Martin Nielsen of Everett, Wash., informs us that they have a grand nephew from Denmark living with them. He is attending high school in Everett as an exchange student from Denmark. Unfortunately, we do not have his name as yet, but he would like to contact other young students of Danish ancestry in this area. So come on, all you "Young Vikings", you may write to Mrs. Martin Nielsen, 3606 Mukilteo Blvd., Everett, Wash. 98203.

Wanted!! Better attendance at the lodge meetings. There will be important matters coming up in the near future — so please be there.

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There will be a Danish language class held at the St. John's Lutheran church, 5515 Phinney Ave., in Seattle. Beginning on February 7, the sessions will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 for 15 consecutive Mondays. Mr. Clinton Hyde of the University of Washington will be the teacher. The classes are for adults. There will be a moderate tuition fee. The program is co-sponsored by DB Lodge No. 29 and DS Lodge No. 40, and the Danish Club.

Clyde Langsted, Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — The bingo party held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. David Young in January was very successful and was well attended by both members and guests, including some visitors from Denmark, Inge Holmes' mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jensen. There were many lovely prizes won and aebleskiver and coffee were served later. As always, everything was very delicious and all attending had a wonderful evening.

Alice Pinkerton, Correspondent.

MINNESOTA

Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn. — In spite of our cold weather here in Minnesota, we are still trying to keep up our good spirits and are looking forward to our annual spring banquet. This should

be sometime in April. However, before this event comes the yearly "Hit the cat out of the barrel" party.

Elsa Andersen had a good suggestion at the October meeting to help draw more people to the monthly meetings. She suggested that the members take turns preparing a nice lunch each month. As a result of this, 40 people showed up at the following meeting, which is a very good turnout.

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There was installation of officers at the December meeting. The new officers are Hans Nathan, secretary; June Hoj, financial secretary. The other officers carried over from 1976.

Frede Solomonsen was appointed as the new insurance representative for the Twin Cities.

Olav Grand, Correspondent.

FLORIDA

Lodge No. 257, St. Petersburg, Fla. — Our meeting on January 20 was very well attended. We welcomed as new members Brother John Unger and Sister Margrethe Unger, who also hold membership in Lodge No. 164, and Helen L. Wester.

Since the transfer of our lodge "Cimbria" from New York to St. Petersburg went into effect in 1974, we have grown from a handful of members to 65. Our past president, Elmer Jensen, was instrumental, with the help of some good aides, to make the move, and we are enjoying having Lodge No. 257 down here.

... Lodge No. 257's 70th anniversary to be held at the Bradford Coach House in St. Petersburg on April 2.

We had our installation of officers and Past President Viggo Mikkelsen did a good job as installing officer. New officers are: Elmer Jensen, past president; Bob Jorgensen, president; William Steffensen, vice president; Georg Pedersen, financial secretary and treasurer; Gunna Jensen, secretary; Holger Rasmussen, conductor; Ellen Blidsoe, Effie Pedersen and Paul Parker as trustees. Brother Paul Vedel assisted Viggo Mikkelsen as conductor.

Sister Ellen Blidsoe is chairman of the raffle and is also in full charge of Lodge No. 257's 70th anniversary to be held at the Bradford Coach House in St. Petersburg on April 2. Assisting are Elga Jorgensen and Ludvig Boraks. The price for the dinner is \$8.50 including a cocktail at 6:30. Dinner is at 7:00. There will also be door prizes and a good four-man orchestra has been hired, so be ready for some dancing and a good time.

Gunna Jensen, Secretary.

MIDWEST

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, Wis. — The Christmas potluck supper in December and the program following was unusual in that a young special guest, Anne Petersen, was present from Fakse (40 miles south of Copenhagen, Denmark). She is studying this year at Shorter College, Rome, Ga., under a Rotary scholarship. She was spending her Christmas vacation in Waupaca with relatives. She showed slides of her home city and explained about it. She also answered questions and told of Christmas in Denmark, including customs and activities at holiday time.

Members enjoyed this fellowship and concluded a pleasant evening by singing familiar English and Danish songs.

Aleine Miller, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 9, Oshkosh, Wis. — Our Christmas party held December 4 is really old news, but it was one of the best events of the year and deserves belated mention. Caroling, bingo, lunch and gift exchange were the events of the evening. The main attraction was our traditional Danish Christmas tree. It was beautiful. Many busy, happy hours were spent constructing paper stars, cones and clusters of red hearts. The weaving of red and white paper baskets, the braiding of raffia rings centered with hanging hearts and the tying of paper straws into star shapes were some of our more difficult projects. Of course, our tree had paper and pine cone Jule-Nisse. Thanks to all the people who helped with the party preparations. Thanks, too, to our friends from Waupaca for attending our party and especially to Helen Petersen, who added much to the evening by playing Christmas carols for us.

On January 27 a delicious potluck dinner preceded our meeting. We were happy to have as guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ibsen. Bob came to Oshkosh to install our new officers. Thanks, Bob. The officers for 1977 are: President Frank Hansen, Vice President Clifford Eichman, Secretary Helen Eichman, Treasurer Richard Segor, Trustees Frode Andersen, Henry Christiansen and Arthur Larsen, Conductor Eiler Skou, and Guard Harold Nielsen.

Helen Eichman, Secretary.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Ill. — Carl E. Jensen passed away New Year's Eve after a prolonged illness. Carl was a delegate to the National Committee from Lodge No. 35. We shall all miss him.

Simon Jensen and his wife, Paula, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on January 15. All of us from No. 35 wish them health and happiness in the years to come.

Our former secretary, Carl B. Meyer, and wife, Else, celebrated 40 years of

wedded bliss on January 31. Congratulations. Ole Olsen celebrated his 96th birthday on January 20. Brother Olsen has been a member of our lodge for 75 years, having joined the Brotherhood December 20, 1901. Congratulations.

January 28 was supposed to have been installation of officers night, but due to the cold weather and bad driving conditions, it was postponed until a later date.

Charles Jespersen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Valdemar (William) Sorensen, who passed away on January 21. Willie was a member of the Brotherhood since 1909. William's wife passed away on February 2. May God's peace be with them both.

A very successful "hard times" dance was held on Saturday, January 8. Winners of the raffle were: Danish Blue Plate, Dick Perschnick; \$25 Savings Bond, Pete Buck, from Pontiac, and Virginia Nielsen; Homemade Afghan and Pillow, Greg Best; \$50 Savings Bond, Anne Maccono from Ottawa. Thanks to all of you who went out and sold 478 raffle tickets and made this a very successful fund raising activity for our lodge.

The Midwest Annual Bowling Tournament, Banquet and Dance is April 2 in Milwaukee. Start forming your teams (men, women, mixed, adults, juveniles) and get the information in to the lodge as soon as possible.

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The weather was COLD, the snow was blowing, many roads and farmers lanes were closed, but this did not stop about 100 adults and children (including Einar Danielsen and his wife, Mary, from St. Charles) from eating aebleskiver. The committee headed by Margaret Goodwin and Genny Andreasen want to say a "Big Thanks" to all who so faithfully worked with us in planning and preparing the supper. After the supper, Past National President Einar Danielsen, assisted by Jim Andreasen, then installed the new officers. After the meeting, we were entertained by the magic acts of Danny Ford.

Don't forget to get your name in the hat for the Cold Duck drawing each month by just submitting the name of a prospective member to Jim Andreasen.

Margaret Goodwin, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — Despite severely cold weather, Mr. Robert Ibsen, National Director and President of the Midwest District, and his wife, Elaine, as well as Mr. John Mollerskov, Vice President of the Midwest District, and his wife, Betty, traveled from Kenosha and Racine, respectively, for our January meeting.

Mr. Ibsen was our installing officer and Mr. Mollerskov was conductor as our officers for 1977 took their oath of office.

The new officers are: Carl Petersen, president; Laurits Petersen, past president; William Petersen, vice president; Walter Petersen, secretary treasurer; Peter Nielsen, Ingolf Petersen and Elly Christensen, trustees; Vivi Wolf, inner guard; Christian Jensen, outer guard. At this meeting we had the pleasure of viewing an art display. The beautiful oils, water colors, inks and prints were done by Mrs. Laine Zinn and her art students. Mrs. Zinn was on hand to explain her work.

The Midwest District bowling tournament, an event we all look forward to each year, will be April 2 in Milwaukee. We are hoping to again send one men's team and one women's team. Again we are hoping to win prizes.

Carl and Janet Petersen, along with Kenneth and Marion Nelson, attended the festive 95th anniversary party of Racine Lodge No. 4. We thoroughly enjoyed the 40 voices of the Racine YMCA Boys' Choir. It was an honor to be a part of this tradition and we wish Lodge No. 4 our congratulations and increased success in forthcoming years. Some of us are looking forward to the second anniversary party at Wood Dale on March 26. Waukegan Lodge No. 182 extends their congratulations and good wishes to one of our youngest lodges, No. 340, as they enter their third successful year.

During Brotherhood Week in February, Young Viking Christopher Stephens took the opportunity to share his Danish heritage with his third grade class at Greenwood school. It is encouraging to know that even the third generation Danish-Americans are taking the same pride in their ancestry as did their grandfathers. Steven Arndt was welcomed as our newest Young Viking at our February meeting. After a short business meeting, we all enjoyed a game of bunco and then Vi Christensen served dessert.

Mrs. Elvira Lake, head librarian at the Waukegan Public Library, will give a book review at our March meeting. The book is entitled "Faraway Lurs", a Danish folklore.

On Friday, April 15 (the third Friday of the month due to the fact that April 8 is Good Friday), in the small conference room, Mr. Robert Flint of Commonwealth Edison will present a movie, "Now That the Dinosaurs Are Gone" — and a talk on energy and how to conserve it.

Leave your television sets every second Friday night of the month and join with your fellow Danes at the Waukegan Public Library for an evening of fun, food and fellowship, not necessarily in that order. Bring your wife — we are co-ed, you know. Bring your children, grandchildren, we are also a "family affair". You won't be sorry.

Janet Petersen, Correspondent.

EASTERN LODGES

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — About 70 people, youngsters and members, participated in the December meeting, a Danish roast pork dinner with all the trimmings was served. This was followed by gifts for the children and pollyannas for the adults. All had a great time. John Hoyer received his 50-year pin at the meeting. Brother John has been a very active member of the lodge for all these years and it is with great pleasure that we extend our congratulations to him.

A Fastelavns Party is being planned by Lodge No. 172 and members of all lodges are welcome to attend. The date is Sunday, March 11, at the Swedish Museum at 2 p.m. Children are free; try to bring them in costume. There will be prizes for the best. If you have no children, come along anyway to enjoy an afternoon of Danish sociability.



From left: Geert Pedersen, President, No. 342; George Godthaab, National President, and Georg Olsen, President, No. 172.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa. — The new year got off to a terrific start in January when National President George Godthaab installed our lodge officers in conjunction with the officers of the Philadelphia lodge.

Some of our well-wishers traveled quite a distance to be with us on this occasion. Assisting Brother Godthaab and acting as conductors were National First Vice President George Jacobsen from Lodge No. 325 and James Brochu, Past President of Lodge No. 116. Representing New York Lodge No. 164 were Raymond and Grete Leth and D. Herman Farber joined us from Perth Amboy Lodge No. 46.

Following the serious moments of the installation, the 85 persons present celebrated the beginning of our second year in typical Danish style. Ulla Pedersen and Toby Bobman prepared an excellent smørrebrød, and after doing justice to this, we partied and danced until the morning hours.

There were, however, some changes in our slate of officers. Niels Malmquist held a brief meeting before turning things over to our national president and announced, that for personal reasons, he would be unable to lead us for another year. Our new president is Geert Pedersen and our

new vice president is Julius Jensen. Walter Nielsen, our delegate to the Danish Home for the Aged, now holds the position of second trustee. All other positions remain the same.

With our new officers and the continuing support of all our members, we're going to make 1977 as great and greater than 1976.

Lorraine Malmquist, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J. — Due to bad weather the January meeting had to be canceled, so the joint installation with the Sisterhood lodge was never accomplished. The brothers installed their officers at the February meeting.

Brother Chris A. Skow passed away January 4, a couple of months before his 85th birthday.

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Lodge No. 116 will attempt to open their doors to women. Voting on this issue will take place at our March meeting.

It is expected that our new president, Chris Mogensen, will call an officers' meeting soon after his installation. A social program for the year will then be made up.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — It is with extreme regret that we announce the passing of our dear Brother Chris Biering, who passed away December 16, 1976. He will be missed by all members of Lodge No. 190, young and old. He contributed so much to his fellow members that he was known as Mr. Brotherhood by most people he came in contact with. He had served as our financial secretary and treasurer for more than 12 years, and had been editor of our newsletter for the past six years. We truly mourn his passing and extend our condolences to his family.

On January 5 we had a delicious dinner served by our two lovely ladies from the Sisterhood, Nina Bukka and Gerda Christensen. We then had a short meeting opened by our president, George Severson.

William Petersen was elected to fill the post of financial secretary and treasurer, as well as editor of our newsletter. Brother Petersen promised to do his best to continue the good work that his predecessor, Chris, had done.

On Saturday, January 8, we held our installation of officers, along with the Sisterhood. Olin Yauchler installed the following officers: Past President Glen Nissen, President George Severson, Vice President Olin Yauchler, Secretary Clarence Hanson, Financial Secretary and Treasurer William Peterson, Trustees Kaj Nielsen, Pete Sorensen and Pete Nielsen, Conductor Walter Christiansen, Outer Guard Kaye Sorensen, Sr., Inner Guard Kaye Sorensen, Jr. After the impressive

installation we all enjoyed the delicious repast of Danish open faced sandwiches, coffee and pastries. Needless to say, it was enjoyed by everyone present.

We started the January 19 meeting with a delightful torsk dinner served the way we all remembered. We then toasted the birthday brothers with a bottle of Akvavit purchased by the Birthday Club. The singing and jokes were terrific.

We were then entertained by Willy Willendrup, who recently returned from a trip to Mexico, where he explored the Lost Civilization of the Maya Indians. He gave us a very dramatic and interesting account of his adventures.

William Peterson, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. — Lyngblomsten Lodge 242 installation of officers for the year was held January 29. A dinner was held with live entertainers and musicians. Walter Christensen installed the new officers, assisted by Marius Mellgaard. The new handbook for conducting meetings was used for the first time, with mixed reactions from those present. Some felt we were getting too far away from the ritualism that was part of our Brotherhood. It was decided to continue using it until the new officers have a chance to analyze it.

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A good resolution for 1977 will be to make a greater effort to get new members into our lodge and encourage participation and attendance. Let's all try for at least one. My little neighbor (five years old), told his father that Mr. Tansey has a great invention for snow removal. "It don't need any gas or electricity or anything. You just push it." A shovel does use the same principle in whatever you wish to accomplish, including getting new members.

Richard Tansey, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 183, Troy, N.Y. — The Troy lodge has been busy since we resumed meetings in September after a busy summer recess for all. Our delegate enjoyed his first GCEL Convention over Labor Day and gave a good report. We then had to settle down to the matters at hand. We had nominations for officers for 1977, and planned our joint Christmas party with the Sisterhood. Our Christmas party was a great success. We had a good turnout and Santa Claus made an unexpected appearance with gifts for all.

Our officers for 1977 are: President Harry Jensen, Jr., Vice President Gary Milligan, Financial Secretary Irving Jensen, Treasurer Harry Jensen, Sr., Acting Secretary Harry Jensen, Jr. Everyone is looking forward to our February meeting and our annual Fastelavns celebration. March brings back

some of our members who ventured to Florida for the cold months and our Chinese auction.

As everyone can see, Troy is keeping busy and we will try for more articles in the "American Dane" in the months to come.

Harry Jensen, President.

NEBRASKA

1977 Nebraska Danish Days in Minden — Minden's Danish Days will be June 9-12. We are planning some new activities this year, and hope to make it a bigger and better affair than ever. Some things new are the antique show, a teen dance and a bake sale. Now is the time to mark your calendar and plan to attend Nebraska's Fourth Annual Danish Days at Minden. You'll really enjoy Danish smørrebrød, aebleskiver and apple cake. We would like to have everyone come in a Danish costume and enter in the costume contest.

In an effort to pass down our Danish heritage, we will have a Danish King and Queen contest. So if you are of Danish descent, between 15 and 24, and single, we would like to have you try out for the contest. For more information, contact Glen Haselbarth, Rt. 1, Minden, Neb. 68959.

Herb Nielsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Neb. — Our lodge held their 95th anniversary banquet on the 21st of January at the regular meeting place. Despite bad weather, about 100 attended and the barbecued steaks were delicious. Our president for 1977, Jim Weedman, gave two 50-year pins, one to Chris Jorgensen and one to Frank Gunderson. Other 50-year members honored and present were Axel Skelbeck, Chris Juhl and Raymond Jensen. Dancing followed the banquet. Many thanks to the committee.

I have gotten Vennelyst Park here in Omaha reserved for our annual State Picnic for DB & DS on the 24th of July.

The officers for 1977 are: Past President Axel Skelbeck, President Jim Weedman, Vice President Eigil (Andy) Andersen, Secretary Jerry Petersen, Treasurer Jim Donahue, Trustees John Johnson, Reinhardt Paludin, Robert Storms, Conductor Larry Valade. Larry also writes the newsletter for No. 1 and is doing a wonderful job. Sick committee chairman is again Chris Larsen.

I have reserved Vennelyst Park here in Omaha for our annual State Picnic for DB and DS on the 24th of July. Details about this later.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, Neb. — The families of Lodge No. 206 enjoyed an old fashioned Danish Christmas dinner and

program on December 13 at the Grange Hall in Blair.

The Brotherhood provided the roast goose, stuffed with apples and prunes. Ham, browned potatoes, red cabbage and homemade rolls, a variety of Danish salads, vegetables and desserts were brought by the members.

There were games for the kids, young and old, and Santa Claus brought candy, nuts, apples and oranges for all. A large Christmas tree was decorated in the Danish tradition and gifts were exchanged.

Officers of the Blair lodge for 1977 are J. Merton Kuhr, president; Morris Palle, vice president; Etlar Olsen, secretary; Ebba Rasmussen, treasurer; and Hans Petersen, conductor.

Etlar Olsen, Secretary.



Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Neb. — At our February 12 meeting in Ruskin, Ken Pedersen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pedersen, Hardy, Neb., was presented a trophy and \$100 Savings Bond for winning the 1976 Essay Contest sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood. Mr. Andy Andersen, Omaha, made this presentation at the meeting.

Ken was also presented with a cake baked and decorated by Mrs. Willard McCutcheon. The top of the cake was centered with Ken's picture and essay. Around this were the words, "Congratulations, Ken — Essay Winner Lodge 161". The cake was a gift from the lodge.

Ginny Schultz, Secretary.

EXCERPT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO A LODGE...

... There is no need for drastic changes within our lodges, and I have no intentions of making them. No lodge, however, can be perfect. As your new president, I simply ask every member and officer to do your best, so that together we can create an even better lodge of Brotherhood, Unity and Trust. Let's all keep alive our slogan —

"DENMARK OUR HERITAGE —
AMERICA OUR HOME"

NEW BOOKS

"Of Danish Ways"; Ingeborg S. MacHaffie and Margaret A. Nielsen; Illustrated by Henning Jensen; 1976 Dillon Press, 500 S. Third St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55415; \$7.95.

Written by two Danish-American ladies "Of Danish Ways" is a delightful panorama of the land and heritage that is our Denmark. A lovely place, full of humor and graciousness, to charm even the most "stubborn-Viking" individual. And it is a pleasant tour of this "Yndigt" land both historically and traditionally. Yet this book also includes an interesting chapter about the Danes in America, their adaptability and their independence. "Of Danish Ways" can only ignite the pride in our heritage. A truly lovely, fascinating and well-written book for those of us who remember the way it was, as well as for those of us who can only dream about the way it must have been. **Recommended.**

"Danes Go West", A Book About the Emigration to America; Dr. Kristian Hvidt; 1976, Rebuild National Park Society, Inc.; Bertelsen Publishing Co., 36 Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park, Ill. 60635.

This is, indeed, a scholarly work presenting not only the well-established emigration patterns of this century, but also the unusual, little-known influence of the late 17th and early 18th centuries. And it is beautifully written. Full of anecdotes and case histories, packed with information, it still is just plain fun reading. Dr. Hvidt has done a masterful job of making "Danes Go West" both educational and entertaining. And the etchings, sketches, and photographs make this book a delightful edition to a Danish reading library. **Recommended.**

"Take All to Nebraska"; Sophus Keith Winther; University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln and London, 1976; \$3.95.

In the mid-1930's, Dr. Sophus Winther first published the now-famous Grimsen trilogy, "Take All to Nebraska" (1936), "Mortgage Your Heart" (1937), and "This Passion Never Dies" (1938). Forty years later the first book of the trilogy has again been re-issued, much to the extreme pleasure of Dr. Winther's growing list of fans. "Take All To Nebraska" is a gentle, warm, affectionate book portraying the struggles of Peter Grimsen, his wife, Meta, and their sons as they try to establish themselves on a rented farm in Nebraska after spending several dismal years in the East. On the surface, the rich prairie soil seems to offer them success, and financial security; however, below the surface lies the insidious power of others who slowly drain away their resources. Yet, notwithstanding this frustration, the Grimsen family conquers these problems, and, at the end of this particular book, Peter Grimsen decides to apply for citizenship. A truly engaging book, one anyone of any age will enjoy.

Recommended.

Danish Brotherhood Lodge Directory

NOTE: In the list of local lodge secretaries published herein, the information is given in this order: Number and location of the lodge, the secretary's address, the meeting date and meeting place of the lodge. Where no city is mentioned in the secretary's address, it is the same as the city in which the lodge is located. The zip code is given in parenthesis.

The report of 1977 officers has not been received. Secretaries who find an asterisk () behind their lodge number are asked to send their 1977 lodge officers list to the Home Office as soon as possible.

CALIFORNIA

- 39***Oakland, Calif.** Owen R. Andker, 1414 Allman St. (94602). Fourth Friday, 1349 Hayes St., San Leandro, Calif.
- 49 **San Francisco, Calif.** Henning Jensen, 1613 Brewster Ave., Redwood City, Calif. (94062). Second and fourth Wednesday, Swedish Hall, 2174 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.
- 67 **Fresno, Calif.** Laurice DeLaurant, 1505 N. Lafayette (93728). Second Thursday, DB Hall, 105 Yosemite, Fresno.
- 95 **Ferndale, Calif.** Niels Lorenzen, P.O. Box 727 (95536). Fourth Tuesday, Danish Hall.
- 126 **Los Angeles, Calif.** Peter Breum, 3216 Military Ave. (90034). First and third Friday, Alamo, 6401 Ruby St., Los Angeles.
- 143***Petaluma, Calif.** Henry C. Brown, 302 West St. (94952). Third Friday, Veterans Memorial Bldg., Petaluma Blvd. North.
- 184***Hayward, Calif.** Mrs. Jonna Villadsen, 40432 Laiola, Fremont, Calif. (94536). First Friday, 1808 "B" St., Hayward, Calif.
- 230 **Arcata, Calif.** Mrs. Laura Schuler, 3223 "U" St., Eureka, Calif. (95501). Second Thursday, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1575 "L" St., Arcata, Calif.
- 255 **Selma, Calif.** Hans Andersen, 1403 Aspen St. (93662). Third Thursday, 1710 Tucker St., Selma, Calif.
- 306***San Diego, Calif.** Rudy Kring, 7380 Orien St., La Mesa, Calif. (92041). First Wednesday, R.N.A. Hall, 3815 Wabash Ave., San Diego, Calif.
- 319 **Bakersfield, Calif.** Alfred C. Nielsen, 2629 Pine St. (93301). First Thursday, Labor Hall, 200 W. Jeffrey, Bakersfield.
- 322 **Santa Barbara, Calif.** Erik Jorgensen, 11 El Arco (93105). First and third Wednesday, 2210 Garden St., Santa Barbara.
- 323 **Alhambra, Calif.** Frank Jepsen, 457 W. Almora, Monterey Park, Calif. (91754). Second Friday, Service Center, 440 S. McPherrin, Monterey Park, Calif.
- 329 **Long Beach, Calif.** Mrs. Lorraine Edwards, 3618 Bouquet Ave., Anaheim, Calif. (92804). Second Saturday, member's homes.
- 332 **Ripon, Calif.** Vernon Olsen, 2124 Edgebrook Dr., Modesto, Calif. (95351). Third Friday, Dania Hall, 416 Eye St., Modesto, Calif.
- 337 **Fremont, Calif.** Mrs. Elsy Rasmussen, 5317 Eggers Dr. (94536). Second Thursday, 470 School St., Fremont, Calif.

COLORADO

- 43 **Denver, Colo.** Svend A. Sonderup, 615 Ash St. (80220). Third Tuesday, Eastern Star Bldg., 225 Acoma St., Denver, Colo.
- 254***Brush, Colo.** Aksel Sorensen, 211 Custer St. (80723). Second Wednesday.
- 261 **Fowler, Colo.** Victor V. Hansen, Rt. 1 (81039). Second Thursday, DB Hall, Fowler, Colo.

CONNECTICUT

- 32 **New Haven, Conn.** Norman Edmonds, 86 Westminster St., Hamden, Conn. (06514). Second Wednesday, MIX District Five Station, 905 Shepard Ave., Hamden, Conn.
- 37 **Bridgeport, Conn.** Erik Garde, 26 Brooklawn Place (06604). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Cemetery Dr., Stratford, Conn.
- 41 **Derby, Conn.** Christian Andersen, 6 Edgewood Ave., Shelton, Conn. (06484). Third Thursday, Legion Hall, Atwater Ave., Derby, Conn.
- 50 **Byram, Conn.** Harry Helwig, 140 Colonial Rd., Stamford, Conn. (06906). Second Thursday, Danish American Club, Division St., Byram, Conn.
- 103 **Waterbury, Conn.** Robert Humiston, 30 General Patton Dr., Naugatuck, Conn. (06770). Second Sunday, member's homes.
- 314 **Hartford, Conn.** Peter A. Thomsen, 34 Johnson St., Newington, Conn. (06111). First and Third Wednesday. 302 White St., Hartford, Conn.

FLORIDA

- 257 **St. Petersburg, Fla.** Mrs. Gunna Jensen, 4410-29th Ave. N. (33713). Third Thursday, Extension Homemakers Bldg., 6026-75th Ave., Pinellas Park, Fla.
- 321 **West Palm Beach, Fla.** Guno Karlberg, 956-30th St. (33407). Second Saturday, Oddfellows Hall, 410 Datura St., West Palm Beach, Fla.

IDAHO

- 264 **Pocatello, Idaho.** Shaun Watson, Rt. 1 N., Box 68 (83201). First Saturday, 1356 N. Main, Pocatello, Idaho.

ILLINOIS

- 17 **Chicago, Ill.** Mrs. Albertice Nylén, 6439 N. Drake Ave., Lincolnwood, Ill. (60645). Second Wednesday, 4624 N. Pulaski Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- 34 **Dwight, Ill.** Mrs. Margaret Goodwin, 304 E. James St. (60420). Second Monday, V.F.W., Old Route 66, Dwight, Ill.
- 35 **Chicago, Ill.** Charles Jespersen, 163 Strieff Ave., Chicago Heights, Ill. (60411). Fourth Friday, 9701 Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill.
- 64***Rockford, Ill.** Donald Moon, 5450 Regency Way (61111). Third Wednesday, Baltic Lodge Club, 1524-9th St., Rockford, Ill.
- 92 **St. Charles, Ill.** Einar Danielsen, 404 N. Fifth Ave. (60174). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, 2nd Ave. and Main St., St. Charles, Ill.
- 107***Chicago, Ill.** Wilbur Jensen, 11636 Halsted St. (60628). Second Tuesday, Harold Petersen's Hall, 14537 Chicago Road, Dalton, Ill.
- 182 **Waukegan, Ill.** Walter D. Petersen, 24 S. Butrick St. (60085). Second Friday, Waukegan Public Library.
- 234***Woodstock, Ill.** John Bonsoe, 505 W. Grant, Marengo, Ill. (60152). First Tuesday.
- 239***Lake Forest, Ill.** Kai Thorup, 286 Noble Ave. (60045). Third Friday.
- 340 **Wood Dale, Ill.** Mrs. Barbara Karsbaek, 1347 Perry St., Des Plaines, Ill. (60016). First Wednesday, 301 Prospect Ave., Wood Dale.

INDIANA

- 245***South Bend, Ind.** Donald Lynch, 558 Marquette Ave. (46617). Third Monday, St. Joseph Bank Community Room, U.S. Highway 31 N., South Bend.

IOWA

- 3***Davenport, Ia.** Jack Wood, Rt. 5, Box 318, Milan, Ill. (61264). Second Thursday, American Legion Hall, Davenport.
- 10 **Council Bluffs, Ia.** E. A. (Bud) Grunberg, 2315 S. 11th St. (51501). Second Tuesday, Danish Hall, 716 S. 4th, Council Bluffs.
- 11 **Clinton, Ia.** Meetings when called.
- 15 **Des Moines, Ia.** Erik Sorensen, Monroe, Ia. (50170). Second Monday, 715 E. Locust, Des Moines, Ia.
- 62 **Sioux City, Ia.** Charles W. Boulden, 3226-4th Ave. (51101). Third Tuesday at homes of members; March, June, September and December.
- 77 **Turin, Ia.** Russell E. Pearson, 422-15th St., Onawa, Ia. (51059). Fourth Sunday, member's homes.
- 134 **Ringsted, Ia.** No meeting.
- 144 **Dike, Ia.** Harold Madsen, Rt. 4, Cedar Falls, Ia. (50613). Second Monday, Community Hall, Dike, Ia.
- 147 **Newell, Ia.** Elmer Jensen, Rt. 2, Box 78 (50568). Third Thursday, Allee Bldg., Newell, Ia.
- 150 **Rorbeck, Ia.** No meeting.
- 217 **Humboldt, Ia.** Mrs. Lucille Christensen, Gilmore City, Ia. (50541). First Tuesday, 702-1st Ave. N., Humboldt, Ia.
- 219 **Clear Lake, Ia.** Mrs. Kathy Sonsalla, 741 Odell St., Webster City, Ia. (50595). Second Saturday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Clear Lake, Ia.
- 326 **West Branch, Ia.** Mrs. Deloris Ross, 806 Mill Ave., Box 232, Springville, Ia. (52336). First Saturday, member's homes.
- 341 **Kimballton-Elk Horn, Ia.** Mrs. Doris Rasmussen, Kimballton, Ia. (51543). Fourth Monday, alternating between Kimballton and Elk Horn.

KANSAS

173***Kansas City, Kans.** Henry Schweder, 60 S. Tremont St. (66101). When called.

MICHIGAN

- 30***Muskegon, Mich.** Clayton Hansen, 1325 Francis St. (49442). Second and Fourth Tuesday, 2330 Barclay, Muskegon, Mich.
- 51***Ludington, Mich.** Earl G. Jensen, R. 1, Box 246 (49431). First and third Wednesday, Danish Hall, S. Madison St., Ludington, Mich.
- 70 **Greenville, Mich.** Paul Worden, R. 2, Sheridan, Mich. (48884). Second and Fourth Friday, West Gron St., DB Hall, Greenville, Mich.
- 106***Trufant, Mich.** Mrs. Mary L. Nielsen, 121 First St. (49347). Fourth Saturday, DB Hall, Second Street, Trufant, Mich.
- 163***Edmore, Mich.** Grover Nielsen (48829). Second Friday.
- 181***Sidney, Mich.** Andrew Lamb (48885). First Saturday, member's homes.
- 227 **Detroit, Mich.** Nielsen Dalley, 826 Juneau Road, Ypsilanti, Mich. (48197). Second and fourth Wednesday, Danish Hall, 22711 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- 238***Juhl, Mich.** Johannes Ravn, 3165 Wilson St., Marlette, Mich. (48453). First Wednesday, member's homes.

MINNESOTA

- 45 **Minneapolis, Minn.** Hans Nathan, 5221 W. 61st St., Edina, Minn. (55436). Third Friday, 4200 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 65***Duluth, Minn.** Roland M. Hansen, 4132 Regent St. (55804). First Thursday.
- 73***Alden, Minn.** Aage L. Mickelsen, Box 214 (56009). When called.
- 75 **Albert Lea, Minn.** Lewis Opdahl, 821 S. Broadway (56007). First Saturday, Senior Citizen's Center, Albert Lea, Minn.
- 85***Rochester, Minn.** Chris Lund, 309-9th St. N.W. (55901). Second Friday, member's homes.
- 96***Jackson, Minn.** John Iversen, Box 401, Lakefield, Minn. (56150). When called.
- 111 **Austin, Minn.** Carl Shutt, 710-8th Ave. S.W. (55912). Second Wednesday, 827 N.E. 4th Ave., Austin, Minn.
- 121 **Tyler, Minn.** Carl T. Hansen (56178). When called.
- 263***Askov, Minn.** Arol Hansen, Rt. 1, Box 208 (55704). First Wednesday, American Legion Hall, Askov, Minn.

MISSOURI

- 56 **Kansas City, Mo.** Otto M. Larsen, 328 N. 13th, Kansas City, Kans. (66102). Third Saturday, 812 Westport Road, Kansas City, Mo.

MONTANA

- 273 **Dillon, Mont.** Howard Andersen, Box 533 (59725). First Saturday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Dillon, Mont.
- 283 **Dagmar, Mont.** James H. Johnson, Antelope, Mont. (59211). Second Wednesday, Lodge Hall, Dagmar, Mont.
- 308 **McCabe, Mont.** C. W. Nelson, Box 107, Culbertson, Mont. (59218). When called.

NEBRASKA

- 1***Omaha, Neb.** Jerry Petersen, 7859 Tilford Circle, Ralston, Neb. (68127). First and third Tuesday, Ralston Legion Club, 73rd and Q St., Ralston, Neb.
- 16 **Minden, Neb.** Mrs. Charmaine Thomsen, 330 S. Nebraska (68959). Community Action Bldg., Minden, Neb.
- 26 **Fremont, Neb.** Larry D. Ludvigsen, 2130 Donald St. (68025). When called.
- 84***Lincoln, Neb.** Erik Hansen, 3912 J St. (68510). Second Saturday, 745 D St., Lincoln, Neb.
- 110 **Winside, Neb.** Peter Jensen (68790). Fourth Monday, Winside, Neb.
- 117 **Plainview, Neb.** Harold Johnson, Box 357 (68769). Third Tuesday, when called.
- 125 **Weeping Water, Neb.** Kenneth Lauritzen, RFD (68463). Second Tuesday, secretary's home.

153 **Dannevirke, Neb.** Arved Rasmussen, Dannebrog, Neb. (68831). Second Friday, every third month in member's homes.

161 **Ruskin, Neb.** Mrs. Ginny Schultz, Hardy, Neb. (68943). Second Saturday, Ruskin Community Hall, Ruskin, Neb.

169***Hubbard, Neb.** John Nelsen, Homer, Neb. (68030). Last Friday.

177 **Cordova, Neb.** Mrs. Faye Petersen, McCool Junction, Neb. (68401). Third Monday, member's homes.

195***Omaha, Neb.** Edward C. Krause, 1308 S. 165th Ave. (68130). First Friday, Dannebrog Hall, 25th and Leavenworth, Omaha, Neb.

206***Blair, Neb.** Etlar Olsen, 139 S. 23rd (68008). Fourth Monday, Grange Hall, Blair, Neb.

211 **Grand Island, Neb.** Mrs. Ann Chambers, 1215 W. 8th (68801). Second Monday, Blue Flame Room, 515 W. Third, Grand Island, Neb.

213***Ord, Neb.** Mrs. Marlea Kittle (68862). When called.

262 **Cozad, Neb.** Aksel Jensen, Rt. 3, Box 164 (69130). When called.

288 **Cotesfield, Neb.** Mrs. Harriett Leth (68829). When called.

NEVADA

339***Las Vegas, Nev.** Harold Reed, 3287 Greenbriar Dr. (89121). Last Monday, member's homes.

NEW JERSEY

- 46 **Perth Amboy, N.J.** Herman Farber, Sr., 263 Maple St. (08861). Second Wednesday, Danish Home, New Durham Road, Edison, N.J.
- 90***Port Reading, N.J.** Rogert Reid, 270 Grove Ave., Woodbridge, N.J. (07095). First Tuesday, DB & DS Home for Aged, Edison, N.J.
- 116 **Newark, N.J.** Viggo Nielsen, 33 Ridgedale Ave., Summit, N.J. (07901). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Springfield, N.J.
- 241 **Sayreville, N.J.** Dietrick P. Thomsen, 164 Main St. (08872). Third Friday, P.N.H. Hall, Raritan Ave., South River, N.J.

NEW YORK

- 71 **Penn Yan, N.Y.** Larry Andersen, RD 4 (14527). Third Saturday, Lodge Home, 100 East Elm St., Penn Yan, N.Y.
- 164***New York, N.Y.** Raymond Leth, 349 Windor Terrace, Ridgewood, N.J. (07450). Third Saturday afternoon, Mozart Hall, 328 East 86th St., N.Y.C.
- 171 **Jamestown, N.Y.** Sheldon W. Kofod, 613 E. 7th St. (14701). Meeting place not shown.
- 183***Troy, N.Y.** Harry B. Jensen, Jr., 31 Sherwood Dr., Latham, N.Y. (12110). Second Saturday, DB Hall, 37-112th St., Troy, N.Y.
- 190 **Schenectady, N.Y.** Clarence W. Hanson, 20 Willowbrook Road, Scotia, N.Y. (12302). First and third Wednesday, Elks Club, 600 State St., Schenectady, N.Y.
- 240 **Rochester, N.Y.** Paul O. Peters, 190 Titus Ave. (14617). When called.
- 300***Oneonta, N.Y.** Ivan Kollgaard, Box 222, Laurens, N.Y. (13796). Second Saturday.
- 325***Nassau County, N.Y.** Maurice Gruber, 55 Windsor Ave., Rockville Centre, N.Y. (11570). Second Friday, VFW Hall, Lincoln Rd., Franklin Square, N.Y.
- 334 **Geneva, N.Y.** Arthur Christensen, 479 Castle St. (14456). Second Friday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Castle St., Geneva, N.Y.

NORTH DAKOTA

- 260***Williston, N.D.** Walter Jensen, RR 2 (58801). Third Sunday.
- 279 **Hunter, N.D.** Lars C. Hansen, Erie, N.D. (58029). First Saturday, member's homes.

OHIO

- 170 **Rocky River, Ohio.** Edmund Bentzen, 1223 Nicholson Ave., Lakewood, Ohio (44107). Second Friday, 11100 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
- 225***Canton, Ohio.** Miss Belinda K. Pedersen, 500 21st St. N.W. (44709). First Friday, 1827 Avalon Ave. N., Canton, Ohio.
- 233***Toledo, Ohio.** R. A. Hansen, 4980 Onway Dr. (43613). When called.
- 281 **Cincinnati, Ohio.** Mrs. Mary C. Schmidt, 2954 Wardall Ave. (45211). When called, secretary's home.

301 Akron, Ohio. William Christensen, 1640-8th St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (44221). Third Saturday, DECA Hall, Akron, Ohio.

OREGON

167*Portland, Ore. Magnus Esrom, 11039 N.E. Skidmore St. (97220). Fourth Wednesday, Pythian Bldg., 981 S.W. Yamhill, Portland, Ore.

194 McMinnville, Ore. Mrs. Marie Jensen, 1313 Brooks St. (97128). Second Saturday, Pythian Bldg., McMinnville, Ore.

268 Junction City, Ore. Martin Taekker, 2113 N. Danebo Ave., Eugene, Ore. (97402). First and third Tuesday, Odd Fellows Bldg., Junction City, Ore.

PENNSYLVANIA

172 Philadelphia, Pa. Olaf Frandsen, 114 Belmont Ave., Folsom, Pa. (19033). Second Friday, Swedish American Museum, 1900 Pattison Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

202 Warren, Pa. Henry S. Petersen, 1820 Market St., Ext. Rd. (16365). First and third Wednesday, Warren Grange Hall, Crescent Park, Warren, Pa.

242 Erie, Pa. Henry Jensen, 2656 Sigsbee St. (16508). Second and fourth Friday, 1146 W. 8th St., Erie, Pa.

342 Bucks County, Pa. Mrs. Betty Jensen, 44 Roundabout Lane, Levittown, Pa. (19055). Third Friday, 187 State Road, Andalusia, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND

102 Providence, R.I. Carl W. Sorensen, 421 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, R.I. (02910). Second Friday, 70 Appollo St., Warwick, R.I.

SOUTH DAKOTA

139 Viborg, S.D. Mrs. Ruth Peterson (57070). First and third Thursday, Lodge Hall, Viborg, S.D.

UTAH

78*Salt Lake City, Utah. Maurice Nelson, 4059 S. 895 East, Ogden, Utah (84403). Second Tuesday.

278 Salt Lake City, Utah. No meeting.

VERMONT

294 Barre, Vt. Mrs. Gertrude Mikkelsen, Rt. 1, Box 73, Williamstown, Vt. (05679). Second Tuesday, member's homes.

WASHINGTON

29 Seattle, Wash. Clyde Langsted, 12215-11th Avenue N.W. (98177). First and third Wednesday, The Swedish Club, 1920 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle, Wash.

33 Tacoma, Wash. Martin Rasmussen, 7615 East 60th St., Puyallup, Wash. (98371). When called.

42 Spokane, Wash. Lawrence Charneski, East 3324 15th Ave. (99203). First Thursday, W. 120 Mission Ave., Spokane, Wash.

113 Enumclaw, Wash. Einer Bruhn, 613 Cole St. (98022). Second Saturday, Danish Hall, Porter St. & Myrtle Ave., Enumclaw, Wash.

155 Bellingham, Wash. Mrs. Dorothy Colpitts, 916 Kentucky St. (98225). First Friday, Lakeway Estates Club House, 1200 Lincoln St., Bellingham, Wash.

WISCONSIN

4 Racine, Wis. Keith L. Rasmussen, 8406 Three Mile Road, Franklin, Wis. (53126). Second and fourth Wednesday, 710 Grand Ave., Racine, Wis.

9 Oshkosh, Wis. Mrs. Helen Eichman, 347 W. Wind Road (54901). Fourth Thursday, Eagles Hall, 405 Washington Ave., Oshkosh, Wis.

14 Kenosha, Wis. Robert Ibsen, 8644-33rd Ave. (53140). First and third Tuesday, 2206-63rd St., Kenosha, Wis.

36 Milwaukee, Wis. Carval Westerlund, 2209 S. 68th St. (53219). Third Tuesday, International Institute, 2810 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis.

89 Superior, Wis. Mrs. Marion L. Christensen, Box 288, Wentworth, Wis. (54894). Third Monday, 1901 Broadway, Superior, Wis.

185 Madison, Wis. No meeting.

186 Luck, Wis. Roy W. Peterson, Box 233 (54853). Third Wednesday, member's homes.

343 Waupaca, Wis. Mrs. Margaret Miller, 304 North St. (54981).

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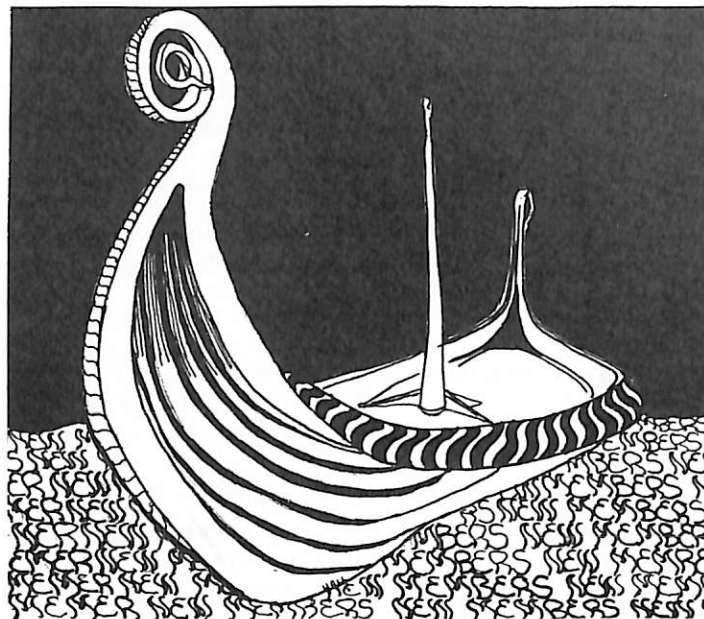
148*Cheyenne, Wyo. Carl Christensen, 2800 Cribbon Ave. (82001). Third Wednesday.

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328*Vancouver, B.C. Henning Pedersen, P.O. Box 5154, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6B 4B3. First Wednesday, 828 E. Hastings, Vancouver.

DENMARK

318*Copenhagen, Denmark. Ib Schack-Eriksen, 249 Peter Bagsvej, 2500 Valby, Denmark. When called.



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Kenneth Bundgaard	16—Minden	William Jorgensen, Jr.
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Del Ray Jacobsen	16—Minden	Richard Jacobsen
Melissa Jacobsen*	16—Minden	Richard Jacobsen
Jennie Jacobsen*	16—Minden	Richard Jacobsen
Lori Perschnick*	34—Dwight	Richard Perschnick
Jeffrey Perschnick*	34—Dwight	Richard Perschnick
Sheri Perschnick*	34—Dwight	Richard Perschnick
Sharon M. Kinder	42—Spokane	Larence Charneski
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Otto C. Jensen	46—Perth Amboy	Hardvig Mathiasen
Wilbert C. Jensen	46—Perth Amboy	Niels Kjeldsen
Leon Blanchard	46—Perth Amboy	Christian Brems
Howard Koyen	46—Perth Amboy	John Jensen
Thomas Bell	46—Perth Amboy	John Jensen
Harold Hansen	46—Perth Amboy	William Brose
Herbert Hansen	46—Perth Amboy	William Brose
Melvin Koyen	46—Perth Amboy	John Jensen
Earl Brown	46—Perth Amboy	John Jensen
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Christen J. Wegener	49—San Francisco	Holger Bauer
Mildred R. Paulsen	89—Superior	Ingvard Paulsen
William Hattam	113—Enumclaw	Wendell Oliver
Orla L. Pedersen	227—Detroit	Tage Guldbrandsen
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Lisa Andersen	323—Alhambra	Helene Kristensen
Niels West	325—Nassau Co. N.Y.	Borge Ingmann
Norman E. Andersen	329—Long Beach	Thorf Anderson
Frances E. Hartsook	329—Long Beach	Thorf Anderson
Darrell G. Petersen	341—Kimballton	Karma Sorensen
James C. Sporleder	341—Elk Horn	Karma Sorensen
Terry L. Sorensen*	600—Omaha	Larry Svendsen
La Von Jacobsen	600—Omaha	Larry Svendsen
William E. Cagney	600—Omaha	Tage Guldbrandsen
Ann Lucille Anderson	600—Omaha	Eivind Pedersen
Thorf Anderson	600—Omaha	Vaughn Moore
Karin L. Janssen	600—Omaha	Ken Janssen
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Name	Lodge No.	Location	Points
Anders Albrechtsen	34	Dwight	16
Floyd Andersen	161	Ruskin	27
Leo Andreasen	34	Dwight	13
Clifford S. Bay	273	Dillon	16
Rudolph Bernhardt, Sr.	14	Kenosha	13
Arthur M. Burkall	30	Muskegon	13
John H. Cherney	329	Long Beach	18
Clifford Christensen	344	Janesville	21
Faye Christensen	340	Wood Dale	41
Peter Christensen	46	Perth Amboy	19
Raymond Christensen	340	Wood Dale	12
Richard Christensen	340	Wood Dale	12
Richard H. Christensen	17	Chicago	10
Einar Danielsen	92	St. Charles	27
George Ferdinandsen	46	Perth Amboy	34
Charlene Gassman	34	Dwight	16
Margaret Goodwin	34	Dwight	10
E. A. Grunberg	10	Council Bluffs	14
Ella Gudmandsen	343	Waupaca	38
Frances Hansen	1	Omaha	11
Howard Hansen	4	Racine	12
Howard Hansen	227	Detroit	11
Janice Hansen	344	Janesville	10
Lester G. Hansen	34	Dwight	10
Paul Hansen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	12
Mogens Hemple	172	Philadelphia	16
Flemming Hinrichsen	172	Philadelphia	25
Robert Ibsen	14	Kenosha	31
Aage Jensen	161	Ruskin	10
Elmer W. Jensen, Sr.	257	St. Petersburg	12
Julius Jensen	342	Bucks County	13
Metha Jensen	34	Dwight	34
Marilyn Jorgensen	139	Viborg	13
William Jorgensen	16	Minden	13
Larry Knudsen	206	Blair	109
Helene Kristensen	323	Alhambra	12
Edward C. Larsen	51	Ludington	10
Paul Larsen	211	Grand Island	28
Bob Lassiter	299	Solvang	17
Harold O. Lund	34	Dwight	15
Charles Madsen, Jr.	14	Kenosha	17

Ejnar Madsen	301	Akron	17
Melanie Madsen	342	Bucks County	21
Hardvig Mathiasen	46	Perth Amboy	45
Harold Mathiasen	126	Los Angeles	10
Vern Minard	70	Greenville	25
James Molgaard	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	10
William Nelson	14	Kenosha	23
Arthur Nielsen	34	Dwight	16
Irwin R. Nielsen	34	Dwight	27
Eivind Pedersen	1	Omaha	20
Georg R. Pedersen	257	St. Petersburg	11
Kathy Pedersen	225	Canton	17
Leo Pedersen	34	Dwight	10
Walter Pedersen	217	Humboldt	113
Carl L. Petersen	182	Waukegan	25
Elna Petersen	206	Blair	14
Howard Petersen	3	Davenport	30
Jay Petersen	211	Grand Island	25
Doris Rasmussen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	28
Holger Rasmussen	238	Juhl	10
Jutta Reed	339	Las Vegas	13
Gordon Sorensen	4	Racine	29
Jens Sorensen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	35
Karma Sorensen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	63
Paul Strand	206	Blair	12
Julius Thomsen	211	Grand Island	32
Peter Weber	299	Solvang	13
Carval Westerlund	36	Milwaukee	33

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Author/editor of large format book on Scandinavian emigration to America needs photos and other illustrative materials, particularly on the Danes. Book will be 90% pictorial, 10% text. Willing to pay for materials used. Write for complete information: Gene G. Gage, 127 East 73rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.

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Danish Family records traced back by genealogist. Send particulars and I shall make you an offer. John Thompson, Tjørnevej 28, 3450 Allerød, Denmark.

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
12-1-76	Ingfrid Nyholm	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	206	Blair, Nebraska	1974
7-11-76	Benny Nielsen	74	Varde, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1968
12-16-76	John Ipsen	81	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1952
11-13-76	Waldemar Johnson	74	Waupaca, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1976
12-31-76	Carl E. Jensen	75	Odense, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1921
1-10-77	Axel Nelson	95	Borup, Denmark	111	Austin, Minnesota	1910
1-11-77	Harvey N. P. Nelson	58	Ringsted, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1951
12-9-76	Aage E. Christensen	82	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1935
1-14-77	Johan M. Jensen	89	Bornholm, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1919
1-16-77	Knud Henning Nielsen	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1949
1-20-77	Einer Storm	91	Ribe, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1928
9-18-76	Richard H. West	49	Duluth, Minnesota	650	Omaha, Nebraska	1949
1-20-77	Laurence Johnsen	82	Mastoden, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
1-4-77	Chris Skou	84	Fredericia, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1922
12-30-76	Otto Madsen	76	Sjolland, Denmark	263	Askov, Minnesota	1918
1-21-77	Ernest Andersen	88	Aalborg, Denmark	294	Barre, Vermont	1921
12-17-76	Ernst Emkjar	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1925
1-21-77	Valdemar Sorensen	86	Blackstone, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1909
12-4-76	Louis Larsen	91	Hjorring, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1908

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Age 25 Male	\$33,125.60	\$99,514.50	\$ 237.51	\$ 713.42
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Age 45 Male	18,341.00	31,029.10	131.50	222.48
Age 55 Male	13,647.50	17,326.30	97.85	124.23

* Excess Interest may be more, or less, and is based on our current table.

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"REMEMBER TIVOLI?"
by Michael Massey

Imagine the pleasures of a summer's afternoon spent in Copenhagen's enchanting Tivoli Gardens.

The shaded walkways, winding around the many small lakes, through an open air amusement park, past numerous restaurants, beer gardens and shops, are always offering pleasant surprises to all people of all ages.

In Tivoli, you might encounter the whimsical performance of a mime artist, the delicate grace of a ballerina, or the brash excitement of a ride on an authentic wood-carved merry-go-round, complete with a real calliope.

You might dine at one of 23 different restaurants, including many of Copenhagen's finest and offering almost any type of food imaginable.

As for floorshows? Take your choice: rock, jazz, waltz? Would you like to dance? There are a number of dance areas. Concerts? Yes! (I'll say more about the famous Tivoli concert hall later.)

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As dusk overtakes the day, the park takes on an almost fairy-tale effect as thousand of tiny lights appear, illuminating the trees and the buildings, while floodlights brighten up the tiny lakes.

One of the most striking features of the pleasure gardens is the Moorish and Oriental style architecture of the buildings, curiously out of place in this small Northern European country.

The gardens were founded in 1843 by Georg Carstensen, who was born in Algiers. As a child, he was surrounded by buildings of Oriental style, exotic scenes and colorful activity. And it was these qualities that he created for Tivoli. Much to the astonished delight of the Danes, he succeeded.

One of the central and most famous

features of Tivoli is the Concert Hall, where generation after generation of world-famous singers, conductors and musicians have appeared. The weekly soloist and symphony concerts have long been popular attractions.

In 1944, the Nazis' retaliated for some factory damage caused by the Danish Resistance and destroyed the Concert Hall. This regrettable action served the Nazis not at all and lent even more strength to the strong-willed resolve already held by this then-occupied country.

A bright new concert hall with a modern architectural design has been open since the concert season of 1956.

Meanwhile, early each evening, the Tivoli Guard, comprised of brightly uniformed young people, marches through the park to the quick-paced beat of its own marching band.

As the daily festivities draw to a close, a midnight fireworks display erupts over the largest lake, a beautiful way to end such an enchanting day.

There is little wonder why the Tivoli Gardens has long been considered one of the world's best amusement parks.



HEN

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I am sorry for not thanking you sooner for my 50 and 60 year pins. Lodge No. 299 has indeed been very kind to me in sickness and in health.

I am now 78 and joined Lodge No. 299 at the age of 18. In 1959 I had my last hip surgery, a fusion. Since then, I have not attended meetings, mostly because of my sitting problems.

Sincere thanks once again.

Christian Roth,
Solvang, California.

Thank you for the 50-year DB membership pin. It was nice of you to send it to me and I am proud to be a member.

Hans Jensen,
Fenton, Iowa.

To the Editor of "American Dane",

The February issue of "American Dane" has just arrived, three days too late to be of any significance as a Valentine's greeting. I have been tempted before to give you my reactions to these covers — this one really does it.

You could have saved yourself the threat of a "coronary occlusion" with a simple phone call to Askov, telling them to send the magazine without the cover. It would perhaps save me from having a coronary occlusion. It is atrocious!

I studied that cover for 20 minutes and finally deducted that it said "American Dane", crowded up against the top margin. After 20 more minutes of study, I can make out the faint outline of a heart. That is a Valentine? Three days late?

As a student of typography and as a working printer for over 50 years, I can tell you that so-called "modern" technology is destroying many of our old arts — including printing and typography. Much modern painting, sculpture, music, and in the last ten or so years, typography, is being bastardized by kinky "artists" who think that "novelty" and "new" is better.

Type designers worked for 400 years to develop designs that were readable, which is the primary function of the printed word. Then comes electronic/photographic composition — they find they can make letters skinny, fat, tall, short and in several colors. The result is nobody can read it.

On the positive side, I can say that I think the "American Dane" is somewhat more interesting than it formerly was. But who wants to hear about H. C. Anderson anymore? Wouldn't today's kids rather watch a cartoon comedy on T.V.? But the Danish history stories are good. Give us more! And omit or print in **small** type the dispatches from the local lodges. Most of us don't know those people who were recently released from the hospital anyway, etc.

Sorry I don't write so well. I used to make my living on a typewriter keyboard, but no more.

E. H. Madsen.

P.S. I have several other questions and comments if you want them.

The Storks

[Continued from page 11]

"And will the naughty boys be frozen to pieces, too?" asked the young storks.

"No, they will not be frozen to pieces, but they will be nearly as badly off as if they were. They will be obliged to crowd around the fire in their little dark rooms while you, on the contrary, will be flying about in foreign lands, where there are beautiful flowers and warm sunshine."

Well, time passed away, and the young storks grew so tall that when they stood upright in the nest they could see the country around to a great distance. The father stork used to bring them every day the nicest little frogs, as well as snails, and all the other stork tid-bits he could find. Oh! It was so droll to see him show them his tricks. He would lay his head upon his tail, make a rattling noise with his bill, and then tell them such charming stories, all about the Moors.

"Now you must learn to fly!" said the mother one day, and accordingly all the four young storks were obliged to come out upon the parapet. Oh! How they trembled! And though they balanced themselves on their wings, they were very nearly falling.

"Only look at me," said the mother. "This is the way you must hold your heads, and in this manner place your feet — one, two! one, two! This will help you to get on." She flew a little way, and the young ones made an awkward spring after her — bounce! Down they fell for their bodies were heavy.

"I will not fly," said one of the young ones, as he crept back into the nest. "I do not want to go into the warm countries!"

"Do you want to be frozen to death during the winter? Shall the boys come and hang, burn or roast you? Wait a little, I will call them!"

"Oh, no!" said the little stork. And again he began to hop about on the roof like the others. By the third day they could fly pretty well, and so they thought they could also sit and take their ease in the air; but bounce! down they tumbled and found themselves obliged to make use of their wings. The boys now came into their street, singing their favorite song:

"Stork! Stork! Long-legged stork!"

"Shall not we fly down and peck out their eyes?" said the young ones.

"No, leave them alone!" said the mother. "Attend to me, that is of much more importance! One, two, three, now to the right! One, two, three, now to the left, round the chimney-pot! That was very well. You managed your wings so neatly last time that I will permit you to come with me tomorrow to the marsh. Several first-rate stork families will be there with their children. Let it be said that mine are the prettiest and best behaved of all, and remember to stand very upright and to throw out your chest. That looks well and gives such an air of distinction."

"But are we not to take revenge upon

those rude boys?" asked the young ones.

"Let them screech as much as they please! You will fly among the clouds, you will go to the lands of the pyramids, when they must shiver with cold, and have not a single green leaf to look at, nor a single sweet apple to eat!"

"Yes, we shall be revenged!" whispered they, one to another. And then they were drilled again.

Of all the boys in the town, the forwardest in singing nonsensical verse was always the same one who had begun teasing the storks, a little urchin not more than six years old. The young storks, indeed, fancied him a hundred years old, because he was bigger than either their father or mother. And what should they know about the ages of children or grown-up human beings! All their schemes of revenge were aimed at this little boy. He had been the first to tease them, and he teased them still. The young storks were highly excited about it and the older they grew, the less they were inclined to endure persecution. Their mother, in order to pacify them, at last promised that they should be revenged, but not until the last day of their stay in this place.

"We must first see how you behave yourselves at the grand exercise. If then you should fly badly, and the general should thrust his beak into your breast, the boys will, in some measure, be proved in the right! Let me see how well you will behave!"

"Yes, that you shall!" said the young ones. And now they really took great pains, practiced every day, and at last flew so lightly and prettily that it was a pleasure to see them.

Well, now came the autumn. All the storks assembled in order to fly together to warm countries for the winter. What a practicing there was! Away they went over woods and fields, towns and villages,

All their schemes of revenge were aimed at this little boy . . .

merely to see how well they could fly, for they had a long journey before them. The young storks distinguished themselves so honorably that they were pronounced "worthy of frogs and serpents." This was the highest character they could obtain. Now they were allowed to eat frogs and serpents — and eat them they did.

"Now we will have our revenge!" said they.

"Very well," said the mother. "I have been thinking what will be best. I know where is the pool in which all the little human children lie until the storks come and take them to their parents. The pretty little things sleep and dream so pleasantly as they will never dream again. All parents like to have a little child, and all children like to have a little sister or brother. We will fly to the pool and fetch one for each of the boys who has not sung

that wicked song, nor made a jest of the storks, and the other naughty children shall have none."

"But he who first sung those naughty rhymes — that great ugly fellow! What shall we do to him?" cried the young storks.

"In the pool there lies a little child who has dreamed away his life. We will take it for him, and he will weep because he has only a little dead brother. But as to the good boy who said it was a sin to mock and tease animals, surely you have not forgotten him? We will bring him two little ones, a brother and a sister. And as this little boy's name is Peter, you, too, shall for the future be called 'Peter!'"

And it came to pass just as the mother said, and all the storks were called "Peter" and are still called so to this very day.

AREA MANAGER OF THE YEAR



Vaughn Moore, left, receiving his trophy from Andy Andersen. Congratulations, Vaughn.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCE 21ST CONSECUTIVE REFUND

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 21st 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 dividends 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.

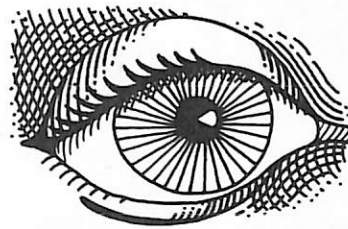
A PUN MY WORD!

Leif Ericson spent a long time in his day on slow and worn-out ships exploring and looking for new lands. He was gone so long that his name was taken off the public registers; he was as good as dead.

When he finally returned home, he was acclaimed as a celebrity. But Leif soon found that he was no longer listed as a citizen of his country. He went to the record keeper and protested the omission. Confronted by a now distinguished citizen, the official was extremely embarrassed. "Ach!" he apologized. "I must have taken Leif off my census!"

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Danish Brotherhood in America is pleased to announce its 1977 National Bowling Tournament. With nearly \$1000 in prizes, this tournament is open to all lodges and members. And it begins April 15 and runs through June 1. Application forms and the rules are presently being sent to the secretaries of all lodges who participated last year. If you did not participate last year and wish to do so this year, or if you feel you will need extra entry blanks, please write to me, Gary Eilts, Fraternal Director, Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.



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Grandma's Kitchen

Bedstemor's Kækken

CHEDDAR BEER CHEESE CAKE

Ultra-delicious — and so different!

1 cup graham cracker crumbs, blended with
 1½ tablespoons melted butter, and
 1½ tablespoons granulated sugar

Set oven at 425 degrees F. One 8-inch spring-form pan, greased.

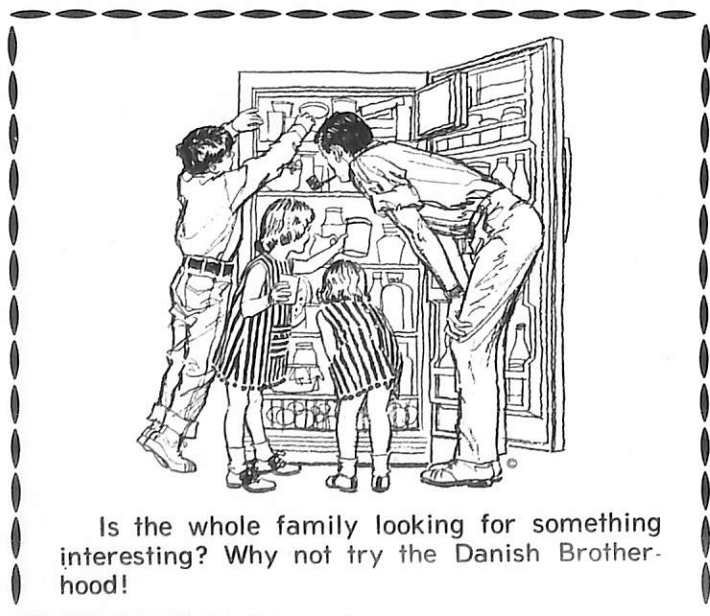
Press the graham cracker mixture approximately one-fourth inch thick firmly into the bottom of the prepared pan and dust the sides of the pan with the remaining graham cracker mixture. Put the pan aside in a cool place while preparing the following mixture:

4 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese at room temperature
 1 teaspoon cornstarch
 1 cup finely grated Cheddar cheese at room temperature
 1½ cups granulated sugar
 ½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
 ½ teaspoon grated orange rind

4 eggs plus 2 egg yolks
 ¼ cup ale beer
 ¼ cup heavy cream

Beat cream cheese, cornstarch and Cheddar cheese until smooth. Combine the sugar and grated rinds and add gradually to the cheese mixture. Add the eggs and extra yolks one at a time, beating well after each addition to prevent lumps. Stir in the beer and heavy cream. Pour the cheese mixture into the prepared pan and bake at 425 degrees F. for 15 minutes, until the top is lightly browned. Remove cheese cake from oven. Open the oven door and reduce heat to 225 degrees F, then return the cake to the oven, close the door and finish baking for about one hour and five minutes, or until the point of a knife, inserted through the center, comes out clean. Cool thoroughly before removing sides of pan or chill in the refrigerator and serve cold. Cut with a sharp knife dipped in water.

Yield: 6 servings.

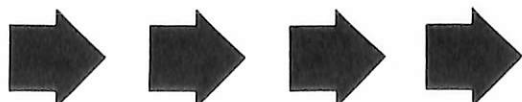


Is the whole family looking for something interesting? Why not try the Danish Brotherhood!



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Danish Brotherhood Charter Fare listed in the ad on the adjoining page is the net fare Chicago-Hamburg or Chicago-København exclusive of departure taxes, service charges, port-of-entry fees, etc. Because a number of our travelers have requested specific prices, we shall henceforward include the total price, i.e. Chicago-Hamburg Flight Only \$423.00 plus \$22.50 equaling \$445.50 The Chicago-København Tour, \$472.50 plus \$16.50, equaling \$489.00. Hopefully, this will clarify the matter as these taxes are paid by the agency as a further convenience to our passengers.



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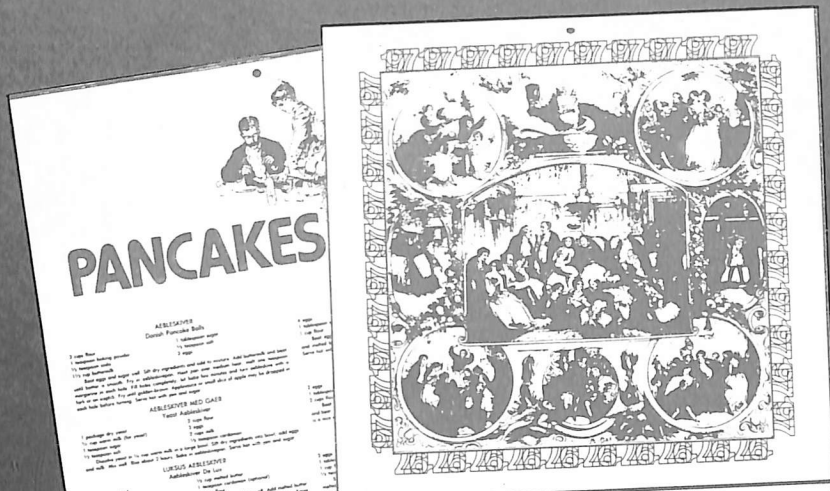
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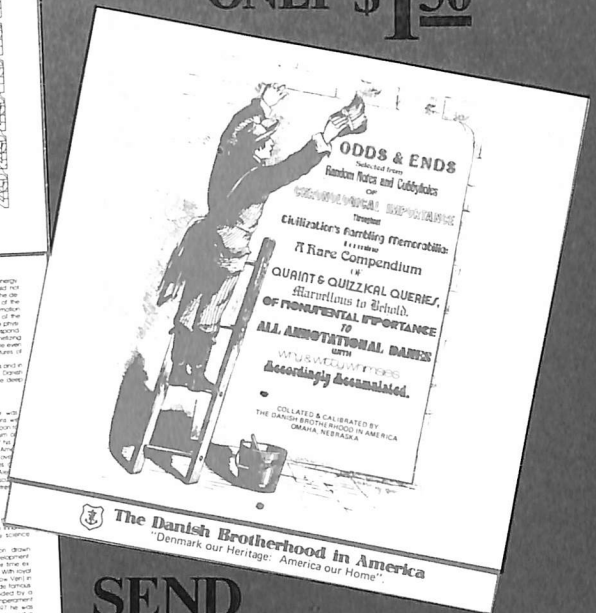
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