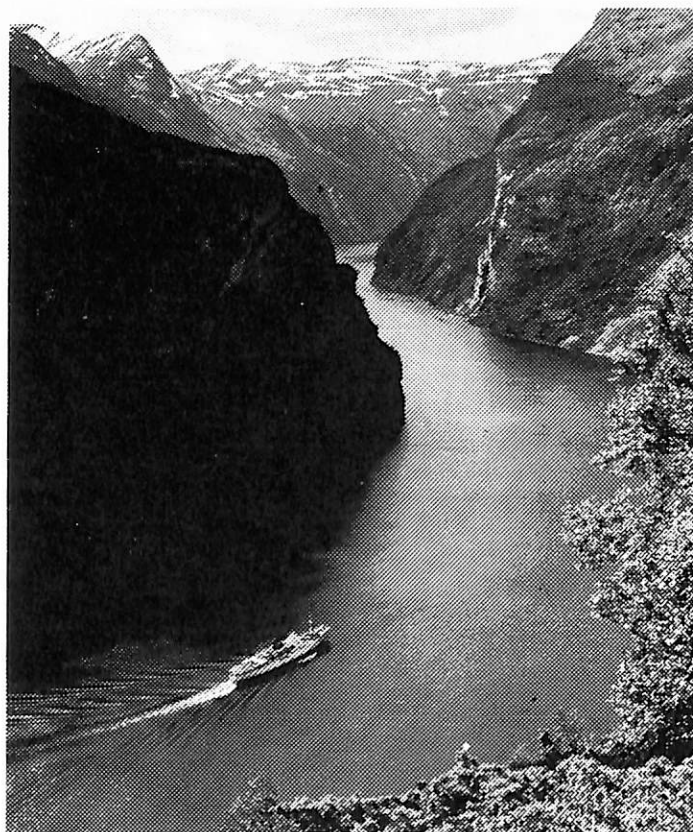


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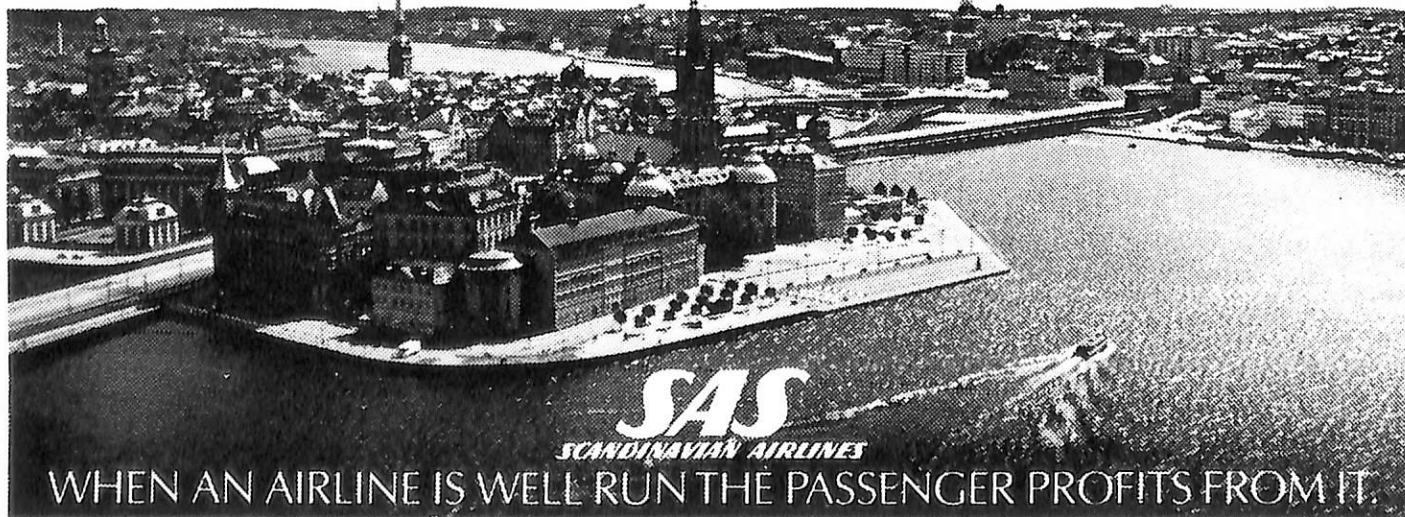
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You have worked hard for years toward the attainment of this goal that you have now achieved. It is time to reap the rewards and benefits of that hard work and perseverance.

You must not forget, however, that those rewards are not just handed out with your diploma. Your commencement is a beginning and your diploma is a key to doors of new opportunities where your hard work and perseverance will finally get you those things you have so looked forward to.

Once again, congratulations on the success of your past endeavors and best wishes for the success of future ones!

Robert C. Coffey

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What's New for June in the American Dane

This month's cover was drawn by Aksel Sand Petersen to accompany his feature article on Danish philately, or stamp collecting. Aksel was kind enough to include photographs of some very old and prominent stamps out of Danish postal history. Part two of "Dansk Felateli" will be presented next month.

After a month's absence from the magazine, David Valade, one of our regular contributors, returns with a story about Jaegerspris, the castle of King Frederick VII. David has been writing for us to share the experiences of his stay in Denmark, much to the envy of myself and many of our readers.

The second Dane to be featured in "The Great Danes" series is Commander Vitus Bering. Robert H. Redding writes about this valiant explorer of the Alaska-Siberia area, for whom the Bering Strait was named.

Lodge members may be especially interested in a new column, "Viking Adventures", put together by the DBIA's Fraternal Services from contributions of lodges around the country. It contains ideas for lodge activities, items of news, and notes from the Home Office in Omaha.

Ms. Melissa Boey, a free-lance writer and substitute teacher, has come up with a zany piece, "What's a Dane Really Like?", as told by a fifth grader whom she asked. It's enough to make any Danish ethnic jokes seem pretty tame!

On the order of business, the annual President's Report and Financial Statements are included this month. A special item of fraternal concern and need is told in the article about Stan Sakowski on page 27.

For you vacationers, a special Danish-American Travel Directory has been put together in this issue. Now you can travel and get some of the flavor of Denmark without having left the good old U.S.A.!

Robert E. Coffey

Representatives Seminar

On April 20 and 21, the National Headquarters was host to the three top fraternal protection representatives in the 1977 Danish Brotherhood Insurance and Membership Sales Contest. The contest ran from July 1 to December 31. Jens Jensen of Portland, Ore., was the top contestant. He was followed closely by Tage Guldbrandsen of Plymouth, Mich., and Bennie Peterson of Kenosha, Wis. These three men earned their visits to the home office by providing members with a record amount of Danish Brotherhood protection during the contest period.

During the seminar, Tage Guldbrandsen received recognition as Representative of the Year for 1977. Tage qualified for this honor by being representative of the month for the most months during 1977. Tage also achieved this honor in 1974.

During their stay, the representatives attended a sales seminar conducted by staff members from underwriting, services, administration and agency departments. Time was spent discussing procedures and answering questions for the representatives. Other topics on the agenda included membership drives and lodge activities.

With the seminar scheduled during the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the directors took part in a round-table discussion. This exchange of ideas proved stimulating for everyone involved.

Ardis Peterson and Susie Guldbrandsen accompanied their husbands to Omaha and were able to do some sightseeing and shopping. Both were present when President George Godthaab made the presentation of the "Representative of the Year Award" to Tage and expressed his appreciation for the contributions made to the continued growth of our society.



Tage gives short acceptance speech.



Tage Guldbrandsen, Jens Jensen and Bennie Peterson in Omaha, April, 1978.



President George Godthaab made the formal presentation.

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**HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.**

Viking Adventures

**Coming Together—A Beginning Keeping Together—Progress
Working Together—Success**

Viking Adventures started in 1974 as a newsletter to lodge presidents, secretaries and treasurers. Later a survey determined the best way to distribute information carried in the publication was to run it as a monthly feature of the American Dane. Somewhere between then and now, it disappeared.

But we're back to bring tips to officers and lodge programming ideas. From time to time we will also feature a special person or event. Our material will be based on information received from local lodges — ideas they have used successfully.

TALENT NIGHT

This month we feature a year-round program originated in *Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa.*, and very clearly outlined for us by Charlotte Larsen, their Entertainment Committee Chairperson for 1978.

Charlotte writes, "We have an entertainment committee consisting of a chairperson and co-chairperson — a committee of 12 persons total. We have one meeting a year to plan ahead for the coming year. We try to have Danish culture nights plus fun nights, of which the *Talent Night* was one.

"Two months prior to the program we announced the *Talent Night* and asked for those who would like to entertain the lodge. The response was great. We had an M.C. who introduced the acts, which were as follows: 1. Comic, 2. Four members singing a comical

song (they dressed for it, too), 3. A male singer, 4. A female singer, 5. Another comic, 6. The Walter Nielsen Players (they put on two funny skits), 7. A songfest, 8. Another comic, and 9. Another songfest."

They concluded the evening with a lunch. And now are planning to repeat a successful activity from 1977, a "luau". Our thanks to Charlotte and Lodge No. 342 for contributing this program plan. It sounds like it was a lot of fun and really gave the members a chance to participate.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Dorothy Pedersen in accounting brings our attention to *Lodge No. 242 in Erie* and the ten young adult members who joined the lodge as juveniles in June of 1958. Their 20 payment life certificates became fully paid-up in May of this year.

Anne Benson in underwriting thanks the local lodge officers and representatives for the fine job they are doing in completing membership and insurance applications. It's important to answer all questions on the applications.

We acknowledge paraphrasing of Art Thomassen, secretary of *Lodge No. 172 in Philadelphia*, for the motto for this column. Thank you for your good thoughts as quoted in the "Our Lodges in Action" section for January.

Foreign accounts

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SOLVANG, CALIFORNIA

Denmark lives in Solvang; 45 miles north of Santa Barbara, Solvang is a page from Hans Christian Andersen — complete with all the sights, sounds and delicious food aromas of a true Danish village. Most of its residents are Danish-Americans, at home under its thatched roofs. The newest attraction is Copenhagen Square — where fairytales come to life.

Solvang Danish Days are traditionally held the third weekend in September.

ILLINOIS

Midwest District Picnic
June 17, Saturday, 12 p.m.
Sundstrand Park, Belvidere
Write: Don Moon, 5450 Regency Way, Rockford, Ill.
61111
Adults \$5.00; children under 12, \$3.00

Kastrup's Market and Sausage Kitchen
Danish Specialties
3654 Central Avenue
Chicago PE6-8373

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Danish Day October 14, 1978
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Queen Margrethe II Rose Garden
Winther Marker, Lauritz Melchoir Memorial and
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Relations, Dana College, Blair 68008, for Dana Campus
Guide and information.

Danish Days
June 9-11
Minden

Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters
3717 Harney Street
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Omaha (402) 341-5049

Ethnic Festival
(local lodges participating)
June 10-11
Omaha Civic Auditorium
Omaha

NEW JERSEY

Scandinavian American Festival '78
(local lodges participating)
Saturday, September 16
Garden States Art Center
(Telegraph Hill Park on Garden State Parkway, off
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Holmdel

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Brooklyn (212) 748-7844

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102 Willow Street
Brooklyn (212) 875-0042

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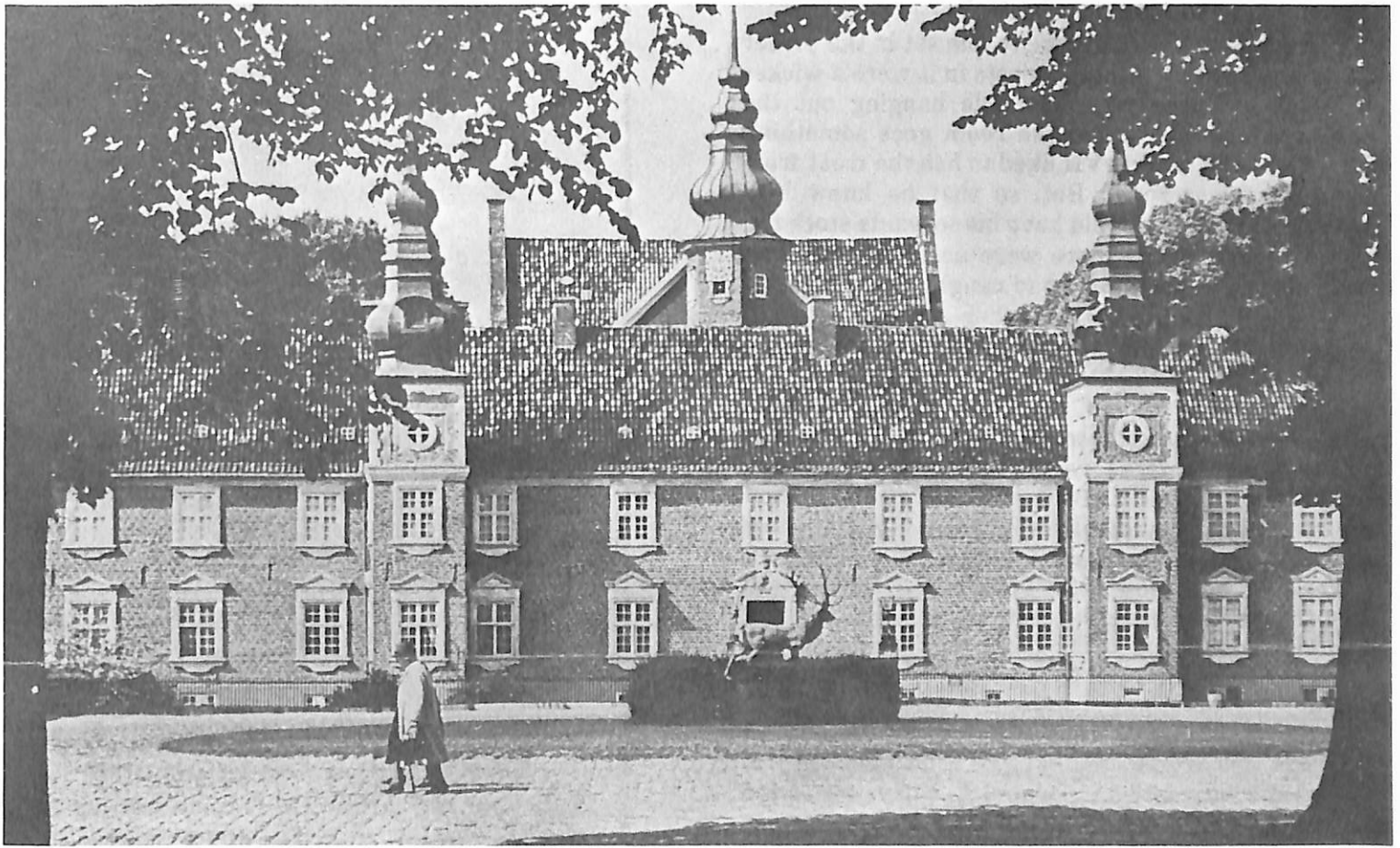
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Jaegerspris

by David Valade

More than a century ago there was a king of Denmark who was neither liked nor admired by his people — he was King Frederik VII, also known as a king who was not too sane. He was the most recent and picturesque occupant in a castle just west of Roskilde Fjord. This castle is Jaegerspris.

Although Jaegerspris appears to be a newer castle compared to other Danish castles, it has been around since the 13th century. Since then it has been rebuilt and extended by different kings, especially by King Frederik V.

Now, to actually describe Jaegerspris it would be easiest to write about my visit to the castle which, by the way, is furnished much as King Frederik VII had it when he lived in Jaegerspris.

To begin, let's look at Frederik VII. He was king during the Holstein-Slesvig wars (Germany wanted southern Jylland). He was a bit crazy, "strange" you might say. His second wife, Countess Danner, was a peasant. He was also an amateur archeologist.

All of these "drove" Frederik VII to live at Jaegerspris much of the time he was king. The war

was not going well for the Danes and they blamed the king for their weakness. As he was a bit crazy, it was safer for him to be away from people. Since his wife was not of nobility the nobles kept away from him as much as possible. And his love of archeology was fulfilled at Jaegerspris because of the many burial mounds near the castle where he discovered artifacts for his collection.

Before we (my Tante Myse and I) even entered the castle I was surprised to see a life-sized buck deer in the courtyard. It was a statue but it was sculpted so carefully it had the appearance of being alive.

We ran (because we had only one minute before the next tour) into the entrance hall and bought our tickets just in time for the tour, in English.

The first room was strange. It had rugs and curtained windows like any normal room, but in the center was a statue of King Frederik VII dominating the room. The strange thing about it was this was the living room and the king himself had put it in its spot.

The next room was the king's study. It was a normal study, just a desk, several paintings and a few

objects from the king's archeological expeditions.

A few rooms later we came to one set in the corner of a square tower. The only objects in it were a wicker chair and a fishing pole, the pole hanging out the window. The story behind the room goes something like this: King Frederik VII liked to fish the moat from inside the tower room. But, so that he knew he'd always catch fish, he would have his servants stock the moat with fish. When there were no more a servant would come and tell him he had caught all the fish, so he could quit fishing until another day.

The next room was a museum with some articles which once belonged to the king and his family.

The last room we saw was the Countess Danner's room. This was tucked away on the top floor of the castle. It was a large room, about the size of a modern-day apartment. It was beautifully furnished and contained many blankets, shawls, afghans, rugs and other such articles made by the Countess herself.

The king died a few years before the Countess and when she died she gave the castle as a bequest to the charitable institution, "King Frederik VII's institution for hopeless and forsaken girls particularly of common people." The Countess is buried in an open tomb in Jaegerspris park.

I hope this article has told you a bit about one of the least known castles in Denmark. I have also tried to show that little known places are as interesting as more popular tourist attractions.

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Omahan, 81, Roamed Seas For 27 Years

The following article is a reprint of an Omaha World-Herald story, published first in 1924, about a colorful old Dane, Cornelius Svendsen.

Cornelius C. Svendsen, 81, a rover of the seas for 27 years, a war veteran and a farmer, died early Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. West, 828 South 49th Street. He had been ill one week.

Mr. Svendsen, who ran away to sea at the age of 14, was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1843. He joined a merchant ship and shipped to a port in southern Africa. From there Svendsen signed up on another ship bound for New York.

During the war the Mormons migrated from the east to Utah. Svendsen sailed from Hamburg, Germany, with a boatload of Mormons, bringing them to New York, where they joined the band traveling overland.

Sailed Under Several Flags

Following other jaunts upon the high seas, during which he traveled to practically every port in both hemispheres and sailed under flags of several nations, he sailed back to California in the early 60's.

War broke out between Denmark and Germany, and he hurried back to join the Danish

navy. He remained in the navy until the war ended in 1864. He was given a pension by the Danish government.

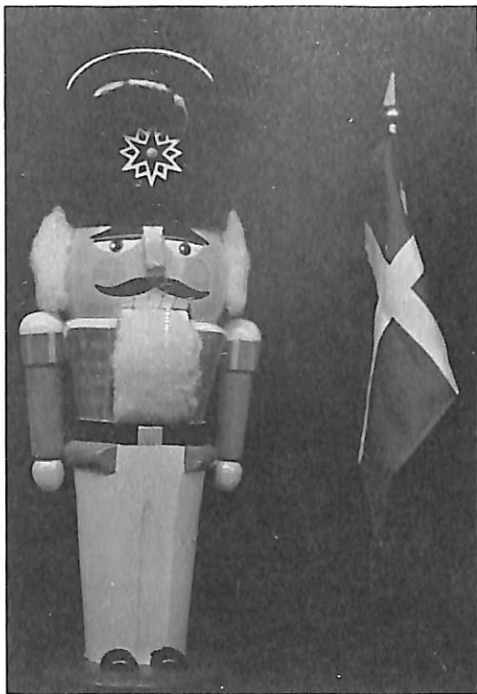
Hearing of a war in the United States, Svendsen hurried to this country and arrived as the Civil War ended. Enlisting in the United States navy, he remained in the service four years. Later he returned to Copenhagen and settled on a farm.

Returned Here in 1914

In 1914 he came to Omaha to be near his daughters. He and Mrs. Svendsen, the latter 72 years old, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary three years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Marchen; three daughters, Mrs. A. Fiege of Cincinnati, Mrs. H. C. West and Mrs. N. C. Hansen of Omaha; two sons, Martin and Peter, of Omaha; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of Omaha.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday from Hulse and Riepen Funeral Home. Burial will be in Springwell cemetery.



Our Lodges In Action

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Neb. — We celebrated the Queen's birthday in a big way in April. Representatives of Somerset Imports gave a "Skaal" to start the evening program and served Akvavit in different ways throughout the party. The Dana College Folk Dancers also provided entertainment. National officers Peter Weber and Kenneth Pedersen were present along with several visitors from Denmark and Danish Consul Kenneth Holm.

The Lutheran Pantry received a station wagonload of canned goods in our lodge's name.

We are getting prepared for the Omaha Ethnic Festival June 10 and 11. We will man food and cultural booths at this event.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

Nebraska Danish Days, June 9-11, at Minden include a variety of fun activities. An aebleskiver eating contest open to everyone is sure to be a winner, along with the sødsuppe supper, bingo and teen dance planned for the first day.

Craft and antique shows are set for smørrebrød and adult dance that evening. Prizes are to be awarded at the Danish costume contest. Import goods will be on sale at the registration desk.

Sunday church services will be in Danish except for the sermon. A picnic follows at noon and the program includes the crowning of the 1978 Danish Days King and Queen.

Iowa

Lodge No. 3, Davenport, Ia. — Last year's officers have been re-elected for the coming year. They are: Paul Wind, president; Chris Rudolph, vice president; Jack Rudolph, vice president; Jack Woods, Secretary; Carl Christiansen, treasurer.

Kai Hansen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia. — Viggo Pedersen honored us with some harmonica music at our March meeting.

A table full of delectable foods greeted us at the April meeting's Taster's Table.

Harvey Sorensen was our guest in May. He gave a slide presentation on the Danish windmill at Elk Horn, Ia.

"Hard Times" and a skit by some of our members will be on order for next month's meeting.

Marie Pedersen, Correspondent.

California - Nevada

Lodge No. 345, Garden Grove, Calif. — The Liars Club Program was hilarious and exciting, with prizes for the winning contestants who guessed the liars. Door prizes also went to several of the 61 members in attendance. The committee kept the evening going supplying articles, designating liars and keeping score. No one can say the Danes aren't good liars!

We added over \$20 to our fund from papers and aluminum cans. It makes a good lodge project as well as being helpful to the environment.

We've been granted permission to have a booth and serve aebleskiver in the parade assembly at the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival. We have planned a goal of raising \$1,000 at this event. Top ticket sellers are eligible for prizes.

Marile Christensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, Calif. — Gunnar Hansen started a worthwhile project some months ago. He has picked up our newspapers, rolled them and sold them to paper collectors. The money is going to charity and to help in developing our convention.

Progress on the convention will be reported at the next social meeting, featuring a smørrebrød. Delegates will also be chosen at that meeting. Folk dancing with instructions is to follow the evening's program.

Lodge No. 337, Fremont, Calif. — Gorm the Old and Queen Thyra, Gorm den Gamle og Dronning Thyra, King and Queen of Denmark. How many Danish-Americans have heard of them?

King and Queen of one of the oldest Kingdoms in Europe, 930 A.D. Two big mounds and two big runestones at Jilling, Jylland in their memory. First to bring Christianity to the North. Thyra built Dannevirke, a great fortification of which some still remains.

How are we so well informed? It is all through Else Poulsen, who gave us some insights into this part of Danish history at our April meeting. We are looking forward to more such interesting talks on Denmark's past.

Christian Jorgensen, President.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, Calif. — May is the month for preparation for the annual Grundlovsdagfest (Constitution Day Fest). A dinner-dance is planned for the evening before the next day's afternoon program in Balboa Park.

Michigan - Ohio

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. — On April 15 we held our monthly supper-dance with a potluck dinner, group singing and dancing. Art Schmuldt and Charles Pratt entertained on the concertina and drums.

We also have a monthly pinochle party at the lodge. Prizes are awarded and a potluck lunch is served.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — Our officers are really visible now since they have begun to wear scarlet red blazers.

In June we will be giving the gift of life at the Blood Bank Drive. That month also is the National Committee's picnic.

May was the close of the bowling league, with the banquet to bring the activity to an end.

Oluf Jensen, Correspondent.

Pacific Northwest

Lodge No. 167, Portland, Ore. — Our lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary in April with a medisterpølse dinner and a dance. Some of our distinguished guests included National President George Godthaab, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Djurhuss and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Benson of the Royal Danish Consul. Norma and William Paulus, Oregon's secretary of state, and Anna and Elmer Boysen, Pacific Northwest DBIA president, also were honored.

Early in May we will elect our delegate to the National Convention in Vancouver next year.

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash. — The 90th anniversary of our lodge is now history, but will be long remembered. National President George Godthaab and Seattle Mayor Charles Royer were honored guests in attendance, while the Danalag Folk Dancers provided entertainment.

President Godthaab was able to see some of our Pacific Northwest salmon in action and taste their fine flavor at a luncheon in his honor.

We have had the opportunity to visit the facilities for the National Convention in Vancouver. Chairman Poul Christensen and his committee have everything well in hand for that important date in 1979 in that beautiful Canadian city.*

Mel Pihl and his committee at Portland lodge arranged a great party for the occasion of their 75th anniversary.

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The Sisterhood Lodge No. 40 held a Past Presidents' party with a buffet dinner and entertainment by the peppy Seattle Banjo Band. The Seattle Fire Department gave a presentation on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation at our April meeting.

Clyde Langsted, Secretary.

*Please take note of the article which appeared in the May issue of the American Dane vividly describing the activities and scenic wonders awaiting convention delegates and guests in 1979. Future articles will contain more specific information concerning the plans of the convention committee.

Midwest

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — Our lodge fared very well in the Midwest Bowling Tournament held in Northlake. We took first and tenth in the Women's team event; second, fourth, sixth and ninth in the men's teams event. We also took first in both men's and women's high scratch series, and numerous other places in the different events. We also brought home a couple of door prizes.

Language classes have begun and will continue each Wednesday night.

Plans are being made for our 90th anniversary celebration coming up next year. We have a band booked already for the dinner and dance.

We've mailed the schedule of events, as we are hosting the Midwest District Trap Shoot, 50 yard outdoor rifle shoot, and individual archery shoot. The events will be held June 24 at the Pontiac Sportsmen's club followed by a bar-b-que chicken supper.

Dr. Sung Choe gave an informative talk on his life in Korea for our April meeting and also entertained us with his violin.

Margaret Goodwin, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill. — Our annual potluck smorgasbord is just around the corner. As a special treat, representatives of the Aalborg Akvavit Company will be there for a taste-testing party.

Frede Hansen is our new vice president, due to Donald Seeman's resignation. Rune Karsbaek is the alternate vice president.

The members of Lodge No. 340 can be proud of the success of the Midwest District Bowling Tournament. Our people worked very hard as hosts, especially Ted Kaiser, who organized the event.

We will be sponsoring the Young Viking Miniature Golf Tournament in June.

THIRD ANNUAL MIDWEST DISTRICT PICNIC

The Midwest District Lodges will hold their third annual picnic on Saturday, June 17, 1978, at the 15-acre Sundstrand Park on the west edge of Belvidere, Ill. The DBIA host lodge is Rockford Lodge No. 64, and they are planning a day and evening of enjoyment for both the young and older Vikings.

A buffet supper will be served, prizes awarded and a full band will play for dancing that evening. Picnic facilities include accommodations for 450 persons under roof, so this affair will be held rain or shine, as previous attendees can attest to. So, ya'll come!

Anyone from outside of the Midwest District area who may wish to join in the fun on June 17 can obtain details from Don Moon, 5450 Regency Way, Rockford, Ill. 61111, phone (815) 877-2890. The Welcome Mat is out to you all.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — We were hosts to the Midwest District Target Shoot in March. Fourteen teams representing six lodges participated. Our host team took the team trophy, with Bob O'Neal also receiving the individual trophy. The Shoot was a great success under the organization of Bob O'Neal and Matt Fosbinder, not to mention all the others who pitched in. Next year's event is planned for Wood Dale.

The Midwest District Trap Shoot is coming up June 24. We hope to take a team to that event in Dwight, Ill.

One hundred eighty-eight people attended the corned beef and cabbage dinner and dance to make it a super party.

A bus trip to a Milwaukee Brewers baseball game is planned for July 15 if enough people sign up.

The Candle Lite Handicap Scotch Bowling event is coming up May 13. Other lodge members around the District have been invited. The event includes bowling, prizes, lunch, and, of course, lots of fun!

Bob Ibsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 186, Luck, Wis. — July 22 has been tentatively set for our 75th anniversary celebration. Plans call for a picnic in the park and a dance at the lodge to follow.

Membership is growing, with 16 new members initiated at our last meeting and ten more being accepted.

Lillian Jacobsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, Wis. — We were privileged to have Miss Joyce Flora of Beloit relate some of her experiences to us as an A.F.S. student in Denmark. One of her experiences was helping teach mentally retarded children for two hours a day. Miss Flora also sang and played her guitar. One selection she played in a contest in Denmark that won her \$50 and a dozen roses. Some of our members enjoyed conversing with Miss Flora in Danish.

Aleine Miller, Corresponding Secretary.

Eastern

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — A sausage supper, Danish style, was on the order for our first March meeting. At the next, we had a St. Patrick's feast of corned beef and cabbage while visiting and telling stories.

Several members returned from sunny Florida, ready to resume summer activities. We helped celebrate their return at our April meeting with a frikadelle with curry dinner.

Neighboring Lodge No. 183 from Troy, N.Y., joined us for a roast pork and red cabbage dinner.

Our sister lodge's anniversary dinner party celebrated their 63rd year. They wound up the event with a sing-along, accompanied by a banjo player.

Elections were held for delegates to the G.C.E.L. convention in Barre, Vt. Olin Yachler is our delegate and Norman Hansen, alternate.

William Peterson, Secretary.

Lodge No. 164, New York, N.Y. — The Danish Athletic Club was the site for our 75th anniversary celebration. Several members from other lodges also attended the festivities which included a prime rib dinner, dancing and door prizes donated by the Danish Consulate. National President George Godthaab sent a congratulatory telegram. First Vice President George Jacobsen attended and made a speech.

Lois Wood, Secretary.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks Co., Pa. — Our entertainment committee dreamed up some "adult" games for the April meeting that brought a lot of laughs.

The annual Viking Picnic is coming up June 18. One member is loaning us the use of his farm with a lake for boating and fishing. We may see about having some Danish Folk Dancers for additional entertainment.

Tickets for the September "Viking Luau" are practically sold out. There will be lots of dancing, food, beer and socializing.

Professional entertainer Perry Sachs will give the entertainment committee a Mothers Day rest (a well-deserved one!).

Lorraine Malmquist, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — We elected Erling Braumann delegate to the G.C.E.L. convention to be held in Barre, Vt. Alternate delegate is Carl Sorensen.

Brother Henry Nelson is leaving for Aarhus, Denmark, in May. Relatives and friends held a Bon Voyage party for 84-year-old Henry.

Two of Edith Rasmussen's daughters from Denmark joined us in a surprise birthday party for their 80-year-old mother.

Carl Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N.J. — Eleanor Hansen was initiated into the lodge by her husband, George.

Plans are in the making for the annual Summer Picnic. We are also looking forward to borrowing a film from National Headquarters to show this fall.

Claire Kjems, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, N.Y. — Glen Jacobsen's idea for name badges is making it much easier to remember names, especially since we are having good numbers in attendance. We expect to initiate three more members in May.

Egon Larsen, Secretary.

Danish Organizations Contribute to Dana Scholarship

Blair, Neb., May 10, 1978 — Four Danish organizations — Burmeister and Wain, Den Danske Bank, the King Frederik and Queen Ingrid Foundation, and the Otto Monsteds Foundation — have given approximately \$30,000 this year and have pledged an additional \$15,000 over the next two years to the Queen Margrethe II Scholarship Fund at Dana College.

The scholarship was established as an official gift to the Danish queen on the occasion of her visit to the campus May 20, 1976, when she spoke at the college's commencement ceremony and was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree.

The recent gifts are in addition to those which established the scholarship two years ago. Contributors at that time were Mrs. Frank Lawson of Omaha, widow of the former Danish vice consul for Nebraska; Mr. and Mr. Paul Larsen of Grand Island; and the late Alfred Parmelee of Kansas City, Mo., at that time Danish consul for Missouri.

Interest from the fund will assist Dana students studying in Denmark and Danish students studying at Dana College.

The Great Danes

Vitus Bering

A Tough Man

R.H. Redding

He was tough. He was Dane. He was in command: Commander Vitus Bering, master of the triple-masted St. Peter, had just realized a dream.

Bering stared intently at the rugged coast line. In the distance, Mt. St. Elias towered ominously. The Great Northern Expedition had born fruit. Bering and his crewmen were the first white men to have seen the northern shore of the American continent, the region known now as Alaska.

Hero, outsider, a survivor of Russian intrigue, Vitus Bering had joined the Russian navy in 1704, as a navigator. He distinguished himself in the Baltic Wars by re-capturing two fighting ships from the Turks. Bering's was an act of bravery noted by Czar Peter the Great, and he kept the young officer in mind.

After the war was over, Vitus was not given the promotion he felt he deserved, and resigned in disgust. He returned to his estate in Viborg, Finland, and began the life of a retired gentleman.

But if he looked forward to a life of ease, he was mistaken. Czar Peter was a restless monarch, his eye always on far horizons. Just now he looked to the east: what lay beyond the ice-bound shores of Siberia? Did an isthmus connect Siberia to the North American continent? He would find out. He would send Bering.

Since a summons from the Czar of all the Russians was hardly to be ignored, Bering left Viborg. He was bluntly told that he would lead an expedition to Siberia, that he would determine whether an isthmus existed, and that he would leave as soon as possible. Peter was a sick man, and he wanted the information before he died.

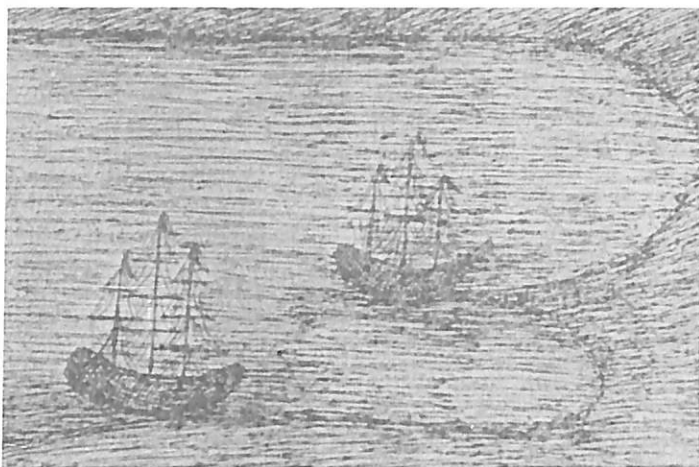
In January, 1725, Vitus, now a commander, left for Kamchatka. After an arduous winter journey, he arrived at what was then called the Northern Seas. Here, he built a small vessel, the St. Gabriel, for use in his explorations.

Venturing into the unknown, Commander Bering headed north, charting as he sailed. He discovered Bering Strait, the Bering Sea, St. Lawrence Island,

the Diomed Islands, and barely missed seeing North America, because of the fog. In addition, he sailed south and found that Kamchatka was a peninsula, not a continent, as had been thought. He also discovered and charted the most northern of the Kurile Islands.

Satisfied that no isthmus connected the two continents, Bering returned to St. Petersburg in 1733. Expecting honors, his work was undercut by jealous colleagues in the Admiralty. Mapmakers still insisted





The three-masted sailing vessels, St. Peter and St. Paul. Bering commanded the St. Peter, while his second-in-charge, Count Alexi Chirikov, was master of the St. Paul. Chirikov sailed at the same time as Bering, but made it back to Kamchatka the same year. He, also, sighted North America, but was separated from Bering early in the voyage.

that Kamchatka was a continent — even though they had no proof. Czar Peter had died, and Bering found himself without support. Again disgusted, Vitus left for Viborg.

However, he would not remain in Viborg long. Destiny was not yet through with the valiant Dane. Empress Anne, a successor to Peter, also knew a good leader when she saw one. She sent for Bering, and offered him the leadership of the largest expedition the world had ever known. Called the Great Northern Expedition, its purpose was two-fold: (1) uncover riches for Russia, as Anne was convinced great lodes of raw jewels and gold waited, and (2) to establish Russia as a leader in both science and exploration.

The enterprise fell into three phases. The first phase was to explore the entire Siberian coast. While doing this, Bering was to establish iron foundrys, schools in the villages, show the natives how to farm, and build cities where needed. The second part of the expedition would be to chart a water route, via the Kuriles, to Japan, and the third phase, one close to Bering's heart, would be to find the North American coast. He was convinced it lay not too far to the east.

From the first, the commander's enemies did their best to weaken his position. At one time they succeeded in getting his pay cut in half. On another occasion, he was accused of treason because the expedition was moving too slowly. But he persevered, and was successful in every phase of the expedition. He even indulged in a little spying on China at the request of the Admiralty — who continued to add more responsibilities while at the same time sticking the knife in his back.

However, the personal toll on Bering was great.

On the day he first set eyes on the North American coast, he was ill with scurvy. This scourge of old-time sailors had weakened him.

He allowed Georg Steller, a German naturalist, only six hours ashore — just the time it took to fill the St. Peter's water kegs. Steller worked so fast and efficiently that his discoveries comprised the basis of

scientific observation in that area of the world for a hundred years.

No sooner were the St. Peter's kegs full than Bering hoisted anchor and sailed for Kamchatka. Storms and illness among the crew delayed progress. Finally, early in December, it was decided to disembark on a small island. The ship needed repairs before it could meet another storm.

Vitus was against delay, believing that home lay only a few days into the horizon, but he was overruled by his officers.

On December 8, 1741, the commander died. He was buried with military honors, lashed to a plank, and the island was named for him. He died far from his beloved Viborg, but his exploits have made him one of the giants of global exploration.



An air view of the southern tip of Kayak Island, where Bering got water before beginning the return trip to Kamchatka. He allowed Georg Steller, the expedition's naturalist, only six hours ashore, but the scientist's discoveries made him famous.

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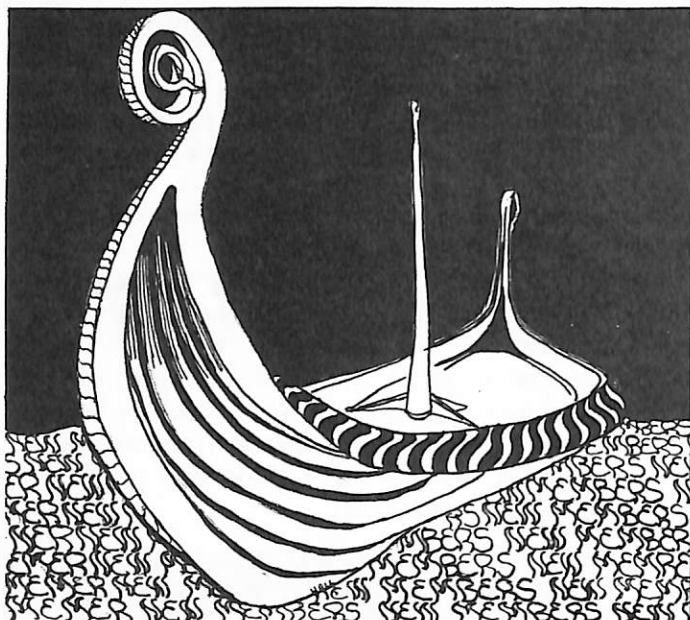
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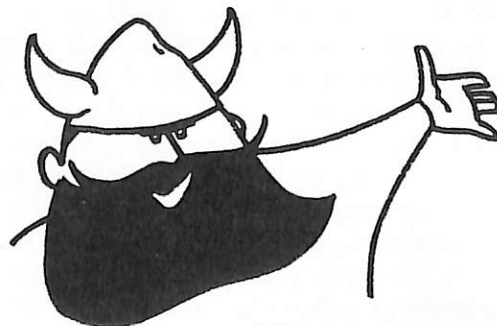


NEW MEMBERS

Name	Lodge No. Location	Sponsor
Jonathan I. Doyle	1—Omaha, Neb.	Lori Peterson
Virginia Ann Dahlquist	4—Racine, Wis.	Christian Lie
Christian A. Lie	4—Racine, Wis.	Gordon Sorensen
Robert George Olson	4—Racine, Wis.	Gordon Sorensen
Timothy W. Nelson	14—Kenosha, Wis.	Orville Nelson
George A. Winfield	14—Kenosha, Wis.	Richard Walker
John L. Hull	29—Seattle, Wash.	Gudrun Wilson
Max J. Stavnsboj	29—Seattle, Wash.	Gordon Wilson
Amy E. Sorensen*	32—New Haven, Ct.	Arthur Sorensen
Christian M. Sorensen	32—New Haven, Ct.	Arthur Sorensen
Georgianne H. Sorensen	32—New Haven, Ct.	Arthur Sorensen
Raymond R. Aldrich	34—Dwight, Ill.	Richard Perschnick
Sharon A. Hansen	34—Dwight, Ill.	Lester Hansen
Bonnie R. Holzhauer	34—Dwight, Ill.	Shirley Holzhauer
Raymond V. Holzhauer	34—Dwight, Ill.	Shirley Holzhauer
Ronald E. Holzhauer*	34—Dwight, Ill.	Shirley Holzhauer
Ronald J. Jamieson*	34—Dwight, Ill.	Shirley Holzhauer
Barbara A. Sullivan	34—Dwight, Ill.	Arthur Nielsen
Kelly A. Sullivan*	34—Dwight, Ill.	Arthur Nielsen
Kerry L. Sullivan*	34—Dwight, Ill.	Arthur Nielsen
Richard L. Sullivan	34—Dwight, Ill.	Arthur Nielsen
Norman G. Olson	35—Chicago, Ill.	Norman Christensen
Alice T. Andersen	36—Milwaukee, Wis.	Lars W. Andersen
Don H. Forman	51—Ludington, Mich.	Gerald L. Howe
Carl H. Graber	51—Ludington, Mich.	L. Christoffersen
Norbert G. Ray	51—Ludington, Mich.	Gerald L. Howe
Mark C. Braumann*	102—Providence, R.I.	Erling Braumann
E. W. Sandy Anderson	147—Newell, Ia.	Weldon Andersen
Elaine R. Madsen	161—Ruskin, Neb.	Ginny Schultz
Rodber P. Shaw	161—Ruskin, Neb.	Ginny Schultz
Erik Christian Pihl	167—Portland, Ore.	Melvin Pihl
Daniel Keith Plotner*	167—Portland, Ore.	Keith Plotner
Philip Walter Plotner	167—Portland, Ore.	Keith Plotner

Richard W. Rock	167—Portland, Ore.	Melvin Pihl
Robert G. Gilhoi	186—Luck, Wis.	Irvin Edling
Darlene M. Jensen	186—Luck, Wis.	Christian Jacobsen
Doris J. Kirk	186—Luck, Wis.	Irvin Edling
Warren M. Kirk	186—Luck, Wis.	Irvin Edling
Belinda E. Gregory	194—McMinnville, Ore.	D. Rasmussen
Emma Hansen	194—McMinnville, Ore.	Grace Jensen.
Karen A. Pihl	194—McMinnville, Ore.	Marie Jensen
Chris E. Paulsen	211—Grand Island Neb.	Arne S. Espersen
Jens N. Odgaard	217—Humboldt, Ia.	Walter Pedersen
Joyce L. Odgaard	217—Humboldt, Ia.	Walter Pedersen
James A. Christensen	227—Detroit, Mich.	Howard A. Hansen
Robert H. Noffze	227—Detroit, Mich.	Howard Noffze
Erik P. Millberg	257—St. Petersburg, Fla.	Elmer Jensen
Allan B. Bondo	268—Junction City, Ore.	F. Pedersen
Tony L. Toftemark	268—Junction City, Ore.	Christian Sand
James Howard Young II*	301—Akron, Ohio	Einar Madsen
Jessica Althea Young*	301—Akron, Ohio	Einar Madsen
Edith A. Coddington	325—Nassau Co., N.Y.	George Jacobsen
Margaret M. Juergensen	325—Nassau Co., N.Y.	Hans Juergensen
Elinor Smith	325—Nassau Co., N.Y.	George Jacobsen
Jeanne Myers	340—Wood Dale, Ill.	Faye Christensen
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Bent S. Simonsen	345—Garden Grove, Ca.	Axel Andersen
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*Juvenile Members



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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
3-29-78	Felix Larsen	76	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1922
2-23-78	Lars C. Nielsen	83	Hjorring, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1927
12-16-77	Hans C. Hansen	72	Hoybo, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1928
3-18-78	Hans T. Svane	86	Dragør, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1924
2-15-78	Johannes Jepsen	80	Jordrup Sogn, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1938
4-8-78	Nels C. Rasmussen	90	Neenah, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1915
2-16-78	Malcom P. Steele	60	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1976
2-23-78	Sofie Holgersen	83	Aerø, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1972
3-9-78	Thomas B. Garland	66	Santa Barbara, Calif.	299	Solvang, California	1974
4-10-78	Anker Paulsen	62	Chicago, Illinois	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1976

The Danish Brotherhood in America

President's Report

It is my pleasure to report that during 1977 your fraternal society again experienced growth in membership and premium income. We are proud of this continuing record of growth and thank each member of our society who has had a hand in getting new members for our lodges. We also wish to thank our representatives who are serving the society by explaining our excellent life insurance program to members and potential members. Your Board of Directors has worked closely with the home office and provided many ideas and suggestions for the betterment of our society. Our goal is to assist local lodges in developing activities and programs designed to attract new members and make membership in the Brotherhood an exciting part of our lives.

In an effort to provide more and better services for the membership, our fraternal department has been reorganized. On behalf of the Board of Directors I am pleased to announce that Diane Doyle, a long time home office employee, now heads our Fraternal Services division. Most recently Diane has been in charge of member services and claims, in addition to being secretary to the secretary treasurer. Her duties now will include all fraternal department services as well as coordinating the administrative duties of *The American Dane* magazine with our new editor, Robert Coffey. Strong emphasis will be placed on providing help for lodge officers in the area of program planning. Again I would like to encourage lodges to establish programs to attract the entire family.

With the reorganization of the fraternal department, Robert Coffey devotes all his attention to the editing of *The American Dane* magazine. Bob is employed in the public relations and advertising department of a local manufacturing firm, and provides editing services for *The American Dane* on a consulting basis. Bob is a graduate of Dana College and has been in the education field prior to his current assignment.

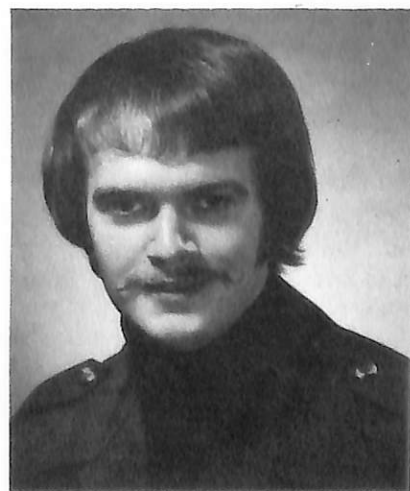
An important reason the Danish Brotherhood has reversed its decline in membership and has been experiencing growth over the past few years is directly attributable to the development of our agency

department. Under the guidance of our sales director, Eigil (Andy) Andersen, area managers and representatives have been starting new lodges and helping established lodges sign up new members. Most recently this department developed a new membership application which is easier to complete. Hopefully, we can encourage all members to sign up potential members. Andy would like lodges that do not have representatives to ask his department to explain our insurance plans to members and potential members by

*President
George Godthaab*



Robert Coffey



corresponding with lodge officers or directly with the prospective member. This department will be introducing a membership kit around the first of July which is designed to assist local lodge officers and members in signing up new members. We hope that we can substantially increase our membership by September of 1979 when we have our 30th National Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Initial planning has begun for the centennial celebration of the Danish Brotherhood which will be celebrated in 1982. Suggestions and ideas from members would be most welcome.

Recently Director Clyde Langsted and I met with the National Convention Committee (Poul B. Christensen, Chairman, Erik Esmann and Elith Marcussen) in Vancouver and inspected the convention facilities. We discussed the many plans necessary for the National Convention and we can assure you that the convention is in good hands with Lodge No. 328's Convention Committee. It appears that everything promised by the Vancouver Lodge when they extended the invitation to our delegates in Denver will become a reality.

As you know, the National Convention convenes for the purpose of reviewing and improving the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of The Danish Brotherhood in America. As a fraternal benefit society, each of our local lodges has the opportunity to participate in governing the society by qualifying to send a delegate to the National Convention and by submitting proposed Article and Bylaw revisions to the convention. We hope each lodge and district will take advantage of the opportunity to participate in governing the society. We also encourage as many members as possible to attend the convention whether they go as a delegate or a visitor. A convention provides a wonderful opportunity to share our fraternal spirit and enjoy our Danish heritage. All of the Directors look forward to seeing you in Vancouver in 1979.

Junction City Hosts Pacific Northwest District Convention

The 29th annual Pacific Northwest District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood was held in Junction City, Ore., May 5-6-7 hosted by Junction City Lodge No. 268.

District President Elmer Boysen of Enumclaw Lodge No. 113 called the meeting to order with about 50 delegates, alternates, and members present. Recognized with seating in an honored position were Past National President Kristen Jorgensen of Seattle Lodge No. 29; National First Vice President George J. Jacobsen of Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, N.Y.; and National Director Clyde R. Langsted of Seattle Lodge No. 29.

The business sessions were some of the most

interesting and productive for several years. The two evening dinner-dances were at Shadow Hills Country Club with over 200 attending each evening. The buffet Friday and banquet Saturday were handled excellently by the Club, and the dance music caused all to be on the large dance floor.

The Grand March was enjoyed by all, and several mixers were especially entertaining. The Scandinavian Folk Dancers in addition to the Scandinavian Chorus entertained beautifully.

This small Oregon city is known for its Scandinavian Festival held every August. The Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 268 is deeply involved in the festival's origin, operation and promotion.

The District adopted a resolution expressing its appreciation for the warm, friendly hospitality and fine convention hosted by Junction City Lodge 268.

The Convention also adopted a resolution encouraging all individual members of the lodges to subscribe to *Bien*, Danish-language newspaper published in California. The Convention also wished to express its support for *Bien* by encouraging each of the District's lodges to advertise officers, meeting place, and meeting dates in the weekly newspaper.

Elected to serve the Pacific Northwest District for the ensuing year were:

Past President Elmer Boysen, Enumclaw Lodge No. 113.

President P. Sten Jessen, Seattle Lodge No. 29.

Vice President Elith Marcussen, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Lodge No. 328.

Secretary Treasurer Karen Bruun, Bellingham Lodge No. 155.

First Trustee Melvin P. Pihl, Portland Lodge No. 167.

Second Trustee Fred Matheny, Spokane Lodge No. 42.

Third Trustee Fleming Pedersen, Junction City Lodge No. 268.

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Ms. Melissa Boey

Perhaps one of the quickest ways of finding out just what a Dane is really like, simply ask any elementary school age child. Ten and eleven-year-old youngsters study European countries in depth as part of their social studies curriculum.

Recently I substituted for a fifth grade class and they had been deeply in the throes of learning as much as they could about Denmark and its people. I asked them to write an essay on "What's a Dane Really Like?" Well, the results are in and as per usual when moppets put their Bic Bananas to paper anything can happen and usually does. The following essay has to be shared with Danes everywhere. Here's what one tyke wrote:

"First off you begin with a Dane's top, which is roundish and hard and has hairs growing down from it, unless he is a bald Dane. He has two eyeballs with color in them which can see places here and there.



"He has a face which sometimes smiles when he is happy like when he sings the Danish National Antler. And then he gets all swelled all over his body with a zillion Danish goose bumps that just seem to bump all over up and down. And his chest sticks out if he is a man (when he is a girl it is a different colored horse story), but sometimes he doesn't smile like when things go bad in his country and then he sings, 'Everything is coming up stinkweeds'.

"A Dane has a neck which keeps his head on straight so it won't go falling all over the place. And he has two nice round, square shoulders that help all this holding up, and his arms come swinging down from there so he can work in the factories making nice Danish furniture or in the farm so cheese can be made.

"He also has a chest and a stomach too, which he needs for all practical purposes, but often it acts up, backs up and he has to take stuff like Alker Seltzer when he gets nervous like us Americans and then he lets his gas go from all the zillion bubbles.

"Danish people have a spine too which is the part of his back right on the other side of his front which has the big job of seeing to it that he don't crumple apart like a marshmallow. And it's funny because his back is something that is forever always behind his front no matter how fast or how many times he turns around to find this out. And it could make him nuts doing this or worse he could fall flat on his behind.

"He also has legs and feet which hold him up when he isn't down, and these things take him all around Denmark to places like Copenhagen, the capital, or the Jutland Peninsula, or the Faroe Islands.

"I guess that is about all that there really is to a Dane, except maybe what he got down deep inside of him, and I never got to learn about that part yet.

"I really think after learning all about Denmark that a Dane is a very impotent person to his country. I think even more when I think, that he is the most *impotent* person in the whole country, and if I go there one day, I'll stop the first Dane I see and say, 'Gee, you're the most impotent person here', and he will giggle."

The End!



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Effective July 1, 1978, Membership Program will be as follows:

10 Points	Appreciation Award (certificate)
25 Points	Booster Award (plaque and \$25.00 bond)
50 Points	Meritorious Award (cup and \$50.00 bond)
100 Points	Distinguished Service Award (trophy and \$100.00 bond)
200 Points	Great Dane Award (trip to Denmark)

How to Win Member Points:

1. Sign up a new member (membership application can be obtained from your lodge secretary or from the Home Office, Agency Department.) Submit the white copy to your lodge secretary for approval of lodge membership and send pink copy to lodge representative or send directly to Home Office for follow-up on insurance.
2. Two (2) point credit for each new insured member.
3. One (1) point credit for each new social member or increase in insurance for present member.
4. All Danish Brotherhood members except managers and representatives and their immediate families are eligible for awards.
5. To receive Meritorious Award, Distinguished Service Award or the Great Dane Award, 50% or more of the points must be from insured members.

As of May 1, 1978, Walter Pedersen of Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Iowa, and Larry Knudsen of Lodge No. 206, Blair, Nebraska, have accumulated more than 100 points. Many of our members have received the Meritorious Award and the Booster /award. Many more have a good start on becoming the recipient of the Appreciation Award, but space prohibits publishing names of all participants. So if you have sponsored members but don't see your name below, please don't be concerned. Keep up the good work and you will see your name here soon!

Members With 10 Or More Points

Walter Pedersen	217 Humboldt	130	Ruth Peterson	139 Viborg	16
Larry Knudsen	206 Blair	109	Marilyn Jorgensen	139 Viborg	15
Karma Sorensen	341 Kimb-Elk Horn	67	Emelia Johnsen	1 Omaha	14
Irvin Edling	186 Luck	62	Ester Jorgensen	139 Viborg	14
Ferdinand Christensen	345 Garden Grove	49	Helena Kristensen	232 Alhambra	14
Christian Jacobsen	186 Luck	47	Peder Larsen	17 Chicago	14
Hardvig Mathiasen	46 Perth Amboy	47	Elvind Pedersen	1 Omaha	14
Faye Christensen	340 Wood Dale	41	Carl Schouw	92 St. Charles	14
George Ferdinandsen	46 Perth Amboy	39	Leo Andersen	34 Dwight	13
Ella Gudmandsen	343 Waupaca	38	Jens B. Hoj	45 Minneapolis	13
Jens Sorensen	341 Kimb-Elk Horn	35	Kenneth Jensen	34 Dwight	13
Einar Danielsen	92 St. Charles	34	William Jorgensen	16 Minden	13
Robert Ibsen	14 Kenosha	34	Merton Kuhr	206 Blair	13
Mel Pihl	167 Portland	34	Byron Petersen	263 Askov	13
Carval Westerlund	36 Milwaukee	34	Jutta Reed	339 Las Vegas	13
Irwin Nielsen	34 Dwight	32	Deloris Ross	326 West Branch	13
Karen Rowse	323 Alhambra	32	Charmaine Thomsen	16 Minden	13
Gordon Sorensen	4 Racine	32	Howard Andersen	340 Wood Dale	12
Julius Thomsen	211 Grand Island	32	Aase Donahue	1 Omaha	12
Floyd Andersen	161 Ruskin	31	Frances Hansen	1 Omaha	12
Howard Petersen	3 Davenport	30	Howard Hansen	227 Detroit	12
William Nelson	14 Kenosha	29	Paul Hansen	341 Kimb-Elk Horn	12
Jay Petersen	211 Grand Island	29	Elmer Jensen, Sr.	257 St. Petersburg	12
Paul Larsen	211 Grand Island	28	Harold Mathiasen	126 Los Angeles	12
Bob Lassiter	299 Solvang	28	Martin Olsen	345 Garden Grove	12
Vern Minard	70 Greenville	28	Paul Sloth	35 Chicago	12
Doris Rasmussen	341 Kimb-Elk Horn	28	Paul Strand	206 Blair	12
Francis D. Sweet	95 Ferndale	28	Svend A. Hansen	325 Nassau City	11
Metha Jensen	34 Dwight	26	Floy Pedersen	345 Garden Grove	11
Carl Petersen	182 Waukegan	26	Ralph A. Peterson	14 Kenosha	11
Flemming Henrichsen	172 Philadelphia	25	James A. Rasmussen	343 Waupaca	11
William Brasch, Sr.	345 Garden Grove	23	James Andersen	34 Dwight	10
Clifford Christensen	344 Janesville	23	Richard Andersen	34 Dwight	10
John H. Cherney	329 Long Beach	22	Donna Brasch	345 Garden Grove	10
Melanie Madsen	342 Bucks City	21	Gladys Christensen	345 Garden Grove	10
Myrtle Taylor	345 Garden Grove	21	Richard Christensen	17 Chicago	10
Clifford Bay	273 Dillon	20	William Clavey	34 Dwight	10
Peter Christensen	36 Perth Amboy	19	Donald Frost	4 Racine	10
Harold Lund	34 Dwight	19	Margaret Goodwin	34 Dwight	10
Howard Hansen	344 Janesville	18	Janice Hansen	344 Janesville	10
Peter Weber	299 Solvang	18	Lester Hansen	34 Dwight	10
Arthur Burkall	30 Muskegon	17	Richard Jacobsen	16 Minden	10
James Lauritsen	34 Dwight	17	Aage Jensen	161 Ruskin	10
Charles P. Madsen, Jr.	14 Kenosha	17	John Jensen	46 Perth Amboy	10
Ejnar Madsen	301 Akron	17	John Johansen	345 Garden Grove	10
Anders Albrechtsen	34 Dwight	16	John Jorgensen	35 Chicago	10
Rudolph Bernhardt	14 Kenosha	16	Edward C. Larsen	51 Ludington	10
Raymond Christensen	340 Wood Dale	16	Rudolph Madsen	4 Racine	10
Richard Christensen	340 Wood Dale	16	James Molgaard	341 Kimb-Elk Horn	10
Shirley Christensen	340 Wood Dale	16	Leo Pedersen	34 Dwight	10
Charlene Gassman	34 Dwight	16	Harry Ploughman	340 Wood Dale	10
E.A. Grunberg	10 Council Bluffs	16	Roger Rasmussen	238 Juhl	10
Mogens Hempel	172 Philadelphia	16	Svend Sonderup	43 Denver	10
Arthur Nielsen	34 Dwight	16	Martin Taekker	268 Junction City	10
Georg Pedersen	257 St. Petersburg	16	Neal P. Thuesen	144 Dike	10
Elna Petersen	206 Blair	16			

Dansk Felateli

Aksel Sand Petersen

Denmark, a kingdom for over one thousand years and the oldest kingdom in existence, has generally been in advance of other European countries in socio-political aspects. Most European countries had a postal service for the use of royalty and government but as early as 1602 in Denmark private persons were able to take advantage of this service. In 1624, Christian IV initiated reforms to make the system more dependable. In Copenhagen four merchants and a postmaster, who was "a sober and industrious man who had no other employment", were entrusted to sort and handle the mail daily. Foot and mounted postmen were utilized to collect and deliver correspondence. By 1776 when colonial America had begun its revolution, the Danish postal system had 40 post offices, which was a greater number than the colonial Deputy Postmaster General Benjamin Franklin had in America. (Under the act of 1657 colonial rates for single sheet letters to Copenhagen were one shilling or four shillings per ounce.)

The stage coach was utilized in carrying mail in 1800 and by 1815 a special postal wagon was employed in the larger communities to transport the mail. Described as a "Ball Post" wagon, this postal transportation device was handsomely depicted on the 1951 Danish issue designed by Viggo Bang and engraved by Bent Jacobsen commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first Danish adhesive stamp. (Ill. 1) The uniformed driver of the horse-drawn mail coach sounds the famous postal symbol, the post horn. A rudimentary telegraph system enabled the post-house man to get the horses ready for the next stage. The postillions carried a map of the planned route which the postmasters referred to.

In the 1840's, uniformed official foot-postmen (a la the cover of the American Dane) walked the streets

clanging a gong in announcement of his service collecting mail, for a fee, and delivering it. The completion of the first railroad in Denmark in 1847 between Copenhagen and Roskilde, and the greater use of mail by a public now serviced by private as well as government postal organizations with limited service and varying rates, stimulated the Danish government into nationalizing the posts in 1849. Indemnities (in some cases quite substantial) were paid to the private postal organizations and a national postal administration was established. Postage continued to be prepaid in cash and was duly franked by means of written or hand-struck marks. Postal rates within Copenhagen were fixed at two rigsbank skilling (rbs) locally and at four rbs for a letter to or from the outer suburbs. On March 11, 1851, the postal rates were changed regarding the four rbs to include the entire country. Unpaid letters were charged six rbs.



The need for convenient pre-payment of mail via the postage stamp, became imperative. On April 1, 1851, Denmark became the first Scandinavian country to issue postage stamps (Norway on January 1 and Sweden on July 1, 1855) and the 16th among the postally represented countries of the world with the issuance of the four rbs brown. (This stamp is listed in Scott's catalog as #2. However, the four rbs was issued 29 days before the two rbs blue — Scott's #1.) Depicted in the center of the square-shaped stamp is a circular laurel wreath and within it are the royal symbols, the crown, with crossed sceptre and sword. The four corners feature a post horn in each.

Bordering the sides of the stamp, it reads *Kongeligt* (left side), *Post* (top), *Frimærke* (right side), and *Fire* (4 rbs (bottom)). In use until 1854, when a new design was issued, the four rbs was originally intended for domestic use only and between 1851 and 1854 there were several distinct color variations of brown printed. Including all of the varieties of this issue, there were 14,761,500 stamps printed.



On April 29, 1851, the two rbs blue was issued for local use in Copenhagen, with some also employed in Aalborg, Aarhus, Fredericia and also in Hamburg where Denmark maintained a post office until the end of February, 1865. Again in a square format, an outer abstracted, vinelike, filigree pattern surrounds a solid blue band wherein it reads, from the top middle of the band; *The Royal Crown Kgl. Post*; the post horn at the bottom middle; and *Frimærke* up the left side. (Ill. 3). Within the blue band, a white circle features a large two rbs. Designed and engraved by M. W. Ferslew of Copenhagen, there were two issues of this design, the first featuring an engraved burelage and the second (in August of 1852) a typographed burelage. In order to foil would-be forgers of these two initial Danish postal designs, a double printing was devised. That is, a burelage, or system of gold-brown, parallel, wavey lines was first engraved and printed creating a raised surface. The stamp design was then typographed over the burelage. The second printing of the two rbs had the burelage typographed and a total of 4,793 sheets of 100 stamps of this design were issued. All editions of these two designs were printed on a crown watermarked, handmade paper, by H. H. Thieles of Copenhagen.

Like the first adhesive postage stamp, the famous 1840 "penny black" depicting Queen Victoria of England, the initial Danish issues did not have the country of origin on them. Two of the most attractive and uniquely designed "classical period" stamps, these earliest of Danish government-issued adhesive stamps represent not only a handsome addition to a stamp collection but reflect the beginning of the consistent artistic design quality of Danish postal issues that continues today.

(Continued Next Month)

Fraternal Concern

In spite of the diminution of concern for the physical needs of fellow members, other personal needs still exist which require the attention of local units. Although financial burdens may not be so prevalent, sorrow and loneliness and despair still accompany unfortunate experiences. It is to these very human needs that lodges of fraternal benefit societies must address themselves.

(The above was taken from a Manual of Guidelines and Suggestions for Fraternal Activities, published by the National Fraternal Congress of America in 1973.)

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TRAVEL DIRECTORY [Continued]

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Asger and Judith Mikkelsen, Prop.
605 West Pender Street
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THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA

BALANCE SHEETS, DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
ADMITTED ASSETS [Note 1]			
CASH, including \$383,948 of certificates of deposit and savings accounts	\$ 34,848	\$ 374,956	\$ 409,804
INVESTMENT IN BONDS, at amortized cost (market \$3,565,454)	215,000	3,624,883	3,839,883
INVESTMENT IN STOCKS: Common, at market (cost \$381,054)		293,437	293,437
Preferred, at cost (market \$102,125)		144,950	144,950
PREMIUMS RECEIVABLE FROM LODGES		15,385	15,385
INTEREST INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED	940	73,388	74,328
CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS		39,443	39,443
REAL ESTATE, at cost:			
Land, buildings and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$64,700		267,127	267,127
Experience Rating refunds due		2,674	2,674
Total Admitted Assets	\$250,788	\$4,836,243	\$5,087,031

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

AGGREGATE RESERVE FOR LIFE POLICIES AND CERTIFICATES (Note 4)		\$3,304,489	\$3,304,489
POLICY AND CERTIFICATE CLAIMS		15,615	15,615
ESTIMATED REFUNDS TO MEMBERS, payable in 1978		55,000	55,000
PREMIUMS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE		37,359	37,359
PREMIUM DEPOSIT FUNDS		54,799	54,799
ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES		34,992	34,992
ACCRUED RETIREMENT PLAN EXPENSE (Note 3)		101,696	101,696
ACCRUED TAXES		8,448	8,448
CULTURAL CENTER LIABILITY (Note 6)		35,000	35,000
OTHER LIABILITIES		6,259	6,259
Total Liabilities		\$3,653,657	\$3,653,657
MANDATORY SECURITIES VALUATION RESERVE		88,209	88,209
FUND BALANCES (Note 2)	250,788	1,094,377	1,345,165
Total	\$250,788	\$4,836,243	\$5,087,031

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES For The Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
INCOME:			
Life premiums and membership assessments		\$ 332,730	\$ 332,730
Investment income, net expenses of \$39,689	9,662	257,080	266,742
Miscellaneous	1,663	3,125	4,788
Total Income	\$ 11,325	\$ 592,935	\$ 604,260
DEDUCT:			
Death benefits		139,879	139,879
Matured endowments and surrender benefits		37,454	37,454
Increase in reserves for life policies and certificates		118,434	118,434
Provision for retirement plan (Note 3)		3,754	3,754
Commissions		32,294	32,294
General expenses, per accompanying statement	9,846	267,264	277,110
Taxes, licenses and fees		9,842	9,842
Total Deductions	\$ 9,846	\$ 608,921	\$ 618,767
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS, before refunds to members (gain)	(1,479)	15,986	14,507
REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		54,266	54,266
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS [gain]	\$ (1,479)	70,252	68,773
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	248,019	1,190,579	1,438,598
Unrealized investment gains (losses)		(38,556)	(38,556)
Decrease in non-admitted assets		2,445	2,445
(Increase) decrease in mandatory securities valuation reserve	1,290	10,161	11,451
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)	\$250,788	\$1,094,377	\$1,345,165

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL EXPENSES
For The Year Ended December 31, 1977 [Note 1]

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Salaries and wages		\$122,576	\$122,576
Agency development expenses		14,914	14,914
Official publications		26,290	26,290
Traveling expenses		18,328	18,328
Printing and stationery		8,283	8,283
Expenses of Supreme Lodge meeting		15,000	15,000
Rent		10,500	10,500
Fraternal payments	4,946		4,946
Legal fees		3,600	3,600
Actuarial, audit and statistical fees		15,582	15,582
Scholarship grants and prizes	4,900		4,900
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone		9,236	9,236
Lodge supplies, fraternal products, less \$8,894 from sales		(836)	(836)
Membership Awards		3,213	3,213
Sundry general expenses		5,559	5,559
Retirement benefits paid (Note 3)		5,011	5,011
Advertising		2,525	2,525
Depreciation		2,590	2,590
Insured benefit plan for employees		2,862	2,862
Medical examination fees		2,031	2,031
General expenses incurred	\$9,846	\$267,264	\$277,110

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1977

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

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

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

C. Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost, preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.

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

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

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1977, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Special Reserves	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal			\$250,788	\$ 250,788
General	655,763	37,500	401,114	1,094,377
	\$655,763	\$37,500	\$651,902	\$1,345,165

(3) The Society has a Retirement Plan for full-time salaried home office employees with a minimum of two years' service. As of December 31, 1977, there were six employees qualified for the Retirement Plan. In addition, there are two former employees receiving benefits under the plan.

(4) The Society cedes reinsurance on certain ordinary life insurance to another insurance company. Maximum retention

of any one life is \$10,000. This company has agreed to accept automatically for reinsurance all amounts on any one life in excess of the retention amount not exceeding 400% of that retention.

The amount of insurance in force ceded was \$2,899,124 at December 31, 1977. To the extent that the reinsuring company is later unable to meet obligations under reinsuring agreements, the Society would remain liable.

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

(6) Problems arising from the now defunct Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc., have now been concluded and the cost to the Society was \$23,484.

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

APRIL — Payments to Board Members

George Godthaab: Lodge visits, Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash.; Lodge No. 299, Solvang, Calif.; and Convention Committee Meeting, 1979 National Convention, Vancouver, \$724.36.

Lodge 167, anniversary visit, \$240.00

Semi-annual board meeting expenses, \$371.00

George J. Jacobsen: Semi-annual board meeting expenses and Lodge No. 170 anniversary visit, \$501.00.

Byron Petersen: Semi-annual board meeting expenses, \$332.00.

Robert Ibsen: Semi-annual board meeting expenses, \$280.00.

Clyde Langsted: Semi-annual board meeting expenses and attendance of Convention Committee Meeting, 1979 National Convention, Vancouver, \$553.00.

Kenneth Pedersen: Semi-annual board meeting expenses, \$243.20.

Peter Weber: Semi-annual board meeting expenses, \$468.00.

MAY, 1978:

George Godthaab, Salary, \$269.60.

1978

Creative Writing Contest

The 1977 *Creative Writing Contest* elicited such a tremendous response from our readers and was so popular (judging from the many, many entries we received) that we are repeating the idea for 1978.

The rules are the same as last year, with one or two minor changes. We will repeat them here for you. If you were too shy to enter last year, this is your chance! Read on for the details.

Contest Rules

1. All work must be original, preferably typewritten (if this is not possible, you may handwrite it legibly), double-spaced and on one side of a sheet of a paper only. Include your manuscript *plus* two copies.
2. If you wish your manuscript returned, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
3. All entries *must* be accompanied by a small snapshot or photo of the author, an indication of your lodge or the lodge of your relative, plus the group and category you are entering.
4. All entries must be postmarked by August 30, 1978, and received by the Home Office no later than September 11, 1978.
5. All winners will be announced in the November, 1978, *American Dane* and winning entries will be published in the magazine shortly thereafter.
6. You may enter as often as you like in as many categories as you like; however, no more than one prize per entrant per category will be awarded.
7. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each category if we have 12 entries or more. Only first and second prizes will be awarded if we have more than five entries but less than eight. And only one prize will be awarded if we receive less than five entries in any one category.

There are no restrictions as to topic, content or style. We only ask that you heed our length designation. Send your entries to: Creative Writing Contest, c/o Danish Brotherhood, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Neb. 68131.

Remember: the deadline is August 30, 1978. Don't forget to include your photo, lodge number or relative's lodge number, group number and category, and *three* copies of each manuscript you enclose.

**Group I [age 12 and under]*

Poetry

- 1st — \$15
- 2nd — \$10
- 3rd — \$5

Fiction

- 1st — \$25
 - 2nd — \$15
 - 3rd — \$10
- (1500 word limit)

Non-Fiction

- 1st — \$25
 - 2nd — \$15
 - 3rd — \$10
- (1500 word limit)

Group II [age 13 to 18]

Poetry

- 1st — \$15
- 2nd — \$10
- 3rd — \$5

Fiction

- 1st — \$50
 - 2nd — \$30
 - 3rd — \$20
- (1500 word limit)

Non-Fiction

- 1st — \$50
 - 2nd — \$30
 - 3rd — \$20
- (1500 word limit)

Group III [age 19 and over]

Poetry

- 1st — \$15
- 2nd — \$10
- 3rd — \$5

Fiction

- 1st — \$50
 - 2nd — \$30
 - 3rd — \$20
- (1500 word limit)

Non-Fiction

- 1st — \$50
 - 2nd — \$30
 - 3rd — \$20
- (1500 word limit)

SILDESALAT

[Herring Salad]

From the book "Julia Peterson Tufford's Original
Scandinavian Recipes".**

- 3 salt herring
- 5 potatoes, boiled
- 2 beets, boiled or pickled
- 3 tart apples, peeled
- 2 cups cooked veal
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 stalk celery
- 1 cucumber pickle

Soak herring overnight. Dry and remove skin, bones and waste. Cube herring, potatoes, beets and apples. Dice celery and pickle. Just before serving combine all ingredients lightly with salad dressing.

Salad Dressing

Yolks of 2 hard cooked eggs, minced

1/2 cup salad oil

1/2 *teaspoon dry mustard

1/2 tablespoon sugar

4 tablespoons vinegar

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon white pepper

Yolks of 2 raw eggs

Garnish with sliced hard cooked eggs and pimento strips.

**Book is available from Nels Nelson's Danish Village Gift Shop, 1683 Copenhagen Dr., Solvang, Calif. 93463.

Car Crash Leaves Stan Sakowski In Coma

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Recently the Board of Directors approved a Special Fraternal Aid application for Danish Brotherhood member Stanley Sakowski of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wis.

Stan is 23 years of age and was involved in a tragic automobile accident in October of 1977. The accident left his companion bruised and the driver of the oncoming car was not seriously injured. After the head-on collision, it appeared Stanley was going to be all right, although he was unconscious. Eight months have passed and Stan is still in a coma.

After an extensive and costly hospital stay, a decision had to be made. In most cases the decision would have been to send Stan to a nursing home. Stan's mother, Beatrice Sakowski, could not accept that. As a registered nurse, she chose to take her son home and care for him herself.

Until that time she had been employed as a nurse on a full-time basis. Tremendous personal sacrifices are being made as she is now able to work only two days each week when another trained nurse arrives to care for Stan. Constant care is required all hours of the day and night, but Beatrice is determined to help her son.

It will be a long, hard struggle and all who know Stan can only pray for eventual recovery and offer financial support, which is badly needed. Lodge No. 14 has established a fund for Stan and asks any lodge, district or member who would like to assist this young member and his mother in his struggle for life to send contributions to: "Fraternal Friends of Stan Fund", c/o Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 14, 2206-63rd Street, Kenosha, Wis. 53140.

Robert Ibsen

Secretary, Lodge No. 14,

Director, Board of Directors.

(I personally thank my fellow board members for approving Stan's application for Special Fraternal Aid. Obviously, a tremendous need exists. — Robert Ibsen.)



Robert Ibsen and Beatrice Sakowski. Bob visited Beatrice and Stan in Milwaukee to present the first Danish Brotherhood Special Fraternal Aid check and to announce the "Fraternal Friends of Stan Fund".



IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

We have replenished our stock of Danish language cassette tapes. And we're really pleased that we were able to acquire more.

Learning or re-learning to speak Danish is fun for the whole family. And it is a wonderful activity for the individual lodges, too.

These five full-length cassette tapes fit any standard tape player, and our kits also include a read-along script as well as an English/Danish Dictionary all packaged in a handsome travel or storage album.

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