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**What's New
For September**

With the beginning of fall we start looking toward the end of the year. That means it's time for us to bring out the 1981 Danish Brotherhood Calendar! It's here and ready for you to order — see the announcement on page 17.

Fall also is the time for many celebrations around the country, and the Solvang Danish Days is one of the best known on the West Coast. We've got some photos in this issue showing this beautiful festival that takes place this month.

September's feature story, "Extended Journey," is one that many of you will feel close to your hearts. Violet Olsen tells about the life of her mother, a Danish immigrant, who struggled to raise a family by herself in this unfamiliar land. The story is not only a tribute to her mother, but a tribute to the Danish character that enabled her to accomplish a nearly hopeless task.

Pleasant reading!

Robert E. Coffey

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*Cover Photo — Photo Contest Winner: DBIA National Activity
View of the Lions Gate Bridge in Vancouver, British Columbia,
taken during the National Convention one year ago.
Photographer — Harry B. Jensen, Jr.*



DBIA President George Jacobsen

The President's Column

What most of our lodges need is a shot in the arm. Is there any better medicine than new members? Officers and committees are planning fall activities. Among activities planned should be a membership dinner. This month "Viking Adventures" features the St. Hans Aften activity of our Lodge No. 33 in Tacoma, Washington. This lodge has already submitted close to 20 applications for new members as a result of that membership drive.

What better way to increase membership quickly and substantially than by asking your members to bring their friends and relatives to a dinner? Invite guests to complete a membership application at the conclusion of the dinner. Several other lodges: such as Lodge No. 75 in Albert Lea, Minnesota; Lodge No. 45 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Lodge No. 1 in Omaha, are planning membership dinners in the coming months.

What better time than now while the lodge can earn cash awards for new members on all applications submitted for approval through December 15, 1980? You could find among your new members the person willing to become a representative for your lodge. With your cooperation, a good representative can help to continue the momentum a membership dinner creates.

Join Tacoma Lodge No. 33 in finishing the year with a nice membership gain. Plan a membership dinner for your lodge.

"The Vikings" Come to New York City During October

"The Vikings" is the largest and most comprehensive exhibition ever organized on the seafaring people of ancient Scandinavia. Objects in the collection are drawn from museums in Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway and Sweden. On view will be major archaeological finds, such as the only surviving Viking helmet from Norway, exquisite gold and silver jewelry, delicately ornamented objects in gilt-bronze, and carvings in stone, wood, and bone. The story told highlights the history and wealth of the Vikings and will show their way of life as warriors, traders and explorers.

Lectures will be sponsored by the American Scandinavian Foundation for the public by four distinguished British authorities on the Vikings. Scheduled for four Mondays in October in New York City: October 6, October 13, October 20 and October 27.

The American Scandinavian Foundation and Keith Prowse International Travel, Inc., 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019 are sponsoring four "Viking Weekends" in connection with the exhibit. The weekends include hotel accommodations, welcome brunch Saturday morning, escorted 3½ hour sightseeing tour of Manhattan Saturday afternoon, reception hosted by a Scandinavian Consul General, transportation from your hotel to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Viking Exhibit on Sunday, reception at ASF Headquarters Sunday afternoon, welcome visit to local ASF's member's home, and ASF sponsored Viking lecture on Monday afternoon. This package is available for the weekends of Oct. 3-6, Oct. 10-13, Oct. 17-20 and Oct. 24-27. Write to Keith Prowse International Travel, Inc., for details.



On this cross from Middleton, Yorkshire can be seen a Viking warrior laid out in his grave with his weapons. This mixture of paganism and Christianity is typical of the initial period of settlement of England.

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September 1, 1980

And Must Be Paid Before

October 1, 1980

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HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Danish-Americans Gather

by Diane Doyle, Director of Fraternal Services

Some members of the Danish American community are becoming concerned. Like us, they are aware that not enough has been done to preserve the contributions of the Danish American immigrant. Like us, they want to stimulate interest in Danish traditions and culture.

To further this end, and other objectives, the Danish American Heritage Society was formed. For the second year DAHS sponsored a Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference at the Menucha Conference and Retreat Center outside of Corbett, Oregon. With a dedicated committee this society has again held a most successful conference.

The conference took place over the July 4 weekend. A flag raising ceremony was included with recognition of the Rebuild Park celebration being held



Don Bogh raises the Danish flag after the raising of the United States flag July 4.

in Denmark by Mel Pihl. The main address of the afternoon was given by Enok Mortensen, D.D., who spoke on the Acculturation of the Immigrant.

Dr. Johannes Knudsen of Des Moines, Iowa, spoke on the topic of *Deepest Roots — Finest Fruits*, while other contributions to the program



**Dr. Johannes Knudsen,
*Deepest Roots — Finest Fruits.***

came from Sonja Rasmussen, presenting classicist Carl Nielsen in song; time for group singing with Thyra Nussle; folk dancing; a special evening featuring Anne Lise, a Danish soprano; films and crafts. The program was concluded on Sunday morning by a reading of Nis Petersen's poetry. The English translations were prepared by Otto Sorensen, professor of Germanic languages at Macalester College. Dr. Sorensen's own reading of his translations added to the presentation.

With concern for the future, the program for Saturday, July 5, included a panel discussion of the experiences of young persons who shared their views of Denmark. Each had been given the opportunity to spend several months in Denmark at some time in their lives.

Not diminishing the importance of knowledge gained from other speakers, the panel discussion was to me the most significant event of the conference. Each of the young people related his or her own view of Denmark, the cultural differences and similarities. Questions about life in modern Denmark were presented to the panel by the audience. The young people found much to be admired in everyday Danish life. They were candid in their discussion of questions.

The subject turned toward the need to stimulate the interest of more young people in their Danish heritage. This was a more difficult question for the panel.

The panel had a very good answer to the question — give the young some responsibility. Let them take part. Show them you know they have something to contribute.

But before you can give responsibility, you must have their interest. You must offer learning experiences, entertainment, and purpose they cannot find in another group. The logical answer for a Danish society is to offer Danish ethnic programs. Develop ethnic programs and include a chance now and then to learn. Be proud of your heritage and talk about it and your organization to others. Make them aware of the good thing you and your members have going. Be enthusiastic, have something to be enthusiastic about and transmit that enthusiasm to those around you.

On the positive note that we can take action to insure the future of our Danish organizations, and with attention in particular to the future of the Danish American Heritage Society by President Arnold Bodtker, the conference concluded.



Anne Lise Andersen, a spirited and talented Danish-American performer.



Marie and Diana Hesser shown with the "reborn" Danish porcelain figurine.

Child's Savings Replace Figurine

by Jule Zelenka, Omaha (Nebraska) World-Herald

Being a mother can mean tears of sorrow — and tears of joy.

For Marie Hesse, the tears of sorrow came last Thanksgiving when a porcelain figurine, brought from Denmark in 1977, was broken.

Mrs. Hesser said the figurine was smashed when 19 youngsters between the ages of 2 and 18 were jostling for position around a television set. That caused a shelf where the porcelain was displayed to wobble. Another object tipped and hit the figurine.

It fell on the TV set. The head came off.

"Diana jumped for it but it hit a stone crock and broke in a hundred pieces, more or less," Mrs. Hesser said.

"The kids put it on a plate and covered it with a napkin. There was a note on the plate that said 'she died.'

"When they gave it to me, I went to pieces," Mrs. Hesser recalled.

It was a Bing and Grondahl porcelain that cost \$45 when purchased in Denmark.

The young people were at the Hesser home because Mrs. Hesser's sister Katrina Nuland, was visiting from Page 6

Scottsbluff, Neb., with 14 children. Mrs. Nuland operates New Life Home, which is based at Minatare, Neb., and 10 of the youngsters are foster children and four are her own.

Three friends of Mrs. Hesser's son, Mike, 18, also were visiting.

Mrs. Hesser said Diana, 16, found a part-time job in January and began saving her pay.

She also enlisted an accomplice, her aunt, Sue Newsome of Omaha, who had a catalogue from Denmark that would permit ordering an exact replica of "Else," the figurine.

"I knew Diana had been saving for something but I thought it was for herself," Mrs. Hesser said. "About a week ago, she told me it was at Sue's and asked to go with her to get it.

"She had it on a plate with a card that said: 'She's reborn.'

That's when the tears of joy came.

"I collapsed and cried," Mrs. Hesser said. "I didn't ever dream she'd do that for me. It's so expensive! She paid \$76."

Marie Hesser and her sister, Sue Newsome, are members of Omaha Lodge No. 1.

ATTENTION.

The American Dane magazine will be carrying a Classified Advertising section every three months.

The next issue to have classified ads:

NOVEMBER

Rates: 15¢ per word — payment must accompany ad. Minimum \$5.00 per ad.

Deadline: 10th of the month preceding issue named above.

Ads subject to the editors' approval.

Inquire about discount rates on display advertising available to Danish Brotherhood members!

Danish Band Performs in Ludington

The Saeby Garden Band of Saeby, Denmark, arrived in Ludington, Michigan, Tuesday, July 16. The band consists of 65 young people and their director Leis Schmidt. The visit of the band was made possible under the International Exchange Program of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lakes, Michigan. Their tour of Michigan lasted 3 weeks.

Members of Lodge No. 51 in Ludington who hosted some of the band members reported they enjoyed them very much. And to top it off, enjoyed a wonderful concert by the band on July 18.

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:

AUGUST 1980

George J. Jacobsen, salary, \$276.85.



LODGE

CONTEST

M E M B E R S H I P

August 15 to December 15, 1980

\$300 Awarded Every 30 Days!

Now is the time to get ready for the 1980 Fall Membership Contest (August 15 to December 15, 1980). Your lodge can win cash prizes to be awarded in each of three groups (membership as of December 31, 1979).

- Group I — 100 or more members**
- Group II — 50 to 100 members**
- Group III — Less than 50 members**

Monthly Cash Prizes for Each Group: —

Most new members (social and insured) signed up.

1st Place — \$50.00

2nd Place — \$30.00

3rd Place — \$20.00

All lodges will be paid \$2.00 for each new member — social or insured — signed up during this 4-month period if at least 10 new members have been signed up. The \$2.00 per member will be paid at the end of the Contest Period. All applications (if insured both membership and insurance application) must be submitted for approval by the 15th of the month. Applications received after the 15th will be applied to the next month's contest. Winning lodges are eligible to compete each month. The top sponsor in each group will also be recognized and, of course, receive points toward a free trip to Denmark or one or more of the awards under the Centennial Membership Program.

Plan to participate in the LODGE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST and watch the magazine for the winners!



Annual Danish Days Come to Solvang

THE VILLAGE BAND will entertain by playing atop a horse drawn refurbished Carlsberg Brewery wagon at Danish Days in Solvang.

PRETTY maids in Danish costumes will bake Aebleskiver along Solvang's Copenhagen Drive during the Danish Days celebration Sept. 20 and 21.
---Photos by King Merrill.



DIANE CHRISTENSEN, a 16-year-old blond with green eyes and of Danish ancestry will reign as Danish Maid during the Danish Days celebration in Solvang.

Our Lodges In Action

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — (From our lodge president): If the DBIA and our lodge are to continue to prosper, it is necessary that we start doing something about it. We simply can't afford to stagnate and wither away. I urge you to attend meetings, participate in social activities and actively solicit your friends who qualify to join us.

We have changed the format of our social meetings. We have interspersed more traditional Danish events and dropped an old stand-by or two. We hope that with help and cooperation, our social meetings will be fun for everyone and will help keep us NUMBER ONE.

Our hats off to Blair Lodge #206 for hosting the State Picnic in July. Members from most Nebraska lodges filled the lodge hall to capacity.

In August we voted to donate \$100 of our profits from the Ethnic Festival to the State Scholarship fund. We also decided to advertise our cookbook in the American Dane and in the Pioneer. They'll make excellent gifts for Christmas.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — we held our annual picnic at the St. Paul park on July 13th. The food was good, as was the companionship of fellow Danes.

The annual Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood convention was held August 22 and 23 at the Midtown Holiday Inn. Friday evening featured a smørrebrød and Dr. Manley with slides and songs on the history of Danish immigrants in Nebraska. Saturday brought meetings and an evening banquet and dance.

The Nebraska State Fair is coming up at the end of August. Our fellow Danish clubs are taking an active part. If you do attend the state fair, please show your support by visiting their booths.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — In July we enjoyed a potluck picnic in the Newell Park. After a short business meeting, Weldon Andersen was put in charge of the many Danish games we played.

Special guests were Knud Pedersen and his son Morton of Denmark and Harlan Johnson from the Humboldt, IA lodge.

Elmer Jensen

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — To Harvey Beck and Bruce Bisballe, our welcome mat is out for you as our new members.

One of our members, Peter Pedersen, is one of the first to move into the new Danish Villa in Rochester, MI.

A big hand to Nielsen Dalley for a fine job as President of the Scandinavian Ethnic Festival Committee who had their festival at the Detroit Riverfront in August.

About thirty people showed up for the Golf Outing in July. Emil Nielsen made and donated beautiful traveling trophies for the first place winners of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, won by Howard Hansen and Shirley Woods.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

Michigan-Ohio District

Lodge 227 hosted a ball game outing in Detroit and 52 of us from Muskegon, Ludington, Greenville and Detroit had a hilarious bus trip from the Danish Club to Tiger Stadium and back. We saw a good game — Tigers won.

Howard Hansen organized the whole trip and he and his helpers were given a well-deserved big hand by the group.

Don't forget the fishing trip September 13th in Ludington.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Good attendance and a hard-working committee made for a successful District picnic. Thanks go to all who attended and helped out.

For the Trap Shoot, special thanks go to Chris Lie and Keith Rasmussen for handling another fine outing.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — In August we enjoyed a Corn Roast at the Ozzie Christensen's.

It was a pleasure for us to work with lodge #4 in helping to make the District picnic such a success. Many people attended and enjoyed the food, games and festivities.

We're proud to announce that 15 volunteers from our lodge and the Sisterhood lodge are going to assist taking pledges for our local public television stations. Our lodge plans to donate \$100 in support of public television.

Remember to reserve October 4th for our Fall Torsk Dinner at the International Institute. We will be raffling off several fine gifts to help raise money to replenish our treasury after having donated an additional \$500 to the European Village at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Seven teams from around the District enjoyed a day of trap shooting hosted by Racine Lodge #4 back in June. Our teams finished 3rd and 6th. The day was topped off with a nice lunch and refreshments.

About 180 people attended the District picnic in Franksville. We wish to thank lodges #4 and #36 for a well-organized and relaxing time.

In addition to the Centennial Membership Contest, the National Headquarters has announced a new contest whereby the individual lodges can win cash by signing up new members. So let's get going!



Lodge 35's Dane for the Night, Paul Sloth.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — After a short business meeting in July, members played cards or just enjoyed the evening visiting with each other. Roger and Ed Larsen, who celebrated birthdays, treated on refreshments.

Our Dane for the Night, was Paul Sloth who told us he was born in Ringe, Denmark. Paul came to the USA in 1948 when he had the urge to travel.

Plans are underway for the District Convention to be held in Joliet on September 27th and 28th. We'll be co-hosting with Lodge #34 (Dwight).

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — In July we hosted the Golf Outing at the Dwight Country Club. There were 16 foursomes and one twosome playing. Dwight took first place for the team score.

Later about 125 people came for the pig roast. The highlight for the evening was a belly dancer in honor of Slim Andersen's birthday.

Jim and Ginny Andreasen attended the District picnic in Franksville, hosted by Racine lodge #4 and Milwaukee lodge #36. Thanks to the hosts for a good job.

EASTERN

Lodge #325, Long Island, NY — After our business meeting in August, we had a joke evening. Members came prepared to tell some funny yarns.

In October, we will be having our Masquerade party. To attend, members must wear a mask. Full costumes are preferred, and prizes will be given for costumes.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — New local lodge bylaws have been printed and will be mailed with our September lodge letter.

Our annual President Dinner Dance will be held at the Kingston Restaurant in Union, NJ, on October 24th. Tickets are \$12.50, available from any officer.

Viggo Nielsen

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — Since this is the 75th anniversary of our lodge, we are planning several events this year. One of the activities already past was the showing of the film, "Denmark, You'll Love It," starring Victor Borge and his daughter, Frederika.

Plans are gradually being formed for our 75th anniversary party to be held at the Elks club in Eureka on September 20th. The evening will consist of a dinner dance and a short program with talks from some of our National officers and District officers.

We had two landmark occasions this summer. The first was the 95th birthday of Kathrina Iversen of Eureka. And the second was the 60th wedding anniversary of Marius and Andrea Holgersen, who came to this country in 1920.

Laura Schuler, Sec.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — In September we will play White Elephant Bingo along with our regular meeting. Members are asked to bring white elephants wrapped up.

We must do our part to bring in new members, and encourage members to attend. If we each signed up just one new member, we would increase our membership by 100%.

Last month, Olaf Christensen "finally" received his 25-year pin.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — July was a busy month for our lodge as we initiated 5 new members. We also had three guests at our meeting, 2 from Phoenix and one from Denmark. Later we had a silent auction that everyone enjoyed.

Also in July, we held our Danish picnic in Fountain Valley. We cooked aebleskivers and hot dogs for a real grand treat!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge #328, Vancouver, CAN. — It has been a pleasure for us to welcome many new members in the past six months, and an even greater delight to observe the spirit with which these new members support and partake in our activities.

In our lodge we are very proud of our initiation ceremony, to the extent that we had it videotaped. We also recorded interviews with 3 of our grand old-timers, Oluf Borsholt, Anker Sorensen, and Vernon Tryson, who all at one time served as president of our lodge.

Looking ahead, our giant Andespil and dance will take place on November 22nd. January 17th is the Smoker, and we are also toying with the idea of a play in the late winter or early spring.

Mogens Mogensen, Pres.

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — After 20 years as the President of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Danish Home, Ed Olsen decided to step down. A new Board was elected at the July 12th meeting.

The Nordic Festival was a successful event for the Danish Community. The Danish colors really showed in the festive parade that opened the event. Many participants wore old Danish folk costumes.

The Danish exhibit was probably the most professional we have ever prepared. The Danish Trade Office and the Royal Danish Consulate also contributed their efforts to the success of the Festival.

In August we held our annual lodge picnic at the Northwest Danish Home. It was fun for the whole family with free coffee, ice cream, pop and beer.

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — There is not a more beautiful place than Ole's Swiss Chalet on Henderson Bay for a picnic. We gathered there in July with a guest list of 105 people.

Following some delicious appetizers and a wonderful dinner, we all sang many Danish songs, led by President Peter Rasmussen.

The evening was so enchanting with the beauty of the surroundings that it was difficult to break away.

Signe Lindberg, Sec.

MISSOURI



The photograph depicts some of the participants of the parade which preceded the ETHNIC FESTIVAL at Kansas City, Missouri this summer. Danish, Swedish and Norwegian members of the Scandinavian Club, the Danish Brotherhood and students from Lindsborg, Kansas, participated in the event which was sponsored by the KC Parks and Recreation Department. (Photo by R. J. Wallace, K.C., MO whose wife, Gerda, is a member of the KC Lodge #56.)



New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Ernest A. Petersen	1	Omaha	Axel Skelbeck
Clayton K. Lee	4	Racine	George K. Wanggaard
George S. Wanggaard	4	Racine	George K. Wanggaard
John R. Wanggaard	4	Racine	George K. Wanggaard
Ronald B. Meltzer	4	Racine	Harold LaBlanc
Donald R. Geissler, Jr.	32	New Haven	Donald Geissler
Maren K. Rasmussen	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Marie M. Dess	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
James H. Dess	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Svend A. Rasmussen	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Knud B. Hunter	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Vika J. Vedella	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Betty I. Rasmussen	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Annelise D. Ezell	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Signe A. Lindberg	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Harold M. Olsen	33	Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Karl K. Smith	51	Ludington	Arnold Koegler
Lawrence W. Cabot	51	Ludington	Lawrence J. Cabot
David Christensen	71	Penn Yan	H. Larry Andersen
Cynthia L. Lorenzen	95	Ferndale	Susan Lorenzen
Jerry A. Marshall	167	Portland	Loren Nielsen
Suzanne D. Marshall	167	Portland	Loren Nielsen
Kati Marie Hansen	167	Portland	Chris Petersen
Raymond P. Woods	227	Detroit	Edward Woods, Jr.
Soren K. Jensen	227	Detroit	Tage Guldbrandsen
Allan T. Larsen	299	Solvang	Hans Larsen
Lawrence C. Hansen	299	Solvang	Carl Hansen
Dorothy Gunzenhauser	325	Nassau Co.	Esher Moeller
Erik H. Thinesen	325	Nassau Co.	O'Brien Andreassen
Tara Rathlev	345	Orange Co.	F. Christiansen
Deborah Humphreys	600	Omaha	Tage Guldbrandsen
Carl C. H. Tommerup	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Edel E. Tommerup	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen

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
7-2-80	Svend Kaufmann	88	Skjelskor, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1914
5-15-80	Andreas P. Markussen	90	Hasle, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1917
6-20-80	Jul Petersen	86	Endelave, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1942
6-9-80	Andrew M. Nelsen	95	Ribe, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1907
6-26-80	Carl G. Hansen	92	Stubbekjobing, Denmark	126	Los Angeles	1925
5-23-80	Niels C. Sundsted	77	Racine, Wisconsin	283	Dagmar, Montana	1929
7-19-80	Laurits C. Bendtsen	75	Alleso, Odense, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1934
6-9-80	Alva C. Jensen	69	Albert Lea, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1965
7-17-80	Ray C. Jensen	78	Council Bluffs, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1926
7-16-80	Chris N. Sondergaard	78	Haderup, Denmark	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1926
7-9-80	Jens Peter Jensen	95	Hjorring, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1904
5-78	Elenora Sullivan	59	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
6-22-80	May Runquist	88	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1962
3-26-80	Soren Nielsen	92	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1969
7-14-80	Margrethe Jepsen	86	Ferndale, California	230	Arcata, California	1968
7-13-80	Benny Jacobsen	63	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	1952

Does Your Lodge Have A Representative?

If not, do someone a favor by recommending him or her as your lodge representative and earn \$100.00 for yourself.

1. WHAT IS THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM?

It is an arrangement whereby each lodge appoints a representative, trained and assisted by members of the home office staff to sign up new lodge members and provide members with information about the various life insurance plans available from your Society.

2. HOW IS THE REPRESENTATIVE COMPENSATED?

The representative who usually works part time for the Brotherhood receives a commission on all new insurance written — the same as he would with most other Fraternal Societies or commercial life insurance companies.

3. HOW SUCCESSFUL IS THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM?

During the 50 year period prior to the inception of the Representative System (from 1923 to 1973) membership in The Danish Brotherhood decreased by almost 11,000 and life insurance in force decreased by 6 million. During the first 5 years of the Representative System membership increased by 1,881 and insurance in force increased by 8¼ million. Your representatives have been responsible signing up 82 percent of all new social and 92 percent of new insured members as well as writing 96 percent of the protection provided our members.

4. HOW DO MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM THE LIFE INSURANCE?

In addition to providing valuable protection at the lowest possible cost, the premium income generated from the sale of life insurance also provides for the national fraternal programs, such as scholarships, camp grants, orphan benefit and fraternal aid.

5. DO LODGES BENEFIT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM?

The local lodge will benefit from the representative's activities by the increasing number of new members and the resulting local dues.

6. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR LODGE?

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extended journey

by Violet Olsen

It was a cold, bleak day in 1901. A slender, dark haired girl leaned over the ship's rail and watched the diminishing skyline of Copenhagen. Behind that skyline were her parents, friendship, and familiar surroundings. Ahead was an ocean voyage, a strange new land, and uncertainty. Now that the Atlantic began to separate her from all that was dear and familiar, she felt frightened and pressed closer to her older brother. She felt the warm, reassuring clasp of his hand over her own. So my mother began the long journey to the United States and a new life.

Her life in this adopted land was to span a half century, and her destiny was to be linked with the rich, black soil of Iowa. No native born American ever felt a greater devotion to this great country. Here she was to marry, work, and raise a family. When I was growing up, I did not consider my mother an extraordinary woman. To me then she was just "Mamma" and I must confess I was sometimes ashamed of her broken English and unsophisticated manners.

I was embarrassed when she frankly admitted to anyone that she had never learned to write the English language. She read extensively for she had taught herself to read by long hours of studying simple primers and textbooks. Writing in English was limited to

signing her name to such things as checks, documents, and greeting cards. She could, of course, read and write Danish. I did not consider this an accomplishment.

It was not until years later that I realized that it was her very individuality that made her the wonderful woman that she was. Handicapped by her limited education and immigrant status, she made the most of her potential.

My mother was nineteen years old when she and Uncle Sam immigrated to the United States. They went to a small midwestern town where their two elder brothers had settled. They joined their brothers and my mother soon found employment as a domestic servant for an English speaking family. From them she made her first acquaintance with the English language and American customs.

She had meant to return to her parents in Denmark but the years slipped by. Her mother and father died, and the ties to her native Denmark weakened.

Then when she was twenty-six she met and married my father, a man ten years her senior. She bore eight children, three boys and five girls. I do not remember my father, for he died quite suddenly of a brain tumor when I was two years old. My eldest brother was sixteen years old at the time and my younger sister only two months. My mother was forty-four years old and accustomed to the life of domestic dependency.

My father was a good and kind man

but like so many husbands of his generation he did not consult his wife on financial matters. He owned a 120 acre farm but it was heavily mortgaged. Mother was completely ignorant of farming methods and money affairs. That had been my father's domain. Hers was the care of home and children. She accepted this role as the woman's place.

In October, 1924, she suddenly found herself alone with eight children and a farm. Once in a rare confidence (for she seldom spoke of her personal grief) she told me about the deathbed talk with my father. "I cannot manage without you," she had sobbed. "You must and you will," he assured her. He wanted her promise that we would all grow up on the farm, and perhaps it was his faith in her ability to keep the farm and rear us all to maturity which made mother equal to an almost impossible task.

In the first weeks of her grief the relatives came to mother's aid with sympathy and advice. They did not believe that women should run farms and earn livings in those days. She should rent the farm. She might keep house for her two bachelor brothers who farmed together. It would be better if some of the children lived with other relatives.

The aunts on both sides of the family began to offer which ones of us they would accept. One aunt would take the baby and one of the older girls whom she considered the prettiest. My mother should keep this one or that one.

At left, a photo of Hannah Villadsen taken 1902, shortly after she came to America from Denmark.

Anger overcame my mother's numb state of grief. They would not pick and choose her children. She determined to keep all eight of us together on her own farm.

From an unschooled immigrant and dependent wife she became a tower of strength to eight young fatherless children. The uncles helped. They found a reliable hired hand. They advised mother what to plant, when to harvest, when to buy and when to sell livestock. But with the years it became apparent to mother that quite naturally their immediate concern was with their own affairs, their crops and activities. They became impatient when she questioned their advice. "Do as you wish," they would say. She took the advice and began to manage the farm herself.

In the 1920's women did not attend livestock auctions, bid on cattle, frequent grain elevators, or haggle over machinery prices. But this she did, to the amusement of men who felt a woman had no place in their masculine world. Soon they became aware that she was a shrewd bargainer, and those who would take advantage of her found a wary buyer. Many a man who scoffed and ridiculed, later accepted her as an intelligent equal.

Though it was necessary for mother to shoulder the responsibility of earning our living, she did not neglect the loving attention that goes with motherhood. We had the security of knowing we were well loved. She attended to our physical needs of good food, warm clothing, and a comfortable home. These we took for granted as do most fortunate children.

Our home environment was cheerful and untroubled with worry despite the absence of that important person in family life, the father. My mother never remarried. She concealed her loneliness from us, for children can never fill the gap left by a helpmate.

We grew up during the depression when many farmers lost their land, city children went hungry, and too many families were on county relief. The hardships of the times had only a superficial meaning to me.

One Christmas Santa Claus could only bring paper dolls, but we had a tree and my mother made it a happy Christmas. She worked, scrimped,

worried, and planned and somehow she made ends meet. Sometimes I would awake in the night to hear the noise of her old treadle sewing machine. I wondered why she liked to sew when everyone else was sleeping. Now I know that in those days she could spend next to nothing for our clothing and she had time only at night to sew.

The clothes were made from hand-me-downs. I had many a skirt or jumper made from old trousers. How I longed for a dress bought in a store or made from new material.

There was no money but we did not suffer. Our food came from our cows, chickens, and the garden. There was always plenty of good food on the table but seldom any of the grocery-store fare that cost money. One of my older sisters who worked at a laundry in town sometimes brought home pork and beans and cans of sardines on payday. At ten, I thought this was a rare treat.

When my sister was to be married I asked my mother if we could have sardines for the wedding dinner. My mother laughed and said, "Yes, if you want them so badly," but we also had fried chicken. I know now that our mother was able to pay the mortgage and keep our home only because of her willingness to sacrifice even the smallest luxury.

Times were to improve and there came a gradual prosperity. My older brother went to an electrical trade school in Chicago. My younger brothers, taught by my mother, were able to take over the operation and finally the management of the farm. Things became easier for mother. She placed great value upon education and one of her proudest moments was when she watched my younger sister graduate with the university's class of nursing. She had met her last obligation to help us all find our place in the world. As long as she lived, even when we were grown, she helped, encouraged, and advised us. Her pride in our smallest triumphs was all the reward she asked.

I remember the times my mother taught us lessons in tolerance, goodness, and in the essential dignity of man. But there is one instance I remember in particular. I was home

from college and some of my married brothers and sisters and their families had come home to visit. We were all sitting in the living room having started out as a friendly conversation and somehow wound up on the subject of segregation.

Our locality does not have a racial problem but even so we could not discuss the matter calmly. We began taking sides pro and con and the discussion evolved into a heated emotional argument. The issue involved was that the minority race lived under unwholesome conditions because of their inferiority and general shiftlessness. There were those of us who would not believe that social pressure was at all responsible but rather a necessary precaution for the good of the rest of society.

When our mother spoke, we became aware that it was the first time she had entered the argument and that her voice was quivering with anger. "Let me tell you something," she said. "When your Uncle Sam and I crossed the ocean to this country we traveled 3rd class. We were cold and dirty and crawling with lice. A black man in a white coat brought us a hot cup of coffee. I will not forget that good man." No more was said. She had given us something to think about.

It is easy to love one's own family and friends but to be a true Christian, one must extend this love to all mankind. My mother, by her example, taught us this. We lived beside a federal highway, and when I was very young, tramps were often seen roaming the roads. I knew that a lot of housewives were afraid of these men and bolted their doors when a tramp approached. During the depression, my mother gave food to hundreds of these vagabonds. It was not unusual for my sister and me to come home from school and find a hungry tramp sitting at the kitchen table. Appearance meant nothing to mother.

Once I was quite frightened to come home and see a particularly ragged and grotesque looking old man in our kitchen. He had a thick growth of gray beard, wore a black patch over one eye, and his feet were covered with burlap bags tied with twine. He was eating a hot meal and my mother was having a cup of coffee with him. After

he left, I asked her if she were not afraid of him. "No" she said, "He was a hungry man asking only for food. Besides, these poor men have also something to give. They travel all over the country and can tell us about things we have never seen." She had an almost childish trust in downtrodden people and not one ever harmed her.

Her life would have been very hard indeed had she not had such a fine sense of humor. She could laugh at herself and could even be teased by her children. We never kidded her about her English for she was quite sensitive about using the wrong word. Once, talking to my husband, she was praising my brother's cooking ability. "I don't get up and make his breakfast," she said. "He just pops a couple of eggs into the skeleton." My brother is tall and slender so my husband had to smile. Mother eyed him narrowly to see if she'd made a mistake. She could have said "frying pan" but she had to go fancy and try for the word "Skillet."

Nobody ever corrected her English. These funny remarks that sometimes embarrassed us as children now endeared her to us. She was not above playing a joke on herself and she was

fun to have around.

Once I was shopping with her when she was approached by a woman well known in our town for her religious zeal. The woman was pleased to find a listening ear and was talking about the wickedness of the world. The root of all evil, to her way of thinking, was dancing, drinking and smoking. Although my mother never indulged in these pleasures herself, she was quite tolerant of those who did.

"Don't you live near the Woodland Night Club?" she asked the woman. She said she did. "Do you ever go there?" mother inquired. "Sometimes I go there in the daytime to buy milk; but I would never be seen there at night." replied the woman indignantly. "Oh," said my mother sweetly. "Then that is why I have never seen you there." The woman went off in a huff, knowing mother was pulling her leg.

My mother died about three years ago. We, her grown children, all came to her bedside in the hospital. We knew the end was near for she had suffered a very serious heart attack. Seeing the tears and grief on our faces, she still tried to shield us from pain. It was an effort for her to speak but she said, "I will pull through this." We knew she

did not believe it herself. "There is one I have not seen," she said, "Sam has not been here." She seemed to be waiting for him.

My Uncle Sam lived nearby on a farm. He came to her bedside. Nearing eighty, he had been very ill himself. Her eyes flicked in recognition. He lay down on the hospital bed beside her and put his wrinkled cheek next to her own. "Little Hannah," he said tenderly. They were unaware of others in the room. In death my mother was somehow young and defenseless, as if her life had completed a cycle. Again she left loved ones behind and made the journey to another Home.



Hannah Villadsen (Mrs. Peter Larsen) in 1940, age 60.



1981 Calendar



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An important day to remember, Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 7.



Member Turns 96

Ken Janssen, President of Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wisconsin, and John Mollerskov, Treasurer, recently had the pleasure of celebrating a birthday with one of their members. It was Jens Peter Taft Welling (center) who was born in 1884, became a member in June of 1910, and this year attained the age of 96. Lodge No. 4 presented Mr. Welling with a birthday cake which was enjoyed by all residents of the Lincoln Lutheran Home in Racine where Mr. Welling resides.

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Grandma's Kitchen

Chicken Soup with Dumplings* (Hønskødsuppe Med Boller)

Soup

1 large hen	Salt to taste
3 carrots	1 soup wisp (parsley, celery top and onion tied together)
1 small celery root	

Dumplings

½ cup butter	1 cup boiling water
1 cup flour	4 eggs
	1 tsp. salt

Place hen in about 2 quarts cold water and bring to a boil. Skim soup and add vegetables; simmer about 3 hours. Strain soup and add salt to taste. Serve with dumplings.

Melt butter in heavy saucepan. Add flour and mix until smooth over low heat. Add 1 cup boiling water all at once and stir constantly until dough leaves the side of the pan. Cool. Suggest that each egg be beaten individually, then beat well with each addition into the above ingredients. Add salt. Drop by spoonful into boiling water, forming dumplings with a teaspoon. Cook very slowly 3 to 5 minutes and place in soup dish, or make dumplings ahead and heat them in soup. Make 6 servings.

*Recipe from A Taste of Danish by Lodge No. 1, Omaha. Available by mail from Marilyn Storms, 4129 N. 100 St., Omaha, NE 68134, 96 pages, \$3.50 postpaid.

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by Theodore Bikel, on America,
the Beautiful, U.S. News & World Report

ST. HANS AFTEN BRINGS NEW MEMBERS TO TACOMA



Members and guests gather to sing on St. Hans Aften.

Signe Lindberg and Peter Rasmussen have enthusiastically shared this descriptive account of the St. Hans Aften event sponsored by Lodge No. 33 in Tacoma.

"On June 21st, our lodge celebrated St. Hans Eve at Harold Olsen's Swiss chalet beach home located on Henderson Bay, Gig Harbor, Washington.

"The guest list numbered 135; many of whom signed up for membership on that day. At 6 p.m. dinner was served. The menu consisted of tenderloin beef cubes in delicious gravy over curled noodles, peas and carrots, tossed green salad with choice of dressing and heated poor boy French bread. For dessert, fresh strawberries topped with sour cream and brown sugar.

"After dinner, the guests walked down the winding path flanked by colorful flowers and trees to the beach. Harold had hung flags from several European countries as well as our own on his many flag poles. They waved as you passed by. At the left of the trail, near the beach, stands a Swedish cabin, and to the right a little further on, a Danish cabin where there is a wood stove to warm you, and to cook the split pea soup.

"At the beach, Peter Rasmussen, our new president, gave a speech of welcome, cited advantages of belonging to our Danish Brotherhood organization, thanked the many helpers for their part in the St. Hans Eve celebration; and then led the group in many Danish and American songs. It was a festive, joyous occasion.

"At ten p.m. the burning of the witch took place. Two rockets hidden in her pockets caught fire and with a bang she flew into space. The flame lit the entire area and stars were emitted from the rockets.

"By this time everyone was feeling the cool of the evening, so they were served split pea soup on the beach. Then they marched back up the trail to Harold's home and were treated to coffee and pastry. What a party they all exclaimed! The saxophone was played at this time, by Gus DeBock and he was accompanied by Grant Nylander on the piano. Some danced, others visited.

"With so many new members in our lodge, young and old, we are looking forward to many fun celebrations."

We have a feeling DBIA representative Ernst Blyt was there helping to get the applications signed.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

At the workshop in Seattle, Lodge No. 33 president, Peter Rasmussen, told us we would hear from Tacoma. And now we have and we thank you Peter, Signe, and all of your members for this inspiring account.

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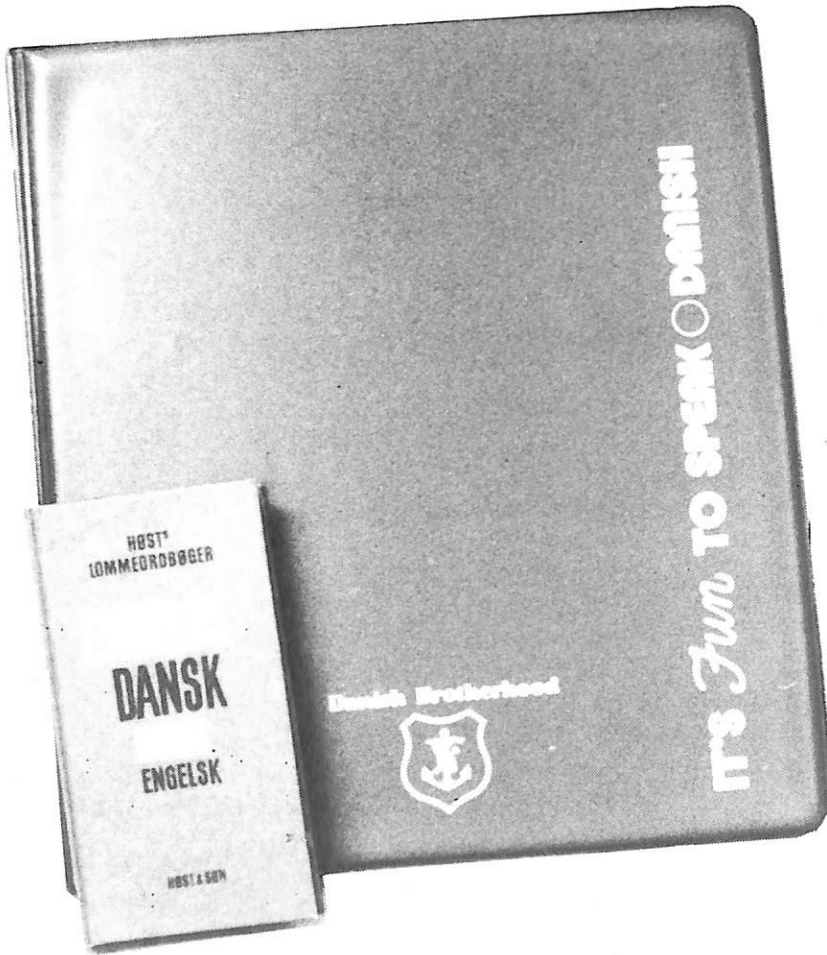
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