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## What's New For November

Here's wishing all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! Of course, following closely behind is the fast-approaching Christmas season.

If you haven't yet decided on gifts, you really ought to look carefully through this issue. We have some new advertisers this month who offer some splendid ideas for anyone on your gift list. You'll also find some terrific suggestions in Viking Adventures.

Our feature article for November is about a young Danish pilot who has come to the United States for his military flight training. Author Craig McDaniel tells us how this young Dane feels about our country in contrast to his own, at the same time, showing us a relatively little-known avenue of cooperation between the U.S. and Denmark.

Lynne L. Prout, an accomplished poet, returns to *The American Dane* with his "Ode to Snowshoe Thompson". I think you'll enjoy this tale of the indomitable Scandinavian spirit found in "Snowshoe."

What is your lodge doing to try to win the cash prizes in the membership contest? You can compare your efforts against those of other lodges in a new feature — WINNING the Lodge Membership Contest. We urge you to get out and try some of the ideas for yourselves.

Again, Happy Holidays and pleasant reading!

*Robert E. Coffey*

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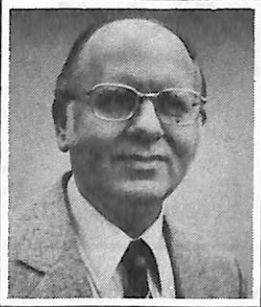
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# The President's Column



**DBIA President  
George Jacobsen**

Let us use our monthly publication, The American Dane, as a forum for your opinions as well as mine. Use the "Letters to the Editor" column to respond to what you see in the magazine. The outcome will be to make those who read the column think about the future of the Brotherhood.

The American Dane was first published in 1916. It was, of course, not known as The American Dane then, but Det Danske Brodersamfund Blad. It was different from the publication we know today; quite often filled with letters from members. Many of the letters printed did not express the popular views regarding the society, but they were the honest opinion of the member.

The chief concern of the Board of Directors is the continued growth of The Danish Brotherhood. To do this, we have said we need the help and support of the lodges. We need you to implement good ethnic lodge activities and we need your emphasis on putting members into the lodge.

If we are to be in existence 20, 40, 60 or 100 years from now to serve the needs of the Danish American community, we need to reaffirm our upward trend. It is only through growth we can move forward to increase benefits, services and programs for the future. When our membership is not growing, our expansion of services must stop, too.

Among our members there appears to be a general understanding of that fact. We have come from a society which provided a haven for immigrants, to one which provides financial and social benefits. We should think far enough ahead to determine that if the Danish American community is to stand out from the general population there must be an organization strong enough to preserve what is the best from the Danish heritage.

There is no reason why The Danish Brotherhood cannot be this organization. Yet we see changes being made very slowly in most lodges. We see only isolated incidents of adoption of suggestions. But the suggestions offered to help your lodge and district were made only after serious study of the problems. It has, through the 98 years of society history, been the lodges who changed when the need for change was apparent, that fared the best. Now is the time to dare to change. Be ready to move forward into the next century.



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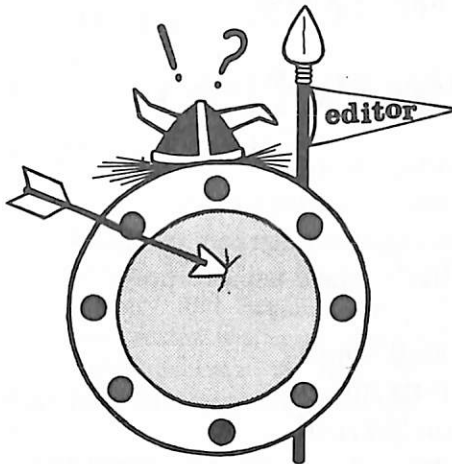
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# LETTERS



## to the editors

To the Editor:

Thank you, Violet Olsen, for the illuminating story of your mother's life in the September American Dane. I'm sure there are others, like myself, whose mothers were widows, and whose lives were shaped by the inner strength which their mothers had.

Your story brought back many memories to me of my own mother and with them the hot tears of remorse. It seems that we don't know how great is the gift that we received until it is too late to thank them. At least we can show by word and example that the seed which they planted in our lives still lives and perhaps others may be influenced thereby.

You have a beautiful way with words, Violet. I would like to think that this is part of your Danish inheritance.

Lawrence R. Fahl  
Rt. 4, Box 15  
Seal Rock, Oregon

Please accept my most sincere thanks for mailing the 3 Danish Calendars to my home. They arrived in fine condition. They are very beautiful and very useful. I am a Dane who came to this country in 1924. I also have belonged to the Danish Brotherhood since 1930 in Lodge 227 in Detroit. So once again I'll say thank you very much for the calendars. I shall treasure them very much.

William Nelson  
Detroit, Mich.

The drawings are very beautiful also.

Hello Everyone at Home Office,

We are still on the go, and enjoying every minute. We are presently back in Michigan again, after spending three days in Ontario, Canada, at the Niagara Falls. We now have seen the falls from above, below, in front, and behind. It was very impressive. We also walked the Rainbow Bridge from Niagara Falls, Canada to Niagara Falls, New York and took a tour of Goat Island while there.

We are sending a picture that we took while parked in your backyard.

We wish to thank you again for your grand hospitality during our stay in Omaha.

Fraternally,  
Chris and Marile Christensen

*\*It created quite a bit of excitement the day Chris and Marile Christensen,*



*members of Orange County, CA Lodge No. 345, arrived at the National Headquarters in Omaha. Those of us who had met them before were delighted to see them again. Then there was some maneuvering before the lovely r.v. they were driving could be parked behind the DBIA building! We hope they enjoyed their stay in Omaha as much as we enjoyed having them visit.*

## Thank You! From the Grand Island Fund

by Diane Doyle, Director of Fraternal Services



**President George J. Jacobsen presents first Grand Island Tornado Fund check to Carl Mayhew, President, Lodge No. 211; during Nebraska District convention.**

No matter the size, each contribution was important to the result, presenting over \$1,300 to Lodge No. 211 in Grand Island. The concept of fraternalism is banding together to assist each other. When we pool our resources, monetary or physical, to help we are acting as fraternalists. You have helped a lodge facing a difficulty and you can be justly proud of what you have accomplished.

We hope disaster will avoid the members and lodges of our society for many years to come. But if it should strike, we will feel confident of our ability through you to provide assistance.

Contributors to the Grand Island Fund: Roy W. Petersen, Askov, MN;

George and Birgit Jacobsen, Malverne, NY; Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI; Berg J. Jensen, Bayside, NY; Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI; Nebraska General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood; Armand and Eloise Thomsen, Omaha, NE; Diane Doyle, Papillion, NE; Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Minden, NE; Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE; Mr. and Mrs. Jens A. Ericksen, Racine, WI; Lodge No. 230, Arcata, CA; Howard Christensen, Omaha, NE; The Hagar's bowling team of Lodge No. 14; Peter and Ellen Weber, Solvang, CA; Henry and Elsie Olesen, Ferndale, CA; Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, CA; and Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA.

1980 Creative Writing Contest Winner

Florence Lopez

## My Father's Home

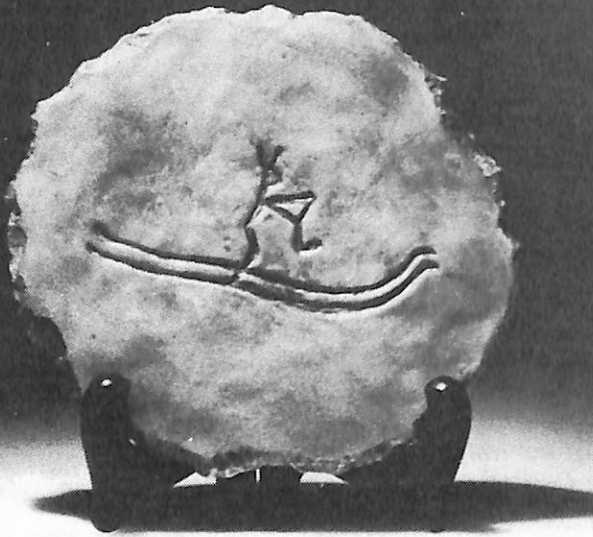
I went back home last summer  
For my eyes were yearning to see,  
The chequered squares of green and gold  
Where my father's gaard used to be.

The white painted house  
On a green rolling hill,  
Straw thatch on the roof,  
Is standing there still.

This is my father's land  
From childhood to man he came.  
On this, the spot where I stand  
Came my Danish name.

The oak that he climbed  
The creek that he fished.  
Where ever he wandered  
They always were missed.

This is my father's home  
Long ago left behind.  
But always the memories  
Live in his heart, and in mine.



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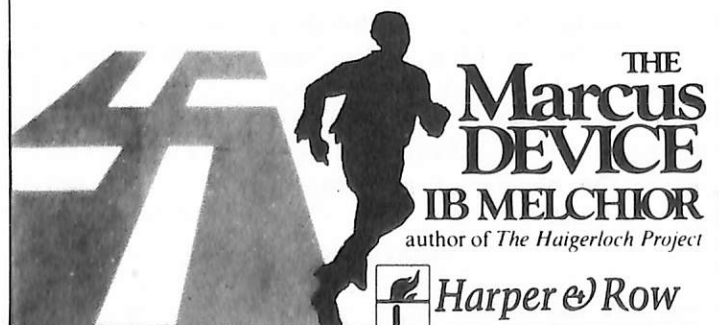
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Featuring discounts as high as 75%, Copenhagen is putting itself on sale this January and Scandinavian Airlines has created a special, one-week, \$199 land package to help North American shoppers take advantage of it.

The annual January clearance sale, slated for January 7 through January 21, 1981, is a city-wide shopping spree featuring sharp reductions on furs, clothing, leather goods, watches, crystal and other items.

SAS, meanwhile, has put together a special one-week package designed to get North Americans to the bargains.

Land prices at \$199 per person, sharing twin, the package features departures from New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Seattle on January 7 and, again on January 14, 1981. The single supplement is \$86.

Included in the price are accommodations for six nights at the deluxe Hotel Scandinavia with bath, six Danish buffet breakfasts, roundtrip transfers between the hotel and airport via the SAS airport bus, service charges and taxes on accommodations and breakfasts.

Participants also receive a copy of "Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen," the Copenhagen Tourist Association's discount coupon book featuring discounts worth \$50 on meals, entertainment and museum entrance fees.

Participants can save even more during the sale days by having their purchases shipped directly back to North America. By doing so they can avoid Denmark's 22% Value Added Tax.

Sample 7/21-day GIT air fares are \$664 from New York, \$839 from Chicago, \$964 from Seattle and \$1,034 from Los Angeles.

For more information on SAS' January in Copenhagen Sale, contact the carrier's nearest sales office.

## ASF Announces Annual Translation Competition

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF), a non-profit educational and cultural exchange institution, again welcomes entries to its annual translation competition, initiated in 1980.

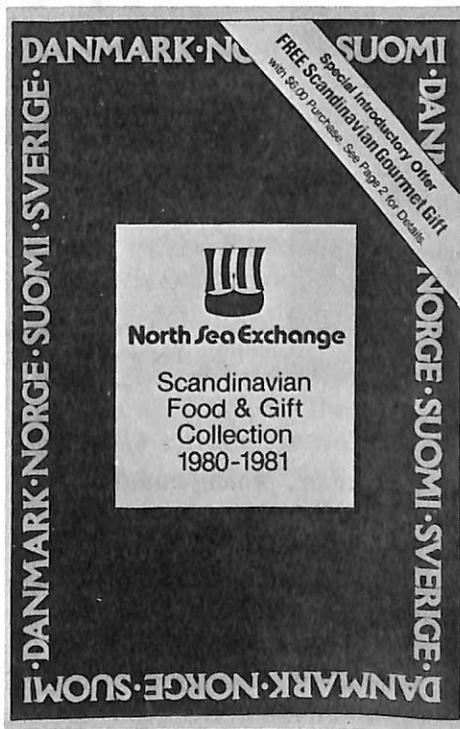
Offered in cooperation with PEN American Center, the ASF/PEN Translation Prizes are awarded for the best translations of works by Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish authors born after 1880.

Two \$500 prizes — one for fiction and one for poetry — will be awarded

at a ceremony in May, and the winners and runners up published in the annual Literary Issue of *Scandinavian Review* in December.

PEN American Center is responsible for choosing the judges; the names of contestants are withheld until all manuscripts are read and the judges' decision final.

Entries must be submitted to ASF by February 15, 1981. For official guidelines and further details write to: Translation Prize Guidelines, 127 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021.



"North Sea Exchange brings the best of Scandinavia right to your door" is the motto of a young Sharon, Massachusetts mail order company specializing in foods and gifts from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. Their first catalog (to come off the press September 5, 1980) is a unique source of Scandinavian foods, cookware, traditional crafts, and design items that are difficult to find in many areas of North America.

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## New Catalog Offers Mail Order Source for Scandinavian Food and Gifts

foods, including rare Arctic cloudberries, smoked mussels, glogg mix, and staples such as potato starch, pearl sugar, and whole yellow peas. In addition, cookbooks and hard-to-find cookware such as the Danish aebleskive and Swedish platt plans are offered.

For seekers of unusual gifts, hand-wrought iron candle chandeliers, museum piece replicas of Viking art, children's books by the turn-of-the-century Swedish artist Carl Larsson, and elaborate Food Gift Boxes are among the offerings.

For Christmas enthusiasts, the Norwegian Yul Nissen (a Christmas elf), Swedish straw goats, and unusual candles and tree ornaments are featured.

As a special introductory offer (good until December 15, 1980) with any order of \$6.00 or more, customers may choose one of three Scandinavian gourmet gifts free of extra charge: Swedish lingonberries; Danish chocolates; or Norwegian fruit soup mix. Group discounts are available to Brotherhood lodges.



# A Danish Pilot Trains In the U.S.

by Craig McDaniel

*Left and below — Bjarne Jørgensen looks forward to his training with the U.S. Air Force.*

Bjarne Jørgensen, a 23-year-old Dane, is on his way to becoming a supersonic jet pilot. A little over a year ago he was working in Copenhagen as a cab driver and a line boy at an airport trying to save enough money to pay for civil flying lessons. Now the Danish government is paying him to take military flying lessons here in the United States.

Bjarne is one of between 40 and 50 Danes who will come to Williams Air Force Base outside of Phoenix this year to attend Undergraduate Pilot Training. These members of the Royal Danish Air Force attend classes and fly along with U.S. Air Force student pilots. Both the Danes and the Americans will be in training for about a year before being assigned to military fighter, transport or bomber aircraft in their respective air forces.

Jørgensen is commonly referred to by those who know him as "Raj" (pronounced Rye). Raj is his "pilot name," a three-letter abbreviation of

his first name, which traditionally is given to Danish pilots.

Raj's dream of becoming a pilot began coming true just over a year ago when he got the chance to join the Danish air force. The young student pilot underwent months of basic and officer training in Denmark. Before being selected to come to the United States he got 25 hours of flying training in the T-17, a small Swedish plane at Avnø Air Base on the Danish island of Sjaeland.

Raj and seven other Danes arrived in the U.S. in February and made their way West from New York by commercial airliner. That flight was Raj's first look at the United States and it left a definite impression on him. "The U.S. is completely different than Denmark. There were farmlands and then mountains. The highest point in Denmark is 550 feet," he said.

The sheer size of this country seemed to take him aback. "You can fly five hours and still be in the United States.

In Denmark you can fly 10 minutes and you are in Germany or Sweden."

Now as a student pilot Raj flies nearly every day. So far he has received about 84 hours of flying training. Most



of that has been in the small two-engine T-37 subsonic jet. That is the first plane student pilots fly at Williams AFB. After learning the basics in the T-37 the students move up to the sleek supersonic T-38. Raj describes the T-38 Talon as "a wild airplane," his way of expressing the thrill and enjoyment of flying a high performance aircraft.

It is obvious to anyone talking with Raj that he enjoys flying a great deal. He will be quick to point out however that the intensive training, especially the long classroom hours, can take a toll. "The training can be very hard. Sometimes you say, 'I wish I were out in the Pacific Ocean on a little island'."

Raj explains that personal sacrifice is also something the Danish students must cope with in their quest to become military pilots. "You have to give up a lot of things to get over here. You leave your friends and family behind. It really demands a lot from you to go through the program. During the week you don't have that much time to yourself. It's as if you go to work in February and get off one year later."

There are some things here that carry a touch of home. Raj said he and two Danish friends were driving around Phoenix when they spied a sign over a store that read "Copenhagen: Danish Style Furniture." Raj said, "We thought it would be fun to see if it was

Danish style or just a name." He explained, "I've seen some places where you can get 'Danish pastry' for breakfast but I don't know what 'Danish pastry' is." At the furniture store the trio found real Danish furniture and made a new friend. The owner had come to this country five years ago from Denmark. Raj said, "It was a strange feeling to be in Phoenix and see things from Denmark."

That was not his first encounter of the sort. Raj said, "I was walking down the street here on the base and somebody stopped their car and asked in Danish if I was from Denmark. He spoke with an accent from Western Denmark. The driver's parents were from Denmark but he was born here and had only visited Denmark a couple of times. He was old so his parents must have left Denmark in about 1900. I could tell he was speaking our language from about 1900 or the 1920's. I was really surprised."

When not flying or attending class Raj likes to travel. He's spent a weekend in the Arizona desert at a dude ranch and traveled to San Diego and Las Vegas. While in California he went South of the border to Tijuana, Mexico. There are still many places he wants to see. Among them are the Grand Canyon, San Francisco and the Danish settlement of Solvang, California.

There have been many things new to the Danish students. American auto-

mobiles are one thing. Raj said, "The first thing I did when I got here was to buy a car with a 455 cubic inch engine which is about 7.3 litres. In Denmark the most common car is a 1.5 litre. We don't have many American cars in Denmark."

Another difference to become accustomed to was the new language. The Danes studied English in school but having to use it as a primary language was much different. For the first few weeks of classes American students sat on either side of the Danes to help with difficult words and concepts. Raj says, "It was good that we had the help."

The Danish students have adapted though. Raj said, "I can go to a movie and understand what they are saying — I couldn't do that when I first came over here."

There are other things to adjust to also. Raj explains, "In Denmark there are no radio or TV commercials. Here if you're watching a movie all of a sudden there may be a guy eating ice cream. It takes a while to get used to that."

Raj says he enjoys meeting with people and seeing how different segments of U.S. society live. He said, "In Denmark everybody was telling me there were some really bad people in the city and I should watch out, especially at night. When I was flying over here I was thinking about that. But I've only met very polite and nice people."

Raj and his Danish companions will complete pilot training next summer and return to Denmark. There Raj hopes to be assigned to an F-35 reconnaissance plane.

The young flyer says, "We are really lucky. We get to spend one and a half years here. We get a good opportunity to see a lot of the United States. Denmark is associated with the West and it is good to get over here to see the 'Big Brother' of Western Society. Not that many people get the opportunity to get over here."

Nonetheless you can be sure that Bjarne Jørgensen is anxious to get back to his Danish home wearing the gold wings of a pilot in the Royal Danish Air Force.



Left — Bjarne aboard a U.S. Air Force training jet plane.



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**GROUP III (Less than 50 members)**

**1st Place —** Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA  
Lodge No. 183, Troy, NY

**GROUP I (100 or more members)**

**1st Place —** Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis  
**2nd Place —** Lodge No. 328, Vancouver  
**3rd Place —** Lodge No. 167, Portland

**2nd Place —** None  
**3rd Place —** None

**GROUP II (50 to 100 members)**

**1st Place —** Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN  
**2nd Place —** Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, IL

Our congratulations to the winning lodges. Remember, each lodge signing up at least ten new members during the four month contest period will also receive \$2.00 for each new member, social or insured.

# Our Lodges In Action

## NEBRASKA

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Our Danish Day was September 27. This year we had a new location and substantial support from the Blair Chamber of Commerce.

A display of Rolls Royce cars from Omaha was one new event that attracted a lot of people.

We're making it our motto, to have each one of us bring in one new member each year. Imagine how fast our lodge would grow!

State Vice President Merton Kuhr brought back the District President's Award for the outstanding social activity — our state picnic that we hosted. Credit goes to the Kuhrs and their efficient committee.



**Lodge No. 1's first "Dane for a Night," President Bob Storms.**

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Our Law Committee chairman, Earl Hansen, reports that they are working on updating the lodge bylaws to conform to with the National bylaws adopted at the National Convention.

These recommended changes will be discussed at the November business meeting and voted on at the December meeting. Members are urged to share their views on these important changes.

Our Social Committee has an October Harvest party planned for us that will include a folk dancing group, games, prizes and refreshments.

At the October meeting, Axel Skelbeck was crowned Dane for

the Night. Others have been George Schmidt, Pete Jensen, and Bob Storms. This monthly feature has been well received and keeps everyone guessing who will be the next "Dane for the Night."

## IOWA-MINNESOTA



**Earl Bendixsen.**



**Hans "Pete" Petersen**

**Lodge #326, West Branch, IA** — Earl Bendixsen received his 50-year pin at our April meeting. It was accepted by his wife, Eva, as Earl is confined to a nursing home. Congratulations, Earl!

In July, Hans "Pete" Petersen

received his 50-year pin at our annual lodge picnic.

Our picnic was well-attended, with several guests among us. One of them was Birgitte Hansen, a foreign exchange student from Denmark who was living in Clarence, Iowa.

In September, we had a bake sale at President Stewart Arnold's place. It was a successful sale with a variety of goods being offered.

The Saeby Garden Band from Denmark that toured Michigan gave an excellent concert. One of the younger band members is a cousin of our secretary, Deloris Ross.

**Deloris Ross, Sec.**

**Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN** — Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 75 held their annual Aebleskiver supper October 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sales Director, Andy Andersen, of Danish Brotherhood Headquarters in Omaha, was present and gave a brief talk and showed by film how the town of Solvang, California, celebrates Danish Days.

**Alton Neve.**



**Officers for the Iowa-Minnesota District for 1980-81, first row, left to right, Harlan Johnsen, John Sherman, Kathy Sonsalla. Second row, Mark Grunberg, Gordon Sloth, Art Wall, Lewis Opdahl and Melvin Boose.**

### Iowa-Minnesota District

Our annual district convention took place over Labor Day weekend in Council Bluffs, IA, hosted by lodge 10.

Events included a get-together

Saturday night with refreshments served, meetings on Sunday and Monday at the Danish Hall, and a banquet Sunday night followed by dancing.

Officers for 1981 include: Past President, Byron Petersen; President, John Sherman; Vice President, Gordon Sloth; Secretary, Mark Grunberg; Treasurer, Harlan Johnsen; Trustees, Mel Boose, Lou Opdahl, Arthur Wall; Conductor, Kathy Sonsalla.

**Mark Grunberg**, District Sec.

## MIDWEST



*Midwest District elects Board for 1980-81, left to right, seated, Ronald Jensen, Secretary-treasurer from Lodge No. 14; Jim Andreasen, Past President, Lodge No. 34; Richard Christensen, President, Lodge No. 340; Woodrow Petersen, Vice President, Lodge No. 35. Standing, Merle Nylan, 3rd Trustee, Lodge No. 17; Marty Seyller, 2nd Trustee, Lodge No. 92, and Sofus Sorensen, 1st Trustee, Lodge No. 64.*

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Arthur Jensen and Albert Larsen attended the recent Midwest District Convention in Joliet, IL. 1981 officers were installed, awards were presented to member lodges, and a banquet and dance drew a host of people to top off a special weekend.

Lodges 34 (Dwight) and 35 (Chicago) did a very fine job and made everyone feel welcome.

Our October Torsk Dinner was very well-attended. Following the dinner we were entertained by a slide presentation of the Scandinavian countries by Mr. Fred Puttkamer, who is associated with the Travel Center of Wauwatosa.

At the dinner, there were also several nice door prizes awarded, including a color TV and a Bing and Grendahl Jubilee plate.



*Happy 96th birthday to Brother Fred Oerum. President Roger Nelson presented him a DBIA certificate and flowers.*

**Lodge -14, Kenosha, WI** — It was raining outside, but that did not stop our gallant cooks as they cooked the corn and bratwurst for our annual corn roast.

One hundred people thoroughly enjoyed themselves with all the corn, brats, beer and dancing they wanted. Thanks go to chairpersons Erik and Cathy Hansen and their committee.

Thanks also go to J.I. Case Co. for donating a CB radio, and big thanks go to Larry and Delores Sorensen for donating all the corn and cabbage. The committee was able to turn a profit of \$200 for the building fund.

Congratulations to Perle and Aileen Boyd who just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations also go to Carl and Ann Olsen, Shelby and Paul Nielsen, and Berger and Jo Rasmussen on the marriage of their daughters. All three receptions were held at the lodge.

Coming events include our Halloween party on the 25th, Julefest on November 2, and the Torsk supper November 8.

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing at our annual Fall Dinner Dance, which also included a raffle drawing for a trip to Las Vegas.

Our lodge business in the coming months looks good based on the many confirmed party reservations.

A Fall membership program is now in full swing through December 15. Contact Bob Andersen, our lodge membership chairman, for more details.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — At our next meeting John Houck from Dwight will be on hand to display and talk about his collection of political buttons. He'll even tell us something about any old buttons any of our members may care to bring.

Shirley Holzhauer, chairperson for the Harvest Days committee, reports, "...we did make a profit of just a little over \$600. We undoubtedly had the cheapest menu in town but the BEST food, coffee, lemonade and help! I think we'll be remembered for all of these."

**Lodge #344, Janesville, WI** — Our first meeting after a summer recess was a big success. Sophus Sorensen, a past president of Rockford, IL lodge, showed slides of Denmark, including Margrethe Pedersen's 100th birthday.

Plans were made for an Aebleskiver breakfast in October and a Christmas party in December.

**Howard E. Hansen**, Pres.

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — We welcomed two new members into our lodge — Adele Lorentzen and Bernice Zimmerman.

A letter was read from Inge and Hans Nielsen which expressed their appreciation for the \$50 check sent them on their 50th anniversary. They enclosed a check for \$25 for a SKAAL to be enjoyed at one of our meetings.

We chose a nominating committee to recommend a slate of new officers by the November meeting. Jess Muller, Paul Sloth and Rosa Larsen will handle the nominations.

Rosa Larsen reported that the Danish American Athletic Club needs donations for their young gymnasts' equipment.

Our Dane for the Night was Lars Frederick (Fred) Hoffman. Fred's father was a shipbuilder and sailor and his mother a homemaker when he came to America in 1913.

Fred told us an amusing story about his experiences with other working people when he first arrived here. He thought them to be a very religious bunch because they used the words "Jesus Christ" so much!

## MICHIGAN-OHIO



President George Jacobsen spoke at our jubilee. Seated at the head table (left to right) are: Past President and Mrs. Viggo Mikkelsen, Mrs. George Jacobsen, Lodge No. 227 President Herluf Iversen and Mrs. Iversen, Danish Consul, Mr. Marshall Fredericks and his lovely wife, and June Rehan of Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 125.

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — Last month we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee — our 75th anniversary — with a festive dinner-dance.

We had a full house with over 210 honored guests attending.

Many fine gifts were received for our anniversary. The governor of Michigan sent a state flag; a merit award was presented from the DBIA; a silver plaque with the DBS insignia was engraved with the date of the occasion.

We were happy to hear that the District fishing trip to Muskegon was also a great success. Thanks to the Muskegon lodge for their hospitality.

We're welcoming new brothers every month and we pay tribute to the brothers who have gone home to the eternal, aere yaere deres minde. Our new member for October was Tom Bommarito, Sr.

Our bowling league has openings for a few more participants — Monday, 6:30 at Drakeshire.

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Secretary-Treasurer.



Fishing trophy winner Bob Sorensen (left) receiving trophy and a bouquet of flowers from Art Burkhall, chairman of the fishing outing, from Muskegon #30.

### Michigan-Ohio District

In September, Lodge 30 of Muskegon hosted a District fishing outing. The 20 plus fishermen had a great time going after salmon and lake trout in Lake Michigan.

Not many fish were caught, but there were some good-sized ones brought in. Bob Sorensen from Detroit took first place honors with a 22 pound salmon.

This was the first fishing outing for the District, and we're hopeful that its success will make it an annual affair. The Muskegon lodge deserves a great big thanks for their efforts in making the outing such a success.

The next District event is the Bowling Tournament scheduled for April, hosted by Ludington lodge 51. That will be followed by the District convention in Detroit in May.

**Bob Sorensen**, District Sec.

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — Recently we had the pleasure of initiating two new members — Karl K. Smith and Lawrence W. Cabot.

Later in September, the Sunshine Seniors met at the Danish Hall for a carry-in luncheon and an afternoon of pinochle.

Also in September we had a picnic at Copeyon Park on Pere Marquette Lake. We had games for the children and a potluck lunch afterwards.

This year we are sponsoring two bowling teams in the local bowling leagues. President Robert Jensen is the organizer.

**Alf Larsen**, Cor.

## EASTERN

**Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ** — At the annual Liberty Park Ethnic Festival, some of our members and wives manned booths and dispensed Danish specialties and literature. Artist J.O.P. Pedersen exhibited some of his works.

The renovated rail terminal on the Jersey City waterfront, where immigrants departed for various destinations in the U.S. after being processed at Ellis Island was the site for all the Festival's activities. Fine weather and the excellent view of the New York skyline helped make it a day well spent.

Tickets are already on sale for our annual Christmas dinner-dance. We are expecting a full house.

**Jens C. Jessen**, Sec.

**Lodge #164, New York, NY** — At our September meeting we initiated Niel Danko, who at the age of six months is the youngest member to join our lodge. Niel is a 4th generation member, with his parents Duane and Diane Danko, grandparents Ray and Grete Leth, and great grandparents Martin and Carla Olsen also being members.

**Ray Leth**, Pres.

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — At our September meeting we welcomed five new members — Kristian Larsen, Karna Larsen, Dave Johnson, John Pouzano and Inge Lise Pouzano.

We had a delicious dinner at that meeting followed by a report by our delegate to the Erie convention. The evening was rounded out by some games and general Brotherhood. Thanks go to Vera Holmes for planning it all.

We have several couples who are interested in folk dancing, so Jacki Hansen will be starting up a group. We hope more people will be encouraged to come out and join us.

**Lodge # 325 Long Island, NY** — We recently welcomed a new member into our lodge — Mr. Carl Nielsen.

Our past president, John Hjulman, is now president for the G.C.E.L. Congratulations!

After our business meeting, Dr. James Mills showed slides and gave a lecture on "Pre-Christian History of Denmark." Ever since June, Dr. Mills has written articles about Danish history for our newsletter.

**Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — Our September meeting had a good turnout. We accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Karl Gamborg-Nielsen as treasurer, and voted in Len Gottlieb to fill the vacancy.

We want to thank Karl for his many years of service, not only as treasurer, but in many other capacities. He was always ready to volunteer for the difficult jobs.

Anton Mou has passed away at the age of 101. He was our oldest member. The lodge honored Anton in April a year ago when he celebrated his 100th birthday.

A real Danish Christmas dinner, prepared in the Museum's kitchen, is being planned for December.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to Einar and Paul Pedersen.

**Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA** — As part of our 5th anniversary celebration, we will have a square dance caller and the appropriate music on hand after the business meeting. This should be a lot of fun and we urge everyone to come out and take a swing on the dance floor.

We're asking our members to dig out their old baby pictures for a photo-guessing contest in January.

Ed Haag is looking for people to sign up for a choral or glee club.

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — The 31st annual Northwest District Convention was a smashing success due to everyone joining in the planning, selling, typing, baking, building, collecting,

registering, greeting, serving, and on and on.

Woody Petersen, National Director, sent a nice letter of sincere thanks to our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge 117 for our job of hosting the convention.

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — The Northwest Danish Home saw two of our recent activities — the annual Veterans Night and our annual picnic.

We have heard that the Vaersgo restaurant in Ballard now offers special prices for senior citizens. They also have a delicatessen in front where you can buy all kinds of Danish goodies.

Again this season, our lodge will be sponsoring the Danish soccer club, "The Danes." They will be fielding two teams, one for those under 30 years old and one for those over 30.

The Danish Education Committee is sponsoring beginning Danish language classes which will start in October.

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — October 22 is our Family Fun Night. We'll have a potluck dinner plus games and prizes. We urge members to bring a prospective member (with a signed application!)

Kirsten and David Vogt joined our Danish folk dancing group when they met for a rehearsal and Smørrebrød dinner.

The District Convention strongly compliments Lodge 42 of Spokane for the fine facilities and arrangements for the convention.

Our lodge Christmas party is planned for December 19, with the adult and children's parties being combined in one big party that all can enjoy.

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC, Canada** — Poul B. Christensen, Peter Rach and Mogens Mogensen represented our lodge at the Northwest District Convention in Spokane in September.

Woodrow Petersen and Clyde Langsted, National Directors, were on hand to familiarize the dele-

gates with the workings of the Home Office and the opinions of the Board of Directors.

One of the more interesting points of the convention was the report of activities from each lodge. It gave us an opportunity to learn how other lodges deal with Fraternal and Social activities.

We will be hosting next year's convention in early May, and at the same time be celebrating our 50th anniversary!

## **FLORIDA**

**Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL** — We are back in business after a long vacation. It was a pleasure to have 40 members present in spite of the heat.

Our anniversary dinner-dance was such a success last March that the members are in favor of having another banquet in this coming March. We'll begin planning for it at the next meeting.

**Bill Steffensen, Sec.**

## **CALIFORNIA- NEVADA**

**Lodge #184, Hayward, CA** — Our annual Christmas potluck dinner will be held on December 5 in conjunction with Sisterhood Lodge 166. Besides the dinner, we are adding Bingo, which will also follow our lodge meetings.

In October we had about 30 people take a bus trip to Reno. We all had a good time.

January 29 is being planned for our installation of new officers.

We wish a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

**Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.**

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — Our nominating committee will be reporting at our October meeting on their slate of new officers for 1981.

We have voted to have a directory of our members made up, listing name, address and phone

number. One will be given to each household.

After our business meeting, Lois Pedersen was the mistress of ceremonies for our Liar's Club. It's really quite interesting and shocking how well some of our members can lie!

In October we'll have a costume party.

Howard Kjellsen sold our collected newspapers in the amount of \$170.35 for the months of August and September. We're real pleased how everyone is bringing their papers to the meetings.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — We felt very honored by having as visitors at our last meeting, our new President of the California-Nevada District, Alice Pinkerton, and Pete Pedersen, secretary of Los Angeles Lodge 126.

About 25 people attended our recent barbecue where we got a chance to hear a tape sent from Marge and George Schytz, who are now in Oregon.

We urge everyone to attend our meetings, participate in our social activities, and actively solicit family and friends to join us.



**Alice Pinkerton, District President.**

**California-Nevada District  
"First Woman District President  
in the Danish Brotherhood"**

For the first time in the history of our society, a woman has been elected the President of the California-Nevada District.

At the recent convention in Oakland, Alice Pinkerton was elected

unanimously as President. She previously held the positions of conductor and vice president for our District.

Ms. Pinkerton is a charter member of Lodge 339 in Las Vegas, being active there as well as serving the role of Secretary-Treasurer of the District for four terms.

Ms. Pinkerton was born in Copenhagen, but has been a resident of Las Vegas for the past 24 years. All the members of her family, 3 daughters, a son and one granddaughter, are members of the Brotherhood.

Last year, Ms. Pinkerton served as a delegate to the National Convention where she worked as Secretary on the Law Committee.

**Lodge #230, Arcata, CA** — The 75th anniversary of Humboldt Lodge 230, was held at the Elk's Club in Eureka, Saturday night, September 20. The dining room, overlooking the golf course, was decorated in the traditional redwood theme, with miniature redwood trees flanked by small American and Danish flags. The podium was decorated with small redwood seedlings planted in tiny logs, which our out of town guests took home with them. These trees were given to us by our newly formed convention committee in Eureka.

President Glenna Holgersen opened the program leading the singing of our Danish national song, "Der er et Yndigt Land", and welcoming all the guests. Laura Schuler, chairman of the committee, gave a resume called, "Memory Lane." Her information was derived from reading and translating to English all the minutes that were written in Danish from the time that #230 was instituted.

It was pointed out that representatives of three generations of members were present, our late Brother Hans Dudal, his grandson, Earl Kjer, wife Dorothy, and their son Darrell Kjer; the late Martin Larsen, myself, and my daughter, Sheila Darling. There was also the Marius Holgersen family, their

direct descendant members, the Leslie Holgersen family who belonged to Seattle Lodge No. 29. We have also a member, a niece of our charter member, John Roth. She is Constance Sherman of Arcata. I wish to point out that the Roth family moved from here in 1912 to Solvang, Ca., where his son, Chris and daughter Anna Nielsen and their families still reside.

All these memories were brought up to the present date by the introduction of a director of the National Board, who resides in Seattle, Wa., Brother Clyde Langsted. This fine gentlemen brought greetings from the National Board, as well as from his own lodge. He complimented us on our accomplishments over the years, what fraternalism can do for us, and that the age of our lodge depicts our pride in endeavoring to maintain our great Danish heritage.

Congressman Don Clausen was our second guest speaker, who also spoke of our Danish heritage, and since he, too, is a Dane, he can understand what our heritage means. He expressed his delight in being with us, and presented President Glenna with a plaque of Congressional commendation to our order, as well as a flag, which has flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Several guests were introduced, such as; Al and Ethel Tunsen. Al is vice president of the California-Nevada District. He conveyed greetings from Valley Lodge and the District. Jack and Melva Belmont, from Oroville, Ca., Harvey and Alice Rasmussen from Petaluma, Niels Hansen from Castro Valley, Lawrence Olsen from Oakland, Frances and Lorena Sweet from Ferndale; Lorena's parents, Ralph and Francis Sanborn from Ferndale. Then there was our own member, Eva Deegan's parents, Elin and Chris Kildebro, who are visiting here from Copenhagen, Denmark, to whom Congressman Clausen also presented a flag.

Introductions of our senior members as follows: Marius Holgersen, 59 years; Gunnar Ladefoged, 55 years; Earl Kjer, 32 years and Henry Juhl, a recent 25 year member.

Many messages of congratulations were read from lodges throughout the west coast, as well as the National and District Board members. The program closed with everyone singing America and this was followed by dancing and socializing.

The following morning 20 of us enjoyed a breakfast at the Samoa Cookhouse, after which, farewells were said to the Belmonts and Tunsens. Then seven of us escorted Brother Langsted to the airport, where he departed for Seattle, via San Francisco. Brother Clyde, it was indeed a great pleasure for us to have you visit us, even though the time was short, we feel that we have a much closer relationship to our national officers through these informal visitations. Please come again. Our best wishes to you, your family, Lodge 29, and "Til Lykke paa din 85 Fødselsdag, Sam K!!"

After sightseeing around Arcata and Eureka, Alice and Harvey left

for Petaluma. In behalf of the committee, Herman and Helen Christiansen, Dorothy and Earl Kjer, and myself, I wish to thank everyone for coming and making our 75th anniversary such a successful and memorable event.

**Laura L. Schuler**, Chairman.

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Robert E. Ibsen, Iowa-Minnesota convention, \$355.00; semiannual expenses, \$250.00.

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Kenneth Pedersen, semiannual expenses, \$250.00.

Woodrow T. Petersen, Pacific Northwest convention, \$423.00; semiannual expenses, \$250.00.

**OCTOBER 1980**

George J. Jacobsen, Lodge No. 227's 75th anniversary, \$197.50; salary, \$276.85.

## Book Review

### *The Marcus Device*

by **Ib Melchior**

**Harper & Row**, publishers

(Review by Bob Coffey,  
American Dane editor)

Fans of Ib Melchior will welcome with open arms his latest novel, *The Marcus Device*, which promises to be a greater success than any of his previous works, including such action-packed tales as *Sleeper Agent*, *The Haigerloch Project* and *The Watchdogs of Abaddon*.

Of course, action is never lacking in *The Marcus Device*. Melchior still shows his talent for spell-binding suspense with each passing moment tightening, building toward a heart-pounding climax.

Yet *The Marcus Device* is not only that unmistakable, thrilling plot that is Melchior, but is truly his greatest display of writing skill and craftsmanship to date.

The story centers around an Air Force pilot who survives a crash while on a top-secret test flight over the

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# 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
8-20-80	Sven O. Petersen	85	Esbjerg, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1925
4-19-80	Holger S. Nielsen	87	Skorbing, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1923
8-16-80	Lester Bernth	71	Trufant, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1941
8-15-80	Donald L. Petersen	61	Sidney, Michigan	181	Sidney, Michigan	1939
7-11-80	Edward A. P. Nielsen	66	Troy, New York	183	Troy, New York	1937
6-28-80	Norman Mikkelsen	52	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1946
8-21-80	Soren Holgersen	86	Heisagger, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1912
7-8-80	Einar C. Paulsen	77	Denmark	89	Superior, Wisconsin	1939
9-5-80	Peter Christiansen	78	Menominee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1920
8-8-80	Hans Harders	80	Randers, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1928
8-31-80	Erhardt Nielsen	70	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1960
9-5-80	Marinus Madsen	86	Haldorup, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1917
9-11-80	Jorgen Larsen	47	St. Merlose, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1967
8-27-80	Thomas Nielsen	87	Vinderup, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1913
9-20-80	Henry Koenig	75	Hobro, Denmark	341	Elk Horn-Kimballton, Iowa	1925
7-18-80	Walter B. Larsen	88	Glennville, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1963
5-80	Nina Sorensen	75	Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1973
9-3-80	Kathrina Iversen	95	Ferndale, California	230	Arcata, California	1968
8-18-80	Anton J. Christensen	80	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1945
8-15-80	Lawrence Oertel	63	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1966
8-26-80	Raymond Pawzun	54	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1976
5-28-80	Moritz Aabel	83	Norman, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1973
9-9-80	Anton Mou	101	Arden, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1923

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## 1981 Calendar



**Artist and member, J.O.P. Pedersen prepares illustrations for 1981 Danish Brotherhood calendar.**

Our fine appointment calendar is ready for the mail. Be prepared for 1981 with your own copy. This year the theme selected for the calendar is "Churches of Denmark." The 13 churches illustrated are from North Jutland, South Jutland, Funen and Zealand. If you saw the calendar for 1980, you won't want to miss it in 1981. We've held the price at \$2 per calendar, postpaid!

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by Lynne L. Prout

# Ode to Snowshoe Thompson

Snowshoe Thompson —

Now there's a name America should not forget.  
Back in the 1850's he was the roughest, toughest, mail-carryingest son-of-a-gun on earth!  
Big-boned, big-muscled, bull-headed, six-foot Norwegian;  
Not worth a damn as a gold panner;  
Not worth a damn at starving, either;  
That's why he took that horrendous job of carrying mail out of old Genoa, Nevada,  
Carrying it right smack up and over the mean Sierra  
And down to Hangtown (now Placerville for polite).  
Three or four times a month, spring and fall, summer and winter,  
It didn't make any difference to Snowshoe Thompson.  
He was tougher than any misery the damned old mountain could throw at him.  
When the snow was up to his mail pouch,  
And the storms were trying to rip the pines off the slopes,  
He'd lace on his 25-pound skis,  
Strap on his mail and express bag,  
Stuff his pockets with rib-sticking blood-food,  
And head up for the high pass with thunder in his eye.  
No damn mountain was going to buffalo him.  
And it never did.

Scores of people died up there.  
The Donners, — everyone remembers that name.  
Some of them turned cannibal and lived,  
That's how come we know of them.  
Most others just went up, and that was that —  
Vanished from the face of the earth, with just a rusty pan or rotting gunstock to show for it.  
Avalanches got some;  
Grizzly bears clawed some to death,  
And timber wolves, starved down to skin and ribs, chewed up their bones like pups licking milk.  
And some, gone raving mad, took a final crazy-eyed plunge from a 1,000 foot cliff.  
With spring melt, their bones, if the wolves hadn't found them,  
Would be banged down a gorge and ground into grains  
By the time they reached the panning streams in the foothills,  
Just that much more sand and silt to winnow through on the way to the bright glitter.

Yes, that was Snowshoe Thompson's mail run,  
And for a dozen years he never missed a lick.  
Hardly got a scratch or bruise in all that time,  
That's how good he was.  
On those old long, thin skis of his  
He could outrun any pack of four-foots on earth,  
And as for grizzlies,  
He could scare them right back into hibernation  
With the unwavering glare of his eyeballs,  
And the outlandish figure he cut,  
With his bulging mailbag,  
Overlong balancing pole grabbed in both hands,  
And streaking along like wind on a greased ocean.  
The damn mountains had never seen the likes of him before.

He saved a lot of poor souls,  
Saved them from starving, freezing, going crazy,  
Sometimes absolutely lost within a half-mile of their cabins.  
He pulled some out on pine-branch sleds, those with broken legs,  
Or so far gone they couldn't be helped to walk.  
Then came the most unforgettable day of all,  
The day he toted those glum chunks of Nevada rock  
Over the hump to Hangtown for assaying.  
Hearts thumped all over the world at the report on that ore —  
The mighty Comstock screamed in like a raucous banshee from hell —  
Richest damn mountain man ever struck a pick into.

That just about put an end to Snowshoe Thompson's mail job.  
Roads came wriggling over those old mountains like a tribe of blacksnakes making for a nest of hen's eggs.  
Stage coaches slithered through the dust filled to bulging with whores and lawyers.  
Freight wagons groaned along mountain walls,  
Sagging at bottoms and ballooning at sides  
With two-dollar cans of beans and ten-dollar shots of booze.

Adventures rode in, miners, gamblers, actors, singers, doctors, undertakers,  
Everybody, to feed on the Big Bonanza.  
Mark Twain left his jumping frog back in California  
And came over the hill to chronicle the Comstock.  
It was the event of the century,  
And Snowshoe Thompson's Sierra wilderness would never be the same again.

He's been a long time dead —  
Died at the end of America's first century.  
A hundred years his big, bull-headed Viking frame  
Has mouldered in Genoa's resting plot.  
A pine tree shades him, and its roots hold fast to his bones.  
Maybe the whole world needs to hold onto bones such as his.  
There's a new wilderness creeping across the fading grasslands.  
Cold gales whimper over the mountain ranges,  
A new breed of grizzlies, hot-eyed and sullen, prowls the nighttime forests,  
And monstrous packs of wolves, lean bony, vicious, gather for the kill.  
Can you hear, Snowshoe Thompson,  
Down there in the cool soil, across this hundred years?  
Can you hear the tones on the wind,  
Can you feel the distant jarring of the soil?  
We'll have need of men like you again —  
Just down the slope a way,  
Perhaps just there, beyond that last horseshoe bend in the trail...

# Faces of Denmark

by Dan Shepard





## WINNING The Lodge Membership Contest

*A report of what lodges are doing to attract members and win cash prizes.*



**New DBIA representative Mia Poulsen, Minneapolis Lodge No. 45 treasurer Marie Pilegaard and Sales Director Andy Andersen all look pleased with the results of the membership dinner.**

It is not by accident that Lodge No. 75 in Albert Lea, Minnesota and Lodge No. 45 in Minneapolis, Minnesota were first place winners in the Lodge Membership Contest (September 15 through October 15, 1980).

Lodge No. 75 served aebleskiver and sausage with ice cream for dessert to approximately 90 members and prospective members on Friday evening, October 10th. A short business meeting and a showing of a slide program furnished by the home office followed the dinner. The local representative, Don Levisen, and the home office sales director were kept busy during the dinner signing up thirteen (13) new members.

On Saturday evening, October 11, Lodge No. 45 increased its membership by six (6) during a medisterpølse dinner and dance. While the 100 members and guests enjoyed the dance the lodge representative, Mia Poulsen, assisted the sales director in completing the application for the new members. The Iowa-Minnesota District President, John Sherman and Mrs. Sherman from Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines also attended the dinner and dance.

Close to fifty (50) members of Lodge No. 217 in Humboldt, Iowa attended a potluck membership dinner on Monday evening, October 13th.

## SAS Offers Christmas, Culture

Scandinavian Airlines System is offering its third annual "Sound of Music" tour, designed to enrich any holiday celebration.

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# Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1981, will be considered beginning February 15, 1981. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1981 will be considered by the Committee for the 1981 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$150.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$1,200.00.

Eligible for scholarship awards are insured

members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, technical school, or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award.

Changes approved by delegates to the Thirtieth National Convention of the society have increased the number and amount of scholarship awards available. Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school. (See Art. V of the Bylaws.)

**Robert Ibsen, Chairman,**  
Scholarship Committee.

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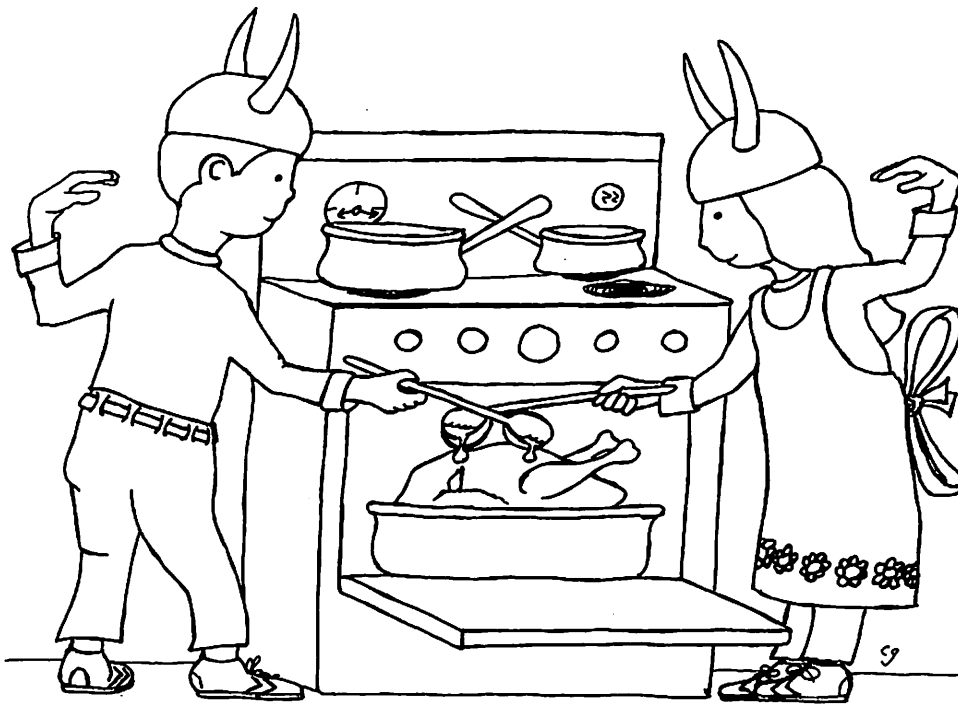
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# New Members

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John M. Pauzano	32	New Haven	Jacki E. Hansen
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Bernice B. Zimmerman	35	Chicago	Rosa C. Larsen
Adele Lorentzen	35	Chicago	Elsa Petersen
Inger K. Deede	56	Kansas City	Ejlif Schmidt
Brian T. Seyller	92	St. Charles	Stephan C. Seyller
Niel D. Danko	164	New York	Grete M. Leth
Sam S. Nelson	167	Portland	H.B. "Buck" Jensen
Stanley J. Nielsen	167	Portland	Dana S. Nielsen
Donald W. Jensen	167	Portland	Jens Gimbel
Harley K. Larsen	172	Phila.	Karl Gamborg-Nielsen
Anthony H. Miller	183	Troy	Harry B. Jensen, Sr.
Margaret D. Hansen	206	Blair	Harriet Betts
John M. Carmichael	227	Detroit	Robert Sorensen
Paul A. Corneliussen	227	Detroit	George Corneliussen
Leslie N. Scott	323	Alhambra	Gunnar Hansen
Georg Z. Hansen	328	Vancouver	Fred Hansen
Eggert Rasmussen	328	Vancouver	Mogens B. Mogensen
Erik Petersen	328	Vancouver	K. Kristensen
Henning Sorensen	328	Vancouver	Karl Kristensen
Jarl B. Christensen	328	Vancouver	Poul B. Christensen
Dean D. Knudsen	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Zada E. Sorensen	600	Omaha	Vernon Ammentorp
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Rudolph Schroder	600	Omaha	Ray Abjornson



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## DANISH STEW\*

*Stuvet Oksekød*

3 tbsp. butter	1 ½ cups flour
2 medium onions, chopped	1 tsp. baking powder
3 tbsp. flour	½ tsp. salt
2 ½ lbs. cubed chuck or bottom round steak	1 tbsp. minced parsley
2 tbsp. vinegar	¼ cup butter, softened
1 tsp. salt	3-4 tbsp. water
¼ tsp. pepper	
3 cups beef broth or stock	

Sprinkle cubed steak with vinegar, salt and pepper. Set aside. In Dutch oven with tight fitting lid, melt the butter, add the onions and cook slowly for about 10 minutes, allowing to brown slightly.

Dredge the steak in the 3 tablespoons flour and add to butter and onions. Continue to cook until meat loses its color and then add beef broth or stock and bring to boil,

# Grandma's Kitchen

stirring. Lower heat, cover and simmer for at least two hours. Add a little more broth if liquid cooks down too much.

Mix flour, baking powder, salt and parsley. Cut in the softened butter. Add water, a tablespoon at a time, and form into a ball of dough. Pinch off and roll into balls about ½" in diameter.

Drop into stew, cover tightly and continue to cook over low heat for about 35 minutes. Serves 4 generously.

\*Recipe from *Make It Danish*, by Bonnie and Merton Kuhr, and Emily Kuhr Rath of Lodge No. 206 in Blair. Available by mail from J. Merton Kuhr, 551 No. 23rd St., Blair, NE 68008, 160 pages, \$6.00 postpaid.

# Viking Adventures

## *Coming Together—A Beginning*

## *Keeping Together—Progress*

## *Working Together—Success*

Christmas will be here sooner than we think. We have items available through the fraternal department which could make shopping for Christmas just a little easier for you. First, we have our 1981 calendars, advertised in this issue. We also have available sets of 16 notes and envelopes showing four beautiful castles of Denmark for \$2.00 per set; language tape kits, jackets, tee-shirts, flag garlands for Christmas decoration, and sets of Danish and U.S. flags for desk or table. Please order as early as possible to be sure your order will arrive in time.

### **LODGE PARTICIPATES IN CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD**

Through the courtesy of Marie Portier we have learned about Seattle Lodge No. 29's (together with D.S.S. Lodge 40's) participating in a program called "Christmas Around the World". This program has been sponsored by the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle for about the last 30 years.

Each year, beginning the first weekend in December and running each Saturday and Sunday until Christmas, various local ethnic groups present programs of Christmas music and traditions of their culture; for example, the Chinese, Polish, Greeks, and, of course, Scandinavians.

The museum provides Christmas trees for each participating country to decorate and display. The five Scandinavian countries are grouped together and therefore share one tree. Each country takes its turn decorating the tree and presenting the program. Denmark was featured in 1978 and will be again in 1983. Iceland will take its turn this year, 1980.

The Scandinavian program is different each

year, but an attempt is made to represent each of the 5 countries in some way, for example the Swedish highlights of the Lucia Pageant, Icelandic carols, Norwegian fiddlers (especially the Hardanger fiddle with its twelve strings) and Finnish dancing, etc.

For Lodge No. 29 and the Danish community, members of the Danish folk dance group "Danelag" under the direction of Otto Brask have performed Danish folk dances, and together with their children, staged plays about Julenissen written and directed by Minna Brask. Along with some of the familiar Danish Christmas music, it has always presented a very successful program.

There are usually two to three programs each day lasting about an hour each, and they are open to the public free of charge. The Scandinavian programs are very popular, and always play to a full house.

When the programs first originated, refreshments were included at no cost. The sisters of Lodge No. 40 were very involved making and serving Danish goodies. However, the popularity of the program has grown to the point where this part had to be discontinued. What remains is a very lovely Christmas greeting each year from the various national groups in Seattle.

### **NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

Each year we have the chance to meet a few of our members traveling in the Omaha area. If you are planning a trip that will bring you close to the Headquarters office and can spare 15-20 minutes, plan to stop and see us. The better we know you, the better we can serve your needs.

# 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.

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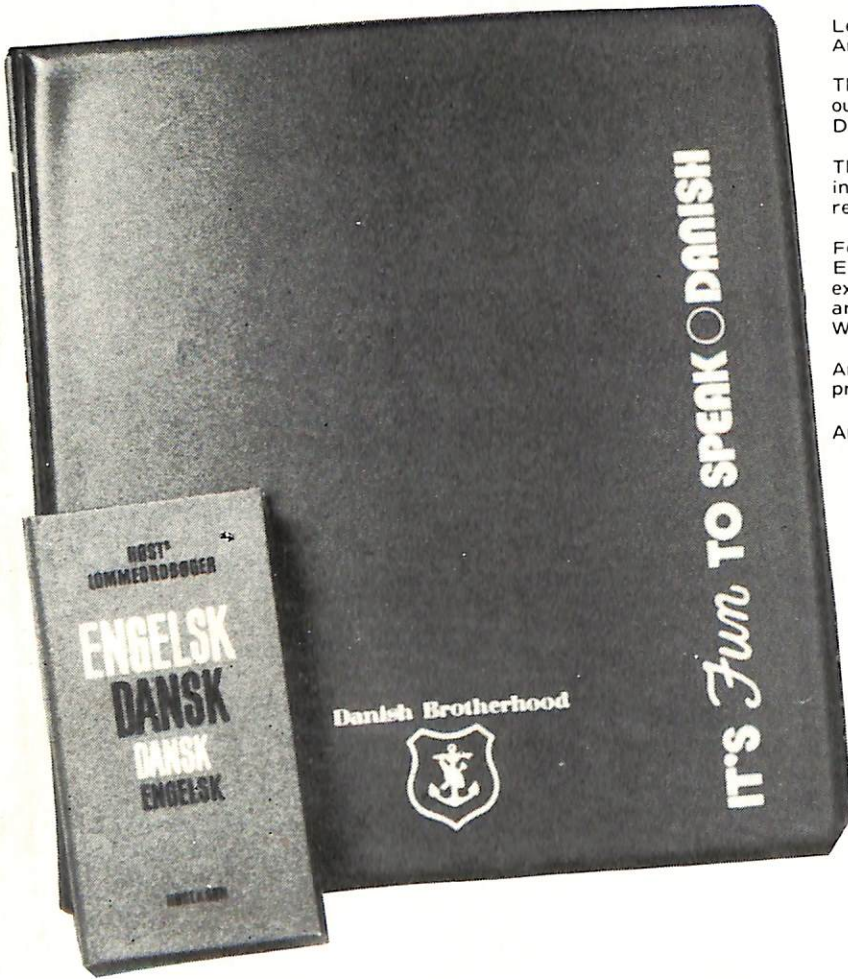
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