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What's New for March

March traditionally marks the beginning of Spring, a fresh renewal of the seasons.

In that light, we have the story of a Danish family's renewal of sorts, their rebirth in coming to America. Enok Mortensen is an accomplished writer who sets down his own family's immigration in the printed word for all of us to enjoy.

Enok is a member of the Danish Brotherhood himself, and I'm sure many of you will be interested in the whole story behind his family's move. "America Bound" is but one chapter of his novel **A Danish Boyhood**, available through the Home Office. See the ad on page 21.

With springtime approaching, and all of your lodge's outdoor activities, you'll want to take note of the new Photo Contest announcement. Winners will have their pictures used as cover photos, and make a little cash as well!

Of course March also means it's time for our annual Lodge Directory. And don't forget our regular features like Hans and Greta (for the Kids) and Viking Adventures.

Pleasant reading!

Robert E. Coffey

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*The Danish Stock Exchange in Copenhagen,
after which our Home Office is modeled.*

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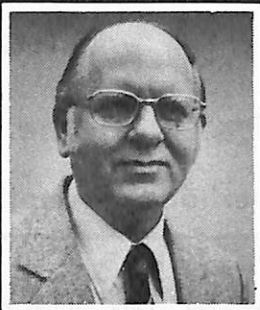
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The President's

Column



DBIA President

George Jacobsen

Our lodges and members responded enthusiastically to the membership contest sponsored last fall and have encouraged us to promote the same contest this spring. The dates are from March 15 to June 15.

It seems as though time has gone by more quickly than ever since our convention in 1979. We have accomplished some of our goals but believe we will be able to do much more.

One project to which we are devoting a large block of time is the centennial program. We compliment Clyde Langsted, Chairman of the Centennial Committee of the Board of Directors on his leadership. Many projects are already underway.

The Centennial Banquet has been tentatively scheduled for May 2, 1982. If it is possible, you should plan now to attend. We will ask for reservations later.

Lodges may order centennial stickers from the National Headquarters without charge. These stickers can be used on envelopes, programs or promotional material. They are attractive and your lodge should have a supply.

We are having Bing and Grondahl produce a commemorative plate which should soon be ready for sale. The motif for the plate is the National Headquarters Building in Omaha. It will be a limited edition.

Lodges will receive press kits for promotion in their own communities. Each address on our American Dane mailing list will receive a copy of

the publication now being written to tell the story of The Danish Brotherhood in America. The books will be sent without charge to members.

Lodges and districts should be planning centennial banquets and activities, along with membership drives to make 1982 a banner year for the Brotherhood.

We thank each and everyone who has contributed to the centennial program by preparing an oral history tape or working on the history of your local lodge. The items above are only a few of the many ideas you can start to think about now. More details will be made available as time passes.

BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN

The semiannual meeting of the Board of directors of The Danish Brotherhood in America will open on April 26, 1981, in the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

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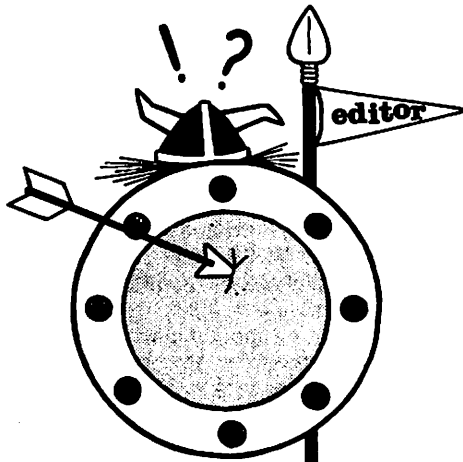
Your duties will be to work with your lodge in seeking out new members and explaining our insurance plans to members and prospective members. To qualify and reap the rewards you must be willing to devote enough time to become familiar with The Danish Brotherhood life insurance program and assist members and prospective members in the selection of a life insurance plan.

So, please think about it and if you would like to find out more about this opportunity, drop us a line.

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LETTERS



to the editors

American Dane Classified

Next Issue for
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MAY

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Family Camps Planned At Danebod

Three separate camps are being planned at Danebod for 1981. The choice of dates ranges from June 21-27, July 26-August 1 and August 9-15. Crafts such as quilting, woodcarving, copper enameling and folk toys will be offered. Folk dancing and singing are part of every camp. Children are welcome. For specific information write to: Elsie Hansen, Registrar, The Danebod Folk School, Tyler, MN 56178.

Congratulations on another fine issue of the American Dane; the article on the Revolutionary War Dane was exceptionally interesting.

Many Danes here in the Kansas City area have commented on the increasingly interesting articles on Danish culture. There will be another Ethnic Fair here soon. If it could be arranged I will try to get some material included on the Brotherhood. I have the postcards of your building and some brochures as well as extra copies of the magazine.

Thanks again for the fine publication.

R. J. Wallace
Kansas City, Missouri

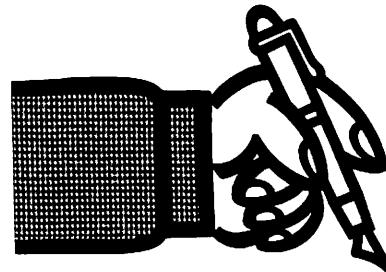
Dear Gentlemen:

Due to your help, I was able to complete my college education on December 19, 1980. I graduated honorable mention with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Thanks to the Danish Brotherhood, I was able to accomplish my goal of obtaining a college education. As I enter the business world, I will remember those who helped me accomplish this goal. I sincerely hope I will be able to repay the kindness that you have shown me.

Once again, thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,
Kirk Thomsen
Kearney, Nebraska

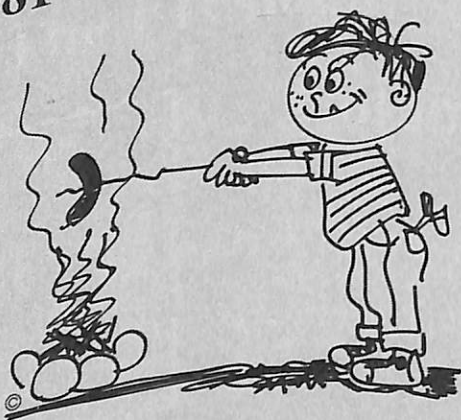


2nd Annual Young Viking Essay Contest

- SUBJECT:** Were the Vikings as Adventurous as the Crew of the Millenium Falcon?*
- LENGTH:** 300 words or less
- ENTRANTS:** Must be members of The Danish Brotherhood and between the ages of 9 and 16
- DEADLINE:** June 1, 1981
- AWARDS:** Cash Prizes in two groups. Ages 9-12 compete for first, second and third prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10, respectively. Ages 13-16 compete for first, second and third prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10, respectively.

*For the benefit of our readers, the Millenium Falcon is the spaceship captained by Han Solo in the movies *Star Wars* and *The Empire Strikes Back*.

1981 Camp Grant Awards



Our society's camp grant program has been expanded, but requirements for application remain the same. Children who are members or who are relatives of members may apply.

Grants are awarded for attendance at a regular supervised camp. Awards will be based on need and interest shown by the applicant in attending.

Request application blanks from The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131, *not later than April 15, 1981.*

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1981 Danish Brotherhood Lodge Directory

NOTE: Information for this list is in this order: Number and location of the lodge, the secretary's address, the meeting date and meeting place of the lodge. Where no city is mentioned in the secretary's address, it is the same as the city in which the lodge is located. The Zip code is given in parenthesis. Secretaries who find an asterisk (*) behind their lodge number are asked to send their 1981 lodge officers' list to the Home Office as soon as possible.

CALIFORNIA

- 39 **Oakland, CA.** Ronald Hansen, 5295 Crestline Way, Pleasanton, CA (94566). Fourth Friday, 1349 Hays St., San Leandro.
- 49* **San Francisco, CA.** Henning Jensen, 1613 Brewster Ave., Redwood City, CA (94062). Second and fourth Wednesday, Swedish Hall, 2174 Market St., San Francisco.
- 67 **Fresno, CA.** L.S. DeLaurant, 1505 No. Lafayette (93728). Second Thursday, 2540 E. Floradora, Fresno.
- 95 **Ferndale, CA.** Niels Lorenzen, PO Box 727 (95536). Fourth Tuesday, Danish Hall, Ferndale.
- 126 **Los Angeles, CA.** Peter Pedersen, 450 Meyer St., San Fernando, CA (91340). First and third Thursday, Alamo, 6401 Ruby St., Los Angeles.
- 143 **Petaluma, CA.** Henry C. Brown, 302 West St. (94952). Third Friday, Petaluma Veterans Memorial, 1094 Petaluma Blvd., So., Petaluma.
- 184 **Hayward, CA.** Signe Ann Mc Neil, 40759 Creston St., Fremont, CA. (94538). First Friday, 1808 "B" St., Hayward.
- 230 **Arcata, CA.** Laura L. Schuler, 3223 "U" St., Eureka, CA (95501). Second Thursday, 1575 "L" St., Arcata.
- 255 **Selma, CA.** Hans M. Andersen, 2561 Stillman St., Sp. 11, (93662). Third Thursday, 1710 Tucker St., Selma.
- 299 **Solvang, CA.** Hans Larsen, 1631 Mission Dr. (93463). Second Wednesday, Memorial Hall, Solvang.
- 306 **San Diego, CA.** Stan Chapin, 9444 Medina Dr., Santee, CA (92071). Second Wednesday, 3875-43rd, San Diego.
- 319 **Bakersfield, CA.** Jacob Jeppesen, 905 Montclair St. (93309). First Thursday, Labor Hall, 200 W. Jeffery, Bakersfield.
- 322* **Santa Barbara, CA.** Albert Rasmussen, 2121 Anacapa St. (93105). First and third Wednesday, 2210 Garden St., Santa Barbara.
- 323 **Alhambra, CA.** Frank E. Jepsen, 457 W. Almore St., Monterey Park, CA (91754). Second Friday, 440 S. McPherrin St., Monterey Park.
- 329* **Long Beach, CA.** Sara Mack, 823-23rd St., San Pedro, CA (90731). First Saturday, members' homes.
- 332 **Ripon, CA.** Vernon Olsen, 1001 Strathmore Dr., Modesto, CA (95355). Third Friday, Dania Hall, Modesto.
- 337 **Fremont, CA.** Elsy Rasmussen, 5317 Eggers Dr. (94536). Second Thursday, members' homes.
- 345 **Orange County, CA.** Hazel Kjellsen, 423 S. Deming, Santa Ana, CA (92704). Second Saturday, 14272 Hoover St., Westminster.
- 346 **Riverside, CA.** Nancy Nielsen, 1291 Sunset Dr., Redlands, CA (92373). First Saturday, 6th and Citrus, Redlands.

COLORADO

- 43* **Denver, CO.** Svend A. Sonderup, 615 Ash St. (80220). Second Tuesday, Eastern Star Bldg., 225 Acoma St., Denver.
- 254* **Brush, CO.** Edward D. Hansen, Rt. 1, Box 125 (80723). Second Wednesday.
- 261 **Fowler, CO.** Victor Hansen, 34182 — Rd. 1 (81039). Second Thursday, Danish Hall, 3½ miles west of Fowler.

CONNECTICUT

- 32 **New Haven, CT.** Chris Simonsen, 18 Ann St., North Branford, CT (06471). Second Wednesday, MIX District Fire Station, 905 Shepard Ave., Hamden.
- 37* **Bridgeport, CT.** Erik Garde, 26 Brooklawn Pl. (06604). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Cemetery Dr., Stratford.
- 41 **Derby, CT.** Robert C. Andersen, 2 Maiden Lane, Seymour, CT (06483). Third Thursday, Veterans Memorial Hall, Seymour Ave., Derby.
- 50* **Byram, CT.** Harry Helwig, 140 Colonial Rd., Stamford, CT (06906). First Wednesday, Danish American Club, Division St., Greenwich.
- 314 **Hartford, CT.** James W. Elliott, 135 Chimney Sweep Hill, Glastonbury, CT (06033). First and third Tuesday, 302 White St., Hartford.

FLORIDA

- 257 **St. Petersburg, FL.** William B. Steffensen, 5682-46th Ave. No., Kenneth City, FL (33709). Third Thursday, Pinellas Park Club House, 6026-75th Ave., Pinellas Park.
- 321 **West Palm Beach, FL.** Carl Rasmussen, 7 No. "C" St., Lake Worth, FL (33460). Second Saturday, 410 Datura St., West Palm Beach.

IDAHO

- 264* **Pocatello, ID.** Shaun Watson, Rt. 1, No., Box 68 (83201). First Saturday, 1356 N. Main, Pocatello.

ILLINOIS

- 17 **Chicago, IL.** Albertice C. Nylén, 2601 Arrowhead Lane, Rolling Meadows, IL (60008). Second Wednesday, 8410 N. Greenwood, Niles.
- 34 **Dwight, IL.** Margaret Goodwin, 304 E. James St. (60420). Second Monday, VFW, Old Route 66, Dwight.
- 35 **Chicago, IL.** Charles Jespersen, 163 Strieff Ave., Chicago Heights, IL (60411). First Friday, 9701 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park.
- 64 **Rockford, IL.** Sofus T. Sorensen, 3126 Nadine Ave. (61111). Third Wednesday, Baltic Lodge, 1524-9th St., Rockford.
- 92 **St. Charles, IL.** Janine Seyller, 308 Spruce St., No. Aurora, IL (60542). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, 2nd Ave. and East Main, St. Charles.
- 107* **Chicago, IL.** Wilbur Jensen, 11636 Halsted St. (60628). Second Tuesday, Harold Petersen's Hall, 14537 Chicago Rd., Dalton.
- 182 **Waukegan, IL.** Janet Petersen, 1933 N. Jackson (60085). Second Friday, Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County, Waukegan.

234*Woodstock, IL. Edwin Ernst, 91 Mineola Rd., Fox Lake, IL (60020). First Tuesday.

239*Lake Forest, IL. Kai Thorup, 286 Noble Ave. (60045). Third Friday.

340 Wood Dale, IL. Dick Christensen, PO Box 4, Western Springs, IL (60558). First Monday, 201 Prospect Ave., Wood Dale.

INDIANA

245*South Bend, IN. Donald B. Lynch, 19519 Paxson Dr., N. (46637). Third Monday, St. Joseph Bank Community Room, U.S. Highway 31 N. South Bend.

IOWA

3 Davenport, IA. Howard Petersen, 2332 Windsor Dr. (52807). Second Thursday, American Legion Hall, Davenport.

10*Council Bluffs, IA. E.A. (Bud) Grunberg, 2315 S. 11th St. (51501). Second Tuesday, Danish Hall, 714 So. 4th, Council Bluffs.

15*Des Moines, IA. Erik Sorensen, Rt. 1, Box 235, Monroe, IA (50170). Second Monday, Dania Hall, 715 E. Locust, Des Moines.

62 Sioux City, IA. Charles W. Boulden, 3226-4th Ave. (51106). Third Tuesday at homes of members, March, June, September and December.

134*Ringsted, IA. No meeting.

144 Dike, IA. Lyle Refshauge (50624). Second Monday, Community Building, Dike.

147 Newell, IA. Elmer Jensen, RR 1, Box 5 (50568). Third Wednesday, Allee Building, Newell.

217 Humboldt, IA. Viona Pedersen, 112 S. Taff (50548). Second Monday, 607-1st Ave. S. Humboldt.

219 Clear Lake, IA. Kathleen Sonsalla, 741 Odell, Webster City, IA (50595). First Saturday, January through April, Fourth Saturday May through December, IOOF Hall, Clear Lake.

326 West Branch, IA. Deloris M. Ross, 806 Mill Ave., Box 232, Springville, IA (52336). First Saturday at members' homes.

341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA. Irene Boose, Box 235, Elk Horn, IA (51531). Last Monday, alternating between Kimballton and Elk Horn.

347*Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA. Ulla Wall, 362 E. Post Rd. S.E. (52403). Second Thursday, 600-10th Ave., Marion.

KANSAS

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

MICHIGAN

30 Muskegon, MI. Harold Neiser, 960 Sherwood Rd. (49441). Second and fourth Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 2330 Barclay Ave., Muskegon.

51 Ludington, MI. Earl G. Jensen, 2716 S. Brunson Rd. (49431). First and third Wednesday, 1014 S. Madison St., Ludington.

70 Greenville, MI. Paul Worden, 6386 Grow Rd., Sheridan, MI (48884). Second and fourth Friday, DB Hall, West Grow St., Greenville.

106*Trufant, MI. Mrs. Mary L. Nielsen, 121 First St. (49347). Fourth Saturday, DB Hall, Second St., Trufant.

163*Edmore, MI. Grover Nielsen (48829). Second Friday.

227*Detroit, MI. Nielsen Dalley, 826 Juneau Rd., Ypsilanti, MI (48197). Second and fourth Wednesday, Danish Club, 22711 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

MINNESOTA

45*Minneapolis, MN. Norma Henriksen, 6226-3rd Ave. So. (55423). Third Friday, 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis.

73*Alden, MN. Aage L. Mickelsen, Box 214 (56009). When called.

75 Albert Lea, MN. Viggo Berthelsen, 801 S. 4th Ave. (56007). First Saturday, Senior Citizens Center, Albert Lea.

111*Austin, MN. Stanley Nelson, 707-10th St. SW (55912). Second Saturday, 827 NE 4th Ave., Austin.

121*Tyler, MN. Carl T. Hansen (56178). When called.

263*Askov, MN. Becky Melzark, PO Box 75 (55704). First Wednesday, Kontor Building, Askov.

MISSOURI

56 Kansas City, MO. Otto M. Larsen, 328 No. 13th St., Kansas City, KS (66102). Third Saturday, 6428 McGee St., Kansas City.

MONTANA

273 Dillon, MT. Clifford Bay, Box 104 (59725). First Saturday, West Idaho St., Dillon.

283 Dagmar, MT. James H. Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 46, Antelope, MT (59211). Second Wednesday, Lodge Hall, Dagmar.

NEBRASKA

1*Omaha, NE. Delores DiSilvestro, 2524 S. 123rd Ave. (68144). First and third Tuesday, Ralston Legion Club, 7400 "Q" St., Ralston.

16 Minden, NE. Shirley Nielsen, RR 1 (68959). Second Thursday, CAP Building, Minden.

26*Fremont, NE. Larry D. Ludvigsen, 1619 E. 16th St. (68025). When called.

84 Lincoln, NE. Greg M. Hansen, 1225 "B" St. (68503). Second Saturday, 745 "D" St., Lincoln.

110 Winside, NE. Leo Jensen, Box 192, R 1, Carroll, NE (68723). Fourth Monday, Winside.

117 Plainview, NE. Harold Johnson, Box 357 (68769). Third Tuesday, Legion Club, Plainview.

125*Weeping Water, NE. Kenneth Lauritzen, Rt. 1, Box 9 (68463). Second Tuesday, secretary's home, Weeping Water.

153 Dannevirke, NE. Arved Rasmussen, Box 88, Dannebrog, NE (68831). When called, members' homes.

161 Ruskin, NE. Grace Thomsen, Route 2, Superior, NE (68978). Second Saturday, Community Hall, Ruskin.

117 Cordova, NE. Faye M. Petersen, RR 1, Box 42, McCool Junction, NE (68401). Third Monday, members' homes.

195*Omaha, NE. Edward Krause, 1308 S. 165th Ave. (68130). First Friday, Dannebrog Hall, 2553 Leavenworth St., Omaha.

206 Blair, NE. Harriet Betts, 2040 Washington St. (68008). Fourth Monday, Riverview Grange Hall, 21st and Jackson St., Blair.

211*Grand Island, NE. Vera Petersen, Rt. 1, St. Paul, NE (68873). Second Monday, Blue Flame Room, 515 W. Third, Grand Island.

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

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

288 Cotesfield, NE. Evelyn Rasmussen (68829). Second Tuesday, members' homes.

NEVADA

339*Las Vegas, NV. April Gerrity, 116 Greenbriar Townhouse Way (89121). Last Monday, 1886 Ottawa Dr., Las Vegas.

NEW JERSEY

46*Perth Amboy, NJ. Jens Jessen, 135 Ford Ave., Fords, NJ (08863). Second Wednesday, Danish Home, New Durham Rd., Edison.

90*Port Reading, NJ. Claire Kjems, PO Box 22, Fords, NJ (08863). Third Tuesday, Danish Home for Aged, 855 New Durham Rd., Edison.

116 Newark, NJ. Donald P. Heckmann, 32 Rector St., Millburn, NJ (07041). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Town Green, No. Trivett Ave., Springfield.

241 Sayreville, NJ. Dietrick P. Thomsen, 63 Furman Ave. (08872). Third Friday, P.N.H. Hall, Raritan Ave., South River.

NEW YORK

71 Penn Yan, NY. Leon D. Jensen, 32 Reynolds Tr. Pk. (14527). Third Saturday, Lodge Home, 100 E. Elm St., Penn Yan.

164 New York, NY. Robert Rasmussen, 80 Strong St., Bronx, NY (10468). Third Saturday, Danish Athletic Club, 735-65th St., Brooklyn.

171*Jamestown, NY. Sheldon W. Kofod, 613 E. 7th St. (14701). When called, secretary's home.

183 Troy, NY. Robert E. Nelson, 11 Downey Rd., RD 6 (12180). Second Saturday, DB Hall, 37-112th S., Troy.

190 Schenectady, NY. Clarence W. Hanson, 20 Willowbrook Rd., Scotia, NY (12302). First and third Wednesday, Elks Club, 600 State St., Schenectady.

240 Rochester, NY. Paul O. Peters, 437 Lear Ct., Schaumburg, IL (60194). When called.

300*Oneonta, NY. Ivan Kollgaard, Box 222, Laurens, NY (13796). Second Saturday.

325 Nassau County, NY. Niels B. Hansen, 14 Roberts St., Farmingdale, NY (11735). Second Friday, The Veterans Hall, Lincoln Rd., Franklin Square.

334 Geneva, NY. Arthur Christensen, 479 Castle St. (14456). Second Friday, IOOF Hall, Geneva.

NORTH DAKOTA

260*Williston, ND. Walter Jensen, RR 2 (58801). Third Sunday.

279*Hunter, ND. Lars C. Hansen, Box 254 (58048). When called, members' homes.

OHIO

170*Rocky River, OH. Edmund Bentzen, 1233 Nicholson Ave., Lakewood, OH (44107). Second Friday, 27330 Center Ridge Rd., West Lake.

225*Canton, OH. Audrey Pedersen, 3615 Frazier Ave., N.W. (44709). First Friday, First Federal Savings Bldg., 1000 N. Main, North Canton.

301 Akron, OH. William Christensen, 1640-8th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH (44221). Third Saturday, D of A Hall, South and Allyn Sts., Akron.

OREGON

167 Portland, OR. Lisa B. Mortensen, 3030 SE Pine (97214). First Wednesday, Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th, Portland.

194 McMinnville, OR. Marie Jensen, 1313 Brooks St. (97128). Second Saturday, 1010 Alpine St., McMinnville.

268 Junction City, OR. Kristian Sand, 1239 Chase St., Eugene, OR (97402). First Tuesday, 195 W. 5th St., Junction City.

PENNSYLVANIA

172 Philadelphia, PA. Agnete Christiansen, Beaver Hill, North Building, PO Box 504, Jenkintown, PA (19046). Second Friday, Swedish Museum, 1900 Pattison Ave., Philadelphia.

202*Warren, PA. Lawrence A. Andersen, 179 Davis St., Youngsville, PA (16371). Second Wednesday, Warren Grange Hall, Crescent Park, Warren.

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

342 Bucks County, PA. Joan Nielsen, 277 Buckthorn Ave., Langhorne, PA (19047). Third Friday, Sons of Norway Hall, 187 State Rd., Andalusia.

RHODE ISLAND

102 Providence, RI. Carl W. Sorensen, 421 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI (02910). First Monday, F.O.P. Hall, Tanner St., Warwick.

SOUTH DAKOTA

139 Viborg, SD. Ruth Peterson, RR 1, Box 162 (57070). First Thursday, D.B.S. Lodge 139 Hall, Viborg.

UTAH

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

VERMONT

294 Barre, VT. Gertrude E. Mikkelsen, Rt. 1, Box 191, Williamstown, VT (05679). Second Monday, St. Joan's Hall, West St., Barre.

WASHINGTON

29 Seattle, WA. Gerald B. Jensen, 9316-47th St. SW (98136). First Wednesday, The Swedish Club, 1920 Dexter Ave., N., Seattle.

33*Tacoma, WA. Ronald Lange, 1354 Heatherwood Circle (98406). Second Saturday, quarterly, 35001-16th S., Federal Way.

42 Spokane, WA. Lawrence Charneski, E. 3324-15th (99203). First Thursday, W. 120 Mission Ave., Spokane.

113 Enumclaw, WA. Joseph T. Phillips, 2334 Ventura Ave. (98022). Second Saturday, 1720 Porter St., Enumclaw.

155 Bellingham, WA. Inge Funch, 4237 Hoff Rd. (98225). Members' homes.

WISCONSIN

4*Racine, WI. Arthur L. McCallum, 2112 Arlington Ave. (53403). Second and fourth Wednesday, 710 Grand Ave., Racine.

9*Oshkosh, WI. Richard Segor, 424 W. Nevada Ave. (54901). Fourth Thursday, Eagles Hall, 405 Washington Ave., Oshkosh.

14 Kenosha, WI. Robert Ibsen, 8644-33rd Ave. (53142). First and third Tuesday, 2206-63rd St., Kenosha.

36 Milwaukee, WI. Albert L. Larsen, 2571 So. Shore Dr. (53207). First and third Tuesday, International Institute, 2810 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee.

89 Superior, WI. Marion Christensen, Box 288, Wentworth, WI (54894). Third Monday, Polish Club, Superior.

186 Luck, WI. Rosella Espelien, Rt. 1, Box 80 (54853). Third Monday, 300-1st St. So., Luck.

343 Waupaca, WI. Carmen M. Barnes, 350 North St. (54981). Fourth Saturday, Trinity Lutheran Church, 206 E. Badger St., Waupaca.

344*Janesville, WI. Mildred Fournais, Rt. 1, Box 126 (53545).

WYOMING

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

CANADA

328*Vancouver, B.C. Peter Jenen, 1721 Laurier Ave., Port Coquitlam, B.C. V3B 2C3. First Wednesday, 828 E. Hastings St., Vancouver.

DENMARK

318*Copenhagen, Denmark. Helge Aasted. Sortedams Dossering 59, C 2 tv., 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark. When called.

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WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION? Write to the Danish American Center, 4200 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55416, or Folmer Strandskov, 3109 - 36 Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55418 (Phone (612) 781-7625). Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for full particulars.

Danish Film Director to Visit Eighteen U.S. Cities

"Leth is a lyricist but not lyrical, the only modern Danish author who has managed to create unity and consistency between his literary and his filmic work." This quote comes from the booklet *Danish Films* published by the Danish Film Institute and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.



Many of us will very soon have the opportunity to judge for ourselves the accuracy of the statement when Jørgen Leth presents one or more of his films at several locations across the nation.

His tour was arranged by the American-Scandinavian Foundation and we are proud to announce, co-sponsored by The Danish Brotherhood in America.

A tentative schedule for his appearances is given below. Further information will be published in the April American Dane and sent to local lodge secretaries.

April 30, Washington, D.C.; May 1, Jamestown, NY; May 4, New York City; May 5, Boston; May 6, Pittsburgh; May 7, Detroit; May 8, Blair, NE; May 11, Madison or Chicago; May 12, Des Moines; May 13, Rock Island, IL; May 14, St. Peter, MN; May 15-16, Denver; May 18, Seattle; May 19, Portland; May 20, Berkeley; May 21, Monterey; May 26, Los Angeles; May 27, Santa Barbara.

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:

FEBRUARY 1981

George J. Jacobsen, salary, \$276.85.

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April 1, 1981

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance of Their Service and Fellowship, We honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since the Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
12-27-80	Soren Nelson	86	Hardy, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1973
11-15-80	James Godsted	80	Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1975
12-27-80	Knute A. Jensen	67	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1973
12-18-80	Willard R. Neary	67	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1974
1-3-81	Rudolph J. Kovar	79	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1976
10-7-80	Knud Nelson	76	Blansted, Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1961
1-17-81	Alfred Johnson	95		16	Minden, Nebraska	1963
12-7-80	Theodore W. Stuhr	80	Vejle, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1918
12-6-80	Egon K. Larsen	78	Silkeborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1941
12-23-80	Carl Petersen	90	Naestved, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1913
12-20-80	Emil Ottesen	86	Frederikshavn, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1929
12-2-80	Gunner Stenderup	44	Bakersfield, California	319	Bakersfield, California	1952
12-28-80	Peter H. Randlov	93	Birkerød, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1911
12-20-80	Peter Jensen	85	Middelfart, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
12-9-80	Carl Pedersen	94	Vindinge, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1918
12-27-80	Richard Pedersen	75	Luck, Wisconsin	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1926
12-29-80	Ellis H. Hansen	82	Cleveland, Ohio	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1923
1-9-81	Einer Pedersen	67	Geneva, Minnesota	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1940
12-17-80	Kenneth F. Hansen	75	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1942
12-21-80	Niels J. Nyby	92	Grurup, Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1910
12-29-80	Walter W. Brady	69	Massillon, Ohio	225	Canton, Ohio	1952
1-1-81	Otto W. Larsen	78	Christiana, Norway	322	Santa Barbara, California	1924
12-27-80	Martin Nelson	79	Menominee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1933
12-18-80	Niels M. Mikkelsen	91	Aarhus, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1926
12-21-80	Harry E. Larsen	70	Denmark	89	Superior, Wisconsin	1947
11-24-80	Laurits N. Sorensen	84	N. Troy, New York	183	Troy, New York	1914
12-7-80	Reta Jensen	59	Elsinore, Utah	339	Las Vegas, Nevada	1971
1-19-81	Adolph Block	77	Harvey, North Dakota	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1948
1-12-81	Otto E. Sorensen	83	Sheffield, Illinois	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	1916
1-2-81	Hans Jepsen	93	Hjarup Sogn, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1925

Our Lodges In Action

Material for publication must be received by the tenth of the month preceding date of issue. The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Everyone in our lodge was baking Fastenlavnboller for our February social meeting. Co-chairman for the event were David and Connie Hansen and Dianne Glenn. And what an interesting evening we had! This committee really extended itself to make this a super night for our lodge. We celebrated Fastenlavns by learning about some of our customs of our ancestors in Denmark. And one of the nicest things was the inclusion of many activities that could be enjoyed by children, too.



Lodge No. 211 President Carl Mayhew presents disaster fund check to Grand Island Interfaith Task Force Director, Naomi Rieb. (Photo courtesy Grand Island Independent/Mike Gray.)

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — The members of Lodge No. 211 wish to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed to the Disaster Relief Fund for the Grand Island lodge. Immediately after the tornadoes hit Grand Island, the Grand Island Interfaith Task Force (GIFT) assisted many of our lodge members who had damage. Those

members felt presenting the total donated by Danish Brotherhood members throughout the United States to GIFT was a way to say "Thank You" for the help they received.

During the presentation, our President, Carl Mayhew, said, "It is indeed my pleasure to present this check in the amount of \$1,356.70 to you in behalf of all those who have contributed to the fund."

In February we all enjoyed a Valentine's Day party which featured door prizes, a Valentine exchange, and two delicious cakes furnished by Sue Mayhew and Marvelle Laursen. Our March meeting will be Hobo Night complete with hobo stew and costumes.

Alice Gray, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — In January we had the installation of our 1981 officers.

For our next meeting, one of our favorite narrators will be showing a film of Denmark.

Thanks go to all who served on the various committees during the past year.

It's always an evening of fun and good fellowship when we have our potluck suppers. February 23 was no less. We asked our members to bring a potential new member that evening. We do welcome new members Viva Husk and Hans and Jan Boe.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #10, Council Bluffs, IA — On January 30 the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges #10 held a joint

Social Night and Membership drive.

We had the Scandinavian dancers from Omaha and lots of fun for everyone.

To start the evening off we had a potluck dinner, and then had our entertainment and topped off the evening with ballroom dancing to music furnished by brother Vernon McClain.

We all greatly enjoyed this evening and wish to thank the Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges that attended from Omaha, Blair and Elk Horn-Kimballton.

We also had a greeting from Andy Andersen of the National Office with an invitation to our guest to join our organization. It appears that we will have a few new names to add in the near future.

We are looking forward to our next social function and hope to add a new twist or two for entertainment.

Shirley J. Thomsen

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At our January meeting we had the pleasure of presenting our member Carl Olsen with a 60-year pin. This was done in the presence of 26 members and family and guests. At the same meeting we started the lectures of the history of Denmark and everyone is looking forward to these in the future months.

On January 31 we held a membership drive with "køgtorsk" dinner, and dance. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and several was unable to attend. We welcomed Andy Andersen to our dinner, and although we were not able to keep him real busy signing up new

members we trust that his trip was worth while.

We are busy planning our annual Fastelavns party for the children and their families and friends with "Slaa katten af tønden".

Kirsten Lundgren, Cor.

MIDWEST



"Dane for the Night" Thomas Norgaard is interviewed by Elsa Petersen. Tom is the SENIOR CITIZEN of Lodge No. 35.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Barb Hinricksen is getting together a tour to bus up to Minneapolis for the Viking Exhibit there. Contact Cindy Jorgensen if interested.

The Midwest District Target Shoot is coming on March 21, and the Bowling tournament on April 11, sponsored by the Wood Dale lodge.

Woody Petersen was honored as our Dane for the Night in January. He was raised on a farm and spoke only Danish until he was six years old. Then he was sent home from school to learn English! Our Dane for the Night in February was Thomas Norgaard. Tom was not with us "in person" so members enjoyed an interview taped the week before. Tom was born in the year of 1884 which makes him the senior citizen of Lodge No. 35.

Mary Bondegard announced she has a sign-up sheet for those members interested in going on a cruise in June — about two hours long and on Lake Michigan.

Lodges No. 17, 340 and DSS No. 4 are sponsoring SAMMENHOLD (meaning "together join or hold") — an anniversary dinner-dance on Saturday, March 7.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — On January 2, 1882, Lodge No. 4 was organized and The Danish Brotherhood in America was formed. We have now started our

100th year and on January 2, 1982, we will celebrate with a centennial anniversary party.

The past has left us with many fond memories, however, it is the future we must be concerned with. We need to continue our growth so we can increase our programs for the future. Growth is not only new members, it is also active members. Our organization must be strong if we desire to preserve our Danish heritage.

Our annual banquet is March 14. Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 4 and Victoria Lodge No. 5 have begun plans for a Dansk Fstedag (Danish Festival) which will be an all day event and will be held Saturday, October 3, 1981.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — In February we'll have an interesting guest, Gladys Paddock, a graphologist, who will give a talk and do some handwriting analysis.

Coming up soon, March 21, is the Midwest District Target Shoot in Glen Ellyn, IL (sponsored by St. Charles Lodge #92).

Back in December over 100 members and families enjoyed our Christmas party potluck. Marigold the clown and her daughter Pee Wee entertained us. Santa Claus was also on hand to pass out sacks of goodies to all the kids. Thanks to our officers for hosting the party.

In January, our 1981 officers were installed by Midwest District President Richard Christensen, assisted by Lester Hansen.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of our programs and accomplishments over the past year.

Our newest member, Phyllis Anderson, a feature writer, took a "Second Look at Waupaca and its Danish Culture and Heritage." Her Appleton Post-Crescent article told of the Historic Danes Home in Waupaca and her ancestors.

Carmen Barnes often led our group in singing. Her lovely voice renewed for us the meaning of Memorial Day as she sang "Let There Be Peace."

Lana Hansen displayed 60 music boxes from her extensive collection (totaling over 200).

The Waupaca Fourth of July

parade theme was "The Year of the Family." Our float fit in very well depicting a Danish family picnic with emphasis on "Danes Have More Fun."

Our first annual aebleskiver supper drew over 300 people. We plan to repeat it on the last Tuesday of every September.

Thanks go to our 1980 president, Henry Mortensen and his wife Melda for their untiring efforts in making our fifth year of existence a success.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — In March we have another opportunity to assist Milwaukee's public television station in their membership drive as we did last year.

Besides the public service aspect of this activity, we also receive on-the-air recognition as a volunteer group, which could attract new members.

In March, Willis Butler will give a free lecture at the Milwaukee Area Technical College Cooley Auditorium on "Denmark Today."

Our first fundraising event of the year will be our Spring Torsk Dinner on Saturday, April 25.

Lodge #9, Oshkosh, WI — Three of our members recently received their 50-year membership pins. Coincidentally all three, Leonard Petersen, Julius Petersen, and Harry Hansen, came into the lodge the very same night, September 25, 1930.

Richard Segor, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Thanks go to Midwest District President Richard Christensen for installing our 1981 officers, and also to John Mollerskov who acted as conductor.

Our aebleskiver and medisterpølse breakfast continued its popularity as over 200 people attended.

Jens Emanuelsen, Tommy Nielsen and Lillian Andersen have been busy going through the old lodge meeting minutes looking for items for our 100-year history. If anyone has some items from our lodge, let these people know.

Congratulations to Janet Pietkiewicz, daughter of Brother George, for receiving the Midwest District Scholarship of \$250. Janet

is a full-time student at the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee, pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada — Installation of the Board of Officers was conducted by the Northwest District President, Melvin Pihl, from Portland. On the meeting night, the 7th of January, 50 brothers were present, which can be considered a good representation. During the meeting three applications were accepted, and the applicants were Theodore

Jensen, Wilki L. Kirstensen and John Stad. All three applicants were well-known and we're looking forward to seeing the new brothers initiated at our next month's meeting.

The meeting closed with the brothers enjoying a sandwich and coffee and a couple of good jokes delivered by Melvin Pihl, who we thank for coming up for the evening.

Arne Møller

Lodge #268, Junction City, OR — Over 100 members, their families and friends gathered to celebrate our 73rd anniversary.

Following a buffet dinner, we recognized the 20 charter

members (none living today). Quite a few of our members present could claim lineage to those early pioneers of this Danish settlement.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of 50-year membership pins to Fred Petersen, Jorgen Nielsen and Walter Nielsen.

It's worth noting that the party was held in the Junction City Scandinavian Festival Hall — a handsome facility to which our members have made substantial contributions, particularly with donated skilled labor. Our lodge is an institution that plays an important part in making the community a pleasant place to live.

Theodore Jensen, Pres.

New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Roger L. DiSilvestro	1	—Omaha	Delores DiSilvestro
Terryl L. Norgaard	1	—Omaha	Andy Andersen
Peter Camponeschi	14	—Kenosha	Charles Krogh
Stanley E. Jeselun	14	—Kenosha	Harold Martinson
Sarah K. Petersen	16	—Minden	Todd L. Petersen
Katrina C. Sondgaard	32	—New Haven	John Holmes
James N. McQueen	33	—Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Russell K. Grams	51	—Ludington	Linton S. Frost
Floyd J. Kaminski	51	—Ludington	Don Stahl
Thomas L. Schneider	51	—Ludington	Robert Jensen
Maurine M. Levisen	75	—Albert Lea	LaVerne Clausen
Irene A. Hansen	75	—Albert Lea	LaVerne Clausen
Marilyn E. Reim	75	—Albert Lea	Earl Levisen
Elvin G. Reim	75	—Albert Lea	Earl Levisen
Marcella J. Clausen	75	—Albert Lea	Earl Levisen
Erma E. Levisen	75	—Albert Lea	Alton Neve
Edward J. Eilersen	116	—Newark	Ruth F. Godthaab
Randal D. Pedersen	147	—Newell	Glen L. Pedersen
Terry L. Pedersen	147	—Newell	Glen L. Pedersen
Lois E. Lewis	161	—Ruskin	Eugene Schultz
Ronald R. Lewis	161	—Ruskin	Eugene Schultz
Janice L. Fahl	167	—Portland	Robert Fahl
Lars C. Snitker	167	—Portland	Jorgen & K. Snitker
Mickael C. Snitker	167	—Portland	J. & Kirsten Snitker
Craig S. Rogge	227	—Detroit	Howard Hansen
William R. Villa	299	—Solvang	Arden D. Petersen
Karl H. Cramer	323	—Alhambra	Roy Johnson
Eva A. Johansen	323	—Alhambra	Beatrice Jepsen
Edmond Ferrand	323	—Alhambra	Beatrice Jepsen
Leona A. Ferrand	323	—Alhambra	Beatrice Jepsen
Mariana E. Andersen	325	—Nassau Co.	George J. Jacobsen
Sharon K. Miller	326	—West Branch	Wilma Nealson
Kenneth L. Madsen	342	—Bucks Co.	Melanie Madsen
Josephine C. Madsen	342	—Bucks Co.	Melanie Madsen
J. H. Frederickson, Jr.	600	—Omaha	Andy Andersen
Mary Kay Madsen	600	—Omaha	Lenora Madsen
Thora A.K. P. Pedersen	600	—Omaha	John O.P. Pedersen

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Our February meeting will be an important one. Not only will our 1981 officers take the chairs, but we'll also elect delegates to the District convention in Vancouver, B.C., this spring.

We noticed in the Seattle newspaper that a 6 foot begonia plant grown by Jens Holm of Enumclaw was featured in "Ripley's Believe It or Not." Jens is longtime active member of lodge #113 in Enumclaw, and a former correspondent to BIEN.

The Danes, our soccer team, have 11 games scheduled this year up to March 20.



Lodge 33's Christmas party.

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — The Christmas tree lights were blinking and tinkling as the 170 guests arrived for our Danish Christmas party. The tree was decorated with authentic Danish ornaments ordered from Denmark several months previous and put together by members at a workshop gathering.

Peter Rasmussen made a

handsome Santa Claus. He engaged young and old to sing the Old Yuletide Danish and American songs while dancing around the Christmas tree. With a Ho, Ho, Ho, he presented our 46 youngsters with bags of goodies.

The buffet tables were laden with choice Danish delicacies. Ris A'L'amande pudding, prepared by volunteers, served as dessert.

We're grateful to Elinor Pedersen, Annette Asaad, Anni Williams, Ann Meeks, Hanna Lange, Kirsten Madsen, and all their helpers for putting together this delightful party. We're hopeful that the party should bring us new members.

Signe Lindberg, Sec.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA - We were honored to have District President Alice Pinkerton and Vice President Al Tunsen as installing officers at our banquet installation festivities.

Carl Henriksen was honored with the presentation of his 25-year membership pin.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — Our next meeting will be April 3, when we get together with Sisterhood Lodge #166 for a potluck dinner followed by Bingo.

We'll also have first nomination of delegates to our August district convention. Please plan to attend if you want to have some input in our local, state and national organizations. Remember, everything discussed concerns each and every member.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — In January we had several guests attend installation ceremonies for our lodge, lodge #95 and Sisterhood lodge #131. The guests included Judy Andersen, Sisterhood District President, and her husband Paul; Al Tunsen, District Vice—President and his wife Ethel; Alice Pinkerton, District President; Pete Petersen of Los Angeles.

A group from Petaluma also joined us. They were Bob and

Dorothy McKinnon, Harvey and Alice Rasmussen, Walt and Lilly Miller, Ken and Dorothy Petersen, Barbara and Bob Leask. Aage and Tove Lindquist also came up from Alameda.

Following the installations, we presented lodge #95 with a check to assist in sponsoring a local soccer team under the direction of Laszlo Lesku.

Later there was dinner, dancing and more entertainment.

Laura Schuler



Lodge 323 all-Danish member family — Louis Petersen, Karen and Dick Rowse, Elena and Paul.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At our last meeting we voted to make a generous donation to the Solvang Lutheran Home.

Programs coming up include a Hobo Party in March and in May, a tour to Fallbrook, CA to visit the Roy Johnsons in their new home.

Our lodge has reason to boast of its all-Danish member family. Louis Petersen (age 89), his daughter and son-in-law Karen and Dick Rowse, their children Elena and Paul, are all active in their community as well as their lodge. They are always willing to take on a project to help keep our Danish heritage alive and growing.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Oh! What a beautiful evening! That was the feeling of all who attended our fourth annual installation banquet and ball.

We were fortunate to have District President Alice Pinkerton to do the installation, along with Peter Pedersen to act as conductor.

Our February meeting should prove to be very interesting. George Jorgensen has arranged

for some Danish films, among them are "Denmark—A Loving Embrace" and "Time for Work — Time for Play."

MICHIGAN-OHIO



Lodge #227 Past President Herluf Iversen receives a plaque of appreciation.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Your Red Cross Bloodmobile Drive will be at the Dania Hall on March 25. Won't you join us and give (blood) so that someone may live. Bring your family and friends, all are welcome.

Mark Pedersen, a D.B.I.A. camp grant recipient in 1979, recently was honored with the highest award in Boy Scouts, the Eagle award. Brother Fred Marxson presented Mark with the medallion he had received over 50 years ago. It was a happy occasion and a thrill for this fine young man and his family.

We had a Ball! Our installation of officers was a big success. Installing officer Bob Sorensen presented Past President Herluf Iversen with a plaque in appreciation for his fine work over the past



Mark Pedersen, Eagle Scout, was a 1979 Camp Grant recipient.

two years. Our new President, Ken Rehan, received the gavel from Bob Sorensen to a rousing round of applause.

Don't forget the Bowling Tournament in Ludington April 25 and the District convention in Detroit May 9.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — In January, we had our annual installation of officers.

Other activities that month included the Sunshine Seniors' carry-in dinner and meeting, the lodge's dinner and dance, a social evening, and our monthly Pinochle party.

Alf Larsen, Cor.

EASTERN

Lodge #183, Troy, NY — During our annual Christmas party, we enjoyed a dinner and Danish folk dancing. Our president, Gary Mulligan, even got in the act as Santa Claus, ho-hoing and jingle belling to an Irish jig and passing out gifts to all present.

Despite sub-zero weather, our installation of officers got us off to a good start for 1981. Harry Jensen, vice-president of the G.C.E.L., was the installing officer.

We've accepted an invitation to host the G.C.E.L. convention in Troy over the coming Labor Day weekend. It will be a big project for our few active members, but we'll do our best.

We're looking forward to our annual corned beef supper in March. If you can come our way, stop in for some good Danish fellowship. We meet the second Saturday of each month.

Betty Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — At our January meeting, John Hjulmand, president of the G.C.E.L., installed our 1981 officers.

We're already looking forward to our 90th anniversary on May 9. Tickets will be available to members only until March 11, after which our friends will be accommodated.

Referring to the Christmas Seal cover on the December American Dane, Harold Sandorff gave a talk

on the seals and their originator, Einar Holboell, who happened to be his uncle!

Jens C. Jessen, Sec.

Lodge #241, Sayreville, NJ — In January we had a dinner for members and their wives. Twenty-five people enjoyed the event, and we hope that more affairs like this will arouse some interest in lodge activities.

Dietrick P. Thomas, Sec.

Lodge #325, Long Island, NY — In February the Freeport Scandinavian Society is sponsoring a film program, 'I, the Prince of Botony.'

Our members have the opportunity to listen to the "Musical Smorgasbord" of Hans Olsen, three times a week on three local FM radio stations.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We are breaking with past practices and having a Bingo night in February. We'll be playing for some Danish prizes. But in the future we'll follow tradition and play Bingo in November to win a duck or other food gifts for Mortensaften.

John Christiansen is looking for volunteers to assist in planning a social calendar for the new year. He needs ideas for special events such as St. Hans Night in June, Christmas parties, Fastelavn, and other traditional festivals.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — At our Fastelavn celebration in February, we'll have prizes for the best costumes. With games and other things planned, it should be a night of fun and laughter.

In January, we enjoyed slides taken by Stafford Keers featuring his trip to Scandinavia.

Installation of officers will be on March 20th. National President George Jacobsen will be the installing officer with the help of John Hjulman, G.C.E.L. President.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our picnic back in August met with a large and enthusiastic crowd. The horseshoe games were really a popular attraction.

Our Christmas party was a success as well. We had a dinner and some delightful entertainment, including dancing by Stacy

Wilson, carols with hand signs by Stacey and Nina McLeod, clarinet duets, and much more. Santa Claus (Andy Christiansen) delighted the youngsters with conversation and candy boxes.

Gertrude E. Mikkelsen, Sec.

FLORIDA

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — In January we had almost 50 people attending. Several guests were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Niels B. Hansen of Long Island, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feilberg Hansen of Toronto, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Pedersen from Mississippi; and Jacob Kallesoe from Bradenton, FL.

We initiated three new members — Henry Thorup, Emil and Elsie Mogensen — and installed our 1981 officers. Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen installed the officers, assisted by Jacob Kallesoe.

Our committee is working hard to sell more tickets for our gala banquet on March 20. All are welcome — contact Elmer Jensen or Bill Steffensen.

May we have the pleasure of bidding you "welcome" at the banquet.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

MISSOURI



Ruth Larsen, President of Lodge #56, at Kansas City, Missouri, prepared a traditional Christmas Crown Roast for the 1980 annual Christmas dinner at the December Brotherhood meeting. Other members brought kransbage, red cabbage, rice pudding and other Danish Christmas foods. Ruth and her husband Otto will visit Denmark in Febuary 1981. (Submitted by Gerda Wallace Lodge 56.)

Sponsor a Member In 1981

Invite a friend or family member to join The Danish Brotherhood by completing the short membership form below — have it signed by the applicant and submit it to the home office. For insured membership (Required under age 50) the new member will be contacted by a lodge representative or directly from the home office regarding the choice of life insurance plans and the completion of the insurance application.

If you will complete the membership application, we will make sure the new member is provided with information about the life insurance programs.

LODGE NO.

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10. OCCUPATION	12. BUSINESS ADDRESS		
11. EMPLOYER			

I DO HEREBY DECLARE AND AGREE:

- That the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Society which are now in force or which may at any time hereafter be duly made or enacted shall be binding upon me, my family and all beneficiaries.
- That the decision of the Secretary-Treasurer and/or the Board of Directors or their successors in office, shall control in all matters of dispute between the Society or any lodge or officer or member thereof and myself relative to membership or the obligations of membership.
- That if I make application for insured membership and I am rejected for insurance by the Home Office Underwriting Department, I shall be considered as having made application for social membership.

SIGNED BY ME ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 19 _____
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____ LODGE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____



Lodge Membership Contest

March 15 to June 15, 1981

\$300 Awarded Every 30 Days!

Group I—100 or more members

Group II—50-100 members

Group III—Less than 50 members

Monthly Cash Prizes for Each Group!

(Most new members, social and insured, signed up)

1st — \$50.00

2nd — \$30.00

3rd — \$20.00

At the request of several lodges the 1980 membership contest will be repeated in the Spring of 1981 (March 15th to June 15th). Start now making plans for having a Membership Dinner during the contest period. The money your lodge can earn signing up new members will help pay for the dinner.

GUIDELINES

1. Plan the dinner in advance. Select the location for the dinner — local restaurant or a catered dinner.
2. Ask each member to bring at least one prospective member to the dinner. The guest should understand they will be asked to join the lodge at the dinner. Normally the lodge will pay for the guest's dinner only with the sponsor receiving a prize, such as \$5.00 for each new member sponsored. Occasionally the lodge will pay for both the guest and the sponsor's dinner in which case the sponsor will not receive a prize. Of course, the sponsor will always receive points toward a trip to Denmark.
3. Sign up prospective members for membership following the dinner with notice that they will be contacted later for information about our life insurance.
4. Have a short program (optional).
5. Home Office will provide all the promotional material and will work with the lodge in planning the dinner. A Home Office representative will also be present to participate in the program and assist in signing up new members.

All lodges will also be paid \$2.00 for each new member — social or insured — signed up during this three 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 next month's contest. Winning lodges are eligible to compete each month. The sponsor, of course, will receive points toward a free trip to Denmark or one or more of the awards under the Centennial Membership Program.

These Lodges Are Trying Membership Dinners!

Membership dinners have recently been held by Lodge No. 10 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and by Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines. Lodges planning membership dinners in the near future include Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI; Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI; Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE; Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE; Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, NJ; Lodge No. 294, Barre, VT (membership drive); Lodge No. 314, Hartford, CT; and Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA.

America Bound

Enok Mortensen

(Part One)

With eleven books to his credit—some novels, some short stories, some history—Enok Mortensen has become the most prolific of contemporary Danish-American writers. His books from *Saaledes blev jeg hjemløs* to *Schools for Life* deal with Danish-American themes, life among Danish immigrants.

In his last book, *A Danish Boyhood*, just published, he turns back to Denmark for his theme and tells the story of growing up in a small Danish village. With affection and humor he paints a sympathetic picture of his parents. Most touching is perhaps his vivid description of "A Christmas Eve to Remember."

People born in Denmark will recognize and identify with his experiences as a poor herdboyc and follow him as he is apprenticed to a furnitremaker. Children of immigrants will have an opportunity to learn something about the kind of life their own parents or grandparents might have experienced if they lived in Denmark in the early 20th century.

The book ends with the dramatic decision to immigrate and sail to America where the family entered a new life.

One chapter "America Bound," appears here in *The American Dane*.

A Danish Boyhood may be obtained in many book stores. See also the advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Father never got over having been in America. He had been there when he was young and had always wanted to return, but now he had a big family and very little money. Mother moreover shuddered at the thought of leaving her beloved Denmark; she was very patriotic and knew the birthdays of all members of the royal household by heart. She was also very attached to her relatives, but when her oldest son Johannes left for America she began to warm up to the idea. Then came World War I and Denmark was isolated from the rest of the world. Father was fifty years old but his dream persisted. Was it the romantic vision of recapturing a slice of his youth or a realistic appraisal of our circumstances — the knowledge that a Danish shoemaker with a wife and six children to support would always be poor, and the hope, the conviction, shared by millions of emigrants the world over, that America was the land of promise?

I suppose it was all this and more. Suddenly the war ended and there were open waters again. We heard from my brother who had a shoe shop of his own somewhere in Iowa, and work for my father too. There were long conferences among ourselves and with other people. Father began to sing American songs and made attempts to teach us English. Mother was strangely quiet and got a haunted look in her eyes when one of father's competitors, "the electric shoemaker" turned up and scrutinized house and shop with some idea of buying us out. Father found out that I could be released from my apprenticeship in the cabinet shop where I worked, and suddenly I felt as if I were about to be let out of prison. We were going to America where nothing was impossible!

I remember the day the red-coated postman brought a large envelope from the Scandinavian-American Line with gaily-colored brochures showing pictures of ships plowing through smooth waters with huge chimneys belching black smoke. We looked at these night after night and came to know intimately the interior of Frederik VIII long before we saw it. Imagine a ship as long as a football field and taller than the village church! There were dining rooms on several decks with finely clad people being served by elegant waiters. There were libraries and even a dance hall. A printing shop provided a daily newspaper, and an orchestra entertained you while dining. All this and much more!

I am not sure of the exact moment when the crucial decision was made, but it became increasingly clear that all bridges behind us were beginning to burn. Sometimes late at night I could hear Mother and Father discussing details of the impending journey. I was sent out to a number of Father's customers with stern instructions to ask politely if it would be convenient

for them to remember that they had a bill in Father's shop. We began to raise cash - apparently much needed - by disposing of household items. Father had a little brown book (now in my possession) in which he listed addresses, moral precepts, bills to be paid and money owed him. Meticulously he noted the sale of the following items:

Books sold	10 kroner
(a dollar then was worth about five kroner)	
5 chickens	25 kroner
2 tables	23 kroner
Curtain and rod	12 kroner
1 kettle and cups	10 kroner
1 ironing board	6 kroner
A book case	5 kroner

And then the enormous sum of 190 kroner for our prize possession; the organ which was sold to our Uncle Ludvig, the musician.

Now all bridges were burned, there was no turning back. "The electric shoemaker" bought house and business. According to father's little book the property was sold for a total of 14,000 kroner. Inventory of shoes, leather, machinery and other items brought in another 6,000 kroner, and Father not only made arrangements to have an auction of household goods prior to our departure, he ceremoniously signed a letter ordering tickets for eight people from Copenhagen to New York. We were to leave May 1, 1919 on the steamer Frederik VIII.

And now came the last minute activities. Father traveled to Odder in Jylland to take leave of his sister Anine and his stepmother. The brown book lists his train ticket at 14.80 kr. From there he went to Esbjerg and a farewell visit with his only brother, Morten. He carefully noted that a present (for his mother?) cost 2.10 kr. and that he spent the lavish sum of 1.75 for food and drink on the trip.

Then came the big auction which was to scatter the last remnants of our worldly goods over the countryside and bring in much needed cash. There wasn't a great deal. The auctioneer, an arrogant government official in uniform, glanced at our possessions which in the bright spring sunshine looked worn and shabby, and shook his head. but everything was sold — the familiar chaiselounge, the carved buffet with knick-knack shelves, chairs and beds

and pictures, everything except the chest of drawers that I had made in the cabinet shop, and which mother insisted on taking along. We had to have some kind of container for linen and stuff, mother said, and one could always use a chest.

Much to our surprise and father's joy the net result of the auction was good. All our things had been old and not very valuable, but the war had brought inflation, and most of the items sold for more than the original purchase price. Following the sale there was a reception in the Mission House and mother and father were given gifts of remembrance, and then on to the train, all of us with our hands full of luggage.

There were a few people at the station to bid us farewell: the saddlemaker next door, the barber with the crooked face, and some of the women from the Mission House. They cried a little; America was so far away, and

such weird and wild things happened over there! Mother cried too, and my big sister, but I was jubilant. How often I had met the train and wished to be on it. Now we were to leave, not only for Copenhagen but for America and all the wonders of the world!

In Copenhagen we were hospitably housed at Tante Emma's apartment in Sct. Jørgens Alle No. 10. I remember walking all the way next day with Father to Kongens Nytorv where the offices of the steamship line were located. The window exhibited a large scale model of one of their ocean liners. We also visited the American Embassy where father impressed me by speaking in English to the officials who helped us fill out forms and secure our passports.

The night before sailing, Tante Emma's apartment was filled to overflowing with uncles and aunts and cousins I barely knew. Many of them met up the next morning in the Free

Harbor for a final farewell. A photograph taken at the time shows little brother David with a doll and an American flag, Martha and Maria holding dolls and Danish flags. Lydia and Esther have bouquets of flowers. Father is in wing collar and black tie; I am in the background wearing of all things a soft black homburg. Our poor Uncle Vilhelm and Uncle Niels who was an alcoholic were there, and, of course, Tante Emma and Tante Emilie, their daughters and other cousins in addition to a few friends. Father has described the leave-taking in his little brown book:

At 12.10 we went aboard and after a long hour (he must have been anxious to get going!) consisting of greetings, waving and many loving glances and farewells, Frederik VIII finally moves away from the wharf, and as long as the eye can see those who are left, both sides wave handkerchiefs and hats . . .

(Part Two next month)

PHOTO



CONTEST

Been saving those photos from family and lodge Danish ethnic activities? Get them ready and follow the guidelines below for the Second Annual Photo Contest!

TO ENTER

1. Send your photograph with your name, address, lodge and member number to The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.
2. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of photo at the conclusion of the contest.
3. Indicate the category of the entry: **FAMILY DANISH ETHNIC ACTIVITY, DBIA LODGE DANISH ETHNIC ACTIVITY: OR DANISH BROTHERHOOD DISTRICT OR NATIONAL ACTIVITY.** Include a brief description of the event (15 words or less) and the date the photo was taken.
4. The entries may be snapshots or enlargements, but must not exceed 8x10. Glossy, black and white photos are preferred. Slides will not be accepted.

5. Contestants may enter a total of 5 photos annually.

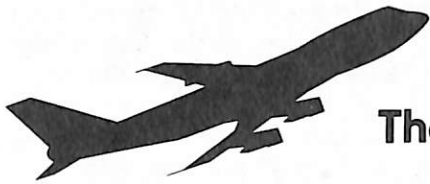
6. Photos may have been taken any time after July 15, 1980. Entries must be postmarked by July 15 and received by July 30, 1981.

AWARDS

First place winners in each category will receive \$25 and publication as a future American Dane cover photo. Second and Third place awards will be made in a category if 10 or more entries are received within that category. Second place winners will receive \$15 and third place winners will receive \$10. All winners will be published in the American Dane. In any event, no entrant may receive more than one award annually.

YOUNG VIKINGS DIVISION

Special awards will be given to photos entered by members age 16 and under. In this division, the rules and categories for entries will remain the same, but **entries must include the age.** First place in the Young Vikings Division will receive \$25.



Fly to Denmark with The Danish Brotherhood in America Group Flight Program



Group space has been blocked on the following dates on SAS/Scandinavian Airlines regularly scheduled flights to Copenhagen at Super-Saver rates — the lowest in effect for such service.

Flight Code	Departure Dates	Return Dates	Flight Code	Departure Dates	Return Dates
A1	June 19	July 3	A5	July 3	July 17
A2		July 10	A6		July 24
A3*	June 26*	July 10*	A7	July 10	July 24
A4		July 17	A8		July 31

*Corresponds to Danish Brotherhood's special tour of Denmark.

Space is being held on the above dates for members of the Danish Brotherhood and their friends and relatives from each of the following cities direct, non-stop to Copenhagen:

Departure City	Current Airfare**
New York	\$ 621
Chicago	\$ 721
Los Angeles	\$ 903
Seattle	\$ 837

**Airmiles are subject to change but correct as of February 1, 1981.
Children's Fares: (2 to 11 years) 2/3 Adult Fare.

If none of the above dates or gateway cities fit your needs, please contact ICTS. You may request alternate arrangements by completing the form below or call calling ICTS "Collect" at (714) 299-4217.

Note: Airfares cannot be guaranteed unless paid in full and tickets issued. Actual airfare used will be lowest in effect and available at time of ticket payment and issue. ICTS will attempt to notify participants holding reservations of pending fare increases.

The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

The acceptance of any travel plan or other service by any individual shall be deemed to constitute an acceptance of this limitation of liability and responsibility.

Special Tours and Packages

A wide range of tours and tour packages is available either in conjunction with the above flights or separately. Examples:

Fairyland Tour

3 days in Denmark including Copenhagen-Roskilde-Ebeltoft-Arhus-Randers-Silkeborg-Legoland-Odense

Scandinavian Experience

deluxe 17 day tour of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland

Grand Beginning

4 day tour package to get you off to a good start: deluxe Hôtel d'Angleterre, transfers, Danish breakfasts, welcome dinner in Tivoli, sightseeing, etc.

Reservation Form

Reservation must be accompanied by \$100.00 per person, balance due 45 days prior to date of departure. Make checks or money orders payable to: ICTS. Complete, sign and mail form to: ICTS, 5333 Mission Center Road, San Diego, California 92108.

Name (in full) _____

Address (in full) _____

Departure Date _____ Return Date _____

Departure City _____ Phone (____) _____

Additional Passengers (if children, please give ages) _____

(We) have read and agree to the terms as outlined above.

_____ Date _____

Persons under age of 18 must have signature of parent or legal guardian. Please send information on the following tour(s):

Rain's Wonder

Scintillating, pulsating
Torrents of wetness descend
Through the depths of the soil
In fits of intangible harmony.

Maker of rainbows,
Infinitely hailed
Tingling and tantalizing the roseflower
Which yearns upward toward
The holy, cherished downpour.

The yawning expanse of the heavens
Lolling in clouds
Giving birth
To the fresh sprung downpour.

Seemingly ceaseless
Providing a praised aroma
Drenching the parched earth
Creating life, symbolizing hope.

Tina Engman
(Creative Writing Contest Winner)

A Danish Boyhood

by **Enok Mortensen**

(Word Services Press, Lincoln, NE)

A true story of growing up in a Danish Village in the early 20th century, and a dramatic decision to come to America.

Order through

The Danish Brotherhood in America
\$5.00 (includes postage)
P.O. Box 31748
Omaha, Nebraska 68131

Danish Brotherhood T-Shirts & Bumper Stickers

Danish Brotherhood T-shirts, white cotton printed in Danish red. Designs include "Danes Have More Fun," "Viking Power" and, **new for spring**, "Mor Dig Godt!", which in Danish means, "Have a Good Time."

Adult shirts \$5.00, sizes: small, medium, large or extra large.

Children's shirts \$5.00, sizes: small, medium and large.



Bumper stickers with stain and fade resistant finish. 5 different sayings starting with "I'm Proud to be a Dane", "Danes are the Best Lovers", "Everyone Follows a Dane, You're Proof", "Danes are Born Leaders, You're Following One" and "Mor Dig Godt!" Only fifty cents each.



Order from: **Danish Brotherhood in America**
P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131

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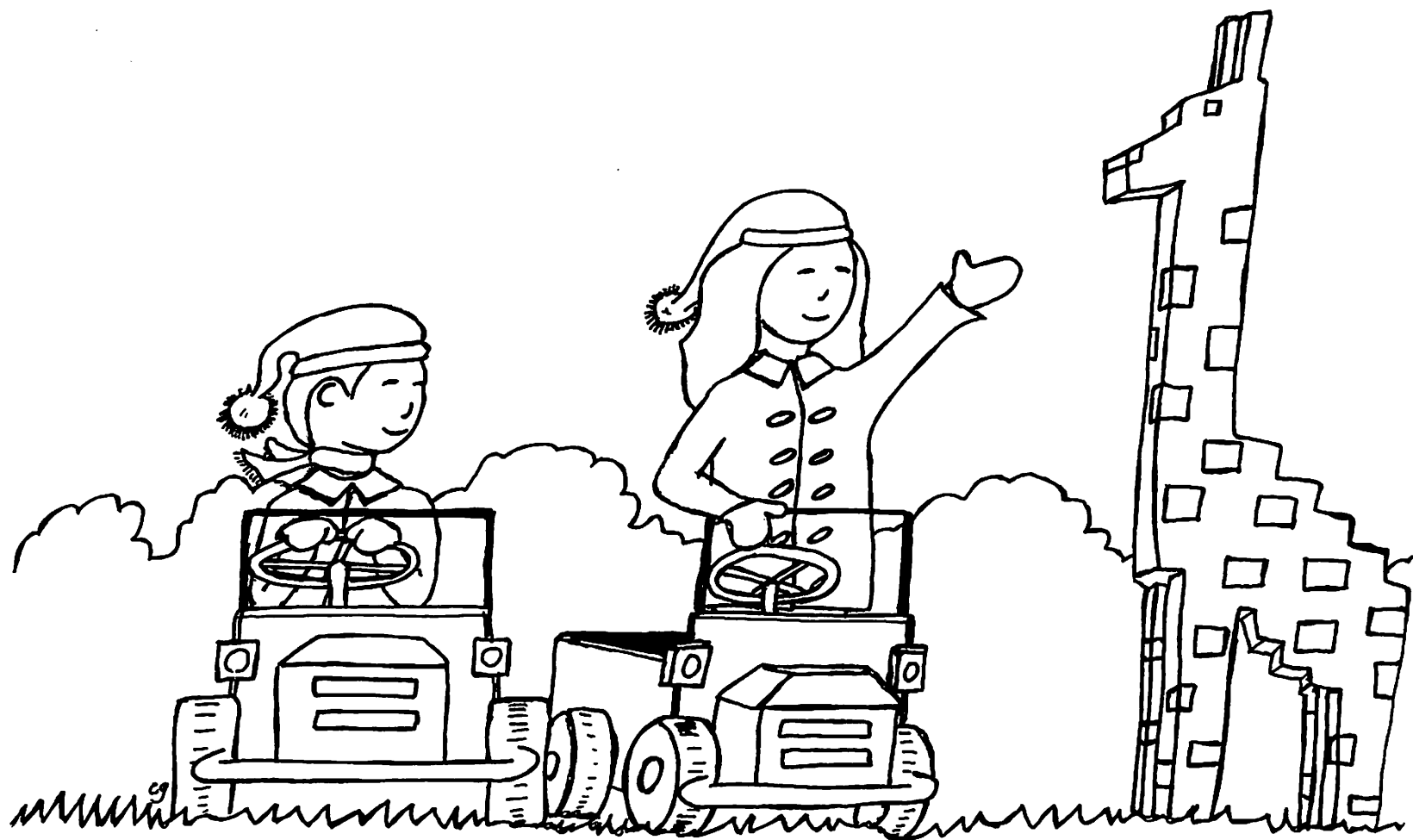
*All prices are postpaid. Nebraskans add Nebraska sales tax.

Total \$ _____

Name Street Address

City State Zip Code

YES, please include membership information with my order.



Hans and Greta are enjoying LEGOLAND in Denmark. Perhaps one of the traveling LEGOLAND exhibits has visited your city.

Princess Sugar Pretzels (Prinsessekringler)*

1 recipe puff paste
crystalized sugar
slivered almonds
1 egg

Roll out a piece of puff paste to an oblong shape about 3/8" thick and about 5 inches wide. Brush with egg and sprinkle with chopped almonds and crystalized sugar. Cut (diagonally across) into strips about 3/8" wide and twist these into pretzel shapes. Set aside to cool (rest) for 15 minutes before baking them pale golden and crisp in a moderate oven. Store in air-tight container, preferably in a warm place.

*From the book, Danish Home Baking by Karen Berg. Puff paste recipe appeared in the January issue of the American Dane.

Grandma's Kitchen

We're Hans & Greta

Color our picture, clip it out and send to — The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. You might win a LEGO building kit. Include: 1. your name, 2. your return address, 3. your date of birth; and 4. our colored picture.

You need not be a DBIA member to enter. Four LEGO toy kits awarded in four age groups each month (ages 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, 10-12).

February winners: Kristopher Paul Dilbeck, Mark Odsather and Jody Sakstrup.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together—A Beginning

Keeping Together—Progress

Working Together—Success

Have you ever tried to trace your family history? Was it difficult to get started or did you know exactly who in your family had the records? The local lodges and districts are the "family" of The Danish Brotherhood in America. We want to record this family history before it is lost to all future generations. We have extended the deadline for the lodge history project from January 15 to March 15. We have had good response from a number of lodges. Our Michigan-Ohio District has participated in this project, too.

MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT HISTORY

"Representatives of several Michigan lodges met in Ludington, Michigan, in June 1926 and established the Lower Michigan District of The Danish Brotherhood Society.

"The first district convention was held in Greenville, Michigan, in September 1926.

"In 1931, some lodges from Ohio joined the district and the name was changed to the Michigan-Ohio District at that time.

"Over the years, according to the minutes of past conventions, the main concern of delegates at these conventions seemed to be finding ways to better the Brotherhood and also to increase the overall membership in The Danish Brotherhood. This feeling still holds true today.

"District conventions are held annually and hosted by participating lodges on a rotating basis. Our conventions are held in conjunction with Danish Sisterhood lodges in our area. We still keep close ties with the Danish Sisterhood.

"In 1979 the district began a scholarship program and currently awards two (2) \$125 scholarships each year. The recipients of these awards are college students who are the sons or daughters of Brotherhood members or members themselves. District activities include: a baseball outing in Detroit, Mich., a fishing trip in Muskegon, Mich., a district bowling tournament beginning in 1981. All of the above activities have been instituted during the past two years.

"In addition to the above activities, the Greenville, Michigan, lodge is always active in their city's "Danish Days" festival which is held in August of each year.

"The Michigan-Ohio is a relatively small district but we are trying to be more active and hopefully the above mentioned activities are just a start towards more things to participate in at a district level."

The information above was submitted by **Michigan-Ohio District Secretary, Robert Sorensen.**

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Last year Lodge Handbooks were revised and revisions sent to all handbook holders. If you are a new lodge secretary and have not seen a Danish Brotherhood Lodge Handbook with your records, please contact the National Headquarters office. Your Lodge Handbook is an invaluable guide for you and for other officers and committee people in your lodge.

IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

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

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

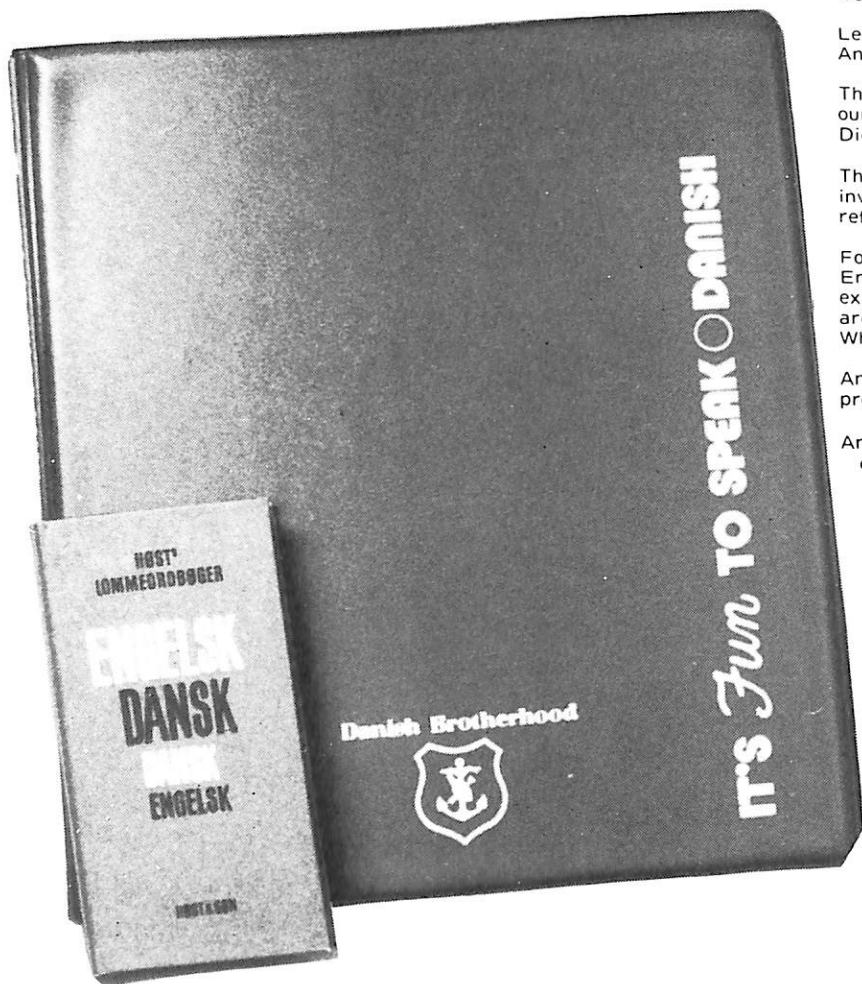
These five full-length cassette tapes fit any standard tape player, and our kits also include a read-along script as well as an English/Danish Dictionary all packaged in a handsome red travel or storage album.

This is a fantastic way for second or third generation Danes to become involved in our Danish heritage. And these tapes are perfect as a refresher course if you're planning a trip to Denmark.

For the convenience of beginners, young or old, both Danish and English are used in the five tapes. The tapes were developed by experts and educators to make the learning process fun. The cassettes are titled: (1) How To Speak Danish; (2) Putting Words Together; (3) What Did I Say?; (4) As We Say In Danish; (5) Sing It, Say It.


An easy, enjoyable way to build a useful vocabulary, learn pronunciations, and hear old Danish sayings and songs.

And all for only \$29.95 including postage and handling. (We are offering a lodge discount if more than five tape sets are ordered at one time. For five or more tape sets, the price becomes \$24.95 per kit.)



SEND TO:

Danish Brotherhood in America
P.O. Box 31748
Omaha, Ne. 68131



Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ Danish language cassette tape sets. (Nebraska residents — 3% Sales Tax)

NAME _____

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Yes, Please Include Membership Information With My Order.

The Danish Brotherhood in America
P.O. Box 31748
Omaha, Nebraska 68131

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POSTMASTER: IF UNDELIVERABLE AS
ADDRESSED, NOTIFY US ON FORM 3579

Before you move use this coupon to notify the Home Office. Clip out so old address is included. Notify your lodge secretary, too.

NOTICE!!! List all family members affected by this change.

I belong to Lodge No. _____ My number in the lodge is _____

Name _____

New Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Proud to be a Dane?

We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive **The American Dane** each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

name _____	age _____	other family members:
street address _____		name _____ age _____
city, state, zip _____		name _____ age _____
		name _____ age _____

Mail to:
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