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What's New for June

Just about everything, including your editor. We hope you will enjoy this month's reading. Especially Thorvald Hansen's presentation of the history of The Danish Brotherhood on page 17. Mr. Hansen is director of the Grand View College Archives in Des Moines, Iowa. He has published several works closely related to the Danish immigrant history.

Mr. Hansen is the author of the 1981 lecture series for Danish Brotherhood lodges. His article in this issue is Part 8 of the ten-part series. Any member may request the entire series for use during lodge meetings. They make a nice addition to your discussions. The theme for all lectures this year is The Story of the Danish Immigrant.

Our Creative Writing Contest produced two poems dedicated to Mom (pg. 8) and a short essay on Copenhagen (pg. 21).

Rolf Christensen of the Danish Club of Ottawa, Canada, has reported the recognition of Vinland as a World Heritage Site (pg. 20).

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Fishing Boats in Kerteminde

(Photo by Dan Shepard)

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The President's Column



DBIA President
George Jacobsen

Of all the holidays and festivals celebrated in Denmark, the one that should be of greatest interest to us is the celebration of the United States' Independence Day in Rebild National Park. The celebration was started in 1912 by Danish-American Max Henius. Since then countless thousands have visited the park from both Denmark and America to enjoy the festival.

This year the annual membership meeting of Rebild National Park Society was held at the Sheraton-O'Hare in Chicago. The date and time of the meeting permitted me to attend by arranging a short stopover on the way to our Board meeting in Omaha.

I was very pleased with the results of that meeting. The Rebild Committee is planning to adopt "Scan Presence" as its theme for 1982, our centennial year. They have also agreed to provide program time for a speaker from The Danish Brotherhood during the 1982 July Fourth festival and have invited us to arrange a display in the Lincoln Log Cabin that will illustrate the many accomplishments of The Danish Brotherhood during its 100-year history.

Those taking part in either tour to Denmark advertised in the American Dane will stop at the Rebild Hills where Pat Boone will speak for America. Queen Margrethe the Second, Prince Henrik and their children will be in attendance at this year's celebration and the theme is very fittingly "The Family."

In recent years the American speakers have included such notable personalities as Richard M. Nixon, Walter Cronkite, Hubert H. Humphrey, Danny Kaye, Marshall M. Fredericks, and Victor Borge. In 1938 and again in 1951 John Hansen, former Supreme President of The Danish Brotherhood, had the honor of speaking for America at this traditional reunion of Danes and their Danish-American relatives.

President's Awards

Two of our districts have concluded their annual conventions and it won't be too long before others are meeting. Your district officers have received information and material for the District President's Awards. Be sure your lodge participates.



Vice President Robert Ibsen had the pleasure of presenting the Midwest District with the First National President's Award. From left to right we see Vice President Ibsen, Bob Weller, President of Dwight, Illinois, Lodge 34, Richard Christensen, President of the Midwest District, Albert Larsen, President of Lodge 36 in Milwaukee, and Woodrow Petersen, National Director.

A Danish Boyhood

by Enok Mortensen

(Word Services Press, Lincoln, NE)

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Danish Village in the early
20th century, and a dramatic decision
to come to America.*

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Viking Exhibit Closes

by Diane Doyle, Director of Fraternal Services

May 3 was the last day the popular Viking Exhibit could be seen by the general public at the Minneapolis Institute for the Arts. The weekend of April 10, a bus tour sponsored by the American-Scandinavian Foundation, Blair Chapter; and DBIA Lodge No. 206 of Blair, left to visit the exhibit. We arrived in Minneapolis late Friday night and were at the exhibit for several hours the following day.

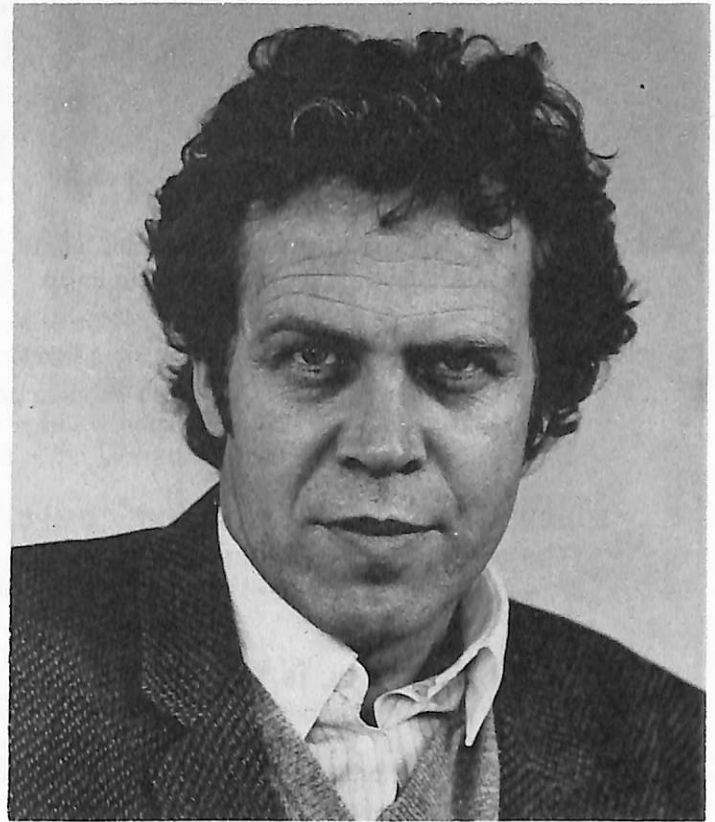
It was an exciting trip. The exhibit was more than we expected and housed in an inviting facility at the Institute. For many in our group, it was an experience something like we would imagine time travel to be. Here were household and personal items used by the Vikings hundreds of years ago, all in remarkably good condition. One could easily imagine oneself in an ancient setting. But primitive would not apply to the relics of this society. The jewelry was artfully crafted, although we guessed the weight of some items would limit the ability to wear it.

We would have liked to bring all of you photographs so that you, too, could enjoy the exhibit. This was not possible, but the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts has been kind enough to provide slides and information which we will make available to the lodges as soon as possible.

Sunday, April 12, was Denmark Day at the exhibit, sponsored by the Danish-American Fellowship Institute of Minneapolis. We were privileged to attend the reception for Prince Georg of Denmark before our bus brought us back to Omaha. It was a beautiful day and although we could not stay for the remainder of the program, we feel certain the several hundred people who did find it most rewarding.



Danish Consul Folmer Dyrland and Prince Georg of Denmark, Denmark Day, April 12, 1991.



Jørgen Leth (Courtesy Heine Pedersen)

Jørgen Leth — Film-Maker

It is not often one has the opportunity to see a film and then discuss that film with its creator present. But that is what happened May 8 in Blair, Nebraska, at Dana College, and what has been happening since the Jørgen Leth tour started the first of May. The film shown in Blair sponsored by the Blair Chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation, was **Peter Martins: A Dancer**.

The film itself was excellent and held the complete interest of the audience. At the conclusion of the showing Mr. Leth fielded questions with clear and expert responses. The tour included many personal appearances by Mr. Leth. No doubt these other appearances were met with the same enthusiasm as was shown by the Blair audience.

We are proud that The Danish Brotherhood in America had the opportunity to co-sponsor the tour along with the Royal Danish Ministry of Culture and the American-Scandinavian Foundation.

Does Your Lodge Have A Representative?

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

1. WHAT IS THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM?

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

2. HOW IS THE REPRESENTATIVE COMPENSATED?

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

3. HOW SUCCESSFUL IS THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM?

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

4. HOW DO MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM THE LIFE INSURANCE?

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

5. DO LODGES BENEFIT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM?

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

6. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR LODGE?

- A. Recommend a qualified individual to become a representative for your lodge and receive a \$100.00 cash bonus (\$50.00 after he or she has signed up 10 new insured members and the balance of \$50.00 when the representative has signed up a total of 20 new insured members.)
- B. Help organize a membership committee whose primary purpose is to regularly recommend new families for prospective members.
- C. Help appoint an aggressive program committee who will plan interesting programs for each meeting.
- D. Consider the entire family becoming members in the local lodge. In any event, plan more family activities that appeal to younger members.

I RECOMMEND AS A LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

NAME _____ LODGE NO _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

MY NAME _____ LODGE NO _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Erling E.F. Andersen	32	New Haven	Jacki Hansen
Angelina Andersen	32	New Haven	Jacki Hansen
Eugene I. Mortensen	34	Dwight	Robert Weller
Barbara Mortensen	34	Dwight	Robert Weller
Barbara Mortensen	34	Dwight	Robert Weller
Ahlmann Iversen	35	Chicago	Vicki Christensen
Erik K. Nielsen	35	Chicago	Sigfred Nielsen
Robert F. Zehme	35	Chicago	Raymond Nielsen
Amelia E. Petersen	36	Milwaukee	Carol M. Larsen
Phyllis D. Wittrup	43	Denver	Svend A. Sonderup
Robert C. Hostrup	46	Perth Amboy	Geo. Ferdinandsen
Tage Wibroe	49	San Francisco	Per Jantzen
Kenneth N. Larsen	49	San Francisco	Per Jantzen
Filip P. Palsson	49	San Francisco	Per Jantzen
Erland Olsson	49	San Francisco	Kaj N. Mortensen
Edward M. Sielski	51	Ludington	Chester Shapee
Mae E. Larson	75	Albert Lea	LaVerne Clausen
Donna E. Petersen	75	Albert Lea	Clifford A. Petersen
James N. Petersen	75	Albert Lea	Marcella Minear
Hazel E. Petersen	75	Albert Lea	Marcella Minear
Orva B. Sorensen	75	Albert Lea	Viggo Berthelsen
Carol T. Petersen	75	Albert Lea	Clifford A. Petersen
Laila N. Larson	75	Albert Lea	LaVerne Clausen
Caroline C. Davidson	84	Lincoln	Erik Hansen
Quentin C. Johnson	84	Lincoln	Erik Hansen
Lillian Engelgau	92	St. Charles	Paul Nielsen
Loretta M. Christensen	92	St. Charles	Robert Emberson
Louise H. Benad	92	St. Charles	Marea Swanson
Frances M. Pedersen	126	Los Angeles	Peter Pedersen
Margaret R. Martin	126	Los Angeles	Niels Jensen
Anne G. Kofod	126	Los Angeles	Erik Kofod
Leslie E. Martin	126	Los Angeles	Margaret Martin
Elizabeth Rasmussen	143	Petaluma	Walt Miller
Carl R. Lauersen	167	Portland	Mel Pihl
Edward L. Peterson	167	Portland	Jens Gimbel
Loui C. Petersen	167	Portland	Bo Schultz-Andersen
Ethel E. Petersen	167	Portland	Bo Schultz-Andersen
Anna K. Nielsen	170	Rocky River	John Mortensen
Robert Kapps	183	Troy	Harry Jensen, Jr.
Steven B. Pasbjerg	227	Detroit	John Pasbjerg
Kenneth Christensen	227	Detroit	Otto Christensen
Richard E. Feldborg	227	Detroit	Houghton C. Smith, Jr.
Jens O. Nielsen	268	Junction City	Kristian Sand
Steven M. Larsen	268	Junction City	Floyd West
Douglas M. Kittelson	283	Dagmar	Lloyd Sorensen
Victor Kunze	299	Solvang	Arden Petersen
Robert I. Moir, Jr.	299	Solvang	Allan Larsen
Jacob Mikkelsen	299	Solvang	Erik Pedersen
Ellen M. Hansen	325	Nassau County	Niels B. Hansen
Richard Christensen	328	Vancouver	Jens P. Vestergaard
Hans Jensen	328	Vancouver	Jens P. Vestergaard
Knud E. Nielsen	328	Vancouver	Jens P. Vestergaard
Hans J. Vestergaard	328	Vancouver	Jens P. Vestergaard
Kenneth Christensen	345	Orange County	Mary Anthonson
Ellen M. Reeds	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Nora M. Pasbjerg	600	Omaha	Tage Guldbrandsen
Tracey L. Minshall	600	Omaha	Ardes Weedman
James R. Minshall, Jr.	600	Omaha	Ardes Weedman



Lodge Membership Contest

WINNERS

April 15 - May 15

Group I — 100 or more members

1st

Lodge 51, Ludington, MI

2nd

Lodge 1*, Omaha, NE

Lodge 35*, Chicago, IL

Lodge 328*, Vancouver, B.C.

3rd

Lodge 14*, Kenosha, WI

Lodge 92*, St. Charles, IL

Lodge 186*, Luck, WI

Lodge 227*, Detroit, MI

Group II — 50-100 members

1st

Lodge 182, Waukegan, IL

2nd

Lodge 36*, Milwaukee, WI

Lodge 43*, Denver, CO

Lodge 84*, Lincoln, NE

Lodge 268*, Junction City, OR

Lodge 332*, Ripon, CA

Group III - Less than 50 members

1st

Lodge 3*, Davenport, IA

Lodge 170*, Rocky River, OH

*Asterisks denote ties.

TWO AWARD — WINNING POEMS

1980 Creative Writing Contest



A Mother Is . . .

by Kristine Nielsen
Springville, Iowa
1st Place, Group II
Poetry

A mother is something sweet,
A mother like you is pretty hard to
beat.
There's no one else who fills my
day
With love and kisses just the right
way.
Only one thing I want you to do,
Is . . . don't stop being you!!

JUNE ASSESSMENT NUMBER 985

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June 1, 1981

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July 1, 1981

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.



To Mom

by Ellen R. Matsen
Bellevue, Washington
1st Place, Group III Poetry
Being woman does not make a
mother,
Nor does having a child set the
role.
Working, understanding, sacrific-
ing serve to mold
That potential companion into
gold.

What makes success out of the
babe of old?
Don't ever think it's child alone.
Security, giving, understanding,
support,
Open doors, closeness, freedom
and restraint.
These do not come from inborn
traits,
But radiate from parents and serve
to reap.

It is not anyone who has eyes and
sees,
Nor ears to listen, nor mouth to
soothe.
But that extra you have, the sixth,
that senses all,
Makes you truly a mother to tightly
hold.

But miles separate and paths no
longer cross,
Ideas change and ties are lost.
A mom keeps the connection alive,
And maintains the love that forever
guides.

Though I may be far away from
family,
It is knowing you're there that
guides me on.
The home you've made, the signs
you've strewn,
Have made my gratefulness
boundless, my direction bold.



Letters to the Editor

60-Year Member from Nyborg

Dear Editor: I can inform you I came to
 Fargo in 1919, my brother was a teacher
 there, and I joined
 the Danish Broth-
 erhood in 1927. I
 worked different
 places in the sheet
 metal industry but
 after my brother
 died I went back to
 Denmark on vaca-
 tion in 1923. After returning, I came to
 South River, New Jersey and Sayreville,
 where I came very much into Lodge No. 241
 and I succeeded in gathering a lot of young
 Danes. In 1928 I went back to Denmark
 where I got my own business, transporting
 goods from Nyborg to Odense. I retired in
 1967 and am now enjoying my garden and
 house in Svanedamsgade 24, Nyborg.



Fraternally,
Ernst Brandrup
Nyborg, Denmark

*Editor's Note: Mr. Brandrup will be 80 this
year.*

Little Mermaid

Dear Editor: Your response to Mrs. A.
Nielsen is in error as to when the Little
Mermaid was completed. In the summer of
1931 as a 7½ year old youngster I had my
picture taken by the Little Mermaid.

My mother knew the ballerina who
modeled for the torso portion of the statue
— the head was fashioned after the scul-
ptor's wife.

Sincerely,
Elenora Pihl Purky
Wilsonville, OR

*Editor's Note: Although the source we con-
sulted shows a completion date of 1933 for the
Little Mermaid, we believe Ms. Purky is correct.
Another friend in Omaha, Armand Thomsen,
suggests the completion took place in 1913.*

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Ibsen, \$422.00; and George Jacobsen,
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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.

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Departure City _____ Phone () _____

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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.

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.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA —
Welcome to new member Hans Andersen.

From last month District Bowling tournament on Saturday, March 7th, at the Sunvilla Bowling Lanes in Bellevue, we have report. Harold Hansen's team - the "Odd Balls" took the high series, with Don Hansen as high man with a score of 224. Teams from McMinnville, Oregon; Portland, Oregon; Enumclaw, Washington; Seattle, and Vancouver, B.C. competed in the tournament — a total of 24 teams. Portland Lodge D.B. 167 was the host for the tournament, and our District President Mel Pihl was on hand, treating the players with coffee and pastry. In the evening a social banquet was enjoyed by 80-90 people at the Holiday Inn in Issaquah, Washington.

Coming up next is the play-off for the National Bowling Tournament.

Ted Kofod, Ed.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — We want to thank all chairmen and their committee people for doing such a fine job on our recent Fastelavn party. I was told by many visitors that they had enjoyed it, and they really had a good time.

April 18 we observed the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark during our 79th anniversary banquet. The program included a remembrance of the Nazi occupation of Denmark on April 9. Her Majesty was born during the occupations.

The award-winning Danish film director Jørgen Leth was honored with a reception sponsored by the

Oregon-Southwest Washington Chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation recently. The reception was part of the Scandinavian Film Festival '81.

The time is short until we are again involved in the Folkfest/Neighborfair. Bill Hansen will be General Chairman. Erik Enevoldsen and George Larsen have informed me our refurbished booth will be in "bolt-together-sections." Charles Holden will coordinate the design of our booths.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. —
Friday, May 8th, we had our Cabaret Supper-Dance. It featured Danish smørrebrød and dancing to Just Melgaards music.

Our 50 years birthday-celebration was Saturday, May 9th. The convention committee promised a real royal party.

After the dinner, the music for the ball will be performed by Stan Fraser. The two events: the Cabaret Supper-Dance and the Birthday-Banquet-Ball, were in connection with the Northwest District Convention Friday, May 8th, Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th held at the The Coach House Inn.

CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA —
The annual District Convention will be held in Fresno August 20-21-22.

1981 has been a good year for DB 49 and we are happy to bring the names of new members who have joined us during the first quarter: Einar Christensen - Tage Wiboe - Kenneth Larsen - Svend

Petersen - William Fries - Filip Paulsson.

Treasurer S.O. Bengtsson celebrated his birthday at our March meeting, he treated us with smørrebrød — drinks and coffee and it was a delightful evening.

You might have noticed that we only meet once a month (the fourth Wednesday). Our membership seems to like the new format: SHORT MEETINGS and SOCIAL togetherness with the ladies.

The lodges birthday celebration is slated for November 14th at Brentwood Lodge in S. San Francisco.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA —
The May 7th meeting was changed to May 21st and combined with the Annual Memorial. Instead of a meeting on May 7th we had another fish (Torsk) dinner and Bingo.

We wish to bid a hearty welcome to the following new lady members, Mrs. Anna Kofod, Mrs. Gurle P. Breum, Mrs. Margaret Martin and to her granddaughter Leslie Martin, and Mrs. Madelle Pedersen.

Grundlovsfest June 7th at River's End Park off Highway 14. 10:30 till 6:00 p.m.

Semi-annual meeting June 4th. Election of delegates to convention in Fresno.

Peter Pedersen, Sec.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — The Danish lodges of the Bay Area are having their annual picnic on June 28th at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek. The park opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at dusk. Lots of games and fun are planned for this year. Beer will also be provided. Friends and relatives are welcome. The picnic is not restricted only to members.

We are planning a membership

drive dinner for our August meeting. Invitations, sent to us by the Home Office, are being sent to prospective members. We took their names from a local telephone book. We hope to have a good response, and we will keep you all informed of how we do on this project.

Our State and National Bowling tournaments are now behind us. We wish everyone who bowled good luck and we are looking forward to the results.

Our next meeting will be August 7th. We hope to see a lot of our members come out and support our membership drive dinner.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Information has been received that the Annual District Convention of the Cal.-Nev. Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Lodges will be held at the Fresno Hilton Hotel, August 20, 21, 22, 1981. Convention officers and guests are urged to make their room reservations as soon as possible. The hotel address is Fresno Hilton Hotel, 1055 Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93721.

Please remember your meeting and activity dates for May. See you there, I hope!

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — A member is a person that participates in as many activities as they possibly can, except those out of the area. (We have members out of the area that are paid up a year in advance, in dues and assessments). A member is a person that pays his dues on time. A member is a person that lives up to the pledge he agreed upon. A member is a person that has respect and is respected. We are proud of these members that have fulfilled these most necessary obligations, so that this lodge can continue to grow.

Thank you very much Inger Dix for the beautiful table decorations at the last activity. You always come through. Now what is planned for the month of June?

Frank Jepsen, Sec.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Forty members and guests witnessed the initiation of Frank and Betty Caddell at our April 9th meeting. We welcome the Caddells and

know they will be an asset to our lodge.

We elected our delegates and alternates to the district convention to be held in Fresno on August 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Anyone can attend the convention, but only delegates have a vote. It is good to find out how our district runs, and it is a lot of fun.

Howard Kjellsen was very surprised when he was presented an award of appreciation from The Danish Brotherhood in America. He received this award for accumulating 10 points in the membership program. Congratulations, Howard!

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — On April 26th, the day of our Family picnic, Mother Nature tricked everyone by turning sunny southern California to COLD! Undaunted, the true Vikings of Kodan Lodge ventured out and proved that good fellowship warms from the inside out. Alice Hagner wore a wool blanket; several others wore down jackets or sweaters. But as afternoon rolled around, so did the sun. Meats were barbecued and salads and desserts were shared. Dale Jensen entertained members and guests with his instant camera, taking portraits of children, grandparents, and all the other "kids." There was a croquet game, frisbies were tossed, paddle boats rented, and many attempts to pull in some bass and trout. (Must have been too cold for the fish.) All this took place at Glen Helen Park in the foothills north of San Bernardino. We all had a good time and look forward to the next picnic sometime in September.

Our next outing will be an overnight bus trip to Las Vegas and then in June we will have our Adult Summer Party. Sure hope the weather has warmed up by then!

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

Read about Petaluma, CA's Danish Youth Group in Viking Adventures

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Iowa-Minnesota District Convention News

Plan to attend the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention to be held in Cedar Rapids on September 5th thru 7th, 1981.

Work is well underway for a productive and entertaining convention for all.

Hope to see all of you in Cedar Rapids in September!

Lodge No. 347, Host Lodge

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA



Lodge No. 15 president, Kirsten Lundgren, congratulates Carl Olsen as he receives his 60-year membership pin.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 75 held their 87th anniversary dinner at 6:30 Saturday evening, Trinity Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church. Eighty attended and Elwood Jensen of Geneva catered the delicious meal.

Pastor Fred Jacobsen gave the invocation, and among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George N. Bassett of Blue Earth, Minnesota. Mr. Bassett is the artist who is sculpting the statue of the Danish immigrant to be in Lincoln Park on the North side in Albert Lea. Also present was the contractor for placing the statue, Mr. Allen Andersen and Mrs. Andersen.

Mr. Viggo Berthelsen led the group in singing several Danish and American songs accompanied by Mrs. Fred Jacobsen.

Lodge President Arnold Levisen announced the annual St. Hans Day picnic Sunday the 21st.

President Levisen also reminded all members to be present for the dedication of the statue in Lincoln Park July 25, 1981.

Arnold Levisen, Pres.

Lodge #341, Kimballton, Elk Horn, IA — More than 70 members attended the frikadeller potluck supper for our April meeting. Slides of Solvang, CA Danish Days were shown. Jens Andersen from Council Bluffs, IA, furnished the music for the evening's entertainment.

The lodge will have a coffee and lunch booth at the Elk Horn Tivoli Fest, to be held May 24th and 25th. Members were asked to bring Danish baked goods to serve.

It was decided that Danish costumes should be worn by all members for the Tivoli Fest, whether working or just attending the events.

The lodge will sponsor a float for the parade.

Folmer Bonnesen gave a report on the Danish Brotherhood Bowling Tournament.

Melvin Boose reported on the District meeting.

Howard M. Hansen, Pres.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — We enjoyed singing and traveling through Denmark and Norway with Mrs. Sharbo. Some Danish history was given by Blair Thornbloom. Members brought one article to be placed on auction table for a silent auction.

In May, we are planning our Anniversary Dinner and we would like everyone to invite a friend to dinner. A special thank you to our hostesses for our last meetings, Lee Thornbloom, Ulla Christensen and Jean Ross. We have started a paper drive project for our lodge.

Ulla Wall, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — The committees are busy making plans for the Dansk Festdag to be held on Saturday, October 3rd, 1981.

August 8th we will be going to Arlington Park Race Track for a day of fun. Two Royal Coach buses will leave from the parking lot at the Danish Brotherhood.

Election of Midwest delegates to the convention to be held on September 19-20 at Kenosha will be held at our meeting of May 13th.

July 18th has been set aside for the Midwest District Golf Outing. See you there.

A Flaeske Pandekage breakfast has been scheduled for May 24, 1981 at the lodge.



Director Woodrow (Woody) Petersen congratulates Axel Jensen who received his 50-year membership pin during the 99th anniversary banquet of Lodge No. 4. Photo courtesy John Mollerskov.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — The steering committee for the Midwest District Convention is planning a souvenir booklet to give out at the convention September 19. They are looking for advertisers or individuals to buy space. The lodge has enjoyed a successful Valentine's party with 130 people and a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner with 200 present.

Our lodge is participating in the centennial program for the DBIA. Bob Ibsen has prepared the history of our lodge. We interviewed Tommy Nielsen for an oral history tape on his immigration to the U.S. The interview included his early life in Denmark, first impressions upon arrival here, and his early impressions of the DBIA. It was an enjoyable interview and we thank Tommy for participating.

The two latest events were Midwest District outings — we sent 3 teams to the target shoot and six teams to the bowling tournament.

By the time you get this, the remodeling of our lodge hall will have been completed. We want to acknowledge our brothers who did a lot of work to make this a reality.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Congratulations to Ferrell Christensen who was presented with his 50-year pin at our last meeting.

A well planned bowling outing — dinner and dance was put on by Wooddale Lodge 340 under the leadership of Ted Kaiser. Dwight brought home quite a few of the prizes. We took 11 teams and 33

stayed for the dinner-dance. It was also announced that Lodge 92 would like to get darts started as one of MWD Events sometime in October or November.

Les Hansen is looking into a day at the "old ball game" sometime this summer. Watch for details.

Following our meeting, Vince Matthews, a Forest Ranger from Goose Lake Prairie gave us a very interesting slide presentation on the State Park over at Morris.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Brown Bag Auction a Success. At the last meeting, members were asked to bring mysterious items in plain brown paper bags... no one knew what the bags contained. John Bondegard and Herb Peterson were the auctioneers and the bids came fast and the surprises were many. It was lots of fun and \$57 was raised. This money will be divided between Grand View College and Dana College. Thanks to the committee who thought of this cute idea.

Initiation of nine new members took place. They were: Edward Bosgraaf, Erik K. Nielsen, Charles J. Olander, Richard G. Maguire, Carl Christensen, Isabel F. Jespersen, Marie C. Muller, Al Iversen and Susanne and Robert Zehme. After the initiation ceremony, new members were welcomed by all.

A round of applause was given to Roger Larsen for his steadfastness in visiting our sick brothers. Roger received a big hand.

Mary Bondegard states that the cruise on Lake Michigan on June 27th will definitely take place. Reservations are due two weeks before.

President Jorgensen proposed that we have a MEMBERSHIP DINNER on October 2nd. A committee was selected.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our April 25th Torsk Dinner, co-hosted by Lodge 36 and Sisterhood Lodge 15, was attended by 54 adults and 3 children. Eight door prizes were awarded. After the dinner we had a "brown bag" auction which was well received by attendees; auctioned items had been generously donated by members. Following the auction, we viewed a movie about Royal Copenhagen

Porcelain; it showed the many facets of operations and work included in the manufacture of items ranging from beloved Christmas plates to dinnerware and figurines.

Lodge 36 and Sisterhood Lodge 15 were listed on a certificate printed on the back cover of the April 1981 issue of "Fine Tuning", the monthly magazine published by Milwaukee's Public Television stations. The certificate reads, in part: "In recognition of outstanding volunteer service benefiting our community. Our special thanks to these community-minded groups for their participation in the 1981 Channel 10/36 Friends' membership pledge drive "Festival Nights."

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL — Members of Lodges 17, 92 and 340 of the Midwest District have started a gun club. We fire 22 cal. rifles every other Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. sharp at an indoor range which is located at D&J Sports Center, 26 No. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Our club does not use N.R.A. rules. Instead, we use a simple handicap system with two different size targets which is more fun and fair for everyone. At present we are in the middle of a ten shoot match which finishes on May 10th. One of the prizes will be a 22 cal. Browning rifle. We feel this fellowship has brought the lodge members closer together and has promoted the Danish Brotherhood in a more lasting fraternal experience. We are looking for more members, if anyone is interested please contact Flemming Andersen at Lodge #340. Also if there are any local gun clubs interested in some friendly competition we would like to get together so please contact Flemming Andersen at (312) 790-1217.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Thank you Ruth Herman, Flo Hansen, Lillian Granholm, Edna DeFreese and your committee for a wonderful tribute to Queen Margarethe II and those from Denmark's proud history whom you recognized at our April social.

John Johnsen made and donated flag stands to our lodge. Thank you, John!

We are moving our meeting location and our June business meeting will be held at the Commercial Federal Savings and Loan at 24th and L Streets, Omaha.

Our Nebraska State picnic is July 19th in Superior and the convention will be hosted by Minden, Lodge #16 August 28th-29th.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — April 16th was Queen Margrethe's birthday. Lodge 206 has sent her a birthday greeting and Monday night, April 27th, we celebrated the occasion. The theme for the evening was "Roses."

Danish film director, Jørgen Leth will be at Dana May 8th. Blair is one of only 17 cities in which he will appear, so not all lodges will have this opportunity.

Thanks to our March committee who made us appreciate the conveniences we have in our homes today. To mention a few they not only showed how to use them but demonstrated the old fashioned washing board, sad iron, rug beater and many more. This was followed by a variety of sandwiches and coffee.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District

The first annual District Bowling Tournament was hosted ably by Ludington Lodge for both Sisters and Brothers in April. Chuck Petersen had both high game and series — 243 and 603; two Ludington teams had high total pins with handicap. In other words "Ludington rolled us right off the alley" (just kidding). Dinner and dancing at their hall. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Our most sincere thanks to all you hard working lodge members in Ludington.

May 9th the Michigan-Ohio District Convention was held in Detroit. After registration, "smørrebrød, kringle og kaffe" (Danish open faced sandwiches, pastries and coffee) were served followed by meetings, elections and installations.

The following officers were

elected for the coming year: President, Robert (Bob) Jensen, Ludington; Vice President, Robert Pedersen, Canton, Ohio; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen, Detroit; Secretary, Robert Sorensen, Detroit; Officer at Large, Paul Worden, Greenville. Scholarship Chairman, Ken Johnson of Ludington, was unanimously re-elected for yet another term.

"Woody" Petersen presented President of Ludington Lodge, Bob Jensen, the Traveling Bowling Trophy. Ludington Lodge gave \$100.00 (profit on the bowling tournament plus some additional) to the District Scholarship Fund.

The new officers were installed by Woodrow (Woody) Petersen, D.B.I.A. National Director. In the evening all joined together at a dinner and dance. Brother Bob Sorensen, Toastmaster, introduced special guests and National Director Woodrow Petersen, who brought greetings from National Directors in Omaha. Ludington and Muskegon Lodges each received one of the new District President's Awards. District officers were introduced and a fine Danish dinner was enjoyed by all.

Next years' convention host is Ludington Lodge.

Oluf Jensen, Past Pres.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — On Wednesday evening, April 1, 1981, Lodge No. 51 held their monthly business meeting in the lodge rooms of our Danish Hall. President Robert Jensen presided.

April 9th, the Sunshine Seniors met in the Danish Hall for their monthly get-together. A potluck luncheon was served, followed by their business meeting and pinochle.

April 15th was the date of our monthly social meeting. Cards were played, while some members shot pool.

On Wednesday evening, April 22nd, we held our monthly pinochle for members and guests.

On Saturday, April 25th, Ludington hosted a bowling tournament for the Michigan and Ohio District of The Danish Brotherhood. We had a very good turn out with teams coming from Detroit and Muskegon to participate. In the evening we had a potluck luncheon, followed by a sing-a-

long, and then dancing. To conclude the festivities, we had a lunch at midnight. We wish to thank all the members of Detroit and Muskegon who took part in this event, and our own members who helped make this event the success that it was.

Alf Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — At our April 10th meeting Gorm Lodge #170 of Greater Cleveland honored three of our members with the presentations of 25 and 50 year pins. Our President Herman Ostergaard presented Mr. Anker Mork Henriksen with a 50 year pin and Holger Jepsen and Edmund Bentzen respectively with their 25 year pins. Forty-two members and friends showed up for the occasion. The ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Edward Jaworski had prepared a most attractive Smorgasbord with and including Kransekage and the spirit that goes along with such an occasion. Tables were decorated with flowers and flags. Several brothers gave recognition in their short speeches to the contribution these members have given to the lodge over the years. It was a most enjoyable evening for all who participated.



Left to right, Holger Jepsen, President Herman Ostergaard and Anker Mork Henriksen. (Courtesy Ed Bentzen)

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Our welcome mat this month is out for Mike Nesbitt, son of Frank Nesbitt, who joined us last month. Glad you decided to join us, new Brother.

The Bowling season is now over and there was quite a battle for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Brotherhood League the last four weeks — it seemed no one bowled as though they really wanted first place.

The National D.B.I.A. Bowling tournament is now history — just as well — no noteworthy scores this time!

Our lodge hosted the Michigan-Ohio District Convention — details under the Michigan-Ohio District article. Likewise the Bowling tournament at Ludington.

We send greetings and best wishes for a good summer to all our sisters and brothers.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

EASTERN

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On April 8th, we had a short business meeting with 15 members there. Coffee and sandwiches were served.

We will be having a Wine and Cheese party Saturday, May 30th, starting at 8:00 p.m. at the Mix Firehouse on Shepard Ave. in Hamden. There will be live music, if you feel like dancing. We will also be having a wine raffle.

We have set our date for our annual spring picnic at Art and Elaine Sorensens' house. It will be on June 14th. There will be plenty to eat and drink. Bring the family and meet all your old and new friends from the different lodges. Plenty to do and a great time to be had.

Lodge #102, Providence, RI — Our March meeting, held in the home of Brother Orla Christiansen, was a delightful and productive one. There were eight members present and several proposals of prime interest were adopted.

Among them were plans for the years' social activities, one of which was a Frikadeller supper and party held on Saturday, April 11th. This was an outstanding success. Due to the tireless efforts of Erling and Mary Braumann, Christine Blackshaw, Jan Braumann, Asbjorn Guldhaug and Orla Christiansen. Many, many thanks to them for a fine evening.

A party in the park is planned for sometime in June. There will be races and games for the children and adults. Keep this in mind.

A cook-out and swimming party is on the agenda for August 16th at the home of Brother "Bob" Thirkel-

son at Charlestown by the Sea. (Rain or Shine).

Carl W. Sorensen, Sec.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Elections for delegate to the G.C.E.L. convention were held at our April meeting. Joan Madsen was elected delegate and John Madsen was elected alternate. The convention is to be held in Troy, New York on September 5th, 6th, 7th, 1981.

Our annual banquet will be held on October 16, 1981. The menu will consist of Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, au Jus. More details to follow in a later newsletter.

Donald P. Heckman

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — In April we instituted our new emphasis on promoting Danish culture. Several members brought records of Danish folksongs and children's songs. We would like to continue having Danish music at all of our meetings, so keep on bringing your records and tapes!

In reference to the season we had our "egg-carrying" races.

In May we plan to have a "bake-in" of aebleskiver, with various members taking turns baking. This is a "work together" type project. The more that participate, the better it will be!

Lorraine Malmquist, Ed.

Lodge #183, Troy, NY — Greetings from Godthaab Lodge No. 183, Troy, N.Y. It was good to see so many of our Brothers at our last meeting to work on the changing of our bylaws. It takes a lot of time to discuss them, and we are happy when the final vote is taken.

We also discussed the coming "General Committee of the Eastern Lodges" Convention, which we will host September 5, 6 and 7, 1981 at the Holiday Inn in Troy, N.Y. Brother Richard Durivage will be our delegate, and Brother Irving Jensen will be the alternate. Richard is a newer brother in our lodge, and is looking forward to this opportunity to learn more about The Danish Brotherhood.

Our convention committees are working good together, planning an interesting weekend. Start planning now to come to Troy and meet your old friends this coming Labor Day.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — March and April were not very kind to us here in Schenectady. We have many members that have left this part of the country, and are interested in how we survive the cold winters here in upper New York State. Those in sunny California, Florida and Arizona and other warm places can feel sorry for us and remember to write and rub it in.

Our dinner meetings, during March and April were well attended and it was good to see some of the brothers, who had not been around lately. Speaking of food, which we do quite often, our Torsk dinner May 20 will be prepared by Nina Bukke and her helpers.

Clarence Hanson, our Secretary and Treasurer, was in an accident while bicycling near his home. Wm. Peterson will assume the duties of Treasurer and George Severson will fill in as Secretary for the balance of the year. Please address any communications to the above address in Albany.

William J. Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our April meeting was attended by 40 members. Four candidates for membership were initiated into our order: Hans Hansen, Stense Hansen, Clara Agerskov and Joanne Agerskov. Two guests from Denmark were present, Vilhelm and Ellen Jensen.

Refreshments were served after the business meeting. The members were treated to a glass of wine by Robert Jorgensen, who recently celebrated his birthday. Thank you Bob.

Cimbria's 74th anniversary dinner-dance was very successful. Our President, Elmer Jensen, was chairman of the entertainment committee and Robert Jorgensen, past president, master of ceremonies. Among the guests was Woodrow T. Petersen, Director, National Board of Directors, who spoke a few words about the future of The Danish Brotherhood in America. We hope to have him back next year for Cimbria's 75th anniversary.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — The guests at our April meeting were Br. and Mrs. Carl Bogsted from Vero Beach. Br. Carl, ex President and member of Modersmaalet Lodge 164, was presented his 50 year membership emblem at the Coffee Club after the regular meeting.

And on Tuesday, April 14th the Coffee Club members met at the Sweden House in North Palm Beach for a luncheon.

Due to summer travel there will be no meetings between May and October.

Carl Rasmussen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — About 70 people attended our meeting in April. The following new members were initiated: Knud Nielsen, Helge Nielsen, Mary Nielsen, Borge Nielsen, Peter Jacobsen and Ruth Smith.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Hans Olsen, he explained how his radio-program "Musical Smorgasbord" was created. Three times a week Hans broadcasts music and news from the Scandinavian organizations in the New York area.

He has given us good support in our effort to promote Long Island Lodge 325 — Thank you Hans.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA — May 17th is the scheduled date for participation in the National Bowling Tournament.

Kirsten Konschak has purchased a lovely album for our lodge history book, so an appeal is being made for everyone to send snapshots, with the date and nature of the activity attached (if you have it!).

The annual Viking picnic, open to members of all lodges, will be held on June 14th at Lars Jensen's farm. Unfortunately this date does not coincide with Father's Day this year but, cheer up, we'll let the fathers come anyway! Mark the date on your calendar and start planning your picnic lunch.

Suggestions are being received by the Entertainment Chairmen of Lodge 172 and 342 concerning more events held jointly with one another.

Press Release

The Royal Danish Consulate General in Chicago has the pleasure to announce that Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe the Second of Denmark, has graciously conferred upon the Honorary Consul for Denmark in St. Louis, Missouri, Howard Joseph Behan, the Royal Order of Knight of the Dannebrog, in recognition of his most valuable services as Consul for Denmark.

Mr. Behan is Senior Vice President of the Hill-Behan Lumber Company in St. Louis, Missouri. He was appointed Honorary Consul for Denmark in the State of Missouri (except Kansas City and surrounding counties) on March 24, 1972 by Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe the Second.

The Royal Order was presented to Consul Behan by the Consul General of Denmark in Chicago, Folmer Dyrland, at a dinner at the Consul General's residence on January 31, 1981.



Consul General of Denmark, Folmer Dyrland and Consul Howard J. Behan.

Danish Tourist Board To Open Los Angeles Office

In an effort to better utilize government funding and serve the travel industry and traveling public more efficiently, the Danish Tourist Board will restructure its North American organization by closing its Toronto office and opening a new office in Los Angeles on September 1, 1981.

Steen I. Lovschal, director of the Danish Tourist Board's U.S. office for the past three years, will continue to head the New York office. Poul Christensen, director of Danish Tourist Board operations in Canada will head the Los Angeles office when it opens September 1, 1981.

SAS Beats Inflation, Ski Tour Prices Down

With inflation on the rise, it's unusual to discover prices comparable to those of last year. But when prices are below those offered last year, that's a bargain.

Scandinavian Airlines/SAS is offering an array of ski packages this year that beat its best price of last year. In addition, the international airlines' skiing tours to the Olympic Slopes of Austria or the Alpine regions of Switzerland are available at prices well below the cost of skiing the western United States. With weekly Chicago departures, the package begin for as little as \$760 and include round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations (based on double occupancy) and daily breakfast and dinner. For further information, contact a travel agent or SAS, 55 East Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606.

The Story of the Danish Immigrant

Part 8 — The Danish Brotherhood by Thorvald Hansen

The Danish Brotherhood in America may be traced back to the same Mark Hansen, of Omaha, who founded the weekly newspaper, *Den Danske Pioneer* in 1872. That paper is still in existence and the Brotherhood will soon celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its founding. However, though he played a role in their founding, it is doubtful that Mark Hansen had much to do with the longevity of either.

As a young man, Mark Hansen had served in the Three Year's War (1848-51) between the forces of Schleswig-Holstein, backed by Prussia and Denmark. He was thus a veteran of the Danish army. soon after he came to this country he served in the war between the states. Following his discharge from military service he returned to Omaha and before long founded an organization called "Danske Vaabenbrødre" (Danish Brothers in Arms), in the city of Omaha. The war between Denmark and Prussia in 1864 with the defeat of Denmark, swelled both the ranks of the immigrants and the ranks of Danish veterans. This not only strengthened the local group but it led to the formation of lodges of the Brothers in Arms in other cities. The aim was primarily social with an emphasis upon the military service which the members shared in common. Some mutual aid was also offered though this was more or less incidental.

By 1881 it was being proposed that the local organizations should join forces in a national society. Five of the local societies did indeed join together in forming a national organization and the first convention of the group was scheduled for Omaha in January of 1882.

Meanwhile it was becoming obvious to some among the leaders that an organization based upon a common military service in Denmark had a very limited future. With each passing year the ranks had grown slimmer and there were few members to be gained. It was determined, therefore, that something should be done at the first convention to remedy this situation. It was proposed that the name of the organization be changed to the Danish Brotherhood in America (Det Danske Brodersamfund in Amerika) and that a new constitution be written that would open the organization to "...other honorable men, born of Danish parents or who were of Danish extraction."

The proposal to change the name and

nature of the organization was not well received by some, and especially not by Mark Hansen, who was at that time the Supreme Commander of the Brothers in Arms. He walked out of the meeting as did the treasurer, the latter taking the funds with him. However, when the Omaha lodge held its regular meeting it endorsed the new name and constitution and directed the treasurer to turn over the funds. Though the action in changing the name and the nature of the society did bother some of the veterans for a long time, eventually it was accepted. The first president, elected at the Omaha meeting, was William Wind of Racine, Wisconsin. Since that organizational meeting, January 2, 1882 has been recognized as the date when the Brotherhood was founded. The goals of the new group, in addition to social activities, were to be mutual aid through sickness and death benefits, a survivors insurance, and a maintenance of a common Danish background through use of the Danish language and singing.

During the first year charters were issued to six lodges in five states and the total membership was less than 200. Ten years later the number of lodges had risen to 41 and the membership to almost 2,000. By 1910 there were 268 lodges in 27 states and almost 19,000 members. The membership in the Danish Brotherhood appears to have reached a peak in the year 1925 when almost 21,000 members were to be found in 281 lodges. From that point on the membership declined to a low of about 9,100 in 1974. Since that time it has again taken an upward turn and now stands at a little over 11,000.

At the beginning each member was pledged to take part in the life insurance benefits offered by the Brotherhood. By the time of the fourth convention, in Chicago in 1885, this was changed to make the insurance program voluntary. This was quickly seen to be an error, however, and at the 1887 meeting compulsory insurance was reinstituted but the amount of required insurance was lowered to \$500 as opposed to the original requirement of \$1,000 for each member.

During the early years annual conventions were held but from 1887 until 1895 biennial meetings were held. In 1898 a triennial meeting was held but since 1902 conventions have been held every four years. The fact that delegates were given a per diem allowance at these meetings made it too costly to have annual or even biennial meetings.

While opposition from those who had been loyal to the Brothers in Arms gradually died out, the Brotherhood did face other serious opposition in its early years. Severe opposition came from the church. There were a number of reasons for this including the fact that the Brotherhood was, as far as the church was concerned, a secret society. There was long standing opposition within the church to secret societies. Then, too, there were many who felt that the Brotherhood, perhaps without intending to, was becoming a substitute for the Church. In this connection critics pointed to the fact that the Brotherhood had retained the office of chaplain, which was essentially a religious office, as found in the Brothers in Arms. At least one pastor in the Danish Church went so far as to ban members of

the organization from his church. Eventually the office of chaplain was eliminated and, with the passing of the years, the relationship between the Brotherhood and the churches improved though for a couple of generations that relationship was marked by an air of coolness and aloofness. Unfortunately this has not entirely disappeared despite the fact that some of the same fine people may be found in both lodge and church.

Over the years the Danish Brotherhood has been able to maintain a sound insurance plan, altering its program when necessary to conform the requirements in the various states. Through its insurance program the Brotherhood has been able to bring significant help to thousands of survivors of deceased members. Likewise the sickness and death benefits paid to the members through many years have been of untold help in countless individual cases.

The assistance given through the Brotherhood has by no means been confined to these regular programs. Since 1917 a home for the aged has been operated at Metuchen, New Jersey. In other ways also the Brotherhood has been ready and willing to lend a helping hand. For example, financial help was given to aid some victims of the San Francisco earthquake and fire in 1906. Funds were gathered to aid victims of a hurricane in Florida in 1928, flood victims in Rapid City, South Dakota in 1972, and tornado victims in Omaha in 1974 and Grand Island, Nebraska in 1980. Funds have also been given to aid in causes associated with the organization's Danish heritage. Thus, for example, \$750 was given to the lodge at Solvang, California to help it finance the construction of an archway at the entrance to Hans Christian Andersen Park in Solvang. In 1980 a donation of \$500 was made to the Danish American Heritage Society to help in furthering the Danish Immigrant Archival Listing project, an effort in which the Heritage Society and Grand View College are cooperatively engaged.

Since 1916 the Brotherhood has had its own monthly paper. Beginning in the Danish language as *Det Danske Brodersamfunds Blad*, it later became the *Danish Brotherhood Magazine*, and today, with a new and much improved format, it is known as *The American Dane*. In September of 1966 the cornerstone was laid for a new headquarters building in Omaha. A year later the dedication of that structure, located at 3717 Harney Street, took place. Incidentally, the Brotherhood was given an award by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce for the contribution to the beauty of the area which the new building made.

In recent years the scope and program of the Danish Brotherhood has been broadened to the extent that it may now be said to be a family oriented organization. Women and children who meet the same requirements as the men may now be members. Those requirements are not as narrow as they once were. Now friends of members who "...are interested in Danish heritage and culture..." are welcome into membership and anyone who can qualify under the insurance rules, up to age seventy, may participate in the insurance program.

This new image has resulted in the Brotherhood's becoming more open and in the expansion of its cultural and edu-

cational services to its members. It has also resulted in bringing to the Brotherhood a new lease on life. Since 1974 the membership has been climbing steadily. The Danish Brotherhood has, from the very beginning, been an organization that has been willing to adapt and adjust to changing times and it therefore remains a viable entity today even though it was founded in relative obscurity almost 100 years ago.

Editor's Note: This series of 10 lectures on Danish immigrant history is available to Danish Brotherhood lodges by request to the National Headquarters.

A Dozen Ways to Save a Buck in Denmark

First the bad news: Europe is expensive and a European holiday in 1981 may well be out of the question for many Americans.

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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
3-13-81	Kristian D. Nielsen	76	Bording, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1927
2-18-81	Vilhelm Urup	90	Thorstrup, Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1921
3-24-81	Elbert Thompson	75	Neenah, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1943
4-2-81	Max Holst	79	Oakland, California	39	Oakland, California	1940
2-28-81	Hardy Christiansen	76	Vester Vraa, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1943
4-4-81	Karen Marie Cox	26	Canton, Ohio	225	Canton, Ohio	1966
3-12-81	Egon Miller	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1927
3-11-81	John Emanuelson	46	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1951
41-18-81	Arvid Berg	53	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1973
4-29-81	Vernon Petersen	58	Plainview, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1947
4-24-81	Viggo Marcussen	80	Lemvia, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1953
4-9-81	Jens L. Damgaard	86	Daugbjerg, Denmark	261	Fowler, Colorado	1935
4-6-81	Thomas I. Petersen	74	Seattle, Washington	322	Santa Barbara, California	1946
4-30-81	Soren Christensen	88	Horsens, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1952
4-30-81	Matie Nasby	80	Shelby County, Iowa	341	Elk Horn-Kimballton, Iowa	1976

Floyd Johnson Painting, "Depth of the Fjord," Chosen by Vesterheim

The Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum has selected "Depth of the Fjord," by Floyd Johnson to be in its permanent art gallery. This acquisition is the latest added to the museum's collection.

A limited edition print of "Depth of the Fjord" will be released by the artist in June, 1981, available through the Floyd Johnson Gallery, 420 First Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55401.



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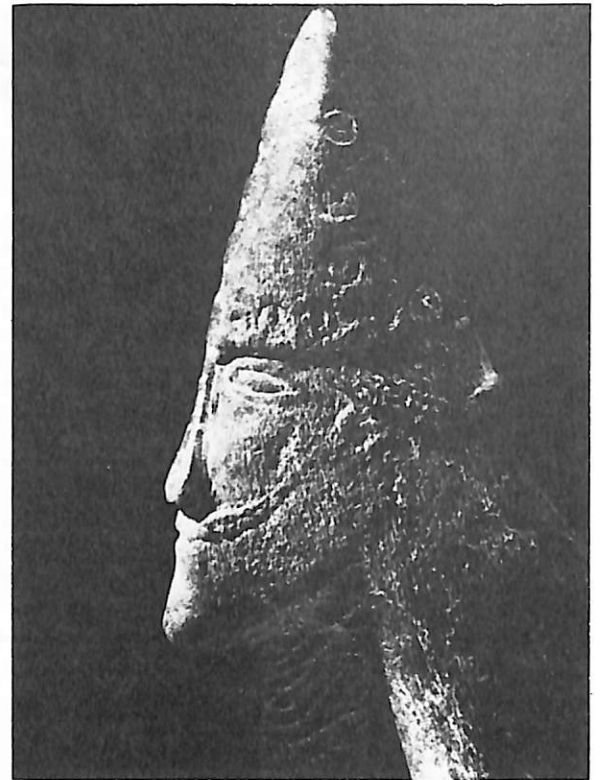
Combine bread and crumbs and sugar. Melt butter in heavy skillet. Add crumbs and heat at low temperature until light brown, stirring constantly as it burns easily. Butter 2 quart bowl. Make layer of ½ cup crumbs in bottom of bowl, next layer of applesauce. Repeat until all is used. Press each layer together. Cover, chill for 24 hours. Unmold on serving plate, frost with whipping cream. Slice to serve. Put dots of jelly on whipping cream.

Rather than chilled, the flavor of this cake is much better if put in very slow oven for 1 hour.

Grandma's Kitchen

*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.

Vinland - the Viking Settlement in Newfoundland Officially Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site



by Rolf Buschardt Christensen

L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Park, situated on a lonely stretch of windswept barrens on the northern tip of Newfoundland, was officially recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site on Friday, July 11, 1980. The Honorable John Roberts, Canada's Minister of Environment, responsible for Parks Canada, unveiled a plaque which commemorates the only authenticated Viking settlement in North America.

As the earliest manifestation of European venture into the New World, the site ranks among the major archeological discoveries in the world. The principal part of the site was excavated between 1961-1968 by a Norwegian team led by Dr. Helge Ingstad and Dr. Anne Stine Ingstad, who together discovered the site while in search of Leif Ericson's Vinland. The Norse site contains the remains of eight sod buildings. Three are large dwellings, one having an interior length of over 70 feet. The rest are smaller and many have been workshops, one of them being a smithy. Four years of additional archeological excavation was subsequently undertaken by Parks Canada in order to broaden the information base.

To date over 2,400 artifacts, radio-carbondated to between AD 860-890 and AD 1060-1070, have been found. These artifacts have proved that Norse women came with the men and that it was not just a temporary camp set up for a couple of weeks.

One wonders what caused the Vikings to settle at L'Anse aux Meadows, which although scenic is not a hospitable spot. It may be due to the winds and

currents as a ship left to the mercy of the elements in the seas southwest of Greenland almost invariably ends up in the Strait of Belle Isle because of the powerful Labrador current. Once in the vicinity of the Strait of Belle Isle, L'Anse aux Meadows is likely to attract attention because of the exposed location on the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula. It also bears a striking resemblance to Iceland and southwestern Greenland, areas to which the Norse were particularly well adapted.

A quirk of the alphabet has resulted in the site becoming the first to be officially recognized as a World Heritage Site by the 37 countries that agreed in 1978 to establish such a list. Canada's turn happened to come first, and L'Anse aux Meadows was first in line. The name derives from the local pronunciation of the French L'Anse aux Meduses or Jellyfish Bay.

The Grand Canyon has also been named to the UNESCO World Heritage List. So far 57 cultural and natural heritage sites in 21 countries have been placed on the list, including Mt. Everest, the Palace of Versailles and Thebes in Egypt.

Following the unveiling of the UNESCO plaque, the Honorable John Roberts officially opened the three recently completed reproductions of the Viking sod buildings adjacent to the actual site.

About 7,000 tourists are expected to go through the site this year, to see where the Norse lived 500 years before Christopher Columbus arrived in the New World.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST WINNER

Copenhagen

by Belinda Andreassen

Vancouver, B.C., Canada

1st Place, Group II (Age 13-18)

Non-fiction

Copenhagen is located on either side of a narrow strait of sea which separates Zealand from the island of Amager. Many bridges connect these two. The strait has made the city wealthy and powerful as it provides a perfect natural shelter for shipping and trading in and out of the Baltic Sea.

The city dates back to 1167 when the warrior Archbishop Absalon built a citadel on the site of what is now Christianborg Palace. But fires in the eighteenth century and bombardment by the British fleet during the Napoleonic Wars destroyed large areas of the old town. One's first impression of Copenhagen today is that of a young and very lively city. Copenhagen has also been known as the oldest kingdom of the world.

Copenhagen's population is approximately 1,500,000 people. But compared with other larger cities Copenhagen is unusually clean. Driving can be rather alarming because of the many cyclists, but strict controls at the crossings make life a little easier for the pedestrians.

Copenhagen has one of the world's greatest shipbuilding yards, "Burmeister and Wain" which is located just across the strait from the passenger boat quays.

Copenhagen is very well known for its many tall spirals. One of these spirals is called Børsen. The spiral is made to resemble four twisted dragon's tails. The Børsen is the oldest stock exchange in the world.

The Danish people are known to be friendly. Most of them speak English because it is a required subject in their schools and they enjoy to help the English speaking visitors. The Danes are also known to be very strongly independent and very democratic.

The best-known symbol of cozy is the world famous Tivoli Gardens a forty-acre summer garden playground in the center of the city of Copenhagen. Tivoli was opened in 1843, and has never been closed in season since then. Among its many attractions are small musical groups, as well as orchestras, acrobats, a pantomime theater, variety shows, rides, games, restaurants, a dance pavilion, gardens, many beautiful fountains, a children's playground, and places to sit or stroll. At closing time each night fireworks signal the end of Tivoli's day. Except for a modest entrance fee much of Tivoli's entertainment is free. Every summer about 5 million people enjoy and participate in Tivoli's excitement.

Just around the corner from Tivoli is the New Carlsberg Glyptoteket. Here there are sculptures from the ancient civilization of Egypt, Greece, Rome and the Orient, while nearby the National Museum gives a fascinating picture of life in the Old Viking Days. Another museum is the Rosenborg, which was built in the sixteenth century by King Christian IV. It was at one time long ago known as Rosenborg Palace but has since then been opened up to the public as a museum. Another one of Christian IV creations was the Round Tower. It was built in the sixteenth century. It was made so he could ride up in his horse and buggy to the top to watch over his town. It was amazing that the King in that century could think of such an architectural idea which we now use in our modernized parking lots.

The main 'Hub' of the city is probably the Raadhuspladsen dominated by the city hall itself, a massive red brick building. The stairs up its 350 ft. tower are well

worth climbing, to see the view from the top. On the ground floor is the world's most accurate mechanical clock. It shows many details including the time in every part of the stars and planets, and it only loses one second in 100 years!

Probably the most famous of all Danish statues is the beautiful and well known Little Mermaid, sculptured by Edvard Eriksen as a memory to the heroine of H.C. Andersen's fairy tale. Sitting on a rock at the entrance to Copenhagen Harbor, she has become a symbol of this wonderful city Copenhagen.

1981 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST You Can Win, Too!

Topic, content and style remain unrestricted for this contest. Please do observe the 1500 word limit in all categories. Entrants may be members of the society or related to members.

Contest Rules

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2. For return of manuscript, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
3. Include a snapshot of the author.
4. Entries must be postmarked by August 30, 1981, and received by September 11, 1981.
5. Enter as often as you like in as many categories as you like; however, no more than one prize per entrant per category will be given.
6. First, Second and Third prizes will be awarded in each category if we have 12 entries or more. First and Second prizes will be awarded if we have five to eleven entries in a category. First prizes only will be awarded in categories receiving four or fewer entries.

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Frederikssund is the scene of the Viking Festival. Hans and Greta are asked to play a part!



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Viking Adventures

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MESSAGE FROM PETALUMA

Our Petaluma Danish Youth Group has something exciting to offer you. We have just completed our latest project and it's a double bed size "Friendship" quilt. We have some tickets to sell. We are very proud of our newest money-making project and many hours have gone into its making.



"Friendship" quilt made by the Petaluma Danish Youth Group.

We followed a Danish theme so the quilt is made of 32 different squares. We have the Danish flag in the very center of the quilt and we placed appliqued red and white heart baskets at each corner. The back of the quilt and each square is bordered in red polished cotton print, with tiny white outline hearts, which gives it that special Danish touch. We hope to use money raised from this project for more costumes.

A drawing for the quilt will be held at the Petaluma Danish Sisterhood's 70th and the Brotherhood's 80th Anniversary Ball in the fall. Donations are \$1 per ticket or we have a BIG SUPER-DUPER offer: \$5 per book of 10 tickets when purchased under one name. Anyone wishing tickets please write: Dorothy MacKinnon, #6 Colinda Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952.

Oh!! By the way...we were all sure tickled about being on the front page of the February issue of the *American Dane* magazine.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Here's the response we received on behalf of those at Aldersly who enjoy the Petaluma Danish Youth Group:

Dear Viking Adventures: We here at Aldersly Danish Retirement Home in San Rafael would like to let you know we enjoy the Danish Youth Group coming to Aldersly. It sure is nice you have such a wonderful leader as Dorothy MacKinnon. Your performance at our yearly bazaar was enjoyed by everyone — yes, by all means do come again and don't forget us here at Aldersly. We are looking forward to seeing you. Helmuth and Ilka Petersen

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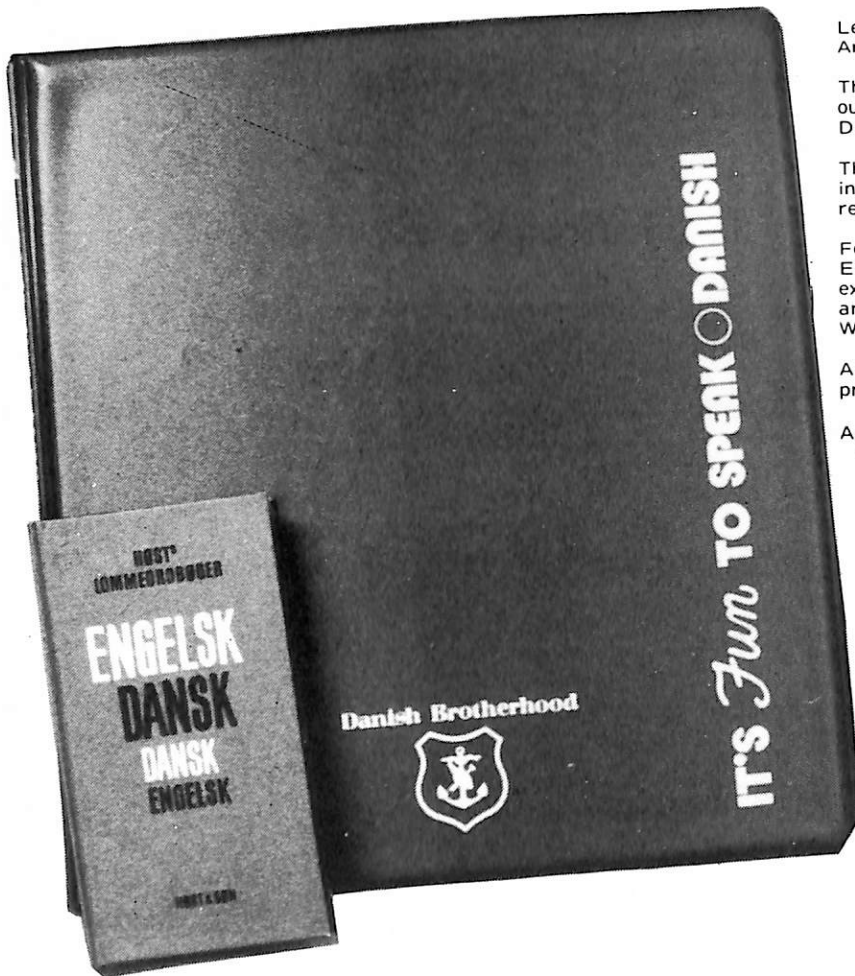
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