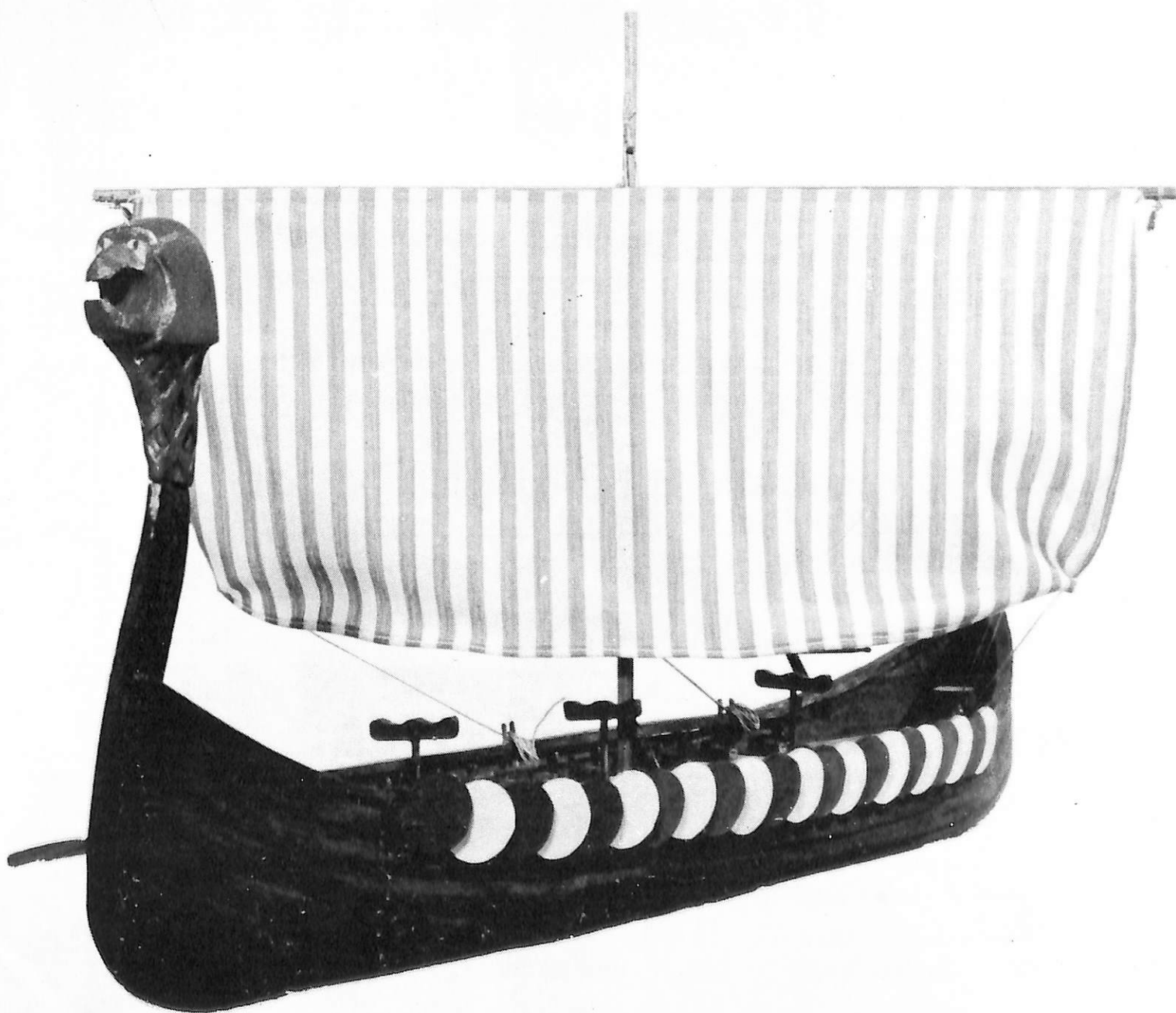


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What's New for August

Didn't Stan Chapin do a nice job on the Viking ship model? You can read about it on page 7. On page 10 you will find the poetry of free-lance writer C. P. Jardine lyrically catches the spirit of Viking travels. An old friend of the American Dane, Chet Gottfried, lets us know about the Viking Ship Museum located in Roskilde, Denmark, and how it came into being (page 17).

We have news of happenings in the Danish American community, with particular emphasis on Solvang, California as we quickly approach their September 19-20 Danish Days.

Sales Director Andy Andersen brings you information about whole life insurance. No doubt he would welcome your response to the information he presents on page 6.

Children and adults should enjoy this month's contribution from the 1980 Creative Writing Contest. You'll find it on page 9.

In September, we will bring you up-to-date on the Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference and begin a three-part series about the Vikings.

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The President's Column



**DBIA President
George Jacobsen**

In the July Viking Adventures column, we featured the lodge directory published by Lodge No. 16 in Minden, Nebraska. Other lodges publish similar directories and districts do as well. From time to time we have talked about lodge newsletters.

Both newsletters and directories can be important to your lodge. They are methods of internal communication which probably will not take place unless specific responsibility is assigned and a specific project undertaken. In the last year, the number of newsletters being published within The Danish Brotherhood has increased. I believe if lodges who do not have a newsletter spent a few minutes talking with officers of lodges who do, they would give serious thought to providing this form of communication.

(Our Lodge Handbook contains a complete chapter on producing a lodge newsletter and individual advice and assistance is available through the National Headquarters office.)

Directories are listings of lodge members with addresses and telephone numbers. More importantly, they list the officers and committees of the lodge with their address and telephone numbers. If I am a new member and I am appointed to a committee or if I am interested in serving on a certain committee, I can contact the committee chairman directly or the lodge president. More experienced members serving on committees can guide me in implementing my ideas. If I am the chairman of a committee, I can quickly find the addresses and telephone numbers of my committee members.

Through the lodge newsletter we create an interest in the activities of the lodge. We get a chance to explain to our members what is happening within the lodge and why. Even members who can not attend meetings regularly enjoy keeping in touch with the lodge through the newsletter.

Both the newsletter and lodge directory can be published simply without too much expense. Surely the lodge will be repaid many times by the new interest created in its membership.

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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.

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by Enok Mortensen

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Symbolic Bronze Ready for Distribution



Black Elk, Homage to the Great Spirit. (Photo courtesy Marshall M: Fredericks)

Any frequent visitor to the Dana College Campus in Blair, Nebraska, quickly becomes charmed by the pastoral setting of that campus. In fact, if you happen to stray west, you hardly notice you are leaving the campus and entering Black Elk/Neihardt Park. The Board of the new park has plans which will make you more aware of the boundary line. These plans include the "Tower of the Four Winds" which will be placed near the east entrance to the park. The Tower will be visible for a distance of 30 miles or more.

Central to the design created for the "Tower of the Four Winds" is the Cosmic Christ figure, the Messiah, with arms outstretched in benediction over all people. Black Elk holds the Peace Pipe that points from the Heart of Man to the Heart of God. He prays through tears "O make my people live!"

The Tower, when completed, will stand as a visible effort to fulfill Black Elk's hope that the message he had received in his boyhood vision and later Christian years would be preserved for future generations. It is a melding together of his spoken word, Neihardt's written word and the artist's statement in steel and stone.

Marshall Fredericks, internationally known American sculptor and humanitarian, has given of his time and talent to create a special bronze to use in raising funds for construction of the "Tower of the Four Winds." The Tower is being funded through gifts and donations. Each person contributing \$4,000 or more will receive one of the limited bronzes.

The bronze is 17 inches high placed on a black granite base 8½ inches by 16 inches. Several donors have already completed their pledges and received their bronzes and several more have been spoken for. Presently the bronzes are on display at the Washington County Bank, the Blair Bank in Blair, Nebraska, and at the Shelton Art Gallery in Lincoln, Nebraska. You may wish to request additional information from Pastor F. W. (Bill) Thomsen at 2966 College Drive, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Donations may be sent to Mrs. Dora Coffey, Blair, NE 68008.



FRATERNAL PROTECTION



Plain Talk About Life Insurance

by Andy Andersen, Sales Director

This will be the first in a series of monthly articles discussing the various life insurance certificates and additional benefit riders available to members of The Danish Brotherhood. This month we will discuss the Whole Life certificate sometimes called Straight Life or Ordinary Life and the reason it is considered the standard model of permanent cash value life insurance contracts. Almost every other permanent insurance contract is merely a modification of Whole Life. Add a feature here and the name changes. Add a special benefit or shorten the premium paying period, the name changes again and the premium changes accordingly.

WHOLE LIFE has three distinguishing characteristics:

1. **Insurance protection to age 100** — the face amount will be paid as a death claim if all required premiums have been paid up to the time of death and if the insured dies before age 100.
2. **Premiums are payable to age 100** — level premium payments are made from the date of issue to age 100, however, the certificate holder does not have to pay premiums that long. He can quit much earlier and receive a reduced paid-up certificate or he can surrender his certificate for its cash value.
3. **Endows at age 100** — the cash value grows steadily and if premiums are paid to age 100 cash value will then equal the face amount. The face amount is paid to the certificateholder at age 100 if living.

Remember, although the certificateholder can take his cash value and dividends if left with the Society (dividends are not guaranteed) and end his insurance protection before age 100 he has the privilege of paying premiums to age 100 and keeping his certificate in force. **So, the Whole Life premium to age 100 arrangement is not an obligation that binds the certificateholder - it is a right he may exercise if he wishes.**

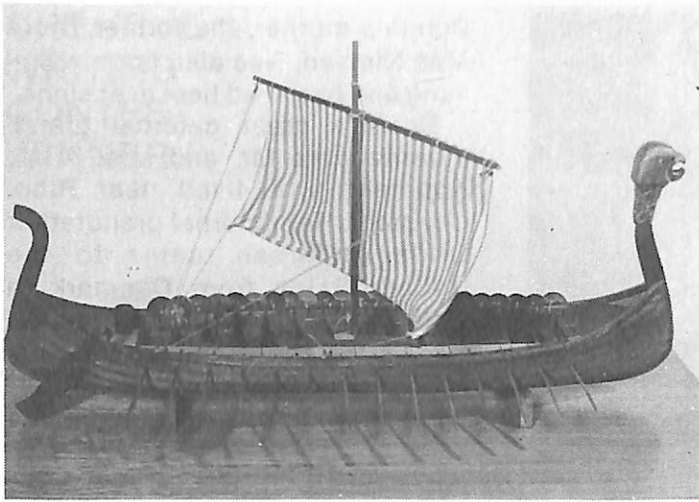
To summarize the advantages of Whole Life:

Maximum Protection — compared with other permanent insurance plans Whole Life provides the largest amount of insurance protection for the smallest premium payment.

Cash for emergencies or retirement - although Whole Life emphasizes protection more than accumulation of cash value, the cash value increases steadily and can be substantial at retirement especially when issued at a young age.

Conversion Privilege - the Whole Life certificate may be purchased when the certificateholder needs insurance protection the most. He can change it later to any other type of permanent insurance with greater accent on cash accumulation.

Flexibility - many high cash value type certificates terminate and insurance protection ends long before age 100. Very often insurance is still needed to offset the cost of death. With Whole Life the certificateholder can keep the insurance in force as long as he wants to (up to age 100) or he can cut it off earlier (if he doesn't need the protection) and use the cash value as a retirement fund.



Viking ship model created by Stan Chapin.

Viking Ship Model Completed

One way to learn about your Viking ancestors is to study the way they lived. Another way is to become fascinated with a certain aspect of their culture and re-create a model of their craft in your own workshop.

Stan Chapin of Lodge No. 306 in San Diego has been working on such a model of a Viking ship for the past several months. We invited him to share his experiences with our readers.

Stan says he started with a laminated wood block, which was carved to form the hull. Each additional piece was made individually and glued into place as construction progressed. He deliberately omitted one side of the decking to expose the stringers, etc., supporting the hull.

The starboard side (that's to your right if you're looking toward the forward portion of the ship) with its oars and sea chests, indicates conditions of an actual Viking ship in calm areas or inland waters. The port side (left) with shields hung over the side shows the ship at anchor. The sail is self-explanatory.

In his explanation of how he constructed the ship entirely on his own, Stan tells us, "There were a number of contradictions in the books I researched and there was some information that simply was not available." In these cases Stan proceeded as he would have had he been building an original Viking ship. No materials were used in the model that would not have been available to the Viking.

Essay Winner Selected

Philip Briner, age 12, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, has been selected as the winner of our 1981 essay contest for Young Vikings. Philip wrote on the subject of "Were the Vikings as Adventurous as the Crew of the *Millenium Falcon*?"

"Old Westbury Garden" Opening

I hope Niels Hansen of Lodge No. 325 won't miss their contribution to the "Lodges in Action" section too much this month. We've stolen it!

Niels wrote to tell you: "On May 23 and 24, Lodge No. 325 participated in a Scandinavian weekend opening the season for Old Westbury Garden on Long Island. About 6,000 people attended the two-day fair and all five (Scandinavian) countries were represented."

"A May Queen was chosen for each country . . . National President George Jacobsen was the official speaker for Denmark.

"Lodge No. 325 had a stand with literature about the Danish Brotherhood. We collected 35 names of people interested in Denmark or of Danish descent."

Niels continues by thanking Elna Jamison, Birgit and George Jacobsen, and his wife, Nette Hansen, for their help during the event. He also tells us that on June 7 they repeated their display at the Grundlovsfest of the Danish Home at Croton-on-Hudson.

And, their June 12 meeting was well-attended by guests contacted at Old Westbury and through the program Musical Smorgasbord. The evening featured Esther Moeller demonstrating how to make smørrebrød.

Niels has worked with Hans Olsen of the Musical Smorgasbord program to gain additional publicity for his lodge.

Before Old Westbury Garden opened for the season, a very nice article appeared in the Thursday, May 21, 1981, issue of the *Farmingdale Post*. Niels and his granddaughter, Carolyn Manker, were both recognized as the reprinted caption and photo show.



Fiddler Eric Olof Ericson, plays for Queen for the Festival representing Denmark, Carolyn Manker and her grandfather Niels Hansen from Farmingdale, secretary of the Danish Brotherhood.



Donna Andersen will reign as Danish Maid at Solvang's annual Danish Days, September 19-20. (Photo courtesy King Merrill)

Solvang's 1981 Danish Maid

Pretty, blond, blue-eyed Donna Andersen, daughter of Andrew and Thora Mae Andersen, will reign over the 1981 edition of Solvang's Danish Days September 19-20 as the Danish Maid. Andrew is a member of the Solvang Danish Brotherhood.

Donna, was 17 on July 2. She has lived in Solvang since birth, was graduated from the Solvang Elementary School and is now a junior at Santa Ynez Valley High School. She has a brother, Kenneth, who is 14.

Donna is no stranger to Danish Days celebrations. She performed with the late Viggo Tarnow's gymnastic team from 1972 until his retirement. She also folk-danced

with the Danish Family Folk Dancers, directed by her parents, since 1971.

Heritage-wise, Donna is well qualified to assume the title of Danish Maid. Her background is 100 percent Danish.

Her maternal great-grandparents, John and Thora Roth immigrated from Sonderjylland, Denmark and came to Solvang as among the colony's first settlers in 1911 after having purchased land in the fledgling Danish-American community.

Her maternal grandfather, the late C. V. Nielsen, came from Denmark in 1914 and arrived in Solvang three years later and married the former Anna Roth.

Donna's mother, the former Thora Mae Nielsen, was also born in Solvang and has lived here ever since.

Donna's great paternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Andersen who lived near Ribe, Denmark. Her paternal grandfather Chris Andersen, came to the United States from Denmark in 1928 and lived in Chicago until 1960 when he moved to Solvang. He is married to the former Nathalie Christensen who was born of Danish parents and who had immigrated from Denmark to New Jersey.

The Danish Maid has been to Denmark twice. She was two years old on her first visit with her parents and while in Denmark she met her great-grandparents and number of other relatives. She made another trip to Denmark with her parents and brother in 1974.

Donna decided, with the help of her mother on her own Danish Maid costume. After much research from several Danish books, she chose a dress from "Nordsjaelland, 1830-40." Blue was their favorite color and always used for the hat of the young girls and sewn of silk material. Her costume, which was created by Solvang seamstress Judith Bergfors, is embellished by an amber pin from Denmark which once belonged to Donna's great-grandmother Thora Roth.

As Danish Maid, Donna will act as an ambassador of goodwill for Danish Days. She will make appearances on television prior to the celebration and will be among those greeting those attending the colorful weekend event.

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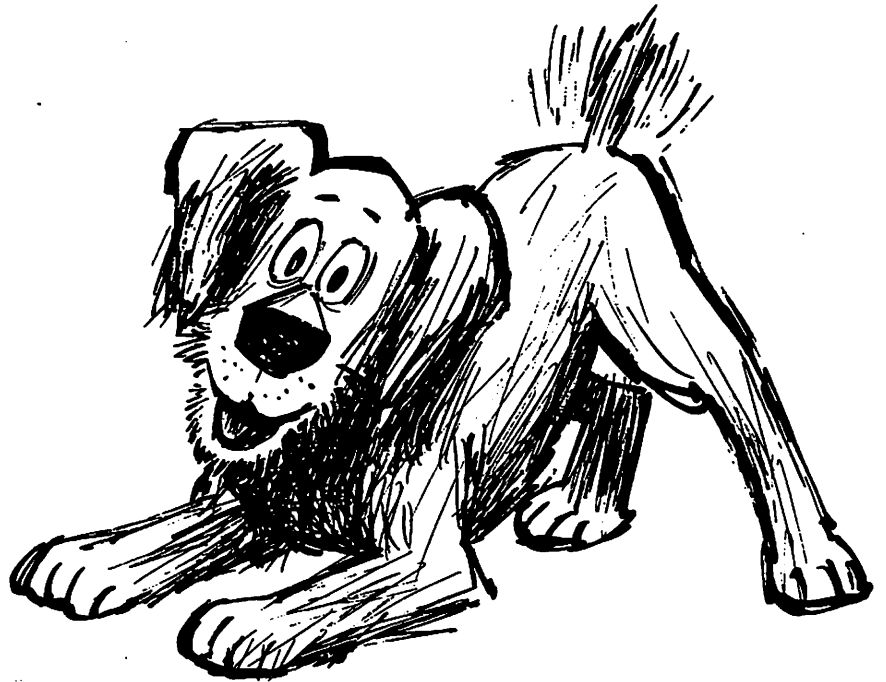
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**CREATIVE
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Mike the Dog

**by Reid Jensen,
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Mike walked through the field, his feet unaware of the stubble and small rocks beneath them. He kept pushing his way, even though the grass was as high as his head. For Mike was a Warrior, and a Warrior had to keep going, lest he be caught. Mike imagined they were after him, as only this morning he had taken two of their sentry posts, strewing their contents over the gravel road.

He came out into a clearing, spotting his prey silhouetted against the rising sun. The post stood, almost daring Mike to attack, in bold defiance. This troubled Mike; it was almost too easy. But then he thought about how that sounded, almost too easy, it was like a movie-time cowboy. Nothing was too easy or too hard for Mike the Dog, Doer of Great Deeds. All right, the decision had been made, he was ready to attack.

Mike sized up the installation. This one had no lid, but Mike could see the shining black plastic rising from the top. The post was more than twice his height and he would need a good run to get it to fall over. The aluminum that made up the sides of the cylindrical installation shone a dull grey in the morning sunlight. Mike had seen many of these before, as well as the plastic type. He preferred the metal to the plastic because one could make more noise with the former. They also rolled better, and that was useful when one is trying to stir up a commotion, which Mike was constantly doing.

He sat down, placing his hind legs off to one side, and began the wait for the service truck. Mike had to be careful about those trucks, they had nearly caught him once. Although he managed to escape, he was later found and tied to a post by a rope. It was the most degrading thing that had ever happened to him, being tied to a post. But, Mike reasoned, most people thought of him as a domestic pet, not a canine freedom fighter, so he had to endure.

The service truck was late again. Mike was thankful, for it would give him more time to work out a plan. Often Mike had watched these trucks and the people who operated them with wonder and confusion. All they seemed to do, Mike thought, was come by, pick up the post, empty its contents and set it back down. It seemed such a waste of time, but then, who was he to argue?

His legs, tired of being sat on, told Mike the time had come. He wiggled his way back into the weeds, moving his long, almost wiener shaped body in an ungraceful motion that only Mike the Dog could find useful. Then, flying like a buzzard in heavy fog, he came out of the weeds. He hit the post square, using his tail for momentum, and managed to knock the post over. But the job wasn't finished, and Mike jumped on top of the black plastic to complete his work. He tore open the protective wrap, unleashing empty boxes, old chicken bones and broken

silverware across the still dew-moisten grass. Mike felt that familiar feeling of victory. He was nearly delirious with happiness.

"Hey, get outta here!" Mike looked up and found one of the service attendants standing about twenty feet from him. For an instant, they both froze, each studying the face of the enemy. Then, the thoughts of past meetings flashed before their eyes, and they were at war again.

Knowing it was time to leave, Mike enacted a strategic withdrawal, flying off into the weeds from which he had come. He knew he would pay dearly for this-most likely being tied down for a while-but it had been worth it. The post had been taken, he had been successful. Mike the Dog had come through again.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

A-Roving

by C. P. Jardine

Dr. Mikkel Hindhede Recognized

Dear Editor:

Thomas Hughes, curator of the Potato Museum in Belgium, has written me expressing interest in obtaining information about Mikkel Hindhede, the extraordinary Dane who was famed in Denmark and elsewhere abroad in the first half of this century for his experiments with all- and mostly-all-potato diets. If any of your readers have such information, the address is: Mr. Thomas Hughes, Curator, Musee de la Pomme de Terre, Route de l'Etat, 328, 1477 Maransart, Belgium.

I would appreciate a drop copy of letters to Mr. Hughes since I have been collecting material for months which I hope to use for an article on Dr. Hindhede.

James H. De Cou
P.O. Box 2542
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Camp Grants Acknowledged

Dear Editor:

Thank you for giving the camp grant. It was a big help to me for the camp fees were expensive. I also would like to thank you for the jacket. I wear it often and I am very proud to do so.

Sincerely,
Todd Sanborn
Ferndale, CA

Dear Editor:

You made me so happy. I never dreamed you would have given me this jacket and grant. My family and I are so proud to be Danish. Now I can advertise what a won-



Jill Anderson

derful lodge The Danish Brotherhood in America is. Please thank the Director also. I'm really looking forward to going to camp with this grant.

Jill Anderson
Lake Norden, SD

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you and the Danish Brotherhood for the boys' camp scholarships. Calumet Lutheran Camp is a wonderful camp and the boys get so much out of going there. Being a single parent is not always easy and it is often hard to afford

some of the things that you know will be beneficial to the kids, but do not come in the category of necessary things. Because of the money from the Danish Brotherhood, the boys are both going to camp this summer. In the past only one could go to overnight camp and the other to a local day camp. They are so thrilled to be able to go to Calumet together this year.

Thanks again. We really appreciate the help. The jackets are great, too, and will be put to good use this summer and fall.

JoAnne Webster for
Christopher and Aaron
Berlin, CT



Danish Consul General in New York, William Thune-Andersen, draws the lucky winner of a free trip to Denmark to celebrate, of all things, America's Fourth of July at the annual Rebildfest near Aalborg. Winner of the week's trip for two was Anne Billings of Deerfield Beach, Florida. Dorrit Nielsen and Marianne Thstrup, right, of the Danish Tourist Board in New York helped pick the winner.

To win the contest, Ms. Billings correctly answered ten questions in a quiz presented in a recent issue of the Danish Tourist Board's publication "Denmark Views."

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Soft sweep the oars of Viking ships,

For they must go a-roving.

Across the seas where icebergs dwell,

And the North winds come a-shroving.

Where the Winters blast and the Summers last,

A half a year, in their separate cast.

And the rugged land in its growing pains,

Belches fire and the lava rains.

Where a Viking King did the seat parts fling,

And the anchor firm embedded.

And the Norse and the Celts from their home land came,

To their new land they were wedded.

O'many the tales of their homeland sung,

As they list' in the long, long night.

To the hushed, hushed sweep of the oars long gone,

In the land where the Vikings sleep.

And many a tale in the Sagas sung,

And many a dirge in the nights so long.

Will tell of the mighty anthems rung,

By the ghostly lights in their lustrous hues.

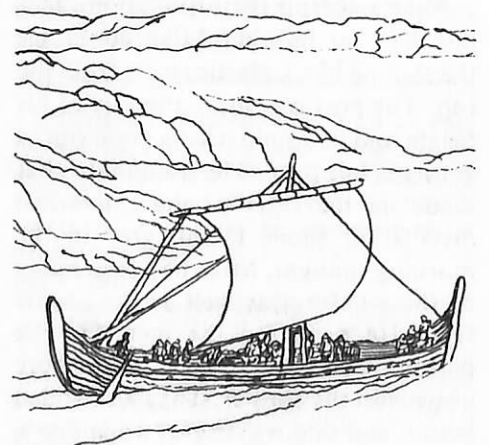
Of men who were mighty, and their crews,

Who rowed those ships with the myriad oars.

And steered their craft to Icelands' shores.

Soft sweep the oars of Viking ships,

For they must go a-roving.



Our Lodges In Action

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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Sunday evening, June 7, we observed the Danish Constitution Day at the Northwest Danish Home. Anton Jessen, President of the Northwest Danish Home, gave a short resume of the history of the Danish Constitution.

July 12-16, the Danish Gym Team will visit Seattle! Forty young men and women from Grenaa, Denmark will be in Seattle 4 days as part of their 3-week tour of Canada and the U.S.A. They will stay in private homes and enjoy



Sam Frederiksen, Lodge 29, was recently honored by Seattle's Danish community. He received a beautiful embossed plaque upon which appears the signatures of John Spellman, Governor, State of Washington, Charles Royer, Mayor, City of Seattle; the County Executive and other representatives of the Danish Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Consul and Danish Club.

Shown in the photograph are left to right, Hartley H. Kruger, Danish Consul and Sam Frederiksen.

our beautiful Puget Sound area. A performance is planned for Wednesday, July 15*

This year our annual picnic will be held August 16 at Martha Lake, N.E. of Lynwood. Our committee, Knud Hansen, Ole Brahe-Pedersen, and Fleming Sorensen are working hard to make this picnic one of the best ever. There will be beer, coffee, pop, ice cream and hot dogs free for everybody. There are swings and teeter-totters for the youngsters. We will have games for young and old. There will be prizes for everyone and here again we solicit your generosity if you can bring or contribute something, that can be used as prizes. It will be greatly appreciated.

The annual Veterans Night for the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 1981 at the Northwest Danish Home.

**Editor's note: We saw the Scandinavian gymnastics of this group from the International Humanistic Physical Education program at Dana College in Blair. Their performance is well worthwhile.*

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — St. Hans Aften, at Harold Olsen's Swiss Chalet, June, 1981.

Our guest list totaled 105 for this happy event. Delicious food was catered by Elinor and Ben Pedersen. Our President, Peter Rasmussen and his assistants took care of drinks, entertainment and the burning of the witch, which was furnished by Hanna Lange. Danish and American songs were sung at the beach. Guests were served hot split pea soup to warm them as it was cold down there. Harold's many flags blew and waved in exultation. Fortunately, the weather cooperated. After the burning of the witch, people

climbed the many stairs to Ole's home, all the way admiring his beautiful landscaped flower gardens. (So many flowers and shrubs in full bloom.) Several ladies had furnished wienerbrød which was heated and served along with coffee to all guests before they departed. We Danes are all looking forward to our next gathering, a picnic in August.

Signe Lindberg, Sec.

Lodge #268, Junction City, OR — We will be participating in Junction City's 21st annual Scandinavian Festival, August 13-16, 1981. Danish Day at the Festival will be August 13, followed by Finnish Day, Norwegian Day and Swedish Day. The Scandinavian Festival is a cultural presentation where one can enjoy the spirit and excitement of "old Scandinavia." Junction City transforms its downtown area into Forbindelsestad — a charming old-world town of colorful costumes and flowers, unique craft booths, ethnic foods, Scandinavian music, and much more.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — Where are they now? Marie DeLaurant, winner of the 1973 Danish Brotherhood Scholarship, graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1977, went on to earn a Master's Degree at California State University, Fullerton in 1980. She taught theatre arts at nearby Cypress College for a semester before going to Massachusetts. This fall she will begin a one year contract teaching theatre arts at Smith College (a prestigious women's school) in Northampton.



(left to right) Marie DeLaurant, Jens C. Jensen and Howard Petersen at the 1973 Scholarship presentation.

On June 7, 1981 she was married to Robert Shakespeare at Amherst, Massachusetts, where he is a teacher at the University of Massachusetts. They are making their home in Sutherland, MA.

Here in Fresno preparations are continuing satisfactorily for the California-Nevada District D.B.—D.S.S. convention August 20-22.

L.S. DeLaurant, Sec.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — June 28th was the date of our annual picnic held at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek. It is hosted by the Danish Lodges of the bay area. The attendance was small, but those that did attend had a good time. We had an egg toss contest and a water balloon toss contest. It was fun watching and participating. The children looked for money in sawdust piles. A lot of people made use of the swimming pool. Next year, we hope to see a lot more people attend.

July 3 and 4 we had a group attend the Lille Rebild Fstedag and the Fourth of July barbecue and potluck picnic at the Sweet Ranch in Petrolia. Francis and Lorena Sweet were very gracious hosts. The Cowan family, McNeil family, and Niels Hansen and his son were all there. There was a group from Thyra #9 of Dania, also. Many friends and members from other lodges were there. The countryside is really beautiful and those that attended are sure to be back next year. It is really a great place for children.

October 2 is the date of our membership drive dinner. We hope to have a good turnout of members to help with this project, as it is for the benefit of all of us.

We have set a tentative date for a bus trip to Reno on September 26 and 27. Diane Mahler is chairman and will let us know the details as

soon as she gets them. Save that date. Everyone that attended last year had a real good time, so it probably will get filled up fast.

We wish Fresno a successful convention. Our delegates are Jonna Villadsen and Diane Mahler. Our alternates are Niels Hansen and Larry Olsen.

We wish everyone a safe and fun Labor Day weekend.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Over forty members and guests left bright and early on June 6 on a bus trip to Solvang. We enjoyed the trip immensely and our hats are off to George Jorgensen who made the arrangements.

Sure hope all of you have circled July 19 on your calendar. That's the day of our annual Danish picnic to be held at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley. We will be making aebleskiver in the morning. The lodge will furnish hot dogs, buns and pop at noon, so bring a salad to share and your own table service. Be sure that August 8 is circled in **red!** That will be our 4th anniversary party.

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Solvang Danish Days festival is again set for September 19-20. As in the past the breakfast of Aebleskiver and Medisterpølse will be served each day.

All main streets will be closed to traffic and tables and seats will be provided for visitors — all the "natives" and workers will be dressed in authentic Danish costumes.

A full program is planned for both days, polka bands playing,



The Village Folk Dancers will be among the many roving entertainment features at Solvang's Danish Days. (Photo courtesy King Merrill)

special dancing groups, choral groups singing, gymnasts performing one hour each day.

Saturday night Danish Days Queen's dinner dance, with much the same program on Sunday. H.C. Andersen story teller in Solvang Park each afternoon, and at the close on Sunday there will be a polka contest for all those who wish to enter.

Our 700 seat open-air theatre will be playing "the Unsinkable Molly Brown" on Saturday and "Brigadoon" on Sunday.

Trip tickets to Denmark are sold each year, \$1.00 each, winning ticket will be drawn September 27 and the winner will receive two plane tickets to Denmark, plus \$1,000 cash. Tickets may be had by sending \$1.00 to the Danish Days Festival Secretary, P.O. Box 465, Solvang, CA 93463.

Axel Johnson, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — There will be no lodge meeting in July this year. However, there are several events coming up that you should note on your calendar.

August 20-22: District convention, Fresno, California. Contact your Lodge Secretary for more information.

October 2-4: Annual camping trip to Mar Tar Awa. For reservations call Lillian Suda 284-8018.

October 24-25: Annual yard sale sponsored by Sykurven and the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges of San Diego to be held at the home of Jonna Aase.

December 12: Annual Christmas Tree party at the Norway Hall.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — An auction has been planned to raise some money for the lodge. The auctioneer will be our "own" very capable **Roy Johnson** - who I am sure, would be able to sell snowballs even to the Eskimos. Should be a lot of fun! Sooo - get that old relic out of the garage, (no, we won't tell Aunt Tillie), bring it to the auction, and see what will happen!! Coffee and pastry will be furnished by the lodge.

Three prospective members were noted last meeting.

Point to ponder: If you look like the photo on your passport, you really are not well enough to travel.

Kate Krake, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Iowa-Minnesota District Convention News

Danish Brotherhood
and Sisterhood

September 5-7, 1981 at the
Holiday Inn, 2501 Williams Blvd.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Saturday, September 5

Fountain Room

6:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. Registra-
tion and welcoming
party. (wear Danish
costume if you have one.)

8:00 p.m. Board Meetings
Sunday, September 6

Riviera Ball Room

12:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. Opening Joint meeting

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Brotherhood
and Sisterhood meetings

6:00 p.m. Registration and
Social

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Recognitions
and Address

9:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. Dance
Monday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Brotherhood and
Sisterhood meetings,
followed by joint installation.

City tour and shopping guide
will be provided Sunday afternoon
for those not attending meetings.

På Gensyn

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — On April 4, 1981 our lodge honored the members of the Board of Dania Savings and Loan and their wives at a dinner of Danish smørrebrød and beer and snaps. We wanted to show our appreciation to them for letting us meet in Dania Hall and the use of their facilities for our activities. It turned out to be a very successful evening of good eating, singing, and dancing.

The Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 102 entertained us at their second annual champagne brunch on May 17, 1981. We were happy to have with us Sales Director Andy Andersen and his two sons. We trust that they had a good time also.

Our members are enjoying the readings of the history of Denmark at our meetings and the attendance has been very good.

We are planning a picnic at Saylorville Lake shelterhouse No. 2 on August 9, 1981 from 11 a.m. to

7 p.m. We will have games and music and lots of good food.

John Sherman resigned his job as treasurer of our lodge because he moved to Peoria, Illinois, and Willy Christensen agreed to take over the job. We appreciate his fine work.

On May 12, 1981, several of our members were present at a very fine evening with Jørgen Leth and his film "Dancing Bournonville." It was an interesting event and we hope that the Brotherhood can be involved in similar events in the future. Mr. Leth seemed to enjoy the tour and spoke highly about his visit to Omaha and our Home Office.

We are hoping to have several members present at the Iowa-Minnesota Lodges convention in Cedar Rapids over the Labor Day weekend.

Kirsten Lundgren, Cor.

Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN —

Members of Lodge #45 enjoyed a potluck dinner at their June meeting. We were happy to have with us long-time member of #45, Walter Christensen, and his wife Nanna from Napa, California.

Plans are under way for the annual fishing trip to Mille Lacs in July.

Norma Henriksen, Sec.



Julie Jorgensen, receives scholarship award certificate from Lodge No. 144 President Joe Galloway.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — On June 8, 1981, at our regular meeting, President Joe Galloway presented Miss Julie Jorgensen, with the Danish Brotherhood Scholarship. Julie is to be a sophomore at the State University of Iowa, at Ames, this fall, and is majoring in Business and Economics. Julie is the

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harris Jorgensen, Dike.

In addition to the scholarship, Julie has been selected by the Scholarship Committee to receive an expense-paid trip to the Centennial Banquet, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 1982 in Omaha, Nebraska.

At the banquet, Julie will represent all of those who have received Danish Brotherhood scholarships.

Lodge 144 is proud to have been the presenting lodge for this, the fifth such National DBIA Scholarship award in recent years.

On a local level, Lodge 144 recently presented a \$200.00 scholarship to a 1981 Dike High School graduate, Mike Juhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Juhl, Dike. Mike will enroll at Iowa State University, Iowa City, this fall in Architecture.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — DBS

#147 and DSS #109 enjoyed a potluck supper at the Shelter House in Warden Park in Newell on June 17. Approximately 40 were in attendance. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ringgenburg of Storm Lake, Iowa and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Miller of Abilene, Texas.

Elmer Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #263, Askov, MN —

A party was held Sunday afternoon, June 21 at the Legion Hall to celebrate Peter Hermansen's 90th birthday. Friends and relatives from Brookston, Austin, Crosby and Askov enjoyed a potluck dinner and birthday cake together.

Representatives from the local lodge, President Arol Hansen, Louis Clausen and Clarence Morgensen presented Peter with a gift and made him honorary President of the lodge for 1981. They also were proud to present him with a Certificate of Merit from the Home Office.

Becky Melzark, Sec.

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MIDWEST

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Six teams from our lodge participated in the Midwest District trap shoot. Dwight's team of Terry Riccolo, Jim Wilkey, Sully Anderson, Walt Houck and Rick Sullivan took first. Jim Wilkey took high overall with 47 out of 50. A delicious barbecue chicken dinner was served at the Pontiac Sportsman Club afterwards. THANKS to all for donations for door prizes.

The proposed bylaw changes were read by Jim Andreasen at our meeting June 8 and will be printed in the next newsletter for voting at the September meeting. Ken Jensen and Bob Weller were elected delegates to the MWD Convention in September. Bill Clavey gave an update on the Harvest Days activities and suggested we started thinking about our booth again this year.

We were entertained following the meeting by Robert McKenzie doing vocal solos accompanied on the piano by Barbara Drummert.

"Success is getting what you want; Happiness is wanting what you get."

Margaret Goodwin, Cor.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — August 8th we will be going to Arlington Park race track for a day of fun.

Coffee and donuts will be served at the Brotherhood before we leave. Upon return from the track a prime rib dinner will be served.

This year August 23 will be an old-fashioned picnic. Bring your picnic lunch (Grills will be available.) Coffee will be served. Games for the kids. Beer and soda will be available.

Mark your calendar now and join in the day of fun.

Mark your calendar, too, for the September 19, golf outing at Woodland Golf Course Par 3. Golf starts at 1:00 p.m. Price is \$2.50 for golf.

After golf at 6:00 p.m. there will be a steak cookout at the hall. Bring your own steaks, or what you'd like to fix on the grill. Baked potatoes, salad, rolls, and coffee will be furnished. The price is \$2.00 per person. For further information or any questions call Howard Bassinger at 634-2117.

Velkommen to our Dansk

Festdag October 3rd on the main floor of 710 Grand Ave. Danish aebleskiver, Danish open-faced sandwiches and homemade Danish pastries will be served from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. For your listening pleasure there will be Danish music.

In the upstairs ballroom many fine crafts will be on display for your viewing and purchasing.

Starting at 6:00 p.m. games will start in the downstairs lodge meeting room. Come and try your luck.

There will be a raffle with the winning tickets drawn the evening of October 3rd at the Dansk Festdag. \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded.

During the day of the Dansk Festdag special raffles for many different prizes will be offered and fishing for mysterious prizes. We will have a table containing miscellaneous items, which can be purchased by a silent auction.

This will be the first of what we hope will be an annual event. Invite your family and friends to the Dansk Festdag.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Our Midwest District annual picnic is August 9 at Issac Walton Park, Homewood, IL. The committee is working hard on plans for the day. There will be something going for all ages.

October 2 is our membership dinner. Bring a new member and get dinner for you and your new member FREE!

At our June 6 meeting Roger Larsen reported having visited Simon Jensen - he brought greetings from Simon. Roger also brought a chuckle with his observation that now that we have women in the lodge it is also up to us to visit them when they are not well. Secretary stated he had three new applications for membership - one adult and two children.

There was much conversation about a Viking ship restoration. The ship is located in Lincoln Park now and is hoped that it can be restored and moved to a new VIKING MUSEUM that would be added to the Museum in Jackson Park. Sounds like a wonderful project for all Scandinavians in this area to be interested in.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Plans are moving along for the Midwest District convention September 19 and 20 here in Kenosha. Anyone wishing to help please feel free to attend the meeting or volunteer with one of the officers.

What an evening! The hall looked wonderful with all the beautiful table decorations and flowers. The event was our 89th anniversary with a full house once again of 250 members and guests enjoying a delicious dinner, dancing and fellowship, Ron Jensen did his usual good job as toastmaster, keeping the program rolling along.

President Roger Nelson brought greetings and introduced the committee and his officers for 1981. Lillian Andersen, President of Midwest District Sisterhood, Marie Walker, President of DSS #20, Russ Madsen, President of Dania in Racine, Richard Christensen, Midwest District President, and Woodrow Petersen, National Director all brought greetings to the lodge.

Woody presented a 60-year pin to James Hansen with congratulations. Bob Ibsen presented the Pioneer Award to Jorgen Larsen and the Brother of the Year Award to Vince Roders and Matt Fosbinder. These awards were certainly well deserved.

Bob Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We had a good turnout for our Sunday afternoon, May 31, social meeting at the International Institute. Lodge 36 and Sisterhood Lodge 15 members, as well as members from Racine Lodge 4 and Kenosha 14 viewed the movies "The Rise of Adolf Hitler," "Denmark '43," and "A Trail of Nations." Then we were pleasantly surprised when the Finnish-American Dancers arrived and performed many Scandinavian dances for us. Following the entertainment, attendees enjoyed a potluck supper. Thanks to all who helped make the afternoon a success.

We would like to have our cookbook ready for sale as a fund raiser at our next Torsk Dinner. It can be a very nice book if members join in this venture. We have received recipes from Diane Doyle, Director of Fraternal Services, Headquarters, Omaha, and Edna

Petersen, Danish Sisterhood National President, Greenville, Michigan. If you haven't already done so, please mail your Danish or American recipes by July 15 to: Mrs. Luella Christensen, W338 S4655 Drumlin Drive, Route No. 1, Dousman, WI 53118.



(Seated) Charles and Frances Campbell recognized by Lodge No. 64. Congratulations were received from Sofus Sorensen (left) and National Director Woodrow Petersen (right).

Lodge #64, Rockford, IL — In May our President Charles Campbell and his wife Frances celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and their daughter and many relatives were present at the lodge festivities. Sofus Sorensen, our secretary, was master of ceremonies and Woodrow Petersen, National Director from Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, IL, presented the happy couple with a certificate of merit.

Otto Ehlers, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN- OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Next month "September" our monthly dinner meeting (2nd Wednesday) will start again at 7 p.m. at the Danish Hall. Also our new bowling season begins, and soon the anniversary party, in fact, another season of activity — so do plan to attend as many as *you* can. It's there for you — if it wasn't for *you*, it would not be there. Just know you are having a fine summer. Looking forward to writing and telling about you in months to come.

Brother Otto Schotz passed away in Florida last June, Aere Vaere Hans Minde.

Wednesday, August 5, 1981 Danish Concert Pianist Paul Rosenbaum will be at The Danish Club at 7:30 p.m. in the Tivoli Hall - sponsored by the Scandinavian Foundation. The concert cost is \$5.00 per person.

Robert Soutard sponsored by Brother Chuck Madsen was voted into membership.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — On Wednesday evening, June 3, Lodge No. 51 held their monthly business meeting in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. President Robert Jensen, assisted by Conductor Dale Hendrickson initiated the following nine candidates into membership in our lodge: Edward Sielski, George Forman, Rodney Baker, Arthur Ebner, Irving Fulker, Eldred Chavalia, Garfield Johnson, Warner Enos, and James Wicklund. Following the meeting Trustee Ted Petzack and Brother Ron Petzack put on a delicious lunch.

On Thursday afternoon, June 11 the Sunshine Seniors met for their monthly carry-in dinner, then played pinochle. Brother Frank Hansen is President of this organization.

On Wednesday evening, June 17, Brother Amil Laird put on the luncheon for those members present (I think we owe his wife Helen a "thank you" for making the barbeque sandwiches).

Saturday, June 20 was the date of our picnic to be held in Copeyon Park. The weather didn't cooperate, and the activities were held in the Danish Hall. There were games for the children, and a nice carry-in lunch. On the committee were Past President Carl Soneral and his wife Lois, President Robert Jensen and wife Sue, and Secretary Earl Jensen and his wife Dorothy.

Wednesday evening, June 24, we had our monthly Pinochle party at the Danish Hall. Lunch was served and prizes were awarded. On the committee for this event were: Treasurer Alvin Garcia, Inner Guard Lars Christoffersen, Lena Hansen and Mrs. J. M. Jeppersen.

Alf Jensen, Cor.

NEBRASKA

District Convention Notes

The Nebraska District will hold its annual convention August 28-29, hosted by Lodge No. 16 of Minden, Nebraska.

Friday, August 28

7 p.m., First National Bank, Minden, Nebraska - Social evening with lunch served and entertainment.

Saturday, August 29

9 a.m., First National Bank - Registration.

10 a.m., First National Bank - Business session; escorts available for children to tour Pioneer Village or swim.

6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall - Banquet and dance, Roll Stock Orchestra.

Sunday, August 30

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First National Bank - Breakfast

Our social evening August 28, as well as registration and business sessions, will take place in the meeting facility of Minden's First National Bank. The bank is located on the south side of Court House Square.

Room reservations should be made as soon as possible at the Pioneer Motel, Minden, Nebraska 68959.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Welcome to our newest member Esther Olson. We are happy to have you.

Thanks to Tage, Louella, Bob, Venda, Bill, Mildred and Leroy Larsen for the interesting slides of Chile and the delicious lunch served at our May meeting.

Bring your picnic basket and join your fellow members and guests for a fun evening in June.

Harriet Betts, Sec.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our committee brought us St. Hans Aften in June. Led by Nancy Christensen, several of our young members built a mock bonfire while the tradition was explained. We also learned about the importance of Danish Constitution Day. At the conclusion of the program, Aase Kloe from Copenhagen, Denmark, sang a St. Hans Aften song for us. She was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Juhl.

EASTERN

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On June 14 we had our annual picnic at Art and Elaine Sorensen's house. Even though it was a rainy day we had a very good turnout. There was plenty to eat and drink as well as games and a horse to ride for the kids. There were members from Bridgeport, Hartford and Derby. Hope to see more next year.

Haabet Lodge has been invited to a picnic at Brother Wilber Knudsen's summer house in Rhode Island on July 26. Rain date August 2. Bring your own picnic things and a pair of sneakers to swim in.

We are having a dinner dance on November 7, 1981, in honor of Art and Elaine Sorensen.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — At our May meeting we initiated Harold and Ella Pickwick, John and Elpha O'Brien, John and Gina Madsen, Gurli Craffoord and Russell Kepner. We welcome these new members and know they will be an asset to our lodge.

On June 7th, Grundlovsfest at the Danish Home for the Aged, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., was attended by many of our lodge members and members of other lodges in the area. No. 164 members did very well in winning the raffle prizes; John Madsen won the trip to Denmark, Niel Danko won the bottle of Akvavit with \$5 attached, and Ray Leth won the 100 postage stamps.

On June 20, we held our summer closing party at the Danish Athletic Club. A wonderful evening was had by the 42 members and guests who attended the flaeskesteg dinner. Helen Christensen won the small hooked wool rug, and a guest from Lodge 325 won the bottle of Akvavit.

Ray Leth, Pres.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — On Wednesday, August 19, 1981, we will meet at the Elks Lodge and honor all the August birthday brothers.

Please note that we only meet once a month during July and August. We will resume our twice a month meetings again in

September 1981. We had very successful meetings during June and were glad to welcome back Clarence Hanson, who is coming along fine after his accident.

Please keep in mind, that our neighboring Lodge #183 Troy, N.Y. will be hosting, the General Committee of Eastern Lodges, over the Labor Day weekend. Several of our Troy brothers led by their President, Gary Mulligan, attended our July 15, dinner meeting.

Bill Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — Our annual picnic has been postponed until sometime in September, more to follow as our plans formulate. At our meeting of June 16, we initiated two new members and I am very pleased to welcome Grace Petersen and Gary Thomsen and hope you both will participate in our events. Again I must thank Aage Jespersen for his assistance.

We are planning to have a potluck with the Sisterhood sometime in the fall, we will keep you posted.

E. K. Homo, Pres.

KANSAS



Members of Lodge No. 56 celebrate the 89th anniversary of their lodge.

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — Lodge #56 at Kansas City recently celebrated its 89th anniversary. The lodge was established by a group of Danes in 1892 (chartered June 1, 1892).

The lodge celebrated its anniversary with a dinner meeting at a nearby restaurant. A picnic is planned for the July meeting which will be held at Chris & Murial Thomsen's home.

We welcomed 40 young Danish gymnasts to the area July 4, 1981.

The gymnasts demonstrated Danish gymnastics at Salsbury and Columbia, Missouri.

Ruth and Otto Larsen of Lodge 56 greeted the gymnasts and their group leader at the Kansas City International Airport.

The lodge will hold its July picnic, an annual event, on July 19, 1981 at the home of Chris and Murial Thomsen. The lodge is also looking forward to participating in the Kansas City Ethnic Festival on August 21-22, 1981.

Bob Wallace, Cor.



Bowling Tournament Correction

In the July 1981 issue we incorrectly listed the winner of the women's high game and high series. The winning scores were entered by Cheryl Lewis Aagaard of Lodge No. 45 in Minneapolis.

Scandinavian Airlines and Flying Wheels Travel Offer Scandinavian Tour for Handicapped

Wheelchair travelers can enjoy a 15-day tour of Scandinavia this August designed specifically for their convenience.

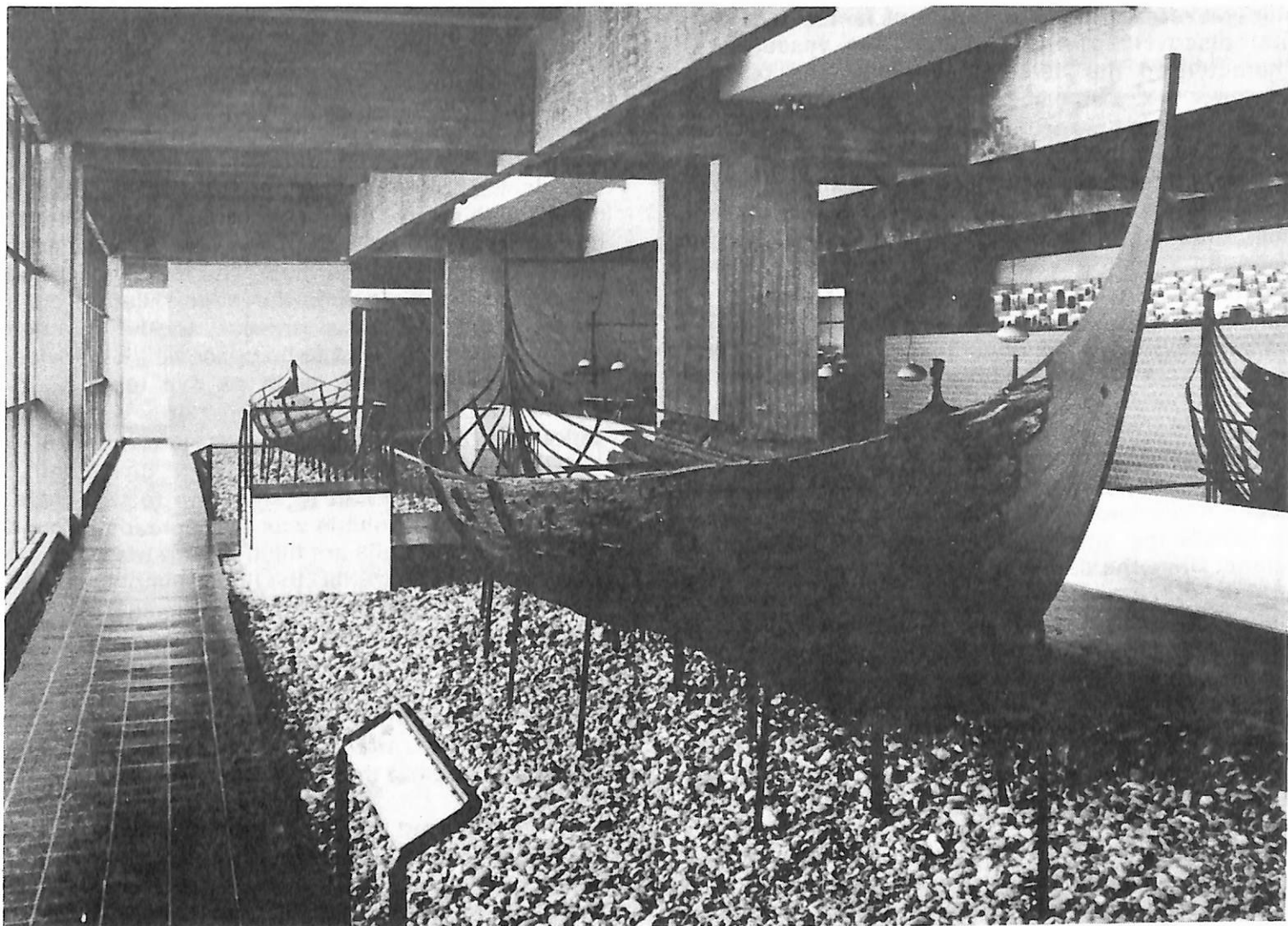
Scandinavian Airlines System and Flying Wheels Travel, a Minnesota agency, have put together a 15-day escorted tour to Norway, Sweden and Finland. A specially built motor coach with an electric lift will accompany the group at all times, and all methods of transportation are wheelchair accessible, including mountain cable cars and boats.

Both cities and mountain villages are included in the itinerary. Highlights are a full day excursion to Aland Island in Finland, visits to the Rejmyre Glassworks in Sweden and the Vigeland Sculpture Park in Norway, as well as a tour of the Areskutan Mountain by cable car.

Flying Wheels Travel specializes in travel for the physically handicapped. Owned and operated by a quadriplegic, Judd Jacobson, it anticipates the needs of the handicapped traveler.

The Viking Fleet in Roskilde

by Chet Gottfried



Restored smaller merchant ship, Wreck #3. (Photo courtesy Skibshistorisk Laboratorium Vikingeskibshallen)

It was only a span of twelve years (1957-69) between the realization of the most exciting Viking ship find of the century and the opening of the specially designed museum which houses these ships in Roskilde. No aspect of this short though intense period was easy, but the cooperation of everyone involved made it appear as if they were following a programmed textbook; in reality, they were writing it themselves, both inventing and improvising.

The enterprise began with a local legend concerning the low mound which blocked a channel in Roskilde Fjord near Skuldelev. The legend was that Queen Margrethe (1353-1412), for purposes of de-

fense, caused the blockage by having a ship sunk. In 1924, upon cutting across the mound, workers discovered some parts of a wooden ship, and several times thereafter further attempts were made to identify the ship. The Danish National Museum became involved after two divers, in 1956, donated their find of a few wooden ship ribs; these were dated to approximately 1000 A.D. — in other words, the pinnacle of the Viking Age.

It was in 1957 that the archaeological team began its work; headed by Olaf Olsen and Ole Crumlin-Pedersen, they used scuba equipment to stay beneath the shallow water for long periods of time in order to mark the position of each piece of

the wreck. At the outset, they believed there to be but a single fragmented wreck; the operation was regarded as an exercise of a relatively new science — underwater archaeology — on an inconsequential ship. However, as work continued over three summers, ship after ship was identified. Moreover, there was a wide range of types.

After the surveying, there were thought to be six Viking ships, but it developed that what was identified as Wreck #2 and Wreck #4 was actually one very long ship — some 97 feet of it, the longest Viking ship yet recovered. As a matter of fact, it was the first discovery of the *longship*, the vessel that characterized the fierce image of Viking raiders (though it was also used for defense). Perhaps even more important was the first discovery of trading ships; these relied on sail and had but a few oars for maneuvering. One of the traders - the *knorr* — was much more round and deep than the typical Viking ship; this sturdy craft sailed the North Atlantic between Scandinavia, Iceland, Greenland, and America.

The realization of such finds was still far away in 1960-62. But the archaeologists knew that they had something, and generous donations of money and help by foundations, corporations, and individuals allowed the salvaging to proceed. The wood had been under water for nearly a thousand years and was extremely fragile, as soft and weak as tissue paper. A “cofferdam” had to be built in mid-channel to isolate the site, in effect creating a miniature island. Once the dam was completed and the water drained out, the archaeologists — along with invaluable help from students — began to recover the ships. Working from crossplanks suspended above the site, they had to carefully remove first the heavy stones with which the ships were originally scuttled

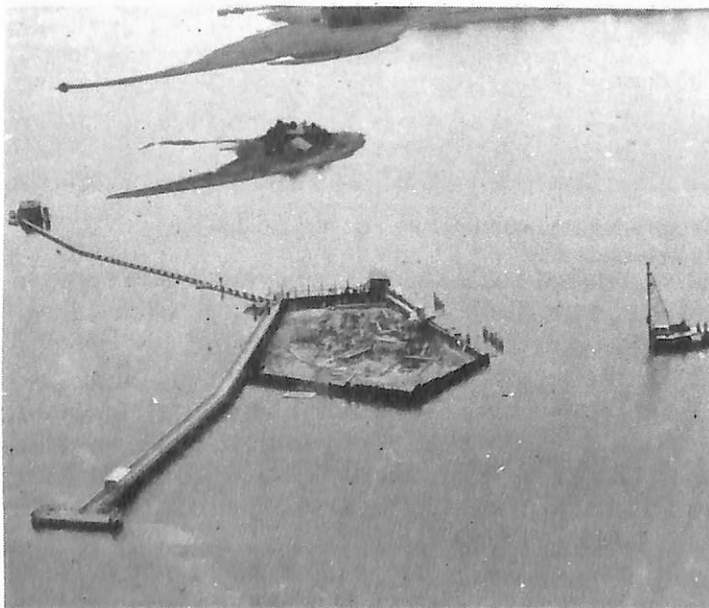
when brought into position to blockade the channel. Afterwards, sand and silt were removed by both children’s shovels and water sprays. The wood had to remain wet, and each piece or group had its own plastic bag complete with identification card having a photograph and other data. By autumn 1962, the “ships” were safely stored in some 1,500 plastic bags containing over 50,000 pieces. Moreover, not a single piece was lost — what could be recovered was recovered! This, of course, is a bare summary of an immense undertaking; and yet, the most difficult task was to come: *putting the pieces together*.

As recovered, the ships were both flattened and fragmented. None of the ships are complete; they vary from about 80 percent of the original to 20 percent. Fortunately, Viking ships are symmetrical, and it was that which lent to size and identification. The planks, keel, and other parts had to align, and if not, something was definitely wrong. Graceful metal frameworks were built which not only outlined each ship but also supported them. The frameworks had to be modified each time the wood failed to align properly. But before that process, another one had to occur. The wood had to be conserved; otherwise, it would shrink to as much as one tenth of its original size. Warping and cracking were also serious problems.

The answer to conservation was a “glycol bath,” in which the wood had to spend up to two years. Glycol is a water-soluble wax that spreads through the wood whose cells are filled in with the wax. Nor was this without hazards - the first attempts resulted in a small but significant wood shrinkage. Back to the drawing board! And under the direction of B. Brorson Christensen, of the Danish National Museum, new procedures were developed that allowed conservation to continue with minimum shrinkage. Even after conservation, however, the size is restored but the wood remains as delicate as ever.

It was realized that a special museum would be needed to house these ships; it would have to be air-conditioned and have a tight humidity control. Other specifications were also indicated. All the same, there was much competition for the museum. And although the citizens of Frederikssund staged a torchlight parade, the honor went to Roskilde. A special competition held for the museum’s design was won by Erik Chr. Sørensen. The main body of the museum highlights the five ships, while other sections have photographs as well as movies of the recovery. There is also a 100-seat cafeteria with a view of Roskilde Fjord itself.

When the museum was opened in 1969, visitors could watch the reassembly of the ships. Currently, the last one is being completed. These five Viking ships have excited much attention and understandably so; they have considerably expanded our knowledge of Viking ships. They have also inspired further Viking ship building. In 1968, the *Søbbe Als* -



Roskilde Fjord cofferdam used to drain underwater archaeological site. (Photo courtesy Skibshistorisk Laboratorium Vikingeskibshallen)

built by Danish boy scouts — was launched, a full-scale version of Wreck #5, the smaller of the two warships. And for those who are craft-inclined, Billing Boats - a Danish model ship company - has a beautiful, wood model kit of a 26-inch version of Wreck #3, the small trading ships: The only Viking ship to be recovered with a complete stem. Or if you wish to find out more about the project in all its aspects, there is the 135-page book by the expedition leaders — Olaf Olsen and Ole Crumlin-Pedersen — *Five Viking Ships*. Its text as well as photographs tell the complete story. It costs 55 kroner (bankcheck) which includes air postage and can be ordered from: *Vikingskibshallen*, Strandengen, 4000 Roskilde, Denmark.

Danish Brotherhood T-Shirts

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."
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Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
5-9-81	Axel Pedersen	71	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	1957
11-15-80	Robert Lucchesi	67	Petaluma, CA	143	Petaluma, CA	1957
6-2-81	Anton Christensen	76	Denmark	164	New York, NY	1980
5-18-81	Effie Larsen	75	Minneapolis, MN	1	Omaha, NE	1966
6-7-81	John Hawkeness	58	Minneapolis, MN	186	Luck, WI	1978
4-30-81	George Tourgee	69	Norwick, CT	347	Cedar Rapids/Marion, IA	1979
5-5-81	Arthur Jensen	78	Esbjerg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, CA	1927
5-13-81	John Jensen	81	Alste, Denmark	92	St. Charles, IL	1945
5-22-81	Vernon Nelson	69	Kenmare, ND	273	Dillon, MT	1944
5-16-81	Gerhard Schultz	77	Sonder Herred, Denmark	17	Chicago, IL	1924
5-25-81	Kay Leo Brown	76	Aarhus, Denmark	116	Newark, NJ	1936
5-9-81	Enevold Slott	93	Stodil, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, WA	1909
5-24-81	Ardell Clausen	63	Luck, WI	186	Luck, WI	1939
5-2-81	Arthur Stockholm	80	Lemvig, Denmark	39	Oakland, CA	1923
5-18-81	Soren C. Sorensen	85	Thisted, Denmark	84	Lincoln, NE	1923
6-12-81	Kristen Andreasen	93	Vejle, Denmark	73	Alden, MN	1909
5-30-81	Jens Appel	90	Danebrog, NE	211	Grand Island, NE	1913
6-22-81	Otto Schotz	79	Gudumholm, Denmark	227	Detroit, MI	1942
6-20-81	Flemming Andersen	50	Copenhagen, Denmark	340	Wood Dale, IL	1974
5-29-81	Laurits Jensen	82	Aalborg, Denmark	125	Weeping Water, NE	1921
6-1-81	Christian Christiansen	92	Hvalso, Denmark	163	Edmore, MI	1917
6-2-81	Lauritz Holm	96	Gardner, IL	34	Dwight, IL	1909
6-9-81	Svend Kroyer	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, NE	1925
6-17-81	Thomas Boier	92	Thisted, Denmark	254	Brush, CO	1925
6-6-81	Michael Giessing	79	Aalborg, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City, UT	1948
2-23-81	Paul Henning Madsen	60	Høsterkøb, Denmark	49	San Francisco, CA	1960

New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Thomas Christensen ...	4	Racine	G. K. Wanggaard
Peter R. Jensen	4	Racine	G. K. Wanggaard
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Donald Milakovic	4	Racine	Gordon Hansen
Eugene Keck	14	Kenosha	Berger Rasmussen
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Howard K. Hansen	15	Des Moines	Edith Paulsen
Arne W. Jorgensen	17	Chicago	Merle L. Nylen
Carl R. Hansen	17	Chicago	Merle L. Nylen
David G. Johnson	32	New Haven	Kristian B. Larsen
Marcia Trainor	34	Dwight	Ronald Matzen
Bradley S. Trainor	34	Dwight	Ronald Matzen
Elinor J. George	43	Denver	Svend A. Sonderup
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Irving Nielsen	46	Perth Amboy	Hardvig Mathiasen
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Leon D. Jensen	71	Penn Yan	Norman Koek
James R. Wallace	167	Portland	R. J. Wallace
Peggy A. Wallace	167	Portland	James Wallace
Norma E. Walters	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
Raymond J. Walsten	186	Luck	Ernest Espelien
Marcella D. Jensen	186	Luck	Ernest Espelien
Lloyd M. Jensen	186	Luck	Ernest Espelien
Eva F. Walsten	186	Luck	Ernest Espelien
Esther L. Olson	206	Blair	Harriet Betts
Evelyn K. Jorgensen	206	Blair	Les Larsen
John P. Ammon	227	Detroit	Houghton C. Smith, Jr.
Eva M. Alming	325	Nassau Co.	Egon Larsen
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Per Felmark	328	Vancouver	Svend Mathisen
Allan O. Nielsen	328	Vancouver	Ingjalldt Bach
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Open House — You are cordially invited to attend an open house, September 10, at the German American Society, 3714 S. 120 Street, Omaha, Nebraska, in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Fred and Sena Jensen. Celebration begins at 6 p.m., buffet supper served at 7 p.m., followed by dancing to 10 p.m.

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FOR SALE: Complete set of Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates, mint condition. From original 1908-1981. Must sell. Contact P.O. Box 22302, Milwaukie, OR 97222.

1981 Creative Writing Contest

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

1. All work must be original, preferably typewritten, double-spaced, and **accompanied by a title page**, giving the title of the work, name and return address of entrant, your lodge number or relative's lodge number, and group and category for entry. This information should **not** appear on the manuscript.
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.

Prizes in all categories will be: 1st place, \$15, framed certificate and publication in *The American Dane* magazine; 2nd place, \$10 and certificate; 3rd place, \$5 and certificate.

Categories

Group I (Age 12 and under)
Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction
Group II (Age 13-18)
Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction
Group III (Age 19 and over)
Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction
Send entries to: *The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.*

Include: 1. title sheet, 2. 3 copies of manuscript, 3. photograph of author, and 4. return envelope (optional).

**Remember, deadline is
August 30, 1981!**

Vocational Scholarships Offered

Scholarship benefits to be awarded by The Danish Brotherhood in America have been expanded. The expansion included adding two scholarships for vocational, trade or business school students.

Future vocational, trade or business school students who wish to apply for a Danish Brotherhood scholarship should request the special application forms available from the National Headquarters, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. Applications must be completed in all respects and returned to the office by February 15, 1982.

Vocational, trade or business school students are those who will train to become productive citizens. They will not necessarily attend a college or university. The total amount of the scholarship award depends on the length of time required to complete training. Vocational school students do not compete with college applicants.

Applicants must be insured members of The Danish Brotherhood in America in good standing.



Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1982, will be considered beginning February 15, 1982. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1982 will be considered by the Committee for the 1982 awards.

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

Eligible for scholarship awards are insured

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

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

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

Hans and Greta



Hans, Greta and Cousin Emmy keep a safe distance from the many wild animals at Knuthenborg Safaripark.

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).

July winners: Matthew Seyller, Chad Nielsen, Mark Kanschak and Cathy Root.

OATMEAL BREAD*

(Havrebrød)

2 cups oatmeal
4 cups water
2½ teaspoons salt
2 pkgs. dry yeast
½ cup water
1 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons oil
7 cups white flour

Cook oatmeal, water and salt until it is mush and let cool. Mix dry yeast, water and a little sugar together and set aside. When it begins to work, add cooked oatmeal and 2 tablespoons of oil. Mix and add 7 cups of flour. Knead, set aside and let double in size, approximately 30 minutes. Form in loaves, put in greased pans and let rise about 20 minutes. Bake for about 45 minutes at 350° to 400°.

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.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together—A Beginning

Keeping Together—Progress

Working Together—Success

This month we bring you information about Solvang, California's Danish Days, both on page 8 where their Danish Maid is featured and on page 12 (Our Lodges in Action). People make the joyous celebration of Danish heritage a living one. The Solvang lodge wished to feature a faithful officer and friend, Sam Jensen. Mr. Jensen passed away shortly before this article could be published.

SAM JENSEN

Sam Jensen, born in Nipomo, California, on November 15, 1897, was a compassionate and sympathetic man. He was a quiet person, and never married, but his close friends called him "Uncle Sam." He was always helpful. He could be called on for a favor anytime. Sam was reliability in itself. It was said about Sam that he never caused another human being a tear.

Whenever a club, lodge or society held a convention, a cultural or social affair, Sam was the most important person of the affair. No, Sam was not the MC or the main speaker. He was the guy who opened the doors in the hall and helped set up chairs and tables and decorations. And Sam was at the door with his yellowed cigar box with change and tickets when the first customer arrived. From his activities in the Santa Ynez Valley during about 60 years, he knew everybody and loved everybody and the feeling was mutual. But in the back of his mind he kept track of who had paid at the door and who had not.

When the ball was over, Sam was among those who volunteered for the unglamorous job of cleaning up the place. Sam saw to it that the windows were closed, and the trash cans had been

checked for fire hazards, before he turned out the lights and locked the door.

Although born in the USA, he was almost fluent in Danish. With Viggo Tarnow and a few others he helped lay the foundation on which Solvang built its Danish American culture, its "Danskhed." Its success and later its fame and prosperity. "Uncle Sam" kept his profile low.

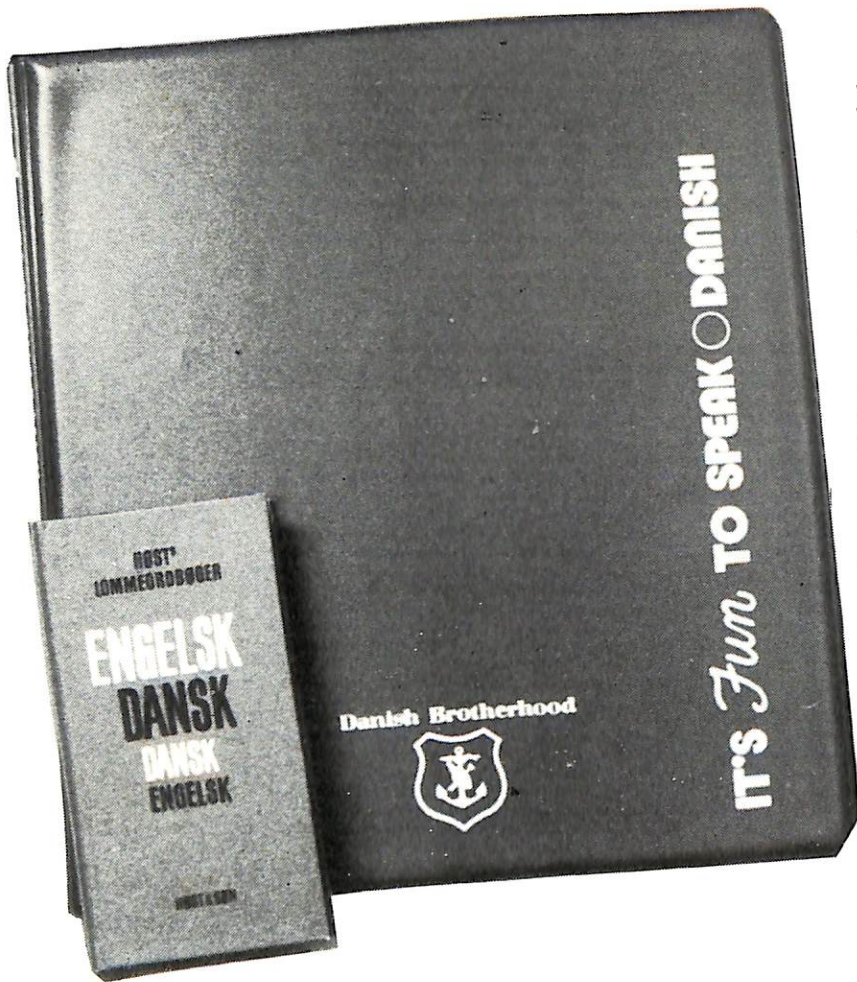


Sam Jensen, back row center, smiling as he prepares for yet another term of office.

He was a member of Lodge No. 299 of The Danish Brotherhood for 57 years. He went through the chairs from outer guard to president. He filled numerous vacancies and left his mark of excellence on every chair he occupied. For 57 years he constantly occupied some post in the lodges' official family. That ought to be some kind of a record in fraternal competence.

The only tears Sam ever caused another human being were the tears that were shed when Sam was laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery. I wonder if that is not the best that could ever be said, about any of us.

Levi Persson



IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

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

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