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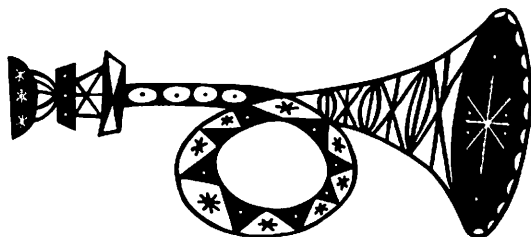
We've found a charming story of a little girl's favorite Christmas tree to help you celebrate the season. Written by Paula Rainey, in collaboration with her Mother, Rita Ketterer, it begins on page 18.

A 1981 Creative Writing Contest entry by Jean M. Matteson of Lincoln, Nebraska, recalls her grandparents. Other contributions by Mrs. Matteson will be featured in future issues.

Our twins, Hans and Greta, (page 22) are about to leave Denmark and return home in time for our Centennial celebration.

Glædelig jul!

Diane
Diane Doyle



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*Cover Photo: The fun of a new sled for Christmas is evident on the face of this little Danish girl.
(Photo by Dan Shepard.)*

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President's Column

by
**DBIA President
George Jacobsen**

Christmas greetings to each and every member and friend from your Board of Directors. The holiday season has started.

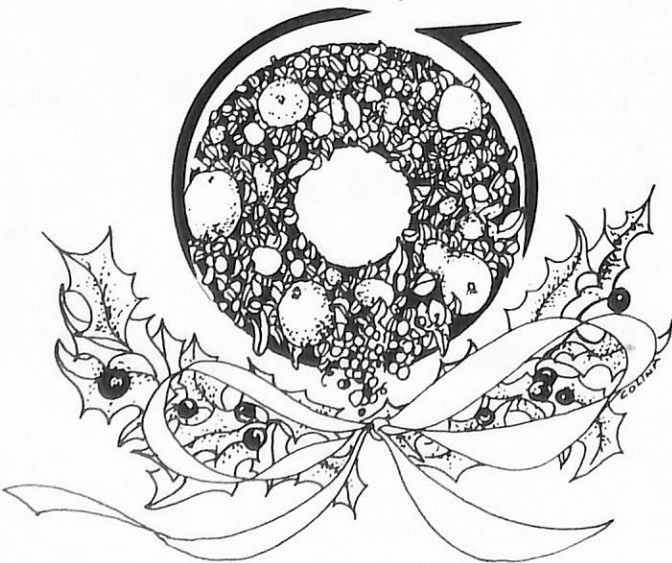
Another year is about to end. The big word for your lodge next year is planning. We encourage lodges to hold a planning meeting. At the meeting each member can voice suggestions for programs for the new year.

If you are not active in your lodge because you don't find the lodge interesting, this is the meeting you should attend. If you are an officer or committee chairman dissatisfied with participation by lodge members, this is the meeting you should especially plan to hold.

During the meeting, find areas where your lodge can better itself. Adopt goals to help meet new objectives. Gather ideas from everyone at the meeting. Be prepared to enlarge your scope.

You will accomplish two things. More ideas will come from a larger group of people. More people involved in the initial stage will have more interest in reaching the goals set. That is, more volunteers; a more interesting and active lodge.

Happy
Holidays



1981 National President's Awards

We are very proud to extend congratulations from National President George J. Jacobsen, Past President George Godthaab, and all members of the Board of Directors. The awards represent recognition of lodges and districts that have excelled in a certain category during the year.



Outstanding Danish Brotherhood District for 1981
Midwest District

Lodge Awards

Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., New York
Best Local Lodge Single Social Activity

Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska
Best Local Lodge Single Civic Activity

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, Calif.
Best Annual Activity Schedule

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois
Best Local Lodge Newsletter

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FRATERNAL PROTECTION



Understanding Life Insurance

by Andy Andersen, CLU
Sales Director

Does your lodge have a representative? If not, do someone a favor by recommending him or her as your lodge representative and earn \$100 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 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.

4. 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.

5. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR LODGE?

A. Recommend a qualified individual to become a representative for your lodge and receive a \$100 cash bonus (\$50 after he or she has signed up 10 new insured members and the balance of \$50 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 the younger members.

I RECOMMEND AS A LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

Send to: Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Optional Insurance Question

Dear Editor:

Recently one of the Brotherhood requirements for joining has become a hindrance in getting new members.

A member of our local lodge had two fellows already to sign up, but when they were told they had to take out insurance, they changed their minds. Both men had sufficient insurance through their place of employment, as nearly everyone has, and the premiums would have been a financial burden. Isn't it sad that an organization as large as ours can't take in members for the sake of belonging, instead of it being a business venture. I'm sure when the lodges were started the idea was to have an organization available for maintaining heritage or for someone wanting to join just because they may have had a great grandfather who was a charter member somewhere.

I personally would like to see this ruling changed. Perhaps some of our local lodges could grow if it were.

Sincerely,

E. Sanborn
Ferndale, CA

Research over the past three years has provided insight into why The Danish Brotherhood in America came into existence. The book, *Den Danskfødte Amerikaner*, contains this interesting description of the founding: "The Danish Brotherhood is originally an offspring from the organization, The Danish Brothers in Arms, which was organized in Omaha in 1881...and at the first meeting in 1882...the five lodges came together under the name, The Danish Brothers in Arms...after a stormy meeting, the name was changed to The Danish Brotherhood in America and any honorable man of Danish parents could become a member. The object of the society was to support each other in case of sickness and in other ways, help each other. Every member had to participate in the society's life insurance...With the society's fourth convention in Chicago in 1885, it was decided that the life insurance should be optional for new members and that they should be permitted to withdraw from the insurance, but that decision proved to be so unwise that insurance again became mandatory...."

This interesting bit of information was written for *Den Danskfødte Amerikaner* by Ludwig L. Ries, who served as Supreme President of The Danish Brotherhood from 1887 to 1891. Mr. Ries was also active in The Danish Sisterhood of America.

DBIA Scholarship Helps Achiever

Dear Editor:

Once again school has become its hectic ordeal! Here at UPS mid-terms are approaching and time seems to fly by too quickly.

This year I am a junior and working harder than ever to finish my degree. Last year I declared my Fine Arts major as well as a degree in Art History. Painting and drawing are my specialty but ceramics and sculpture are exciting, also. At UPS there is a very good print-making department that I find intriguing as a creative process. This year I was happy to return to the University of Puget Sound through an art department scholarship based on my work in the department as well as scholarly work. I was awarded the Helen Buchanan Memorial Art Scholarship for this year.

My first exhibition of one painting and three drawings occurred last May when the UPS art faculty invited me to show at the annual exhibit in the Tacoma Art Museum. The experience was very exciting and encouraged me to work harder this year.

The next show will be here at the UPS Gallery, November 1-20 and I am entering a Gallery N.W. show in Seattle at the same time.

This fall I have a job in the Art History slide library where I work up to twelve hours per week. The job includes slide reproduction, book photography, filing and identification, as well as keeping track of who checks out slides and where they are. This summer I held an interesting job in Spokane working in a small advertising department. The experience taught me about ad layouts, preparation, editing, and the pressures of deadlines!

Once again, the scholarship checks are always on time and they are a help during these high-priced days! The Spokane lodge is super about sending newsletters and invitations to lodge affairs. The support is appreciated and I must close with a warm heart, full of "thank you's."

Sincerely,

Julie Hahn
Tacoma, Washington

Thank you, Julie, we could hardly have asked for a better illustration of one of the fraternal benefits the revenue from our life insurance program makes possible.

Peace — at last!

War between Denmark and Huescar, Spain, is finally over — 172 years after it started.

In 1809, Napoleon appointed his brother Joseph king of Spain. But Huescar opposed the new king and, in turn, declared war on Denmark, then France's ally.

All's well that ends well. Denmark's ambassador to Madrid, learning that war was still legally raging, paid Huescar a visit and signed a declaration of peace.

Brought to our attention by member Bryan Knudsen of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and reprinted with the permission of the editorial director of Globe International Inc.

Danish Cassette Tapes

Christmas music on cassette tapes is available from H.C.O. Records, 8215 Jameison Avenue, Reseda, California 91335. The list includes selections such as Julen har bragt; Jul i Domkirken, Jul i Landsbykirken, Radiodregekort for \$7.50 and Omkring Juletraet, Nissepolka, etc., for \$8.00.



Danish Eve Twelvebells

by Maryleona Berg

"Twelve o'clock and all is well," tinkled a little house-clock bell; a child is nodding to his friends across the bedspread and on the ends. Is that a giggle and a laugh? What sound comes from a tall giraffe? A tiny gnome tried to applaud these wee friends in the land of nod, then in the moon glow the child awoke bewitched by gnomish little folk.

Grandparents

by Jean M. Matteson

Creative Writing Contest

“Grandpa Johnson would take me for walks in the woods . . .”



Every child should have grandparents. Back in my childhood days grandmothers had big hearts and laps while grandfathers always seemed to have the extra time to help with whatever project their grandchildren had undertaken to accomplish.

In my own case I remember my grandfathers best. My emigrant grandmother who had come from Denmark died when my Dad was three. Unfortunately, the mystery of my paternal Grandmother Johnson is still locked up in her emigrant trunk. Edith, her great granddaughter, speaks and reads the Danish language and is just now starting to unravel the mysteries of our grandmother. I barely remember my maternal Grandmother Baker, who died when I was three years old. Luckily for me I lived in a neighborhood where I had several adopted grandmothers who were the nice, large variety with plenty of love left over for an extra granddaughter.

In 1890, my paternal Grandfather Johnson, having little family and being a landless peasant, decided to come to America. Broke, alone, and unskilled he came to the Danish community of Weeping Water in Cass County, Nebraska. Determined to make it in America, he first broke rock in a quarry for seventy-five cents a day, hired out to farmers, and worked on the railroad before he settled down to become a farmer.

My maternal grandfather Baker came from Michigan with his parents in the 1870s. The family settled on a homestead in Howard County near Wolbach, Nebraska. He and my grandmother, who had come from Ohio to Howard County at the age of 5, were married in 1886. They lived in a soddy until they could build a house for themselves. My Great Grandfather Baker was a carpenter beginning a trend that has lasted in his family more than 100 years and five generations.

In 1901, my Grandfather Baker came to Weeping Water to build a home for a family which eventually included eleven children. In the early days, his carpenter skills paid him only twenty-five cents an hour.

Happy

Anniversary

Twenty-Five Silver Years

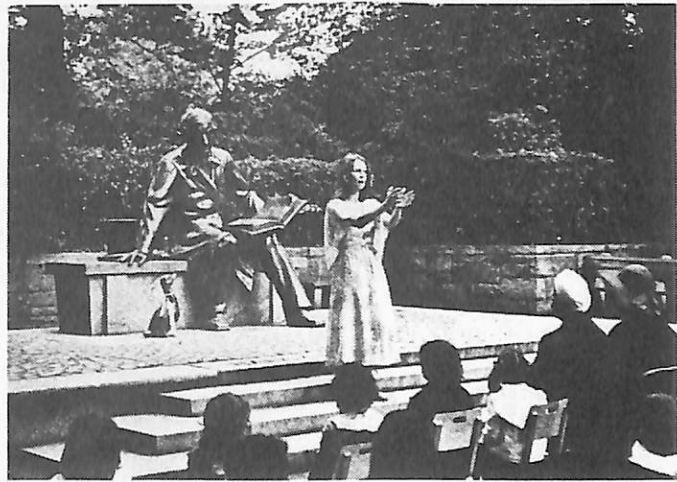


Photo by Peter Schaaf

On Saturdays in the summer for the past 25 years New York children have clustered around Hans Christian Andersen's statue near Conservatory Pond in Central Park to hear his tales, and those of others, told by a dedicated group of storytellers. Many well known performers, including Victor Borge, Eva LaGallienne and Fanny Hurst, have visited the statue and told their favorite stories. Adults as well as children are continually enchanted by this living memorial to one of the world's greatest story writers.

The idea originated with Baroness Alma Dahlerup, then President of the Danish-American Women's Association of New York. The Baroness had for many years arranged for Andersen's stories to be told on the radio. Robert Moses, Parks Commissioner at the time, selected the site. The city's Department of Parks and Recreation has given its active support ever since.

Donations from school children in Denmark and the United States made up a significant share of funding for the statue. It was sculpted by Danish American George Lobar and unveiled in 1956, the 150th anniversary of the author's birth. Hans Christian Andersen's well rubbed knees are ample evidence of the fun children continue to have sitting on his lap.

In 1964 the City of Copenhagen contributed two 19th century street lamps which were placed on either side of the statue. To commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the statue, the Lord Mayor of Copenhagen sent another light to replace one which was vandalized. Her Majesty Queen Margrethe of Denmark visited the statue in 1976 during her Bicentennial trip, following a tradition established by her father and mother, their Majesties King Frederick and Queen Ingrid.

The Hans Christian Andersen Story Telling Center is seeking to raise \$20,000 to increase its modest endowment. Income will be used to continue and expand story telling at the statue and to fund special story telling activities. All contributions are welcome and tax deductible.

Quite recently the Silver Anniversary Fund has received a \$1,000 award from the American-Scandinavian Foundation's Carl Sandburg Memorial Fund. The award will endow in perpetuity one story telling session a year. Checks for the fund should be made to: N.Y.C. Dept. of Parks and Recreation — H.C.A.S.T.F. and sent to Hans Christian Andersen Story Telling Center, Silver Anniversary Fund, 127 East 73 St., New York, NY 10021.

Grandparents Continued from page 8

Delight was mine when I could romp happily with either of my Grandfathers. When I played in the carpenter shop my grandfather would give me bits of wood and shavings. I would have the most beautiful hair in the world by using the curls of shavings which fell from his plane.

As my Grandfather Johnson lived with us, he would take me for walks in the woods and teach me nature's secrets. He also left me a legacy of love for America, for hard work, for honesty, for fair play and for two heritages — one is the Danish part of me, the other is the Great Plains and

the new life he had carved for our family out of the prairie sod.

My Grandfather Baker left me a heritage of using my hands to shape beautiful things. He made me many things including a doll bed, a doll chest made of a prune box, and a miniature cedar chest whose latch came from "his old home gate from the old home place in Weston, Michigan." Today the piano bench, which he made from walnut wood and planed himself from trees that were in the timber beside his country home, sits in front of our family piano.

Holidays we always spent at Grandfather Baker's. They were really gala

occasions as all his married children with their families and various other relatives such as my Grandfather Johnson, would come.

I get a warm glow when I think about grandparents. I hope every child has them. My own children have two grandmothers and a grandfather who are the old fashioned kind with large hearts who always have time for their grandchildren. I wonder if I will ever have any grandchildren. If I do, I hope I can be like my own grandparents: never too busy to listen or to bake those huge, fat, animal sugar cookies to serve with a glass of milk to my grandchildren.

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 — The Northwest Danish Home quarterly meeting was held in Portland, Oregon, Saturday, October 3 with the Portland Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood hosting the meeting. The meeting was opened by N.W. Danish Home President Anne Syberg. A mini-bazaar was held with raffles of several prizes and bingo. A very delightful day in Portland. Sunday morning, Astrid Jensen invited all the out-of-towners for breakfast. Magnus Esrom was on hand to serve eye-openers.

Everyone had a good time on October 10 at the Nordic Heritage Museum with the DB Lodge 29 Dinner-Dance and Harvest Fest. Our committee really did a fine job. A special thanks to Ingeborg Kisbye of the "Vaersgo" Restaurant. Also thanks to Aage "Bill" Jensen for all his Danish music. We must do this again some time.



Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 13, 1981, Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Christmas party at the West Seattle Masonic Temple.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.



Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — This year's annual Christmas party will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 19th. Everyone, including children, are encouraged to participate in the program — reciting, singing, playing an instrument, dancing — anything with a holiday flavor.

Each family is asked to please bring some cookies or candy. Each person should bring a wrapped gift to be exchanged. Remember to mark each gift either "boy" or "girl" so it goes to the right person.

Election of the 1982 officers was held during the November 5, 1981 meeting. Howard Sorensen shared some of his wonderful European travel experiences with us. While in Denmark last summer, he stayed in his cousin's home which was built in 1863. The "new" barn there was built in 1890.

Howard took 1,400 slides and 200 to 300 color pictures on his trip. He did not show all of them this Thursday night. An outstanding program from an interesting person.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — All exchange students from Denmark in the metro area of Portland were invited as guests at our October 7th meeting. The nominating committee was elected at this meeting to present a slate of nominees for officers to serve the lodge for the year 1982.

Plan now to visit Denmark next summer with the Danish Brotherhood Pacific Northwest tour leaving Los Angeles and Seattle-Tacoma airports June 25 to participate in the 100th anniversary of DBIA featured at Rebild, the 70th anniversary of Rebild National park, and the annual meeting-gathering of Danes worldwide at Dansk Samvirke event in Helsingør. Plans are now being made to offer several options including 1) Denmark Fairy Tale Tour of highlights of the kingdom; 2) Scandinavian tour with optional Oslo-Stockholm-Helsinki visits; and 3) Eurailpass purchased in USA prior to departure for rail travel on the continent.

Group visits to various outstanding places in Copenhagen are also planned. If there are any special places you wish to visit and see, let Mel Pihl know so that it can be included with advance arrangements for the group if possible.

Rehearsing each second Tuesday of the month are our Danish Folk Dancers, directed by Greta Kasch. All members are invited to join the group which meets at NWT, 215 SE Morrison at 7:30 p.m.

Mel Pihl, Cor.



Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada — At our meeting October 7, we welcomed 52 brothers. Two new members were initiated, Bent Nielsen and Bent Sørensen.

Over 120 attended our party honoring our newsletter staff on October 10. We enjoyed a large cold table provided by Kate and Peter Praegel of Swedane's Delicatessen. Tak for mad, Kate and Peter.

Our next business meeting is November 4. We hope to see many of our brothers. On November 21, we will enjoy an evening of andespil at the Polish Hall, with 10 fantastic bingo prizes, door prizes and dancing to 1 a.m.

Arne Møller, Cor.

serious criticism affirmed the sincerity of these thanks.

Serving as hosts has been a pleasant and interesting experience, but it is an experience we would rather not repeat for a year or two.

Our bid to host this convention was made with the knowledge that it could be an expensive undertaking. With funds available for working capital, we figured we could hold the net expense to less than that amount and planned and worked accordingly. If our working capital has been expended, how better could we invest lodge funds?

We are happy to report that all receipts and disbursements have

joined by the Oakland and Fremont lodges this year. Our committees have been formed and we will let you know what is planned for the evening's events. We hope to see a lot of visitors and members attend.

Our bus trip to Reno is long behind us now, and the people that went will never forget it. What is normally a 4-hour trip turned into 12 somewhat long hours. Mother Nature decided to show us the first snow of the season. By the time we got the chains on the bus and started going, the bus stalled. The battery was dead and took about an hour to recharge. Once we got going again, the trip went pretty fast. We had some winners on the trip. We have promised not to



CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — The convention committee from DB Lodge 67 and DSS Lodge 149 held its final meeting last week, closed its account and the committee was dismissed.

We have been lavishly thanked and have heard many favorable comments on the preparation, arrangements and facilities for this convention. The absence of

been taken care of and the final audit showed — not a loss, but a small gain. This favorable conclusion can be credited to the splendid cooperation of everyone involved and to the many donors of such items as fruit, cookies, cakes and prizes for our raffle. To these donors we are most grateful.

L. S. DeLaurant, Sec.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — Our installation of officers will be held Friday, February 5, 1982. We will be

reveal their names because of the IRS wanting their money. Everyone had a terrific time in spite of the delay, and we are looking forward to another trip next year.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Although our lodge is quite active in the community all year long, the highlight of our involvement is during our annual Danish Days celebration of our heritage. This

year we again entered a float in the parade, featuring Danish delights from our food industry. The float was made and decorated by many lodge members with bakery goods, open face sandwiches, posters, pictures, emblems and simulated food stuffs.



(Photo courtesy King Merrill)

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges combined to put on the banquet and ball. The Sisterhood prepared the famous Danish "Koldbord" which was enjoyed by 410 people. The stage setting was made by Brotherhood members headed by Johannes Jager, which added much to the enjoyment of all at this special event.

The members also participated, as usual, in the preparation and serving of the traditional "aebleskiver" breakfast served both Saturday and Sunday. This usually amounts to 5,000 to 5,500 portions.

Ed Madsen, Pres.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — On Sunday afternoon, October 11, fifteen optimistic "would-be" fishermen from Lodge #332 of Modesto enjoyed a San Diego stopover on their way to Ensenada. The group traveled in the R.V. of Al Tunsen, President of the Cal.-Nev. District.

The group, and San Diego lodge members enjoyed a barbecue and social as guests at the Kresten Norby home. Kresten is President of Lodge #306.

It is anticipated that all lodge members will attend the November 11 andespil dinner-game night. The committee has worked hard on this program for an interesting Danish traditional observance.

Art Norgaard, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At the last meeting Roy Johnson conducted a program about youth attending meetings. Roy queried the young people attending for ideas and suggestions that would bring more of the young people to lodge meetings. It appeared that many of the problems are almost insoluble, unless the young people *desire* to attend the meetings. We are very happy every time we see younger members attending; Christmas party, special events, dances, etc. So for the present we have to go along with the old adage: "half a pie is better than no pie at all."

Roy supported his discussions with little known facts about Danes, their culture, heritage and customs. As a result of this program, it was decided to include the Danish National Anthem at each meeting. Also to present a short program at each meeting on Danish heritage, culture and customs.

At this coming meeting Karen and Dick Rowse will talk about their recent trip to Denmark.

Kate Krake, Cor.

Lodge #339, Las Vegas, NV — We are happy to announce that a majority of the members of Silver State Lodge #339 attended the wedding of Leslie Reed, daughter of Harold and Jutta Reed, to Rafael Garcia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Garcia. Among the many out of town visitors attending the wedding were Al Tunsen, President of the California Nevada District as well as a surprise visitor from Denmark, Leslie's uncle Willie. The reception was held at the home of Harold and Jutta Reed.

A dinner was held at the home of Alice Pinkerton for the members in October, but unfortunately was not well attended. Those attending enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Now that winter is here again, and in Las Vegas that means much nicer weather to get to the meetings, we hope to see a good turnout at future events planned for the lodge.

Alice Pinkerton, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — On October 10th, Robert Huld, chairman of the nominating committee, gave his report. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at our November meeting when we will hold our elections.

Anyone who has something homemade that they would like to display and sell, please bring it to our bazaar in November. Ten percent of sales will go to the lodge. Holiday bingo will be played.

Looking to the next couple of months, we will be really busy. Our board is making plans for the annual Christmas party which will be held on December 12th. Watch the December newsletter for details. We have confirmation of the date and place of our installation banquet and ball. It will be held on January 9th at the Jolly Roger Inn.

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.



Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Kodan Lodge had an interesting assortment of characters attending the October meeting: Princess Lea from Star Wars; one of Darth Vader's warriors (he even had a laser sword); a bumble bee with a mean-looking stinger; a low-flying aviatrix (was that Amelia?); a very reverent monk and a handsome pirate; a peppy cheer leader; an Indian maiden with feathers and all; a lonnng-lashed Spanish dancer with a very familiar voice; and many other colorful Danes. We enjoyed an evening of bingo and vied for prizes — all donated by our generous members. Look at some of these prizes!! Pheasants and

ducks; six bottles of wine; a peppermill and a lazy Susan; soap and candy; homemade bread, jam, preserves and Frikadeller; a handmade towel; a crystal bud vase; a plate of pomegranates; and the biggest prize — a Thanksgiving turkey donated by Kodan Lodge. All members went home happy. Children's activities chairman, Susie Nielsen, opened her Christmas bazaar and started selling a huge variety of gifts and decorative items — handmade and donated by our creative members. Money raised will finance our children's activities, the biggest of which is our annual Julefest. Our lodge is working with Holger Danske #345 to coordinate a joint installation of officers in January.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #3, Davenport, IA — Our lodge lost one of their devoted members with the death of Howard T. Petersen. He has been serving as secretary-treasurer since December 1979. He was a proud American who cherished his Danish ancestry. His parents, Thomas and Sophia Hansen Petersen were born in Denmark.

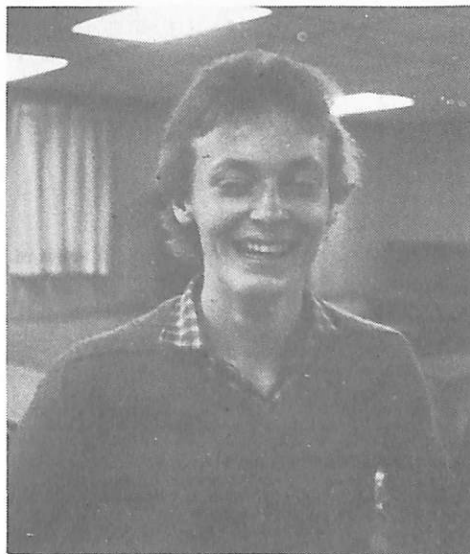
Paul Wind, Pres.



Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN — The annual Bowling Tournament between the Askov and Minneapolis lodges was held in October. After refreshments were served by Peder and Marie Pilegaard, they were off to Nokomis Lanes to win that coveted trophy. Since they were two men short on the Minneapolis team, Oriette and Cheryl Aagaard came through and helped the Minneapolis team win the trophy again. A delicious pork roast dinner with all the trimmings

was prepared by Hannah Poulsen and her efficient crew. After dinner there was dancing to music by the Askov Band.

Norma Henriksen, Sec.



Anders Andersen

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — Dike Lodge 144 enjoyed a slide presentation and talk by Andy Andersen, a 17-year old exchange student from Fyn, Assens, Denmark. The slides were like an actual tour of Denmark, picturing such interesting things as the family home, built in 1903, but remodeled to include a swimming pool, with a spiral staircase down to it. Also, showing a modern trend, was a fancy computer-controlled furnace, calibrated to permit slow burning of straw; 15 bales a day; gleaned from their family farm. Education will continue for Andy, since he is a top student, and will go on to a university for 6 years.

It was aebleskiver night in Dike, prepared by the Sisterhood. It was delicious! It was also birthday table time, which we have each quarter, with a special cake for those who have had a birthday during the last three months.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — The 30th annual Midwest Convention was a success. We were happy to host it here in Kenosha. I want to thank the members of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood who helped support this event.

It was a combined effort on the

part of DSS #20 and DB #14 to organize and carry out this entire event. We thank the Sisterhood for their many hours of work and cooperation. I want to thank the many Brothers also who gave of their time.

Because of those combined efforts I received many compliments from those in attendance. Those compliments and praises belong to you, #20 and #14.

The delegates and guests who attended the meetings and banquet also deserve a thank you. Without their attendance and the support of their home lodges the convention would not have been possible. We in Kenosha also received what I feel was a very nice compliment for our lodges. I was asked what the secret was to the closeness, friendship, and cooperation shown by the Kenosha lodges. Those people who asked wished to bottle up those secrets and take them home.

Roger Nelson, Pres.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — In November we had a White Elephant Silent Auction Sale! Chairman was Ferrell Christensen.

Bob Weller and Ken Jensen reported on the MWD Convention and Jim Andreassen thanked everyone for their support during his seven years on the Board of Directors.

The officers met one evening this past week and would like some ideas to promote more participation. What kind of entertainment do you like at the meetings? How would you like to handle getting someone to head up the committees for our different activities? Do you approve of the way we set up the committees for the meetings? Do you want a different time or night?

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.



Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Frikadeller and Red Cabbage and other good food made up the menu at the Membership Dinner on October 2nd. About 90 members and prospective members enjoyed this meal which was prepared by Brother Sig Nielsen and his kitchen crew. Nine new members were signed up by Andy Andersen from Omaha.

Our Dane for the Night was Marius Pedersen, a long-time member of No. 35. Marius was born in Almstok, Jutland and came to Albert Lea, Minnesota in 1926, and settled in Chicago the following year. He told us some interesting stories about his life as a newcomer to this land. Marius has served as our president and has been a good and faithful member. He and his wife, Agnete, live in Manteno, Illinois.

Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 and Brotherhood Lodge No. 35 will celebrate their 92nd anniversary with a Dinner-Dance on November 14th. Everyone is looking forward to this annual event.

Else Pedersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — A big bouquet of thanks to all members of Lodge 36, Sisterhood Lodge 15, and friend Barbara, for their contributions, time and hard work which made our October 17th Torsk Dinner a success. 122 adults and 4 children enjoyed good food and fellowship. There were 25 door prizes and 11 raffle items. Following the dinner, attendees viewed two movies, i.e., "Denmark — You'll Love It" with Victor Borge and "A Marsh Called Horicon," a nature film produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum. We appreciated the support from other Midwest District lodges: Racine, Janesville, Kenosha and Rockford.

We will celebrate our 92nd anniversary starting at 2:30 p.m., Sunday afternoon, November 15, 1981, at International Institute. Lodge 36 was chartered November 22, 1889. We will have a special program presented by Gerald Johnson, Museum Educator, Milwaukee Public Museum, and Dr. Robert Hodge of Beloit College. Their subject will be "The 1940s Wars and Peaces," a program of slides, songs and shared

experiences. A supper will be served after the program.

Our Christmas party will be held on Tuesday evening, December 1.

Our fund raiser cookbook, Recipes From Danish Kitchens, is available for \$2.50 plus 50¢ for postage and handling. Make check payable to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 36 and order from Carol Larsen, 2571 South Shore Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207.

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.



NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The October social was a real treat and fun for all. Ruth Hansen was a gypsy fortune teller complete with crystal ball. Tom and Inta Nielsen introduced the refined art of pumpkin carving. There were best costume prizes awarded to Miss Piggy and the Bearded Lady. A ghoulish school was taught by Deloris and Robin Hansen. The committee did a fabulous job.

The November social sounds great with lots of yummy food. Lodge #1 is having a membership dinner with Lodge #206 in Blair on November 16th at the Tivoli Restaurant, 137 North 17th Street, Blair. The lodge pays for the dinners of any and all potential

members who attend. We hope this will boost our membership.

I understand that the beginning Danish class (tutored by Ruth Herman) is progressing quite smoothly.

Bernice Eckley reported that plans are underway for the 1982 Omaha Ethnic Festival. She stressed that she will need plenty of help.

Well, a nominating committee has been appointed to propose a slate of officers for 1982. Time is really marching on!

Rumelkassen for the November meeting was won by Ardes Weedman.

I'll be back next month with more news about Lodge #1.

Dee DiSilvestro, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Monday evening, October 26 was an important meeting as we voted for the new officers for the coming year.

Our aebleskiver breakfast started November 29 at 8:30 a.m. Gladys Christoffersen was chairman of this event. Lodge No. 1 in Omaha invited us to join them for a membership dinner at Tivoli, November 16. A film "History of Danish Brotherhood; The First 100 Years", was shown.

Thank you to our September committee, the Weckmullers, Megrues and Hansens.

Harriet Betts, Sec.

MICHIGAN- OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — First, a very important reminder — the Children's Christmas party will be on December 26, about 5:30 p.m., in the Danish Hall. Santa will be there with presents for the children — plus refreshments, too.

In the January issue look for a poem written by Shirley Guldager of Michigan entitled "Look at Your Riches."

Merry Christmas and a very good New Year to all.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.



Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — This is a picture of Gorm Lodge #170 annual picnic held at Brother Richard Christensen's farm. We had a good attendance and everyone participated in good food, good spirit, games and enjoying the company of old friends.

Edmund Bentzen, Cor.

EASTERN



National Director Norbert E. Grove joins National President George J. Jacobsen congratulating Harry B. Jensen, Jr., newly elected president of the GCEL.

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On October 14 we held a short business meeting with a potluck supper and bingo afterwards. We all enjoyed the evening, with some winning a lot of prizes. Thanks to all who showed up and gave support. We are going to have our annual turkey raffle at our November meeting.

For our December meeting Barbara Larsen has offered to cook a dinner for us at a nominal cost to each member.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our November meeting will be election of officers for the 1982 year. The nominating committee has presented a slate for consideration

and there will be nominations from the floor. Our president has appealed to all members to be present.

The October banquet was well attended by some 80 members and guests. Everyone had a great time.

The annual Christmas party will take place December 11.

Don Heckman, Sec.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — At our October meeting we welcomed Soren Steen who transferred from Cimbria Lodge No. 257 in Florida. Soren was also presented with his 25-year pin.

Our Christmas party plans were finalized for December 13 at the DAC. Plans are going ahead for a codfish party in February.

Ray Leth, Pres.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — Holiday greetings to our brothers, sisters and friends of Lodge No. 190. The seasons march right along. Here we are, ready to enjoy the holidays and the good fellowship. Our December meeting is the second.

Our September and October meetings were not as well attended as usual. Those who attended were treated to some very good dinners and entertainment and they Skaaled their missing brothers.

October 11, we had our annual fall outing and fishing trip at Past President Severson's summer home at Lake George. He and his wife, Betty, welcomed us to a warm pleasant atmosphere, that really puts everyone at ease. We were joined by four members of our neighboring Troy lodge, the Jensens and Bob Nelson. They showed us how to play pinochle and poker and they hope to get invited back another time.

For our Christmas party, dinner and grab bag reservations must be made by December 7, 1981. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. After dinner we will be visited by Santa Claus. This is a chance for us all to get together and enjoy the holiday in the old good Danish way.

Our old Danish Hall at 989 Albany St. has been sold to the Hibernians who expect to renovate and operate it again.

Bill Peterson, Sec.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our October meeting was attended by more than 40 members. We were pleased to have a guest with us, Carl Pedersen from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Carl is visiting his brother George Pedersen, our treasurer. These two brothers had not seen each other for over 40 years.

Cimbria's 75th anniversary to be held March 19, 1982, was one of the topics discussed at this meeting. We are also trying to get more Danes to join our lodge. Ludwig Boraks, our promoter, is working hard on this project and all of us are trying to help.

Tove Parkes treated us to homemade Dansk Julekage which we enjoyed with our coffee.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — The theme for our meeting October 9, 1981, was an "Evening in Vienna." Annelie Ballenger, who comes from Vienna, was in charge of the event. She and her husband Robert had decorated the hall with pictures from Austria.

Annelie prepared some Austrian dishes. Wearing an Austrian costume 100 years old, Mrs. Ballenger told us about Austrian Irene Kaminsky.

Birgit Jacobsen and Annelie had put together a delicious Viennese table with all kind of cakes. Austrian music was played throughout the evening giving people a chance to dance.

We also welcomed our new member June U. McGuire, initiated at our business meeting. Those members who participated had a good time.

Niels B. Hansen, Cor.



MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — Our October meeting was held at the home of Ejlif and Ester Schmidt. There was a full attendance of active members. We enjoyed a Danish feast of Medisterpølser (pork sausage), Rød kaal (red cabbage), and Kartoffler med Persille sovs (potato with parsley sauce). Two new members were initiated, Ken Gause and Margaret Shanklin. Elcar Nielsen, Danish Consul, told us about his recent trip to Denmark.

This week, a five day seminar was held to teach Telemark Rosemaling; eight Scandinavians, four of them Danish; attended the seminar taught by Addie Pittlekow of St. Paul, Minnesota. New DBIA membership potential was found through this seminar and we expect additional interest as word gets around about the seminar.

Two members of Signa Spohn's family are visiting from their home in Lokken, Denmark; several Danes in the area will join Signa in a luncheon with her family.

Bob Wallace, Cor.



Grand View College held its annual alumni homecoming, Studenterfest, Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25.

This is the first year since the celebration began in 1900 that it was held in the fall rather than in the spring. Originally, Studenterfest, coined from the Danish word **Studenterknald**, meaning student blast, was a "home-going" festival, celebrating the students' departure from the College after Winter School. That spring tradition was observed until Grand View changed its academic calendar in 1980, making a fall reunion more accommodating to students and alumni.



New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Eugene A. Stevens	29	Seattle	Clyde R. Langsted
Ben Mogensen	29	Seattle	Thorvald A. Kofoed
Kirsten Kwiatkowski	35	Chicago	John Jorgensen
Mark R. Wittrup	43	Denver	Norman Wittrup
Marvin W. Johnson	43	Denver	Norman Wittrup
John Kjersgaard	46	Perth Amboy	Geo. Ferdinandsen
Kenneth Paul Gause	56	Kansas City	Robert Wallace
Margaret F. Shanklin	56	Kansas City	Gerda M. Wallace
Paul R. Morrison	67	Fresno	L. S. DeLaurant
Donald F. Lehn	84	Lincoln	Paul E. Hansen
Lexie L. Hatfield	92	St. Charles	Paul Hansen
Paul F. Petersen	92	St. Charles	Marty Seyller
Waldemar Ericson	126	Los Angeles	Carl J. Sorensen
Christopher Mathiasen	126	Los Angeles	Harold Mathiasen
Larry D. Rupert	167	Portland	Buck Jensen
Barbar M. Barsachs	182	Waukegan	T. E. Mouritsen
Rajaballi Pradhan	227	Detroit	William Frayseth
Rudi Mauldin	299	Solvang	Johannes Jaeger
Bent Sørensen	328	Vancouver	Mogens B. Mogensen
Jens C. Christensen	328	Vancouver	R. Christensen
Peter B. Rasmussen	328	Vancouver	Jens Westergaard
Jan Colner	328	Vancouver	Mogens B. Mogensen
Wilma O. Suttle	345	Orange Co.	Marie Christensen
Esther R. Taylor	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Stephen Beilser	600	Omaha	Lenora Madsen
Kirk Hedegaard	600	Omaha	William Hedegaard
Jean V. Hedegaard	600	Omaha	William Hedegaard
B. Henry Jessen	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Hjalmer M. Kampen	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Jens Hedegaard	600	Omaha	William Hedegaard

Nordic Books

A new catalog of Books with a Nordic heritage is now available from Nordic Books. Featured in the 1982 catalog are the **Complete Fairy Tales and Stories of Hans Christian Andersen**, **Tales of the Norse Gods and Heroes**, as well as a number of other books featuring Nordic sagas and tales.

Of special interest is **The Bitter Years, The Invasion and Occupation of Denmark and Norway, April 1940-May 1945**, a book that explodes the myths and tries to establish the truth about the German invasion and the years of occupation, the liberation and the bitter legacy that remained.

In other fields there are books about the immigration to America from the Scandinavian countries, both in recent history and in the Viking era.

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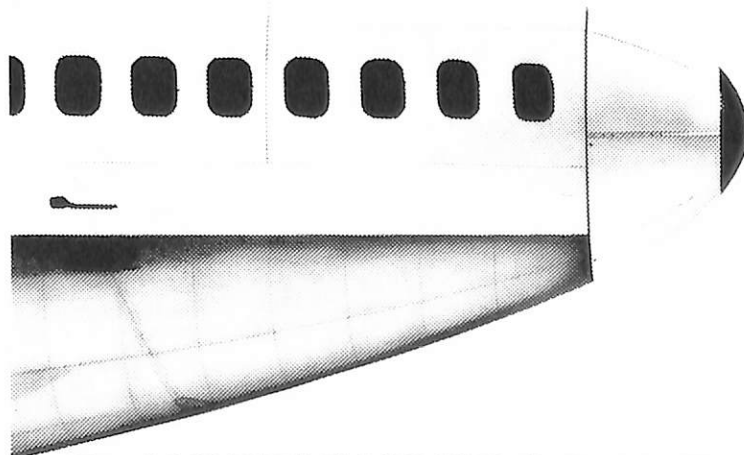
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My Favorite Christmas Tree

By Paula Ketterer Rainey

in collaboration with Rita Dehn Ketterer

The Christmases of yesteryear were a far cry from the holiday as my children and grandchildren know it. Yet, as with my children, Christmas was the happiest time of the year for my brothers and me. My memories are of snowmen and marzipan candies, a mouth-watering aroma of roast duck, friends and laughter, and most of all, a brightly-lit Christmas tree decorated with interwoven American and Danish flags and the usual holiday trimmings. And tucked under the tree were all the gifts, neatly wrapped in red and green and gold.

The Danish people had certain holiday traditions that we observed every year. Rather than celebrating on Christmas Day, our festivities took place on Christmas Eve. Our whole family would spend the afternoon decorating the tree, then we'd have a big roast duck dinner, go to church, and come home to anxiously await the arrival of Santa Claus. Before my mother would bring on the roast duck, we ate some sort of Danish rice pudding. My mother would tell us that she had placed a nut in only one dish, and that the person who had the pudding with the nut in it would receive a special prize. Year after year, I raced my brothers to the bottom of the dish, although I really didn't care much for the taste of the pudding. And every year, without fail, my mother would place a nut in everybody's pudding.

The one year it seemed as though Christmas was gone forever. I was five years old. I had no way of knowing

what the "crash of '29" meant. But a growing change and an uneasy feeling in our home told me that it wasn't something you'd ask Santa Claus to bring. Smiles were scarce, and we didn't go to the movies anymore. My father was a painter and decorator, and a pretty successful one. We had never had any money problems. My mom and dad owned what was called a "2-flat"; we lived in one apartment and rented out the other. My father had just finished spending quite a bit of borrowed money to fix up the spare flat. We managed to survive 1929, but by the fall of 1930, we, like countless other families across the country, had lost everything. Before long, my aunt from Nebraska was sending us packages of food. But in my little mind, I didn't see that this should ever change Christmas.

It was about two weeks before Christmas in 1930 when my father called a family conference. He told us we must understand that there was absolutely no money, and that there would be no Christmas that year. I could accept the idea of Santa Claus not coming to town, although I don't know why. Looking back, that was a pretty mature attitude for a little girl dreaming of golden-haired dolls with braids and new games to play with. But not even a Christmas tree? This was the highlight of the Christmas season for me. Why, I used to light up like a tree myself when I would see our tree twinkling in the window, with the snow outside softly falling to the ground behind it. I think my brother Paul understood a little better, because

he was older. And, of course, the baby didn't know any different. My mother tried to explain that the world was not coming to an end, but there was no mending my broken heart; the tears streaming down my red little cheeks were too real.

It was Christmas Eve, and we performed the usual rituals, although with less enthusiasm than previous years; the big dinner (it wasn't roast duck), the Christmas church service, and then, when we came home that evening, our hearts heavy and our spirits low, my dad told us kids to go into the bedroom. My heart missed a beat; could it be that Santa was going to make it after all? When we were called to the living room, my eyes fell on the most beautiful sight I had ever beheld in my short life. There before us stood a Christmas tree . . . and a father, proud in his own right. This tree was the most endearing and precious gift in all the world to me. No floral beauty could have been more captivating, for there, in all its splendor, was a Christmas tree made of love. My father had gone down to the lot where they sold trees to those who could still afford them and picked up all the branches that had fallen onto the ground. Then he came home and found an old broom handle, carved holes for the branches, and decorated that tree with all the spirit that was left in him.

I found a new meaning for Christmas that year. I was rich, but in a way that I would never be again. Yes, Santa Claus did come to our house that year, and he saved the best gift for me. And here I am, more than 50 Christmas trees later, and I have yet to see such a magical tree . . .

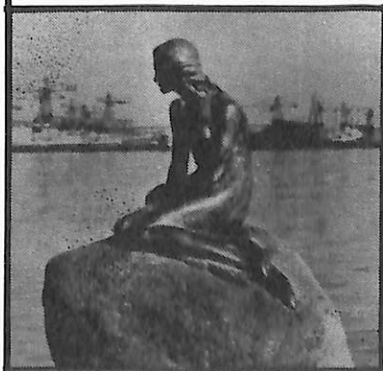


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Robert Ibsen, Chairman,
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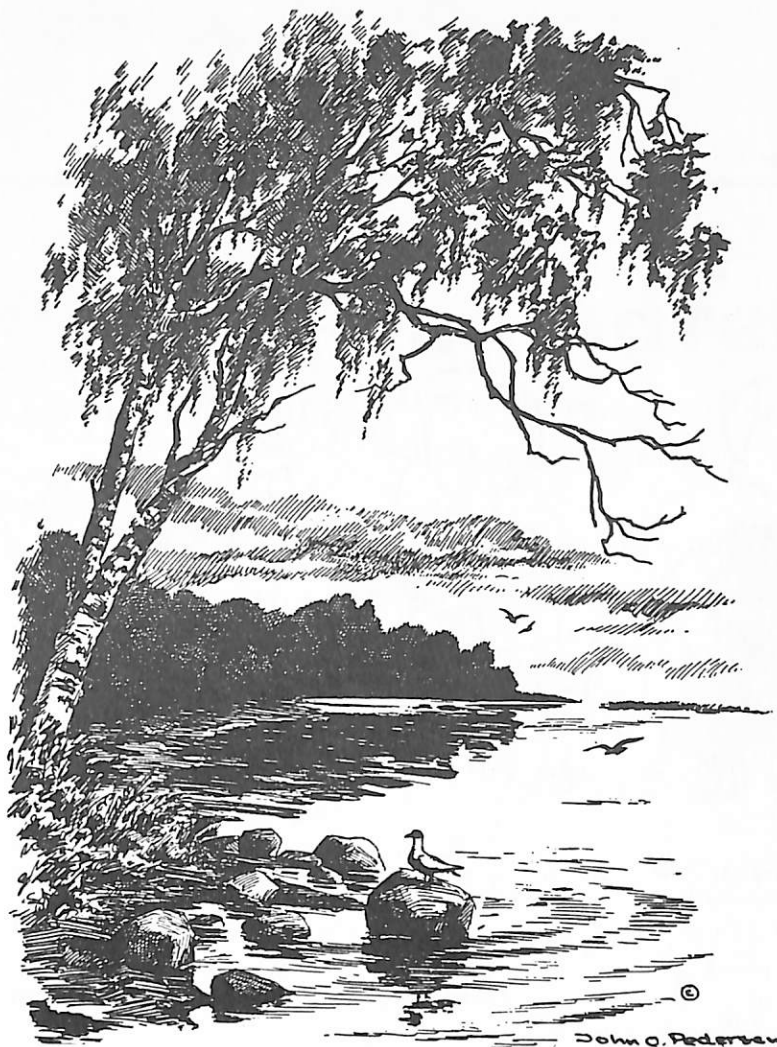
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9-15-81	Earl J. Mooney	56	Dillon, Montana	273	Dillon, Montana	1948
10-6-81	Louis C. Taft, Sr.	80	Barre, Utah	294	Barre, Utah	1922
10-16-81	Otto F. Petersen	81	Albion, Nebraska	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1923
9-26-81	Henry C. Larsen	72	Missouri Valley, Iowa	263	Askov, Minnesota	1950
9-24-81	Jens C. Peterson	97	Odense, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1907
10-20-81	Howard Nelson	84	Minnesota	34	Dwight, Illinois	1917
10-30-81	Peter Hansen	86	Brandrup, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1920
6-8-79	Peter Foldkar	85	Ulfborg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1931
10-30-81	Hans Aage Petersen	80	Nakskov, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1932
10-30-81	Lawrence K. Andersen	83	Copenhagen, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1942



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Barbara Larsen, Friend
Danish Brotherhood Lodge 36

*From the new cookbook compiled by Luella Christensen for DBIA Lodge 36 and DSS Lodge 15. The 38-page book is available from Carol Larsen, 2571 South Shore Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53207 for \$3.00 postpaid.



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When The Danish Brotherhood in America was founded on January 2, 1882, Jacob Larson was just two months old. On October 28, 1981, Mr. Larson celebrated his 100th birthday. He is a member of our lodge in Canton, Ohio, and they provided the photograph and information about Mr. Larson.

CANTON MEMBER REACHES AGE 100

Mark W. Nodo, president of Lodge No. 225 in Canton sends us the report of their October 2, 1981, meeting. "This was a special occasion for our lodge because we celebrated the 100th birthday of Jacob Larson. . . .

"He joined our lodge June 1, 1924, and has been a member for 57 years. Jacob was originally from Snedsted, Denmark. He had his own business selling farm tools and machinery.

"He had an uncle named Chris Jenson who lived in Canton and wanted him to come to the States. He decided to come over with some other Danish immigrants. They came by boat to New York and finally came to Ohio.

"He has worked at assorted jobs in his lifetime; a toolmaker, factory worker and in the railway locomotive roundhouse in Canton.

"He has three children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

"Jacob still leads a very active life for his age. He mows the grass, a few rows at a time, or takes turns with his daughter Doris with whom he lives. He plants tulips, reads and watches the news on the TV daily.

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Jacob Larson

"He is surely blessed with good health and we can only hope we all will be.

"This was a rare occasion and a great honor to give him the Certificate of Merit from the National Board and to meet and talk to him.

"I hope you can use the photo of Jacob for the magazine. It shows the strong, proud, Dane in him."

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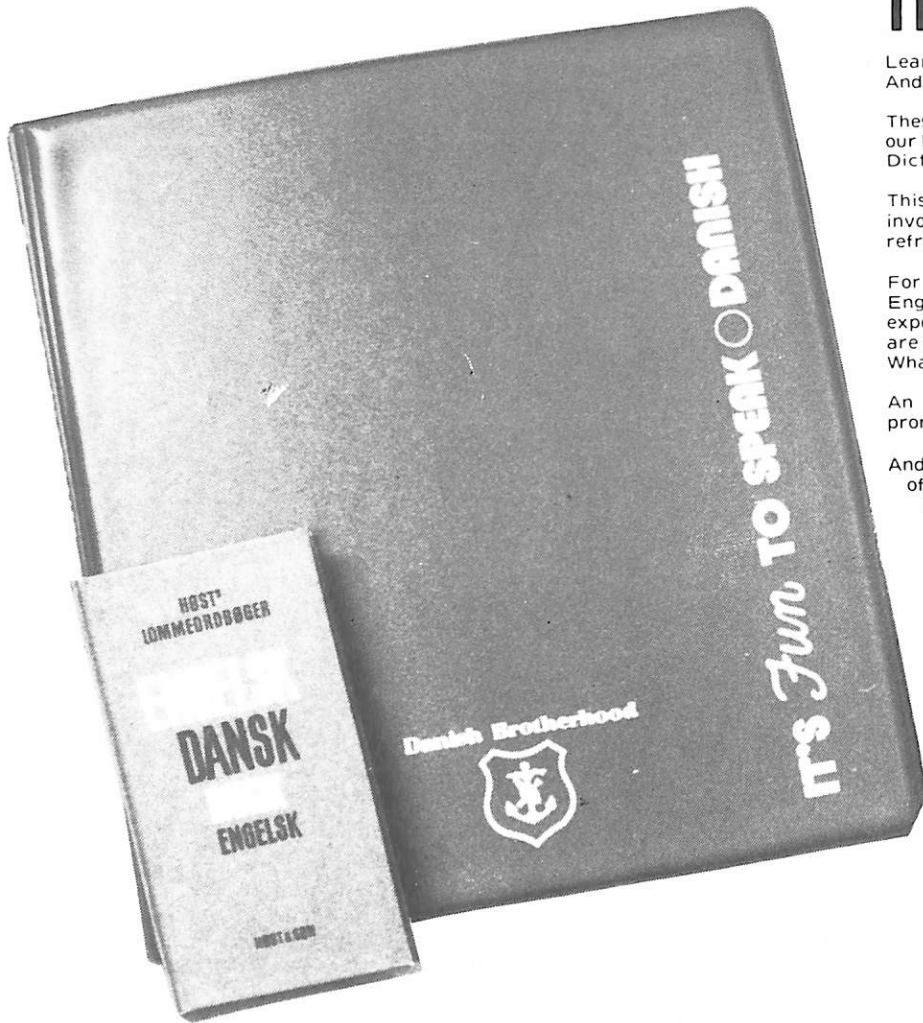
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