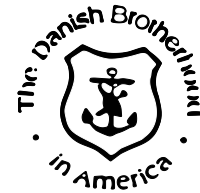


APRIL 2018

SEATTLE DANISH LODGE NEWSLETTER

Danish Brotherhood Lodge 29 and Danish Sisterhood Evergreen Lodge 40 Meets at 7:30pm every first Wednesday on the month except July and August NWDA Harmony Hall, Meridian Office Bldg., 1833 N 105 St. #205, Seattle WA



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DB 29 & DS 40 LODGE MEMBERS



APRIL: Havannah Al-Khedairy; Tove Borg; Lars Clausen; Mette Greenshields; Gayle Hollister Emmick; Kai Hammond; Gurli Irene Jensen; Linda Jensen; Erik Laursen; Katrina Harley Miller; Cynthia Nielsen; Dana Nielsen; Kristoffer J Nielsen; Jennifer Remming; Peter Rossen; Shigeru Naramoto Stavshoj

MAY: Erik Bodholt; Thomas Buus; Egon Calundann; Harold Hansen; Anita Henriksen; Hans B.Jensen; Sharon Kinder; Norma Jean Layer; Erik S Nielsen; Michael O.Nielsen; Kenneth Olsen; Birthe Ostergaard; Nadine Paulsen; Nan Stavshoj; Jan Syberg

JUNE: Melanie Berg; Hans Christiansen; Mia Greenshields; Carley Kromann; Dean Larsen; Madison Larsen; Ruthi Jensen-Larsen; Rasmus Madsen; Rikke Maudslien; Tina Prægel; Katrina Royal; Lexie Sorensen; Tove Lise Sorensen; Kole Turcott; Sofia Windelev

SEATTLE DANISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All activities are at the Danish Center (DCC), 1833 N 105 St., Seattle -- unless otherwise noted



at DCC ♥ Wed 5/2 7:30pm DB & DS Lodge Meetings
1st Fri. Fri 5/5 7:30pm Fredagscafen at THE DANE--8000 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117
Sun 5/13 Happy Mother's Day
Mon 5/7 Newsletter Deadline - Monday following Lodge meetings

Save the date June 16, 2018 noon for 6th Annual Danevitational @ Auburn Golf Course.

Tentatively meeting early for Breakfast & the World Cup Match: Denmark/Peru @ 9:00am More info later

FANTASTIC 130TH DB#29 BIRTHDAY PARTY held at WASHINGTON HALL on April 15th!!!!



Note from Gayle Emmick regarding Washington Hall.

Kitty from Wash Hall was wondering if any people would be interested in doing audio recording of our thoughts and memories of the Hall and the Christmas parties?

Also a call out for pictures anyone would like to share. I could be the contact person for this at gemmick206@gmail.com

Let Gayle know your comments and send her photos.

Otto Brask told wonderful tales and the history of 110 year old Wash. Hall and 130th Birthday of Danish Brotherhood Seattle Lodge #29—a copy of his report is included in the newsletter.

DB LODGE 29 MEETING MINUTES: Meeting DB Lodge 29 Minutes: President Carley Kromann brought the April 4, 2018 meeting to order at 7:31pm with the pledge of allegiance with about 25 members and two guests in attendance, Chad Hammond and Justin Blair. Trustee Vibeke Iozzi and Conductor Preben Pedersen were absent. There were three new applications for membership. Mette, Mia and Nikolai Greenshield. Mette has been very active with the NWDA and Mia and Nikolai have both attended Himmelbjerget. They were initiated into the Brotherhood by stand-in conductor Ken Kromann. The motion to approve the March minutes as written was declined, so the minutes were then approved as read by the secretary.

Correspondence: Many newsletters from different lodges.

Treasurer: Treasurer Lexie Sorensen reported that the donation money was delivered directly to Eric Nelson for the museum after the tour. She reported that the plaque will say "Danish Brotherhood Lodge #29, Founded in Seattle in 1888". The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Committee Reports: **Bowling** Will Seattle host? Lexie is retiring from her bowling duties, so we will need someone to chair next year. **Soccer** No update. Information on the games are at gssl.org. **Picnic** The Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood will help host the picnic on August 12th. Henning Buus will help along with Patti Olsen from the Sisterhood. **Golf** The Danevitational will be at Auburn Municipal on June 16th. It is \$75 and includes a round of golf, cart, food and prizes. Come early to watch the World Cup soccer on TV in the clubhouse where the Danes will play Peru. **Bingo** Tonight! Frank Poulsen reported that the **Brotherhood 130th Anniversary** will be held at Washington Hall on April 15th. There were currently 25 people signed up. Deadline extended to Monday. **By Law Committee** Tove Lise Sorensen presented the official By Laws to the Secretary and handed in her resignation as chair of the committee.

New Business: Lexie reported that there is a May 2nd test opening at the museum. One at noon and the other includes a reception at 6:00pm. RSVP with Lexie until filled.

Unfinished Business: About 30 people attended the NHM viewing on March 30th.

Announcements/For the good and the welfare: Our condolences to the Molbak family with the passing of Laina Molbak. Our thoughts are with you. Melanie Berg will bring food in May.

Chad Hammond won the small pot. Harold Hansen, Kris Maudslien and Leif Sorensen's names were drawn, but it was Flemming Sorensen who won the \$200 big pot!!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Annelise M Kromann

SISTERHOOD EVERGREEN LODGE #40: The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. on April 4, 2018.

All officers were present except Vice President, Lisa Svitavsky. Six members were in attendance.

Correspondence was read from the Northwest Danish Association requesting a donation to Himmelbjerget Danish Camp.

There was a bill from DB Lodge #29 for the March newsletter mailing in the amount of \$9.36. The bill will be paid.

Sick and Needy Sisters: Anne Blackburn and Lisa Svitavsky reported that their mother, Irene Jensen is slowly fading. Anne and Lisa attend many events at Aegis with her. She really enjoys the musical events.

Unfinished Business: The Pacific Northwest District Convention will be in Enumclaw this weekend. The joint opening will be at 2:00 p.m. with separate meetings after that.

Patti clarified the new proposal from the National Board of the Sisterhood with the national secretary. The proposal is in regards to the stipend for the National Historian. Since the history of the Danish Sisterhood has been sent to the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa, the duties of the position have been reduced. We agreed with the proposal.

New Business: DB Lodge #29 will celebrate their 130th anniversary with a luncheon on April 15, 2018 at the Washington Hall. The deadline for reservations is April 7. We are looking forward to the celebration and being in the Washington Hall once again.

At the May meeting, we will discuss dates for a weekend lunch gathering in the south end, possibly Des Moines or Kent. Please contact one of the officers with any suggestions or comments you may have.

After tonight's meeting, we will assemble our baskets to take to the convention. We will bring our usual wine basket and a beer basket.

We have now received the Sisterhood heart calendars. If you want one, please come to the next meeting or contact Karen Favero.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING ITEMS FOR YOUTHCARE FOR HOMELESS TEENAGERS AND CHILDREN. SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE SOCKS, GIFT CARDS, SNACK ITEMS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND TOILETRIES.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. until May 2, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Favero, Secretary/Treasurer

CAMP GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE - DB29 MEETING WED. JUNE 6, 2018

LODGE DB29 HIMMELBJERGET CAMP \$250 GRANTS: \$250 grants awarded to children who are Lodge 29 juvenile members themselves (pay no dues) *AND* whose parent or grandparent are also members (kids do not pay lodge dues until age 18 or under 25 if full time student and request exemption)

\$175 grants awarded to children of adult members (parent or grandparent) if applicant is not also a juvenile lodge member of Seattle Lodge #29 themselves).

After enjoying their camp experience, campers are encouraged to attend the September 5th Lodge meeting to tell members about their camp adventures.

To apply for a Himmelbjerget Campership: Campers, age 10 to 18, must write a letter to the Lodge to Sec. Annelise Kromann: 202 S 197th St, Des Moines, WA 98148 with details about your membership, name of parent, include a little about yourself and why you want to attend Himmelbjerget this summer. DB29 Scholarship application Deadline is Wed. June 6, 2018.



DB LODGE 29 NWDA DANE CAMP \$75 GRANTS for kids ages 5-10—to **apply**, children age 5-10 must write a note to Lodge or draw a picture and send to Sec. Annelise Kromann: 202 S 197th St, Des Moines, WA 98148 PH: 425-329-5083. Dane Camp is held in August.

We hope to see all campers at our Sept. 5th Lodge meeting to tell the lodge about your Camp experiences and receive their camp grant checks at that time.

ASSURED LIFE ASSOCIATION ALSO OFFERS CAMP GRANTS & COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

ALA Summer Camp Grants: Assured Life Association Application deadline **May 15, 2018.**

Children and grandchildren of members are eligible for the Summer Camp Grant Program.

<http://assuredlife.org/assuredlife/media/Photos/Frat%20Docs/2018-Summer-Camp-Grant-App-Chpt.pdf>

HAPPY 130TH BIRTHDAY TO SEATTLE DB LODGE #29



Happy 110th Birthday to Historical Washington Hall Built in 1908 by Seattle Lodge #29

DB Lodge 29

130 Years

By Otto Brask

March 2018

About 58 years ago, on a Sunday afternoon like this, I sat in my room upstairs in the Boarding House studying for my classes at the UW, when Flemming Sørensen came in the door and said: "Let's go out to eat!"

Flemming and I became good friends while living in this place. Here we met the girls, who became our wives, and several of the couples we met folk dancing in this place are still our best friends today.

Now, you may wonder, what has this to do with Lodge 29's 130th anniversary?

Well it does, because many of the young men living at this Boarding House became active members of the Brotherhood. Some even became the leaders and presidents of Lodge 29 for years to come.

But let's start from the beginning:

Once upon a time a small group of Danish men in Seattle applied to Danske Broder Samfund in Omaha, Nebraska to form a local chapter of this fraternity with the motto: "Brothers will help a Brother in need!"

On March 22, 1888 they received a Charter to Lodge # 29, Seattle.

The first meeting of Lodge 29 was held on April 8, 1888. Victor Conradsen acted as president and eleven men made up the entire membership roster.

Two years later the Lodge counted 20 members. From that time on the numbers increased rapidly. In 1903 alone the Lodge grew by over 100 new members. Lodge meetings were held in the Germania Hall on 2nd and Seneca.

A few years later they moved to the Carpenters' Hall on 4th Avenue.

In 1902 members of the lodge wanted a place of their own. They debated for several years over the right location in Seattle but eventually bought two lots at the corner of **14th and Fir**, right here where we are sitting now.

A Building Committee was appointed and given authority to solicit bids for construction of this building. The architect was Victor Vorhees and after a lengthy discussion they accepted a bid from Hans Pederson, contractor. The price was \$22,250. Motion passed!

Yes 22,000 dollars!

To fund the construction, members bought shares at \$10 each, some bought 5, some 10, and some 100. Soon they had the money. The Sisterhood also pitched in a good amount to accomplish this task.

Construction of Washington Hall started in Jan. 1908, and on March 13, according to Danish custom, they celebrated "Rejsegilde".

The first of many grand dinner-parties took place on **May 16 1908**, with several hundred people attending. Later that same year someone noticed that, the building was placed **incorrectly** on the plat. Lodge 29 had to buy 2 feet of the lot West of the building.

For the next 60 years these halls served for meetings and festivities, for concerts and theatre plays, for political rallies and labor union conventions, as well as for **church services and stag parties**. Beside weekly Brotherhood and Sisterhood meetings, many will recall the lively Christmas parties and festive stage plays by Harmonien.

This building over the years also hosted music performances by Duke Ellington, Mahalia Jackson, Fats Domino and Jimi Hendrix.

Lodge 29 became the driving force in starting and maintaining the Danish Old Peoples Home. After many years successful operation the Home was sold to create the Northwest Danish Foundation.

In about 1930 the language of the meetings changed from Danish to English, as more and more second generation Danes became members. The record of the minutes of meetings, written longhand by the secretaries the first 50 years, followed suit.

Four officers of this Lodge rose to become the Supreme Presidents of the Brotherhood. T. P. Nielsen, Otto Nielsen, Kris Jørgensen and Clyde Langsted became the heads of all the lodges in the country and we can be proud of their accomplishments.

In 1947 Lodge 29 hosted the National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood here in Seattle. Several hundred delegates and members and wives from lodges across the country attended meetings for four days. The events overflowed the size of this building and the main assemblies were held at the Olympic Hotel.

During the 60 years of our ownership, Washington Hall had many managers, the Frederiksens, the Larsens, the Petersens, Madsens, Nielsens and up until 1969 Ingeborg Kisbye. They all did a great job to cook for and feed the boarders. They also had to oversee activities in the building, to deal with the renters and collect the rent as well as answer to the owners, Lodge # 29 of the Danish Brotherhood - not an easy job. I take my hat off to these hard-working managers!

They really earned their keep.

In 1968 however, the members of Lodge 29 decided to sell the building. It seemed that the Central District was **not** considered safe after dark and many members of the Danish community refused to attend events here in the evening. Several possible buyers made offers on the Pbuilding but were unable to come up with the asking price. Monthly meetings continued in different locals. We first met at the Crabapple Restaurant in Bellevue, then for several years at the Swedish Club in Seattle. Since 1988 the NWDA building has been our home and we Thank you!

Since we left Washington Hall, lodge meetings have become more relaxed. We skipped many of the strict rituals and formalities. Many lodges across the nation gradually expanded from being an **only men's group** to become a family association. We welcomed spouses and children as members and eventually opened to anyone who wished to join. We are still a fraternity banding together under the motto: "Brother will help a Brother in need." It seems that Lodge 29 in Seattle is doing OK!

What happened to Washington Hall, you may ask?

In 1973 **The Sons of Haiti**, an African American Masonic order bought this building for the amount of \$50,000. They continued operating the building and leasing the facilities to neighborhood events, concerts, dances and to churches over the next 35 years.

About ten years ago Washington Hall was in a very sad condition and at the brink of being torn down and possibly replaced by apartment buildings. However, the **Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board** declared the 100-year-old building a historic **Landmark** worth saving.

Historic Seattle purchased the building and has now, over the past few years, invested millions of dollars to restore Washington Hall into a First-Class venue for community cultural events, - and we are the lucky beneficiaries of this restoration here today.

PI raise my glass to Historic Seattle and to the Landmarks Board!

And happy anniversary to Seattle Lodge 29!

Otto Brask

March 2018



A group of Lodge 29 members & friends enjoyed a Pre Opening Visit to the New Nordic Museum in Ballard –Looking forward to the Grand Opening celebrations starting May 5th.



Lexie & Flemming Sorensen
presenting a \$10,000 donation check from
DB Lodge #29 to
Chief Executive Officer Eric Nelson

**Welcome to
The Nordic Museum**

The Nordic Museum celebrates the cultural legacies of five Nordic nations—Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. These northern states form a distinctive regional environment—a vast expanse of land, sparsely populated and largely isolated by water—that, over the course of history, became a gateway for exploration and discovery. The story spans centuries, from prehistoric migrations to Viking adventures to modern-day challenges. Emigration from this region brought millions of Nordic settlers to America and the Pacific Northwest. We invite you to embark on a journey through this extraordinary saga.