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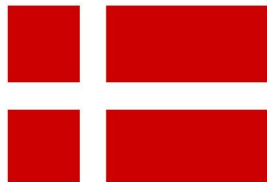
Hello Sisters:

I start this message with sad news. Our Vice President, Anna Nielsen, has resigned effective August 17th. We will miss Anna. She started as a trustee midterm in 2021 handling the technology for the Sisterhood. At the 2023 National Convention she was elected to the Vice President position and continued the technology role on the National Board. Anna has done an outstanding job with the technology for the Sisterhood. Since she came on board, there have been many changes to the website. The members only corner, lodges listed by state, and new program ideas are just a few of the changes she has made as well as just keeping the website up and running. Along with this, Anna has kept all our social media running and interesting. She is amazing at this. And probably the most difficult part of her job has been assisting the rest of the board with their technology needs. We are grateful for ALL she has done and will miss her on the Board. Thank you, Anna, for your time, knowledge and skills that you have willingly shared with the National Board. We wish you the best.

So what happens next? Trustee Susan Hoppough has volunteered to step into the Vice President's position and learn the technology role on the board. She and Anna have already been in communication as Susan takes over this role. Anna has graciously offered to help Susan and we are confident Susan will be able to keep the momentum Anna started. Thank you to Susan for her willingness to help the Sisterhood by moving to the Vice President's position and doing the technology.

We welcome Marilyn Dore from Lodge #78 as our new trustee to fill Susan's position. Marilyn was elected at the 2023 National Convention as an alternate trustee. We are confident she will be a wonderful addition to the National Board and look forward to working with her. Marilyn will work with Carol Rudisill on membership. Congratulations and welcome, Marilyn!

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Dear Sisters and Mister Sisters:

Velkommen

It's been wonderful to see the articles and photos that many of you have submitted for print! Please continue to submit your photos, articles, meeting minutes, Danish recipes, and anything else that would be of benefit and interest to your Sisters and Mister Sisters. Here are a couple of tips regarding submitting items for publishing in the *Danish Sisterhood News*:



**Charlene M. Jensen,
Editor**

- 1) Send your submissions via email to the Editor's email address listed below.
- 2) When submitting your items, please include the name of who wrote the article/who is submitting the items.
- 3) Ensure you list the name of the Lodge where the article/photo is coming from as well as the lodge number, and the lodge's city and state.
- 4) Please list the photographer of the pictures being submitted, if possible.

— **Charlene Jensen, Editor of *Danish Sisterhood News***
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President's Corner



Other updates this month: By the time you read this, the National Board will have had their fall (?) board meeting. We are meeting August 21—24, 2025 in Brainerd at my lake home. I am so excited to have the Board here in Minnesota lake country. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate, and we will be able to take the pontoon to a restaurant for dinner one night. Some of the Board members are coming early and we will be going to Detroit Lakes to see as many of the 5 trolls, 3 portals and the golden rabbit as we can find in a short day. Then, after the Board Meeting Glenda is staying on and she and I are going to my hometown, Tyler, to see the folk school where her grandfather taught and the cemetery where many of her relatives are buried. AND along with all of that, we have lots of business to cover for the Danish Sisterhood. I am excited for all of it!

Please remember we are here for you and reach out to us to let us know how we can help you. YOU are what makes the Sisterhood the organization it is.

Until next month,

Nealna

Nealna Gylling, National President



ON THE FRONT COVER: Frederik V statue in Amalienborg Palace courtyard, Copenhagen, Denmark. An equestrian statue of King Frederick V of Denmark stands in the center of Amalienborg Square, Copenhagen. It is framed by the four symmetrical wings of the Amalienborg palace. The statue portrays the king in classic attire, crowned with laurels. His hand is outstretched, holding a baton. This statue was commissioned by the Danish East India Company. It was designed in Neoclassical style by Jacques Saly in 1768 and was cast in bronze in 1771. The depiction of the king is typical of the Danish representations of monarchs. This statue is considered to be one of the notable equestrian monuments of its time.



The Daisy (Marguerite) flower is the national flower of Denmark. Princess Margrethe was born in 1940, shortly after the Nazi invasion of Denmark: Prominent jewelers created the Daisy jewelry as a tribute to the princess.

IMPORTANT NEWS

MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION for September 2025

LODGE	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Freja #36	Caroline H. Zurek	Karen Hansen
#300	Christine Jacobsen	Online
#186	Christine Kilner	Nealna Gylling
#65	Kristin Dart	Susan Hoppough
#300	Virginia Mathiesen	Online

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS—September 2025

Name	Lodge	Age
Scarlett Rose Hansen	36	14
Sophia Anderson	102	13



**CREATE A LODGE CHRISTMAS GREETING, PURCHASE A HOLIDAY AD,
AND YOUR GREETING CAN BE PRINTED IN THE DANISH SISTERHOOD NEWS**

Remember to get your Christmas Ads in by October 1st. NOTE: If you want to use the same ad as last year, **YOU** need to find it and send it in. The Editor will **NOT** be finding them for you. Thanks.

Eighth Page, 3.67 in wide x 2.20 in high..... \$20.00
 Quarter Page, 3.47 in wide x 4.75 in high.....\$35.00
 Half Page, 7.5 in wide x 4.75 in high..... \$60.00
 Full Page, 7.5 in wide x 9.69 in high..... \$100.00

D&N Advertising Rates

Mail your Lodge's check for payment of your Holiday Ad to:
Linda Brooks, 9756 Ash Lane
Thornton, CO 80229
NOTICE: Linda has a new address!

Use these ad sizes and rates for your Holiday Ads!
Holiday Ads are due to the Editor by October 1, 2025 at the latest!
All checks can be sent to the National Treasurer, Linda Brooks.

DSS Angel Status Members



This status belongs to those members that wish to gift their funeral benefit back to the Sisterhood. We believe this is a generous and significant gift and wish to honor them.

JULY 2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
<i>Elaine MacKenzie</i>	<i>126</i>



PHOTO LEFT: Denmark is famous for its vibrant colorful buildings dotted all over Copenhagen. If you ask any local about where the most colorful street is in the neighborhood of Østerbro, they will most definitely point you in the direction of Olufsvej. This cozy little side street is sandwiched between the city's biggest park, Fælledparken, and the neighborhood's main shopping street, Østerbrogade. This location allows people plenty of opportunity to go shopping for a variety of items, or to go for a stroll in the park. Copenhagen is the capital and largest city in Denmark with a municipal area of 33.36 square miles. Copenhagen is one of the most important cities in Denmark and its residents have been ranked as the happiest people in the world. Copenhagen is a culturally diverse city with people from all over the world choosing to live in the city.

NEWS FROM LODGE #3, DAVENPORT, IOWA



Our Lodge #3, Davenport, Iowa, held their monthly meeting on July 9, 2025 and with the accompanying photo you might say this is our Christmas in July greeting to all of you, just a few months tardy. The photo of our lovely, Danish Christmas tree was from December of 2024 where yearly our President, Sarah Bengtson, assembles this beauty of handmade Danish ornaments for a yearly Christmas display at the Clinton County Historical Museum in Clinton, Iowa where we hold our Lodge #3 Sisterhood meetings.

There were five members present: Mary Mussman, Sarah Bengtson, Kirstin Bengtson, Janice Hansen and Paulette Fisher. Four members of our Lodge #3 went on the Danish Sisterhood trip to Denmark last fall and we have enjoyed seeing the fantastic pictures from that trip that Jerry and Judy Johansen, Sarah Bengtson and Tiffany Dawson enjoyed.

On September 14, 1884 our Davenport, Iowa Danish Sisterhood Lodge #3 was organized and we will celebrate that 141 year anniversary with a special luncheon meeting this September.

Paulette Fisher, Secretary of Lodge #3 Davenport, Iowa



NYHAVN:



PHOTO ABOVE AND TO THE RIGHT: These two beautiful photos are of Nyhavn. Nyhavn is a waterfront district in the heart of the Danish capital. It is beloved for its colorful buildings and exciting atmosphere. Operating in the 17th century as a busy commercial port, Nyhavn transformed over the centuries into one of Copenhagen's most photographed locations. Its rows of Copenhagen colorful houses—painted in pastel pinks, lemon yellows, mint greens, and firetruck reds—line the canal, creating a dreamy, rainbow-hued backdrop perfect for your travel photos. If you're a first-time visitor to Denmark, Nyhavn might already look familiar from travel photos, postcards, or your social media feed. After all, these colorful buildings in Copenhagen have become one of the city's top highlights for tourists, frequently appearing on landmark travel bucket lists.

With such a charming atmosphere, it's no wonder visitors flock here to enjoy the vibrant canal, indulge in Danish pastries at cozy cafés, and soak up the nautical charm. Historically, these quayside structures were the homes of merchants, sailors, and tradespeople. Over time, local residents began painting their houses in bright, distinguishable hues so they could easily spot their homes when returning from sea. This tradition also helped differentiate one residence from another in a time when addresses weren't as strictly codified as they are today.



ELLEN LODGE 21 – FIRST HALF OF 2025 IN REVIEW

It's hard to believe the first half of 2025 has come and gone. July is here along with a heatwave just in time for July 4th celebration. Along with celebrating our country's independence, Ellen Lodge 21 wants to recognize our oldest Sisterhood member: Inge Nagata. Inge was given a certificate of recognition and beautiful red and white tulips to celebrate her 40 years of dedication to Ellen Lodge. In those 40 years, Inge has given her time and energy, participating in crafts, meetings, serving on the Board, sending out birthday cards, always greeting the newest members and making them feel welcome. Inge very seldom missed a Sisterhood activity until recently when she fell and broke her pelvis. She was in rehab, but made sure she was out to celebrate her 102nd birthday on June 1st. She is amazing and it is an honor to celebrate her.

Thanks to our Heritage Committee, we are fortunate to have some wonderful presentations at our Lodge meetings. Tita Jergensen gave an amazing account of her family coming to the United States from Latvia during WWII. It was a story of a beautiful culture, war, strength, and such determination to experience the American Dream. The Sisters were focused on every word. Thank you, Tita, for sharing your Latvian history.

Birgitte "Gitte" Jappe Ross told the history of Victor Borge. Is there anyone who doesn't know one of the most famous Danes in the world? He would keep you laughing with all his comedic antics while playing the piano. Even though his comedic routine is what made him famous, he really was an accomplished pianist. Gitte brought some tapes of his most popular performances. It was so much fun to reminisce watching him on TV as a kid. Thank you, Gitte, for the laughs.

In May, the Heritage Committee was in charge of the presentation. At every meeting we have a Danish word of the day. This month the word was opskrift: recipe. This was appropriate because the presentation was on æbleskiver. Joanna Dubisher led the conversation having members share their favorite recipe, stories, traditions and memories. We discussed the difference in pans, stove top versus electric, and which brand is the best electric pan. I had no idea there were so many variations to the ingredients in the æbleskiver. It was so interesting to hear the memories that were shared from one Danish recipe. Thank you to Joanna Dubisher for coming up with this great idea.

June 21st was time for the annual picnic. There were 29 in attendance. As always there was plenty of hygge to go around with great conversation, and great food. It seems baking snobrød over the hot coals has become a tradition in the past few years, and we did not let the 100 degree temperature deter us from our mission. Even though it was hot, it was quite comfortable to relax and eat in the shade of the 2 big trees or you could choose to go inside Nissebo and enjoy the air-conditioned room.

I would like to introduce our newest member of Ellen Lodge 21: Krista Johnsen. She was initiated on May 17th. Krista will be such a great addition to our Lodge and to the Danish Sisterhood. It's so great to welcome a new member with so much enthusiasm! We've already got her signed up on committees.

So far, 2025 has been a productive year for Ellen Lodge. Wishing you all a great second half.

**Submitted by,
Chris Jensen Hix**

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Inger's certificate of recognition.



Tita Jergensen's Latvian heritage.

ELLEN LODGE 21 – FIRST HALF OF 2025 IN REVIEW, THIS TIME IN PICTURES



PHOTO ABOVE: Krista Johnsen, our newest member, and President Joanna Christensen.



PHOTO ABOVE: Æbleskiver wall plaque.



PHOTO ABOVE: Sharing æbleskive memories.



PHOTO ABOVE: Traditional Danish bonfire bread also known as Twisted bread (Snobrød).

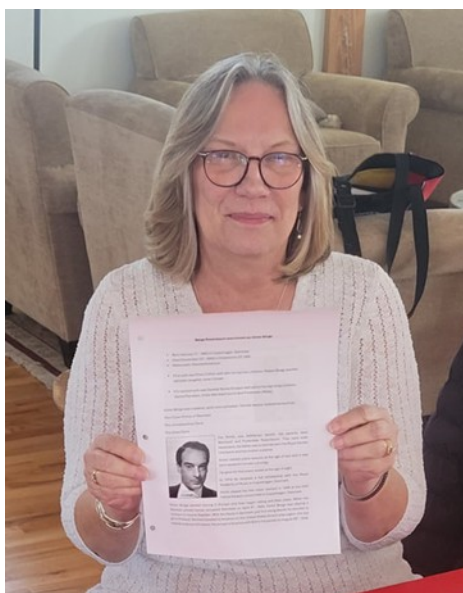


PHOTO LEFT: Birgitte Jappe Ross reported the history of Victor Borge.

NEWS FROM AMBER LODGE #186, BRAINERD, MN



PHOTO ABOVE: Members just finished a great potluck supper on a beautiful evening by Gull Lake.



PHOTO ABOVE: Bonfire with witch burning enjoyed by Amber Lodge members.

Great weather, Sisters and Mr. Sisters, guests, picnic, pontoon ride on Gull Lake, bonfire, story telling, and witch burning. What could be better for this group of Danes celebrating Sankt Hans Aften on the summer solstice in central Minnesota?

Thank you to Don and Nealna Gylling for hosting this traditional gathering again in 2025. It was fun!

Photos by LeAnn Plinske, Dottie Bisted, and Don Gylling.

Submitted by Barb Wenschlag, Historian.



PHOTO ABOVE: Don Gylling captains his pontoon on a ride around Gull Lake for Amber Lodge members.

MEMORIAL STONE IN DENMARK, COMMEMORATING TWO BRITISH AIRMEN, 1945



PHOTO LEFT:
Denmark After Liberation, 1945

This photo is of the memorial stone unveiled at the end of a ceremony in a forest clearing at Maarum, north of Copenhagen. The memorial commemorates Flight Lieutenant R. H. Thomas and Flying Officer G. J. Allin who died when their Mosquito aircraft crashed at the site in September 1944. The memorial commemorated these two airmen and the work of the Royal Air Force in dropping arms and equipment to Danish resistance fighters who operated from the nearby forest. The memorial was raised by donations from local villagers and former members of the Danish resistance.

SAVE THE DATES



PHOTO ABOVE: Knude Rubjeg North Jutland.

**Save the Dates
2026 Danish Sisterhood
Denmark Trip To
Wild and Wonderful
North Jutland
September 2 – 13, 2026**

***Details to follow in the
October Newsletter.***



PHOTO ABOVE: Denmark North Sea.

North Jutland: North Jutland is a region that seamlessly blends nature and culture, offering a variety of experiences for visitors. The region is known for its stunning landscapes, including the famous Skagen, Aalborg, and Løkken, as well as the unique lighthouse at Rubjeg Knude and the fascinating Grenen peninsula. Visitors can enjoy activities such as beachcombing, birdwatching, and exploring the rich cultural heritage of the area. The region is home to Aalborg University and several museums, providing a rich educational experience for those interested in history, art, and architecture. North Jutland's commitment to sustainability is evident in its focus on eco-friendly experiences and accommodations. For a relaxing holiday or an adventure-filled trip, North Jutland has something to offer everyone.



PHOTO ABOVE: Donna Hansen making the æbleskive batter.



PHOTO ABOVE: Jane Nyffeler, Vickey Bouquet, and Dawn Buss turning the æbleskiver while they cooked on the stove.

NEWS FROM DENMARK DOTRE LODGE NO. 90 FROM LINCOLN, NE

On April 12th the Denmark Dotre Lodge No.90 from Lincoln NE met for an æbleskive luncheon. We had lingonberry and raspberry jam or powdered sugar to put on the æbleskiver, also sausage, juice and coffee. We had so much fun making the aebelskiver and even more fun eating them. Fran Freeman took the pictures as #90 correspondent.



PHOTO ABOVE: Our whole group enjoying our æbleskive luncheon.

NEWS FROM HAABETS FREMTID LODGE #78, TROY, NEW YORK

Summer is proving to be a very busy season for several of our Sisters. The weather has been very warm without much rain. Some of our Sisters have been on vacations, families have been moving, and there have been illnesses with children and pets. We have not been able to have any formal meetings so we are missing the opportunity of spending time with our Sisters.

One of the things from the early days of the Sisterhood was to visit with Sisters who are ill and provide help where it would be needed. So, Judy Jensen and myself set off one day to visit with a couple of our ladies. The first stop was to visit Mildred Shea in the nursing home, where she has been living for a couple of years now. We were able to find her in the dining room, and she was happy to have some company. She did tell others we were friends, while we are actually cousins. Although she was rather quiet this time, we did enjoy visiting while she eagerly awaited her lunch.

Then we were off to visit with Annie Myers. Annie is one of our younger Sisters being a fourth generation member. Judy is Annie's grandmother and her Mom, Jenna Myers, is also a Sister. Annie had serious brain surgery a short time ago and was in the hospital for 4 days. She is doing very well now and will be ready to start her Junior year of College this month. She is a very talented young lady and we so enjoyed hearing her many stories of her days in the hospital, and plans for her future.

For now, we will enjoy the lovely flowers in our gardens and listen to the song of the birds. We are hoping to schedule meetings soon along with some more visitation to other shut-ins. We will enjoy the sunshine and tuck away the warm rays before fall comes around.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Wheeler | Treasurer and Correspondent
Haabets Fremtid Lodge 78, Troy, New York



PHOTO ABOVE (from left to right): Judy Jensen, Mildred Shea, and Marge Wheeler.



PHOTO ABOVE (from left to right): Annie Myers, Marge Wheeler, Judy Jensen and Jenna Myers.



Linda's New Address!

Linda Brooks
National Treasurer
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Thornton,
CO 80229

MEMBERS MEET FROM FREDEN LODGE #12, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Members of Freden Lodge #12, New Haven Connecticut recently spent a Saturday afternoon at the home of Barry and Winnie Edmonds. Special guest for the day was recently elected EGC President Marilyn Dore and her husband Mark from Greenwich, NY. The afternoon was filled with talk, laughter, food, drink and ending with a boat ride around the lake.

We recently learned of the passing of our oldest member. Lille Peters. Lille was a 75 year member of Freden Lodge. She passed at her home in La Mesa, California. Lille was a very active member of Freden Lodge over the years, holding several offices and always willing to help. We send our deepest condolences to her family.

**Submitted by Barry Edmonds,
Treasurer**



PHOTO ABOVE: Danish beer can be so refreshing!



PHOTO ABOVE: The American and Danish flags are always flying at the shore of the Edmonds' home on the Moodus Reservoir. The boat was later filled to capacity when taking a cruise around the lake.



PHOTO LEFT:
Great Danish
pastry to enjoy!

*Photography by
Freden lodge
member Karen
Manuel.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Attendees enjoying food and drink included (from the left): EGC President Marilyn Dore, Mark Dore, Kirsten Pedersen, Elaine Swirsky, Pat Rua, Lisbeth Manuel, John Rasmussen, Winnie Edmonds, Barry Edmonds. Missing from photo is photographer Karen Manuel.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HARALD BLUETOOTH?

Published: Mar 11, 2023, written by Marie-Madeleine Renauld, MA Art History and Archaeology

Read on to discover why a 10th-century Viking king gave his name to the famous wireless technology. This is the story of Harald Bluetooth.

We all know Bluetooth is a wireless communication technology but did you know that a 10th-century Viking king inspired its name and logo? Known as *Harald Blåtand Gormsen* in Danish or Harald Bluetooth Gormsson in English, King Harald reigned over Denmark between around 958 to around 986.



Although his name was given to the well-known technology, the first Christian king of Denmark's story remains largely unknown to most people. Harald Bluetooth gave Denmark and Scandinavia the impulse to join booming-medieval Europe during his reign.

Who Was Harald Bluetooth?

In the shadows of history for centuries, Harald Bluetooth suddenly became famous when a couple of men dug up his name from the depths of Viking history and gave it to an innovative new technology. The Viking king played a fundamental role in the unification of Denmark with its neighbors (now the countries of Norway and Sweden), and he helped to Christianize Scandinavia.

The scarce information available about the first Christian king of Denmark comes from varying sources written during Harald's reign and by later chroniclers. They certainly did not hesitate to embellish or exaggerate some of his traits, sometimes giving divergent descriptions but contributing to the Viking king's legend.

Harald was described as *"remarkable by the force of his mind and faith"* but also *"deprived of wisdom"* and *"without great intelligence."* Several chroniclers praised the great warrior and king and wrote about the animosity between Harald and his son Sweyn Forkbeard.

As his family name Gormsson would suggest, Harald was the son of Gorm the Old, king of Denmark, and Thyra. He was probably born around 920. In 958, Harald replaced his father at the head of a vast kingdom covering today's Denmark, parts of Norway, and Sweden.

Denmark's First Christian King

Harald was born pagan like his predecessors, worshipping the Norse pantheon's gods. Around 960, maybe in 963, Harald converted to Christianity, becoming Denmark's first Christian king. It was not a novelty as Christianity had progressively spread across the region since the 9th century. Yet, the king's conversion made the new religion durable.

Harald's conversion was not only an act of faith but also a political decision. Otto the Great, the East Frankish king and Holy Roman Emperor in the mid-10th century, threatened to expand his territories across Danish borders. His first move was the creation of bishoprics in Denmark and Harald's conversion helped the Danish Church maintain its independence. Harald wished to keep his people's trust and ensured a smooth transition from paganism to Christianity by not forcing them to give up their old beliefs and traditions. **Story continued on the next page.**



PHOTO ABOVE: Detail of a portrait of Harald Bluetooth, 1565-1585, via ThoughtCo.com

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HARALD BLUETOOTH? (continued)

Why the Nickname Harald Bluetooth?

So why was king Harald known as “Bluetooth”? The origin behind this nickname is probably not that charming. Harald supposedly had a rotten tooth, which looked blue or black as his Danish name would suggest: *Harald Blåtand Gormsen*, *blå* meaning blue and *tand* tooth. The first mention of this detail appears in the *Chronicon Roskildense*, a 12th-century Danish chronicle written in Latin which describes Danish historical events, including the kingdom’s Christianization. The author used the Latin word *Blatan* to describe Harald without providing further details.

William of Æbelholt, a French churchman who moved to Denmark to help restore religious discipline in the diocese of Roskilde, was the first to explain King Harald’s blue tooth. In his genealogy of the Danish kings, written during the second half of the 12th century, William described Harald’s tooth as dark blue, almost black. Yet, the origin of the tooth’s color remains unknown. Harald may have had a rotten tooth that was particularly visible. The lack of health and dental care at the time meant it was common to have bad teeth, even among royals.

Some give a less gruesome explanation for Harald’s nickname. Scandinavians are very fond of berries, a type of wild fruit widespread in northern lands. Harald may have been particularly fond of blue-colored berries, and it may have caused his teeth to blacken.

Mentions of the blue tooth only appeared two centuries after Harald’s death. During his reign, the king was undoubtedly known as Harald Gormsson: the son of Gorm. In Scandinavian tradition, people were known by their first names. They also used a patronymic made of their father’s name or, less often, of their mother’s name. The father’s or mother’s name was followed by the - (s)son/-sen suffix or -dóttir/-dotter. Eventually, it became a kind of surname, sometimes combined with an inherited family name. The mysterious origin of Harald’s nickname remains unclear. Because of its singularity, Harald and his supposed blue tooth stood the test of time and eventually became famous.

Gaining a clear impression of Harald’s general appearance is also challenging. One of the few depictions of him, a painting on one of the pillars of Roskilde cathedral, shows Harald dressed as a man from the 16th century with red stockings, a blue skirt, and golden armor. Things he would not wear in his time.

The Jelling Stones

Despite the dearth of written sources about Harald Bluetooth, the Danish king left plenty of archaeological traces of his reign. Among his landmarks, Harald established a network of round-shaped fortresses across Denmark and southern Sweden. He also modernized the [Dannevirke](#), a fortification network in Schleswig-Holstein, in neighboring northern Germany.

The Jelling Stones complex is the most significant and precious source of information about Harald Bluetooth. Archaeologists have studied this vast carved runestone site in central Denmark since 1704.

Harald’s father, Gorm the Old, probably erected the first carved stone in memory of his wife, Thyra. Harald raised the second stone to honor his parents and to celebrate his political success. With its runic inscriptions, Harald’s stone constitutes a precious source of information about his accomplishments: the annexation of Norwegian and Swedish territories and the Christianization of the kingdom.

Story continued on the next page.



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HARALD BLUETOOTH? (continued)

Like his father before him, Harald was part of the Jelling dynasty. The Jelling dynasty, also known as the House of Knýtlinga, started with the legendary Danish king Harthacnut, father of Gorm the Old, and it counted a succession of several kings up to the death of Harthacnut (also known as Canute III) in 1042.

The Jelling dynasty's successive kings shaped Denmark's kingdom, making it one of the most powerful kingdoms in 11th-century Northern Europe. At its peak, its territory spread from Northern Norway to England.

Forced into Exile by His Son

After many years of political success, and the establishment of a strong power over vast unified territories, the end of Harald Bluetooth's reign was initiated by the revolt of his son, Sweyn. The latter, along with some unhappy aristocrats, forced the king into exile during the 980s. He settled somewhere in the southern part of the Baltic states.

Harald Bluetooth and the Birth of Bluetooth Technology

In 1997, several big communication companies such as IBM, Intel, Ericsson, Nokia, and Toshiba developed a new technology to connect devices. Nokia and Ericsson, two Nordic enterprises, led the project. On a windy night, in a bar in Toronto, two engineers from Intel and Ericsson who were working on the project were having a drink. They were looking for a good name to give to their new technology. During their conversation, they talked about their shared love for history. One of them mentioned a book he had just read about the Vikings, including one peculiar Viking king: Harald Bluetooth. The engineers made a parallel between Harald Bluetooth, a unifying king, and the tool they had created to connect various devices in a unique network. One of them, Jim Kardach, created a PowerPoint to explain the name choice to his superiors. It contained a picture of a stylized Harald on a stone, holding a cellphone and a laptop.

To finish reading the remainder of this story, go to:

[Harald Bluetooth: The Viking Who Gave His Name to Wireless Technology | TheCollector](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know that our collection of historical materials is located at the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa?

Do you know that our history is available 24 hours a day through the museum website?

[Danish Immigrant Museum - Browse Collections](#)

Do you know there are 799 issues of the Sisterhood News in the archival library?

Do you know there are 27 scrapbooks, 322 lodge ledgers and 17 national and district ledgers in the collection?

Do you know that the Petaluma Lodge #126 has a scrapbook in our library dating back to 1911?

I was fascinated by their rich history. The 1911 scrapbook contained a photo of soldiers in WW I who were family members of Sisterhood Members. The lodge held their first district convention with the Brotherhood in July of 1927. It was held from Wednesday through Saturday. The ticket for the Grand Banquet was \$2.50.

The convention program included a day at Mirabel Park on the Russian River. They had highway patrolmen accompany the car caravan to the park "assuring safety and careful driving." At the park they enjoyed swimming, dancing and tobogganing! Yes, that is right, tobogganing!

This is OUR history as a Sisterhood. Check out the archives and see how creative and innovative our Sisters were to recruit new members, raise money for the lodge, and host events of interest to the membership. We have a lot to learn from our sisters who came before us.

By Marcia Jante, Lodge #15 Milwaukee WI | Chair, DSS and Museum Archival Committee



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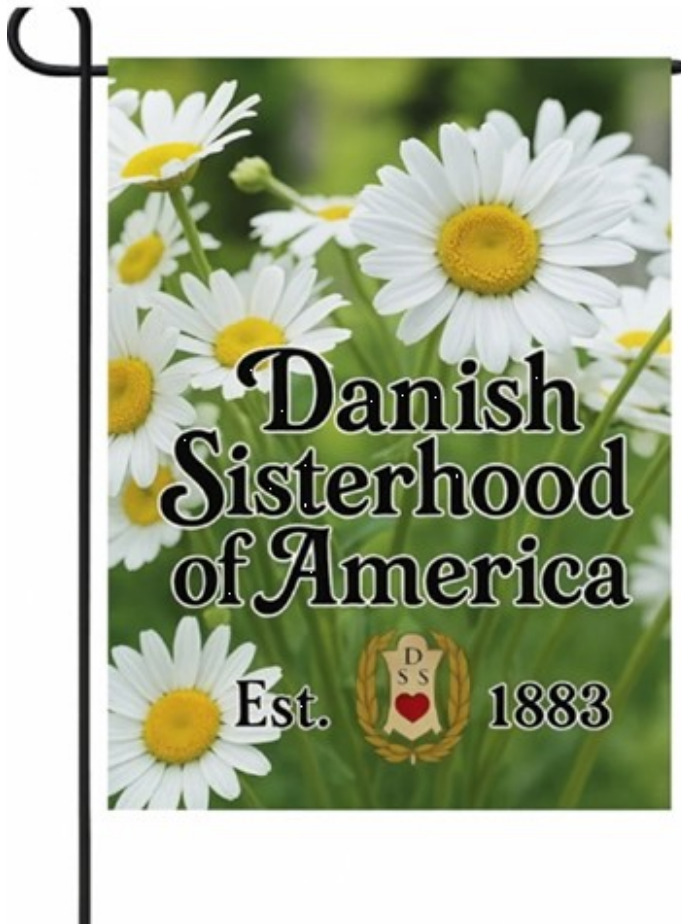
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