

# The Norwegian-American Historical Association

Northfield, Minnesota

# NEWS



# LETTER

*From the Secretary's Office to the Association Members*

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Editor, L. HUSTVEDT

## MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 1000!

As of October 15, the NAHA membership reached a new record of 1008: life 112, sustaining 165, patron 6, and associate 725. A total of 88 new members have been added to date this year. We want all of them to know how welcome they are. We introduce each one of them to our readers by listing their names below. That so many have decided to become members of the NAHA is a source of great encouragement and inspiration to the officers and the older members of the Association.

Less heartening is the fact that 57 have discontinued their membership, with nine of these cancellations being caused by death. A total of 3,593 have been or are currently members of the NAHA. Because life membership dues go into a permanent fund and only the accrued interest is used for current expenses, deceased life members remain on our membership lists. When deceased members are added, our current membership is 1,059.

### NEW MEMBERS IN 1965

#### LIFE

Per Helliesen, 326 So. 17 Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin  
Howard B. Knudsen, Willow Creek Rd., Rt. 1, Hopkins, Minnesota  
Nora Lodge, Sons of Norway, 2431 No. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, Illinois  
S. Phyllis Stearner, 154 Juliet Court, Clarendon Hills, Illinois  
P. Victor Dahl, P.O. Box 285, Grayslake, Illinois

#### SUSTAINING

Kathy Wangsness, 1725 Farnam St. Davenport, Iowa

Mrs. Agnes Kittelsland, Summit Oak Farm, Sacred Heart, Minnesota  
Gunstein Rystad, 7719 Beacon Ave. So., Seattle, Washington  
Lowell T. Blanchard, 1150 4th Ave., Los Angeles, California  
G. Bernhard Fedde, 1125 Failing Bldg., Portland, Oregon  
Richard W. Giere, 300 W. Elmwood Pl., Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Paul A. Rasmussen, 400 State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Sverre O. Jules, 3012 N.W. 74th St., Seattle, Washington  
Kaare Bolgen, 58 Colgate Road, Great Neck, N. Y.  
Ernest B. Svendsen, 422 Winthrop Ave., New Haven, Connecticut  
C. A. Christopherson, 509 So. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, S. D.  
Olaf L. Stokstad, 2453 Arrowhead Rd., Okemos, Rt. 2, Lansing, Michigan  
Mrs. Gladys O. Andersen, Rt. 1 West, Box 375, Great Falls, Montana  
Nidaros Lodge, Sons of Norway, 1544 5th St., Astoria, Oregon  
Paul M. Amundsen, 740 Hawthorne Ave., Elmhurst, Illinois  
Lester W. Hansen, 6345 Burlington Ave. No., St. Petersburg, Florida  
L. S. Larson, 19263 Coffinberry Blvd., Fairview Park, Ohio  
Mrs. Ruth Brissette, Rt. 3, Box 115, Mukwonago, Wisconsin  
Kermit Norbeck, 306 E. 1st St., Redfield, S. D.  
Mrs. W. W. Seeger, R.R. No. 2, Caledonia, Michigan  
L. H. Christensen, 3505 Crossland Ave., Baltimore, Maryland

#### ASSOCIATE

George R. Qualley, 1724 Parmenter St., Middleton, Wisconsin  
Otto H. Reesing, Granfills Gap, Texas  
Magnus Nodtvedt, 6601 80th S.W., Tacoma, Washington  
Sigfred F. Berge, 2202 Hoyt Ave., Everett, Washington

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## NEW MEMBERS IN 1965

(Continued from page one)

- Mrs. J. Agnes Teske, Rt. 2, Box 656, East Moline, Illinois  
Jorgen Dahlie, 706 Terrace Apt., Pullman, Washington  
Hans Kristoffersen, 210 Clinton Ave., Apt. 5-H, Brooklyn 5, N. Y.  
Lucile Selbak, 4722 Peabody St., Duluth 4, Minnesota  
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John Crippen, Jr., 4555 51st St., Apt. 1, San Diego, California  
John K. Grotting, 743 Medical Arts Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Robert C. Steen, 78 No. Grand Ave., Pasadena, California  
George C. Strum, 408 Upper Broadway, Decorah, Iowa  
Carl W. Refsland, 2001 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland  
Andrew Sande, 1320 Grandview Ave., Oconomowoc, Wisconsin  
Howard Knutson, 1315 West 18th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Ole M. Olson, Box 36, Rt. 1, Floweree, Montana  
Thores Johnson, 4701 So. Land Park Dr., Sacramento, California  
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Oscar R. Knutson, 1230 Roselawn Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota  
Bjarne Andreassen, 1952 E. 34th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Walter Jacobson, 1707 No. Fry, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Mrs. Josephine Swanstrom, 255 W. 105 Place, Chicago, Illinois  
Lenna C. Larson, V.A. Center, Fargo, North Dakota  
Clifford M. Dahl, Box 189, Wayne, Nebraska  
Mrs. Anna S. Alvig, 818 University Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Astrid E. Harman, 542 Laidley St., San Francisco 12, California  
J. C. Bilden, Northwood, N. D.  
Mildred Torgerson, 516 15th St. N., Benson, Minnesota  
Michael Leon Olsen, 3419 Logan Ave., Waterloo, Iowa  
Kalevi A. Olkio, 30 S. Gay St., Baltimore 2, Maryland  
Jon Wefold, 2043 Jackson Ave., Apt. 303, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Mrs. Charles Claridge, P.O. Box 385, Newport, Oregon  
Nathalie M. Prestholdt, 3034 N. New England Ave., Chicago, Illinois  
Martha A. Johnson, 3508 Oak Ave., Brookfield, Illinois  
C. R. Stewart, 4815 N. Persimmon Ave., Temple City, California  
Jardar K. Aarsand, 15 Porter Ave., Tenafly, N. J.  
Arne Nielsen, 131 High Clear Dr., Stamford, Connecticut  
William French, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota  
Herbert Erickson, Rt. 1, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin  
Mrs. Ted Stone, 6049 W. Nelson St., Chicago, Illinois  
John E. Reinertsen, 9519 Crawford Avenue, Skokie, Illinois  
Torolv Kandahl, "Aftenposten," Oslo, Norway  
Mrs. Harvey McIlrath, 23309 45th Ave., Bothell, Washington  
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Wendell Q. Halverson, Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa  
A. Norman Arntzen, 400 Kennedy Road, Windsor, Connecticut  
John Hafstad, 830 Elm Street, Long Beach, California  
Richard Halom, R.R. 4, Beloit, Wisconsin  
Per Goplerud, Storruste PO, Valdres, Norway  
Finn Koren, 360 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
George H. Olsen, 1218 Belleforte, Oak Park, Illinois  
LeRoy M. Paulson, 225 6th Avenue, Granite Falls, Minnesota  
Dorothy Welley, 310 5th St. No., Great Falls, Montana  
Morris P. Hasvold, Box 188, Flandreau, S. D.  
Donald R. Jorgensen, Univ. of Illinois, 1855 W. Taylor St., Chicago, Ill.  
Mrs. Roy R. Peterson, Broad Run Farms, Rt. 2, Sterling, Virginia  
Rita-Alexandra Larsen, 512 E. State St., Ithaca, New York  
Arthur F. Giere, Galesville, Wisconsin

### ERIK J. FRIIS — MEMBER OF PUBLICATION BOARD

The executive board named Erik J. Friis to the NAHA publication board. Mr. Friis is well known for his broad interest in American-Scandinavian affairs and especially for his brilliant career as editor of the *American-Scandinavian Review*.

Mr. Friis joined the American-Scandinavian Foundation staff in 1946, became editor of the *Review* in 1954, and in 1958 his duties were expanded to that of Literary Secretary of the Foundation. Besides editing the *Review* he is now in direct charge of the Foundation's publications program. The publication board is most fortunate in being able to add a member of Mr. Friis' talent and experience.



Left to right: Edward Scharlow, president of lodge; Lloyd Hustvedt, NAHA secretary; Martin Jondahl, counselor; Beulah Folkedahl, NAHA curator; Lucinda Jondahl, secretary; Evelyn Scharlow, marshal; Ernest Hansen, financial secretary; Ingrid Hansen, inner guard; Hanna Kiellman, treasurer.

#### ARCHIVES ADD NORA LODGE RECORDS

Seven officers from the Nora Lodge No. 1 (see above) traveled from Chicago to Northfield to turn over their records to the NAHA. These records date back to 1860, when a group of Norwegians assembled in a carpenter shop at 13 North Wells Street in Chicago and organized the "Norwegian Society Nora."

First designed to promote cultural and literary interests, the society became a fraternal order in 1863 and adopted the name Nora Lodge No. 1, Knights of the White Cross. In 1938 this lodge merged with the Sons of Norway, but retained its old name.

The rich history of this organization includes events such as the presentation of a banner to the Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteers under the command of Colonel Hans Christian Heg. It served as a host to Jenny Lind, Ole Bull, and was a principal host to Captain Magnus Andersen and his crew who sailed a viking ship from Norway to Chicago.

These well-preserved records contain a wealth of information about the early cultural and social activities of the Norwegian immigrant in Chicago.

#### VOLUME II OF AUTHORS SERIES GOES TO PRESS

The second volume of our new authors series, a biography of Rasmus Bjørn Anderson by Lloyd Hustvedt, is now being printed by Lund Press in Minneapolis. It is still too early to estimate with any accuracy when the book will be ready for distribution to the members.

Mr. Ralph L. Henry, professor emeritus at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, assisted Professor Bjork in editing this book. Professor Henry is also managing many of the details which attend final steps of publication.

Rasmus B. Anderson, the central figure in this work, was a prominent and colorful person on the Norwegian immigrant scene in America. Born on a farm in Wisconsin, he rose to university professor, later became the American minister to Denmark, and for twenty-four years published and edited the stormy newspaper *Amerika*.

- The English Theater Company of Norway used information from NAHA publications in their production of *Voyages* which opened in Oslo, June 26.

# TREASURER'S REPORT 1964

(SELECTED PORTIONS)

The Norwegian-American Historical Association was organized not for profit, but for the discovery, preservation, and publication of important grass roots history based on original source material. This is why the Treasurer's Annual Report deals first with the Association's production of historical works, which are distributed as dividends to members.

The books in production during 1964 were: *Studies*—Volume 22, distributed in February, 1965; and *Klondike Saga*, by Carl L. Lokke, scheduled for distribution in May, 1965. Two additional volumes are well along in the editorial process. The response to the new *Studies volume* has been very favorable as to both design and printing, and especially as to its significant and interesting content.

*Klondike Saga* is the first work since 1929 published in co-operation with the University of Minnesota Press, in accordance with an agreement worked out by Managing Editor Kenneth O. Bjork. This agreement provides for the publication of some of our books under the joint sponsorship of the Association and the Press. The University of Minnesota Press has well established relations with many libraries, educational institutions, and other sales outlets. This agreement is a big step forward to assure wider distribution and greater sales; and is another significant recognition of the high standing of the publications prepared by our Editor and the Editorial Board.

The financial statements which follow were prepared by bank auditor, Michael Rizzo, from the Treasurer's records and from the monthly financial reports and remittances of the Secretary. All accounts are kept on a cash basis; that is, income is counted only when received and expenditures are recorded only when bills are actually received and paid.

In meeting these large cash outlays, the \$2,000 bequest of Birger Osland, acknowledged in the last annual report, but actually received in 1964, was particularly helpful.

Income from Dues, Associate and Sustaining Members, was \$4,780.10, compared with \$4,607.02 in 1963. This is a new high reflecting the productive membership efforts, in which all members are urged to help; under the chairmanship of Secretary Lloyd Hustvedt, and the overall leadership of President Lionel G. Thorsness.

Further gains in new members are confidently expected as a result of the fine co-operation of the Sons of Norway in a campaign among the 27,000 members of their great organization. Mr. Jens M. Hovelsrud, as a member of the Association's Board of Finance, has taken the leading part in arranging and carrying out this major membership project; and together with the administration of the Sons of Norway, deserves a vote of appreciation from all members.

ANDREW E. WIGELAND

Treasurer

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## PROFESSOR BJORK IN AFRICA

Professor Kenneth O. Bjork, our editor, left with his family in August for University College, Nairobi, Kenya, where he will serve as a staff member for the Rockefeller Foundation for the next two years. The Rockefeller Social Sciences Program is designed to aid selected universities in underdeveloped countries to train men and women for leadership in their own educational institutions.

Besides teaching history, Professor Bjork will help organize and strengthen the social science studies at University College. He is also serving as adviser in the field of political science.

Professor Bjork will continue as editor of the NAHA. Most of the editorial work on our forthcoming publication was finished before Professor Bjork left. Professor Carlton C. Qualey, a member of our publication board, will edit Volume 23 of *Studies*.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Opening Cash Balance—January 1, 1965 .....	\$ 9,793.29
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Life Membership Fees .....	\$ 550.00
Institutional 25-Year Life Memberships .....	200.00
Dues, Associate and Sustaining Members .....	4,780.10
Book Sales .....	1,898.93
Unrestricted Gifts and Bequests for Current Use .....	2,045.50
Interest on Investments .....	1,079.71
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....	<b>\$10,554.24</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE</b> .....	<b>\$20,347.53</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Publication Expenses	
Printing and Binding .....	\$5,550.89
Editorial, Typing, etc. ....	1,269.89
Author, Research, etc. ....	154.32
News Letter Expenses .....	704.44
Operating Expenses (Secretary's Office)	
Publication, (Packaging, Mailing, etc.) .....	12.56
General, Billing Dues, Mem. Records, New Members Campaign, Supplies, etc. Steno. ....	3,271.86
General Expenses .....	600.76
Advertising .....	171.15
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b> .....	<b>\$11,735.87</b>
Purchase of \$6,000.00 U. S. Treasury Notes 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ % due 8-13-65 ...	\$ 8,611.66 6,000.00
<b>CLOSING CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1964</b> .....	<b>\$ 2,611.66</b>

### Comparative Balance Sheet

	Dec. 31, 1964	Dec. 31, 1963	Dec. 31, 1962
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash .....	\$ 2,611.66	\$ 9,793.29	\$ 5,831.67
Investments .....	32,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
Secretary, Cash in Bank in Northfield, Minn. ..	500.00	500.00	500.00
	\$35,111.66	\$36,293.29	\$32,331.67
<b>NET WORTH:</b>			
The Ole Edvart Rølvaag Memorial Fund .....	\$15,292.37	\$14,742.37	\$14,467.37
Institutional 25-Year Life Membership Funds..	1,240.00	1,040.00	940.00
Current Funds .....	18,579.29	20,510.92	16,924.30
	\$35,111.66	\$36,293.29	\$32,331.67

### NEWS IN BRIEF

- Marthinius A. Strand, first vice-president of the NAHA, is the general chairman for the drive to raise funds for a new building for the Norwegian-American Museum.
- A total of 3,059 persons visited the Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa, during the month of August. This is the highest number on record.
- Robert Ashton Moen has recently published the *Sailing of Leif the Lucky and*

*other poems.* Vantage Press, New York and Hollywood. 64 pages, \$2.50.

- Orlanda Ingvoldstad has published a new collection of poetry, *Rimes for Rusty.* Geddes Press, Pasadena, 21 pages, \$1.00.
- Marthinius A. Strand donated a complete set of our publications to the new public library at Salt Lake City, Utah.
- The next triennial meeting will be held May 14, 1966. Jens M. Hovelsrud, Magne Smedvig, Roy N. Thorshov and Lloyd Hustvedt have been elected to the planning committee.

## NAHA OFFICERS

### Executive Board

Lionel G. Thorsness, Chicago, *President*

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Erik J. Friis, American-Scandinavian  
Foundation

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### Regional Chairmen

Helmer C. Blegen, Sioux Falls

Carl Soyland, Brooklyn

Arne Tvete, Seattle

O. I. Hertsgaard, Minneapolis

Carl E. Moe (*Honorary*), Seattle

## DECEASED

Major Erwin Larsen, Chicago, a mem-  
ber since 1958.

Larry Rue, *Chicago Tribune* Foreign  
Correspondent, in charge of the press  
service in Germany.

Albert S. Ryland, Seattle, a member  
since 1941.

Henry L. Prestholdt, Minneapolis, be-  
came a life member in 1960.

Clifford T. Hultin, Alexandria, Vir-  
ginia, a member since 1952.

Edwin Olaf Holter, New York City,  
a member since 1938.

Myron T. Herreid, Afton, Minnesota,  
a member since 1948.

Fred A. Hanse, Spencer, Iowa, a mem-  
ber since 1943.

Odd E. Ellewsen, Chicago, a member  
since 1963.

Einar Hammer, Fraternal Director,  
Supreme Lodge, Sons of Norway.

Mrs. Kristine Haugen, a member since  
1931. She served as a regional vice-  
president for the NAHA for many years.  
She was thoroughly dedicated to the  
objectives of the Association, and was  
one of our most valuable and loyal sup-  
porters. Her Papers, located in our ar-  
chives, testify to her quiet wisdom and  
her fervent desire that the Norwegian  
immigrant should reflect honor both  
upon the land he left and the one he  
adopted.

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