

## Short review of the history of Odense

- Artefacts show signs of human activity in the bronze-age and the early iron-age
- 980 Viking-ring-castle "Nonnebakken"
- 988 Odense is mentioned for the first time in a written source – in a letter to The German-Roman Emperor Carl the 3<sup>rd</sup> Court in Aachen
- 1086 The murder of King Canute the 4. (King Canute the Sacred) in The Sct. Alban Church
- 1231 Odense is mentioned in The Will (Testament) of King Valdemar the 2.
- 1247 The city was on fire because of war between two of the noble families.



- 1477 The Rights as a Merchant-Town confirmed by King Christian the 1.
- 1500 century (The first half) Queen Christine in Odense
- 1534-36 Civil-war between royal- and noble-families and the introduction of The Lutheran Reformation.
- 1549 The first pharmacist (Apothecary) in Odense
- 1580 The County leaders ceremonial acknowledgement of King Frederik the 2.
- **1639** King Christian the 4. established the regulations for The Nightwatchmen in Odense
- 1677 The priest, author, hymn-writer and poet *Thomas Kingo* (1634 - 1703) becomes Bishop of Odense. (He wrote the nightwatchman-hymn).
- 1705 Author **Ambrosius Stub** is born (Odense 1741-47) – dies in Ribe 1758.
- 1720 Sct. John Monastery is rebuilt and converted to The Odense Castle.
- 1762 Train-Oil-streetlamps in Odense
- 1795 Odense Theatre (Komediehuset) on Sortebrødretorv
- 1805 **H. C. Andersen** is born (He leaves Odense in 1819)
- 1807 *Rasmus Rask* (linguist) finished his apprenticeship at the latin-school
- 1803 Opening of Odense Canal and Odense Harbour
- 1829 **C. F. Tietgen** is born – he leaves the city in 1849
- 1836 The first Iron-foundry in Odense
- 1846 The first bank in Odense
- 1853 Gas- and waterworks in Odense
- 1859 Albani Breweries
- 1860 The first provincial art-museum in Denmark in Jernbanegade
- 1865 Odense Railwaystation / Railway across Funen: Middelfart-Odense-Nyborg
- 1865 **Carl Nielsen** is born in Nr. Lyndelse south of Odense
  - (He is in Odense 1879-1883)
- **1866** Nightwatchman-guild (Corps) decommissioned
- 1867 H. C. Andersen becomes a "honorary citizen" and hailed by the cityzens torch-procession
- 1883 New Town-Hall (Oldest part of the present townhall)
- 1891 Public Electricity Supply
- 1894 Thomas B. Thrige is founder of the industrialism in Odense.