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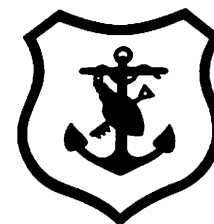


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## President's Column

by  
**DBIA President  
George Jacobsen**

In the last quarter of 1982 you read in the American Dane about the changes taking place in the agency department. We have been searching for full-time district managers and we have been working on updating our insurance portfolio, introducing new plans, reducing rates and increasing dividends. This month in the fraternal protection column we feature the non-smoker certificates for those of you who kicked the habit and have abstained for at least 12 months.

The move in this direction was made because of a marketing study concluded in our centennial year. The Board of Directors authorized the study to ensure the Society's future for the next 100 years.

What we learned was reassuring. We have a solid organization. We have an attractive package of fraternal benefits — a scholarship program, fraternal aid, camp grants, and our orphan's benefit. We have dedicated members.

We have good life insurance products, but even good products need updating from time to time to remain competitive in this fast-moving world. The marketing study concluded even the best products need a strong and dedicated marketing approach.

At the spring meeting the Board approved the recommendation of the study to introduce a district manager system and revise our insurance plans. Their approval put the national headquarters staff into action.

The Board unanimously believes in the course being undertaken by the Society. We did increase membership while we had active area managers and we believe we will increase membership substantially after we employ district managers to recruit and train part-time lodge representatives.

We can say the economy is to blame for the slowdown in our growth or we can point to the mandatory insurance requirement as has been the tendency for many years. The fact is many fraternal continue to grow with the same basic requirements. However, they have well-trained, professional sales people.

We would like to expand the fraternal benefits but this would be possible only with increased membership and insurance in force.

We are convinced the future of the Danish Brotherhood will depend on how successful we will be in marketing the benefits of membership.

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## Youth Committee Supports Skovsøen

The Youth Committee of the National Board of Directors has announced its intention to encourage support of the new Danish language camp known as Skovsøen. The camp is part of the Concordia College group of International Language Villages.

One full grant for the cost of the summer program \$360, will be awarded by the Society for use in 1983. The grant is part of the existing camp grant program.

The two-week camp experience in Minnesota acquaints participants with Danish language and culture. Ages 8-17 may apply. The 1983 session runs from August 8-20. Details about the program may be requested from the International Language Villages, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 56560.

**For Danish Brotherhood camp grant applications, including the above grant, write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131 before April 1, 1983.**



## Scandinavia on Cable

The idea took shape during production of a television special in honor of King Olav's visit to the United States — create weekly Scandinavian programs for the American audience. Millions of Americans of Scandinavian heritage would welcome this opportunity to keep in touch weekly with their homelands.

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Beginning with a premier program aired January 2, 3 and 8, the programs will be seen weekly, each shown three times during the week. You may look for them on SPN (Satellite Programming Network) Sundays from 8-9 p.m. Eastern time, on MSN, (Modern Satellite Network) Mondays from 11:30-12:30 p.m., Eastern time, and on SPN, Saturdays from 3-4 p.m. These cable networks have a combined total of 12 million subscribing homes, with MSN covering major hotel chains. Announcements will be carried in their respective program guides.





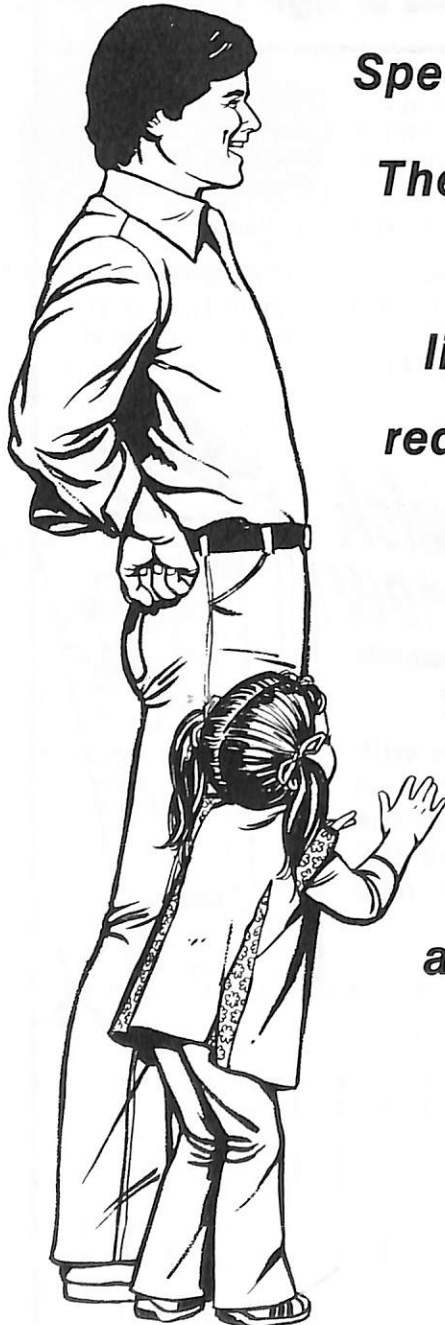
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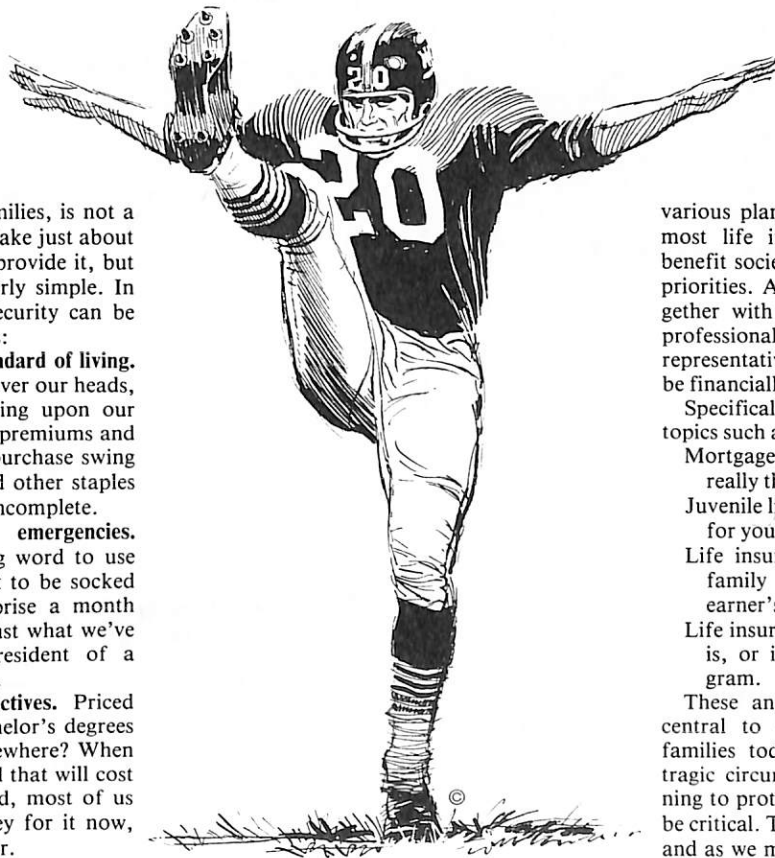
# PLAIN TALK . . .

## ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE

by James A. Ballew, CLU

*James A. Ballew, CLU, has more than 30 years experience writing about life insurance. He has served as editor of the Fraternal Monitor publication of the National Fraternal Congress, since 1965 and also serves as a consultant to fraternal benefit societies.*

### Kick-Off Column



Financial security, for most families, is not a complicated matter. True, it may take just about every dollar we can scrape up to provide it, but the essentials of the thing are fairly simple. In fact, for most of us, financial security can be broken down neatly into four parts:

**1. Money to maintain one's standard of living.** This is the stuff that keeps a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs and clothing upon our bodies. It also pays our insurance premiums and gasoline bills, and enables us to purchase swing sets, snowmobiles and stereos and other staples without which our lives would be incomplete.

**2. Money for unexpected emergencies.** "Unexpected" may be the wrong word to use here. Anyone who doesn't expect to be socked with at least one expensive surprise a month ("Oh, good, a new fuel pump. Just what we've always wanted.") must be a resident of a different and perhaps better world.

**3. Money for long-range objectives.** Priced weddings lately? How about bachelor's degrees or a toehold on a lake shore somewhere? When there's something we want or need that will cost a bundle sometime down the road, most of us would do well to salt away money for it now, rather than going in hock for it later.

**4. Money for retirement.** Now, there's an item I, for one, don't want to slip up on (or have slip up on me, for that matter). Living on a shoestring budget may be high adventure when you're twenty-two, but when I'm in my dotage I intend to be excessively secure and comfortable, thank you very much.

Obviously, the key to all this is income. Without it, there's no such thing as financial security. Fortunately, most of us have a nice, dependable source of income — our jobs — which helps keep the wolf from the door. Unfortunately, our income is not guaranteed. If we go, it goes. And because it is not carved in stone that we won't be dispatched at the worst possible time — like with a house full of kids, a mortgage and a large stack of unpaid bills — most people, at one time or another, get around to buying some life insurance.

So far, life insurance is the only guaranteed

way to provide for our family's day-to-day living expenses if we're not around to do it ourselves. It is also an especially convenient way for many people to send today's dollars ahead for tomorrow's emergencies, opportunities, or to supplement their incomes at retirement.

It's good stuff. But how much does the average consumer really know about life insurance . . . what kind and how much to buy, for instance . . . where to get it and how much to pay? Probably not as much as he or she should, considering how important life insurance can be in a family's financial planning. But, then, that's what The Danish Brotherhood in America is all about. Each month in this space we'll take a look at a different part of that confusing subject: life insurance. We'll discuss, in plain language, how

various plans and options generally offered by most life insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies may fit your needs, budget and priorities. And we'll see how life insurance, together with some intelligent planning and the professional advice of your Danish Brotherhood representative, can assure that your family will be financially secure should you die prematurely.

Specifically, future columns will deal with topics such as:

Mortgage life insurance . . . is the bank's plan really the best deal for you?

Juvenile life insurance . . . do you really need it for your children and, if so, how much?

Life insurance planning for the two-income family . . . the key is protecting both wage earner's income contribution, and;

Life insurance and inflation . . . what inflation is, or is not, doing to your family's program.

These and other issues are, or should be, central to the life insurance plans of most families today. And, naturally, under certain tragic circumstances, prior life insurance planning to protect a family's income and assets can be critical. There is also the matter of retirement, and as we mentioned, life insurance (or perhaps its sister plan, the annuity) can play an important role in arranging for income to continue after we stop earning it.

Of course, your Danish Brotherhood representative is the real hero when it comes to life insurance planning. He or she can analyze your existing life insurance in relation to company and government benefits, compare this to what you need and can afford to assure continued financial security should you die prematurely, and then make appropriate recommendations.

In many cases, without this type of analysis, many families really don't know whether they're adequately protected, dangerously underinsured, or could do better with their premium dollars. So, our advice is to read us every month for a timely, overall view of life insurance, but see your fraternal society representative for in-depth, individual life insurance planning. It's as simple as that. See you next month.

## Directors Announce 27th Consecutive Refund

The National Board of Directors announces the 27th consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of The Danish Brotherhood.

All certificates which have been in force for two or three years, depending upon issue date, including fully paid-up certificates, will share in the refund. Not entitled to a refund are term insurance certificates, including those carried under the extended non-forfeiture option.

Members have four options for receiving or applying the refunds.

**IF A MEMBER EXERCISES NO CHOICE, HIS DIVIDEND WILL BUY ADDITIONAL "PAID-UP" INSURANCE.**

1. May be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. There are no premiums on this additional insurance. Additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate.
2. May be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the board.
3. May be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate.
4. May use refund to reduce life insurance premiums, if on direct bill from the National Headquarters.

Any member can receive payment of the cash value of paid-up additions or payment of dividends, on demand whenever he wishes to do so.

Your directors believe DBIA members welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability, and regardless of age and state of health.

While the amount of insurance purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the payments are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

## National Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries will receive entry forms for the 1983 Danish Brotherhood Handicap Bowling Tournament.

The dates for bowling are between March 1 and June 1. Prize money to be awarded to the top 20 teams. Prize money awarded for the high men's game, lady's high game, as well as for the high series in each category. Young Vikings have a raw score tournament in which they may participate. This eliminates the necessity of establishing an average for these young people. All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of The Danish Brotherhood.

The high ladies' team will receive an award as will the high Young Vikings team. Total amount of prize money awarded is \$1,000.

No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

## T-Shirt Fun

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# 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.

Time has no divisions to mark its passage, there is never a thunder-storm or blare of trumpets to announce the beginning of a new month or year. Even when a new century begins it is only we mortals who ring bells and fire off pistols.  
—Thomas Mann

## 1983 District Convention Schedule

District	Host Lodge	Location	Date
Pacific Northwest District	Lodge No. 268	Junction City, Oregon	May 13, 14 & 15
California-Nevada District	Lodge No. 319	Bakersfield, California	July 21, 22 & 23
Utah and Idaho District	No Convention		
Colorado-Wyoming General Committee	No Convention		
Iowa-Minnesota District	Lodge No. 15	Des Moines, Iowa	September 3, 4 & 5
Midwest District	Lodge No. 92	St. Charles, IL	August
Nebraska General Committee	Lodge No. 161	Ruskin, Nebraska	August
Michigan-Ohio General Committee	Lodge No. 225	Canton, Ohio	May 14
General Committee of Eastern Lodges	Lodge No. 325	Nassau Co., New York	September 3, 4 & 5

## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — On Saturday, Oct. 16, the Vancouver D.B. Lodge No. 328 sponsored soccer team came for a rematch against the Seattle D.B. Lodge No. 29 soccer team, "The Danes," and we saw a soccer game played at its best. The Vancouver team really must have been doing their homework, as far as practicing goes.



Player No. 40 (John Hansen) of Seattle works for another goal.

Throughout the game it seemed as if both teams were pretty evenly matched. By the end of the game, the score was tied 3 to 3, so it was decided to play 15 minutes overtime, allowing each team 7½ minutes, and that cinched it — Seattle made one more goal, thus the score was 4 to 3, in favor of Seattle. During half-time, Sam Frederiksen was made an honorary soccer player and ushered out in the field to put the soccer ball into play. He kicked the ball maybe 10 feet; we would like to think this is what brought the Seattle team the good luck. Our Past District President Herluf Pedersen from Vancouver served as referee and did an excellent job.

In the evening, the D.B. No. 29 Harvestfest was held at the "Vaersgo" Restaurant together with our Canadian friends. About 130 people enjoyed a very fine Danish "smørrebrød" supper,



After the game Jens Bruun of Scan Design presents trophy to John Hansen, Sam Frederiksen and Flemming Sorensen of Seattle.

complimented with Carlsberg and snaps. It was most refreshing to see so many young people present. During the evening a beautiful trophy, donated by Jens Bruun, "Scan Design" furniture store, in Bellevue, was presented to the Seattle team. The Seattle team wasted no time. They promptly filled the trophy with beer, and passed around among themselves. (These soccer players are a hardy bunch.)



*Susan Nielsen accepts a scholarship award from lodge president Clyde Langsted.*



*Ted Kofoed is recognized with a 50-year pin.*



*Thomas Gaston is initiated into our lodge.*  
**Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — On October 18, 1982, Marius J. Hansen celebrated his 96th birthday. Marius lives happily on Mercer Island with his daughter, son-in-law, two grandsons, their wives, and nine great grandchildren. It was too far away from Spokane to entertain in honor of the party, but National Director Clyde R. Langsted of Seattle contacted Marius with greetings and flowers were sent from the Board.

Brother Hansen was born in 1886 in Indslev, Denmark. He was one of five children and immigrated in 1909. He married Helen Schmidt in 1913 and joined the Danish Brotherhood in Brooklyn, Page 10

NY, transferring later to the Long Island lodge. He was president of Lodge No. 325 within six months. After two terms as president, he served the lodge as treasurer for 15 years. He achieved 50 years of membership in 1975.

Helen Schmidt Hansen died in 1965, after fifty-two years of marriage, leaving Marius with a family he loves.



*Marius Hansen enjoys his 96th birthday.*

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — At our November 3 meeting two new members were initiated, Denise Hansen and Lois Johnsen. Welcome! Correspondence received included a note from the NW Danish Home in appreciation of the \$100 donation.

Trustee Magnus Esrom moved funds on hand for the Young Vikings be turned over to them in a separate account and that the funds be accounted for to the Brotherhood at each monthly meeting.

The president asked Mel Pihl to install the newly elected Young Vikings' officers. Mel asked the Conductor to escort the three new officers to the President's station, and they were installed as a unit of DBIA No. 167 with a vow to conduct the business of the Young Vikings to the best interest of the lodge and our youth, concentrating on Danish heritage.

All new members and those who had not attended a new member orientation were invited to join the group on Saturday, Dec. 4. Information about our Danish Brotherhood — the national organization, the Pacific NW District and our local lodge was explained. Members learned how to make Danish Christmas ornaments — hearts, cones and angels.

**Mel Pihl, Cor.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada** — Our annual general meeting was held December 1, 1982. Every member was urged to attend and exercise his right and obligation to elect a Board of Directors capable of securing a healthy and prosperous future for our Lodge No. 328.

Christmas was celebrated at the Juletraesfest of the Danish Community Centre.

**Arne Moller, Cor.**

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

**Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA** — Happy New Year to all. 1983 is now a reality and we must make the most of it. The officers and members of No. 39 are getting their thinking caps on and coming up with some new ideas to try this year.

Friday, January 28 is our installation night. This is our biggest night of the year and a time when we all get together. The committee informs me the following itinerary has been arranged: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. cocktails. No host. 8 p.m. Installation of officers. 9:30 p.m. Sandwiches, cake and coffee served. 10 p.m. Dancing to Bob Souza's music.

All members and friends are most cordially invited to attend and have a little Danish fun. Hope to see most of you.

**Mel Oredsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — How quickly another year is coming to a close. But, it's been a busy one for Lodge No. 126. We gained a few new members this year. Grace Sorensen was initiated and given her membership pin Dec. 2, 1982.

Remember, any member who attends at least six meetings starting in January 1983, will be given a free dinner in the fall. There will be 10 meetings before the big fish dinner, so come and get your name on the list.

December 2, 1982, we held general election. Most of our officers will remain in office, just a few changes. Past President, Peter Breum; President, Erik Kofod; Vice President, Niels Jensen; Secretary,

Margaret Jensen; Treasurer, Owen Miller; Fin. Secretary, Harold Mathiasen; Conductor, Anne Kofod; Guard, James Hagen; Trustees, Marius Jespersen, Jens Gudiksen, and Lars Westerskov. Installation will be held January 21, 1983, in the Alamo, Ruby Street, Los Angeles.

**Margaret Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #184, Hayward, CA** — We initiated two new members at our meeting in December, Roy Christensen and Merv Christensen. Welcome to our lodge.

We had a Christmas potluck supper before our meeting. After the meeting, we watched the movie "Christmas in Denmark" provided to us by the home office. Everyone enjoyed the movie.

Our installation will be Friday, February 4, 1983, at the Hill and Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B Street, Hayward. No-host cocktails from 7-8 p.m. Installation at 8 p.m. Dancing and refreshments following the installation. The price is \$3.00 per person. Come help our new officers get off on a good start.

**Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — We installed two new members in November. Hans Birkholm, a former member, who had moved away and has now returned to Solvang, and Knute V. Bonde, who was initiated and told about his Danish life and why he moved to the United States.

A barbecue was put on by the Future Farmers of the Santa Ynez High School for the Scandinavian Athletes who were touring the United States. They enjoyed it very much. The cost was shared by the Brotherhood and Dania. A letter of thanks was sent to Dave Smith for overseeing the barbecue. Fred Sorensen took the athletes on a tour of Solvang. He reported they were delighted and impressed.

The nominating committee reported a list of nominees for 1983. Election will be held at the December meeting. Johannes Jager was appointed to the National Law Committee. Dinner committee for December includes Peter Weber, Jorgen Hansen, and Les Wilkes.

**Henry B. Edwards, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — Our Christmas party was Dec. 4 with Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood members and friends. The evening started with cocktails at 6 p.m. A dinner of roast pork or frikadeller followed. We were entertained by a talent show, singing and Santa later. Installation of officers for 1983 is Jan. 12.

**Art Norgaard, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — Our newly elected officers for 1983 are as follows: President, John Kristensen; Vice President, Richard Rowse; Secretary, Frank Jepsen; Treasurer, Inger Dix; Chairman of Trustees, Elmer Frith; 2nd Trustee, Bea Jepsen; 3rd Trustee, Kate Krake; Conductor, Gunnar Hansen; and Inner/Outer Guard, Karen Rowse.

President John Kristensen has appointed Secretary Frank Jepsen as liaison for the California-Nevada Youth Committee. Frank is open for suggestions.

**Kate Krake, Cor.**

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — We had a good showing at our November meeting for the election of our new officers. Our new officers are: Past President, Floyd Pedersen; President, Kaj Bjorn; Vice President, Howard Kjellsen; Secretary, Hazel Kjellsen; Treasurer, Jim Dwyer; Conductor, Ken Olsen; Trustee I, Evelyn Andersen; Trustee II, Rosemary Allison; Trustee III, Calvin Christensen; Inner Guard, Harry Larsen, and Outer Guard, Glen Braken.

**Pat Cotman, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — At the November meeting, the 26 who attended (including Sons of Norway President Roy Olson) feasted on Danish medisterpølse, red cabbage, and wienerbrød. Following the business meeting, members and guests enjoyed bingo with the following prizes: bottles of wine, a crocheted clown, cookies, bath splash cologne, banana bread, DBIA T-shirt and plate, wallet set, cakes, a macrame kitchen decoration, and a hot air pot. Kaj Lentz, Elin Bengtson, and Albert Christensen split

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the grand prize, which was to have been a \$20.00 gift certificate for a Thanksgiving turkey! I wonder who got the drumsticks.

The Solvang bus trip was great fun for Kodan members and our good friends from the Sons of Norway. The weather was beautiful and everyone thoroughly enjoyed singing and playing bingo on the bus and eating and shopping in Solvang. Tusind tak! to President Vicky Garrison and to (Sons of Norway) Inger Olson for making the arrangements. There's talk we may look into a combined trip to Catalina Island sometime next year. Want to go?

Our December meeting will feature election of next year's officers, Christmas music, and the sharing of pindemad (hors d'oeuvres). Plans are firming up for our annual children's Christmas party and also for our installation dinner dance. The latter will be held on January 15 at the Hungry Tiger in Redlands.

**Nancy Nielsen, Sec.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Iowa-Minnesota District** — Carroll Jensen, Bradgate, and Harlan Johnsen, Laurens, members of Humboldt have taken the local Danish Brotherhood float many miles this past year. The float has seven flags on it, three Danish and four American, as well as signs advertising the Danish Brotherhood.

The schedule was as follows: Monday, May 31, Memorial Day at Elk Horn; Sat., June 12, Bradgate

Centennial; Sat., June 26, Plover Centennial; Sat., July 3, Laurens Centennial; Sun., July 4, Humboldt Centennial; Sat., July 17, Mallard Centennial; Sat., July 31, Ayrshire Centennial.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Christensen and granddaughter were on hand to help in the Bradgate and Humboldt parades.

On Saturday evening, August 7, Carroll and Harlan traveled to Tyler, Minnesota to participate in the reactivation of their lodge. There was election and initiation of twenty-two insured and thirteen social members. They meet the first Saturday of every month, so families can travel home for the weekend, thus many times three generations go to meetings together.

On Thanksgiving weekend two life-long Danish buddies got



together to celebrate a special occasion. Jens Husted, member of Newell Lodge No. 147, was 90 years old July 4 and Harlan Johnsen, member of Humboldt Lodge No. 217, was 46 on December 9, thus when the photo was taken Harlan was one-half the age of Jens, as the sign shows.

Harlan commented, "I hope my next 45 years will be as good as they have been for Jens. Jens, you are good for 100." Jens replied, "At Least!!" Following the photo, a few snaps, and discussion of Denmark the two departed from the Jens Nielsen home.

**Harlan Johnsen, Treas.**

**Lodge #121, Tyler, MN** — This summer Lodge No. 121 was reorganized. We now have 48 members. There has been a lot of hard work to reorganize but it has been fun. We have had some good entertaining meetings.

Therkel Jorgensen showed us his slides on a trip to Denmark. They were very interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Jacobsen represented our lodge at Waverly over the Labor Day weekend for the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. Thorvald gave a report of the convention at our last meeting. They were much impressed with the fellowship and friendship prevalent at the convention.

On December the 4th, we had our Christmas party. It consisted of potluck dinner, games and lots of fellowship. It was a family affair complete with Santa, candy for everyone and the traditional Danish dancing around the Christmas tree.

**Ilene Sorensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — Humboldt Lodge No. 217 met at Tod's Cafe, Dakota City, Saturday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m. for their annual Christmas party with forty-four people in attendance.

We all enjoyed the fruit punch made by Esther Hall and the deli-

# Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance of Their Service and Fellowship, We Honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since the Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
10-18-82	Niels Nielsen, Jr.	59	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1946
10-25-82	Frank Fitzpatrick	75	New York, New York	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1951
10-29-82	Eiler Carlsen	72	Aarhus, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1942
10-25-82	Mathilda Dalberg	73	Osseo, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
11-1-82	Alfred Krogh	92	Odense, Denmark	326	West Branch, Iowa	1920
11-6-82	Warren Rasmussen	69	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1953
11-22-82	Jens C. Andersen	83	Leby, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1925
11-5-82	Hans M. Hansen	83	Green Bay, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
10-17-82	Carl H. Pedersen	75	Aalborg, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1949
11-2-82	Venda Jahnel	59	Orum, Nebraska	206	Blair, Nebraska	1978
11-24-82	Elmer Rasmussen	72	Clifton, Illinois	206	Blair, Nebraska	1968

cious smorgasbord served by the cafe.

The tables were beautifully decorated by Helen Larsen and Esther Hall. The party favors were furnished by Esther Hall. Beulah Benjamin and Helen Larsen had a lovely program. Two door prizes were given away and won by Carl Hansen and Betty Nyby. Dancing and card playing finished off the evening.

The next meeting will be Jan. 10, 1983. **Viona Pederson, Sec.**

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA** — November 11 was a busy night. Mortensaften was celebrated by playing bingo. The turkey was won by Harold Jorgensen. Election of 1983 officers were held. The following were elected: President, George Ross; Vice President, Blair Thornbloom; Treasurer, Ruth Rosdail; Secretary, Ulla Wall; Asst. Secretary, Donna Christensen; Conductor, Anker Severinsen; Marshal, John McLaughlin; Counselors, Anna Bys, Bob Smith, Joan Ross; Trustees, Harry Simonsen, Paul Nielsen, Arne Nissen, Paul Mortensen, Norman Nielsen; appointed Vaerteinde, Katherine Severinsen.

"Your Danish-American Heritage" was presented by Sharon Nielsen. The fellow was Arne Nissen. Arne immigrated in 1924 from Lem, Jylland, He was a



**Sharon Nielsen interviewed Arne Nissen.**

true struggling immigrant who volunteered to serve in World War II and ended up in the 8th Air Force in England. He did some broadcasting to Denmark and received the Bronze Star. A very interesting "quiet fellow" who has a great love for his adopted land. Arne married a Swedish American lady, Dorothy, in 1960.

Lodge No. 347 wishes everyone a Godt nyttaar. **Ulla Wall, Sec.**



## New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Eugene Collins	4	Racine	Gordon A. Hansen
Bruce Anderson	4	Racine	Gordon A. Hansen
Robert G. Schnaare	14	Kenosha	Jerry Hoeke
Mark A. Welch	14	Kenosha	Fred Caracciolo
Ferdinand N. Serto	14	Kenosha	Chas. Krogh
Fred R. Frank	14	Kenosha	Gerald Sherer
Otto Stein	14	Kenosha	Frank Riccio
Michael R. Metallo	14	Kenosha	Tommy I. Nielsen
Richard H. Nye	14	Kenosha	Irving Hansen
Roger D. Borggren	14	Kenosha	Howard Borggren
Einar E. Olsen	29	Seattle	P. Sten Jessen
Gerda A. Sorensen	32	New Haven	Barry Edmonds
Joseph E. Palcovich	32	New Haven	Barry Edmonds
Helen D. Palcovich	32	New Haven	Barry Edmonds
Byron G. Olsen	33	Tacoma	Willy Rasmussen
Robert C. Olsen	33	Tacoma	Dick Olsen
Sylvia E. Furseth	33	Tacoma	Willy Rasmussen
William W. Corrie	34	Dwight	Eugene Mortensen
Herta Iversen	35	Chicago	Ahlmann Iversen
Floyd W. Johnson	36	Milwaukee	Grace E. Gertz
Vivian K. Johnson	36	Milwaukee	Grace E. Gertz
Dorothea E. Mahle	45	Minneapolis	Mary Keller
Kenneth A. Mahle	45	Minneapolis	Mary Keller
John W. Petersen	45	Minneapolis	Johanna M. Poulsen
Harding Kristiansen	45	Minneapolis	Mia Poulsen
Walter P. Plekes	51	Ludington	Charles V. Peterson
Robert Seelhoff	51	Ludington	Kenneth Olson
Myrtle M. Nielsen	56	Kansas City	E. A. Nielsen
Grace H. Sorensen	126	Los Angeles	Carl Sorensen
Erna Christensen	139	Viborg	Esther Jorgensen
Burdell Christensen	139	Viborg	Esther Jorgensen
Anna C. Westhassel	164	Brooklyn	Ella Pickwick
Eilert H. Westhassel	164	Brooklyn	Ella Pickwick
Marian Shaw	167	Portland	Mark Jensen
Knud V. Bonde	299	Solvang	Bent Jensen
Arthur J. Sivertson	227	Detroit	Arthur G. Peterson
Thaddeus S. Aardal	227	Detroit	Arthur G. Peterson
Paul W. Aardal	227	Detroit	Ed Wood
Arthur G. Nielsen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Peter Jensen
Susan Miller	332	Ripon	Alvin Olsen
Alice I. Brown	332	Ripon	Vernon Olsen
Frank Hagen	337	Fremont	Niels C. Nielsen
Elizabeth K. Bloch	347	Cedar Rapids	Arthur Wall
Robert J. Bloch	347	Cedar Rapids	Arthur Wall
Gerda S. Sorensen	348	Eugene	Jorgen S. Sorensen
Margaret N. Lee	348	Eugene	Jorgen S. Sorensen

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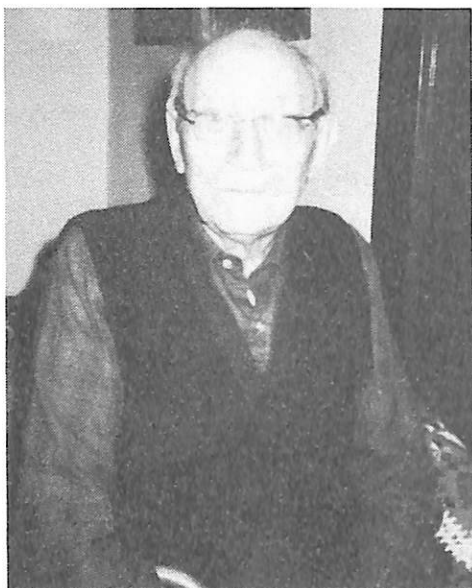
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## MIDWEST



96-year old Jens Martin Segor.

**Lodge #9, Oshkosh, WI** — On October 12, 1982, our member Jens Martin Segor celebrated his 96th birthday. He was pleased to accept the check for the cash value of his DBIA insurance certificate, as well as a gift of a box of *good* cigars from the National Board of Directors. Jens was born in Thorup, Denmark, and became a member of Lodge No. 9 on October 9, 1909.

When our members went out for dinner in August, Jens was along. He maintains his own home and a garden in the spring, raising lots of lovely flowers.

*Richard Segor, Sec.*

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — One-hundred thirty people enjoyed our annual torsk supper. It started by getting everyone in the mood with a roving accordion player who was well received by the group. We capped off the evening with a beautiful slide presentation of Denmark. Thanks to the hard working committee chairpersons. A very special thank you to Betty Mollerskov who came from Racine to make the good Danish mustard gravy.

Our big fund raising event of the year is now history. An estimated 1800 people came to the Jule Fest to shop and eat. The committee headed by Bill Kastman did an outstanding job. Thanks to all who worked. No. 14 and DSS No. 20 showed a real team effort in

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getting the job done. Special thanks to Elmer Nelson who once again headed our raffle.

*Bob Ibsen, Cor.*

**Lodge #17, Chicago, IL** — At our last meeting we celebrated our President Merle Nylen's 65th birthday. Previously we had paid homage to his father-in-law, John Martinus Hansen on his 90th birthday, he came from Randers and joined D.B. 65 years ago, in 1917. He is the father of our Secretary Albertice Nylen. Effective January 1983 we are changing our meeting night from the second Wednesday to the first Wednesday of the month, perhaps this will bring more of our members, especially the ones living in the northwest suburbs, to our meetings in Niles (8410 Greenwood).

*W. B. Thorsen, Cor.*

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Sometimes thank you's and appreciation go by the wayside and are taken for granted as may be the case of Bede Sondergaard. Bede takes care of our scrapbooks, cuts any articles out of the newspapers, and sees everyone on our sick list gets a card from the Brotherhood. This is quite a task and a job well done.

Ferrell Christensen and Oscar Seerup volunteered to go to Racine to pick up the kringle for our Dec. 4 kringle sale.

Our link continues to grow as we welcome Bill Corrie as a new member to our lodge. Rick Sullivan and Jim Andreasen represented our lodge at the Dart Extravaganza sponsored by St. Charles No. 92. Rick Sullivan was paired up with a terrific thrower from St. Charles and they took first place.

*Margaret Goodwin, Sec.*

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Our annual Christmas party was held on December 3 with good attendance by both adults and children. The evening started with a potluck supper that offered a nice variety of good food. After supper, the children and lots of adults learned the intricacies of making Danish Christmas baskets, stars, doves, etc., that were placed on the tree later by the children and filled with candy. Santa made

an appearance with goodies for the children and the evening ended with all joining hands around the tree singing carols. Danish carols were also sung by those who remembered them from their childhood days in Denmark and others who could read Danish. It was a delightful way to start out the Christmas season.



*Erik and Ricky Jensen and their grandmothers, Shirley Gritzenback and Jenny Jensen of Lodge No. 35, stand in front of the Danish Christmas tree they helped decorate at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.*

In the middle of November, many of our members participated in the decorating of an 18 foot tree at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The museum's Christmas Around the World theme features trees decorated by various ethnic groups in Chicago and we Danes believe that ours is truly beautiful. It was lots of work but a labor of love. Every ornament on the tree was hand made by members of No. 35 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 11.

*Elsa Petersen, Cor.*

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Celebration of our 93rd anniversary on November 16, 1982, started with a delicious Danish vegetable soup with meatballs. After supper we had a most successful silent auction — items being donated by members. A gratifying feature of the evening was the generosity of members who brought food and money for project Concern of Cudahy and St. Francis.

After the business meeting, members gave their views of "the good old days"; Bob Rasmussen demonstrated a one-piece woven rug beater — competition for major league sluggers? Cookies and apple cider were served as a snack.

We wound up the evening viewing the movie "Sunny Scandinavia". Because it was considered so entertaining, we scheduled its showing again after our December 7, 1982 meeting.

As part of their Centennial Celebration, the Milwaukee County Museum announced displays in the European Village will be decorated for Christmas. We are proud to have been invited to trim the tree in the "Dansk Hus". There will also be a large tree in the Village Square featuring decorations from all ethnic groups. The display will be intact from December 12, 1982, through January 10, 1983.

**Albert L. Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL** — After the meeting Dec. 1, we will all get involved in making Christmas decorations, the old-fashioned Danish way. Frank Rasmussen will supply the material.

Our Halloween party on October 30 was again a success. More than 60 persons attended in all kinds of costumes.

## NEBRASKA

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — 1982 was an eventful year for our lodge, and 1983 may be even busier. We have photos to show from our September trip to the Danish Inn/Danish Wind Mill in Elk Horn, IA.

Our language class is well-established under the direction of Ruth Herman. Ruth and class member Edna Defreese have been doing more than just teaching language during the last term. Class members have been enjoying Danish supper menus prepared by Ruth and Edna, an exceptionally generous gesture. Recently, the Danish class organized an afternoon of rullepølse making. Those who were able to attend got to take some of the excellent sausage home.

Mrs. Herman and class



*Participants pose for photos in Elk Horn, Iowa.*



*The Danish Dancers from Kimballton entertained Lodge No. 1 members with Danish folk dances before supper in Elk Horn.*



*Katherine Steen (left) and Edna DeFreese involved in rullepølse making, an exercise of the Lodge No. 1 Danish language class.*

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members seem to think they are really starting to learn the language. They appreciate the time they are able to spend together at class and at lodge, as well as the pleasant suppers and education in Danish culture.

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — For October we had a Halloween party, giving prizes for the persons chosen by the judges as having the best costumes. Mrs. Bill Jorgensen, Jr., won for the ladies and Lonney Nielsen for the men. Those without costumes or masks had to sing or do something. Games were played such as eating crackers and whistling and musical chairs. President Glen Haselbarth called the meeting to order. The lodge gave \$50 to Dana College for their Centennial Fund and \$100 to C.A.P., the building where we meet. Danish sandwiches were served by the committee — a very enjoyable evening.

In November we met at 6:30 p.m. for supper. The lodge furnished the turkey and buns. Each family brought either a salad or a relish, and the committee furnished pumpkin pie and whipped cream; enjoyed by approximately 60 people. Bingo with prizes provided the evening's entertainment. In our business meeting, we decided to give \$250 to the Fire Department toward their Jaws of Life. For December, we plan a smorgasbord supper in the Bethany Lutheran Church fellowship hall, followed by a Christmas program.

**Lillie K. Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE** — November 13 we had a Thanksgiving supper prior to the business meeting with 40 members present. Election of officers was held, with the following being elected: Past President, Eugene Schultz; President, Neil Thomsen; Vice President, Gerald Cox; Secretary, Lois Lewis; Treasurer, Hilda Jensen; Chairman of Trustees, LeVern Erickson; 1st Trustee, Harley Jensen; and Conductor Walter Williams.

Following the meeting the social time was spent playing cards. The committee for the evening was: Orval and Florence

Bargen, Harley and Carla Jensen, Arden and Cheryl Russell.

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Our youngest member, Lars T. Pedersen, was initiated at the October meeting. Madame President Nelson handed him his membership card, while Dad Laurids held him on his arm and Mother Judi pinned his membership pin on him. We are happy to have you as a member Lars.



*Rumelkassen winner Pearl Strickleth receiving cash from Secretary Harriet Betts.*



*Pres. Myrtle Nelson presented Merton Kuhr a certificate honoring him as our Nebraska District President.*



*The Blair Enterprise carried this picture of us all.*



*This particular evening was spent playing "Produce Bingo", prizes were tomatoes, squash, potatoes, and other garden vegetables.*



*Members enjoy sandwiches after the meeting.*

Our annual family Christmas supper was held at Eagles Hall, December 13. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings plus Danish aebleskage for dessert. Santa was there with a gift for each child. White elephant gifts marked for a lady or man were exchanged among the adults. Some wore their Danish costumes.

**Harriet Betts, Sec.**

## MICHIGAN- OHIO

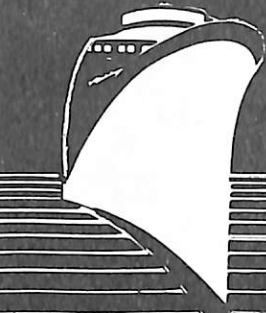
**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — On Dec. 1, 1982, the regular meeting of Lodge 51 was held with 19 members in attendance. We welcome Walter Plekes who was initiated at this meeting. This meeting was election of officers. Officers for 1983 are: Keith Koegler, President; Curt Price, Vice President; Mike Bray, Secretary; Erv Kissell, Treasurer; Earl Jensen, Conductor; Ted Petzak, 1st Trustee; Arnold Koegler, 2nd Trustee; Jerry Howe, 3rd Trustee; Lars Christoffersen, Inside Guard; and Don Stall, Outer Guard.

Ten years ago Lodge 51 held its first bingo game, Nov. 1, 1973. Taken in on that evening was \$52.75, and paid out in prizes \$30.00. There have been over 500 bingo games played since and in jackpots alone 58-\$500.00 jackpots have been given away. Thanks to the time and effort put into it by Alf Larsen, the Bingo Committee and everyone who works the bingo games, many of who have worked since it started 10 years ago.

On Sat., Dec. 4, we held a setback tournament. Twenty-eight members and guests participated. Al Andersen was the first place winner, with a score of 153, Amil Laird second with 149, and Joe Jodko third with 146. Chuck Peter-

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son won the first place prize in the high score, least amount of sets, with a 145 score and 2 sets, Gus Keson second with a 139 and 2 sets, and Ray Finholm was third with a 140 and 3 sets.

Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge No. 51 Ludington has started a newsletter. In 1982 we printed 3 newsletters. In 1983 we hope to print a newsletter every two months. Member Paul Danielson, who owns and operates a printing shop, donates his time and materials and does the printing. Keith Koegler and Chuck Peterson are co-editors.

**Keith Koegler, Pres.**

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — At the meeting December 8, 1982, the following officers were elected, and will be installed on January 22: Past President, Kenneth Rehan; President, George Petersen; Vice President, Howard Olsen; Recording Secretary, Raymond Goeboro; Secretary, Hans Nielsen; Financial Secretary, Otto Pedersen; Treasurer, Paul Carlsen; Conductor, Ronald Hammer; Chief Trustee, Henning Jensen; 1st Trustee,

Edward Woods, Jr.; 2nd Trustee, Thomas Bommarito; Inner Guard, Peter Sorensen, and Outer Guard, Kenneth Christensen.

1983 will be a busy year for our lodge — Sla Katten Af Tønden in February; blood blank in March; hosting Michigan-Ohio bowling tournament — assume in May; Michigan-Ohio Convention; and National Convention September 1983. We had no initiation in December due to election of officers and other pressing business.

As this is my last article, I want to thank all for your interest and comments.

**Oluf Jensen, Cor.**

*Editor's note: Sorry to lose you, Oluf. You've really helped us keep in touch.*

**GCEL**

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — On November 10 we had a potluck supper with bingo afterwards. There was plenty of food. Plenty of prizes were won. Our lottery was won by Chris Simonsen, and our turkey raffle was won by Art Sorensen.

In December we will be having a

Christmas party. It will start at 6:30, early enough for the children. We will be making Danish Christmas hearts for the tree with the children and singing and dancing around a tree of our own. We are having a potluck supper before we start the celebration.

**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge #116, Newark, NJ** — 1983 officers for our lodge are President, John Jensen; Vice President, Don Heckmann; Secretary, John Madsen; Treasurer, Viggo Nielsen; Trustees, Chris Mogensen, Carl Ingeholm, and Knud Fobian; Conductor, Paul Iversen, and Past President, Joan Madsen. Congratulations to the officers of 1982 and good luck to the officers of 1983. May your year be rewarding to both you and the Danish Brotherhood in America.

**Donald P. Heckmann, Cor.**

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — 1983 officers have been elected. They are: President, Flemming Hinrichsen; Vice President, Lars Gamborg-Nielsen; Secretary, Gerry Gudnitz; Treasurer, Len Gottlieb-

sen; Conductor, George Clausen; First Trustee, Lars Cleeman; 2nd Trustee, Harley Larsen; and 3rd Trustee, Gebrg Olesen. Thanks to all of you for agreeing to serve!

**Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL** — Our November meeting was attended by about 40 members.

Clemens Bartell, our Treasurer, informed us insured members could pay their premiums directly to Omaha, thus eliminating some bookkeeping.

Our annual dinner-dance will be held Friday evening, March 18, 1983, an incorrect date was given in our last report.

It is with sadness we report the loss of Colonel Robert Tugman who died Thursday, November 18, 1982. Col. Tugman served four years as military attache to Denmark and was knighted by Queen Margrethe. After retiring in Florida seven years ago he joined D.B. Lodge No. 257 two years later. It is an honor and a privilege to have had Colonel Tugman as a member of Cimbria. Our condolences go to his family.

**Bill Steffensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY** —

At our meeting in November two new members, Gladys and Stanley Christensen, were initiated. We bid them welcome to our lodge. We had a good turnout of members who enjoyed the lavish tray with all kinds of good food, done by Jane and James Breeze. The Breezes' own a deli in Plainedge.

Elna Jamison supplied home-made bread and pastry, very delicious. More than one person asked Elna for the recipe. Nette Hansen had made real Danish aebleskage. November 13, our dinner-dance was held at the club house in Bethpage State Park. We had a buffet dinner enjoyed by guests and members. All enjoyed dancing to the Scandinavian music played by Ellen Lindstrom.

**Niels Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA** — We had taken two steps which, hopefully, will lead to increased membership and attendance. A Publicity Committee has been formed, headed by Staff Keer, and

its purpose is to reach those Danes who are unaware of our organization through the news media. Secondly, we will hold a drawing each month, and the winner will receive a free bar card. This should prove a good incentive to lure you out on the third Friday of each month!

We are happy to welcome Ken and Inge Abelsen to our lodge; they were initiated last month.

Thanks to all who participated in making our "Scandinavian Weekend" a big success! Special thanks to Flemming Hinrichsen, chairman and Bente Ferguson who provided the "Hans Christian Andersen" entertainment.

We are happy to receive a new member by transfer. Erik Wendt was formerly a member of Newark Lodge No. 116.

The Danish Home in Edison is in need of an Administrator. Ida and Hans Andersen suggested we might want to attend one of their monthly Sunday meetings as a group. Some of our members have never been there, and this would be a chance to visit and have dinner.

Ulla Pedersen has received a Certificate of Appreciation for her part in sponsoring new members. She told us that from now on anyone who succeeds in sponsoring just one new member will receive a free automobile "Bumper Sticker"!

**Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.**

## FLORIDA

**Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL**

— On Saturday, December 4th the lodge had its first meeting at the new location: The Mid County Senior Citizens Center in Lake Worth. The date was an exception due to a special affair at the Center on the regular meeting date. In the future, meetings will be the 2nd Saturday of the month; doors open at 12 noon, meeting starts at 1 p.m. Some of our members are having difficulty climbing stairs; which is the reason for moving.

This also announces the celebration of our 60th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the Brotherhood. The party took place at Dobo's in West Palm Beach on December 7th.

**Carl Rasmussen, Sec.**

## 96 year Old Celebrates 75th Wedding Anniversary



**Mr. and Mrs. Trier Rosholm**

Trier emigrated from Denmark in the spring of 1906 and Kathrine the following fall. They met for the first time in Omaha, Nebraska and were married January 30, 1908. They had four children, two of whom are now living, plus three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Trier is still a member of Omaha Lodge No. 1.

They remember clearly the carriage with two beautiful white horses in which the wedding party rode. Even two feet of snow did not keep them from attending the Danish dance on their wedding night.

Sometimes Kathrine will say, "Sweetheart, we're getting old."

His reply is, "We're not old, we've just lived a long time," and he'll gently squeeze Kathrine's hand and they'll both smile.

When asked to what he attributed their seventy-five years of happy marriage, Trier replied with a grin, "I always agree with Kathrine."

They are hoping to see many, many of their old friends at the Open House, January 30, 1983, 2-4 p.m., 17545 Chatham Drive, Tustin, CA 92680. Please come.

### Payments to Board Members

Section 7, Paragraph 8(b) — Payment of the Society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4; and/or Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2 is hereby published:

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## Danish to English

It has been more than 30 years since Elias Bredsdorff published his Danish Literature in English translation. Since then a wealth of books have been translated from the Danish language. Now, thanks to Carol L. Schroeder of Madison, Wisconsin, a new volume has been made available to us through the Danish Institute for Information about Denmark.

The purpose of this bibliography is to help make Danish literature and information about Denmark more readily accessible to those who do not speak a Scandinavian language. It covers Danish literature in English translation and a selection of books in English about Denmark.

The section "Books about Denmark" covers 1950-1980. It is a selection of books in English dealing with a Danish topic and primarily intended for the general reader. Works are included if they have more than 16 pages of English text.

## Scandinavian Seminar

Scandinavian Seminar, which has sponsored academic-year programs in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden since 1949 announces a new program which will make it possible for college-age Scandinavians to spend a year studying in America. This program, College Year in America for Scandinavian Students (CYA), has been carefully developed in cooperation with The Office of International Services of The American Association of Community and Junior

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# Vocational, Technical School Scholarships Available

## Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1983, will be considered beginning February 15, 1983. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1983 will be considered by the Committee for the 1983 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$150.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$1,200.00.

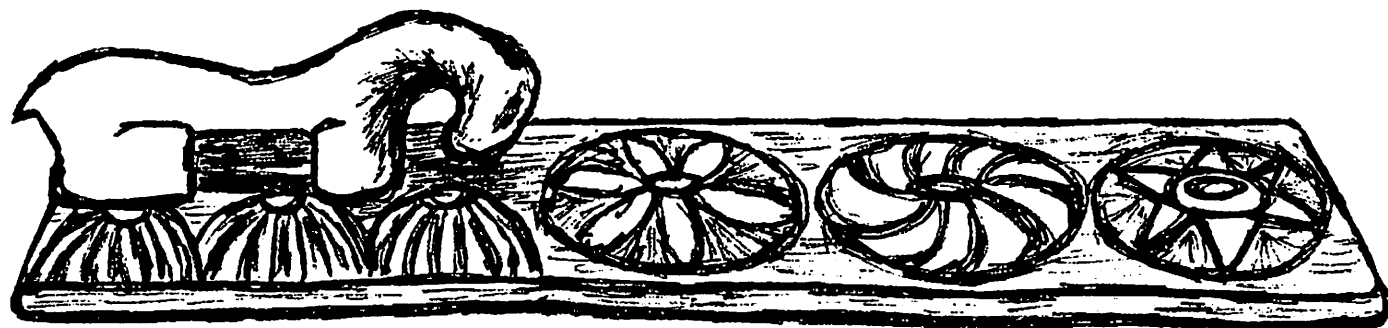
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members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, technical school, or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award.

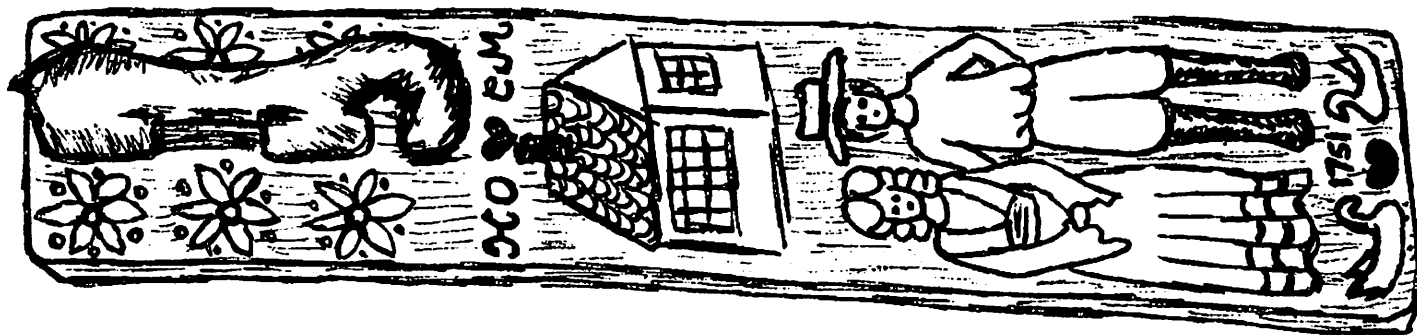
Changes approved by delegates to the Thirtieth National Convention of the society have increased the number and amount of scholarship awards available. Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school. (See Art. V of the Bylaws.)

**Robert Ibsen**, chairman,  
Scholarship Committee.

# The Custom of the Manglebraedt



*Zeidi*



by

Gayle Sondergard Kasper

On long wintry evenings in Denmark with the snow heaped on thatched roofs and blocking country lanes, a dairy farmer's son spent hours preparing his special gift for the girl of his choice. Brisk gales buffeted the stout farmhouse, isolated from the peaceful village of gabled, half-timbered cottages, tall-spired church and modest shops. The lad sat before the blazing fireplace adding the delicate finishing touches of his fine but simple workmanship to this token of his affection.

It was the custom in those days for a hopeful young man to present his future bride with some gift created by his own hands. Often this gift was a manglebraedt or mangling-board.

The manglebraedt was a sturdy, rectangular board used for mangling or pressing the wash to squeeze out the water. It was paddle-shaped, about two feet long and two to three inches in width, narrowing slightly at one end. A handle, shaped like a small carved horse, was mounted on the top toward the narrower end. The wet clothing was wrapped around wooden rollers on the laundry table, and the manglebraedt was rolled back and forth across the wash wringing out the excess water.

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The dairy farmer's son carved into its design interlocking hearts, scrolls and roses. Sometimes he included a quaint picture of a lass and lad in their provincial costumes, a depiction of their future home and, perhaps, their initials and the date of their betrothal. The manglebraedt was then painted and hopefully presented to his sweetheart.

Out at sea, it might have been a young sailor or in the village, a shoemaker's son who created this token of love for his bride. Each was an original and an heirloom to be cherished. Many are still preserved today in some of the farmsteads and households of remote fairy-tale villages throughout Denmark, holding a place of honor with other remnants of the past.

The Danish people are lovers of romance and this romantic custom, dating back to the middle 1700s, must have been traditionally viewed with favor by the young ladies of the land. I'm sure they looked upon the manglebraedt not as a practical tool to aid them with their household duties but as a gift of self from their beloved as was its intention.

## Treasure Those Blue Eyes

If you have them, be proud of them, in the world today they are a rarity and likely to become even more so as the years go by.

In Britain and most of the countries in Northern Europe it is taken for granted that a large percentage of the population has blue eyes, but in a recent visit to New York I wondered what was slightly different in the day to day meetings with people, and discovered that possibly less than 20% of New Yorkers had eyes of blue. Inevitably really when it is considered that most European countries are at least 50% brown-eyed and the large communities from South American, Asiatic and Negro origins all of whom are pretty well 100% brown eyed, makes the figure of 20% understandable.

The blue-eyed must always have been a minority species. In the days of the African slave markets blue eyes were a strong selling point, especially when allied with blond hair, and in the early days of settlement in the Americas, the Indians found the 'white eyes' of the settlers disconcerting and even frightening. Even today in some parts of Asia, South America and Africa there are people who have never even seen a person with eyes other than brown, and when one thinks how impressive such eyes as Paul Newman's are upon people who are quite familiar with blue, the impact upon a community that does not even know such optics exist must be quite considerable.

Centuries ago, a boatload of Vikings, shipwrecked upon the shores of Sicily, terrorized the islanders and began a profitable 'protection racket.' Over a thousand years later all trace of the blue-eyed sea rovers have disappeared, although the 'racket', now known as the Mafia, still thrives. Another tribe of Vikings, the Rus, spreads eastward into the land which now bears their name, Russia. Here again only in the northwest corner of that vast country do the inhabitants possess blue eyes.

The population of China, brown-eyed to a man, is over 1,000 million, which, added to that of Africa, South America, Southern and Eastern Europe, India and the rest of Asia including Japan, means an overwhelmingly large section of the worlds' people sport brown eyes. Possibly, with the inevitable intermarrying between races which increases more each year as travel and the breaking down of prejudice happily brings people together, in 200 years' time eyes of blue will vanish from the earth completely, or survive only in the isolated villages of Scandinavia with such individuals who possess them brought at great expense to the capitols of the world for exhibition and freak shows.

So if you have blue eyes, consider yourself a rare species. Flash them with pride, and, whatever you do, remember to pass them on to your children, who will in turn be more of a rarity than you are.

Jeffrey Thrift

## Lodges File IRS Form 990

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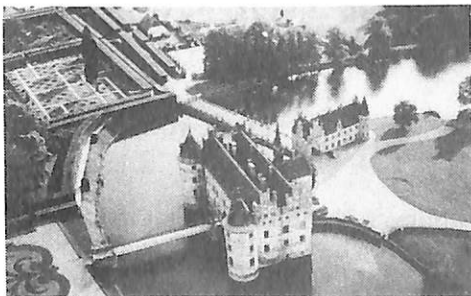
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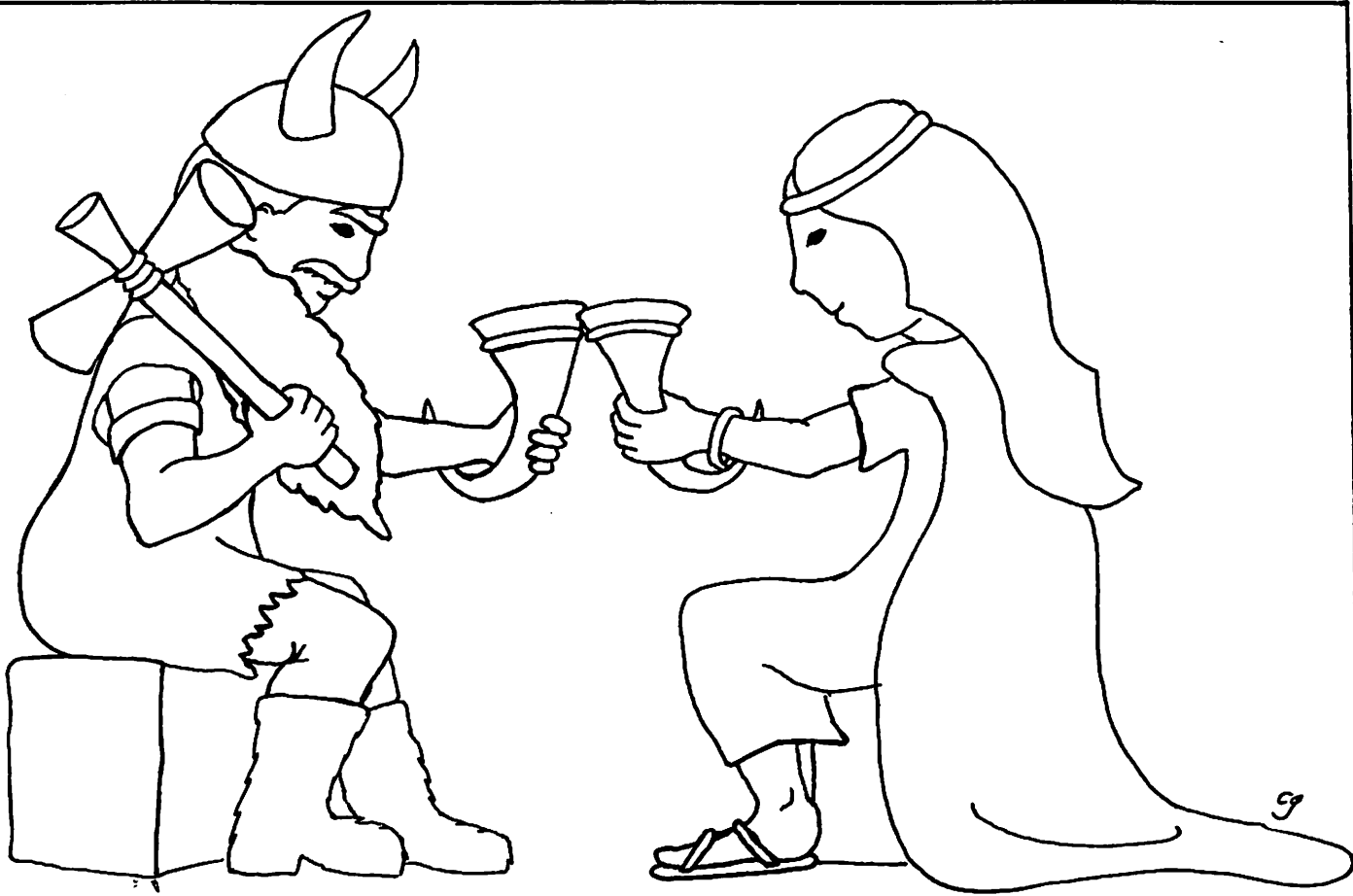
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\*Taken from the Kimballton Centennial Cookbook. To order, send name, address, and check to: Kimballton Cookbook Committee, Kimballton, Iowa 51543. Price, including postage, \$10.75.

# Viking Adventures

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*“Everyone brings what they want to drink or snack on. All the snacks are put on a big round coffee table that is in a closed area in the aft portion of the ship. This makes an enjoyable*



**Chicago's skyline at sunset.**



**Aboard the Valara V.**

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# IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

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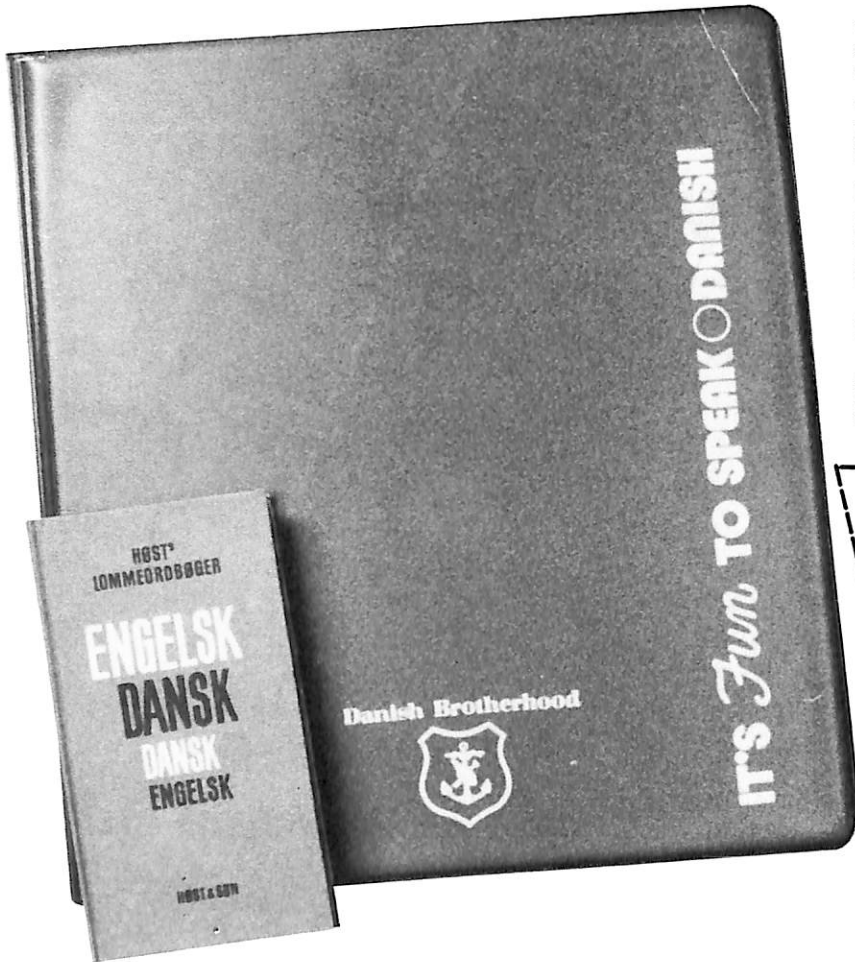
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