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President's Column

by
DBIA President
George Jacobsen

Chronic problems with local lodges indicate a chronic illness. "We aren't large enough to have activities", "older members won't cooperate", "no one wants to be an officer", "members pay dues but don't come to meetings".

Hearing these complaints we had better not wait to take the cure. The communicable disease is the one known as pessimism. Some symptoms include closed doors, closed minds, lack of courage, and lack of foresight.

A serum which has been dispensed to every lodge and every district can be life saving if prepared correctly and is always given without charge.

The formula for the serum needs Danish ethnic activity; regular communication with each member; a publicity committee and a membership committee, and purpose for your lodge.

The most important ingredient is purpose. Do we think the Danish culture and heritage should be preserved in today's society and should families have adequate life insurance protection? The answer is unquestionably yes.

If your lodge is holding one business meeting per month, delegate authority to your executive board to conduct some of the business of the lodge between meetings.

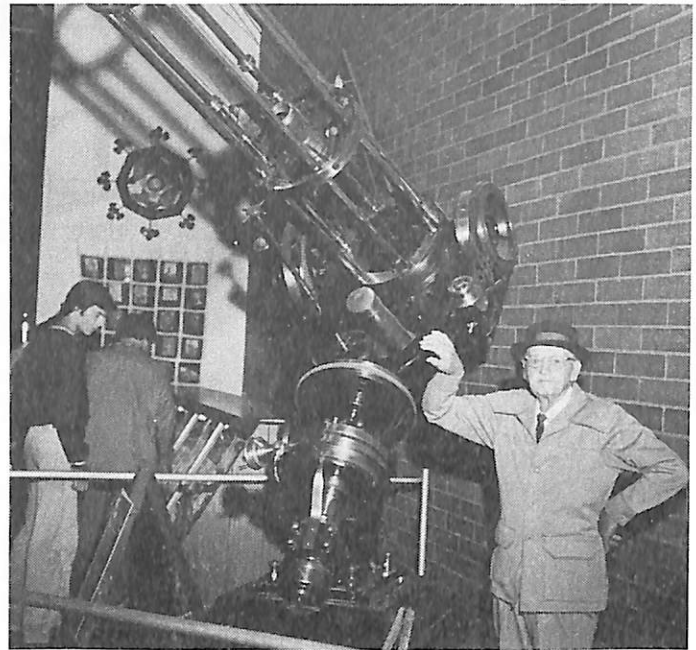
Take advantage of the time "leftover" at meetings to enjoy the traditions passed down from generation to generation. Each year for the past three years detailed activity suggestions have been sent to the local lodges. The Viking Adventures column regularly outlines successful events of local lodges and districts.

Start keeping in touch with each of your members. How can they take part and remain interested if they have no idea what you're doing? Once you start communicating, keep on with your program not until you get discouraged, but until you show results.

Make publicity and membership important and continuing activities. Keep working until you have enough momentum to carry plans through and then carefully supervise these steps to recovery.

There is no doubt the serum can produce the cure. It's been tested and proven.

Rasmussen Telescope to Smithsonian



Martin Rasmussen with one of the newest Smithsonian exhibits.

Astronomy compels the soul to look upwards and lead us from this world to another. —Plato, The Republic, Book VII

So led was Martin Rasmussen when he constructed his 12½-inch reflecting telescope over 50 years ago. The telescope was built from parts gleaned from a junkyard during the depression era. Martin's gift to the Smithsonian was officially accepted by Deborah Jean Warner, Curator for the history of astronomy, on November 22, 1982. In her letter Mrs. Warner stated, "It is certainly one of the finest and most beautiful amateur telescopes we have ever seen and, should you be willing to part with it, we would be delighted to have it in our museum."

If you have the opportunity to see the telescope on display, you may recall it is the accomplishment of a fellow member from Tacoma, Washington.

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.

PHILADELPHIA • • • Your Host Lodge for the National Convention

by Niels Malmquist

While preparations for the big Phila-Dania Convention are in full swing, and members of the Philadelphia Lodge are busy making checklists and assigning projects to its various members and friends in neighboring Bucks County Lodge No. 342 and the Danish Sisterhood, it is time to take a look at your host lodge.

When the convention was awarded to Philadelphia in 1979, the lodge searched for a slogan. The winning entry, PHILA-Dania, was coined by Anne Mette Hansell and means **Loving Denmark**.

Philadelphia will celebrate 80 years this summer. The lodge was organized on June 5, 1903, when 12 men met on Chestnut Street, directly across from Independence Hall, and created what was to become a great, and through the years, a very active lodge. The supreme lodge of the Danish Brotherhood granted the group a charter, and on August 7, 1903, the lodge became link No. 172 in an active, growing Danish Brotherhood.

But it is people who make a lodge. And Philadelphia has had some very good leaders now as in the past. Concerned directly with Phila-Dania are lodge president, Flemming Hinrichsen, and convention co-ordinator, Georg Olesen. But there are, of course, many others who will be actively helping the leaders.



Flemming Hinrichsen

Flemming Hinrichsen, currently the president of the lodge, joined the Brotherhood in 1963 and quickly became interested in leadership. He has also been active in the General Committee of Eastern Lodges, where he has served as president. He has been the Philadelphia representative to several national conventions, and has in general had his finger in everything that is Danish in Philadelphia. As such, he is also local correspondent for the "Danske Pioneer," where you will see his column about once a month. Now, in accepting the lodge presidency for the fourth time, he becomes the lodge spokesman during the convention.



Georg Olesen

Georg Olesen, coordinator of the joint convention committee, came to Philadelphia in the early 50's from Denmark. Through the usual assimilation process that all immigrants encounter, he quickly established himself as a mechanic for a business machine company. Today he is president of that company located in Ardmore, a suburb of Philadelphia. He joined the Brotherhood in 1955 and in a few years became the lodge treasurer, a job that he held for a considerable number of years. He was president of the lodge in 1977 and 1978. He has attended numerous conventions of the Eastern Lodges and was the lodge delegate to the last

national convention.

Representing the Danish Sisterhood on the convention committee, is Tove Bobman, a long-time active member.

Phila-Dania will be set at the Philadelphia Center Hotel, a million-dollar refurbished former Sheraton Hotel, located in center city, and within walking distance to some of the finest stores in town.

Joining the Brotherhood for this convention will be the Danish Sisterhood, which for the first time, will hold its convention simultaneously. It is therefore presumed this will become the greatest convention of Danes ever in the United States.

Specific information about reservations, hotel rates and activities that we have planned will be advertised in the March issue of the "American Dane". Meanwhile we suggest that you reserve September 27-October 1st for the time of your life in Philadelphia. Come and enjoy our city whether or not you are a delegate. This is your opportunity to meet members of lodges across the country.



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.

Life Insurance Planning and the Two-Income Family



Remember back when, if a wife had a job, everybody figured the family was a little down at the heel? Bet a few women even worked under assumed names in those days, and a lot of husbands had a hard time putting a good face on the thing. Of course, that was before you had to lay out more for a car than my father paid for his house. And you didn't have to choose between sending Junior to college and going out for dinner and a movie.

Those were rather more halcyon times on the economic scene. But it's a new ballgame now, and with inflation chugging along at a furious clip, people aren't taking it lying down. In about half the families today, both husband and wife earn incomes — yep, the wives go to work in broad daylight and everything. Which brings us to the matter at hand.

If you're a two-income family, you probably fall into one of three categories: (1) You have two regular paychecks coming in and your present lifestyle is defined by both (in other words, if anybody gets sick and misses work, it's all over). This is a big, big group; or, (2) You have a little leeway in the income department, may even scoot some of that second salary from checking on over into savings now and then. This is the next largest group; or, (3) Your family has no immediate need for the extra money and is saving it for a 'round-the-world cruise or a new wing for the hospital. This group is third because there are three families in it.

Most people who have arrived at Categories 1 and 2 plan to make an extended stay of it. They've made all the adjustments that are ritual to successful two-income living. Their daily schedules — which could have been choreographed by Busby Berkeley with help from the Marx Brothers — are complicated, yet, somehow it all works.

One area of two-income family life that tends to be overlooked, though, is life insurance planning. It shouldn't be. To put it simply, if you're a two-income family and haven't adjusted your life insurance program accordingly, you're

probably underinsured, perhaps seriously so. Here's why.

Without adequate life insurance on **both** wage earners, there could be big financial trouble ahead for the family if either spouse dies. And it may not be as simple a matter as tightening one's belt and pressing on as before. In some cases, this unprotected loss of income can signal a sharp reduction in a surviving family's standard of living.

Typically, it's the wife who is underinsured, a throwback to those more halcyon days we were just talking about. So the most serious problem in two-income life insurance planning usually crop up when a working wife and mother is earning 1980-style income, but still has 1950-style life insurance protection. That's a fair size Cultural Gap, but, fortunately, it's not a hard one to fill.

Naturally, each situation is different, and you will want to go over yours thoroughly with your fraternal representative. But there are some basics about two-in-one family life insurance planning that you should know about:

Covering Cash Needs: This, of course, is the foundation upon which most life insurance programs are built, and the planning that needs to be done here is essentially the same in both single and dual income families. Both spouses need ample protection to cover final expenses, and a clean-up fund for last medical costs, and any unpaid bills from charge accounts or local merchants. There should also be an emergency fund for both husband and wife to provide ready cash for the unexpected.

Mortgage Life Protection. This is really another cash need, but it's a big one for most of us and deserves a little bullet of its own. A two-income family should have some sort of plan that pays off the mortgage in case either or both wage earners die; or that would provide enough money for the surviving spouse to keep up the mortgage payments if so wished. Two-income mortgage life, which is usually a form of decreasing term, often with a base of permanent protection, is valuable stuff — especially

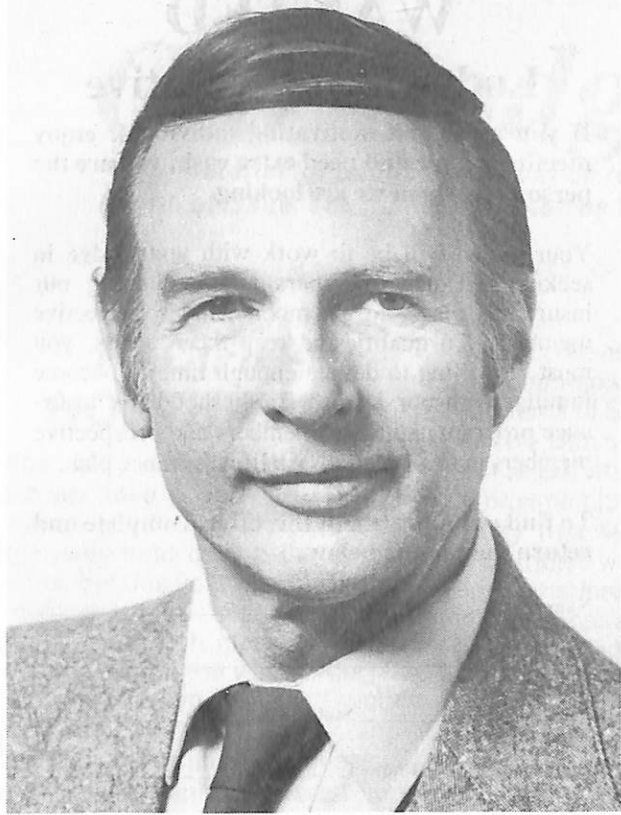
with mortgage payments consuming an increasingly greater chunk of the average family income (in case you haven't been house hunting lately, the figure these days is between 30 and 40 percent).

Estate Settlement and Administration Costs. This is ordinarily considered a cash need, too, in that estate taxes and administration costs must be paid very soon after the estate owner's death, but we're being generous with bullets this issue. It's hard to talk about estate costs without knowing the size of one's estate and, technically, you don't even have one until you die. But it isn't difficult to estimate what your estate might be and, once you start tallying up what you're worth, you'll probably be surprised at how quickly it can all add up. In fact, most Category 1 and 2 families would do well to visit an estate planning lawyer (Category 3 people probably are estate planning lawyers). The attorney, along with your fraternal benefit representative and accountant, can help you make the arrangements you want and need to make in this important area.

Protecting the Flow of Both Incomes. For most two-income families, protection of both incomes is the most pressing need, yet, it is the one that is most often neglected. How much of each spouse's paycheck should be insured depends on a number of things, and there are various ways of calculating it. Generally, you can figure out how much of each salary goes to family savings and to the income earner's self-support (for items such as food, clothing, medical, transportation, energy, entertainment, and insurance premiums), and then subtract that from the person's net after-tax income. Adjustments can also be made for existing benefits such as personal and group life insurance, and Social Security or other government benefits. What's left is money the family needs to help maintain its current standard of living.

A Word About Social Security. Social Security family survivor benefits provide a reasonably good floor of income protection as

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1982 SALES REPRESENTATIVE

For the fifth consecutive year Jens N. Jensen from Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon, was named representative of the year. Jens earned the award by providing 48 insured members with almost \$350,000 in new life insurance protection.

Jens credits much of his success to the support he receives from members and officers of Lodge No. 167. With the new life insurance portfolio which became effective January 1, 1983, we expect increased competition for the 1983 award.

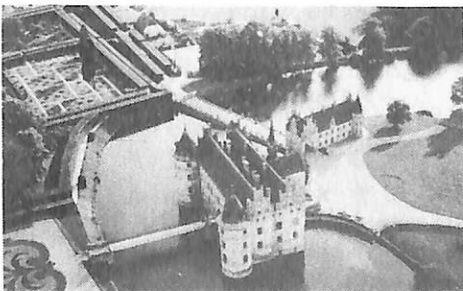
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1982 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Twenty-five entries were judged for the 1982 Danish Brotherhood photo contest. From these, three winning photos have been selected representing Danish ethnic activities of DBIA lodges. Winning first place is Carol Larsen of Lodge No. 36 in Milwaukee. Second place is awarded to Victoria Garrison of Lodge No. 346 in Riverside, California. Last but not least, Jerome Sonsalla takes third place with his entry for Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, Iowa. Each of the three will receive cash awards as well as publication as future cover photos for our American Dane magazine.

The 1983 Danish Brotherhood photo contest should bring an increased number of entries. The theme from 1982 will be repeated, all entries must depict Danish ethnic lodge activities. Cash awards will remain the same with \$75 for first place, \$45 for second place and \$35 for third place. Young Vikings will again be eligible to compete and a first place cash award of \$50 will be available, with \$25 for the second place Young Vikings winner. Entry deadline is December 31, 1983.

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by Sue Brooks

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| Christensen (Bernhard) | Scientific |
| Composer | Sculptor |
| Dinesen (Isak) | Sea |
| Explorer | Stars |
| Island | Symphony |
| Journalist | Tale |
| Kierkegaard (Søren) | Theologian |
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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.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Once again we have observed the Annual Nordic Festival. The Nordic Festival is normally held during the summer months, but this year, it was arranged to coincide with "Scandinavia Today", the Swedish glass exhibit and last but not least, the visit of King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden. We are appreciative to Jens Bruun of Scan/Design Furniture in Bellevue for displaying his imported Danish furniture, which really made the exhibit. Also, thanks to Ruth Hoegh-Christensen (Danish Sisterhood) for demonstrating her very exquisite lace work, which attracts a lot of attention, and to Norma Jean Wickstrum for demonstrating her needlepoint work.

Election was held in December, and the following members will be our officers for 1983: Past President, Clyde Langsted; President, Per Larsen; Vice President, Frank Poulsen; Secretary, Gerald Jensen; Treasurer, Kristen Jorgensen; Financial Secretary, Edith Andersen; Conductor, Jasper Mortensen; Guard, Leif Sorensen; Chairman of Trustees, John Hansen; Second Trustee, Fleming Sorensen; Third Trustee, Knud Hansen.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — We are proud to have Martin Rasmussen in our organization and his contributions as secretary-treasurer in the past will be long remembered. (See page 4 for information about Martin Rasmussen's accomplishment.)

Our Danish ladies, with the assistance of some of their husbands, partook in the Scandinavian Days at the Bi-Centennial Building in Tacoma in October. Our group netted \$1,800 for the Leif Erickson Committee

which raises funds each year for scholarships to worthy college students of Scandinavian descent.

The Danish Sisterhood of Tacoma invited Brotherhood members to their Christmas luncheon on December 1. They had 40 members and guests. The tables were beautifully decorated in Christmas motif with Christmas tablecloths and red candles. Each guest received tiny, pretty handmade Christmas baskets filled with a variety of homemade candy. Inga McQueen had made creamed ham with peas and carrots in patty shells. Slices of ham and rolls filled our plates. Fancy Danish cookies and coffee were served for dessert. Prizes were given for coupons purchased and Danish Christmas songs were sung throughout the luncheon. Everyone came away full and with much Christmas spirit.

Signe Wenness, Cor.



Lodge #268, Junction City, OR —

The 26th day of November was a festive day at the home of Jørgen and Anna Nielsen, as Jørgen celebrated his 96th birthday with an open house — coffee, cake, sandwiches and cookies were served by their five daughters to over 100 friends who dropped in to wish him a happy birthday.

Jørgen has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for over 50 years and is proud of his 50-year pin. He has also been honored with

a Certificate of Merit, along with a gift certificate from the Board of Directors in Omaha, and with an Honorary Membership in the Danish Brotherhood.

Jørgen and Anna still live in the big two-story house in Junction City that they purchased in 1932 for \$500.00. Every year they raise a big garden, a large part of which is canned for winter.

Jørgen and Anna had eight children, who also all live in Oregon within 20 miles of them; since none of them wanted to get very far away from their mother's cooking. Anna still cooks up a big meal regularly and has them all home for dinner, which she generally cooks on a big wood range. She has an electric range in the kitchen, but she only uses it in the summertime on hot days "nothing cooks like wood" she says.

I might add that everyday is open house at the Niensens, as nobody ever comes to visit who isn't invited to have coffee and some of Anna's home baked goodies. I might also add that Jørgen and Anna happen to be my parents.

Axel Nielsen, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada —

Our annual general meeting was December 1 and the following were elected to serve our lodge in 1983: Karl Kristen, President; Uwe Bruhn, Vice President; Peter Jensen, Secretary; Treasurer, Al Paquette; Trustees, Karl Egon Kristensen, Jens Peter Vestergaard and Peter Praegel; Conductor, Peter Rasmussen; Inner Guard, Ingjaltd Back; Outer Guard, Hans Jensen; first alternate Julius Nicolaisen and second alternate Hans Vestergaard. There are many new members who are

interested in serving on the board. Installation will be conducted on January 5 by Past President Erik Esmann.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — Hayward is pleased to have another new member in our midst. He is Thorvald (Larry) Cortsen. Larry transferred to Hayward from San Francisco Lodge #49. He is already active and participated in some of our events. Welcome, Larry. We are glad to have you in our lodge.

Our officers for 1983 are Past President, Jonna Villadsen; President, David Mahler; Vice President, Ceil Mahler; Secretary, Signe Ann McNeil; Treasurer, Debi Mahler; Conductor, Fred Mahler; Inner/Outer Guard, Lynn Troxel III; Trustees, Walter Hansen, Rowland McNeil and Stuart Mahler. Come to the meetings and activities and support your officers.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — The dinner committee put on a very good meal. (Those who stayed home missed a good one.) A letter of thanks to the lodge for the welcome given the Scandia athletes while in Solvang. The lodge donated wine for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at the Solvang Lutheran home for the old folks. Bud Hallam brought a case of beer to celebrate his birthday. Thanks Bud. A candy sale to help the local 4-H club was conducted by our treasurer Andy Andersen. Profits will help our local 4-H buy equipment. President David Christian and wife Mindy are major helpers to the 4-H young people.

An application for membership from Peter Kidmose was accepted. Welcome Peter. Installation of officers for 1983 was Jan. 15 at Memorial Hall in cooperation with the Sisterhood.

Officers for 1983 are: Past President, David Christian; President, Gary Unterseher; Vice President, Mogens Mortensen; Secretary, Bill Rasmussen; Treasurer, Bob Rasmussen; Trustees, Arden Petersen, Ken Fitzgerald, Ed Madsen; Outer Guard, Pablo Petersen; Inner

Guard, Ove Mortensen; Conductor, Bud Hallam.

Henry B. Edwards, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The lodges' 1983 program already sounds interestingly exciting. A youth group has seriously begun a program of Danish folk dancing. The regular practice hour will be 7-8 p.m. prior to regular meetings, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Norway Hall. Anyone interested will be encouraged to participate. Lillian Suda is the "willing and able" contact to be made for those interested.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The Board of Officers of Lodge No. 323 expresses appreciation for the efforts of all individuals who "chaired" or hosted events, made donations, served on committees and actively participated in meetings and events during 1982. Let us make 1983 another good year. The sooner we establish dates for events, the easier it will be for our members and friends to plan their attendance and to avoid conflicts with other "outside" attractions.

Sixty members attended our annual Christmas party, which was held jointly by the Brotherhood Lodge No. 323 and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 68. The membership did a wonderful job cooking a traditional Danish Christmas dinner. Everything from Glogg to roast pork with all the trimmings, to the final touch; a genuine Danish applecake. We even had a visit from you know who; "HO — HO — HO" who had a gift for everyone, even a beautifully wrapped box with nothing in it except air. Even Santa can make a mistake!!!!

Kate Krake, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Our Christmas party was a huge success as over 100 members and guests attended. Those of you who couldn't attend, missed an evening filled with laughter and visiting, and of course, eating! Our hats are off to Gerry and Ken Olsen who were the chairpersons of the food committee. Our first Danish class for the year will be Jan. 10th. January 8th is installation of officers for Lodge No. 345.

Hazel Kjellsen, Cor.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — The following officers have been elected

to serve on the 1983 board: President, Vicky Garrison; Vice President, Ken Nielsen; Treasurer, Hans Terkelson; Secretary, Nancy Nielsen; Conductor, Bill Del Grippo; Trustees, Alice Hagner, Albert Christensen and Monica Christensen; Inner Guard, Kaja Del Grippo; Outer Guard, Susan Nielsen. Conducting the installation will be Dan Mogensen, Vice President of the California/Nevada District. After dinner and the installation ceremony, Kodan members, families, and friends will enjoy dancing to the music of Alson Bergstrom and Company.

Children's Christmas Party Chairman Gail Jensen reports 17 children were present along with their parents and grandparents at the annual Children's Christmas Party. A beautiful tree was decorated, and everyone held hands and sang around the tree. But the highlight of the day was a visit from Julemanden who brought a gift for each child. Special thanks go to Janet Jensen for making Kodan's very own Santa suit, to Knud Andersen for wearing it so well, and to Gail and Gordon Jensen, Susie Nielsen, and Kaja Del Grippo for taking care of all the preparations for the party.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA



Lodge No. 15 members join hands to dance around the Christmas tree.

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — Lodge No. 15 extends belated "seasons greetings" to all our brothers and wishes for a very happy and successful New Year. We were very busy during the early part of December with our traditional "Danish Christmas party" at

the lodge on the 12th of December. Thirty-seven adults and 17 children enjoyed dancing around the lovely Christmas tree and singing Danish and American songs. Naturally, the appearance of Santa Claus (thanks to J.O. White) was the special and happy surprise to all.



Santa appeared to surprise everyone with goodies for the children.

Santa brought "goodies" for all the children. Afterwards everyone enjoyed refreshments of homemade cookies, cakes, candies and various liquid refreshments.

Our regular lodge meeting was held the following evening at which time installation of officers was observed, Brother Svend Christensen conducting. Some minor modifications to bylaws were read, discussed and approved.

Ann Ferguson, Cor.

Lodge #144 Dike, IA — Sisterhood Lodge #176 and Brotherhood Lodge #144, of Dike really enjoyed themselves on December 13, when they gathered at 6:30 p.m. with children and grandchildren.

The event was a "Dance Around the Christmas Tree". The tree was loaded with lights, ornaments and decorations. Many of the members and children were in Danish costume. About 75 persons joined



Debbie Sloth (right) joins hands with other adults and children to dance around the Christmas tree.



Children and grandchildren of members enjoyed Dike's Christmas celebration.

hands at one time or another and had a great time dancing around the tree. They sang Christmas carols. Don Olsen, our conductor was there with his guitar and did a couple of numbers.

Food and fellowship followed, then the youngsters were excused and business meeting held. Someday, we'd like to have an even larger group enjoy this tradition! Happy New Year to all!

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — DBS #147 and DSS #109 held their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 15, with about 50 in attendance. After a bountiful potluck supper, games were played, singing and the traditional dance around the Christmas tree was held. Treats were handed to the children at the conclusion of the evening. Special guests were Rev. and Mrs. David Lawson, Julie and Greg. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buch, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Simons and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jensen were in charge of the program.

Elmer Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA — The lodge had their annual Julefest December 9 with good attendance. Sharon Nielsen read an article describing Christmas Eve as celebrated in Denmark. Donna Christensen gathered the children and read a story for them. We danced and sang around the Christmas tree. Lodge #347 wishes everyone Godt Nytaar.

Ulla Wall, Sec.

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:

JANUARY 1983

George J. Jacobsen, salary, \$269.50

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — In cooperation with Radio Station WRKR, 1460 AM, some dedicated members of Lodge No. 4 are working hard to establish the financial base for a weekly broadcast. We start on Sunday, January 2, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., with a program that will be of special interest to the Danish community in Racine. We need the support of the business community in the form of paid commercials.

With any cooperation from the weather, Racine will soon have a new and unique business. There's no question the business will be highly visible. After all, it's hard to overlook something 75 feet tall by 55 feet in diameter.

Jon Peterson really gets up when engaging in his new venture, "Barn Floaters-Promotions". Jon first became interested in hot air ballooning about three years ago at the Wisconsin Dells Balloon Rally. He was hooked.

"It was just something I had to do," he said. "I'll never forget my first flight. It was quiet, relaxing and one of the most exciting experiences of my life."

Jon Peterson is a well known member of Lodge No. 4, he is one of the "eager-beavers" preparing lunch for our monthly smokers.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our Christmas party on December 13 was a big success. Over 100 members, families and friends enjoyed a delicious potluck; "Mistini" the magician had everyone baffled and the singing around the Christmas tree with Santa was enjoyed by all. A great evening. Thanks to the officers for the planning and to the committee who helped organize.

"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other one higher."

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Members and friends of Lodge No. 35 are invited on March 4th at 7:30 p.m., to view the excellent film about Denmark and Greenland entitled "Doing It Danish" by Keiffer-Wilson productions. The film will be narrated and contains brilliant travelogue photography

that is a treat to the eye and ear. Reservations are a must and are limited. Please call Ray Nielsen at (312) 799-5182 or Woody Petersen at (312) 481-2761 by March 1st ...**reservations are to be paid in advance.** Cost is \$2.50 per person for adults, \$1.50 for children. Danish sandwiches and coffee will be served after the film and a cash bar will be available. Don't miss this opportunity to see the film and enjoy a good "Danish" evening.

At our January 7th meeting, officers were installed by Woody Petersen with Alfred Steffensen acting as conductor. Those installed were: Past President, John Jorgensen; President, Paul Sloth; Vice President, Edward Larsen; Secretary, Charles Jespersen; Treasurer, Raymond Nielsen; 1st Trustee, John Bondegard; 2nd Trustee, Herb Peterson; 3rd Trustee, Henry Jepsen and Conductor, Frede Nielsen.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We received an unexpected letter of thanks from the Board of Project Concern of Cudahy-St. Francis for the lodge's pre-Thanksgiving Day donation of non-perishable food items for low income families.

In early Christmas, we made ornaments to decorate the Christmas tree and Dansk Hus in the European Village at the Milwaukee County Public Museum. We were especially fortunate in that, of the thirty-three ethnic groups represented in the Village, part of the Danish exhibit was one of the six included in TV Channel 12's special 'Tis the Season' shown December 20 and Christmas Day.

Sunday evening, December 5, 1982, Lodge 36 members answered telephones in TV Channel 10's Studio A during the Channel 10/36 Friends membership/fund drive. Public television provides us with quality entertainment and educational programs and is in need of our support. On Sunday evening, March 6, 1983, Lodge 36 will have another opportunity to lend a helping hand and to receive valuable on-the-air publicity for the Danish Brotherhood. We will need 25 people to answer phones for the Friends during periodic, live,

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New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Mary Jean Grunberg	10	Council Bluffs	Ervin A. Grunberg
Gary Stanley	10	Council Bluffs	Ervin A. Grunberg
Kristi Haggstrom	10	Council Bluffs	Ervin A. Grunberg
Suzann Sweetman	10	Council Bluffs	Ervin A. Grunberg
Kevin Sweetman	10	Council Bluffs	Ervin A. Grunberg
John P. Socha	10	Council Bluffs	Ervin A. Grunberg
John E. Witzel	10	Council Bluffs	Ervin A. Grunberg
Gilbert E. Ellerbeck	10	Council Bluffs	Ervin A. Grunberg
Clifton Peterson	14	Kenosha	John Honnonek
Joseph F. Heinzen, Jr.	14	Kenosha	Mark Thompson
David R. Brown	29	Seattle	Cylde Langsted
David L. Murphy	34	Dwight	James Anderson
Opal M. Roop	56	Kansas City	E. A. Nielsen
Alvin L. Nielsen	56	Kansas City	R. J. Wallace
Esther T. Kirk	75	Albert Lea	Alton Neve
Jens C. Jensen	84	Lincoln	Greg Hansen
J. Paul Jacobsen	92	St. Charles	Einar Danielsen
Frances S. Jacoby	126	Los Angeles	Erik M. Kofod
Frederick Davis	167	Portland	Rex Suthard
Virginia Jacobsen	167	Portland	Melvin P. Pihl
Evelyn M. Larsen	167	Portland	Melvin P. Pihl
Patrick Albeck	167	Portland	Eugene Albeck
April Albeck	167	Portland	Eugene Albeck
Jennifer Albeck	167	Portland	Eugene Albeck
Roy S. Christensen	184	Hayward	Rowland D. McNeil
Jerald Bonds	261	Fowler	Richard Jensen
Howard L. Boynton	263	Askov	Byron Petersen
Daren C. Brantley	325	Nassau County	Niels B. Hansen
Violet Worley	332	Ripon	A. F. Tunsen, Sr.

membership pitches between wonderful programming.

Twenty-nine members and friends attended our December 7th Christmas party. The evening started with a delicious potluck supper. We sang Christmas carols, viewed the movie "Sunny Scandinavia", and had a gift exchange.

The following were elected to serve the lodge in 1983: Past President, Albert L. Larsen; President, Orville P. Christensen; Vice President, Elmer C. Jorgensen; Secretary, Albert L. Larsen; Treasurer, Alice T. Andersen; First Trustee, Grace E. Gertz; Second Trustee, Svend E. Tengbom; Third Trustee, Arthur B. Jensen; and Conductor, Emily E. Petersen.

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL — The new slate of officers for 1983 is: Past President, Bob Christensen; President, Ted Kaiser; Vice President, Walter Sokulski; Treasurer, Rune Karsbaek; Secretary, Barbara Karsbaek; Trustees, Jack Andersen,

Frank Rasmussen, Dick Christensen; Conductor, Ken Andersen; Inner Guard, Sue Andersen; Outer Guard, Shirley Christensen.

It is time for the 3rd annual Smørrebrød Contest. Sandwiches will be judged first and then eaten later by all. Prizes are awarded.

At the Christmas party we had singing around the Christmas tree, Rune on the piano, a surprise visit from Santa with great gifts (thanks to Bob) for the kids, cartoons, a fun-loving clown that led us in the Twelve Days of Christmas, lots of other games, and, of course, the ladies of the lodge put on their usual fine display of Danish delicacies. The people there, in the true Danish spirit, had a good time. A special thanks to Walter and Anneliese Sokulski and Frede and Rose Hansen.

Lodge #344, Janesville, WI — We thank our secretary Mrs. Marvin Barliss and her husband for a nice Christmas party. Not only did she chair the committee, but everyone was invited to her home afterward for "aebleskage" and other goodies.

Sophus Sorensen from our neighboring lodge in Rockford, Ill., donated a handmade bread board for a drawing prize which was presented by Santa Claus (Carl Jensen).

January 27 we are planning a potluck dinner.

Howard E. Hansen, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The editor was pleased to show off the Lodge No. 1 Danish language class last month and some of their activities. The need for the class is apparent since she inadvertently referred to the medisterpølse as rullepølse. No doubt it tastes great!

Diane Doyle, editor

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our Christmas party was very Danish and one of the exceptional events of 1982. The committee for the month did an outstanding job of organizing and preparing. Poul Steffensen explained some Danish Christmas customs to set the right mood for traditional activities. We were pleased to have so many of our members and their families taking time to observe Christmas in the Danish way.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We experienced an enjoyable evening at our Christmas party held December 16 at Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. A co-op dinner with turkey and ham furnished by the lodge. Some sixty

persons attended. The hall and tables were decorated for Christmas including a small Christmas tree on a gift table. The committee presented a program of Christmas readings and a game was played. Pastor Clayton Nielsen read the Christmas story from Luke, all enjoyed singing Christmas carols in both English and Danish. Pastor and Mrs. Nielsen were presented a Danish plate from the Danish dancers in appreciation for their help teaching new steps. The group participated in telling of Christmases past with a special meaning or remembrance. In spite of Santa not coming as we had no snow for landing, we had our gift exchange. The lodge treated everyone with apples and candy bars.

The 1983 Denmark calendar and the 1983 Danish Brotherhood lodge serving and meeting schedule calendar was given to all members, the evening closed by enjoying coffee and Christmas goodies.

In January following the aebleskiver supper, officers for 1983 will be installed.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — Christmas dinner party was December 16 at the Eagles Club in Grand Island. After the delicious turkey and ham dinner, the members enjoyed playing bingo.

At the January meeting the following officers were installed:

President, Walter Alderman; Vice President, Julius Thomsen; Secretary-Treasurer, Vera Petersen. The new trustee, Holger Honore, was not able to be there because of the death of his mother.

Entertainment after the meeting was ten point pitch.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

MICHIGAN- OHIO

District News — The Michigan Ohio District Bowling Tournament and dinner dance, this year hosted by Detroit Lodge 227, will be on Saturday, May 14th with bowling at Redford Lanes and dinner-dance at the Danish Club. Chairman for Lodge No. 227 is Ken Rehan.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular meeting of Lodge #51 was held on January 5, 1983, with 23 members in attendance. Roy Peterson's application for membership was accepted by the investigating committee and members. We also had installation of officers. We wish to thank outgoing officer Robert Jensen and to wish the best of luck to our new secretary Mike Bray and to all of the officers who were re-elected. A good lunch of chili and ham sandwiches, put on by Ron Santelman, was enjoyed after the meeting.

December was a busy month

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
10-29-82	Leif Pedersen	48	Kolding, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1961
11-8-82	Forrest Christiansen	83	Neola, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1924
11-25-82	Peter M. Petersen	83	Rahway, New Jersey	90	Port Reading, New Jersey	1917
11-27-82	Victor Sondergaard	78	Mosbjerg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1929
11-4-82	Einer Simonsen	79	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1927
11-5-82	Ole E. Skytte	85	Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1943
11-19-82	Lawrence Svendsen	92	Aalborg, Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1910
12-8-82	Keith A. Holt	66	St. Paul, Minnesota	650	Omaha, Nebraska	1946
11-24-82	Arthur P. Andersen	88	Derby, Connecticut	41	Derby, Connecticut	1940
12-5-82	Corbett Hansen	57	Muskegon, Michigan	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1965
12-1-82	Mathais Jessen	94	Nordby, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1907
12-26-82	Earl Rasmussen	73	Elba, Nebraska	153	Dannebrog, Nebraska	1948
12-12-82	Juel Juelsen	87	Oksby, Denmark	90	Port Reading, New Jersey	1923
12-11-82	Laurits Petersen	91	Egby, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
10-16-82	Jim Steiner	62	Cle Elum, Washington	29	Seattle, Washington	1978
11-13-82	Carl Rasmussen	97	Sr. Aaby, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1918
11-18-82	Robert Tugman	62	Salt Lake City, Utah	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1977

socially for us. We had three parties and a setback tournament. On the afternoon of December 18, we had the Children's Christmas party. That evening was the Adult Christmas party and on the 31st of December it was our New Year's Eve party. We wish to thank the committees and everyone who put a lot of time and effort in putting these events on.

The Children's Christmas party was attended by 23 kids, who had an afternoon full of playing games and eating ice cream, cakes, candy and fruit. There was a visit from Santa Claus (Brother Jack Petersen) who gave everyone gifts. A good time was had by all; even the growups who were there.

Keith Koegler, Pres.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — We had a wonderful evening at the Children's Christmas Party on December 26th with a full house — more children and adults than ever before. It was the finest and best-smooth running evening in a long time — with singing, Santa Claus, a magician, and a clown who danced around the tree with the kids; gifts for the kids from Santa, hot dogs, pop, milk and ice cream, pastries and coffee. The Sisterhood Lodge 125 once again came through with much needed help in grand fashion.

Three new Brothers were initiated at our early meeting in January, so our "Welcome Mat" was out for Peter Christensen, Paul Larsen and Norman Nissen. Hope to get to know you better in time. Our annual "Slaa Katten af Tønden" (knock the cat out of the barrel) dinner dance is on February 26th. Early reservations recommended. Red Cross Blood Drive

**FEBRUARY
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NUMBER 1004**

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February 1, 1983

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March 1, 1983

Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

**HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer**

will be on March 23, from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Danish Hall. Put it in your date book and show up to give. Let's support our chairman for this event, Ron Hammer.

Niels Hansen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On Dec. 8th we had our Christmas party potluck supper, with over 50 members and their families. The children got a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who had a small present for each child. Afterwards we sang Christmas songs around the tree. There was plenty of paper to make your own Danish Christmas hearts and stars. We all had a very nice time.

Our January 12th meeting will be joint installation of our officers with the Sisterhood. Our slate of officers will be: Past President, Robert Johnson; President, Don Geissler; Vice President, Norman Edmonds; Secretary, Chris Simonsen; Treasurer, Barry Edmonds; Financial Secretary, Victor and Gail Mitchell; Conductor, Kris Larsen, Jr.; Trustees, Art Sorensen, Kris Larsen Sr., and Erik Talboe; Inner Guard, Jackie Hansen; Outer Guard, Winnie Edmonds; and Newsletter Editor, Winnie Edmonds.

We are planning to have a dance with the Swedes sometime in April. We haven't all the details yet but will keep you posted.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our schedule for 1983 is fairly well established with meetings scheduled for February 1, March 11, and April 8. May 13, will be ladies night and our annual banquet is October 7. Past Presidents Night will be held on November 11 with Christmas celebrated December 9.



Diane Danko presents 10-month-old Erik Danko to National President George Jacobsen for initiation.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — At our November meeting we were honored to have our National President George Jacobsen visit us and initiate our youngest member, Erik Danko, age 10 months.

Our Christmas party in December was attended by 33 members and guests. Frida Petersen was the person who found the almond in the Christmas rice pudding and won a bottle of akvavit.

We are planning our cod fish party for February 10 and our 80th anniversary dinner for April 16, 1983.

Ray Leth, Cor.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — Officers for 1983 are: George Severson, Past President; Peter Nielsen, President; Kaye W. Sorenson, Vice President; George Severson, Secretary; Olin Yauchler, Treasurer; Peter Sorensen, Trustee; Norman Hanson, Trustee; Carl Christensen, Trustee; "Whitey" Larsen, Conductor; Kaye H. Sorenson, Inner Guard; Kaye W. Sorenson, Outer Guard.

The brothers had their annual Christmas party December 16, 1982, at the Turf Inn and it was well attended by brothers and sisters and some guests from the Troy lodge. The brothers again voted to send the widows of departed brothers a gift in their memory. Many letters and calls of appreciation have been received and this, too, added to the holiday feelings we all enjoyed. A delicious dinner was enjoyed and a visit by Santa and his Mrs. (The K. Sorensens) rounded out a nice gathering.

We wish you a very happy New Year and do hope you can find a little time to spend at your lodge.

Bill Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our December meeting was attended by 45 members. A minute of silence was observed and our charter draped in memory of Col. Robert Tugman and Rudolph Larsen. Both passed away since our November meeting. Our sincere sympathy goes to their families. As this was our last meeting for this year, nomination and election of officers for 1983 took place.

The new officers are: Kenneth Agerskov, Past President; Elmer Jensen, President; Emil Mogensen, Vice President; Bill Steffensen, Secretary; Robert Jorgensen, Secretary-Treasurer; Hans Schmidt, Conductor; the



George Holm just received his 60 year membership pin and is congratulated by our president, Kenneth Agerskov. George became a member of The Danish Brotherhood December 1922. His daughter, Elsa Humiston, is visiting from New Hampshire.

Trustees, Paul Vedel, Helen Wester and Grethe Larsen.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — We had a real good turn out at our meeting December 10. A new slate of officers for 1983 was elected as follows: President, Dr. James Mills; Vice President, Jørgen Petersen; Secretary, Niels B. Hansen; Treasurer, Hans Pedersen; Financial Secretary, Ib Andersen; Trustees, Svend Hansen, Raymond Andreason and Otto Andreasen. Hans Pedersen is now starting his 42 year as treasurer.

After our business meeting our members enjoyed a splendid Christmas dinner, Danish style — risengrød, flaeskesteg, rødkaal and all the trimmings. With coffee, Julekage, Klejner and Brunekager were served. A "thank you" to Jørgen Petersen and his excellent crew who gave a hand at serving.

Sunday, December 12, we held our Christmas party for the children. Thirty-seven children and seventy-five adults had signed up, but the weather was not with us. Snow and ice kept people from showing up. The hardy Vikings that came had a good time. Santa, of course, had no problems with the snow. He arrived on time to the great delight of the youngsters, who also had a good time playing games and enjoying all the goodies. Thank you to the Laustsens, who for the umpteenth time donated the Christmas tree. Also thank you to Ellen and Victor (Fishers Candy) for their donation of goodies. A thank you to the hardy crew for

Sunday morning to decorate the hall and tree; Mr. Andersen, the Homgrens, the Hansens, Hans and Rita, Jorgen Petersen and Lydia and Victor Sorensen — who went all the way in to Brooklyn to pick up the Danish pastry. A special thanks to the Andersen girls, Lise and Irene, who wrapped the gifts, and to Susan Steiness for helping with the games. A grateful thank you to Birgit and George. Without them I doubt there would be any Christmas party. With them in charge we are a lucky lot.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Plain Talk (Continued from page 6)

long as there are dependents under age 18 or still in school. And, under the present set up, even the surviving spouse's earnings may not significantly reduce the total benefits the family will receive each month. But once the children reach 18 or are out of school, the picture changes dramatically. After that, the surviving spouse gets nothing from Social Security until he or she becomes eligible for retirement benefits — age 60 at the earliest. Any life insurance plans a two-income family makes should consider this stretch of years, called the "Blackout Period". Will the surviving spouse's income alone be enough to provide full support in an inflationary economy? It's a question well worth the asking.

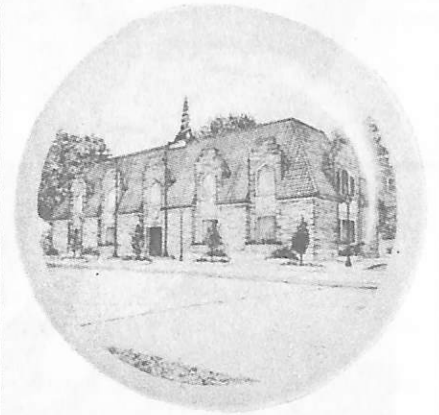
The growth of the two-income family in the past couple of decades has been phenomenal. The life insurance industry has been watching it all with interest, and has not been tardy in developing plans that have efficiently and economically kept pace. But the reason so many two-income family insurance programs still look like reruns of "Father Knows Best" usually has little to do with economics. It is, rather, that many working husbands and wives have yet to realize the extent and probable permanence of both their financial contributions; or how quickly and completely they have come to depend on two paychecks. Once this understanding is reached, though, they generally find that 1980-style life insurance coverage for both wage earners makes sense and is not an overly expensive proposition. But whatever the cost, the price paid for **not** having the protection can be considerably steeper.

Scandinavian Summer Seminars

Topics for the 1983 summer seminars sponsored by the Danish Institute for Information about Denmark and Cultural Cooperation include Design, Architecture, Museums, Libraries, Early Childhood, Education, Special Education, Care of the Aged, Women, and the Conference on Europe of Regions. In celebration of the bicentenary of N.F.S. Grundtvig, an International Grundtvig-Conference is planned in September 1983.

Seminars take place in several locations. For registration information, contact: Det Danske Selskab, Kulturvet 2, DK-1175, Copenhagen K, Denmark.

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The Remarkable Jean Hersholt

by Ralph Land



*To Axel and Mrs. Steinhilber
Just a reminder of their friend
Jean Hersholt
Oct. 1943.*

A legend in his time, **Jean Hersholt** was a veteran of fifty years of acting in Hollywood films. His early playing parts were that of villains and heroes, and then he turned to character roles, in which in all he portrayed more than 450 characters in both silent pictures and talkies.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 12, 1886, Hersholt as a youth leaned towards art. He visualized himself as a portrait painter. Another Gainsborough, perhaps.

But his parents, who were prominent Danish actors, had other ideas for him. Reluctantly, Hersholt was detoured from his craving ambition, and eventually was influenced to become an actor.

It was during his two-and-a-half year apprenticeship — a requirement of all Danish actors — at the Dagmar Theatre School in Copenhagen that he discovered he had been won over completely to an acting career.

In short time his dramatic talents aroused public enthusiasm. He became an established star of the Danish stage and screen.

Seeking to score greater glory and profit, as well as to advance the appreciation of Danish plays, Hersholt toured America during the first World War.

His journeyings here delighted him. It was truly a land of glorious opportunities. Only a brief time, and he was engaged to perform at the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco.

When the exposition closed, he went to Hollywood for an acting job. But he found it hard to get work at first. Meanwhile, his money was getting lower and lower. And to add to discouragement, he was in a strange country, practically unknown.

But he wouldn't admit to himself that he was licked. He was a somebody in Denmark, he would be a somebody here, he resolved.

When he learned that E.H. Allen was auditioning actors, he thought of a plan to attract attention to himself. At 5'11, 190 pounds, and sporting a mustache, he presented a commanding appearance as he strode in on Allan, dressed up in striped trousers, cutaway, spats and derby, and carrying a cane. Hersholt's impeccable attire had a mesmerizing effect on Allan. He hired him, and his first assignment was to display his wardrobe.

From then on his Hollywood future was assured. Soon Hersholt was appearing with Mary Pickford and cast in star roles by Erich Von Stroheim.

The year 1936 proved to be a lucky one for him, leading to the highest step in his career. He had taken the part of "**Dr. Allan Daffoe**" in the motion picture "**The Country Doctor**", which featured the famed Canadian Dionne quintuplets. The public reacted acclaimingly. And Dorothy Barstow, Hollywood radio director, was stimulated to evolve a new program series idea, starring Jean Hersholt as "**Dr. Christian**" — kindly and benevolent.

And on Nov. 7, 1937, "**Dr. Christian**" was premiered on the air over CBS.

The first story was simple. A backwoods appendectomy — performed on the son of a fisherman with knives instead of scalpels. But threaded throughout the plot was the abundantly revealing goodness of "**Dr. Christian**".

"**Dr. Christian**" was a predictable success from thereon. Youngsters, oldsters, shut-ins, of all creeds, were drawn to this airworthy program, devoid of corruptible preachments.

Its popularity transcended to the screen. RKO made motion pictures — "**Meet Dr. Christian**". . . "**Dr. Christian Meets the Women**". . . and "**Remedy and Riches**".

With a friendly voice, soft and burred in his native Danish accent, Hersholt endeared himself to listening millions by his weekly Wednesday night performances, in which as "**Dr. Christian**" he unflinchingly in varied heart-warming stories helped untangle the lives of humans meshed in a skein of misery.

So stirring and effective was his make-believe role, that over 200 rural doctors personally sought out Hersholt to express their appreciation for his humanizing the M.D. And many listeners regarded Hersholt as a real-life M.D. — judging by the many letters he received for medical advice.

One radio fan wrote: "Dear Dr. Christian, I am writing you in the hope that you will help me. My wife tells me that I do lots of talking in my sleep. Frankly, I'm getting worried. What shall I do?"

Good-humoredly, "**Dr. Christian**" penned back the following: "Nothing that you shouldn't."

If ever two people were so much alike in their ways of dispensing kindness and service to other humans, it was the fictitious "**Dr. Christian**" and Jean Hersholt. And because of this very similarity, it enabled Hersholt to easily emote the characterization.

In Los Angeles, his home town, Hersholt was widely regarded as deeply sincere, charmingly modest, and a magnanimous contributor to worthy causes.

With Mary Pickford, Hersholt was responsible for getting the Screen Actors Guild to provide a home for aged and destitute actors. Under his unswerving guidance, the Motion Picture Relief Fund was launched. Result, a Country House and 40-bed hospital for members of the industry unable to care

for themselves.

Although a proud American citizen since 1918, Hersholt never forgot the country of his birth, Denmark. Unwaveringly, he spent much of time and money to aid Danish countrymen everywhere in the world. The Danish Old People's Home Foundation in Southern California is a tribute to his unstinting generosity in helping its establishment.

In 1944 he gave up his work before the camera for the duration of the war, in order to give more time to the war effort and to his duties as president of American-Danish Relief, continuing his acting, however, as "Dr. Christian".

How he managed to find time to utilize his office as president of this organization evoked wonder and admiration — so busied was he with other activities.

During World War II he played gratis a doctor in a health education film **To the People of the United States**. Its purpose — to aid in the fight against syphilis. Sponsored by the California Health Department and the United States Public Health Service, and approved by the War Activities Committee of the Office of War Information, arrangements were being made for national distribution through motion picture houses.

The film stirred much controversy. The Legion of Decency objected "because it failed to stress the importance of moral standards. . .and it violated the motion picture production code."

Although several versions were recommended and specified that the film be shown only to selected audiences, Hersholt was "shocked and angered by the move for suppression of the film."

So deep was his conviction that there was a crying need for sex education, he vehemently declared "It would be criminal negligence to overlook it. The Scandinavian countries were able to stamp out venereal disease almost completely by making blood tests and treatment compulsory. The time is coming by when we shall have to do the same."

He made frequent short-wave broadcasts to Denmark for the Office of War Information. For his wartime service to his native land, Hersholt humbly accepted the knighthood bestowed upon him by the late King Christian X.

He authored a praise-worthy biography of the noted Danish storyteller **Hans Christian Andersen**, his favorite author. An ardent collector, he owned one of the finest collections of Andersen rarities in existence, including original volumes, manuscripts and letters. In 1944 Heritage Press published his translation of twenty-five of Andersen's fairy tales, which became a best seller in the field. "Jean Hersholt," wrote the American Scandinavian Review, "is probably the only Dane in our time who in this country comes nearest to the universal popularity of his great compatriot Hans Christian Andersen."

A well-known bibliophile, Hersholt had, in addition to his Andersen collection, a good Dickens library and many books by other favorites such as Shakespeare, Melville, Mark Twain, and Sinclair Lewis.

Seldom seen puttering around without a pipe (he had a big collection), he spent much time pursuing his artistic interests, collecting many Currier and Ives prints, indulging in painting, sketching and photography. He also found time to belong to several clubs: the Elks, the Masons, the Players in N.Y. and the Bohemian Club in San Francisco.

He cherished the honors he received. For services to the industry through charitable endeavors, he was given the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Award of Merit in 1939. And in 1942 he was bestowed a degree of Doctor of Humanities at Rollins College in Florida. In 1943 Bowdoin

College (Maine) awarded him an honorary Master of Arts degree.

Unmindful of Hollywood's fast-tempoed life, its glitter of sham and tempestuous living, Hersholt steadfastly moored himself to a philosophy of decency and tranquillity — his "peace of mind" formula. Broken down in two component parts: one, his long-time marriage to the former Via Anderson. (They have one son, Alan.) And, two, a life devoted to service, unselfishly rendered.

Jean Hersholt's talents have embraced — actor. . . philanthropist. . . civic figure. . . author. . . and scholar. (He died June 2, 1956.) But above all, he was a dispenser of compassion, a "Dr. Christian" in every sense of the word.

DBIA/DAF - Flight to Denmark

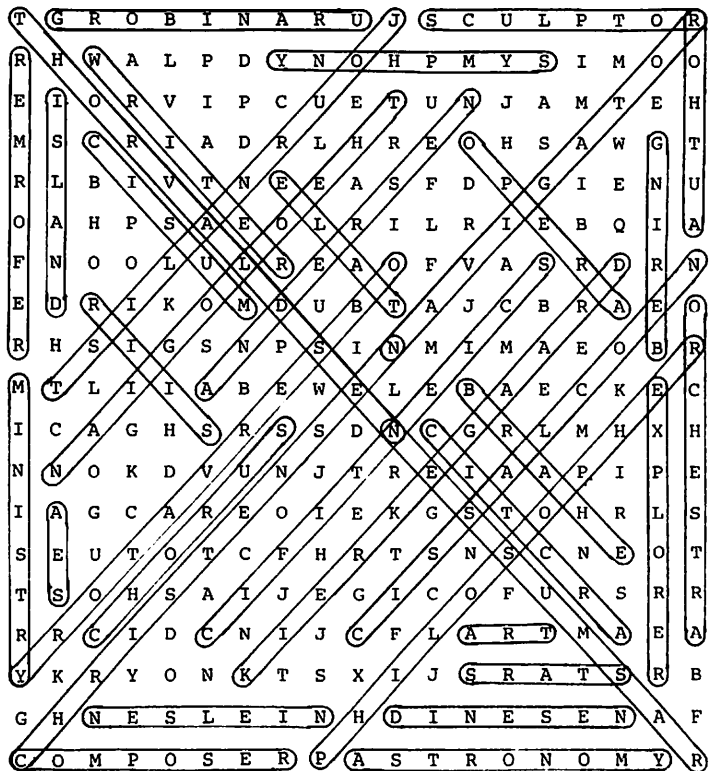
When does it leave? June 25, 1983, 12 noon
From where does it leave? Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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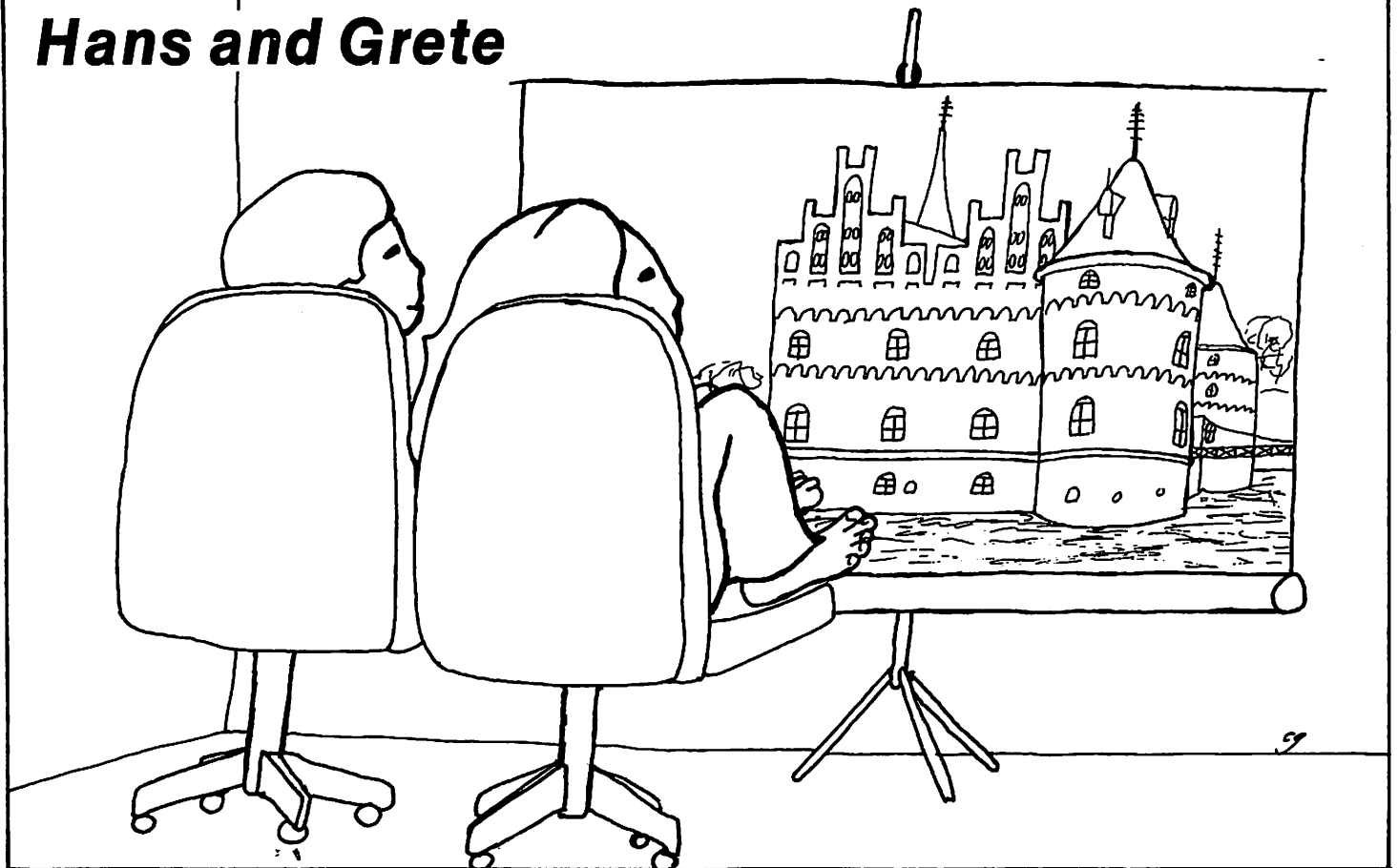
Who is the flight coordinator? Verna (Olsen) Nielsen, 6625 Emerson Avenue, S., Minneapolis, MN 55423; phone (612) 866-5132.

How much does it cost? Adults - \$669; children 2-11 - \$446; children under 2, held, \$66.90.

Where do I get information? Write to the Danish American Center, 4200 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55416; or contact Mrs. Verna Nielsen directly. Enclose a self-addressed envelope for full particulars.



Hans and Grete



Hans and Grete may win a prize if they remember the name of this castle in Denmark.

Color our picture, clip it out and send to— The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. You might win a LEGO building kit. Include: 1. your name, 2. your return address, 3. your date of birth, and 4. our colored picture.

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Grandma's Kitchen

Forgotten Dessert*

7 egg whites
1 tsp. cream of tartar
½ c. whipping cream
1 ½ c. white sugar
pinch of salt

Beat egg whites slightly. Add cream of tartar and salt. Beat until very stiff. Add sugar slowly. Continue beating until sugar is dissolved. Grease an 8x12 inch pyrex pan (must be pyrex to hold heat). Heat oven to 450 degrees. Put dessert in oven and turn oven off.

Let set in oven overnight (do not peek). The next day whip cream and spread over top. Refrigerate at least 4 hours. Cut in squares and top with strawberries or cherry pie filling (or any kind of fruit you choose).

*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

Coming Together – A Beginning

Keeping Together – Progress

Working Together – Success

Not every DBIA lodge has a meeting place of its very own. But the Danish Brotherhood building at 710 Grand Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, is a meeting place and a highly rated Racine restaurant. It's a large building, into which the pride of the membership of Lodge No. 4, Racine, has been built. When the restaurant is open and you're in Racine, you are invited visit and enjoy an excellent meal.

RACINE'S DANISH BROTHERHOOD RESTAURANT

The restaurant is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and dinners are served from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Friday night is an all you can eat fish fry, and the Sunday menu includes delicacies such as half a roast duck with orange glaze, roast pork loin with red cabbage, or broiled whitefish almondine. The most expensive item on the Sunday menu goes for \$9.95; a king sized serving of prime rib au jus. Reservations for Sunday are recommended. Hearty lunches with specials like frikadeller, liver and onions and roast pork with vegetable, potato, bread and butter cost \$3.25.

The restaurant, recently reviewed by **Racine Journal Times'** Lori Bergstrom, received four stars when service, food, decor and atmosphere were considered. The atmosphere was provided by Georgie Boy, George Matranga, who appears ever Friday night with taped big band music for dancing until 1 a.m.

The Danish Brotherhood is also Racine's newest dinner theater. Directed by Tom Spaker, drama coach at Washington Park High School, the theater crew uses the upstairs ballroom and stage for plays, to rehearse and build sets. The Director's Chair, as the theater group is called, does all the advertising, tickets sales, and promotion. The food is from the Lodge No. 4 kitchens. Two reviews from local papers have been extremely enthusiastic about the most recent production, "Eat Your Heart Out". Another presentation will open in late February. The current price for the dinner theater is \$12.50 per person. Reservations are necessary.

All of the members of the Racine lodge have a share in the building and may use it rent free. Members get special rates on food for parties. The annual banquet for the lodge is provided at cost. From what we hear, the lodge is looking at some remodeling in the future.

John Mollerskov of Racine provided information about the activities of his lodge. He says, "There are two separate businesses in Lodge No. 4. One is the lodge business everyone has. Number two, we have a House Committee who takes care of the business end of the food, bar, rentals, employees, etc. They also have to see the building is kept in order and good repair."

"The publicity given us by the **Racine Journal Times** has increased our Friday nights tremendously, so now we have people waiting to get a table." Be sure to get your reservations.

CORRECTION: The new Danish Weekly News address is now P.O. Box 86759, 101 East 1st St., North Vancouver, B.C., Canada V7L 4L3

IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

Learning or re-learning to speak Danish is fun for the whole family. And it is a wonderful activity for the individual lodges, too.

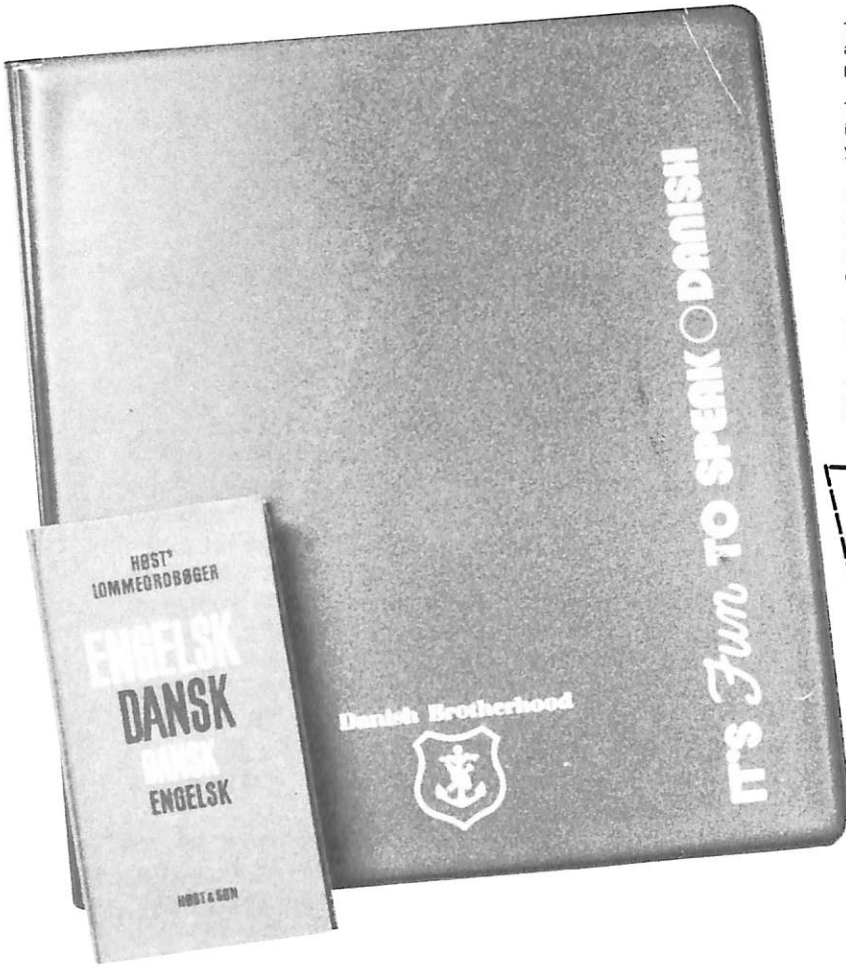
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