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President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

President's Annual Report

The Annual Report of the President is a responsibility I am happy to accept. It is my accounting to you of actions taken by our Board during the past year. Although I did not become President of the society until the 1984 Convention in Philadelphia, I was, of course, First Vice President and attended Board meetings during 1983 taking an active part in discussions and decisions of the Board.

In May of 1983 the National Board of Directors met to complete preparation for our 31st National Convention. The members selected to serve on the National Law Committee met in our headquarters at the same time. As their hosts in Omaha, it was our pleasure to sponsor a trip to the Strategic Air Command Headquarters near Omaha where the Law Committee viewed firsthand the critical work of the United States Air Force. Later that same evening we were guests of Secretary-treasurer Emeritus Axel Skelbeck and his wife Rose. The Law Committee had a chance to meet other Danish Brotherhood lodge officers from Nebraska and Iowa during an evening reception at headquarters.

The quaddrennial audit by Arthur Andersen & Company, a private firm, had been completed and the chief auditor for the examination, Kevin McCoy, appeared before the Board to respond to any questions regarding procedures. The audit had positive results.

Many other items were discussed by the Board at this meeting, including Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village in Minnesota. Of particular concern was the request of Lodge No. 111 in Austin, Minnesota, for dissolution. The Board asked Sales Director Andy Andersen to visit with the lodge during a planned trip to Minnesota. The lodge decided not to dissolve shortly thereafter.

With the work of the Law Committee and the Board concluded, the spring meeting was adjourned in anticipation of the upcoming convention in Philadelphia.

On September 28 members of the Board of Directors and delegates and guests from throughout the United States and Canada attended the gala 100th anniversary celebration of the Danish Sisterhood of America, held in Philadelphia just before the opening of the Brotherhood's convention. It was an exciting evening in the appropriately historical city. Our part was to present a check for \$750 to be used for a D.S.S. scholarship and a plaque to the Sisterhood in honor of the occasion.

That was the beginning of a schedule of enticing social activities and important business decisions for the delegates. From all reports, not only was the convention successful in its deliberations, but in an enjoyment of a visit to our Eastern lodges. It was a tremendously exciting time for me and for others elected to our Board. We now look toward 1987 and the 32nd National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

The annual meeting of the Board began on November 17, 1983, in Omaha. As this was the first regular meeting at which I served as President, new committees on which the Board members would be asked to serve were established and the chairmen and others appointed. We now have an Executive, Investment, Auditing and Securities, Scholarship/Camp Grant, Bylaw, Building, Retirement, and Alternate Funding Liaison Committee. The Alternate Funding Liaison Committee was created at this meeting to form a line of communication between the Board of Directors and those members who will take part in the Alternate Funding Study mandated by the convention delegates.

Committee appointments were followed by a brief but comprehensive orientation for two newly elected Directors, Erling Braumann and Paul Carlsen. The Secretary-treasurer was then directed to reflect in the minutes of the meeting congratulations to the host lodges, No. 172 primary host, and Lodge No. 342, for the excellent facilities and national convention provided for delegates and guests.

It was during the fall meeting the Board approved the matching funds program to help send members, children and grandchildren of members to Skovsøen. The Board also increased the dividend scale for all participating DBIA insurance certificates 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % and raised the interest for our annuity plan to 10%. The annuity was authorized by all states where the society is licensed to do business with the exceptions of New York and New Jersey, where authority is pending due to a state insurance department backlog. The new annuity is

Nebraska-Iowa Welcome District Manager

Robert Ditman has been appointed Danish Brotherhood District Manager for Nebraska and western Iowa. Bob's background includes 18 years of experience as a life insurance agent and general agent.

The Ditmans, Bob and Janet, live in Omaha. Bob's responsibilities will include all representatives in his area, but he will be a welcomed member of Omaha's Lodge No. 1. One of the first events he will attend will be the charter dinner of DBIA Lodge No. 349 in Atlantic, Iowa, on May 4.



Robert Ditman, District Manager

meeting with good response from our membership and potential members. It is hoped that increasing the rate of interest will create even greater enthusiasm for the product.

Each Board meeting includes an extensive report of home office activities and plans by the Secretary-treasurer. His report forms the basis for reports by the sales director and fraternal director. Jerry Christensen, recently promoted to Office/Accounting Manager, reported on our Apple II computer and its increased capability. Each is called upon to answer questions and review plans with the Board.

The Board selected six volunteers from the membership to serve on the Alternate Funding Study Committee. They are: Richard Christensen, Lodge No. 340 Wood Dale, IL, chairman; Norbert Grove, Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA, vice chairman; Martin Andersen, Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI; Kenneth Johnson, Lodge No. 51, Ludington, MI; Herbert Nielsen, Lodge 16, Minden, NE; and Melvin Pihl, Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR.

A new committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors was appointed to serve as the National President's Awards Committee. The committee is chaired by me and includes First Vice President Peter Weber and Past President George J. Jacobsen. The awards will now be made by committee decision to provide a broader perspective.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Clyde Langsted reported selections for 1984 awards had been made. All applicants would be notified of committee decisions.

Sales Director Andersen brought the Board up to date on his search for district managers. Local lodges are encouraged to add a part-time representative.

The concept of a membership promotion program with new administrative methods was approved. A grant for The Danish Immigrant Museum to be located in Elk Horn, Iowa, was approved.

During the spring meeting, the Board of Directors and several staff members had the pleasure of attending a dinner hosted by Dr. James Kallas, President of Dana College, on the Dana campus. We learned a lot about Dana. With pride, we accepted Dana's Hundred Award; their beautiful centennial plate, framed for display.

Two Nebraska lodges were celebrating anniversaries the weekend of our stay in Omaha. Lodge No. 1 celebrated its 102nd anniversary with a banquet at the New Tower. All members of the Board enjoyed the evening visiting with friends and members in Omaha.



President Ibsen initiates new members in Minden.



J. Merton Kuhr, Nebraska President, presents plaque to Lonnie Nielsen, President of Lodge 16.

Further out in the state, Lodge No. 16 in Minden held a banquet at which they celebrated their 100th anniversary. Board members able to travel to Minden included Woodrow Petersen, Paul Carlsen, Kenneth Pedersen, Erling Braumann, and myself. Over 200 people gathered in Minden beside the well-known Pioneer Village created by a Dane, Harold Warp, to enjoy dinner with a Danish flair, entertainment and the initiation of 14 new Danish Brotherhood members. Congratulations to Minden and to Omaha.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors has been scheduled to begin on Thursday, October 25, 1984.

Once again let me remind you of our corporate purpose, "To promote and perpetuate Danish culture and traditions, and to provide fraternal benefits and family protection."

As members of The Danish Brotherhood in America we must all be responsive to this purpose by **obtaining** new members; **keeping** those new members by having good fraternal programs and activities; and **providing** our members with good insurance products.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first six months as your president and look forward to our future with great anticipation.

A Steak in Our Future . . . And a Byte More

steak /stāk/ succulent slice of beef usually cooked by broiling.

byte /bīt/ computer mechanism integral to translating machine language to readable language.



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ATTENTION HOME OFFICE LODGE MEMBERS: You, too, can enjoy A Steak in Our Future . . . And a Byte More. Send completed membership applications to the National Headquarters, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. When your applicant's membership has been made effective, you will be credited. After you have sponsored six new members, send us a list of their names, your name and current address. We will confirm their membership and order 4 eight-ounce top sirloin steaks delivered to your door. Effective date applies only to members of home office lodges. Sponsors from local lodges must have new members initiated to qualify.

Mother's Day
May 13

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Cash Value and Dividends** in	
Children (any number including future children)	
\$2,000 Level Term to age 25	\$ 1.36
Total Monthly Premium	<u>\$38.72</u>

*Premiums may also be paid annually, semiannually or quarterly.
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1984 Scholarship Winners



Elaine Marie Nordine
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Vicki Sue Clavey
Lodge No. 34, Dwight



John Eric Jensen
Lodge No. 306, San Diego



Michael Ann Johansen
Lodge No. 600, Omaha

1983's Top 20 Lodges

Lodge No.	1982	Total Membership	Lodge No.	1983	Total Membership			
1.	227	Detroit, Michigan	496	1.	227	Detroit, Michigan	478	-18
2.	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	364	2.	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	373	+9
3.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	315	3.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	292	-23
4.	167	Portland, Oregon	286	4.	167	Portland, Oregon	271	-15
5.	29	Seattle, Washington	255	5.	34	Dwight, Illinois	263	+10
6.	34	Dwight, Illinois	253	6.	29	Seattle, Washington	252	-3
7.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	248	7.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	247	-1
8.	126	Los Angeles, California	236	8.	126	Los Angeles, California	232	-4
9.	51	Ludington, Michigan	202	9.	51	Ludington, Michigan	230	+28
10.	16	Minden, Nebraska	194	10.	16	Minden, Nebraska	195	+1
11.	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	190	11.	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	192	+2
12.	299	Solvang, California	171	12.	299	Solvang, California	160	-11
13.	328	Vancouver, BC	168	13.	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	134	+5
14.	325	Nassau County, New York	138	14.	328	Vancouver, BC	131	-37
15.	92	St. Charles, Illinois	136	15.	325	Nassau County, New York	130	-8
16.	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	129	16.	92	St. Charles, Illinois	125	-11
17.	186	Luck, Wisconsin	122	17.	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	120	+3
18.	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	117	18.	186	Luck, Wisconsin	118	-4
19.	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	115	19.	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	115	-2
20.	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	114	20.	35	Chicago, Illinois	113	+2

Promote DBIA membership — put your lodge on top in '84.



The Danish Brotherhood in America

Balance Sheets December 31, 1983 (Note 1)

ADMITTED ASSETS	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Cash, including \$180,200 of C.D.'s and savings accounts	\$51,879	\$ 147,769	\$199,648
Investment in Bonds, at amortized cost	219,759	5,218,650	5,438,409
Short-term Investments	—0—	100,000	100,000
Real Estate, at cost: Land, Building, and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$95,188	—0—	236,638	236,638
Certificate Loans and Liens	—0—	93,516	93,516
Premiums Receivable from Lodges	—0—	8,903	8,903
Interest Income Due and Accrued	2,803	121,386	124,189
Other Assets	—0—	—0—	—0—
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	\$274,441	\$5,926,862	\$6,201,303

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Aggregate Reserves for Life Policies and Certificates (Note 4)	\$ —0—	\$4,021,623	\$4,021,623
Retirement Plan Group Annuity Contract Reserve (Note 3)	—0—	187,582	187,582
Policy and Certificate Claims	—0—	11,518	11,518
Estimated Refunds to members, payable in 1984	—0—	75,000	75,000
Premiums Received in Advance	—0—	60,665	60,665
Liability for Premium Deposit Funds	—0—	58,102	58,102
Accrued General Expenses	—0—	2,531	2,531
Accrued Taxes, Licenses and Fees	—0—	6,881	6,881
Other Liabilities	\$ —0—	33,033	33,033
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ —0—	\$4,456,935	\$4,456,935
Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	53,843	53,843
Fund Balances (Note 2)	274,441	1,416,084	1,690,525
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$274,441	\$5,926,862	\$6,201,303

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For Year Ending December 31, 1983

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Income:			
Life Premiums and Membership Assessments	\$ —0—	\$ 380,165	\$ 380,165
Investment Income, net of expenses of \$44,132	22,353	461,535	483,888
Miscellaneous	1,344	4,696	6,040
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,697	\$846,396	\$870,093
Benefits and Expenses:			
Death Benefits	\$ —0—	\$ 178,019	\$ 178,019
Matured Endowments and Surrender Benefits	—0—	72,073	72,073
Annuity Benefits	—0—	16,852	16,852
Retirement Benefits under Group Annuity Contract (Note 3)	—0—	9,385	9,385
Increase in Aggregate Reserve for Life policies and Certificates	—0—	124,722	124,722
Commissions	—0—	15,198	15,198
General Expenses, per accompanying statements	12,901	303,961	316,862
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	—0—	12,611	12,611
Other	—0—	7,251	7,251
TOTAL BENEFITS & EXPENSES	\$ 12,901	\$ 740,072	\$ 752,973
Gain From Operations, before refunds to members	\$ 10,796	\$ 106,324	\$ 117,120
Refunds to Members	—0—	75,752	75,752
Gain From Operations	\$ 10,796	\$ 30,572	\$ 41,368
Fund Balances, beginning of year	263,645	1,392,356	1,656,001
Realized and Unrealized Investment Gains (losses), net	—0—	26,677	26,677
Change in Non-admitted Assets	—0—	1,193	1,193
Increase in Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	(34,714)	(34,714)
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)	\$274,441	\$1,416,084	\$1,690,525

Notes to financial statements and exhibit are an integral part of these statements.

Statement of General Expenses For Year Ending December 31, 1983

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ —0—	\$126,055	\$126,055
Official publication	—0—	32,650	32,650
Rent	—0—	10,500	10,500
Insured benefit plan for employees	—0—	5,132	5,132
Contribution to retirement plan	—0—	17,731	17,731
Medical examination fees	—0—	649	649
Travel expense	—0—	21,390	21,390
Advertising	—0—	3,024	3,024
Postage, express, telephone and telegraph	—0—	9,644	9,644
Printing and stationery	—0—	10,574	10,574
Depreciation and furniture & equipment	—0—	4,383	4,383
Fraternal Products/Lodge Supplies	—0—	—	—
Expense, net	—0—	1,630	1,630
Books and periodicals	—0—	915	915
Bureau and association fees	—0—	1,379	1,379
Insurance expense	—0—	769	769
Actuarial, audit, and statistical fees	—0—	31,649	31,649
Agency development expense	—0—	9,449	9,449
Expense of National Convention	—0—	11,628	11,628
Membership awards	—0—	1,902	1,902
Scholarships and camp grants	9,525	—0—	9,525
Fraternal aid payments	3,376	—0—	3,376
Miscellaneous expense	—0—	2,908	2,908
GENERAL EXPENSES INCURRED	\$ 12,901	\$303,961	\$316,862

Statement of Changes in Financial Position For The Year Ending December 31, 1983

(Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
SOURCES OF FUNDS:			
Operations:			
Gain from operations per accompanying statement	\$ 10,796	\$ 30,572	\$ 41,368
Non-cash Items:			
Increase in cert. & claim reserves		128,836	128,836
Amortization of Bonds, net	(166)	(10,926)	(11,092)
Depreciation (straight-line method)		4,750	4,750
Increase in accrued general expenses and taxes		(63,492)	(63,492)
Increase in interest income due and accrued	(650)	(3,832)	(4,482)
Other, net		26,162	26,162
Total funds provided by operations	\$ 9,980	\$112,070	\$122,050
Proceeds from investments sold, redeemed, or matured			
Bonds	53,303	473,367	526,670
Total investments sold, redeemed or matured	53,303	473,367	526,670
Other funds provided	—0—	—0—	—0—
Total Source of Funds	\$ 63,283	\$585,437	\$648,720
APPLICATION OF FUNDS:			
Bonds Purchased	\$124,853	\$346,569	\$471,422
Increase in short-term investments		100,000	100,000
Increase in certificate loans and liens		7,056	7,056
Other items (net)		(1,193)	(1,193)
Total Application of Funds	\$124,853	\$452,432	\$577,285
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(61,570)	133,005	71,435
Cash balance, beginning of year	113,449	14,764	128,213
Cash balance, end of year	\$ 51,879	\$147,769	\$199,648

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) The Danish Brotherhood in America is incorporated in the State of Nebraska as a nonprofit fraternal benefit society. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. These financial statements are unaudited. The applicability of general accepted accounting principles to financial statements of fraternal benefit societies has not been determined. The principal accounting practices followed by the Society are as follows:

- A. Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.
- B. Policy reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration of withdrawals.
- C. Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost, preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.
- D. The mandatory securities valuation reserve is reported as a liability.
- E. Certain assets designated as "non-admitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to surplus.

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1983, consists of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	\$ —	\$ 274,441	\$ 274,441
General	655,762	760,322	1,416,084
	\$ 655,762	\$1,034,763	\$1,690,525

The contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with the bylaws of the Society for the following purposes:

- A. to provide for fluctuations of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.
- B. to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership and charitable and educational activities.

(3) The Society has a retirement plan for employees meeting certain minimum eligibility requirements. The plan is funded through a group annuity contract with the Society. Contributions for 1983 were \$17,731.

(4) The Society reinsures certain of its life insurance business with other insurance companies. The retention limit on any one life is \$10,000. Under the primary reinsurance agreement, the reinsuring company has agreed to accept automatically all amounts on any one life in excess of the retention limit not exceeding 400% of that retention. Amounts in excess of 400% of the Society's retention may be applied for facultatively.

The amount of insurance in force ceded under the agreements was \$2,879,039 at December 31, 1983. To the extent that the reinsuring companies are later unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements, the Society would remain liable.

(5) The Society is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)8 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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A Week at Danebod Tyler, Minnesota

1984 will mark the 37th year of Danebod Family Recreation Camps in Tyler, Minnesota. Reservations are available from June 24-June 30; July 22-July 28; or August 5-August 11.

Each session will include a variety of crafts, song, dance and interesting discussions. Registration information can be obtained from Elsie Hansen, Registrar, The Danebod Folk School, Tyler, Minnesota 56178, telephone (507) 247-5422.

Law Students to Denmark

Capital University Law School of Columbus, Ohio, will be offering a summer legal institute in Copenhagen for American law students. The program runs from June 15 through August 1, and will include both American and Danish law professors. Tuition will not meet the anticipated costs, and scholarships assistance is badly needed. Charitable contributions should be sent to: Capital in Copenhagen, 665 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

Scandinavian Reading Workshop

A five-week intensive workshop in Scandinavian languages (Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish) for reading is being offered by the Center for Northwest European Language and Area Studies at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, from June 12 through July 13, 1984. The course is designed for individuals who wish to acquire a reading knowledge of Danish, Norwegian and Swedish, covering the needs of both scholarly and non-academic audiences. Registration deadline is May 1, 1984.

For information and application form contact the Center for Northwest European Language and Area Studies, 210 Folwell Hall, 9 Pleasant St. SE, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455-0124; telephone (612) 373-2680.

First UELC Reunion

Dana College in Blair, Nebraska will host a reunion of pastors, families and friends of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC) June 29-July 1. Called "The Gathering," this first UELC reunion is a joint centennial activity of Dana College and First Lutheran Church in Blair.

Until 1960, the UELC held annual conventions of pastors and lay delegates. According to Dr. Edward Hansen, Dana and Trinity alumnus, bishop emeritus of the ALC's Southwest Minnesota District and coordinator of the event, "The Gathering" will be similar to and in the spirit of our old UELC conventions. And, while we will have no business to transact, there will be plenty of opportunity for coffee drinking, conversation and reminiscing with friends and fellow pilgrims of an earlier time. There will be worship and singing from the once-familiar *Hymnal for Church and Home*, and there will be words of inspiration and encouragement from preachers who have known and understand our heritage.

Speakers are Dana and Trinity alumni. They include Hansen on "100 Years of the UELC;" Dr. Mark Thomsen, director of the ALC's Division for World Missions and Inter-Church Cooperation, on missions; and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jensen in a dialogue. Dr. Jensen is director of Lutheran Vespers; Mrs. Jensen is executive director of American Lutheran Church Women.

Reservation forms and schedules can be obtained from the Office of Public Relations, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008.

Tivolifest Attraction

"The Danish Immigrant Experience," is the subject of an Iowa Humanities Board grant awarded to the Elk Horn-Kimballton Arts and Recreation Council. The grant is for an oral history project designed to preserve the heritage of Danish immigrants. Focus is on the experience of immigrants in Denmark when the decision was made to immigrate; the trip and arrival in America; and finally adaptation and transformation as these Danes became Americans.

As of March 1, 1984, 100 interviews had been assigned with approximately 50% complete. Candidates for interviews have been immigrants and children of immigrants. Interviews were conducted by volunteers who completed a training course.

The grant also provided funds for slides of interviewees and important and interesting artifacts. All information from each interview will be eventually given to the Danish Immigrant Museum for use as resource material.

The grant was funded for a 12-month period concluding July 1, 1984. Plans are underway for a multimedia presentation May 27, 1984, in Elk Horn; part of the annual Tivoli Fest. This program will give a brief overview of information obtained with a flavor of the Danish Immigrant Experience in sight and sound using slides, music and a narrative.

"I'm pleased with what we have accomplished," Sonja Larsen, project director, said. "We are all amateurs at this, but dozens of people have been involved listening, recording, photographing, taking notes, and compiling information. Each candidate has a file of information which includes the taped interview, pictures and slides, and a commentary. Not one person involved with this project has not been touched by the stories they have heard and we have gained valuable insight into the thinking, the values, and the determination of these early settlers. All of us have expressed a deeper appreciation for our Danish 'roots' and a better understanding of our Danish heritage."

"Many people have expressed interest and concern about the continuation of this project," Larsen said. "We need to explore with others interested in oral history how we can work together to preserve this precious piece of history."

Scandinavian Mid- Summer Festival

**Astoria, Oregon
June 15-17**

Jennifer Poulsen will reign as Miss Denmark, competing for the title of Miss Scandinavia of 1984, Friday, evening, June 15, as the new queen is crowned for the festival. Saturday will begin with a pancake breakfast, a walking parade and a flag raising ceremony.

A continuous program of entertainment with dancers and musicians, including Myron Floren, will be offered Saturday and Sunday. Food, handcrafts and demonstration booths will open at 10 a.m. daily. A complete Scandinavian dinner will be served Saturday evening. The beer garden opens Friday night.

Information on additional activities is available from the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association, P.O. Box 34, Astoria, OR 97103.

Directory correction

**Lodge No. 17, Chicago, IL meets first
Thursday of the month at Bob's Place, 8135
W. Grand Avenue, River Grove.**

Bornholm

**A Summary
by Ted Kofoed
Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash.**

In the February 1984 issue of the "American Dane", we find a most interesting and somewhat flattering article about the Danish island of Bornholm, written by the author Robert W. Martin. But in one place the author states, that Bornholm has been a Danish island since 1658. Nothing could be more erroneous than that — I am sure that Bornholm has been a Danish island, as long as any other part of Denmark has been Danish.

According to history, in the 1600s, there was a war in Europe, that lasted for nearly 30 years. Sweden was one of the principals in this war. Toward the end of the war, Denmark also became involved in it against Sweden. Denmark lost the war to Sweden, and when the peace treaty was signed in 1658, Denmark had to surrender parts of Denmark that are still Swedish to this day, namely, the southern part of Sweden — the provinces of Skaane, Halland, and Blekinge. But in addition, Denmark also had to surrender the island of Bornholm. The Bornholmers did not like to be under the Swedish government, and they revolted under the leadership of a farmer by the name of Jens Kofoed who is said also to have personally disposed of the Swedish governor — Colonel Prinzenskjold. In the spring of 1659, Jens Kofoed, and some of his men sailed over to Copenhagen, and told the Danish king that Bornholm was still a Danish island. For this, Jens Kofoed was given certain privileges and honors.

Toward the north, not far from my home-town, Allinge, where I was born and raised, we find on a butte rising almost 300 feet above the sea, the ruins of the medieval fortress and castle "Hammershus," dating back to the 13th century. A most significant relic of the past to behold. Also, here the author Robert W. Martin states that this is the biggest of its kind in Denmark. Well, not only that, but it is the biggest of its kind in all northern Europe, north of the Alps mountains!

Nearby the ruins, there is a large granite monument which was placed there in commemoration of Bornholm's liberation from Sweden in 1658.

The inscription on the monument, translated in English, reads:

"This people threw off its foreign yoke.
Here where rock breaks into sea.
Freeborn men speak mother's tongue.
Danish still will Bornholm be."

Tivolifest Elk Horn, Iowa

The Danish celebration called Tivolifest is May 26 and 27 during the Memorial Day weekend.

A highlight this year is a folk dancing gala on Sunday with four clubs from Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. The Tivoli Parade is on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The Windmill Gift Shop will have a complete collection of Bing & Grøndahl and Royal Copenhagen Christmas Plates on display. Danish food such as aebleskiver, medisterpølse, and Danish smørrebrød will be served in the food stands.

There will be a Danish Doll Exhibit, plus a Lego Contest and lots of arts and crafts for sale.

For the unusual, there will be an aebleskiver pan throwing contest plus Danish clog kicking. Be sure to tour Bedstemor's Hus and the Danish Windmill.

A special program called "The Danish Immigrant Experience," a multi-media presentation about Danish immigrants, will be featured Sunday.

It's a great time to come to Elk Horn and bring a little bit of Denmark to your family.

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 **NORTHWEST ORIENT**



Minden (Nebraska)

Ethnic Days

June 8-10

Centennial Lodge 16

by
Herbert Nielsen

After a successful Centennial Banquet on March 24, Lodge 16 is planning the second phase of its Centennial Year.

June 8-10 are the dates for the 12th annual Danish Ethnic Days at the fairgrounds located on the north edge of Minden.

Friday evening, June 8, 7 p.m., a bell choir will perform on the lawn in our charming courthouse square. An ice cream social will be held that evening.

On Saturday, June 9, a day full of activity will begin at 9 a.m. with a Centennial cake contest, coins in the corn for children, children's carnival, and a cake walk. At 11:30 a.m. we will begin serving Danish smorrebrod featuring 6 different Danish desserts, kringler and kranssekage bars. In the afternoon we can watch the Swedes from Stromsburg; the Kronborg Danes and Indians from Hastings perform native dances. A Czech duet, and ol-time fiddler and a string band from Lincoln will round out the days' entertainment.

Our traditionally aebleskiver eating contest (open to the public) is a favorite with four categories to enter. Everyone has a lot of fun participating and watching the race to see how many of the round Danish pancakes they can eat in two minutes.

To celebrate our 100th year, we again will select a king and queen. We will honor, too, an older man and woman for their outstanding contributions to our Danish heritage and to The Danish Brotherhood in America. Governor Kerrey has been asked to help with presentation of these awards and to share a few words with us.

At 5:30 p.m. we will have our annual aebleskiver and ham supper.

Crafts and ethnic theme booths will be stationed for browsing all day Saturday and from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Sunday morning starts with a Danish church service at Fredericksburg Church (sermon in English) preceded by Danish pastry and coffee. Fredericksburg Church is a country church 5 miles south and 1 mile east of Minden. One of their proud possessions is a painting of Christ on the Cross presented to them by Queen Louise of Denmark in 1893 and which still hangs in the altar of the church.

Sunday noon a catered brunch will be offered at the fairgrounds followed by fun and games. Our Centennial quilt, along with other Danish artifacts, will be displayed in the Tivoli room. The quilt was made in a Danish motif by the ladies of Lodge 16 and will be raffled off.

You people aged 15-25 are urged to participate in the king and queen contest and can write to Bill Forgensen, Jr., Route 2, Minden, NE 68959, for an application by May 15. Entrants should live in Nebraska and either be a member or a son or daughter of a member of The Danish Brotherhood or Danish Sisterhood.

Come spend a great weekend with us. For room reservations, write Pioneer Motel, Minden, NE 68959, telephone (308) 832-2750. You can visit Pioneer Village, too. For more information about Danish Ethnic Days, contact Herbert Nielsen, Route 2, Minden, NE 68959.

Attendance a Problem? No Way!

Clarence Jensen of Lodge No. 71 in Penn Yan, New York, began attending DBIA meetings regularly after he became a member June 18, 1948. During thirty-six years of membership, he has missed only 6 lodge meetings.

Mr. Jensen's two sons and a daughter are also members of the Penn Yan lodge. His wife, Shirley, helped found the Penn Yan Sisterhood in 1951.

The editors of the American Dane would like to hear from you if your record of attendance is better. We thank Mr. Jensen in the meantime for his loyalty.

Personal Response by Herman D. Boraks

In reference to the article "Kings and Citizens" in the March issue of the American Dane, may I share some events which members of my immediate family experienced relating to this historical miracle "The rescue mission to Sweden and beyond."

Those deeds carried out by wonderful Danish people facing dangers to not only their material possessions, but most importantly, to life itself.

Much has been written about this heroic and noble undertaking, the rescue of their Jewish compatriots; much more could be recorded of the deeds carried out by those noble people individually and collectively without any thought of remuneration or reward except the glory to fulfill the percept of helping your brother in time of danger or need.

One very important aspect of this great human drama has not been adequately narrated, and it is this magnificent display of selfless devotion to decency and self-sacrifice to which this memo is addressed. When it finally became apparent return to their homes was not merely a dream, but a reality it still seemed unreal this miracle came true. Soon they were streaming back home on those special trains arriving daily in Copenhagen to continue their lives.

Members of my family were presented with an additional heart-warming sequence. Arriving at their former homes, they found them intact well-cared for by their neighbors. In addition, their business establishments were operational. They were managed by friends and business associates successfully and returned to them together with a sizable cash amount accrued during the absence.

Who else but the Danish people could display such nobility of character? By the grace of God and the Danish people, all members of my family together with thousands of others returned safely. Our eternal gratitude will always be directed to the Kingdom of Denmark and its people.

Creative Writing Winner... The Power of a Smile

by Cindy Mawritsen



Joan had to blink at the brightness as she stepped out into the warm sunshine. Working in the brick building all day shielded her from the outside world.

Joan hated the summer. It always left her hot and sticky. Not taking advantage of using the swimming pool in her apartment complex to cool her off, she just used the heat to fuel her increasing frustrations.

It began about two months ago, when Geoff, her boyfriend, had left town without so much as a goodbye. That threw her into depression and caused her to make continuous accounting errors at work because she was so preoccupied with self-loathe and guilt. Certainly Geoff would not have just left her unless she had done something terrible to him without actually knowing. Joan had been asking herself unanswered questions about why Geoff had left. So much so that she found it hard to look at her own reflection in the mirror. As she started finding faults in herself, she began to criticize everyone around her.

Crossing James Avenue, Joan avoided the street merchants because she felt they were blocking her way by cluttering the sidewalk with their useless junk.

When she joined the motley group at the bus stop, an elderly woman (trying to pass time waiting for Metro) attempted a conversation with Joan. Except Joan's mind was already dwelling on the day's errors and the stinging words of her boss as he condemned her for the fifth consecutive day.

Her obsession with Geoff's sudden departure had caused her other problems as well. Her forgetfulness caused all of the bills to be late and now Joan knew she would either have to pay the rent today or be asked to leave.

In an oblivious stupor, Joan boarded the bus and picked the usual window seat only to stare unseeing at the familiar neighborhood.

She suddenly felt very tired and could almost feel dark circles grow under her eyes. Her arms and legs became hindering weights, keeping her captive of the everyday rut. A dull throb started at the base of the head and began it's daily journey to the temples.

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Our Lodges in Action

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The American Dane is mailed by the sixth day of the month of issue.

The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

The "Best Suggestion" award for May goes to Lodge No. 346 in Riverside, CA. Their suggestion for a cute cat in the barrel (fastelavns) is illustrated by photos appearing on page 16.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Our Danish Brotherhood PNW Bowlers are preparing for the championship bowling in Tacoma on March 17. Seattle is having six teams and a guest team. We hope they have the luck of the Irish - this being St. Patrick's Day.

April 4, 1984 Lodge 29 celebrated its 96th anniversary with a special meeting. We went back to the olden days and had a meeting with full rituals. After the meeting we celebrated with smørrebrød, beer, and snaps.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — We welcome our new transfer from Illinois, Jay Larson. Lisa Mortensen, Gert Jensen, Asbjørn Fisker, and Diane Fisker were elected delegates to the Pacific Northwest Convention in May. Tami Hansen, Joyce Gimbel, Linda Jensen and June Pihl are alternates.

The All Oregon Picnic in Eugene on July 29 at Orchard Point Park, with Jens Gimbel as chairman.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada — At our last meeting 45 members were present. The attendance prize was won by Peter Praegel. After the meeting, we enjoyed smørrebrød and a little to drink.

If you know a brother who hasn't been showing up to the monthly meetings, give him a personal call and invite him along to the next meeting. Sometimes all it takes is a nudge from a caring brother. Show your interest and encourage them to attend. We'll all be the better for it.

Jarl Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — We held our regular meeting March 8 with good attendance. A film from Denmark's fishing fleet was shown by Paul Olesen and Tony Toffemark. Saturday, March 10, Betty Christensen as leader with a group of mem-

bers, made up a big bunch of open-face sandwiches (smørrebrød). They were enjoyed in the evening by about 40 people who put them behind the belt between songs and sips of juicy stuff. Next time members, come along and have fun.

Kris Sand, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

District News California-Nevada

Convention plans are progressing nicely. Remember August 23, 24 and 25 when Petaluma hosts the California-Nevada State Convention. Plans for opening day, Thursday, August 23, are being finalized. While the golfers enjoy their game in the morning, others may take a walking tour of old Petaluma. One of the few cities in this area to survive the 1906 earthquake, the downtown area boasts buildings with historical architectural design known as "ironfronts," representing the nation's first attempt at pre-fabricated construction. After the tour, you may enjoy lunch at one of the many eateries in this section. The Thursday night welcoming program will feature local talent, or should we say "local talent??" We promise you a great time using our theme, "It's a Small World."

Nancy Cameron, Cor.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The meeting on April 5 was well-attended. We keep increasing with every meeting. It would be nice to have one more member every month to our business meetings. We initiated Pauline Frederiksen.

We have an open social date on Friday, June 15. Anne Kofod suggested a potluck, which sounds like a treat. Bingo will follow, cost \$3.00.

Grundlovsfest will be June 3. Our lodge will handle the entrance and hot dog stand.

We had a guest with us at our last meeting, John Antonelli. Of course, we gave him a membership application.

Betty Seale, Cor.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — Our Petaluma brothers are looking forward to hosting their Mother's Day Treat at the regular meeting night on May 18. This evening is set aside once a year to honor the women of DSS 126 for all they do during the year. The B.B.Q. will be held in the patio area adjacent to the meeting room and everyone is invited. Also planned are old movies of activities in the Sisterhood and Brotherhood from years past.

Keep in mind the money-making chicken B.B.Q. on June 24 at Penngrove Park. Neighboring lodges are welcome to attend and can expect horseshoes, baseball, bingo, games and prizes to be part of the day's activities. Chefs Walt Miller, Bob MacKinnon and Jack Cameron can be expected to prepare the same delicious Petaluma chicken.

Nancy Cameron, Cor.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — Come one, come all, to the Annual Danish Picnic on June 10 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. It is sponsored by all the Danish lodges in the Bay area. The picnic is open to all members, relatives, and friends. There will be games and prizes for adults and children. Beer and soft drinks are also provided. Come and share the fun.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — The charter was draped for a moment of silence for two departed members: Martin Jacobsen and Bernhard Poulsen. One hundred and fifty dollars was donated to the Santa Ynez High School band for services rendered. It was decided to participate in the Fourth of July parade. The chairman of the parade committee is Andy Andersen. We voted to join

the Queen contest sponsored by the Coordinating Council of Solvang. Also approved was the gift of two \$500 scholarships. We received the raffle tickets for the Petaluma state meeting and an invitation to attend Santa Barbara's 60-year celebration.

We had a tip top corn beef and cabbage dinner prepared by Jorgen Hansen and crew. Jorgen Trojmer was reported sick. Entertainment was a slide show presented by Buck Jenkins of Bend, Oregon. The pictures were very good. Thanks Buck. Dinner committee for April is Jack Larsen, Arne Larsen, Jorgen Trojmer and Viggo Wulf.
Henry B. Edwards, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Miss Dawn Davis is scheduled to be initiated at the April meeting. Dawn is the daughter of Doris Davis.

The California-Nevada state convention will be held in Petaluma, CA, August 23-24-25, 1984. Delegates will be nominated at the April meeting. Any member in good standing is eligible to become a delegate.

Our folk dancing group has been invited to participate in the opening ceremony for the 1984 Olympics to be held in Los Angeles the 28th of July. Wow!
Kate Krake, Pres.

1983 President's Award Activity Schedule

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — We have two new members. Fifty-four members and guests welcomed Ardythe and Jim Wiegandt into Lodge 345 in March. In April we plan to have Ken Nielsen from Kodan Lodge 346 speak to us on insurance and annuities. Ken is an insurance rep for DBIA. We will elect delegates to the district convention in Petaluma.

In 1985 we are hosting the convention, and we need good ambassadors for that.

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — During the March meeting, we initiated another new member, May-Reece Marek; welcomed John Forgrave, who transferred from Lodge 332; and accepted an application for membership for John's wife, Betty. John and Betty donated a beautiful California flag to our lodge. The flag was made especially for the DBIA National Convention held in Vancouver, B.C., four years ago. Thanks, John and Betty.

Following the meeting, Kodan's costumed children, grandchildren, and their big and little friends had a delightful time at Fastelavn Fest. First, they were captivated by Doris Thompson and her adorable puppets. Then, it was time for A Slaa Katten af Tønden (cat in the barrel), which Tony "Slugger" Del Grippo made short



Going



Going



Gone

work of. Garfield the Cat and plenty of candy spilled out and the kids raked in all the goodies. Next, there was the "birching" of the parents, followed by hot chocolate and Fastelavnsboller. Finally, the children sang songs for coins to be dropped into their cans. The big kids wore their craziest shirt and enjoyed not only everything the little ones were doing, but also the Irish coffee served by Sue Patterson. All in all,

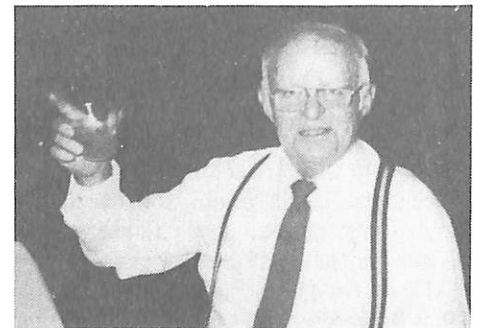
everyone has to agree, this was the best Fastelavn Fest the lodge has ever hosted. Many thanks to those who worked to make this party a big success: Doris Thompson, Anelise Andersen, Sue Patterson, Vikki Garrison, Bill Johansen, and the parents — and the KIDS!
Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The monthly meetings have been on schedule, and we report we have several new members to be initiated at our April meeting. Two members, Leif and Teresa Thomsen, have given up their membership as they are moving to Denmark. We wish them well.

We regret to report that Bob and Ann Ferguson will be moving to St. Louis. Ann has done a good and faithful job as reporter for lodge 15. Both Ann and Bob have been very active and will be missed by all of us. Thank you, Ann and Bob, for your friendship, fun and cooperation.

The annual Fastelavns party was held March 11. A very able committee, chaired by Junior and Barbara Bartlett, arranged a happy time for about 40 adults and 15 children. Prizes were given for the "Beating the Cat out of the Barrel" contest, and the party was rated as a big success.



Bob Brewer turned 70.

Bob and Astrid Brewer invited all the members to Bob's 70th birthday party on March 17 in the Dania Hall. As always, when a bunch of happy Danes get together, all guests enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship.

At the suggestion of Ann Ferguson, some of the caps which were left over from our convention last summer were given to residents of the Valborg Home here in Des Moines. It was reported this gift was very much appreciated by our Valborg friends. We want to thank Ann for this suggestion which turned out to be a good, happy one.
Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN — Our efficient and hard-working social committee has been busy planning activities for 1984. The annual spring banquet held March 31 was the first event. One hundred and four

members and friends enjoyed a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings, catered by Hannah Poulsen and her competent assistants. The table decorations carried out in the traditional red-and-white added to the pleasant atmosphere.

Our past president, Jens Hoj, was recognized for his many years of faithful service in Lodge 45, most recently as president and prior to that as secretary. He was presented with a Past President's pin.

After the tables were cleared, the rest of the evening was spent dancing.

Norma Henriksen, Sec.



John Sorensen being congratulated as he receives his 50-year pin. Left to right: President of Lodge 75, Albert Lea, Alton Neve; Einer Jensen, John Sorensen, and Soren Sorensen.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Lodge 75 met April 7 for their regular monthly meeting. Several "Snow Birds" were welcomed back. Clifford Petersen was presented with a 25-year pin by his wife Carol. Plans are going forward and tickets were sold for the 90th anniversary of Lodge 75, to be held May 11. Joe Johnston, representing Edward D. Jones Co., spoke to the group on the subject of inflation and interest rates.

Alton Neve, Cor.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — The Danish Brotherhood Lodge 121 of Tyler met March 3 at the Senior Citizens Center.



Past President Jens Nielsen receives 50-year pin from President Therkel Jorgensen.

After a short business meeting, we had the honor of seeing our member, Jens Nielsen, receive his 50-year pin. Therkel Jorgensen, our president, presented the pin to him. Jens then told us about his special days in The Danish Brotherhood. We are very proud of him.

We also had a beautiful slide presentation by Zenita and Thorvald Jacobsen. It was of some of their travels into Canada and North Shore Drive. We all enjoyed this. Lunch was served.

Ilene Sorensen, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — At our March meeting President Carl Hansen presented interesting statistics on our lodge's membership. He gave us a pep talk about increasing the membership. Different ideas were suggested that might serve as an incentive to encourage more people to join. Some suggestions given were: more publicity; sending invitations; better programs and speakers; and bus trips.

At our April meeting, President Carl Hansen introduced our guest speaker, candy maker Judy Maifeld. Mrs. Maifeld displayed chocolates used in making candy. She distributed recipes of some she would be making. She showed us how to make Easter eggs and others. We really enjoyed this, and best of all, we had the opportunity to taste the samples. Delicious! Viggo Pedersen favored us with some harmonica music. We always enjoy Viggo's music.

We were pleased one of our lodge suggestions was featured in the April **American Dane**.

Edna Johnson, Sec.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — With 21 members present, Lodge 326 met on April 7 at the home of Secretary Deloris Ross and husband Winfred in Springville.

Lodge members viewed the slide program, Skovsøen, and thought it very interesting. Many members were heard saying, "Oh, if I were only 50 years younger," or "Why wasn't there something like this when I was growing up?" We hope many young people will take advantage of this program sponsored by their local lodges. Perhaps next summer Lodge 326 will have a student or two represented at Skovsøen.



Wilma and Howard Neelson at the "open house" their 45th wedding anniversary in West Liberty, Iowa.

On March 11, good weather held out for lodge members and friends to help Wilma and Howard Neelson celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. Many more happy years together was wished for this "young couple."

Deloris Ross, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Those who did not attend our open house missed seeing Mayor Stephen Olsen cut the ribbon, excellent music, food and Racine historical displays. We had about 300 in attendance. We, through the news media, accomplished one of our goals, to re-establish our identity in the community. We also were the first ethnic organization to participate in the Sesquicentennial celebration.

We are at a point now when some wonderful things could start happening concerning our lodge and the lodge building.

Our 1984 Dansk Festdag will be held October 6.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — One hundred forty people enjoyed our second annual Venetian Night. The meal was delicious topped by homemade Italian cookies prepared by Christine Riccio — 536 of them to be exact! It was a fun night and the committee did a great job.

Sixteen people represented No. 14 at the Midwest District Target Shoot sponsored by No. 340 Wood Dale and came away with their share of honors. In the men's competition, Bob O'Neal took first place, Wes Bernhardt 5th place and Bob Bernhardt 8th place.

Elaine Ibsen finished first in the ladies' event and Wendy Bernhardt took the honors in the Young Viking category. It was a clean sweep in the Sharpshooters event with Wes Bernhardt, Wendy Bernhardt and Bob O'Neal finishing in that order. In the team event we placed second and third. We congratulate No. 340 for putting on a fine shoot.

March 17 found 180 people attending our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Dance. The hall was decked out befitting the occasion. The food was excellent and plentiful and everyone had a great time.

Welcome new members, Lawrence Sauer, Julian Sadowski, Ronald Thomas, Lawrence Ernst and Lenard Clark.

100 Anniversary

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — On Sunday, May 20, we celebrate our Centennial, 1884-1984, with a gala dinner and dance at Nielsen's famous Danish restaurant (established 40 years ago and still in the family), 7330 W. North Avenue, Elmwood Park.

Cocktails 5:30-6:30, roast pork dinner (Dansk Flaeskesteg) with the usual Danish trimmings: Tickets \$25.00. We didn't want our ladies to cook at this grand celebration hence the higher price (which still doesn't cover costs). Entertainment: Chicago North Side Dance Ensemble with Le Ballet Petit, under the professional guidance of Kittie-Vadis LaPointe, a member of Lodge 17 and of Danish descent; and David Kirk's dance orchestra. All paid-up members of Lodge 17 living in Illinois and in other states will receive a free ticket and have been notified by our secretary, Albertice Nylen. Orders for additional tickets and from members of other lodges should be sent to Karen Nylen, 2601 Arrowwood Lane, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (312) 827-6658 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. After 7 p.m., (312) 397-3367. Orders must accompany full payment in advance. Seating is limited and over half the tickets are already sold. **W. B. Thorsen, Cor.**

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — In April we will be entertained by a Danish exchange student now residing in Streator. She is Pernille Ullegaard from Svenborg, Denmark, who will show slides from her country.

Les Jensen has agreed to get the details on a trip.

We purchased a mixer and a 100-cup coffee pot for use at our annual aebleskiver breakfasts and our monthly meetings.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

1983 President's Award Social Activity

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — The fun began when Ray Callicot introduced the Harald Lodge Drill Team. They looked so splendid in their Viking outfits and were so much fun to watch as they went through their various drills. We owe them a big thank you for their performance.

Grethe Jepsen had asked many women to make sandwiches as she had anticipated extra guests. Over 400 were consumed, and they were delicious. Thanks to all who made them and to Grethe and Henry Jepsen and their committee members who have done an outstanding job these past three months.

Wood Dale Lodge hosted the Midwest District Bowling Event and it was well-attended by our members. Four teams from Lodge 35 participated and many more from our lodge came for the dinner-dance that evening. **Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We had a moving, eventful business meeting March 20. Historically, two individuals have freely and consistently given of themselves to promote Danish heritage and to support

Lodge 36 with their presence, service and material gifts. For the first time in the 94-year history of the lodge, we awarded Lifetime Honorary Memberships in Lodge 36. Individual, framed certificates were presented by President Gertz to Inga and Axel Hermansen of Racine. After the long, overdue recognition, attendees congratulated the Hermansens on this momentous occasion.

Following the business meeting, the Skovsøen (Danish Language Village) slide and tape program was shown. We were pleased two families from Racine, the Erik Hansen's and the Pierre Husson's, brought their children and were able to be with us to view the slides. Dorte and Tina Hansen and Christian Husson are scheduled to attend Skovsøen August 6-18, 1984.

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — Our March meeting was held on the 10th and was our annual Torsk dinner. A good meal with Torsk, boiled potatoes and mustard gravy, enjoyed by all. The weather this winter has been very uncooperative thus cutting down on our attendance quite a bit. Hopefully with the spring and better weather we will fill our lodge once again. The annual target shoot was held on March 10. Lodge 92 members Dale Seyller, Marty Seyller, Dennis Seyller and Bob Mylin won the traveling trophy. Individual trophies were won by Dennis Seyller and Pam Seyller.

Everyone had a lovely time at the 50th wedding anniversary of Walter and Emma Kusk which was held at the Saddle Club near St. Charles on March 17. They have decided to try for 50 more years together.

For our May meeting, which will be the 11th, we will have a guest speaker, Charlie Brown; a pharmacist from St. Charles, who will try to enlighten us about the actions and interactions of medications. You might also want to mark your calendar for our June 8 meeting because that will be our aebleskiver dinner. We are trying to keep the meeting time short and the entertainment time more pleasant but we could use a little more time from our members to come to the meetings. Don't forget about the door prize given at each meeting. Hoping to see all our members, old and new at the next meeting.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL — We decided to go to Drury Lane South on April 14 for our Dinner/Theatre Outing. We will be seeing "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

The MWD Flemming Andersen Memorial Target Shoot turned out to be a great success. We had a rocky beginning but everything smoothed out by the afternoon.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped at the Target Shoot and to Dick and Jack for organizing the event. We even had two Young Vikings (Tony Maffei and Lisa Clayton) take a third and fourth place and Rune Karsbaek took a fourth in the men's competition. Congrats to all.

Barb Karsbaek, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Waupaca lodge held their installation of officers at their January meeting with the following officers to serve for 1984: Leonard Yorkson, Past President; Evelyn Doerr, President; Loyal Lundorf, Vice President; Aleine Miller, Secretary; Marjorie Hansen, Treasurer; Randolph Hansen, Conductor; Annette Willarson, Inner Guard; Clarence Johnson, Outer Guard; Gladys Petersen, First Trustee; Helen Peterson, Second Trustee; Dorothy Johnson, Third Trustee.

Our program for the February meeting featured Tanya Beyer, an area high school student who gave her prize-winning original Americanism speech entitled, "A Dream." The American Legion had sponsored the contest.



Danish exchange student Dorte Kristensen.

We were honored with two guests for our March program. Past President Henry Mortensen and his wife Melda picked up, dined with, and brought Danish exchange student Dorte Kristensen from her American family home in New London, Wisconsin. Dorte showed slides and told of her home and life in Denmark as well as her experiences in Wisconsin as an exchange student. The second portion of our program was given by Rev. Fredrick Luedders, Pastor of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Waupaca. Rev. Luedders showed slides and told of his life along with his family during a number of years in which they served in India as missionaries teaching irrigation, prevention of further soil erosion, and returning some of the eroded soil to provide once again much needed food.

Evelyn Doerr, Pres.



New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Stephen C. Kasprovich	4	Racine	Norman Cluster
John D. Hensley	10	Council Bluffs	Russell Moseman
Lenard F. Clark	14	Kenosha	Malcolm C. Young
Lawrence L. Ernst	14	Kenosha	Richard J. Walker, Sr.
Lawrence E. Sauer	14	Kenosha	Arnold Boyle
James D. Iversen	15	Des Moines	Andy Andersen
Gerald P. Christensen	16	Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Janice C. Christensen	16	Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Jane L. Petersen	16	Minden	Herbert Nielsen
Stephanie M. Petersen	16	Minden	Todd Petersen
Lawrence W. Sorensen	16	Minden	Jim Weedman
Marian L. Sorensen	16	Minden	Jim Weedman
Marlin E. Sorensen	16	Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Phyllis A. Sorensen	16	Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Rhea Ann Wilson	34	Dwight	Michael D. Wilson
Margaret C. Bowman	35	Chicago	Marcia Ann Godskesen
Richard N. Bowman	35	Chicago	Marcia Ann Godskesen
Audrey M. Christiansen	35	Chicago	W. T. Petersen
Owen K. Heitman	35	Chicago	Rae Callicoat
Hermina F. Richard	35	Chicago	Mary L. Bondegard
Cecile A. Spoerl	36	Milwaukee	Albert L. Larsen
Signe T. Betsinger	45	Minneapolis	Diane Doyle
Ellen H. Nielsen	45	Minneapolis	Diane Doyle
Gary W. Wickery	51	Ludington	Keith Koegler
Carolyn M. Baker	56	Kansas City	Otto M. Larsen
Clarence C. Hansen	84	Lincoln	Quentin Johnson
Pauline C. Frederiksen	126	Los Angeles	Erik M. Kofod
Betty J. Vedborg	126	Los Angeles	Erik M. Kofod
Svend L. Vedborg	126	Los Angeles	Erik M. Kofod
Herluf H. Sorensen	144	Dike	Maurice Petersen
Marie E. Jensen	164	New York City	Martin Olsen
Henning Aa	167	Portland	Jens Hansen
Peter B. Berger	167	Portland	Gert Jensen
Scott J. Hollingsworth	167	Portland	Erik Enevoldsen
Ulla Birkved-Jensen	170	Rocky River	Ove Jensen
James R. Jensen	170	Rocky River	Ove Jensen
Raymond G. Fellhauer	261	Fowler	Mike Pharr
Tony Fosdick	261	Fowler	Jay Fosdick
Gary F. Nesselhuf	261	Fowler	Tom Fedde
Donald D. Tillotson	261	Fowler	Bob Noble
Arthur C. Berg	325	Nassau County	Helen Berg
Helen Kofod	325	Nassau County	Raymond Andreassen
Jorgen V. Schroder	328	Vancouver	J. D. Nielsen
Helen L. Paulsen	345	Orange County	M/M S.C. Christensen
Paul S. Paulsen	345	Orange County	M/M S.C. Christensen
Ozzie H. Schuette	345	Orange County	Helga Bjorn
Vivian M. Schuette	345	Orange County	Helga Bjorn
Betty M. Forgrave	346	Riverside	John L. Forgrave
Judy V. Pedersen	348	Eugene	Flemming Pedersen
Susie T. Pedersen	348	Eugene	Flemming Pedersen
Kenneth K. Hoegh	349	Atlantic	Richard Knudsen
Mary Lou Hoegh	349	Atlantic	Richard Knudsen
Gladys P. McCrory	349	Atlantic	Richard Knudsen
Scott E. Baker	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Alice Chamley	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Suzanne M. Doty	600	Omaha	Howard Christensen
Darlene L. Olsen	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen
Lawrence T. Olsen	600	Omaha	Andy Andersen

Payments to Board Members

MARCH 1984

Semiannual meeting expense, George Jacobsen, \$608.00; Robert Ibsen, \$489.00; Peter Weber,

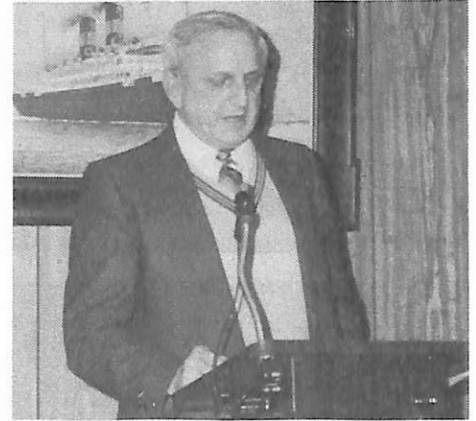
\$599.50; Clyde Langsted, \$500.00; Erling Braumann, \$669.00; Paul Carlsen, \$528.00; Kenneth Pedersen, \$259.50; and Woodrow Petersen, \$416.60.

APRIL 1984

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$262.00.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — Members and friends from throughout Nebraska gathered in Minden for our Centennial Banquet. Our evening began Saturday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour. President Lonnie Nielsen started formal ceremonies by welcoming everyone to Minden, over 200 were present.



M.C. Ray Van Norman.

Our master of ceremonies for the evening Ray Van Norman, did an excellent job of keeping the program moving along smoothly while he entertained us with some amusing facts about our members. Minden's Mayor George Miller represented the city and welcomed our guests, too. Dr. Peter Jensen introduced special guests, including several members of the National Board of Directors and National President Robert E. Ibsen who was our featured speaker.



Dr. Peter Jensen gives an unusual introduction.

Nebraska District President J. Merton Kuhr presented a plaque to our lodge on behalf of the district and Mary Jean Grunberg, Vice President of the Danish Sisterhood, congratulated Minden on their behalf.

Many of our lodge members devoted a



Committee member Bill Jorgensen.



Entertainers Arlyce Johnson and Arden Talbert.

great deal of time to preparing for our wonderful evening, especially the banquet committee, Peter and Christina Jensen, Bill and Merrie Jorgensen, Douglas Kristensen, Brian and Michelle Jacobsen, Warren and

Maureen Eckloff, and Don and Marion Beck. Danish exchange students Nette Helmer and Jens Petersen, and musicians Arlyce Johnson and Arden Talbert should be complimented for their part. The Reverend Clayton Nielsen led us in the Danish table prayer and gave a moving invocation.

Our Danish banquet included desserts made by our own members and later kransekage with cookies, punch and coffee with thanks to Vi Nielsen and Edith Thomsen. We ended the evening dancing and looking forward to our next centennial event.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Thanks to our March committee, consisting of Myrtle Nelson, Myrtle Rasmussen, Roberta Jensen, Lorraine Peterson, Martha Hineline, Viva Husk, and Sophie Hineline, we enjoyed "Singing in the Rain" and "Who's on First," a couple of 8 mm films that brought us a glimpse of the past and a chuckle or two. Esther Olson was our rummelkassen winner for the evening.

Also at our March meeting the lodge voted to sponsor Tim Mann to the Skovsøen Danish Language Village. Jens and Rose Krogh were chosen to represent our lodge as Monarch King and Queen candidates in conjunction with the Minden, Nebraska's Ethnic Days, with Rita Wilson being nominated in the single category.

Preparations are underway for our aebleskiver breakfast on July 1, 1984, the second day of Blair's "Gateway to the West Days." **Jerry Christensen, Pres.**

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — Highlight of the April 9 meeting of Danish Brotherhood Lodge 211 was the presentation of a 50-year membership pin to Frank Pedersen.

He told the members a little bit about the lodge meetings of 50 years ago. His brother, George Pedersen, will also receive a pin but was unable to attend the meeting.

Members and guests enjoyed a delicious covered dish supper before the meeting. **Vera Petersen, Sec.**

Power of a Smile, Continued

Closing her eyes, she prayed for a way out. Then she thought about the old man that lived above her and how he had ended his own life because he felt there was nothing more for him to offer.

She could probably get away with that. It seemed easy enough. All she would have to do is slash her wrists. No more worries, no more heartache. Beside, no one would miss her and it would definitely be a blessing to her boss. Joan began to feel excited. A certain exhilaration came over her and made her blood start to race.

Getting off at her stop, Joan saw the neighbor girl playing on the sidewalk. A steel brace was clamped on each tiny leg, and Joan couldn't help thinking how sad the little girl must be because of her disability.

Even though Joan had been trying to avoid making eye contact with people for the past two weeks (because she was afraid of the dislike she was sure she'd find there) something kept her eyes to the little girl sitting in front of her.

Just then, the little girl looked up and gave Joan the warmest, genuine smile she could ever remember seeing. Joan felt choked and hesitantly passed the girl.

Inside the apartment, Joan went into the bathroom and began to run the bath water. At the cabinet, she took out a blade. Catching a glance at her reflection in the mirror, she dropped the blade and stared. A smile played along her lips. A smile she must have given to the little girl outside. She could still see the bright little face beaming with hope and happiness. Her love radiated from the small crippled body. Love of life and love of self. Some of that must have rubbed off on her.

Joan turned the tap off and went back outside, picked the girl up and spun around — letting the gleeful laughter drown all the negative thoughts.

Joan made a silent vow, then, to start a friendship with this special person who could show her the beauty of life.

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
2-18-84	Herman E. Jensen	85	Jackson County, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1931
2-15-84	Axel Anscar Jensen	90	Chicago, Illinois	263	Askov, Minnesota	1920
2-25-84	Harry C. Fricke	83	Neenah, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1919
3-16-84	William C. Michelsen	64	Wood County, Ohio	261	Fowler, Colorado	1962
3-15-84	Chris A. Jensen	51	Penn Yan, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1949
2-23-84	John (Jens) Rasmussen	95	Buttrup, Holbaek, Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1914
11-20-84	Paul D. Nelson	60	Fullerton, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1979
2-10-84	Clarence E. Bauer	74	Norman, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1974
10-83	Else M. Goodwin	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1976
6-9-83	Carl Hansen	95	Storehedinge, Denmark	268	Junction City, Oregon	1969
3-9-84	Hartman E. Stocker	67	Waupaca, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1979
3-10-84	Marius J. Hansen	97	Ingstev, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1925
3-17-84	Arthur B. Jensen	78	Neenah, Wisconsin	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1976
3-17-84	Orlando G. Elliott, Sr.	54	Pentwater, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1983
3-18-84	Einer O. Nielsen	88	Copenhagen, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1981
2-10-84	Harry Benjamin	80	Bode, Iowa	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1975
2-22-84	Martin Jacobsen	79	Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1967
3-7-84	Bernhard Poulsen	100	Krommerop, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1910

**1983 President's Award
Best District**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular meeting of Lodge 51 was held on Wednesday, April 4, with 17 members in attendance. Rob Jensen, Mike Bray, Ralph Christensen, Carl Soneral and Ken Johnson were elected delegates to the Michigan-Ohio District Convention, with Chet Shappee and Earl Jensen alternates. The first of May we are going to start installing air conditioning in the Danish Hall; this should be completed in a couple of weeks, which will make the Hall more enjoyable and cooler during those hot summer days.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Orlando Elliott who passed away March 18.

We would like to congratulate Delbert Williamson, Alf Larsen, Arne Christensen, Clarence Fornesbeck, Edward C. Larsen, Howard C. Hansen, and Walter Sadowsky, who will be awarded 50-year pins and James F. Hansen, Richard D. Hansen and Eugene Cater, who will receive their 25-year pins.

Keith Koegler, Pres.

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — Some time ago, our president, Herman Ostergaard, asked me to write a history of our lodge since its beginning in 1903. Little did I realize the involvement of this project until I started skimming through the minutes of approximately 1600 meetings in order to capture some of the important events throughout the years. There were happy times when we celebrated an anniversary, sad times when we mourned the loss of a beloved Brother.

Included also is some history on the beginning of The Danish Brotherhood in America. All together there are 20 type-written pages. We had 1200 photocopies made and inserted these into 60 folders. We intend to update these each year.

Here are a few excerpts, some serious, some amusing:

September 1905 - It was agreed upon to write a letter to Lodge 69 about one of their members who had acted in a manner not becoming a member of The Danish Brotherhood in a bar in Rocky River.

February 1906 - The secretary was told that in the future he must read the minutes from his book and not from an old piece of paper.

November 1907 - It was suggested that the treasurer and secretary each be paid fifty cents a month in appreciation of their work for the lodge.

December 1907 - No meeting because nobody showed up.

January 1908 - Motion made and carried that the lodge furnish a cigar or two to each member at the meetings.

April 1908 - The following amount of money was paid out: Secretary's salary and stamps 70 cents; Treasurer's salary and stamps, 57 cents.

July 1908 - It was decided to donate \$5.00 to an older Dane who had a wooden leg and needed a new one.

January 1911 - A letter from Omaha informed us of a mistake of 11 cents in our semi-annual report and asked our secretary to correct this.

June 1911 - We received a request from a Danish lady to help her obtain a divorce from her husband, who had left home five years ago and never been heard from since. The lodge promised to do what it could to help her.

March 1914 - Announcement made that the Aid Society had opened our cabinet and taken some dishes. The secretary was ordered to write to them about this and send them a bill for \$1.00.

June 1922 - They had a request from Lodge 283 in Montana for help for members who had lost their crops due to a hailstorm. The lodge sent \$23.00.

June 1931 - A member announced that he had a place that would be very well suited for a stag party and that the lodge would be welcome to use it. His offer was turned down.

December 1933 - The secretary was instructed to write to a member and get his permission to subtract his debt to the lodge from his insurance in case he should die.

John Gormsen, Sec.

**1983 President's Award
Civic Activity**

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Welcome to our new Brothers: Kenneth Juhl Hammer, William G. Anderson and Franklin Radford, Jr., who were initiated March 14. Oluf and Evelyn Jensen are moving to the Ludington area. Oluf plans dual membership with us and Ludington. We will miss you both. Oluf and Evelyn have been a tremendous asset to both Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges. Happy retirement.

President Howard Olsen is enjoying his retirement as well. Howard retired in March. Thank you to Ron Hammer for another year as our Blood Drive Chairman.

Michigan/Ohio Convention coming up on May 19. See you there. Baseball outing planned for August 4.

We will miss Brothers Arnie Kaas, who passed away on April 10, and Brother Marius Alkier, who died March 8.

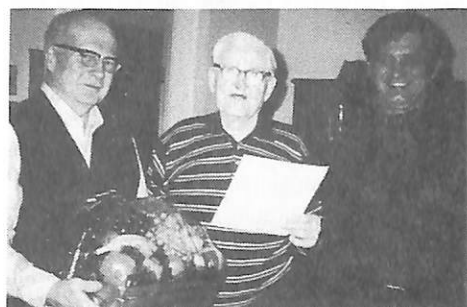
Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Our member, Louie Stolzenback, reached age 96 on January 6, 1984. A fruit basket was presented by Donald Geissler, president, Chris Simonsen, secretary, and Norman Edmonds, financial secretary. Mr. Stolzenback was very glad to visit with us.



(Left to right): Norman Edmonds, senior member Ludvig Stolzenback and Chris Simonsen.



Financial Secretary Edmonds, Ludvig Stolzenback, and President Donald Geissler celebrate Mr. Stolzenback's 96th birthday with a visit and presentation.

In May we will be having a guest speaker who will talk on Japan. Guests are invited. We are planning a picnic in June.

Barry Edmonds, Treas.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — In March, four of our members had special membership anniversaries. Albert and Donald Borup and Past President Arne Kjems marked 25 years of service and Past President J. Peter Christensen achieved 50 years. President Eric Brown presented pins to Bros. Arne and



J. Peter Christensen, 50-year member.

Pete and commended them on the work they had done for the lodge. Brother Arne's son is also a member and Bro. Albert Borup, Sr., has filled 62 years. "Pete" has filled various offices in the lodge, represented us at conventions, is a Past President of the Home in Edison, and has been involved with activities there. At present, our treasurer, George Ferdinandsen, has begun his second term as Home President and our Past President, William Brose, heads the Maintenance Department. June 9 we will have an outdoor meeting in the early evening. Business and fun.

Jens C. Jessen, Sec.

Lodge #71, Penn Yan, NY — A little news from Wendia Lodge 71. We have a membership of 83. On an average meeting night we will have about 25-30 members present. We have our pancake suppers, potluck supper, Christmas parties. We have for the past two years been teaching Danish folk dancing. At our last annual banquet, Gladys Nordine, president of the National Sisterhood, was our guest speaker.

We are now getting the lodge rooms cleaned and repainted for the upcoming Sisterhood convention. Arden Angell, Chris Jensen, and Harold Jepsen are on the sick list. We hope they soon recover and will be around again.

We have taken into our lodge a lot of younger members. It will soon be time for our annual picnic at the lake. Hope all can come and enjoy all the good Danish foods the ladies prepare for us.

Clarence Jensen, Sec.

1983 President's Award Best Newsletter

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We will try a new meeting hall in April and will have a sing-a-long and delicious hot Danish food.

Thanks to Lodges No. 342 and the Sisterhood for joining us at the installation party. As always, a beautiful time. A special thanks to Geert Pedersen and John Hjulmand for officiating, and to the ladies who provided the "Smorgasbord," Bobby, Millie, Elin, Josie, Anny, Hildur, and Gyda.

Lorraine and Nels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Robert Jorgensen, past president and now secretary-treasurer, conducted the March meeting in the absence of our president, Elmer Jensen and our vice president, Emil Mogensen.

Elmer Jensen, confined to his hospital bed for four weeks, is feeling much better. Ella Jensen is healing after her auto accident.

We were in a new place and new sur-

roundings, but mostly the same happy people who every year help us celebrate this important evening. The tables were decorated with red and white carnations and by the rostrum stood a beautiful flower decoration donated by Ena Thaens and Edith Skødt Nielsen, Croton, NY.

The guests were bid welcome by our vice president, Emil Mogensen. The United States National Anthem was sung followed by the Danish "Der er et yndigt land."

The guests enjoyed dinner, music and dancing. A big thank you to all who helped make this memorable evening.

After the party was over the flower piece was delivered to Elmer Jensen.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — Although we woke up March 9 to a lot of snow on the ground, and the thought of canceling our meeting, we decided not to. The weather cleared up and we had a good attendance.

Our new member, Richard Jamison, was initiated. Welcome Richard.

Applications for membership from Helen Kofod, Leif Pedersen and Arthur Berg were received and acted upon. Looking forward to initiating them at the next meeting.

We may have two young people attending the language camp at Skovsøen.

George Jacobsen appealed to our members to buy or sell the raffle tickets which will be included in our next newsletter. There are a lot of big prizes, the winners will be drawn at the Grundlovsdagsfest June 3, 1984, held at The Danish Home for the Aged, Croton-on-Hudson, NY.

Krista Steiness and Peter Jorgensen's names were drawn for the jackpot, but since they were not present, the lucky winner was Victor Sorensen.

After the business meeting we played bingo; there were a lot of good prizes, which made for happy winners.

Niels Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co. PA — Our April meeting will feature a night of playing the national rage, Trivia Pursuit. According to reports this will be a fun-filled evening.

Committees were elected in March. Entertainment chairperson is Bert Lindeman; bar will be Geert Pedersen; the kitchen will be managed by Ulla Pedersen. Betty Jensen was elected as lodge delegate to the GCEL convention in September at New Hope.

An evening at Lily Langtry's Restaurant and Night Club, in Valley Forge, has been planned for Sunday, June 3 at 4 p.m. Lily Langtry's features fine dining and entertainment in an elegant Victorian setting. Included is a 90-minute Las Vegas style revue with international guest stars.

Niels and Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.



Youth News

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our lodge will be buying trophies and organizing young people to bowl during the Midwest District Bowling Extravaganza. All youth in the Midwest District, ages 9-19, will be included.



Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Chad Bray, son of Lodge 51 secretary and Mrs. Michael Bray, makes a pre-Memorial Day visit to the Soldier's Memorial in Lakeview Cemetery. (Photo courtesy Barbara Gutschke.)

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Young Vikings member, Kirsten Hisatomi, was selected as the first place winner in the Young Viking Division of the 1983 Danish Brotherhood Photo Contest. Kirsten's grandparents came from Denmark, Bornholm and Aarhus, immigrating to New York in 1906, then to Chicago, Illinois and then Kenosha, Wisconsin, where her grandfather was an aeronautical engineer. Alice Hisatomi, Kirsten's mother, has been working with the Young Viking adults where Kirsten and her mother have made Christmas ornaments and participated in the Young Viking activities.



Kirsten Hisatomi

Born in Seattle, Washington, Kirsten and her parents later moved to Vancouver, Washington, where they now reside. This is the first that a Lodge No. 167 Young Viking has won any prize of this kind and we appreciate Kirsten's efforts. Kirsten is planning to go to a local camp this summer, perhaps under the camp grant program of The Danish Brotherhood.

The April meeting of the Young Vikings will be held on Sunday, April 29. The activities for the day will include a Danish language lesson and viewing a Danish film "Paw" (dansk) or "A Boy From Two Worlds" (engelsk). Our next meeting will be at the end of June for St. Hans Aften, at the Jensen's in Heisson, Washington.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — A Spring Easter Carnival has been planned by the Youth Committee on April 6 with proceeds going to the Youth Committee for future programs. Refreshments will be served. There will be games and a door prize. The Youth Committee under the leadership of Philis Davis is hard at work. They are our future in The Danish Brotherhood.

I Am Looking For Penfriends —

Hi, my name is Trine Fisker, I am a Danish girl looking for American penfriends. I am 15 years old and I have been to America once as I have some family in Portland, Oregon, but I would like to know other Americans as well.

I like to read, paint, draw and listen to music (rock, pop, disco and classical music) and I swim a lot. If we could write to each other (and get along fine) I think it would be fun if we could visit each other some day.

So, if you are a 15, 16, 17 years-old girl or boy (perhaps brother and sister) I would like to hear from you!

Trine Fisker
Vestervej 2 - Stilling
8660 Skanderborg
Denmark

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — Come to the Danish picnic on June 10 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. There

will be lots of games and prizes. Free soft drinks will be provided. Bring your friends, parents and relatives. This picnic is for everyone of all ages.

Send news of activities for your young people to the American Dane.

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Danish Hero Buried In Arlington National Cemetery

by Barnett Keith Walters



Admiral Erhad J.C. Qvistgaard of Denmark, left, places a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on January 21, 1953. At his right is major General E. K. Wright, USA, in charge of the Military District of Washington. On the top stair is General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps. (Photo courtesy U.S. Defense Dept.)

When America honors its military heroes in Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day (May 28), the roll call will include the name of a young Dane who lies among the honored dead.

He was 27-year-old Niels Iver Qvistgaard, only son of Denmark's Chief of Defense during the 1950's, Admiral Erhard J. C. Qvistgaard. Admiral Qvistgaard was Naval Attache at the Danish Embassy in Washington in 1950.

While visiting his parents in Washington, Niels expressed his wish to become a U.S. Marine. He already had served honorably with both the Danish Army and the British Army in Germany. He said he's always wanted to be a U.S. Marine because he

greatly admired their enviable reputation as one of the world's finest groups of fighting men. Steeped in the ideals of democracy, he also wanted to contribute to the Marine Corps' effort as part of the United Nations Forces which were then battling to prevent the Communists from taking over South Korea.

Niels' initial attempts to join the Marines met with a temporary setback, because the law stipulated that all enlistees must be American citizens. Undaunted, he kept on trying until the U.S. Secretary of the Navy waived the citizenship requirement. This enabled the persistent young Dane to be inducted October 3, 1950. He performed so well during his basic training in San Diego

that he was recommended for Officers Training School. However, once again the citizenship requirement was a stumbling block. He subsequently was sent to the Army General School at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he stood 9th in a class of 79 in the Enlisted Intelligence Course.

Afterwards he applied for U.S. Citizenship while awaiting assignment. Promoted to Corporal, he was sent to Korea in 1952 and assigned to headquarters duty. He promptly asked for and was reassigned to the front lines with the First Marine Division.

He arrived on the eve of an all-out enemy attack. Taking up a position as a forward artillery observer, Niels was radioing the enemy's gun positions when an artillery



Corporal Niels I. Qvistgaard, USMC (Photo courtesy U.S. Defense Dept.)

shell exploded nearby and killed him. The date was October 25, 1952.

Corporal Qvistgaard earlier had expressed the wish to be buried alongside his comrades if he were killed in combat. Complying with his last wish, the Marine Corps returned his body to the United States for burial in Arlington National Cemetery. Accordingly, he was buried there with full military honors on January 21, 1953.

Attending the funeral from Denmark were his parents and sister Birte, who brought with them a box of Danish soil to be interred with the casket. Borne to the gravesite by his comrades, his casket was draped with

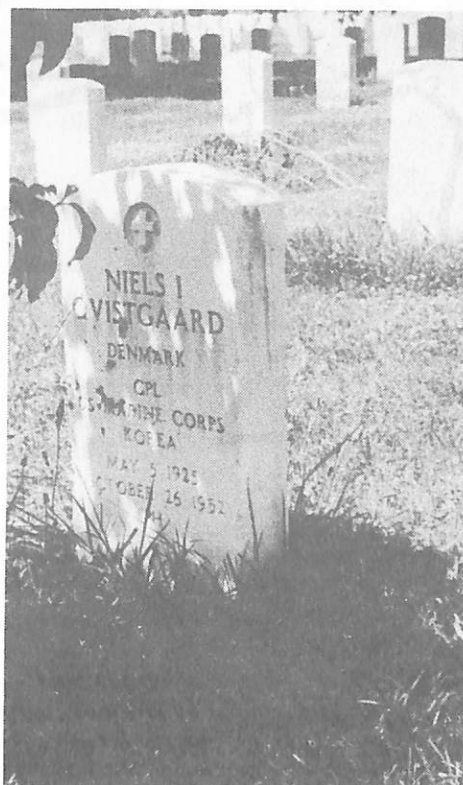
both the American and Danish flags. His parents requested that a dogwood tree be planted by the grave. His medals and citations were turned over to Admiral and Mrs. Qvistgaard. They included: the Korean Service Medal; the United Nations Service Medal; the Purple Heart; and National Defense Service Medal; and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Several years later when Denmark's King Frederick IX visited Washington in October 1960, he went to Arlington Cemetery to place a wreath on Corporal Qvistgaard's grave. By doing so, he was more than honoring a fallen American Marine. He was paying homage to a fellow Dane and to the son of a friend.

During his visit, King Frederick was given a copy of a letter that President Truman had written to Niels' parents after he was killed in combat. President Truman's letter read in part: "He (Niels) stands in the unbroken line of patriots who had dared to die that freedom might live and grow and increase its blessings — freedom lives, and through it, he lives — in a way that humbles the understanding of most men."



Presentation of flag to Mrs. E. J. C. Qvistgaard by Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. (Photo courtesy U.S. Defense Dept.)



U.S. Marine Corporal Niels I. Qvistgaard gave his life in the cause of freedom during the Korean War. At the request of his parents, a dogwood tree shades his grave. (Photo courtesy Barnett K. Walters)

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Serve with small potatoes — cooked in their skins, peeled and sprinkled with parsley — browned butter, lemon boats and cucumber salad made with lemon juice.

Taken from **Cooking With the Danes** by Astrid Slebsager.

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*We may live without poetry,
music and art;*

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On July 7, 1940, Eiler and Valborg Carlsen welcomed a new son into their family and named him Paul Eiler Carlsen. They probably had no idea he would join Lodge No. 227 of The Danish Brotherhood in America in December of 1966 and serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Undoubtedly their influence helped Paul make the decisions leading to his enthusiastic acceptance of the nomination and election.

Paul also credits his grandmother, Thea Madsen, with stimulating his interest. Mrs. Madsen is a past member of the Supreme Board of the Danish Sisterhood of America. She encouraged Paul to join the Brotherhood.

A year after initiation, Paul was elected conductor of Lodge 227 and served thereafter as treasurer, president, and still holds the office of treasurer to which he returned in 1977.

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Paul Carlsen

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Paul and Ann Carlsen were married December 18, 1961. They have four children, Ken (20), Jeff (19), David (17), and Lisa (13). With their children becoming young adults, Ann returned to school in 1977 for advanced studies in medical technology. Ann graduated from the University of Michigan in April of 1983 and is now employed by the University of Michigan in the hematology lab at their main hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Paul is employed by Detroit Gauge and Tool. The company designs and builds specialized tools for servicing jet engines for commercial airliners and also develops tooling and gauges for the development of new engines.



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