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Danish National Tourist Office Photo.



President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

Did your lodge increase its membership substantially last year? If not, perhaps you should consider a membership drive such as a membership dinner used successfully by other lodges in the past. If properly planned, a membership dinner will result in new members for your lodge and an enjoyable evening for the members. Without advanced planning it will be just a dinner. With planning and the cooperation of the members, it can be a successful evening.

First you should establish a lodge membership committee at least two months prior to the dinner. The committee will need to work with your lodge representative or with the home office agency department to make membership effective. The top priority should be to compile a list of prospective members. When making the list, keep in mind that family and friends of members should be asked to join our great organization. We should not deny those close to us the fellowship we enjoy so much.

Other objectives of the committee will be to secure a location, menu, and entertainment. Before the dinner the guest should understand he will be asked to join the lodge. Normally the lodge will pay for the guest's dinner and occasionally, as an added attraction, the sponsor's dinner also. Of course, the sponsor will also earn credits toward receiving four eight-ounce steaks and a chance to be the owner of a personal computer if your lodge is participating in "A Steak in Our Future . . . and a Byte More" contest.

The home office has already sent out packages of steaks to Jess L. Muller of Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, Illinois, and to Edgar F. Gastaldi of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin; and I know they are anxious to have many more steaks delivered right to your door.

After the dinner sign up prospective members for membership with notice they will be contacted later by the local lodge representative or directly from the home office about the various insurance plans available. Remember the home office will provide all the promotional material and will work with the lodge in planning the membership dinner.

Now that your lodge has gained new members you will want to keep them active. A variety of Danish ethnic activities will stimulate and attract attendance. Remember, everyone likes to have fun and to obtain this goal the lodge needs a fun activity schedule. Why not hold a planning meeting and get ideas from all members. You will also want to refer to the activity suggestions provided to your local lodge secretary by the fraternal department.

Your lodge should elect an activity chairman who will be able to assign committees for each activity. New member participation and involvement will be obtained by asking them to serve on various committees. The chairman will coordinate the work of committees. He or she might want to plan an outline of activities for the year and let the committee follow through with their ideas for the main theme. Then, the committee will need to plan and organize a good program.

Lastly, to guarantee a large turnout, be sure to publicize your activities. Notify your members regularly of up-coming events and how much fun they will be. I liked the idea Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines used in last month's magazine — "EACH ONE BRING ONE." If we would all think about that concept we could double our membership. I can think of other slogans we can use such as "LET'S COME ALIVE IN '85" or "LET'S THRIVE IN '85." We can all come up with catchy words but nothing will happen unless you the members make it happen. If this great society that we all love is to survive we must continue to bring in new members and keep them active. In April your Board of Directors will be in Omaha for the semi-annual board meeting. If any of you have suggestions or comments you would like to make we are always eager to hear them and this is a good time to give us your thoughts when we are all together. Remember the deadline for the Skovsøen applications is May 1st. This is a wonderful opportunity and a great experience for our youngsters.

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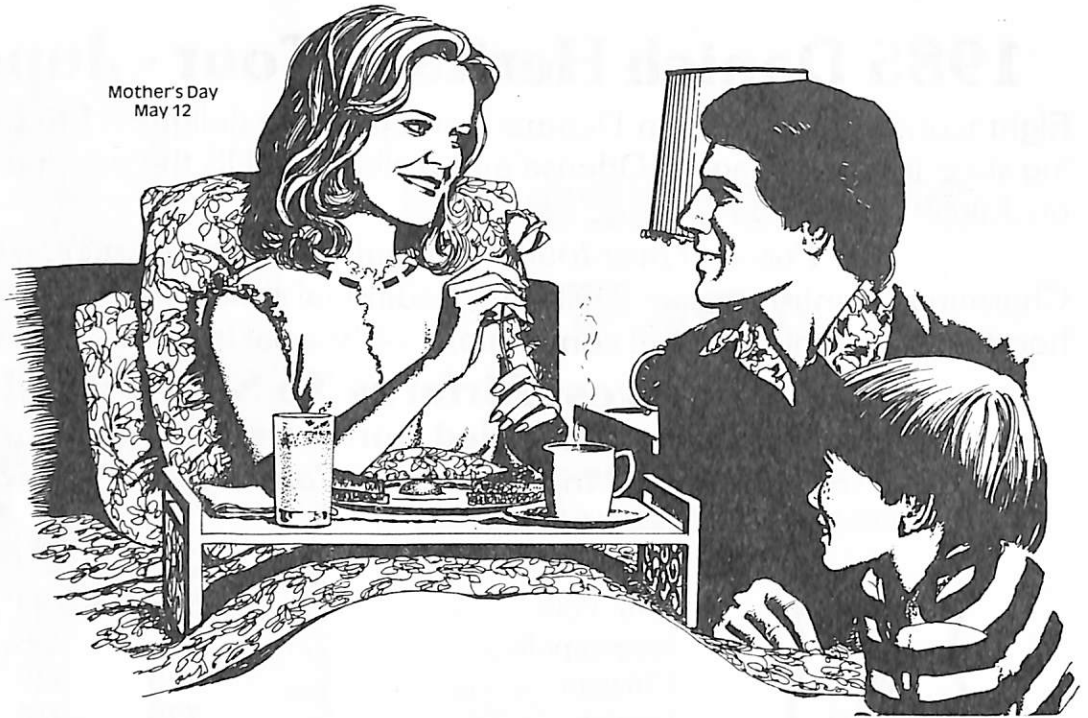
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Annual Report of the Lodges

December 31, 1984

Lodge No.	Location	Insured	Social	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits	Total Assets
1	Omaha, NE	145	114	DB	525,457	33,412.21	
3	Davenport, IA	8	7	DB	14,750	1,362.39	
4*	Racine, WI	183	71	DB	218,125		
9*	Oshkosh, WI	11	1	2.76	9,250		
10*	Council Bluffs, IA	56	9	42.28	76,469		
14	Kenosha, WI	183	197	72.07	556,366	6,579.00	95,065.36
15	Des Moines, IA	44	27	25.97	72,750	252.00	14,679.69
16*	Minden, NE	126	71	200.47	806,000		
17	Chicago, IL	51	30	73.01	169,000		
26*	Fremont, NE	12		DB	10,750		
29	Seattle, WA	201	51	119.04	458,327	67,050.08	
30*	Muskegon, MI	34	2	14.39	25,000		
32	New Haven, CT	80	11	89.16	110,500	22,575.14	
33*	Tacoma, WA	23	28	DB	20,500		
34	Dwight, IL	189	61	DB	255,250	16,225.93	
35	Chicago, IL	66	58	10.36	167,835	2,647.76	54,426.94
36	Milwaukee, WI	31	29	11.57	49,000	3,882.41	
37*	Bridgeport, CT	15	1	10.21	13,250		
39	Oakland, CA	52	4	33.28	36,750	339.00	68,394.75
41	Derby, CT	20	1	20.24	17,125	3,063.83	
42	Spokane, WA	45	17	28.38	55,125	10,541.15	
43	Denver, CO	54	20	DB	67,750	3,500.00	
45	Minneapolis, MN	58	41	37.94	58,222	23,427.75	
46	Perth Amboy, NJ	55	132	22.14	115,750	298.00	30,542.68
49*	San Francisco, CA	74	24	98.01	39,375		
50	Byram, CT	8	1	10.96	5,625		
51	Ludington, MI	142	86	51.75	187,250	8,400.00	72,576.50
56	Kansas City, MO	32	27	11.90	23,250	3,938.62	
62	Sioux City, IA	14	10	22.77	26,250	6,163.38	
64	Rockford, IL	20	11	17.41	17,125	1,406.86	
67	Fresno, CA	39	8	53.56	66,875	50.00	24,586.69
70	Greenville, MI	60	11	43.33	71,250	18,218.71	
71	Penn Yan, NY	66	15	63.78	96,125	35,200.00	
73	Alden, MN	7		DB	7,625	2,557.62	
75	Albert Lea, MN	44	75	104.16	91,750	10,014.60	
78*	Salt Lake City, UT	7		DB	2,750		
84*	Lincoln, NE	29	19	28.83	30,125		
89*	Superior, WI	8	12	1.99	3,750		
90	Port Reading, NJ	8		11.24	7,500	393.83	
92	St. Charles, IL	90	28	34.79	586,250	140.00	41,573.31
95*	Ferndale, CA	40	12	40.87	47,250		
102	Providence, RI	24	3	19.87	44,375	545.24	
106*	Trufant, MI	62	1	57.92	61,500		
107*	Chicago, IL	13		DB	9,000		
110*	Winside, NE	12	5	3.93	11,000		
111	Austin, MN	19	5	3.62	18,250	3,723.80	
113	Enumclaw, WA	19	12	10.26	37,125	56,692.60	
116	Newark, NJ	80	9	123.03	103,625	156.00	21,329.91
117*	Plainview, NE	49		24.19	44,375		
121*	Tyler, MN	11	25	DB	10,500		
125	Weeping Water, NE	19	1	9.05	29,674	4,137.68	
126	Los Angeles, CA	168	55	122.30	251,136	225.00	86,421.84
134*	Ringsted, IA	9		DB	10,000		
139	Viborg, SD	57	27	DB	46,750	276.72	
143	Petaluma, CA	58	28	29.61	75,500	12,500.00	
144	Dike, IA	79	14	DB	161,902	10,276.35	
147	Newell, IA	25	21	17.30	74,875	1,488.50	
148*	Cheyenne, WY	11		DB	14,000		
155	Bellingham, WA	17	9	3.08	14,250		
161	Ruskin, NE	60	53	DB	150,500	5,640.89	
163*	Edmore, MI	1	1	DB	1,000		
164	New York, NY	30	39	DB	28,375		
167*	Portland, OR	208	75	84.45	945,809		
170	Rocky River, OH	25	21	30.21	59,000		
171	Jamestown, NY	14		5.33	9,875		
172*	Philadelphia, PA	62	25	DB	132,664		
177	Cordova, NE	29	3	10.69	34,500		1,140.54
182	Waukegan, IL	38	19	3.98	36,875		7,660.57
183*	Troy, NY	33	6	27.02	33,625		
184	Hayward, CA	44	4	47.26	39,250	25.00	8,729.83
186*	Luck, WI	25	82	DB	43,125		
190*	Schenectady, NY	54	9	43.20	58,125		
194	McMinnville, OR	15	9	13.81	13,000		1,891.74
195*	Omaha, NE	16	4	25.58	22,125		
202*	Warren, PA	17	5	3.13	15,750		
206	Blair, NE	21	64	DB	110,004		5,088.36
211	Grand Island, NE	34	22	DB	135,000		1,437.37
213*	Ord, NE	8		DB	8,750		
217	Humboldt, IA	13	51	DB	39,500		4,679.37
219	Clear Lake, IA	23	7	10.66	44,750		1,115.42
225*	Canton, OH	62	3	51.39	95,657		
227	Detroit, MI	293	160	277.69	565,395	2,152.50	904,671.31
230	Arcata, CA	17	14	31.91	13,250		14,065.12
240	Rochester, NY	6	2	1.25	1,375		447.92
241	Sayreville, NJ	20		11.44	12,125	1,924.98	1,076.83
242	Erie, PA	78	3	33.20	57,250	150.00	140,462.11
245	South Bend, IN	28		DB	20,750		
254*	Brush, CO	4		4.94	3,500		
255	Selma, CA	20	2	11.38	10,125	1,047.41	5,204.98
257	St. Petersburg, FL	15	47	10.72	54,750		1,267.85
260*	Williston, ND	7		DB	5,750		
261	Fowler, CO	64	13	48.10	78,625		6,414.54
262	Cozad, NE	7		8.16	5,500		
263	Askov, MN	100	5	49.86	130,522	542.22	162.31
264*	Pocatello, ID	15	1	5.99	13,000		
268	Junction City, OR	35	23	20.00	91,875		14,000.00
273	Dillon, MT	55	7	97.44	103,750	100.00	14,438.56
279	Hunter, ND	5		1.39	3,625		106.81
283	Dagmar, MT	74	5	28.86	86,875	180.00	12,544.44
288*	Cotesfield, NE	15		9.07	14,000		
294	Barre, VT	66	8	54.90	72,500		7,423.62
299	Solvang, CA	97	51	DB	420,750		17,477.41
300*	Oneonta, NY	9		DB	7,250		
301	Akron, OH	52	1	170.15	143,750		933.17
306	San Diego, CA	43	12	19.39	26,250	200.00	17,540.97
314*	Hartford, CT	58	5	40.26	48,500		
318*	Copenhagen, DK		37				
319	Bakersfield, CA	26	4	37.34	23,500		5,713.01
321	W. Palm Bch., FL	3	13	3.63	2,500		726.28
322	Santa Barbara, CA	36	17	39.67	22,375		16,012.32
323	Alhambra, CA	46	26	24.52	95,864	2,320.00	2,221.02
325	Nassau Co., NY	80	54	185.22	112,125		7,100.00
326	West Branch, IA	18	14	DB	22,350		329.62
328	Vancouver, B.C. Can.	130				1,548.00	26,339.00
332	Ripon, CA	69	14	72.30	82,375		13,736.08
334	Geneva, NY	24	1	26.18	32,250		3,569.09
337	Fremont, CA	26	14	35.97	16,000		342.80
339*	Las Vegas, NV	15	1	DB	20,500		
340	Wood Dale, IL	27	6	DB	261,500		684.20
341*	KmbIttn-EIkhnorn, IA	29	110	DB	66,500		
342	Bucks Co., PA	43	25	DB	55,750		7,728.84
343	Waupaca, WI	2	67	DB	26,000		1,122.82
344*	Janesville, WI	16	26	DB	36,500		
345	Orange Co., CA	37	55	DB	61,000		3,822.05
346	Riverside, CA	30	22	DB	49,078		3,425.27
347	Cedar Rapids, IA	16	42	DB	41,500	200.00	1,006.00
348	Eugene, OR	52	57	DB	237,625		2,602.63
349	Atlantic, IA	2	39	DB	10,000		137.56
600	Omaha, NE	1,371	70	DB	4,291,093		

NOTES TO ANNUAL REPORT

The report for 1984 was not received, or was received too late. Secretaries who find an asterisk () after their lodge number are asked to submit their 1984 report to the Home Office as soon as possible.

"DB" All lodge members are on direct billing.

The above listing gives 129 lodges, membership consisting of 7,145 insured and 3,242 social; a total monthly assessment of \$3,550.42 and a combined amount of insurance of \$15,851,949. Insured and social membership is 10,387.

Lodges reporting for 1984

Paid fraternal benefits \$ 29,476.87
 Cash and other assets \$2,151,413.10

The total of insurance assessments paid to the local lodge treasurer not yet remitted to the Home Office is not included in total assets as reported on the annual lodge report. All such assessments must be accounted for, and belong to the Home Office. However, all other assets belong to the local lodge and the Home Office has no claim on these.

The average insured age attained as of December 31, 1984 is 51.

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Danish London

by Jeffrey Thrift

Scandinavia has long had strong ties with Great Britain, and this is certainly reflected in London, with many street names and places recalling an affiliation to the North Lands. There is a Danish Church on Albany Street, near Regent's Park, and over in the dockland region, Norwegian, Swedish, and Finnish Churches. As King Canute himself instituted the beginning of the canal that eventually became what is now Greenland Dock and developed into the famous Surrey Commercial Docks, it is not difficult to see that this area, as the churches bear witness, has been used by Scandinavian seamen for centuries. The Danish Seamen's Mission in Ming Street, Poplar, just the other side of the river Thames also shows how this district, around the Port of London, has strong connections with these countries whose men have long been famed as sailors.

The Danes particularly are inexorably entangled with London's history, possibly owing to the fact that invaders from over the North Sea in Viking times, wherever they may have come from, were known as Danes. One of the best known songs sung by children all over Britain, "London Bridge is Falling Down" refers specifically to the invasion by King Olaf of the Danes in 864, who instructed his men to tie ropes around the wooden piles of the bridge and pull it down. This feat is still recorded in countless classrooms over eleven hundred years later. As possible compensation for the destruction of London Bridge, London's smart "new" Waterloo Bridge owes its construction to a Danish company, Peter Lind and Co., and spans the river with elegance and style.

The word "strand" is no stranger to a Dane, and is the name of one of London's main thoroughfares, which at one time was the beach or strand alongside the River Thames before engineering gradually confined the river to its present course. This relates to the Danish settlement at the eastern end of the Strand, another London landmark, Aldwych. Ald Wic, or Old Village, an area granted to the Danes in a treaty by King Alfred the Great. In fact Drury Lane itself, famous in the world of show business, was known in the Domesday Book of Norman times as "Via de Aldewyche" because it passed through the fields used by the Danes as dairy farms.

It is not possible to leave this area without mention of the Church that stands there, Saint Clements Dane. The very name proclaims its origin on two counts. St. Clement was a Roman

Bishop who was martyred by the Emperor Troyan in A.D.100. Thrown into the sea weighted by an anchor, he became the patron saint of the sea rovers, and the church that stands only a few yards from Aldwych is dedicated to him. According to the Elizabethan historian, John Stow, Harold, a Danish King, the illegitimate son of King Canute, and many other Danes, are buried there, thus adding the "Dane" to the name. Strangely enough, the chimes of the bells of St. Clements are also world famous as a childrens' song "Oranges and Lemons."

Denmark Hill in South London is so named because of a hunting lodge owned by Prince George of Denmark which stood there in 1683. He was the husband of Queen Anne and the father of her seventeen children. Denmark Street, W.C.2 is also named after this lusty lad. Copenhagen Street and Copenhagen Fields in Islington are both similarly named after a Danish notable of those times, this area being the residence of the Danish Ambassador in 1665. Dane Street, Holborn, was bought by the churchwarden of St. Clements Dane in 1522, and the rents from the properties on it contribute to this day to the upkeep of two schools and a row of almshouses.

The marriage of Princess Alexandra of Denmark to Edward, then Prince of Wales in 1863, brought forth a number of street names at the time. London was increasing in size in all directions, and many of the new roads are named in honor of the bride, and there are no less than 10 Denmark Roads, 3 Denmark Streets, and 14 Alexandra Roads named after this sweet lady. Even a pub called "The Bride of Denmark" a great accolade indeed in Britain. A large memorial to her appears on Marlborough Road alongside St. James Palace, a fitting tribute to one of England's most beautiful and well loved Queens.

Dare I mention it? Even Wimbledon's hallowed turf was once a Danish settlement in the year 950, named Wunemannedun. Although there is no record of them actually appearing on the centre court, rough Viking stock though they were, they would probably have behaved better than some players of late.

When the digestive system rebels at last to the English cuisine, a visit to the Danish Food Centre in Conduit Street is recommended. Delicacies prepared in the customary manner can be readily obtained, and will convince the Scandinavian visitor that London is not quite as strange and far from home as was first thought.

Root-Tracing Part IV

by Inge Mardal and Steen B. Hougs



“The Bible and the Photograph”

The Bible and the Photograph:

Immigrants usually didn't carry with them more than the most necessary items, which excluded books, painted portraits and other “artifacts” which today would have been worth gold — seen from the root-tracer's point of view.

There was one book, however, which the settlers took with them — through all the hardships of travel, homesteading, etc. The Bible!

Few of them were scholars — rather farmers and hard working people. But they knew the Holy Book, brought them moral strength and would unite their new communities.

Therefore the Bible became the natural file where families recorded events like births, marriages, deaths and changes of ownership — in lieu of public archives which were still to be established.

The family Bible became an important heirloom. Passed on to descendants or other loved ones. This makes it very attractive to the root-tracer — because it may be the very basis for undertaking the research-activities, or it may provide important clues which open up “dead ends” in the tracing.

Photographs are not always as reliable a source of information as are the Bibles. Photographs have often been of importance only to the peer-generation, who knew the person depicted — and therefore didn't see a need to annotate the photographs.

Among the older photographs we are mostly concerned about those which depict a family back home in Denmark.

You know these pictures:

Everybody lined up in the garden or the studio, the men wearing their best suits, the boys hair wet combed, father holding his longest pipe, the girls and ladies as in their prettiest dresses.

In many Danish families going to the photographer was a luxury, which happened once, maybe twice in a lifetime — and the number of copies ordered were small.

If, however, they had loved ones in the U.S., a copy was ordered for them, too. On both sides of the Atlantic, they instinctively knew that the separation would probably last forever, and exchanging photographs was a way to be together.

Annotated, these pictures provide important clues. Without annotation, they may provide indirect clues and/or be valuable in the verification of the unveiled family-data.

Many sub-regional historical archives collect old photographs — not only of buildings, but also of people. The interest in these archives is steadily growing in Denmark — perhaps there is a copy of your old photograph filed there!

In the remaining part of this article, we shall see how a Bible and a photograph helped solve two problems.

The Problems:

The "principle character" in this case is Sven Persson Heurlin, 1819-1874. He was a schoolteacher in the little village of Kviinge in southern Sweden.

The big question was: From where did the name Heurlin originate? and: What was his original surname?

Names alternated at that time, and in his case the changes in names were not consistent — it couldn't necessarily be determined from his father's name.

Another question needed an answer: Why did he change his family-name?

The following 3 family had circulated in the Danish family:

—That Sven had served the bishop in Vaxjo, Sweden whose name was Heurlin and that the bishop was so satisfied with the job done he allowed Sven to adopt his name.

—That he had studied at the University of Stockholm with a French professor who had fled France after the Napoleonic war, and that the professor was happy with his student and vice versa. In reverence the student may have taken the professor's name.

—That the parish in the little village had joined together in order to make it possible for their "bright lad" to go to a teacher's college — and that Sven, in return, took the scholarly name of "Heurlin."

How did the Bible help:

Today, the Bible belongs to one of Sven's Danish descendants. It was printed in 1782 in Sweden and purchased in 1855 by Niels Bengtson at an auction in Asarum, Sweden.

Niels' daughter, Carolina married a son of Sven's, Carl. They inherited the Bible — and passed it on to a brother of Carl's, Julius Heurlin who was about to emigrate to the U.S. Carolina, Carl and Julius all lived in Denmark at that time and they probably still spoke Swedish.

Julius emigrated, and many years later his sister Elise, who had joined him, inherited the Bible. When she died, no one in the American family any longer spoke or read Swedish. So they returned the book to the Danish descendants who still knew the language. That was in 1925 — and that was what the Bible could tell.

How did it help? It gave a strong indication that the American family had the key. This will become more evident, as you read about the photograph.

How did the photograph help:

The photograph was known to depict Sven Persson Heurlin. There was no annotation — but the cardboard frame had an imprint stating that it had been made in Boston, Mass. Since Sven had never been in the U.S. a photograph must have been sent from Sweden or Denmark, copied in Boston — and a copy sent to the Danish descendants.

Since present Danish and Swedish sources had been exhausted, the most likely place to search was in USA.

The Research

Old letters with return addresses were found, and the correspondence started. Fortunately, the American family was very responsive. They verified the history derived from the Bible

— and gave a hint regarding Sven's original surname: Udd or Udde!

They also had a fourth family legend regarding the change of the surname. They remembered being told by older family members that Sven changed the name after he and his father once had a violent argument.

We then approached professional researchers in Sweden with the dates we knew and those names. The Swedes confirmed the family name to be Udd. They also disproved stories telling the reasons for the change of name, since

—He had never been to any teachers' college or university.

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1910	\$36	\$64	1937	\$33	\$82	1964	\$25	\$36
1911	\$36	\$78	1938	\$48	\$163	1965	\$29	\$36
1912	\$34	\$70	1939	\$75	\$164	1966	\$24	\$34
1913	\$34	\$64	1940	\$78	\$274	1967	\$23	\$32
1914	\$31	\$54	1941	\$129	\$219	1968	\$22	\$21
1915	\$61	\$64	1942	\$78	\$257	1969	\$15	\$21
1916	\$33	\$38	1943	\$78	\$295	1970	\$15	\$22
1917	\$33	\$38	1944	\$41	\$113	1971	\$9	\$17
1918	\$32	\$40	1945	\$51	\$221	1972	\$9	\$14
1919	\$31	\$40	1946	\$33	\$94	1973	\$16	\$12
1920	\$30	\$40	1947	\$37	\$139	1974	\$9	\$12
1921	\$30	\$34	1948	\$28	\$85	1975	\$9	\$10
1922	\$26	\$32	1949	\$28	\$105	1976	\$9	\$19
1923	\$30	\$32	1950	\$54	\$105	1977	\$12	\$11
1924	\$26	\$47	1951	\$37	\$209	1978	\$12	\$12
1925	\$30	\$37	1952	\$31	\$66	1979	\$14	\$35
1926	\$30	\$37	1953	\$33	\$58	1980	\$18	\$19
1927	\$41	\$80	1954	\$37	\$75	1981	\$20	\$20
1928	\$25	\$39	1955	\$37	\$120	1982	\$19	\$21
1929	\$33	\$39	1956	\$49	\$104	1983	\$19	\$19
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The Creation of the World *A Danish Folk Tale*

by

Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time, when the highest God had created the sky and the earth and two people, Man and Woman, he gave them Reason, but no Heart.

One day, God called his four children together: Sun, Moon, Darkness, and Rain. God said, "I am going to leave forever so that Man can no longer see me. I will send Heart in my place. But before I leave I want to know what you, Rain, are going to do?"

"Oh," replied Rain. "I think I'll pour down very hard and put everything under water."

"That can never be," said God. "Man and Woman cannot live under water. You better take turns with the Sun. After you have sufficiently watered the earth, let the Sun go to work and dry it."

Rain agreed and asked the Sun if it would carry out this plan.

"No," said the Sun. "I intend to shine and burn everything under me."

"That cannot be," said God. "How do you expect the people whom I created to get food. When you have warmed the earth for a while, give Rain a chance to refresh it, and make the fruit grow."

The Sun finally agreed.

Then God asked Darkness its plans.

"I intend to rule forever," answered Darkness.

"Have pity," said God. "Do you want to condemn my creatures, the birds, fish and other animals to see nothing of the world I made? Listen to me. Give Moon time to shine on the earth and when you see the Moon in its last quarter, then you may rule again."

Sun, Rain, Darkness, and Moon agreed to this plan.

Then God said, "I have lingered too long. Now I must go. I will place Heart into each Man and Woman."

And that is what happened. All children born of Man and Woman have a longing for God.

Payments to Board Members

FEBRUARY 1985

Trip to Omaha, NE for examination of securities, Kenneth Pedersen, \$61.20.

MARCH 1985

Semiannual expense allowance, Peter Weber, \$250; Clyde Langsted, \$250; Erling Braumann, \$250; Paul Carlsen, \$250; Kenneth Pedersen, \$250; Woodrow Petersen, \$250; and George Jacobsen, \$250. Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$262.00.

Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference

The 7th annual Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference will be held June 28-30 at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center near Corbett, Oregon.

The 1985 program will include presentations on contemporary Denmark, Kaj Munk, and the Danish explorer Jens Munk. Included also will be dialect readings and Danish language and literature classes. There will be singing, nature walks, folk dancing, films, and an evening celebration of Sankt Hans. A program for a limited number of young people ages 7-12 who are accompanied by parents or grandparents will be offered.

For information write Northwest Danish Cultural Conference, 410 Laurel, Junction City, Oregon 97448 or telephone (503) 726-7869.

Interim President Named at Dana College



Dr. Elwin Farwell, a nineteen-year veteran college president, has been named interim president of Dana College in Blair, according to an announcement made by Dr. Clifford Hanson, chief operating officer of the college.

Farwell, 65, served as president of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, from 1963 until his retirement in 1982. (Dana and Luther are sister institutions owned by the American Lutheran Church.) Earlier in his career he taught at Michigan State University, was a parish pastor in Andrew, Iowa, and served as academic dean of California Lutheran College. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Michigan State College, a B.D. from Pacific Lutheran

The Danish Immigrant Museum

The Danish Immigrant Museum held a membership kickoff meeting which was declared a successful beginning to the membership drive. Seventy three charter members contributed nearly \$4,000 in dues.

Individuals, couples, families, businesses or organizations may join at various levels of membership including Associate \$15; Contributing \$25; Sustaining \$100; Supporting \$250; Benefactor \$500; and Patron \$1000. Anyone who joins this first year, at whatever level, becomes a charter member. As a thank you, the Museum is giving a pin of the Danish and United States flags for each membership at the Sustaining level or more.

Theological Seminary and an Ed.D from the University of California at Berkeley.

During Mr. Farwell's tenure as president of Luther he served as president of the Iowa College Foundation and chairman of the Iowa Association of Private Colleges and Universities. He has also been a counselor to the Lutheran Council USA, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and a member of the Board of Governors of the Institute of European Studies. He is the recipient of four honorary doctorates and has been decorated by the Kings of Norway and Sweden. Dr. Farwell and his wife, Helen, are the parents of four grown children.

Since his retirement from Luther he has served as a consultant to the Division of College and University Services of the American Lutheran Church, the Iowa College Foundation, McElroy Trust Fellowship Program and is currently completing a national study of Lutheran Theological Education.

In accepting the interim presidency Farwell said, "I have great admiration and respect for the people and academic programs at Dana and they deserve the very best in administrative leadership and public support. I am prepared to give my best in the administrative area and I call upon all friends of Dana to give their best in terms of moral, financial, and student support."

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He was self-taught.

—He had not been in the bishop's service.

When a man in those days left the plow in favor of the books, he often had social aspirations, too — this led to the adoption of names which did not end in -sen or -son, which implied a peasant background.

Why he then took the name "Heurlin" — or whether he and his father regularly came to blows is still to be discovered.

The Results:

In addition to the new facts mentioned above, a range of spin-off results were obtained. The "harvest" was:

- The original family name was unveiled
- The three family legends known by the Danish family were disproved
- The American family got details about their ancestors and news about the present Danish family
- New contacts were made to American family members who prior to the research were unknown to the Danish family
- Facts about the various emigrating family-members were unveiled, and a lot of the pieces in that puzzle found their place

What is still to be discovered, is why Sven Persson Heurlin changed his name. At this time we are continuing our research into the fourth legend.

Remarks:

This case was initiated from Denmark — but it could just as well have been initiated from the U.S.

Very likely, since the American family possessed an album with

photographs of several ancestors, who they did not know the names and/or history of, and the family had often discussed them and wondered: who, why and where?

Preview:

"Jim's Case" is the title of the next article. Jim's father, a second generation American Dane, seriously continued Jim's grandfather's root-tracing activities and achieved good results locally. When he, however, went to Denmark to unveil the past of the Danish family he came to a disappointing halt.

We shall see how Jim got a successful breakthrough in the tracing of his Danish roots.

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Spring International Sports Registration

Sport for Understanding

Sport for Understanding, a non-profit international sports exchange program, is currently forming 37 teams in different sports to play in Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada, and Latin America this summer.

Players aged 14-19 need only have average or better athletic ability and can sign up in any of the following sports: basketball, cross country, diving, field hockey (women), golf, ice hockey, judo, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball (women), and water polo (men).

Each team, which departs between June 15 and August 30 for a duration of four weeks, consists of 12-16 players accompanied by a volunteer coach. All SFU teams are officially sanctioned to travel by the respective sport governing bodies. Program fees range from \$1400-\$1975.

Sport for Understanding is a program of Youth for Understanding, one of the largest non-profit international educational organi-
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zations, which has exchanged over 100,000 students during its 33 years of operation. It draws upon the resources of an organization that maintains offices and a professional staff in 13 U.S. regions and in 26 countries around the world.

The SFU program, now in its third year of operation, is planned and administered by an experienced group of professionals, sports administrators, university faculty and international coaches. The staff is in close contact with sports leaders, host coaches and sports clubs in each nation.

Last summer, over 400 high school students joined various teams that were led by coaches selected from across the United States. The 1985 program will send some 500 participants and coaches comprising 37 teams in 15 different sports to foreign countries.

Interested coaches and players should write to SFU Department, 3501 Newark Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

Danish Brochures Available

Three new 1985 brochures have been released by the Danish Tourist Board for consumers — "Denmark Your 1985 Vacation," "Car Ferries 1985," and "Map and General Travel Information 1985." "Denmark Your 1985 Vacation" is a 28-page color booklet that provides consumers with detailed information about touring in Denmark as well as with details about money-saving plans designed to stretch visitors' dollars in Denmark. All three publications are available free of charge from the Danish Tourist Board.

Congratulations!

The entries for the Skovsøen Essay Contest have been judged and winners declared. The recipients are: Kelly Coblentz, Michele Duprey, Debbie Mortensen, and Kelley Mortensen. See page 23 for the winning essays.

Our Lodges in Action

Material for publication must be received by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue.

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.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — On Saturday, January 26 about 75 people enjoyed an excellent dinner at the Sand Point Officers Club. The occasion was the joint installation of officers for 1985 of the D.B. Lodge No. 29 and the D.S. Lodge No. 40. Installing officers were: District President Clyde Langsted of Seattle and District President Viola West from Junction City. Gerald Jensen and wife Ruth acted as conductor and marshal. The tables were beautifully decorated with red and white carnations with candles in the middle. There were door prizes for some lucky winners. Both the American and Danish National Anthems were sung which always livens up the party. After the installation there was dancing in the cocktail room. We thank Kris Jorgensen for making the arrangements. Also, the committee who so beautifully arranged everything. A great way for starting the New Year!



New and old officers enjoy dinner.

At our regular meeting on February 6 a number of items for the ensuing year were discussed. Chairmen for committees were appointed and delegates were elected.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The February 6 meeting was called to order by President, Stig Hansen, with 46 members present. Three persons were present for initiation, Dorothy Brace, Frank Petersen, and Stig Larsen. We welcome the new members.

Jens Jensen introduced guest Ken Brace, husband of newly initiated Dorothy. Ken and Dorothy Brace love to travel and have been visitors to Denmark two times visiting relatives and hope to go back again. Dorothy

The best idea award for April goes to Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan. See page 19.

was born in Nebraska to a Danish father and Swedish mother and has two twin sisters and one brother. Her father, Engward Nielsen and his twin brother Louis, are the last surviving WWI twins at 92 years of age. Recently a "Believe It or not" was featured in the American Dane of these brothers. Kenneth was born in Pennsylvania to Welsh parents and served over four years in the Army Air Force of World War II. Welcome to the Danish Brotherhood, Ken and Dorothy.



Ken and Dorothy Brace.

Jordon Hutchins, a scholarship applicant was introduced. Jordon related that he had spent one year in Denmark as an exchange student.

Congratulations to Jens Jensen who has been elected President of the Scandinavian Club of Portland for 1985.

"An Evening in Tivoli Garden" — how does that sound to you? Tivoli in Copenhagen opens May 1st, but Tivoli in Portland opens May 4th and will stay open for one evening only. So, if you have champagne taste but a beer budget, here is your chance to visit Tivoli.

The convention committee is working hard. Ideas are flying around, some of them a little crazy, but we are getting together to have fun. There will be many surprises, believe us. The place is the Greenwood Inn in Beaverton.

We are considering having an Amateur Show Friday night during the orchestra breaks. If anyone in the lodge has a special talent and would like to get on the stage for about five minutes, please let the committee know about it.

Jens Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 38 brothers present at our February meeting. Axel Rytter was honored by being presented with a 25-year member pin. Congratulations Axel.

Our meeting in March was held on Wednesday, March 6 at the Swedish Hall. After the meeting smørrebrød and coffee was served.

If you still haven't signed up on one of the two soccer teams, then contact the team coordinator Kjeld Christensen. We will need all the players we can get if we are going to beat the Seattle team. The date for the soccer match is May 11 in Vancouver. Our annual soccer party/birthday party will be held in the evening of the same day.

Jarl Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — We began our New Year with the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "Der er et Yndigt Land."

President Svend Toftemark introduced our guests Karen Bruun, Lowell Hinman and Bob Weigand. Acting conductor Kris Sand played the symbols, opening the meeting for business.

One application for membership from Lowell Hinman was accepted.

A big thank you to Allan and Linda Ranch for their great efforts at the Christmas party. The anniversary of the lodge's third birthday was celebrated on the 25th of January at a Black Angus dinner with entertainment and installation of officers.

Thank you to all out-going officers and a round of applause for all. New committee appointments were made in February by the new President Ranch.

Marianne Hinds, Sec.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The installation dinner last month was enjoyed by everyone and a huge success. The band

kept everyone on their toes. Thanks to our great cook Hans Christensen for our fine meal. A special thanks to Walter Miller from Petaluma and Ed Madsen from Solvang who made everything run smoothly. It was so nice to see so many people from distant places such as Orange, Riverside, and Bakersfield. A very special thank you to our brothers who did such a good job and worked hard to put it all together.

Our new members Doris and Bill Christensen were installed at our regular meeting on the 7th of February. They will be an asset to our lodge. They are even moving closer to the lodge from Camarillo to Agoura. Welcome again.

Harold Mathiasen reported from the National Committee that the sight has been approved for the Grundlunds Fest in June to two miles further than last year and it has much better facilities.

Betty Seale, Sec.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The evening of March 13 was the date of our festal meeting of the Danish Sisterhood and the Danish Brotherhood lodges in the Norway Hall. A potluck supper was held in celebration of the seventy-first anniversary of the Silvergate Lodges.

Art Norgaard, Cor.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — The Christmas party seems to attract a larger attendance each year. The committee did a great job on preserving the tradition with open-faced sandwiches, cookies, apples, and singing.

New officers were installed on February

16 at LaMirada Restaurant. A champagne social and dinner preceded the ceremony. Owen Nelson, Jr. made arrangements for the outstanding dinner. Dancing to the toe-tapping music of the Gerald Adams Trio followed.

Walt Miller, President of the California-Nevada District installed Bill McDonald, Past President; Owen Nelson, Jr., President; Vernid (Pete) Peterson, Vice President; Jacob Jeppesen, Secretary; Dr. Erik Michelsen, Treasurer; Elton Nelson, Viggo Stenderup and Louis Jacobsen, Trustees; Raymond Sprehn, Conductor; and Verner Stenderup, Guard. Ed Madsen of Solvang was installing conductor.

Past and present National and District officers and their spouses introduced were: Peter and Ellen Weber, Ken and Dorothy Petersen, George and Edith Mogensen, Harvey and Alice Rasmussen, Aage and Tove Lundquist, Ed and Betty Madsen, Howard and Hazel Kjelsen and Marna Nielsen. Also introduced was Lillie Miller, President of the Danish Sisterhood California General Committee.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Our regular meeting was held Friday, March 1 at Monterey Park Service Center. A "Disney Film" provided by Viggo Bech Nielsen was enjoyed by all attending.

The Youth Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the "Dime-a-dip" Dinner and helped to make it a great success. The dishes were excellent. Again, many thanks to all those who attended. A

big thank you to Sandra Karnold for her help and knowledge in the planning.

Philis Davis, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — Our February 9 meeting was held at Westminster Mobil Park. As members and friends signed in at the door they were greeted with a smile, a howdy and a handshake. Our hall was decorated with lovely flowers and balloons and the Katten in his barrel was hanging in place.

President Ken Olsen called the meeting to order with 46 members and guests present. We were pleased to initiate a new member into our lodge, Joseph Sertich. Joe has been to several of our meetings and now is a full fledged member. Congratulations came from the membership.

Membership Chairperson K. Olsen spoke on "A Steak in our Future" membership promotion. The drive goes on until June 30, 1985. When you sponsor 6 new members and they are initiated into the lodge, you will receive four 8 oz. steaks. If you sponsor enough members you may win a home computer. There is still time left, so why not invest in a steak in the future of your lodge. We recently sent in 5 membership applications which are to be approved, so we'll be looking forward to another initiation soon. At this writing I have sent in another 12 applications. How exciting — we're on the move! Let's get these young families into our lodge. This is the only way to perpetuate our Danish heritage for truly the young people are our "Steak in our Future."

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
1-27-85	Albert J. Nielsen	89	Vejele, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1919
1-20-85	Allen J. Rasmussen	70	Cotesfield, Nebraska	288	Cotesfield, Nebraska	1962
1-26-85	Marius S. Sorensen	95	Cody County, South Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1908
2-4-85	Hans L. Hansen	94	Denmark	110	Winside, Nebraska	1915
1-2-85	Ray W. Caldwell	71	Clearfield, Pennsylvania	202	Warren, Pennsylvania	1949
1-25-85	Otto N. P. Jonasen	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1949
10-13-84	Gudmund H. Nielsen	77	Denmark	345	Orange County, California	1974
1-26-85	Arthur E. Landquist	80	Jamestown, New York	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1940
1-20-85	Ivar Jorgensen	88	Esbjerg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1944
1-19-85	Swan Jorgensen	90	Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1925
2-11-85	Elmar W. Jensen	83	Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1929
2-14-85	Herbert R. Sorensen	68	Omaha, Nebraska	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1946
12-10-84	John J. Kieldrup	80	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1945
2-5-85	Richard Madsen	81	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1932
2-7-85	Waldemar Rode	88	Malmoe, Sweden	190	Schenectady, New York	1937
1-22-85	Lafayette Rodner	82	Staten Island, New York	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1900
1-22-85	Albert Bilgrav, Sr.	86	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1973
2-1-85	Orval Andersen	64	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1980
2-18-85	Arvid Lundstrom	87	Denmark	51	Ludington, Michigan	1961
12-27-84	Wilfred Hanson	80	Bath Township	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1976
12-6-84	Flamanyne E. Jensen	80	Albert Lea, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1970
12-13-84	Olla A. Andersen	90	Living Springs, Iowa	341	Kimballton-Elkhorn, Iowa	1975
2-3-85	John P. Van Scholten	77	Denmark	348	Eugene, Oregon	1982

After our business meeting we started our social part of the evening. In keeping with the Fest, many of our members showed up in costume, the old Katten was hiding in a special made barrel - thanks to Kaj Bjorn. We lined up to wack that Katten out and sure enough, after many wacks, Svend Rassmussen knocked him out. So that made Svend "King Cat Rassmussen." It was his privilege to choose a queen and Svend being a delightful bachelor, chose little 6 year old DaNeil Gossett as his queen. She was overwhelmed with the honor and Svend really won her heart when he presented her with "the Katten."

We had a costume contest with lodge members being judges. We had several traditional Danish costumes, a beautiful gypsy lady, a Groucho, western clothes, witches, and one came as Frosty the Snowman, and with all his stage makeup on he had quite a time for himself smearing it on everyone available. Even the guys were by-stepping him by the end of the evening. Prizes were awarded and we all had to agree that first place had to go to Howard Kjellsen, who was Frosty. Refreshments were appropriately Fastelavnsbollers deliciously made by Helga Bjorn and creme puffs made by Ella Sweeting. Thanks ladies.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — At our February meeting, a cozy group of members and guests participated in the silent auction. A delicious bundt cake made by Sue Patterson was enjoyed.

After our March meeting we celebrated Fastelavn Fest. This old Danish custom is known as Fastelavns Mandag or Shrovetide. The fest started immediately following our business meeting. We had hot dogs and hot chocolate for the little kids, Irish coffee for the big kids, and aebleskiver for all.

In April our regular meeting will be followed by "Show-and-Tell Lodge History Night." Please start gathering up your snapshots, slides, movies, etc., of past lodge functions to bring to this meeting to share with everyone.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — Our business meeting was held on February 11 at the Senior Citizens Center.

A memorial gift was discussed honoring the former Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen of our National Headquarters. We decided to send a monetary gift to the memorial suggested in the American Dane magazine.

Marvin Christensen introduced a program on genealogy provided by the Fort Dodge

Mormon Missionaries. Elders Kendell and Nilson showed two films and conducted a discussion period. **Peggy Hansen, Sec.**

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — We met in February for our regular meeting. President Thorvald Sorensen shared an article from the American Dane challenging lodges to see which lodge has the most family members. Christian and Petra Sorensen have 24 living family members of the Danish Brotherhood. **Kathy Sonsalla, Cor.**

Lodge #341, Elk Horn-Kimballton, IA — We met February 25 for the Fastelavn party and meeting. There were 56 members and guests attending. Mr. and Mrs. Nels Block and Sena Madsen were accepted as new members.

Andy Andersen, Sales Director, answered questions about insurance and also told of the changes in personnel at the Home Office.

Following the business meeting there was a singing session before the "Slaa Katten of Tonden" event. Eagan Simonsen and Mrs. Andy Andersen became the King and Queen as they were the lucky ones to get the cat from the barrel. After this the King and Queen led the Grand March. Fastelavnsbollers and cookies were then served.

Verdie Christensen, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — We held our Fastelavn's Dag Fest on a very cold eve-



Members dressed up for "Fastelavn's Dag."



New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Kenneth L. Gilmore	14	Kenosha, WI	Ron Gilmore
Paul J. Ferraro	14	Kenosha, WI	Edgar F. Gastaldi
Kenneth G. Schneider	14	Kenosha, WI	Dale Peacock
Leland J. McDonald	14	Kenosha, WI	James Miller
Craig S. Ferraro	14	Kenosha, WI	Edgar F. Gastaldi
Ken Gene Jacobsen	29	Seattle, WA	Flemming Sorensen
Ella K. Vennergrund	35	Chicago, IL	Woodrow T. Petersen
Frieda K. Rau	35	Chicago, IL	Woodrow T. Petersen
Grant A. Rau	35	Chicago, IL	Woodrow T. Petersen
Susan G. Jepsen	35	Chicago, IL	Henry Jepsen
Sharon M. Kinder	42	Spokane, WA	
Inger Holst	164	New York, NY	Meg Every
Magnus Kjaer	164	New York, NY	Effee O'Brien
Marilyn W. Ericksen	164	New York, NY	Barbara Perrin
Kenneth Brace	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Kent Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Donald Leslie Gallagher	167	Portland, OR	Betty Gallagher
Larry D. West	167	Portland, OR	Stig Hansen
Deanna H. Kiessling	167	Portland, OR	Mark Jensen
Carla Due	177	Cordova, NE	Maynard L. Petersen
Arnold O. Anderson	190	Schenectady, NY	Harold B. Hansen
Walter H. Westman	227	Detroit, MI	Cortland R. Book
Gerald F. Henningsen	227	Detroit, MI	Helmer Beck
Knud A. Hansen	227	Detroit, MI	Thomas Christensen
Diane M. Schindler	273	Dillon, MT	Randall Tommerup
Leo R. Jensen	325	Nassau County, NY	Birgit H. Jacobsen
Leif Jorgensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Erik Essmann
Carlo Jensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Villy Andersen
Signe Madsen	341	Elkhorn-Kimballton, IA	JoAnn Sorensen
Nels C. Block	341	Elkhorn-Kimballton, IA	JoAnn Sorensen
Lela G. Block	341	Elkhorn-Kimballton, IA	JoAnn Sorensen
Scott B. Stefansen	348	Eugene, OR	Kris Sand
Mary C. Stefansen	348	Eugene, OR	Kris Sand
Christa Christensen	348	Eugene, OR	Chris Christensen
Dagmar S. Mortensen	600	Omaha, NE	Mrs. Edel Hansen

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New Members Can Participate, Too!*

ning. Everyone had lots of fun. Erik Andersen became King after "han slog Katten of Tønden." He selected his sister as queen. Howard Christensen then gave us another insight of the Danish immigrants arriving in America.
Ulla Wall, Sec.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — Our meeting on March 11, was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Danish folk dancers of Dana College performed for us as Julie Williamson played the accordion.

We also had a potluck supper with the folk dancers as our guests. Prospective members were invited.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
 BEST DISTRICT
 MIDWEST**

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Our meeting was held March 13 at Dania. We have an offer of purchase for the building in the amount of \$84,000. The building will be sold — but the lodge is not dead. If anyone has been south this winter you may have noticed the fruit trees that looked pretty dead, but, were pruned back and started to sprout new growth. In other groves, new trees were being planted.

I feel the same should be true of Lodge No. 4. I took the presidency with no

intention of being a pallbearer, nor with the intention of tending the "new growth" by myself. So come on out and join us! Bring a friend! We want to get growing.

Our annual banquet was held March 16 at Dania Hall. We began with cocktails and then dinner which included beef and pork with all the trimmings. Dancing followed with music from Georgie Boy.

Wayne Kavaliauskas, Pres

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
 ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — The adult Christmas party found 231 in attendance. We were entertained by the Bradford Singers who were excellent. Following this was our gift exchange. Special thanks to Jim Barrett and Dick Johnson from Hansen's for their generous donation and floral centerpiece. Also to Oage and Bill Thomsen and Gerhard Dilner for the gift certificates and to all of you who brought gifts to exchange. Roger Nelson did his usual good job as toastmaster.

One hundred forty children and many adults came to our children's Christmas party which was well received by all. The kids had their visit from Santa and a gift plus a magician, dancing around the Christmas tree, cookies and soda. A lot of

work was put in by Chairpersons Tom and Judy Nielsen, Dan and Barb Ervin, Bob and Debbie Appleby, Matt and Marge Fosbinder, Vince and Shirley Roders and Marie Hopkins.

1985 officers are: Past President, Vincent Roders; President, Gordon Andersen; Vice President, Roger Nelson; Secretary, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; Treasurer, Ronald G. Jensen; 1st Trustee, Rudy Bernhardt, Sr.; 2nd Trustee, Tom Nielsen; 3rd Trustee, Steve Mostenan; Inner Guard, Dan Ervin; Outer Guard, Bob O'Neal; and Conductor, Dave Jensen. We wish to take this opportunity to thank brothers going off the board for their fine work — President, Vince Roders; 1st Trustee, Erik Hansen; Inner Guard, Jeff Bernhardt; and Outer Guard, Dick Walker. Thanks to MWD President Ken Jensen and 2nd Trustee Rick Sullivan from Dwight for installing our officers.

A repeat of last year's successful New Year's Eve party took place with 206 people present. The evening started out with a delicious meal prepared by Lorraine Christensen. The Night Shift Band played requests all evening for all age groups and were excellent. Favors, hats and horns were distributed and balloons were dropped ushering in the New Year. Hot snacks and coffee were then served and the band

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played until 2 a.m. This is another party that needs a lot of preparation and our thanks to the committee — Chairman Roger Nelson and Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Clarence Cox, Floyd Barber, Ken Learmont, and many helpers.

Another successful aebleskiver breakfast was held on January 27 with 175 people in attendance on a very cold morning. David and Janet Jensen were the Chairpersons and did a great job along with a large group of helpers too numerous to mention. Two brothers came in all day Saturday and cooked the sausage for us — Alan Frederick and Bill Hafke. Thanks to all who helped.

A DBIA National Bowling tournament will be held from March 1st to June 1st. Prizes will be awarded to 20 teams plus individual high scores for both men and women. All you have to do is get your team together and bowl three games and turn in your scores to Richard Walker. You can use the scores from the Midwest District Bowling Outing if you wish which will be held April 27 in Kenosha.

That 'extra effort' — thanks to the Brothers who came and cleaned and painted the kitchen and other areas — Rudy Bernhardt, Sr., Steve Mostenan, Rich Walker, Arnold Lehto, Melvin Petts, Eddie Gastaldi, and Bob Ibsen.

You all received applications in the "American Dane" for Skovsøen, the Danish Language Camp for children 8 to 17. Financial assistance from the lodge, the Midwest District, and the National Headquarters is available. It is a great two weeks for the youngsters.

Congratulations to Eddie Gastaldi who has already received his box of delicious steaks from Omaha and is working on the second box. All it takes is six new members before June 30th.

We welcome new members: Lloyd Nelson, Gene Trecroci, Jerry Petersen, Alfred Bosk, Alan Hinds, and Shannon Halker.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Old man winter sure gave us some bad weather, but 26 of us wandered out for our February meeting. Brian Bennington, Dick Fosterling, and Carol Schilling were approved for membership. Welcome to Lori Holzhauer who was initiated into the lodge. Our lodge served lunch at the Jim Lauritsen farm sale on March 11. Pies were donated by members. Thanks to those who volunteered to make some. It was decided that proceeds (not to exceed \$200) will go to the Midwest District Camp Grant Fund and the balance to our lodge camp fund.

On Monday, March 11 a white elephant auction was held. Bill Corrie acted as the auctioneer. Thanks to the committee of Jackie Hahn, Leila Patchett, co-chairpersons; Don and Marge Beyer; Don and Judy Anderson, Bob and Betty Currie, Bernice Super, Metha Jensen, Bede Sondergaard, Harry and Bernice Lund, and Herman Perschnick.

We held an aebleskiver breakfast on Sunday, March 24.

Tentative lodge plans include a race track trip or a trip to the zoo for the month of June, on July 7 a picnic at the park and swimming, and in August attending a Cub baseball game.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Ella Vennergrund, Frieda and Grant Rau were initiated into Lodge No. 35 and made welcome by members present. There were also many guests present who were made welcome.

Charles Jespersen read a letter from Lutheran Family Mission thanking us for all the food the lodge gathered up in October, November, and December. It really helped them fill Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and was much appreciated.

Charlie also told us that he has applications for the Danish Language Camp, Skovsøen. Applications must be sent in by

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May 1 so you are urged to contact Charlie if you have any young people interested. It is truly a fine camp — all those who have attended just love it.

Henry Jepsen informed us that the lodge is donating \$100 to the Youth Committee for Skovsøen and Omaha is matching that amount.

We then proceeded with the Fastelavns party fun. Fastelavns means fun and silliness and there was plenty of that at the party. The costumes were great but in the future, we hope there are many more.

The children had a good time trying to knock the cat out of the barrel and finally Joey DePeso, age 6, did just that. He was crowned Cat King for the evening. Lots of candy was stored in the barrel too. Then the grownups took turns and Hertha Iversen succeeded in knocking the cat out.

Best costume prizes were awarded by judges Rich and Midge Bowman and Ruth and Sam Hammersmark as follows: Erik Jensen was a little pizza-maker and Lauren Peterson was "Rainbow Brite" and they received nice prizes. Jenny Jensen received the award for the "funniest costume," Wanda Nielsen for her "Harpo" was judged the most original while Frede Nielsen as a cowboy was the "prettiest."

The sandwiches were delicious as were the boller. Thanks to all the sandwich makers and a special thanks to the committee.

Once again you are asked to bring some canned goods or non-perishable items to the next meeting. It will be delivered to the Salvation Army. Why not put some things aside right now and put them in a conspicuous place so you won't forget to bring them?

There are still hungry people around and this is one way you can help out. Every little bit counts.

Elsa Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Axel Hermansen, a Past President of Lodge No. 4, Racine, assisted by Lars W. Andersen, installed 1985 officers during our January 15 business meeting. Thanks to Cecile Spoerl, hostess chairman, and to Elsa Berlin and Carol Larsen who served refreshments following the meeting.

A Valentine supper was served at our regular meeting night Tuesday, February 19, at the International Institute. Our members enjoyed hearty stew, cupid's salads, lovely breads, heavenly pie, coffee and tea. Alice and Lars Andersen were chairmen. Our business meeting followed the supper.

Reserve Saturday, April 27, to attend our spring Torsk dinner. In order for the dinner to yield the greatest benefit to the lodge, all

able bodied members should volunteer their services. We need your help before, during, and after the meal. We also need donations for door prizes and raffle items.

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — For the February meeting we had a very interesting lady as our guest speaker. Her name is Alice Monroe. She presented a very inspiring discussion on the problems of being blind. She was such a pleasant woman and she brought along her seeing eye dog, Wanda. It was a real experience for all members. She has a very inspiring outlook on life. It should really make the rest of us think about our own lives, and what better things we can do with ourselves.

Our meeting for March was our annual Torsk dinner. We had our usual boiled Torsk and boiled potatoes with mustard gravy. Looking forward to April we will have a lady from the Chandler Flower Shop who will do a presentation on flower arrangements. We may be able to try this out for ourselves. The finished arrangement will then be raffled off as a door prize.

For our May meeting we have lined up Richard Kramer, an officer at the Kane Co. Detention Home. This should also be an interesting evening.

Come on out all you members. The winter is over now and you have no excuse for not showing up at the lodge. We need each and every one of our members to attend to make these evenings more enjoyable.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We met on February 28. Plans for the year were reviewed with approval of July 25 as our annual picnic date, September 26 for our annual aebleskiver supper, November 9 for our annual Mortensaften dinner and December 19 for our Christmas potluck supper. Excellent response was received when we asked for volunteers to be our monthly hosts and hostesses. Assorted doughnuts and coffee were served by Esther Engbretsen, Helen Petersen, Randy and Dorothy Hansen.

Evelyn L. Doerr, Pres.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — On February 19th, about 75 people gathered at Vennelyst Park to celebrate Fastelavns. Poul Steffensen explained the traditions of Fastelavns. Then Daisy, Pork Chop and Carrot Top entertained the kids from one to ninety-three with their clowning antics.

Next, youngsters took turns at "Slaa Katten Af Tønden," (Strike the cat off the



Molly and Jesse Dorau enjoy clowns Pork Chop, Daisy and Carrot Top.



Cat King Jens Therkildsen with Cat Queen Linda Therkildsen.

barrel). Jens Therkildsen was the winner and was crowned Cat King. He chose his mother, Linda, to be Cat Queen. The evening ended with the serving of Fastelavnboller, hot chocolate, and coffee. A special "thank you" to the February Social Committee for making it a fun night for all.

The 103rd anniversary banquet of Lodge No. 1 will be held Friday evening, April 19, 1985, at the Regency West Motel.

As yet we have had no applications for the Nebraska District Danish Brotherhood Scholarship. If you are interested in applying for the \$200 scholarship, while attending an accredited school, see Jim Christensen or Deloris Hansen for an application blank. The applications are due by April 25, 1985.

Don't forget on July 21, the state picnic will be held at the Eagles Club in Superior, Nebraska.

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — Preceding the February business meeting the members enjoyed bowling at the Superior Bowl. Sixteen members were present.

On March 2 we held our annual dance. Music was provided by the Keifer Pair and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Lunch of sandwiches, chips, pickles and coffee was served during the intermission followed by more dancing.

Joyce Erickson, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — We welcome to our lodge membership Lydia Nielsen, Bob Schmoll and Joni Christensen who were initiated at our January meeting. Thank you to Past President, Myrtle Nelson, for officiating at our installation of lodge officers. Also, thank you to Morris Palle for his report on the Nebraska State Convention and Tim Mann for his report on Skovsøen. Our host committee was Morris Palles, Chm., Duane Nielsens, Larry Betts and Earl Stokes.

At our January meeting it was decided that we establish an Entertainment Committee for the 1985 calendar year. The duty of the committee will be to plan "extra" activities for our members. These activities will be in addition to our regular monthly meetings. It will not be the duty of the committee to plan the monthly programs. The monthly committees will still be responsible for the regular monthly programs. However, if your committee would like suggestions for a program, please feel free to ask a member of the Entertainment Committee.

The first tentative activity that the Entertainment Committee has planned is a bus trip to the Pella, Iowa Tulip Festival on May 11, 1985.

Jerry Christensen, Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #225, Canton, OH — At our January meeting Ann Labriola was initiated. Welcome Ann.

We held a covered dish dinner on Friday, March 1.

Even though the April 5 meeting fell on Good Friday, a meeting was held, with coffee and doughnuts served as refreshments.

Because of the great response last year, we will again hold an open-faced sandwich contest on May 3. All men and women wishing to enter should bring six sandwiches. One will be judged, the others will provide the lunch. Trustees Mike Labriola, Sr., Esther Brady, and Pearl Boring will be the judges. Sandwiches will be judged on taste, appearance, and originality. Best of luck to everyone.

Belinda James, Cor.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — The Michigan-Ohio Convention will be held in Detroit on May 18.

At our meeting on January 23, two new flags were presented to the Danish Club of Detroit by Hurluf Iversen. The American and Danish flags were a gift from our Brotherhood lodge.

In February the following Brothers were

elected as delegates to the convention: National Director, Paul Carlsen; Tom Bommarito, Ron Hammer, Jack Jensen, Ed Woods, and Irv Rogge as the alternate.

At our meeting on March 27 our members donated blood. Thanks to chairperson, Jack Jensen, for a fine job.

The Michigan-Ohio District Bowling tournament will be held on April 13 in Greenville, Michigan.

Welcome to new member Walter H. Westman.

Ken Christensen

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On January 11 we held a joint installation of officers with the Sisterhood. GCEL President Kenny Lunde came down from Barre, Vermont, to

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install the Brotherhood officers. His conductor was Jim Elliot from Hartford. There was a great assortment of sandwiches brought by everyone.

Our February 8 meeting was a regular business meeting. Under discussion was our "Torskegild" or cod fish dinner. Gerda Sorensen will be in charge of cooking the fish again this year. We will also be serving ham.

This was a special evening for Arne Bjarno, Kris Larsen, and Johnny Bruch. They received their 25-year membership pins.
Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — At the February meeting, there were only seven members present. If there had been one less we could not have held a meeting. Are you satisfied to allow a few people to run your lodge and spend your money? If so, you will probably be attending funeral services for the lodge in a very short time. The cure? Your attendance at the meetings.

John C. Madsen, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We met on Friday, March 8, at the IAM Hall. Danish style hot dogs with bread and all the trimmings were served following the meeting.

Twenty-five year pins were awarded to Hans Jørgen Schmidt, Axel Rasmussen, and Heinrich Knudsen in February. Good to have you with us for all those years.

Tentative arrangements have been made for John Schulian, Jr., sports writer for the Philadelphia Daily News to address our lodge at the May 10 meeting. The Associated Press in 1984 considered John "the best sports writer in America . . ."

Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — Our January and February meetings were fairly

well attended. We enjoyed some very tasty meals, prepared by Judy Koch and her staff. The February social night went off well and we were fortunate to have the two jokers, George Severson and Carl Christensen celebrating their February birthdays, each accusing the other of being the old man of the evening.

We were happy to welcome back Arnold Anderson, a former member of Lodge No. 190, who will now become a social member. He said he enjoyed the evening and would certainly make every effort to attend all our meetings. **Bill Peterson, Cor.**

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our regular meeting was held on January 10 with ten members present. After taking care of business, Past President Louis Taft, Jr., the installing officer, did a fine job of installing the lodge officers into their respective positions. All members enjoyed the ceremony. Sister Debbie L. Mekkelson left on February 10 for a four-year enlistment in the U.S. Air Force and she was wished lots of luck in her endeavors.

At our February meeting we discussed preparations for the 1985 convention. Things are progressing along. A letter was read from Thor Christensen of Lodge No. 600 who has requested transfer to Lodge No. 294. He will be welcome.

Thomas C. Mekkelson, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Our February meeting was well attended. All present enjoyed the delicious fish-platters, served by Jane and James Breeze, and assisted by Loise and Ejvin Laustsen, Ellen Heinsen, and Anna Kargaard. Our new member Gunner Kirschberg was initiated at the meeting. Welcome Gunnar! An applica-

tion for membership from Leo R. Jensen was accepted. We finished the meeting by playing bingo.

Our March meeting was held at the Veterans Hall where we celebrated Faste-lavn.

At our meeting in May, Viggo Schønberg will be presented with a 25-year membership pin. We are also looking forward to honoring four of our members who will receive their 50-year membership pins. The four men are: Berg Jensen, Borge T. Petersen, Hans C. Sandau, and Jacob Svendsen.

There are rumors about something big going on at the Grundlovsdag Fest at Croton in June. If we have enough people who wish to go, a bus might be chartered.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., NY — For our February meeting we give our hearty thanks to Ulla Pedersen and the kitchen committee for what was surely one of the finest Danish-style dinners we have ever enjoyed. Raving comments were heard everywhere.

The Viking Lodge met on Friday, March 15, at the Sons of Norway Lodge. National Past President, George Jacobsen, accompanied by George Godthaab, joined us as installing officers for Lodge Nos. 342 and 172. Installation of 1985 officers for both Brotherhood lodges and the Sisterhood took place jointly.

Bob Phoenix has been elected delegate to the September GCEL convention. Charles Robinson is alternate.

And we have another pleasurable event to look forward to in April. Walter Nielsen and the Mighty Vikings Players are returning as promised! The name of their new, exciting production will be "Penelope, - the Pride of the Pickle Factory!" Mark your calendar.

Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.

1985 District Convention Schedule

District	Host Lodge	Date
Pacific Northwest	Lodge 167, Portland, OR	May 3-5
California-Nevada	Lodge 345, Orange County, CA	August 8-10
Iowa-Minnesota	Lodge 347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA	Labor Day Weekend
Midwest	Lodge 34 and 35, Dwight and Chicago, IL	September 28-29
Nebraska	Lodge 84, Lincoln, NE	September 6-8
Michigan-Ohio	Lodge 227, Detroit, MI	May 18
GCEL	Lodge 294, Barre, VT	Labor Day Weekend



Young Vikings

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The Young Vikings are planning an outing or activity for mid-April. Some suggestions for an activity have been: an afternoon of roller skating for families, a trip to Eugene to view the Smithsonian Exhibition on loan from Washington, D.C., or a ride on one of the scenic railroads in the area.

All young people in the lodge are invited to join us in planning these events; and we would most welcome your ideas or suggestions for an activity.

If you haven't a new idea, let us know your preference for one of the activities mentioned above.

A Week at Danebod Tyler, Minnesota

1985 will mark the 38th year of Danebod Family Recreation Camps in Tyler, Minnesota. Reservations are available from June 23-29, July 21-27, or August 4-9.

Activities at each session will include song, dance, children's games, a variety of crafts, swimming, hiking, golf, and interesting discussion. For more information contact: Elsie Hansen, Registrar, The Danebod Folk School, Tyler, Minnesota 56178, telephone (507) 247-5422.

Skovsoen



The Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood in America has given support to a fraternal project for Danish Brotherhood lodges. The purpose of the project will be to assist financially members, children or grandchildren of members between the ages of 8 and 17 who wish to attend Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village in Minnesota.

The project will provide support of up to \$200 per Villager. Half of the cost is to be borne by the local lodge and matched by the

National Headquarters. Each participating lodge will contribute \$100 and the National Headquarters will contribute a maximum of \$100 for each Villager. Lodges may decide whether or not they wish to assist Villagers further with transportation expenses.

Skovsøen is an accredited two-week camp and is operated in connection with the 25 year old International Language Village program of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

It's Time For Summer Camp

Every year The Danish Brotherhood awards summer camp grants to youngsters to help them attend a summer camp of their own choosing. Your application for a grant must be received by April 15. Request the form from: The Danish Brotherhood in America, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

The summer camp grant program provides you with a cash award to be used to help reduce the cost of the camp you will attend.

The summer camp grant program is not related to the Skovsøen grant program being sponsored by local lodges of The Danish Brotherhood.

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Everybody loves to get a letter. How much more exciting if that letter has the postmark of a foreign country. In cooperation with Penneposten of Copenhagen, Denmark, youngsters between the ages of 12 and 17 have the opportunity to become pen pals and to learn about each other. Correspondence will be conducted in English and in time may lead to a desire to learn the Danish language.

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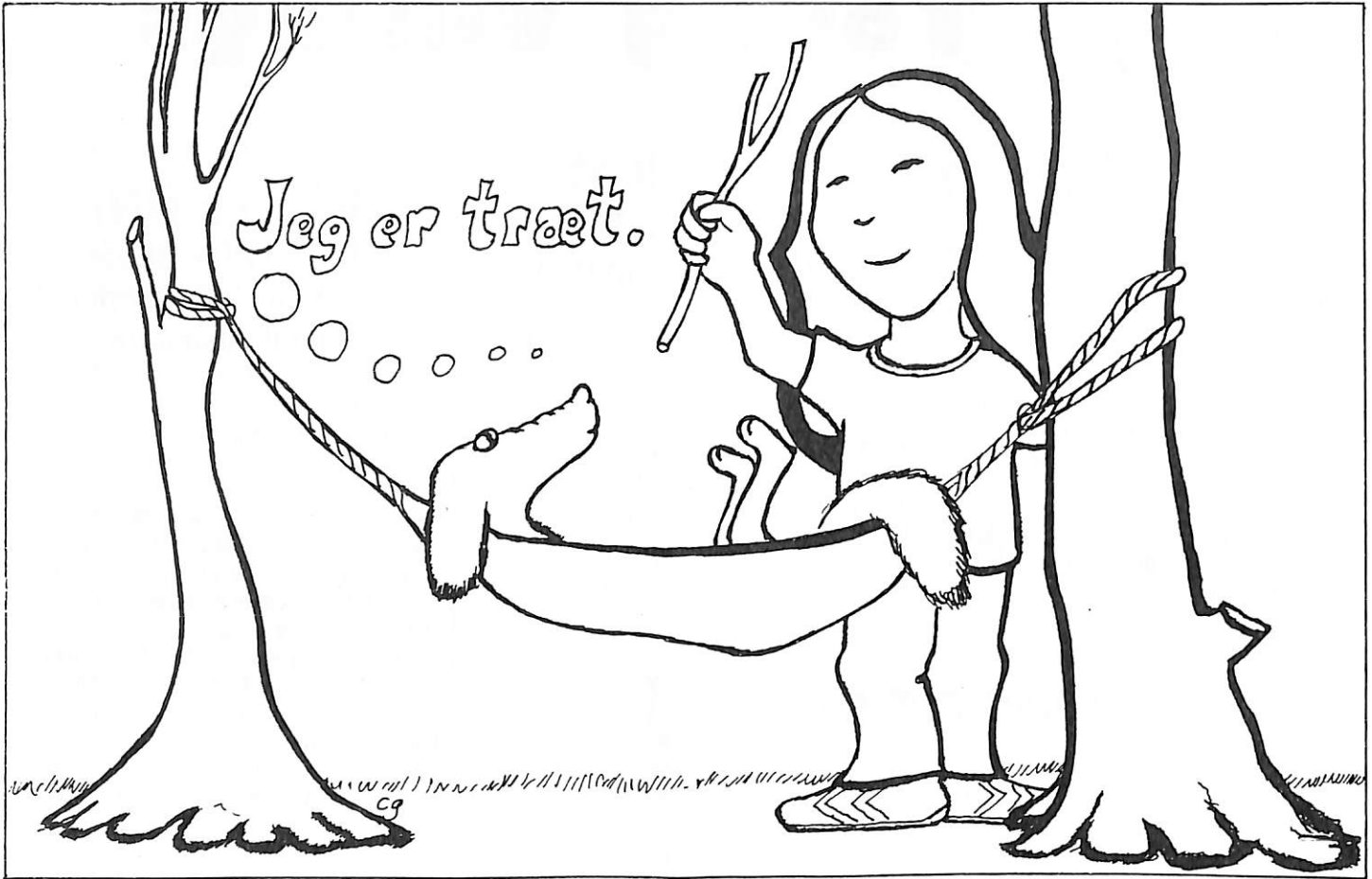
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In what part of the United States do you live (circle)?

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Hans and Grete



Grete wants to play fetch with Spot, but Spot is too comfortable and says "Jeg er træt" (I'm tired).

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March winners: Beth Doty, Jennifer Ross, Christopher Clark, and Mitchell Rice.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Fyldt Rebbenssteg

(Stuffed Spareribs)

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| 2 spareribs, about 3½ lbs. | 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 cup prunes, pitted | 3 tablespoons sugar |
| 1 cup pineapple, drained | salt and pepper |
| 4 apples | 2 tablespoons flour |

Cut prunes in small pieces. Pare and core apples and cut into eighths. Mix prunes, pineapple, apples, sugar, flour, cinnamon together. Lay one sparerib on bottom of roaster. Season with salt and pepper. Pour the fruit filling over the sparerib and place the other sparerib on top. Tie a cord around them. Season and sprinkle them with flour. Put into hot oven, cover and finish cooking. Very good.

Puzzle It Out

Free-lance writer John K. Young has created a series of word puzzles for use in our American Dane over the next few months. A "Viking Power" T-shirt will be awarded to the first four people who send the correct answer to the puzzle to The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. Specify adult size: small, medium, large, extra large, or extra, extra large. Write clearly and include your street address and zip code. Correct answer will appear in next month's issue.

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Ans: _____

Answer to March's puzzle: PIER GROUP

Viking Adventures

WINNING WRITERS ANNOUNCED

The following are the winners of the Skovsøen Essay Contest. They will receive their tuition paid in full to attend Skovsøen, Danish Language Village. Participants were asked to write an essay of 200 words or less on why they would like to attend Skovsøen. Essays were judged on the basis of enthusiasm, originality, sincerity, and language usage by a journalism teacher at Fremont High School, Fremont, Nebraska. The awards were made possible thanks to donations from the Danish Old Peoples Home Board in Detroit, MI and Lodge No. 314 in Hartford, CT.

My name is Michele Frances Duprey. I am thirteen years old and attend Deshler Lutheran School in Deshler, Nebraska.

I was sent a letter containing information on Skovsøen. I think an essay contest is a nice idea, and I am delighted you have included me in your contest.

I would like to attend Skovsøen because my parents belong to a Danish Brotherhood Lodge and practically everyone on my mother's side is Danish. I think this camp is a good idea because it gives us kids a chance to express what we think about our Danish heritage to other kids our age. It also lets us meet new kids from different parts of the United States, which is very important these days. This camp would also be an educational experience for me to remember in years to come.

I would like to thank the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Old People's Home in Detroit for sponsoring this contest and giving me the privilege to express myself about Skovsøen. Thank you.

Michele Duprey, Age 13
Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE

In Danish Skovsøen means "forest lake" but to me it means fun, adventure and learning. The fun and adventure of learning to play Danish games, learning Danish customs, and learning to speak Danish. I would like to go to Danish camp but my parents don't have enough money to send both my younger sister and I. This is the reason why I need your help. I enjoy meeting new people and think that Skovsøen camp would be a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. I would enjoy learning to read Danish and learn more about the religious customs of Denmark. One of my favorite religious customs is the "Witch Hunt." Danish food is much like American food in the case of some of the dishes that I have had. I would like to learn more of Danish customs and to be able to have a conversation completely in the Danish language because someday I would like to visit Denmark and to possibly be a counselor at Skovsøen camp.

Debbie Mortensen, Age 11
Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL

My name is Kelley Coblentz and I am 16. Before I found out about the essay contest to attend Skovsøen, I was wondering just how I could most profitably spend my summer. Just getting a job doesn't really interest me, but working with languages and learning about foreign culture is what I have based my future education and career goals on. Presently I am taking German and French at my school. As long as I can remember, I have wanted to be an exchange student and go to Europe; I plan to do this before I graduate.

The reason I want to go to Skovsøen is because I would like to learn more about my own Danish heritage, the Danish culture and language; the kinds of things that one could not possibly learn from a tape, record, or book.

I feel that nothing would come closer to an actual trip to Denmark than the Danish Language Village.

I presently know none of the Danish language and have no lodge in my area or any opportunity in which to learn it presently, but I would love to learn Danish and cannot stress that enough.

Kelley Coblentz, Age 16
Lodge No. 225, Canton, OH

Hello. My name is Kelly Mortensen. I am nine years old. I need your help to go back to Skovsøen camp again this year. I want to learn a little more Danish, learn more customs, and meet new people. I need your help because my mom and dad don't have enough money to send my sister and I to camp. I enjoyed camp last year and want to go again to do some things like canoeing, swimming, and learn more Danish.

I really want to go back because it was fun. I liked learning Danish. The Danish foods were good. Someday I want to go to Denmark. My mom thinks it would be nice if I could go back to Skovsøen. I want to see the people who went last year and the counselors because I miss them.

Kelly Mortensen, Age 9
Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL

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