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**Cover photo: The church built in Nikolaj Grundtvig's honor, completed 68 years after his death. Photo courtesy of The Danish Tourist Board.**



# President's Page

**Robert E. Ibsen**  
**National President**

In 1621 Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, Massachusetts declared a day of thanksgiving and prayer after the first harvest of the colonists. Since that time, a national holiday has been set apart for giving thanks to God; Thanksgiving. On November 28, 1985, people all across America will be bowing their heads in prayer giving thanks for all their gifts in life.

While one day a year is set aside with the sole purpose of giving thanks, we give and receive thanks every day. One of the biggest pleasures I receive as President of the Danish Brotherhood in America is that I get to see first-hand how much the work of all our members is appreciated. The National Headquarters receives several thank-you notes a year for scholarships, camp grants, death benefits, fraternal aid, financial assistance to Skovsøen, etc. The list goes on and on.

Because of the high costs of printing and the limited space available in the **American Dane**, we are unable to print all of the letters of thanks we receive, but I would like to take this opportunity to share a few of the letters so you, too, can see the worthiness of our organization and the benefits we provide.

Tricia Ann Larsen, Skovsøen matching fund recipient, writes:

"I would like to thank you for all of the help and information you have sent me concerning my stay at Skovsøen. The scholarship donation is a big help and greatly appreciated. I also want to thank you for the Brotherhood T-shirt. I will enjoy wearing it at camp as well as afterwards. The list of names of other people who will be attending Skovsøen has been very nice to have. I have already found two familiar names and feel I will have been introduced to many new people before I even get to camp. I really appreciate all your help. I am sure my stay at Skovsøen will be a time I will always remember. Thank you for helping me make this dream come true."

Beverly K. Bracker, 1985 scholarship recipient, writes:

"I would like to thank everyone involved in your scholarship awards program. As college draws quite near for me, the monetary demands truly become a reality. I want you all to know that the scholarships you grant are very much appreciated. I'm confident that I speak for all the other recipients when I say thank you!"

Robby and Jason Gottsch, 1985 camp grant recipients, write:

"We would like to thank you and everyone from the Danish Brotherhood for helping us by donating money to us so that we were able to go on our high adventure (Boy Scouts). Once again, thank you very much for what you have done for us."

Christian Rasmussen, Special Aid recipient, writes:

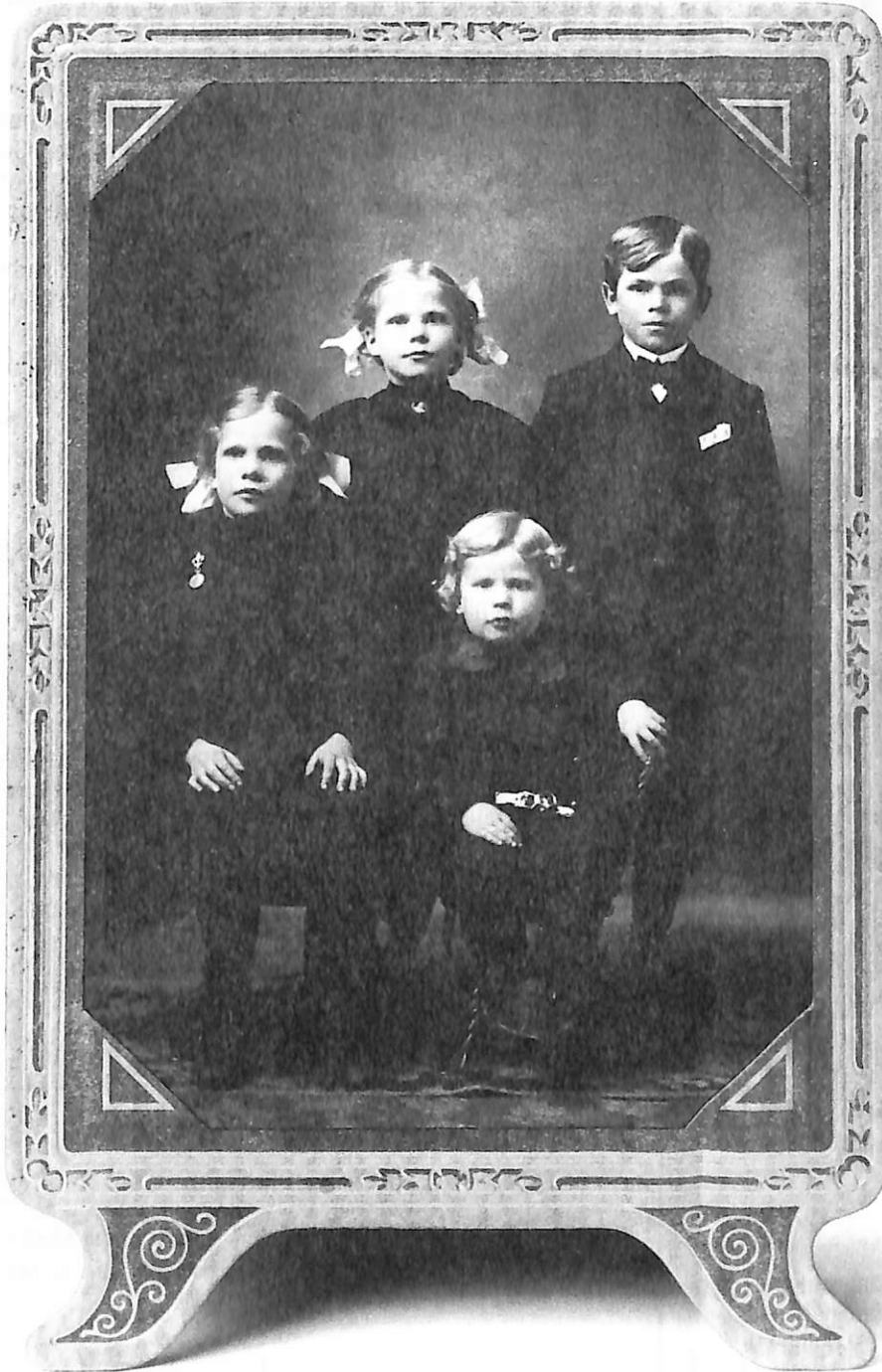
"I'm quite late in writing to express my gratitude for your generous approval of special aid for my shattered shoulder accident. Please accept my apology and many thanks.

My shoulder and arm are still giving me quite a little pain, but it's some better in that respect. However, the doctors say that very limited use is all I'll regain from the physical therapy that I'm now taking. Thanks again!"

I would also like to take this opportunity to return thanks to each and every member of the Danish Brotherhood. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the National Headquarters staff, thank you for all your support you have given us throughout the years, thank you for all of the hours you have spent on a worthy project, thank you for all the hard work you have done for the DBIA. Without the work of individual members in individual lodges, the Danish Brotherhood would not be able to administer scholarships, camp grants, death benefits, fraternal aid, etc. In fact, without your support, the Danish Brotherhood in America would not exist.

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# Meet Our Newest DBIA 100% Families



Mark, Gwen, Brandon, Ryan and Aaron Olsen joined Lodge No. 345 in Orange County, California.

Mark Olsen is the oldest child of Ken Olsen, President of Lodge No. 345. Mark's interests are in hunting and fishing. We enjoy eating what is caught and Mark has several beautiful trophies also. My name is Gwen Olsen. I've been married to Mark for the past 14½ years. Until the last three years, I've been a homemaker, raising our three beautiful boys, sewing for them and being involved in their school activities, as well as Bible study and church involvement. Brandon, our oldest, will be 13 in November, Ryan will be 11 in January and Aaron just turned 9. Brandon's interests are in track and field and swimming, Ryan is involved in gymnastics and Aaron races BMX. All three boys share their father's interest in hunting and fishing; our annual dove hunting trip is quite a family affair. Our boys attend the Christian School near our home in Bellflower, California, where I began working part-time three years ago. This year I am teaching afternoon pre-kindergarten.

We are pleased to be a part of the Danish Brotherhood and hope through the Brotherhood our boy's appreciation and pride in their Danish heritage will increase.

Gwen Olsen



Marsha, Eudean, Serena, Shannon, Rhonda, Denton, Amy, Donald, Shawn and James Lehn are all members of Lodge No. 84 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

President of Lodge No. 84, Donald Lehn and his wife, Eudean, also a 100% DBIA family, are pleased to have recommended their two sons and families for membership.

Denton has been employed as a surveyor for the Nebraska State Highway Department for 15 years. Marsha is a substitute teacher. They have two children, Shawn and Amy, and reside in Hastings, Nebraska.

James has been a Special Education teacher for six years in the Kearney Public School System. Rhonda is a bookkeeper for Kearney International. Their two children are Shannon and Serena, and they reside in Kearney, Nebraska.

Both the James Lehn family and the Denton Lehn family joined the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 84 to continue their interest in Danish heritage.

## May We Meet You, Too?

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# Grundtvig's Kirke by Roma Sachs Freedman

As is so often the case, after the death of a person who has done many things for many people, the realization of what a national treasure they had begins to dawn on the thoughtful ones. This was what happened after Nikolaj Grundtvig died, but it wasn't until 1921 — and he had died in 1872 — that anything was actually done about it.

And who was Nikolaj Grundtvig? He was born in 1783, in a small town in Denmark, Udby, where his father was a vicar. He came from a family that considered education important, so he was sent to school regularly, and got his degree in theology from the University of Copenhagen in 1803. Following in his father's footsteps, he was ordained a Lutheran minister in 1811.

In his spare time, Grundtvig studied the old Nordic myths, since he felt they were the key to the Danish character. He was often at odds with the established church. Faith — to him — was the experience of Christ in the covenant at one's baptism, which is constantly renewed in the weekly Sunday Eucharist. He didn't believe that authentic Christianity was to be found in the "dead letter" of dogma, but in the Apostle's Creed.

Grundtvig was a strong leader and as time passed, more and more people began to appreciate his peculiar understanding of the church and Christianity. He wrote extensively on theology, history, education and politics. He believed in total religious freedom for all the people. His poems became the verses for many hymns (271 out of a total of 754 in the Lutheran hymnal). These helped to stimulate a renewal of religion in Denmark.

Grundtvig wanted to see the very poorest people have an education, as well as the elite. He insisted that Danish literature be taught in the schools so as to preserve the national culture. Influenced by his continuous speeches and writing on the subject, Denmark became a truly literate country. All children had to attend school until they were fourteen. But Grundtvig was especially interested in the rural children, and wanted them to have an opportunity to develop their talents after their years of compulsory schooling were over. So, through his insistence, Folk High School began. These were for people who had left the school system, but did wish to continue their education while working. These were private schools, but they were subsidized by the state.

There are now 56 of these schools, with night classes as well as day school. The largest one is in Askov. This was the beginning of adult education, and it has spread to the rest of Scandinavia, on to Germany, Great Britain and the United States.

So the public did finally appreciate all that Grundtvig had done, and they decided to build a monument in his honor, but after much thought it seemed that a church would be a better memorial than any statue. It would be a working church, but also a lasting memorial to the poet, educator and clergyman.

A competition for the best plan was arranged. Among these was one drawn by P. V. Jensen Klint. It wasn't immediately chosen because the committee thought it would be too expensive to build so large a church. It would hold 1800 people. Still, they all liked Jensen Klint's drawings very much, and finally they decided on them. The city of Copenhagen donated the land and the construction was paid for partly by a national subscription campaign, and partly by state subsidies. Denmark is 97% Lutheran, so this was like a national church undertaking.

The foundation stone was laid on Grundtvig's birthday, September 8, 1921 and the completed church was consecrated on September 8, 1940, a few months after the German occupation of Denmark at the beginning of the Second World War.

The church was built in two stages. By 1927 the tower was finished and consecrated for services. From then on it served as a church while the construction of the rest went on. Next to the small temporary pulpit in the "tower church" you can see on the floor where the two parts of the church are joined together. There is a slight difference in the color of the stones.

About six million bricks were used in the building. They are yellow, hand-moulded, and laid by the six masons who were judged to be the best in the country. This work kept them busy for 19 years. All the massive columns are made of brick; from ten to twelve thousand in each one. No steel was used in any part of the building.

The large windows give plenty of light and creates a changing play of golden color on the brickwork. It is a great experience to see the interior at night, when it's lit by 20 chandeliers, with 2,000 bulbs in all. These were designed by Jensen's grandson, Esben.

The seven-branched candelabrum on the altar, and the font with the baptismal basin were designed by Jensen Klint, the architect of the building, while the rest of the furniture in the church is the work of his son, Kaare and his grandson, Esben.

There was a small organ in the original part of the church, but when the whole was finished, a great organ had been built in. The facade pipe is the largest in Scandinavia. Only about 3% of the pipes are visible in the church itself. Behind the facade there is a swarm of large and small pipes of tin, copper and wood. The smallest, high-pitched pipes are only a few inches long, while the largest facade pipe is 32 feet. There are altogether 4052 pipes, and five keyboards, one of which is played by the feet. The front view of the outside of the church bears a startling resemblance to a huge pipe organ.

Jensen Klint didn't want this church to be crowded and squeezed in between tall buildings as had happened with many churches built earlier. So the land all around the church, which was near the edge of Copenhagen in an almost unbuilt area to

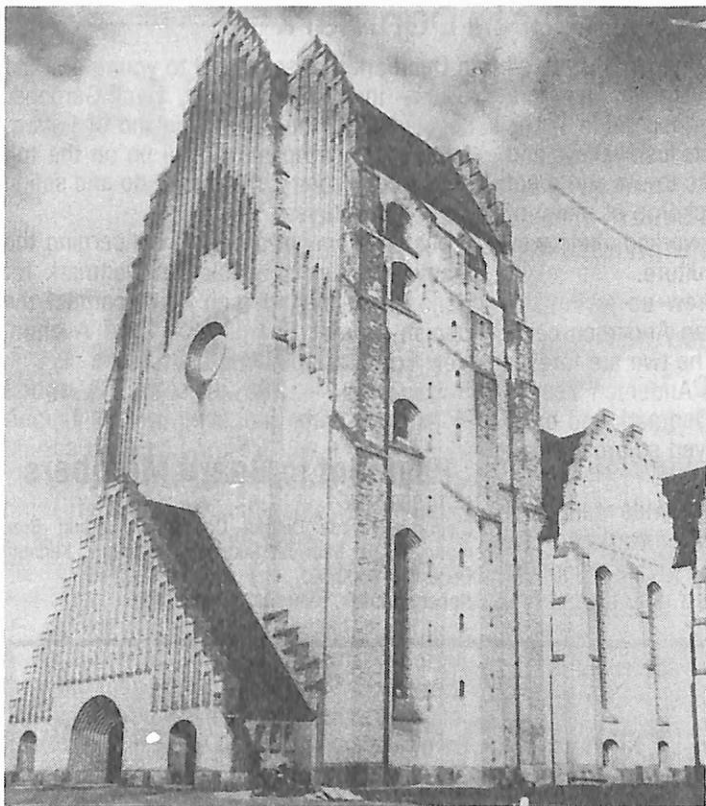
## Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1986, will be considered beginning February 15, 1986. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1986 will be considered by the Committee for the 1986 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$250.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$2,000.00.

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

**Remember: Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school.**



A front view of the church which resembles a pipe organ.

begin with, was used for two and three story houses and apartments. They were built of the same color of yellow brick, but they weren't handmade ones. These buildings were finished long

before the church was completed. There is a large open square in front of the church, and between most of the houses there are large green plots.

Jensen didn't live to see the finished church. He died in 1930, but the work was completed by his son Kaare who was also an architect, and the father's plans were faithfully followed. The urns of ashes of Jensen Klint and his wife are built into the wall opposite the crucifix.

When the second half of the church was finished, and the new pulpit completed, there was a tiny hole at its base, and it was left there — for the "church mouse," who might want to come in from the cold.

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1908	\$29	Ask	1935	\$30	\$70	1962	\$32	\$136
1909	\$35	\$84	1936	\$33	\$81	1963	\$58	\$46
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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## 1986 is Hans Christian Andersen Year in Denmark

Hans Christian Andersen published his first fairytale 150 years ago and to honor the event, 1986 has been declared Hans Christian Andersen Year in Denmark.

In all, Andersen wrote 156 fairytales and most people around the world know quite a few of them since Andersen is the most translated author ever. Only the Bible has been translated into more languages than the fairytales of Hans Christian Andersen. His stories "The Ugly Duckling," "The Princess and the Pea," "The Little Mermaid," "The Nightingale," and the "The Red Shoes" are warm reminders of childhood.

Andersen's motto was "To travel is to live," and indeed he was one of the best-traveled men of his age. His accounts of his journeys turn up time and again in his fairy-

tales, plays, novels and poems. But of all the places Andersen visited, Denmark remained his primary inspiration. The Danish countryside, with its lush valleys and abundant flowers, its idyllic towns and great castles, served as the backdrop of many of his fairytales that have worked their way into modern Danish folk culture.

In fact, people who grew up loving the fairytales of Hans Christian Andersen can't help but love Denmark. The two are forever entwined. Hans Christian Andersen Year is the perfect time to visit Denmark and bring to life the stories that played so great a part of childhood.

To honor Andersen, a wide range of exhibitions, excursions, performances and readings of his works have been scheduled for 1986. In addition, the many attractions

in Denmark that so appeal to young and old alike — the Little Mermaid, Tivoli Gardens, Legoland and the fairytale island of Funen, Andersen's birthplace — will be on the top of everyone's list for things to do and see in Denmark next year.

For additional information concerning the many activities scheduled in Denmark for Hans Christian Andersen Year, contact the Danish Tourist Board, 655 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

### Payment to Board Members

OCTOBER 1985

California-Nevada District Convention, Erling Braumann, \$528; Midwest District Convention, Kenneth Pedersen, \$300.50.

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$262.



*From the Desk of*

## National Sales Director

### How Much Life Insurance is Enough?

In the August issue of the "American Dane," we discussed the reasons for providing members with life insurance through the Danish Brotherhood. However, it is no secret that some of our members object to life insurance being a required benefit of membership under age 50. Why this objection to having life insurance with the Brotherhood when, in all likelihood, the same members have life insurance with other societies or insurance companies?

The answer, I believe, is that during our first 100 years as a Fraternal Benefit Society, life insurance was sold by lodge secretaries with little or no life insurance experience. For that reason, it was sold as membership insurance — not because there was a need for additional life insurance. This usually resulted in the member applying for the absolute minimum and purchasing the insurance he or she needed from another carrier. Many of our older members who, years ago bought the minimum amount required for membership, with the declining value of the dollar now wish they had bought more. It reminds me of the tale of the three men crossing the desert on camels:

*"In ancient times . . .*

three men were crossing the desert one moonless night, when a voice came out of the darkness commanding them to halt and dismount. When they had done so, the voice ordered them to fill their pockets with pebbles from the desert floor. After they had filled them, the voice declared,

'You have done as I commanded. Tomorrow you will be both glad and sorry!' And the men remounted and rode on into the night until the first rays of dawn came out of the east. Then they looked into their pockets and found, not pebbles, but diamonds. Then they were both glad and sorry: Glad they had taken SOME pebbles; sorry they had not taken MORE!

*and so it is with life insurance!"*

Our young members of today could be in the same predicament in future years unless they purchase enough Danish Brotherhood life insurance to satisfy a specific need instead of purchasing the minimum to satisfy the membership requirement.

Today, with part-time lodge representatives, some of which have spent a lifetime in the insurance business and also with the Brotherhood, embarking on a program of recruiting full-time experienced Personal Producing District Representatives, we can help you determine through a Financial Needs Analysis if you have a need for life insurance and if so, how much. If you don't have a representative in your area, remember we are just a phone call away.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Andersen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Andy Andersen

# 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 Sunday, August 18, we held our annual picnic at Martha Lake and a great day it was! About 150 people, young and old, had a wonderful time. There was fun and games for all ages. Again, this year, Harold Hansen brought out his refrigerator truck and kept everything just right. Craig Emmick was chairman for the picnic, with the able assistance of Clyde Langsted, Frank Poulsen, Flemming Sorensen, and many others. There were prizes for nearly everyone, and we are most appreciative to all the firms and individuals who so generously donated and provided prizes. Thank you! Again, this year, we enjoyed having Herluf and Bente Pedersen from Vancouver, Canada. Herluf is the chairman of the Pacific Northwest District Convention to be held in Vancouver next spring. There is a rumor that the Martha Lake Resort has been sold, and that condominiums are to be built on the site. We may have to look for another place for our picnic next year.



Everyone enjoyed the three-legged race at the annual picnic.



Treasurer Kristen Jorgensen congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Aage Jensen on their 50th wedding anniversary.

On Wednesday, September 4, we held our annual Veterans Night with Past Presi-

The best idea for November goes to Lodge No. 345, Orange County, California. See page 13.



Sam Frederiksen on "Veterans Night" received his 60-year pin for 60 years of very dedicated service.

dent Martin Rasmussen presiding and other past officers taking the chairs as per custom. The following were awarded longevity pins: Sam Frederiksen, 60 years; Fin Clausen, 50 years; Ed Olson, 50 years; Ralph Hansen, 50 years; and Elmer Whitman, 25 years. We were especially pleased to have Sam Frederiksen. During the past year, Sam has not been in very good health and has not been able to attend many of our functions. During the many years we have known Sam, he has been most active and contributing in everything "Danish" in our community, besides being the correspondent to the Danish newspaper "Bien." He is truly "Mr. Denmark" in our community.



Past President Martin Rasmussen presents Fin Clausen his 50-year pin and Elmer Wittman his 25-year pin.



Our Danish Princess, Miss Hammond.

Because of Vancouver hosting the "Expo '86," there seems to be a concern that the housing may be at a premium at the time of our convention. The convention committee has arranged with the Royal Towers Hotel to hold a block of rooms. But in order to hold these rooms, the hotel requests that deposit for the first night lodging be made by December 1, 1985. Therefore, the convention committee is requesting if you plan to attend the 1986 convention, that you send your deposit for the first night lodging by November 15, 1985 so as to allow the committee to make the arrangements. The price of the rooms is \$45.00 per night based on double occupancy.

On September 17, our lodge received very sad news. Sam Frederiksen, who was recently honored at the "Veterans Night" for his 60 years of dedicated service to the Danish Brotherhood, passed away. Sam would have celebrated his 90th birthday on September 23. Sam will be greatly missed not only by our lodge but by the Pacific Northwest District and the National Headquarters. National President Robert E. Ibsen summed up everyone's feelings for Sam in

a recent letter of sympathy to Sam's daughter, Ms. Anne Hollister — "On behalf of the Board of Directors, the home office staff, and all of the Danish Brotherhood, I extend to you and the rest of Sam's family and friends our deepest sympathy, but please be strengthened by the fact that he left his mark on all of us as being one of the staunchest supporters of our goals to uphold our Danish heritage in America.

"Some members belong to an organization in name only for 60 years, but Sam gave 60 years of ACTIVE service to his lodge, his district and Danish Brotherhood in America.

"He loved the Danish Brotherhood and all that came in contact with Sam loved him."

Honor be to his memory.

**Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — Thirty-four members were present at the September 4 meeting. Stig Hansen introduced Dr. Bernhard Fedde from Scanfest. He talked about the upcoming concerts in December, of which profits will be used to promote ethnic background. The 1985 Scanfest Concert is scheduled for Friday evening, December 6, 1985, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Performers include Rolf Bjorling, son of Jussi Bjorling and leading tenor of the Stockholm Opera; a Norwegian Soprano, Nina Rodsrud, who performs with the Stockholm Opera; Finnish bass/baritone Jaako Korvinen, who performed with the Metropolitan Opera in New York; and Else Paaske, Danish mezzo-soprano.

The program consists of three parts of Scandinavian Music, popular arias from all European Operas, songs from the combined Scandinavian Choruses, Old Time Fiddlers, and folk dancing.

The staging is being done in conjunction with the Portland Opera Association for a superb presentation.

Anyone interested in tickets should contact Stig Hansen.

George Larsen reported on the picnic. He gave special thanks to Jan and Karen Hansen for setting things up and to Don and Karlene Thorkildsen for all their help. He said everyone had a nice time and attendance was good.

**Joanne Kantor, Sec.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — Forty-eight attended the last meeting. Five new members, Flemming Elnur, Peter Elander, Finn Sørensen, Bent Østergard, and Aksel Jensen, were initiated.

It was suggested we locate a "club historian" but we were unable to find a willing member. If interested in this position, please notify a lodge officer.

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At next year's conference of the Danish clubs in Canada, we will discuss youth. All young Danish Canadians are urged to come and contribute in written form what it means to be Danish and be involved in Danish organizations. A written report from every member organization is desired. It may be written in English or Danish.

Many thanks to our President Peter Praegel for the delicious rødspætter and to our Sisterhood Lodge for preparing the dinner at our Harvest Fest. The spirit was high at the tables and the music was good, both at the dance and the piano music at dinner. The committee would like to say thanks to the Brothers who financed the door prizes and the raffle prizes.

**Jarl Christensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — President Agner Ranch called the September 12 meeting to order with 63 members and friends completely full of aebleskiver and fruit soup. It was fun to see everyone again since we had no meeting in August.

We had several guests and always like to have them with us. Walter Reinhard had California friends Loth and Ethel Lawson, Poul Olesen's mother, Nina Olesen, was visiting here from Viborg, Denmark, Hans Peter, a new arrival from Denmark working at Scan-Design Furniture Store, Berge and lone Jorgensen, Sharon Medart, Mel and June Pihl from our Portland Lodge and a special welcome to Neils West, a transfer member attending our lodge for the first time. June and Mel Pihl gave an interesting presentation regarding ScanFest in Portland.

We received \$10 from the Home Office for having the best idea for the month in the American Dane. Thanks to Henning Kristiansen and his committee for the "Harvest Party" idea.

Agner Ranch reported some contact with the Wine Growers Association and the possibility of serving cheeses with them as a fund raiser. We will hear more about this later.

Folk dancing, coffee and dessert was enjoyed after the meeting under the direction of Scott and Mary Stefansen. Thanks to both of you for a job well done.

**Lois Toftemark, Sec.**

## CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

**Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA** — "Welcome Home, Delegates" night was enjoyed on August 16 with a potluck dinner in the Hawaiian theme, together with members of Danish Sisterhood Golden Star Lodge No. 126. Members who wished, dressed in



Walter Miller, Past President of the California-Nevada District and Lilly Miller, Past President of the California General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood display the "Welcome Home, Delegates" cake.



"Hula Harveyetta," alias Harvey Rasmussen, provided entertainment at "Welcome Home, Delegates" night.

typical clothing of the Islands and the food was also geared to this theme. We were pleasantly surprised to have live entertainment following the potluck. A dancer by the name of "Hula Harveyetta" performed a Hawaiian dance to the tune of "Little Grass Shack."

Reports were given by delegates to the convention, and congratulations extended to our own Walter Miller who has just completed his term as President of the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood. Lilly Miller has also completed her term as President of the California General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood, and they deserve much credit for jobs well done.

One feature of the convention was an evening at Disneyland which everyone enjoyed. Last year when our lodges hosted the state convention, our theme was "It's A Small World," and while at Disneyland the



The Petaluma delegates remember "It's A Small World."

Petaluma delegation posed in front of the "Small World" concession to commemorate the occasion.

Several of us traveled to South Shore, Lake Tahoe the weekend of July 19 and Brother Harvey Rasmussen reported on this. Each year on the third weekend of July, Lodge No. 332 hosts a steak barbecue at the South Shore home of Vernon and Bessie Olsen and an aebleskiver breakfast held at Alvin and Gunver Olsen's home at South Shore. This is always a special treat, and those of us who made the trip say many thanks to Lodge No. 332 and the Olsen families. Some of us enjoyed the Wayne Newton Show at Harrah's and "paid our dues" to the casinos, while others stayed at the Olsen's and played cards or visited.

Preceding our meeting on September 20, we took part in a "Hard Times Night" meal. Brother Buster Forney was co-chairman of this event with his niece Carole Elu of Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 126. We had been asked to dress in our "tatters," in keeping with the theme of the evening, and we truly looked like hard times! Buster and Carole, assisted by Sister Mary Alice Hansen, had prepared a delicious "Hobo Stew," and we each brought our tin-plate type of table service. The tables were appropriately decorated with flowers in tin cans and tablecloths of newspapers. Some of us shared memories from the depression years, making for interesting conversation. For dessert we enjoyed watermelon and nut bread served with coffee.

We thank Buster and Carole for this fun evening and hope that we can plan on a repeat performance next year!

**Alice Rasmussen, Cor.**

**Lodge #230, Arcata, CA** - On September 21 we celebrated our 80th anniversary with a very delightful dinner party held at our popular Bella Vista Inn, which was attended by 53 members and guests. The room was adorned by our Danish and American flags, and the theme for the evening was "From the Mountains to the Sea."

President Viggo Poulsen greeted the guests and Laura Schuler gave a resume of the history of the lodge. After scanning the minutes of the past 80 years, Laura told of the many social and civic events the membership enjoyed throughout the years.

She concluded her remarks by bringing us up to the present and introduced Brother Clyde Langsted, Second Vice President of the National Board, who expressed the desire of the Board to have more input from the membership.

We were especially pleased to have guests from out of the area celebrating with us including Past President Jack Belmont from Ripon Lodge and his wife and our Junior Past President of the district, Dan Mogensen from Fresno and his wife.

We are making plans for election of officers, our Christmas party, and before we know it, it is time for installation.

**Laura Schuler, Sec.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — Forty-four persons enjoyed a fine Tri-Tip dinner served by Arne Jacobsen and crew, while 27 members stayed for the meeting.

It was revealed that next year's installation will take place January 18 at the Sheraton Hotel. The subject of volunteers for the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Dinner Dance at Danish Days drew a favorable response from the members.

Ken Fitzgerald felt that the lodge needed a project to work on and suggested some improvements of H. C. Andersen's Park, a project from which the whole community could benefit. Eric Pedersen suggested to form a committee to investigate and come up with ideas, while Ferdinand Sorensen suggested to include a fund-raising effort. The Park Committee was formed, and consists of Ken Fitzgerald, Bob Lassiter, Dave Christian, Eric Pedersen, Mark Bates, and Knud Jacobsen.

Ed Madsen asked that members with ideas for lodge activities please contact him.

**Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — The key event of September was the award of a fifty-year pin to Hans Jensen, whom we all salute for his faithful and dedicated service to the Danish Brotherhood. Congratulations, Hans!

**Ted Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — For those who have not heard, a member of our lodge, Karen Rowse, is now Inner Guard for the California-Nevada District. We wish her well for a successful term.

Election of officers will be held in November. The nominating committee consists of John Kristensen, Viggo Bech Nielsen, and

Phyllis Davis. The installation will be hosted by our lodge.

Congratulations to Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 on their 87th anniversary.

**Philis Davis, Cor.**

#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD CIVIC ACTIVITY

**Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA** — President Ken Olsen called the September 14 meeting to order with 82 members and friends present. Several guests were introduced including two prospective members, Ludwig and Sigrid Petersen.

Installation Chairman, Jim Dwyer, reported on behalf of the committee. They have been hard at work investigating several possibilities for the installation dinner and ball.

Hazel Kjellsen initiated an applaud thanks to Gary and Toni Gossett for doing such a great job of catering the Luau, decorating the hall, and organizing the social portion of the evening.

Ken Olsen presented our lodge with the District President's Award for the best single activity for the past year, along with a check for \$25. Mike and DeAnna Olsen were presented a commemorative Danish plate from Omaha for being a 100% insured family.

November is the month for election. Nominations from the floor are always in order. So consider the membership, who do you want to have in office? We are all responsible for the running of the lodge, so please consider being involved in this capacity.

On December 7 we will have a work day for our lodge. Each year around Christmas we try to thank Westminster Mobile Home Park managers for letting our lodge use their recreation room for our meetings. We use the room a minimum of three times each month, twelve months a year, and at no charge to Holger Danske. That's incredible. This year, as last year, it was agreed that we would wash and wax the lodge floors. This is really no little job. It takes hours and lots of man power. Please let Ken Olsen know if you'll help! A big job turns into a smaller one when we all pitch in and help.

Plans are underway to have separate activities for the Vikings, during the business portion of our monthly meetings. We have been given permission to use the smaller recreation room for our youth. We would like to make a more interesting evening for the kids. This will be a great opportunity to teach these Vikings about their heritage; things like a simple language class, Danish folk customs, Danish crafts, and Danish songs and

dances. In order to get this program in action, we will need adult volunteers. The goal is to have an organized program ready for the first of the year. Until the program is in full swing, the Vikings will still be able to use this recreation room, with adult supervision, to watch TV or play table games, etc.

We would really appreciate hearing from you if you would help in this area of our lodge. We want these Young Vikings to attend the meetings, and now that we have so many of them, we must accommodate them. We must have adult supervision at these meetings. If volunteers are not available, the program may come rapidly to a halt before we even start. Please talk to Gerry Olsen, Toni Gossett or Lynn Kjellsen if you will help.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — The teams of the Scandinavians and the Vikings squared off at our last meeting for a boisterous baseball game of trivia. Questions were pitched by Activities Chairman Sue Patterson and fielded by the excited players. Roy Olson batted in three home runs, winning the game to the cheers of his teammates (and boos from the Viking players). We filled up on huge hot dogs and fresh, homemade ice cream cranked out by Sue and Jim Patterson. Thanks for a fun evening!

We have reserved Harry C's for our December 7th Christmas party. You may have your choice of three entrees and each includes garden salad, bread and butter, baked potato, sherbet, beverage, tax, and gratuity. Please put this date on your calendar. Also, don't forget the children's Christmas party on December 15.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

### Iowa-Minnesota District

President Art Wall opened the joint annual Iowa-Minnesota District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood on September 1, 1985 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Hosting the convention was Cedar Rapids Lodge No. 347.

Special guests included Clyde Langsted, National Second Vice President; Andy Andersen, National Sales Director; Gladys Nordine, Danish Sisterhood National President; Mary Jean Grunberg, Danish Sisterhood National Vice President; and Lorraine Zembinski, Danish Sisterhood Third Trustee. Council Bluffs Sisterhood Lodge No. 10 gave a very impressive memorial service for all departed Brothers and Sisters since the last convention.

The following lodges received the District

President's Awards and \$25.00 from the Home Office: Lodge No. 341, Elk Horn-Kimballton, Best Social Activity; Lodge No. 144, Dike, Best Civic Activity; Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Best Annual Activity Schedule; and Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, Best Newsletter. The "traveling" Super Lodge Rug Award went to Lodge No. 347 also. The District Scholarship Award of \$300 went to Kristine Nielsen, also of Lodge No. 347.

The "steering committee" consisting of Willy Christensen, Sven Christensen, Edward Harris and Edith Paulsen from Lodge No. 15 gave a thorough report on the 1987 National Convention to be held in Des Moines.

National Second Vice President, Clyde Langsted, and Danish Sisterhood National President, Gladys Nordine, installed the new district officers in a joint installation ceremony. They include Art Wall, Past President; Kathleen Sonsalla, President; Marvin Christensen, Vice President; Deloris Ross, Secretary; Harlan Johnsen, Treasurer; Herluf Pedersen, First Trustee; Mervin Andersen, Second Trustee; Edward Harris, Third Trustee; and James Miller, Conductor. A good convention was enjoyed by everyone getting "re-acquainted" with their many friends from Iowa and Minnesota.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — The August picnic at Saylorville was a big success. Thirty adults and six children attended. The food was wonderful, it was a beautiful cool day, and the whole gang was in good spirits.

At our September 9 meeting we had the great pleasure of initiating three new members: Roland Jensen, Clark Rasmussen, and Wilber Williamson. Another new member, Elizabeth Ibsen, was initiated at the August



Our four newest members: Wilber Williamson, Roland Jensen, Elizabeth Ibsen, and Clark Rasmussen.

meeting. A warm welcome was extended to all four and we all know they will make a good addition to our lodge. Coffee and donuts, courtesy of Howard Hansen and

Margaret Gee, were enjoyed during the fellowship hours.

Sven Christensen gave a report from the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held in Cedar Rapids over Labor Day weekend.

Mary Riber, Cor.

**Lodge #121, Tyler, MN** — Our regular meeting was held September 8. The serving committee and program committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sorensen, Mrs. Alvina Burk, and Therkel Jorgensen.

A special program was obtained by Mrs. Alvina Burk. The program was food for thought. She was Mrs Iver Andersen, formerly of Poland. In her native Poland, her occupation was a lawyer. By chance she met her American husband there while he was on vacation. She makes regular trips back and that was the thrust of her talk — the change that has taken place under Communism, how the food is taken from them by the Russians, the lack of freedom, etc. She reminded us several times that it could happen here.

She also showed slides of what Poland was like before the Russians took over. The contrast was hard to believe. A delicious lunch was served.

We met again on October 5 at the Senior Citizens Center for our regular meeting.

We ventured into our first money making project. Thorvald and Zenita Jacobsen had donated a framed jeweled Christmas tree. We are selling chances for it.

Russell and Leona Jensen, two of our members from Clear Lake, South Dakota, spent three weeks in Denmark this summer. Slides of their travels were shown plus a commentary on each slide. It was an excellent program and it reminded us once again of the beauty of Denmark.

Ilene Sorensen, Sec.

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — We met on September 9 at the Senior Citizens Center. A potluck dinner was shared by 23 members and seven guests.

At the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, our lodge won a \$25 award for having the Best Local Lodge Annual Activity Schedule. We celebrated by having an ice cream treat.

President Carl Hansen opened the business meeting by singing a song called "The More We Get Together, The Happier We'll Be."

Visitors were introduced. They were Meta Ernst, Alice Klit, Cecile Jensen, Peter Hansen, Rachel Hansen, Tommy Kocher, and Julian Johnsen.

Delegates to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Cedar Rapids gave their reports. Delegates were Lucille Christensen,

and Carl and Marilyn Hansen. District officers are Marvin Christensen and Harlan Johnsen. Other members from our lodge who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Jens Klit, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pedersen from Rodman, and Flor and Julian Johnsen of Laurens.

Beulah Benjamin read a poem which caused members to laugh with the poet concerning forgetfulness.

**Peggy Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #326, West Branch, IA** — We met at the home of Alfred and Gladys Erickson on September 7 for our regular meeting and ice cream social which was enjoyed by 35 members and guests. Gunnar Krogh and Howard Neelson, delegates to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Cedar Rapids, gave a good and thorough report.



Members enjoy ice cream social.



Judie Neelson and Deloris Ross ready to serve aebleskiver.

On September 14 our lodge had a booth at the International Day festivities in West Liberty, Iowa. Aebleskiver was sold as a money-making project. A drawing for a sweater with Danish flags on the front, donated by the Home Office, was won by Jerolyn Kite of Kimballton, Iowa. Six guests expressed an interest in the Danish Brotherhood, so we're hopeful. **Deloris Ross, Sec.**

**Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA** — We celebrated the 10th anniversary of our lodge with a potluck supper. Tables were decorated with flowers and flags.

JoAnn Sorensen came in second in the Steak/Byte membership contest by sponsoring 15 new members. She was lucky to win the sweater given as a prize at the party.

Neighboring lodges had been invited with



JoAnn Sorensen with 13 of the 15 members she sponsored which placed her 2nd in the Steak/Byte membership contest.

Atlantic, Blair, and Omaha being represented. A group of women and men from Exira sang Danish songs. National Sales Director, Andy Andersen from Omaha, gave a talk on the beginning work done to get Lodge No. 341 started. National Secretary-

Treasurer, Jerome Christensen, also spoke on the 10 years of lodge doings and read the first article about the lodges as published 10 years ago. Jerome also sang some songs and there was group singing. Birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Olla Andersen, ice cream and coffee were served.

**Verdi Christensen, Sec.**

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST DISTRICT**

**MIDWEST**

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — With sorrow it becomes my sad duty to report that we

**VELKOMMEN!**

We have added more links to our chain — a chain of people who have joined hands promising to stand by each other.



Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Bruce Eric Jensen	1	Omaha, NE	Michael D. Nielsen
Karl Gyrrsting	3	Davenport, IA	Chris Rudolph
Edgar M. Gastaldi	14	Kenosha, WI	Edgar F. Gastaldi
Martin B. Antaramian	14	Kenosha, WI	William L. Kastman
John M. Stelmaszek	35	Chicago, IL	Marie Johansson
Birgit B. Stelmaszek	35	Chicago, IL	Marie Johansson
Eleanor H. Meader	35	Chicago, IL	Rae Callicoat
Arthur W. Larson	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Everett Erickson
Shawn D. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
Shannon L. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
Serena L. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
S. Eudean Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
Rhonda E. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
Marsha R. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
James M. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
Denton L. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
Amy J. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Don Lehn
Clayton E. Johnson	95	Ferndale, CA	Francis Sweet
Justin T. Ammons	95	Ferndale, CA	Francis Sweet
Earl P. Nielsen	227	Detroit, MI	John Blaney
Erik Beckman	227	Detroit, MI	Paul Carlsen
Gerald D. Smith	261	Fowler, CO	Jerry Harris
Larry J. Damgaard	261	Fowler, CO	Jay Fosdick
Eric K. Nielsen	283	Dagmar, MT	Joel Petersen
Peter P. I. Elander	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Svend Gerslund
Flemming A. Elnur	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Jimmy Eriksen
Aksel K. Jensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	K. Christensen
Harry E. Vestergaard	328	Vancouver, B.C.	K. Christensen
Bent Ostergaard	328	Vancouver, B.C.	K. Christensen
Finn Sorensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	K. Christensen
Janet Villacci	340	Wood Dale, IL	Susanne Andersen
Karl E. Sorensen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen



**It's Better To Give Than To Receive**  
New members can add to our chain, too!



have again lost a link in our fraternal chain of the Brotherhood, and it is with profound regret and in thoughtful remembrance of Brother Elmer Nelson. Elmer joined our lodge on July 15, 1969, and was a very active and dedicated member. He served as our President for three terms and was on the Board of Officers for several years. Because of his loyal service he was presented the "Brother of the Year" Award in 1975. He was a delegate to the Midwest District Convention several times and attended two National Conventions. He was the agent for the lodge for a time and served as chairman and worked on many committees. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Helen and daughters Sandy, Debbie and Kathy. He will be deeply missed.

Our night at the Kenosha Twins game was unfortunately rained out but many members and wives came the next night for the double header. The lodge was recognized for being there. The building fund is \$175 richer due to the effort of Chairman Roger Nelson on this event, thanks to all who sold and bought tickets. We plan to do it again next year.

Speaking of the Twins game, that evening was also the Letter Carrier's Muscular Dystrophy Night. Our congratulations to one of our members, Brother Jim Kirby, who is President of the Letter Carriers Union here in Kenosha. Jim and his family work very hard on this event each year and Jim appeared on the MDA Telethon in Milwaukee to present a check for over \$2,000 from this event. This is just another example of one of our members with a sincere fraternal spirit caring about other people.

Welcome to our newest member, Elwyn Fonk.

Upcoming events include the "Julefest," Danish Christmas Fair to be held on Sunday, November 3rd at the Lodge Hall and the Torsk Supper and Dance plus surprise entertainment to be held on Saturday, November 23.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — A special congratulations goes to two of our members. Jens Andreasen will be celebrating his 97th birthday and has been a member of our lodge since 1914. Rudolf Schmidt will be 83 years young and has been a member since 1926. "Skaal" gentlemen!

It's getting close to the end of the year again and we will need a new committee list for 1986. This will have to be completed by December. Any help would be appreciated.

Our September 9th meeting was short with not too much business to discuss. Ken Jensen awarded the Youth Bowling awards to Dwight winners.

At our District Convention held September 28-29, the food was delicious, the music great and, of course, the main event was the mock wedding put on by our own Dick Perschnick, Jim Anderson, Jim Andreasen, Ken Jensen, John Clausen, Bill Clavey, Bobby Hosier, Jim Lauritsen, Glen Bloxam, Bob Weller, and Rick Sullivan. Thanks guys, it was great!

Thanks to Chuck Johnson and Bill Corrie for managing the raffle and to all the people who contributed prizes. Also, thank you to the ladies who made cookies for the afternoon break.

Congratulations to our new President, Gordy Andersen, and thanks for a job well done to our out-going President, Ken Jensen. Rick Sullivan moved up to 1st Trustee. We received the District Award for the Best Social Activity. A word from Past President Ken: "It was a very well organized convention; the facilities were good; we came out in the black this time." Thanks to all the committees who hosted this event. Next year Racine will be our hosts.

**Margaret A. Goodwin, Cor.**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Our August picnic in Homewood was just great. The weather cooperated and it couldn't have been nicer. We had a crowd of over 200. Woody and Kent Petersen grilled hamburgers a mile a minute while Charlie Jespersen and Isabelle cooked hot dogs almost as fast. They sure disappeared! The kids had a good time playing the games that Grethe and Henry Jepsen had planned for them and the raffle was also a success thanks to Doris Peterson and her committee. A hearty thank you to all who donated the raffle prizes and to all the hard workers on the committee headed up by Audrey Christiansen and Marsha Godskesen. Also, thanks to all who came and brought their good food to share with each other.

Five new members were welcomed during our August meeting. They include Ellen J. Hacker, Ann Johnson, Clifford and Margaret Oberg, Esther and Arvid Swanson. They were welcomed by members present and it is hoped that they will enjoy their membership in Lodge No. 35.

A letter was received from Jens Hovmiller which included \$25 to be used for refreshments. A very large thank you to Jens!

On September 20, three new members were initiated into our lodge: Eleanor H. Meader and Birgit B. and John M. Stelmazek. They were welcomed by the 65 members present.

The Trustees will act as the Nominating Committee for new officers for 1986. The election of officers will take place at the November meeting.

After the meeting, the "Make It, Bake It, Sew It, or Grow It" auction took place with Woody Petersen acting as auctioneer. Lots of nice things were auctioned off and the sale netted a profit of \$136 for the Scholarship Fund.

Those who attended the Midwest District Convention in Bradley had a good time. Lots of folks took advantage of the indoor swimming pool. The dinner was great and the music was good. The committees from Lodge Nos. 34, 11, and 35 worked very hard and it looks like the convention stayed "in the black" largely due to the generosity of lovely donated raffle gifts.

Upcoming events include our 96th anniversary party on November 9, the tree decorating at the Museum of Science and Industry on November 22, the turkey shoot with Mr. Frank Tintar and his wide selection of good music on November 23, and our annual Christmas party on December 13.

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — The Milwaukee-based Scandinavian Chorus was invited to sing in the program during the Scandinavian Day Picnic, September 8 at VASA Park, South Elgin, Illinois. Many of our members joined in the chorus-sponsored chartered bus trip there.

We enjoyed delicious food, including aebleskiver, bought articles from outdoor shops, met members of other Danish Brotherhood Midwest District lodges, and renewed old acquaintances. We saw most of an entertaining program but, in the afternoon a heavy rain storm came about 45 minutes before the chorus was scheduled to sing. In spite of the storm, we had a wonderful time.

We participated in the 34th annual Midwest District Convention in Bradley (Kankakee), Illinois, September 28 and 29, for which excellent preparations were made and co-hosted by Brotherhood Lodge No. 34 in Dwight and No. 35 in Chicago and Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 in Chicago.

We are especially proud to have been presented the 1985 Midwest District President's Award for Best Local Lodge Single Civic Activity. **Albert L. Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL** — Our September meeting was a most interesting one. We had our usual meeting and then as a guest speaker we had a gentleman from the Social Security Office speak to us. He gave us some information on retirement and the funds that we can expect to receive from the Social Security Department and also spoke on the Medicare Benefits. Some of us are already on Social Security and others are not so it was of interest to everyone.

In November we will have our nomination

of officers for the year of 1986. We have moved this up to November so that we need not have an extra meeting in December. It usually conflicted with our Christmas party and meant two nights out in a row. Please come to the meeting and help to elect our new officers.

Then in December is our Christmas party. This year our party will be held on December 14, in the Fox Hole of the American Legion. We are planning on having a good time and would sure like to see everyone at the party. We are planning a good dinner and visit from that old man of the North, Santa Claus. We are also planning some entertainment. Come one, come all and let's have a ball. **Lois Skraboly, Cor.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — We held our annual aebleskiver supper on September 26 with the menu consisting of aebleskiver, sausages, applesauce, jam, jelly, syrup, kringle and coffee. Vice President Loyal Lundorf again served superbly as chairman of the event. Loyal also made and decorated the dining room with red and white Danish table decorations and strings of Danish flags on the walls. Red placemats, white napkins, white aprons, red Danish vests and caps on the workers made the dining room look festive. The wonderful cooperation of our members as workers lent an air of excitement to the successful event. Thanks to all of them! **Evelyn Doerr, Pres.**

## **NEBRASKA**

### **Nebraska District**

The morning session of the Nebraska District Convention was called to order by President Floyd Andersen with the flag salute. President Andersen introduced National Director Woodrow Petersen to the convention. Letters from National President Bob Ibsen and the Home Office extending greetings and best wishes for a successful District Convention were read.

Bill Jorgensen explained the point system of the President's Visitation Program. The program runs from September to August each year, lodges receiving the traveling plaques for three consecutive years get to keep them.

There was discussion of bringing more members into each lodge and the need for younger members. National Director Woodrow Petersen spoke to the convention stating he was glad to see the caring for young people, that they are the future of our Brotherhood. We, as lodge members, must live in today, not yesterday, and should plan our lodge activities around the young members. Also, the National Board would be receptive to membership program ideas from the lodges. He touched on the new

membership campaign, "It's Better to Give Than to Receive." Whoever sponsors the most members in one month's time will be awarded \$50 to be given to the charity of his or her choice and will also receive a personalized plaque and be recognized in the American Dane. Mr. Petersen informed the convention that Norbert Grove, past national officer, is now the Chairman of the Alternate Funding Committee, due to the death of Richard Christensen and that Pamela Dorau, National Fraternal Director, had taken the place of Diane Doyle, on the Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, talked about membership, stating we have to start with our own families as new prospective members, and there should be a mutual interest between new members and lodges, that he felt it was the lodges rather than the insurance keeping new members out.

Delegates of Omaha Lodge No. 1 brought a proposal before the convention and moved for it's acceptance; a tuition fund to Skovsøen be set up to pay one tuition annually for a child of a member of the Danish Brotherhood to be sent to Skovsøen. This fund should be called the Axel Skelbeck Tuition Fund, as a tribute to Axel Skelbeck and all he has done for the Danish Brotherhood, details and administration of the fund to be handled by the Nebraska State Board with the first presentation to be made one year from now.

The motion was amended to table this proposal with the District appointing a committee to look into financing and guidelines, the results to be brought to the 1986 Convention.

The Convention accepted invitation from Omaha Lodge No. 1 and Blair Lodge No. 206 to co-host the 1986 District Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, and Minden Lodge No. 16 to host the 1986 State Picnic.

District Representative Paul Wehner talked about the insurance program, stating he is available to all lodges, to either help recruit lodge representatives and/or assist them.

Officers for 1986 include Past President, Merton Kuhr; President, Floyd Andersen; Vice President, William Jorgensen, Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Ginny Schultz; Chairman of Trustees, Soren Thomsen; Trustees, Duane Hansen and Erik Hansen; Conductor, James K. Christiansen; Inner Guard, Faye Petersen; and Outer Guard, Glen Haselbarth.

President's Awards and \$25 from the National Office were given to Minden Lodge No. 16 for Best Local Lodge Civic Activity, Omaha Lodge No. 1 for Best Local Lodge

Social Activity, Ruskin Lodge No. 161 for Best Local Lodge Activity Schedule, and Blair Lodge No. 206 for Best Local Lodge Newsletter.

President's Visitation Traveling Plaques were presented to Omaha Lodge No. 1 for Area 1 - Division 1; Weeping Water Lodge No. 125 for Area 1 - Division 2; Ruskin Lodge No. 161 for Area 2 - Division 1; and Cordova Lodge No. 177 for Area 2 - Division 2.

Selected as reigning Monarch King and Queen were Kenneth Pedersen of Ruskin Lodge No. 161 and Margaret Larsen of Omaha Sisterhood Lodge No. 119.

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — There was considerable discussion at our October 1st business meeting, regarding the incorporation of our lodge. Quoting from a letter from Attorney Wayne Rasmussen, "It has been my experience that organizations of this type generally find it advisable to incorporate in the form of non-profit corporations. This is done both for the purpose of providing the organization with a formal form of organization and for limiting the potential liability of club officers and members which may arise in the event a successful claim were to be made against the club for personal injuries or other types of damages." The subject was tabled for one month.

Lincoln Lodge No. 84, along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 90, were the district convention hosts. Special thanks to them for a successful convention on September 6-8.

Current district officers re-elected for another year from our lodge include J. Duane Hansen, Second Trustee, and Jim Christiansen, Conductor. The 1986 Nebraska District Convention will be held in Omaha. Co-hosts for the convention will be Omaha Lodge No. 1 and Blair Lodge No. 206. The State Picnic next year will be in Minden. Maybe we should plan to charter a bus again for the picnic.

The banquet was held on Saturday evening. We received the District President's Award for the Best Local Lodge Social Activity. This was our St. Hans' Aften, held on June 18. Twelve new members joined as a result of that event. The winners of the Nebraska Activity and Visitation Program were announced. We received the plaque for Area 1, Division 1. If we win it the next two years, it is ours to keep.

Coronation of the Monarch King and Queen was held at the banquet also. Kenneth Pedersen, Ruskin, and Margaret Larsen, Omaha, were chosen to reign. Margaret was sponsored by the Sisterhood Lodge No. 119 but is also a member of our lodge.

At our October business meeting, Bruce Eric Jensen and Michael, Vicki and Morganne Paul were approved for membership. Steven and Diane Christensen also transferred their membership from Lodge No. 600. Sharon Pacej was approved for membership at our September meeting.

At the October business meeting we voted to endorse the efforts of Metro Technical Community College in promoting an exchange of students and faculty with Denmark. Mr. Richard Gilliland was present at the meeting to explain the program.

**Jim Christiansen, Sec.**

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — Everyone is invited to Minden on Sunday, December 8, for a special "Yulefest" presented by our lodge. This will be held at the time of "Minden's Annual Christmas Lighting" and the "Christmas Pageant." The "Yulefest" will be taking place at the New Community Center from 3 to 8:30 p.m. There will also be a soup supper with Danish desserts, folk dancing, singing, workshops including making Christmas tree decorations, demonstrating making Mazipan and Kringle, and more. Also, Danish pastries will be available for sale.

We invite all to come join us and see Minden in action and in beauty.

**Mildred Christensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE** — On September 14 our Brotherhood lodge joined our Lincoln Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 in celebrating their 80th anniversary with a catered dinner provided by Lee's Restaurant. Joyce Nielsen, Sisterhood President, was program leader. Ingrid Hansen and Donald Lehn gave reports on the State Convention.

**Don Lehn, Pres.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — We had a great time at our September meeting as we all celebrated Jens and Rose Krogh's 10th anniversary. In addition, we had a visitor from Dana College, Nathan Cramer, alias Christian Christiansen, a 100-year-old man from Denmark, who performed a comedy and ragtime piano routine. He is a very talented individual and members enjoyed his program very much. A big thank you to our committee including Mr. and Mrs. Jens Krogh, chairpersons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strand and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hansen.

**Jerry Christensen, Pres.**

### MICHIGAN-OHIO

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, October 2, with 17 members present. On August 21

Marlin Fouts was initiated. We all wish to velkommen Marlin into our lodge and into the Danish Brotherhood in America.

We sincerely regret the loss of Lawrence Rasmussen, a good and loyal brother for 38 years. We extend to his bereaved family and friends our most deep-felt sympathy and consolation.

On September 18 we held a stag steak fry with 20 members attending. Everyone barbecued their own steak outside. The committee of Ken Johnson, Carl Graber and Earl Jensen baked the potatoes and fried the onions and mushrooms. Everything tasted really good.

On September 21 we held our second fish boil of the year. This event was attended by 70 members and guests. This was another job well done by Roger Hansen and his committee of Rich and Lu Tremi, Jerry Klaft, John Oszust, Gary Wickery, and especially Ray Finholm who spent over three hours cutting up the fish and getting it ready to cook. The fish boil is becoming one of our more popular events and we will try to have it whenever we have the fish. The fish for this fish boil was furnished by John Laird and Jack Smith.

**Keith Koegler, Past Pres.**

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — September 11 was the first dinner meeting of the season with good attendance. We had Brother Carl Hansen visit us from Florida. Welcome to our newest member, Earl P. Nielsen.

On September 28 we celebrated the 80th anniversary of our lodge with a dinner and dance. We were honored to have National Secretary-Treasurer Jerome Christensen present to celebrate the occasion. Roast beef was served family style with plenty for everyone. A few speeches were made by Host Chris Fabricius, President Ken Rehan, Guest of Honor Jerome Christensen and Past Presidents were also recognized. The rest of the evening was enjoyed by dancing and socializing.

**Ken Christensen, Sec.**

### GCEL

**Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY** — A reminder for the brothers who haven't been to a meeting lately — the first Wednesday of each month is the business meeting and the third Wednesday of each month is a social meeting where all the birthday brothers are remembered with many skaals from a bottle furnished by the Birthday Club.

President Norm Hanson was re-elected Treasurer of the GCEL District at the annual meeting held in Barre, Vermont. Olin Yauchler, Treasurer, was our lodge's delegate at the convention. Norm said they had good weather, good food and good fellowship.

Next year's convention will be held at Penn Yan, New York.

Willy Willendrup gave a very interesting synopsis of his recent trip to Denmark. He visited a lot of the old churches which he said were very beautiful.

**Lodge #294, Barre, VT** — On August 30, September 1 and 2, Green Mountain Lodge No. 294 hosted the 61st annual convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Barre, Vermont. The morning of August 30 was taken up with welcoming and registration of delegates, their families and guests. The afternoon was reserved for meetings of the delegates. In the evening, everyone enjoyed a barbecue followed by an evening of socializing and dancing.

On Sunday delegates met in the morning to take care of business and in the afternoon everyone boarded buses which took us to a large flea market in Waterbury, a Cider Mill in Waterbury Center, a wood

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carver's exhibit in Stowe and then we rode through Stowe in the mountains to Moscow and back to Barre. We returned to the Knights of Columbus Hall for the banquet. President Harold Thygesen of Lodge No. 294 welcomed National Past President, George Jacobsen, and his wife Birgit; National Director, Paul Carlsen; National Director, Erling Braumann; Past President of the GCEL, Kenneth Lunde and his wife Sharon; the esteemed delegates of the Eastern Lodges and their wives and families; City of Barre Mayor Robert Bergeron and his wife Kay; and members and guests of Lodge No. 294. Mayor Bergeron then welcomed all to the city. Our National Anthem followed by the Danish National Anthem were sung led by Mrs. Kris (Barbara) Larsen of Lodge No. 32. This was followed by the invocation given in Danish and English by Aage Jespersen of Lodge No. 314.



Distinguished members and guests enjoy the GCEL District Convention.



Long service pins are presented by National Director Paul Carlsen.

After the dinner Paul Carlsen presented long service pins to three members of Green Mountain Lodge No. 294. William C. Matson, age 80, accepted his 60-year pin;

Kenneth Lunde accepted a 60-year pin for his father, Kenney Lunde, age 78, of Venice, Florida, who could not be present as he is ill; and Thomas C. Mekkelsen accepted a 50-year pin for Harold E. Andersen, age 71, who was unable to attend. There was a standing round of applause for these long time members.

Paul Carlsen then installed the newly elected officers of the GCEL District into their respective offices. The newly elected officers are as follows: Past President, Kenneth Lunde; President, Carl Spencer; Vice President, James Elliott; Treasurer, Norman Hanson; Secretary, George Olesen; and Trustee, Robert Phoenix.



National Director Paul Carlsen, installs new GCEL District officers.

Paul Carlsen then presented an award from the National Headquarters to John Christiansen of Lodge No. 314 for his work on a Scholarship Fund. President Carl Spencer then presented certificates to the best local lodges for social, civic, and annual activities and for the best newsletter. After completion of the awards, the evening was consumed by dancing to music by Supermusic and Company, which was enjoyed by all. A special drawing for a foliage photo donated by Thomas C. Mekkelsen, Jr. and for a Danish Brotherhood tie donated by Paul Carlsen was also held. Then dancing and socializing were enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

On the morning of September 2, everyone enjoyed a hearty breakfast. After breakfast, President Thygesen thanked all for coming to the convention and called each

lodge by number to rise and be thanked for their participation. Fifteen lodges were represented. President Thygesen then thanked Committee Chairman Charles Thygesen and all the committee members who worked so hard to make the convention a success. He thanked Mr. Hartley "Red" Corson, manager of the Knights of Columbus, for his fine aid throughout the whole proceedings and thanked Narcis Gosselin of Gus Catering Service for all the wonderful meals. After the breakfast, delegates and their families and guests thanked us for a most successful convention and a general good time and slowly drifted away for their respective return trips home. Our blessings were with them for a safe trip. We were happy to have been good hosts.

Thomas C. Mekkelsen, Sec.

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Our meeting on September 13 was well attended. This was the start of the winter season when we serve our well known smorgasbord.

After the business meeting, Leif Pedersen was the auctioneer for a white elephant sale. Leif was very funny, had the audience laughing, and got them to participate in lively bidding which brought in a nice sum for the lodge. Thank you, Leif.

Our annual dinner dance will be held November 15 at New Hyde Park Inn.

Niels Hansen, Sec.

### MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — Our lodge enjoyed a new movie, "Copenhagen, It's a People." We received this film from West Glen Film Distributors in New York. The Danish Tourist Bureau had furnished the information. The West Glen Company has a wide variety of films available free of charge on a wide variety of subjects.

R. J. Wallace, Cor.

# 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
7-8-85	Niels Carl B. Nielsen	88	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1925
8-28-85	Jens Kynnell	80	Thisted, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1938
8-25-85	Herman S. Hansen	97	Ronne, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1921
8-15-85	Martin Lang	82	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1931
8-29-85	Harry A. Sorensen	79	Rudley, California	255	Selma, California	1947
6-18-85	Carl A. Jacobsen	88	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1924
9-5-85	Holger Jensen	78	Svenstrup, Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1928
8-31-85	Harold E. Schaber	61	St. Paul, Minnesota	299	Solvang, California	1982
6-7-85	Lester C. Christiansen	72	Sharon, Wisconsin	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1979
8-8-85	Mary C. Klausen	58	Altamont, South Dakota	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1978
9-5-85	Darwin D. Rasmussen	72	Cotesfield, Nebraska	268	Junction City, Oregon	1977
9-5-85	Florence M. Standish	72	Minnesota	255	Selma, California	1961



## Young Vikings

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — A fun-filled afternoon was held on September 22 at the Pomeroy House in Yaacolt, Washington. After a hayride over the grounds of the 100 acre farm, and a tour of an authentic log home, the group reassembled down the road at the Jensen's home. The Young Vikings provided the Danish hot dogs, condiments and drinks. Each family was asked to bring a salad or dessert.

## New Book Information

**Danish Quality Living: The Good Life Handbook** is a lively introduction to Denmark, a country with a remarkably high standard of living. Packed with information and over 80 color photographs, this handy book is calculated to give any outsider that insider feeling. In no time at all, you will want to probe beneath the surface, learn more about the social framework and customs, and treat yourself to the food and drink that — when taken all together — makes Denmark a country where the good life is no longer just a dream.

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It is written by Ed Thomasson, who graduated from Bates College, Maine, and earned a master's degree from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University. Editor of the highly acclaimed book, **Study of the Sea**, published in England, he has lectured widely in Denmark on aspects of American culture.

To order, send \$9.95 plus \$1.25 for postage and handling to Nordic Books, P.O. Box 1941, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

## Grand View College Scandinavian Studies Program

This fall a new area of study has been added to the Grand View College program. Scandinavian Studies, taught by Dr. Rudolf Jensen, is a series of four mini-courses being taught in the Fall and Spring Evening College on Thursday evenings.

Beginning with "The Vikings," the first mini-course of the year, the study continues with "Scandinavian Mythology and the Saga," October 24-December 12; "Scandinavian Culture and Civilization," January 9-February 20; and "The Scandinavian Short Story," February 27-April 17. Each course can be taken for credit or no credit, and each of the four courses may be taken sequentially or separately.

Dr. Jensen, who is also an assistant professor of English at Grand View, established the program to serve three basic purposes: as a manifestation of the college's commitment to its Scandinavian (Danish) origins and traditions, as a means to broaden student opportunities for cross-cultural study, and as a way to complement Grand View's two unique institutional resources: The Danish Immigrant Archives and The Center for Grundtvig Studies.

For more information on the Scandinavian Studies Program, contact Dr. Jensen at Grand View College, 1200 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50316.

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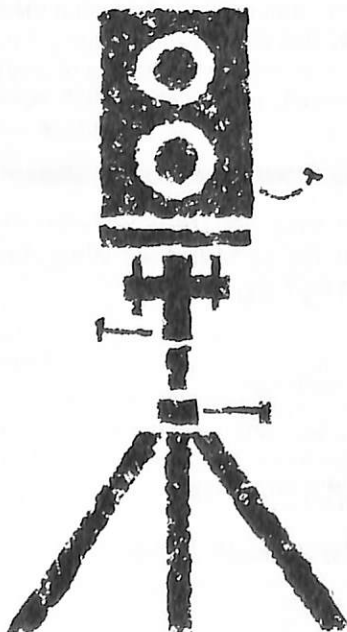
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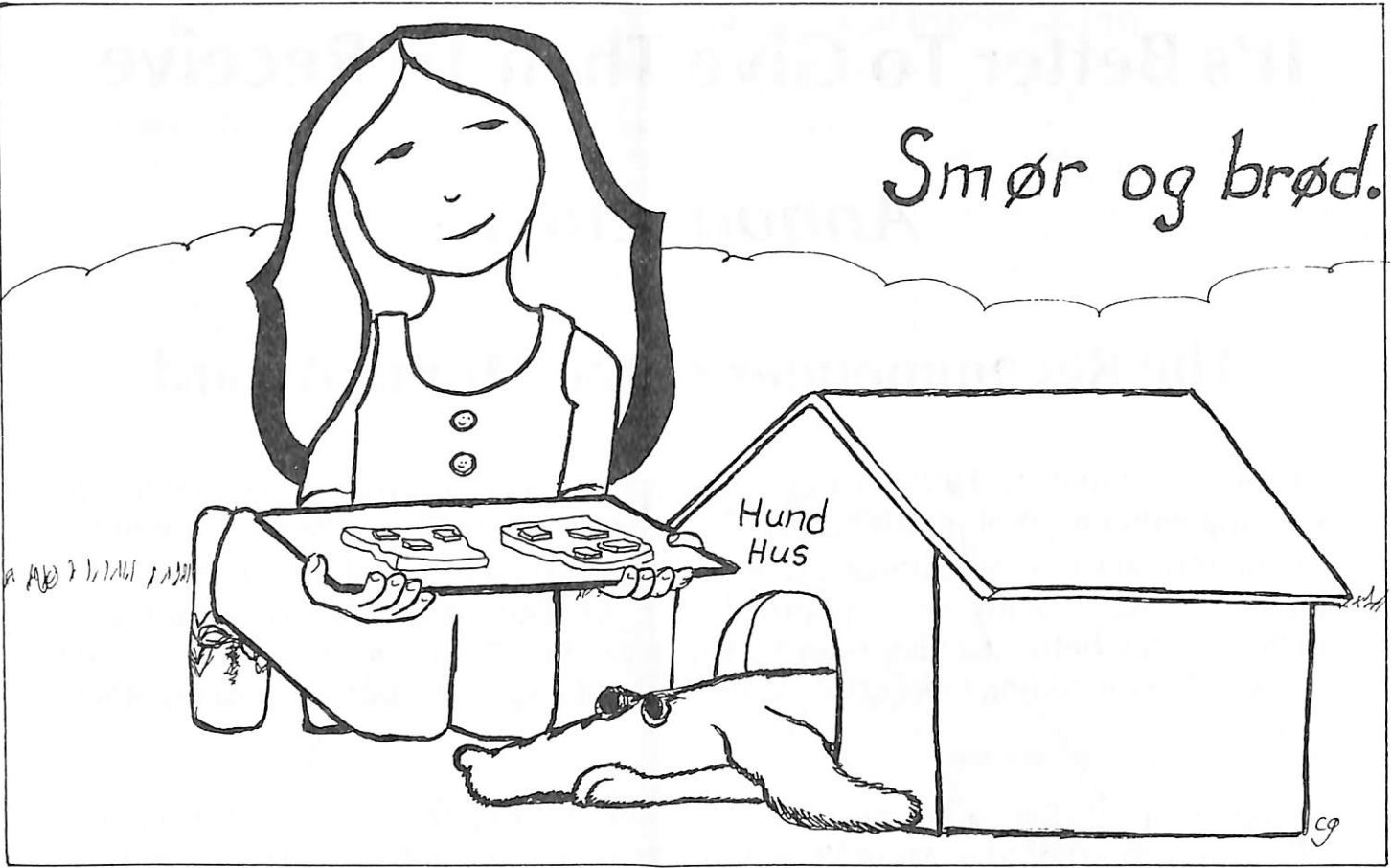
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# Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

## Rombudding Rum Pudding

- 3 egg yolks
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon Knox gelatine, unflavored
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 2 tablespoons rum (or 2 tablespoons vanilla or almond extract)
- 1 cup whipping cream
- Pinch of salt

Beat egg yolks and sugar well, add flavoring. Soak gelatine in the cold water; dissolve over hot water and add to the eggs. When the mixture begins to thicken, add whipping cream.

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# Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning

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*The following article is reprinted from Queen Anne News which features Rudy Hansen, a long-time member of Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington. We salute Mr. Hansen for his community service. Way to go, Rudy!*

## Rudy Hansen Fills a Driving Need in County Volunteer Program

The silver, 1982 Buick Regal pulled up in front of the Aurora nursing home and parked expertly. A man and a woman got out.

The driver, Rudy Hansen, was familiar with the routine. He volunteers to drive senior citizens on errands such as shopping and medical appointments through the county's Volunteer Transportation and Escort program.

But, because there are not enough drivers like Hansen to cover the increasing demand for rides, the program needs more volunteers, said Joe Sonntag, program coordinator. "Off and on, we need to find more drivers," Sonntag said.

The volunteer transportation program has been operating in Seattle since 1981 (although it started earlier in other parts of the county); it provides rides to citizens 60 and over who cannot easily use public transportation because of a disability and who don't have anyone else to rely on.

There are about 30 drivers now, Sonntag said, adding that the figure includes people who cannot volunteer very often. Between eight and 10 people drive as often as two days a week, while some volunteers are available once a month, he said.

Hansen is one of the regular drivers. He's on the road two and a half days a week in his impeccably clean car,



Mr. Hansen getting ready to perform a community service.

and even on hot days, "I enjoy it," he says.

The 66-year-old Dane began driving fellow seniors around after he retired from his job as a baker in 1982. Hansen, who lives in Magnolia, said he became bored sitting around the house, and volunteered at his wife's suggestion.

The volunteers pick up passengers at their homes, help them into the car if they need assistance and take them to their destinations.

If a passenger needs an hour or less, the driver waits and takes him or her home, Hansen said. If he needs longer than an hour, the driver leaves and another driver picks up the passenger and takes him home.

Drivers turn in their mileage charts once a month, along with any donations from passengers; in turn, they are reimbursed at 20 cents per mile.

Hansen said the people he drives are very pleased with the senior service. Sonntag agrees. "It's been a really well-received program."

Last year, the program was threatened by a funding crunch. Many of the seniors, although low-income, voiced their support with \$2 donations. "We got about \$1,700," said Sonntag. "It's pretty popular."

Dorothy Johnson, a Queen Anne resident who began using the program about a month ago, agrees. "A little help is a lot for me."

Johnson has had multiple sclerosis (MS) for 14 years; muscles become tense and people who have it sometimes lose control and fall, she explains.

People are often afraid the person with MS will fall, Johnson said. "People don't want to take me places, they don't want to have the responsibility."

She stopped going swimming because it was too hard for her to get to the pool. But she wanted and needed to go, because swimming permits her to exercise. The water, she said, allows her freedom of movement that she can't get otherwise.

Since the volunteers have come into her life, Johnson goes swimming once a week. Her volunteer, Carol Harvey, comes to the door and helps her by carrying her bathing bag and helping her into the car.

"She is so nice. She's always on time," Johnson said. "It's so wonderful to know someone cares."



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