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Cover photo: The Royal Danish ballet will dance for visitors to Copenhagen all through the winter months. Photo courtesy of the Danish Tourist Board.



President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

As we welcome the new year in and glance back at 1985, we see a year full of accomplishments in membership growth and activities but also a year full of much apprehension for the Danish Brotherhood in America. We all realize the disastrous effect the recommendation of the United States Treasury Department to repeal the tax exemption status for fraternal benefit societies would have caused. Many of our members wrote letters to President Reagan and Treasury Secretary Baker voicing their opinions, and, as I reported in the July issue of the **American Dane**, we were very pleased that this recommendation was not included in Treasury II.

However, just as we were breathing a sigh of relief, the September 26, 1985 spread sheets from the Joint Committee on Taxation (a staff committee of the House Ways and Means Committee) included a recommendation to tax fraternal societies with more than \$25,000,000 in annual premiums. While this would not have immediately affected the Danish Brotherhood, we must realize that eventually this recommendation would have included all fraternal societies no matter what their premium income was.

Again, our National Headquarters, along with hundreds of other fraternalists from all across the country, began writing letters, making telephone calls, etc., notifying local congressmen of their negative feelings toward this recommendation.

After another close examination of the objectives of all fraternal benefit societies, I am pleased to inform you that the United States House Ways and Means Committee has voted to exclude from the tax reform package, the proposal to tax fraternal benefit societies.

We can, again, congratulate ourselves on a battle well won. However, we must keep in mind that this was only a battle and the war continues. Please be assured that the National Headquarters will continue their efforts and will keep you abreast of any and all future actions taken by our congressmen, but as individual lodge members in day to day activities, we must also do our part. Please remember that our charitable and benevolent actions will be under close scrutiny. While we realize the true objectives of the Danish Brotherhood are worthy of this tax exemption status, others do not. As I have previously stated, we need to continue and enlarge our voluntary efforts.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that all lodges set goals to make 1986 the best year ever for the Danish Brotherhood. If every lodge increases their benevolent actions by one community service, just imagine what the Danish Brotherhood as a whole would accomplish.

At this time I would like to draw your attention to page 23 which continues the plea of help for Brian Perschnick. Please carefully consider helping Brian and his family. It is efforts like this which are at the heart of the Danish Brotherhood. It is why the Danish Brotherhood exists. We need to prove over and over again that the Danish Brotherhood is a true fraternal benefit society that can live up to its reputation. In addition, we can then be proud that our society is not hiding behind the fraternal system for tax exemption purposes, but to truly help our fellow man.

As reported in the December issue of the **American Dane** by National Fraternal Director, Pam Dorau we have joined efforts to combat the national problem of missing children by featuring a picture of a missing child on the back cover of the **American Dane**. If we can be of assistance in finding just one child, we will have achieved more than our goal.

Finally, one other area that we must continue to support is gaining new members. We turned a corner in 1985 with a good increase in membership growth. That credit goes to all of you working hard to have good activities in your lodges and also our life and annuity programs.

Let's keep up the good work, I'm proud of all of you!

The Mysterious Voyage of Johannes Skolp: Did This Danish Explorer Land in the New World Seventeen Years Before Columbus?

by Peter F. Stevens

Did a Danish sea captain reach America's shores seventeen years before Columbus? Many renowned historians feel the answer is an unequivocal "Yes!" and a great deal of evidence supports this conclusion.

In 1475, King Alfonso of Portugal and King Christian I of Denmark decreed a joint expedition to locate a western sea route to the incalculable riches of the Far East. The monarchs selected two men to act as co-commanders of the venture, Portuguese nobleman Joao Vaz Corte Real and Danish pilot Johannes Skolp, reputedly a master navigator. To Skolp fell the task of guiding the tiny fleet across thousands of miles of storm-tossed, uncharted ocean.

The Dane steered the ships across the North Atlantic to the Labrador coast, where the crews explored Hudson Bay, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the St. Lawrence River in 1476. After months of futile searching for a route to Asia, they abandoned the mission and returned to Denmark. Having failed to accomplish his king's primary goal, Skolp faded into obscurity.

These are the alleged facts of Skolp's voyage to America, but the debate on the saga's validity rages on unabated, centering upon two key questions. Did the 1476 expedition truly take place? Who was the historical Johannes Skolp?

The first widely accepted reference to the Dane's Atlantic crossing appeared in 1597 when the famous Dutch geographer Wytfliet wrote of "... Johannes Scolvus, who in the year 1476 sailed beyond Norway, Greenland, Frisland, penetrated the Northern Strait under the very Arctic Circle, and arrived at the country of Labrador..."¹

Prior to Wytfliet's mention of Skolp's exploits, an English document of 1575 stated, "In the north side of this passage (the Northwest Passage) John Scolvus, a pilot of Danmarke, was in anno 1476."² A trusted pilot's chart of 1582, Lok's Map, depicted a land northwest of Greenland known as Scolvus Groetland, and a 1553 Spanish historian wrote, "Hither (to La Tierra de Labrador) also came men with the pilot Joan Scolvo in anno 1476..."³

Believers in Skolp's voyage offer another potent piece of evidence. On the Zerbst Globe of 1537, the "bible" of its era's cartographers and sea captains, was inscribed the following legend: "**Quij populi ad quos Johannes Scolvus Danus pervenit circa Annum 1476** — These are the people (natives of Labrador) reached by John Scolvus the Dane about the year 1476."⁴ The same inscription appeared on French and English globes of the sixteenth century.

Although fifteenth and sixteenth century European mapmakers and pilots unhesitatingly accepted the reality of Skolp's voyage, why have so many modern historians sought to disprove the Dane's accomplishment? One reason is the enigma of the man, who remains a shadowy figure of history's "twilight zone." Various sketchy accounts of his day described the Dane as tall, blue-eyed and ruddy-complexioned; however, other historical fragments claimed he was "a bluff sailor with a little nose and mouth set between fat cheeks."⁵ The dates of his birth and death are unknown, the only surviving scrap of his life the westward voyage for King Christian in 1476. Many of Skolp's most virulent

detractors, however, acknowledge the fact that a Johannes Skolp must have existed during the second half of the fifteenth century.

Skeptics point to another problem surrounding the reality of Skolp's crossing. In 1925, Dr. Sofus Larsen, a Copenhagen librarian determined to prove once and for all the truth of Skolp's voyage, "combined" the pilot's journey with the alleged voyage of two Danish sea captains known for their piratical activities. Larsen claimed that in 1472 or 1473 King Christian ordered two men, Diderick Pining and Hans Pothorst, on a westward voyage of exploration. According to Larsen, Skolp was the expedition's pilot and Real was an invited guest of the Danes. The explorers supposedly returned to Denmark after clashing with hostile natives in an "unknown" territory west of Greenland.

While critics claim Larsen arbitrarily "blended" separate — and perhaps fanciful — voyages, there is scattered evidence that such a venture may have taken place in 1472-73. One historian wrote in 1933 that Skolp piloted the Pining-Pothorst crossing and that Corte Real was honored in 1474 for his part in the voyage to Labrador. Supporters of Skolp have carried the debate a step farther, claiming Skolp made two journeys to the New World, one in 1472-73 and the other in 1476!

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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.

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Introducing . . .

Matthew F. Emmick — *one of our newest Young Vikings. Matthew joined Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington.*

Matthew was born on July 27, 1984 to Craig and Gayle Emmick. His grandparents are Melvin and Anne Hollister. He is also the great grandson of the late Sam K. Frederiksen. All are members of Lodge No. 29.



Welcome Matthew!

and

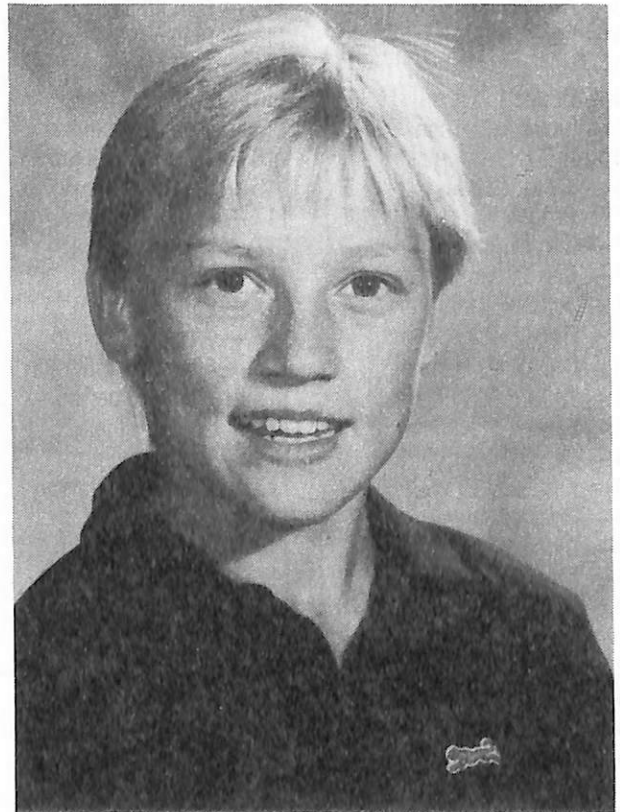
Robert Emmick — *Also one of our newest Young Vikings. Robert joined Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington and has this to say —*

"I play tackle football for our community team, The Bearcats. I also play soccer in the fall and spring. Hopefully, I will be able to play for the Danes in Seattle when I turn 18. My uncle, Craig Emmick, is the goalie for

the Danes Old Timers Team. It has been fun to watch the three Danish teams here in Seattle. Since I made the varsity soccer team as a freshman, I hope to continue to play for three more years.

I am 16 years old and a sophomore at Evergreen High School. I also enjoy hiking, going to the movies with my friends, high school dances and learning to drive.

I became involved with the Danish community because my uncle is married to Gayle Hollister whose grandfather was a leader in promoting Danish heritage in the Northwest for over 60 years."



Welcome Robert!

Are you a new Young Viking member? If so, everyone would like to meet you, too! Just send a picture and a short article describing yourself and the hobbies or activities which you enjoy along with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

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Adjusted Gross Income

(See Instructions on page 11.)

9	Wages, salaries, tips, etc.		
10	Dividends and interest		
11	IRA distributions		
12	Business income or loss		
13	Capital gains and losses		
14	401(k) distributions		
15	Other income		
16	Fully taxable income		
17a	Other payments		
17b	Taxable amount		
18	Rents, royalties		
19	Farm income		
20a	Unemployment compensation		
20b	Taxable amount		
21a	Social security benefits		
21b	Taxable amount		
22	Other income (list on page 1)		
23	Add lines 7 through 22		22
24	Moving expense (attach Form 5900)		23
25	Employee business expense deduction (attach Form 2131)		
26	IRA deduction, from Form 5498 (attach Form 5498)		
27	Keogh retirement plan deduction (attach Form 5498)		
28	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings		
29	Alimony paid (recipient's last name and social security no.)		
30	Deduction for a married couple when both work (attach Schedule W)		
31	Add lines 24 through 30. These are your total adjustments		31
32	Subtract line 31 from line 23. This is your adjusted gross income. If this line is less than \$11,000 and a child lived with you, see "Earned Income Credit" (line 59) on page 16 of Instructions. If you want IRS to figure your tax, see page 13 of Instructions.		32

Directors Announce 30th Consecutive Refund

The National Board of Directors announces the 30th consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of The Danish Brotherhood.

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

The Mysterious Voyage of Johannes Skolp

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The most reputable naval historian of the twentieth century, Samuel Eliot Morrison, diligently attempted to solve the Skolp dilemma once and for all. After voluminous research, he came to several conclusions. He utterly dismissed Portuguese claims that Corte Real was the real discoverer of America ("rediscoverer," considering the Vikings' voyages!). Regarding Larsen's hypothesis of a combined Pining-Pothorst-Skolp expedition in 1472-73, Morrison admonished any attempt to place the voyages "all in the same boat."⁶

Finally, Morrison grudgingly conceded the probable truth of the Danish pilot's 1476 crossing to the New World. Realizing the historical references of fifteenth and sixteenth century mapmakers and chroniclers undoubtedly have some basis in fact, he wrote: "What can we salvage for sober history from this hodge-podge? . . . That a Dane named Skolp or Scolvus made a northern voyage under Danish auspices in 1476, and was reported on certain maps and globes a century later to have found the Northwest Passage long before Frobisher ever looked for it. . . ."⁷

If indeed Skolp discovered the fabled Northwest Passage, he was apparently unaware of his "find."

Perhaps some future historian, poring over dusty archives in Copenhagen, will unearth the actual date the Danish pilot set foot upon the soil of the New World and Skolp will wear the mantle of fame so long denied him. Johannes Skolp Day — it has a nice ring to it.

FOOTNOTES

- 1 Morrison, *The European Discovery of America*, p. 91.
- 2 *Ibid.*, p. 92.
- 3 *Ibid.*, p. 92.
- 4 *Ibid.*, p. 92-93.
- 5 Bolton, *Terra Nova*, p. 106.
- 6 Morrison, p. 93.
- 7 *Ibid.*, p. 93.

Members have four options for receiving or applying the refunds.

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

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3. May be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate.
4. May use refund to reduce life insurance premiums, if on direct bill from the National Headquarters.

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

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

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In addition to the \$300.00 given to the charity of his or her choice, the "Recommender of the Year" will receive a personalized plaque and be recognized in the American Dane.

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All the records will be kept at the National Headquarters and normal application procedures will still be followed. Your representative can assist you in calling on the new member to complete the insurance application or simply send one copy of the membership application to our Home Office for follow-up by our Sales Director, Andy Andersen, or call him collect at (402) 341-5049 Monday through Friday.

In case of a tie, the "Recommender of the Year" will be awarded to whoever sponsors the most new members.

Currently, in cases where a tie has been declared for the "Recommender of the Month," a \$50.00 donation has been given to the Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund in the name of all contending recommenders. However, since the DBIA has decided to support the National Fraternal of Congress of America's efforts to help missing children, the \$50.00 will be awarded to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in the name of all contending recommenders. If no charity is declared, the donation will be awarded to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children also.

Representatives, Home Office personnel, and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.

1986 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1986 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1986 and June 1, 1986.

Prize money will be awarded for the 20 highest teams, high men's individual game, high men's individual series, high women's team, high women's individual game, and high women's individual series.

The winning Young Viking team will be awarded a certificate to avoid conflict with eligibility requirements for school athletics.

All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of the Danish Brotherhood. A lodge may enter one or more teams. No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Skovsøen

The Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood in America has again 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.

Summer Schools Offered in Denmark

The Danish Cultural Institute (Det Danske Selskab) takes much pleasure in announcing the "Summer Schools in Denmark and Scandinavia, 1986" program.

The summer schools will be guided by experts and joined by professionals, teaching staff from universities and institutes of higher education, and advanced students from all over the world.

For further information contact the Danish Cultural Institute (Det Danske Selskab), Kultorvet 2, DK-1175, Copenhagen K, Denmark.

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Dr. John F. West Wins 1985 Translation Prize

The American-Scandinavian Foundation is pleased to announce that Dr. John F. West has been unanimously chosen the winner of its sixth annual Translation Prize Competition. Dr. West receives the award for his translation of the Danish novel, **Det gode Håb (The Good Hope)**, William Heinesen's highly acclaimed work about the Faroe Islands.

The Translation Prize is the only one of its kind offered for English translations of Nordic literature and is awarded each year for the finest translation of poetry, fiction, drama or literary prose written by a Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian, or Swedish author born after 1880. As the winner of last year's competition, Dr. West receives a

\$1,000 honorarium and a commemorative bronze medallion.

Dr. West, a native of England, was educated at Queens College, Cambridge, where he studied English literature and social anthropology. Since 1956, however, he focused his attention on the Faroe Islands and has published a number of translations and original works on that subject; his translation of Hedin Bru's **The Old Man and his Sons** (1970) remains the one and only English rendition of a Faroese language novel. Dr. West is currently composing a three-volume history of 18th century Faroe, the first volume of which will soon be published in Copenhagen by The Society for the Publication of Faroese Sources and Studies.



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David, Dorothy and Ian Krogh of Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon.

The Krogh family, David, Dorothy and Ian, are now members of the Portland, Oregon Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 167. David and Ian Krogh are the third and fourth generations of Kroghs to join the Danish Brotherhood.

Great grandfather William Krogh came to the United States, settled in Kenosha, Wisconsin, before World War I and was a 60-year member of the Danish Brotherhood. Harry Krogh, William Krogh's son, was also a member of the Kenosha, Wisconsin lodge for over 40 years.

David Krogh began membership with the Kenosha Lodge and moved to the Eugene, Oregon area and joined the Junction City, Oregon lodge. When the lodge was established a few years ago in Eugene, David and Dorothy were founders of the new lodge. Later, David and Dorothy moved to Portland and transferred to Portland, Oregon Lodge No. 167.

Along came Ian and the baby is now a member of Lodge No. 167 also. Welcome four generations of Kroghs to the Danish Brotherhood!

May We Meet You, Too?

We would like to give all our members the opportunity to meet the new DBIA 100% insured families. If your family has just joined, please forward a picture and a short article describing your family and why you joined the Danish Brotherhood in America to 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

Remember, new DBIA 100% insured families will receive an attractive plate produced by Bing and Grøndahl to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Danish Brotherhood while supplies last.



From the Desk of

National Secretary-Treasurer

Shortly, many of you will be notified through your lodge president and secretary that the National Headquarters will once again conduct workshops for lodge officers, representatives, committee chairmen and interested members. As you may recall, these workshops were once before held in 1980 and proved to be very successful. We are hopeful that the 1986 DBIA workshops will be even more successful.

The purpose of the workshops will be to reinforce our knowledge of the Danish Brotherhood in America and the various benefits of membership. We will discuss the history of the fraternal benefit system and how the Danish Brotherhood fits into that history. We will provide each participant with information regarding our insurance programs as well as fraternal programs to make membership in your lodge and participation in lodge activities more attractive. Time will be given for open discussion between participants and workshop leaders — a real opportunity to solve some problems — probably the most important aspect of the workshops.

The workshops will be led by Andy Andersen, Sales Director; Pam Dorau, Fraternal Director; and myself. Therefore, this will be a great opportunity for you to meet

your Home Office management staff if you have not had the opportunity as of yet. More importantly, it will give us a chance to meet you.

Don't miss this opportunity. We believe the workshops will benefit all who attend. The program will serve to open lines of communication between the Home Office and members and lodges. Hopefully, we will become more responsive to your needs as members and you will become more aware of what is available from the Home Office. In addition, you may pick up ideas on lodge programs, new activities, and increasing membership from other lodges. In turn, you can share your ideas with other participants.

Join with us at the 1986 DBIA workshops as we work together towards the strengthening and growth of the Danish Brotherhood in America; "to promote and perpetuate Danish culture and traditions and to provide fraternal benefits and family protection."

Fraternally,

Jerome L. Christensen

Music Award Established by Victor Borge

Victor Borge, the internationally-known comedian and pianist, has established a music prize in gratitude for his Danish heritage. The income from his gift will be awarded annually to talented young Danes in the field of classical music and to members of the Royal Orchestra. "Perhaps we will foster a new Mozart or a new Birgit Nielsen," Borge said optimistically. Pointing out that he had been helped in his own musical development by scholarships and

awards, he commented: "I well know what they mean for a talented student without means. I've been fortunate on all counts, so I can well afford to be generous." He is himself an honorary member of the Royal Orchestra.

The prize will probably be awarded for the first time at the opening of Tivoli on May 1, 1986, and Borge hopes to be there to make the presentation.

Annual Meeting of the Danish Immigrant Museum Held at Decorah, Iowa

The Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum met in Decorah, Iowa, on October 27, 1985, to elect officers and Board members. Continuity was seen as essential in this first stage of the Museum's development and the officers re-elected to their posts were Signe T. Nielsen Betsinger of St. Paul, Minnesota, President; Harald R. Jensen of St. Paul, Minnesota, Vice President; Gail Geo. Holmes of Omaha, Nebraska, Secretary; and Lisa Riggs of Elk Horn, Iowa, Treasurer.

Board members who were re-elected to three year terms were: John Mark Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska; Norman Bansen, Blair, Nebraska; Marion Marzolf, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Rand Petersen, Harlan, Iowa;

Pamela Dorau, Omaha, Nebraska; and Peter L. Petersen, Canyon, Texas.

The Advisory Council of the Museum, made up of over thirty members from the United States and Canada, also met in Decorah. Marion Nelson, Director of the Vesterheim Museum spoke to the Advisory Council and the Board of Directors, after a dinner gathering on October 26. His topic was "Funding a National Ethnic Museum: How Vesterheim Does It." The Council also heard the progress report of the Danish Immigrant Museum's fund raising consultant, Stephen Wilhelm of Goettler and Associates, Columbus, Ohio. The Advisory Council's many contacts will help the Museum with its fund raising efforts.

Hans Christian Andersen Contest

The Danish Tourist Board will soon sponsor a contest in which all 14-year-olds in the United States and Canada will be eligible to win a free trip to Denmark in August, 1986. Why 14-year-olds only? Because that's the age Hans Christian Andersen was when he left his hometown of Odense to go to Copenhagen to launch his writing career. His first volume of fairytales was published 150 years ago and during 1986, Hans Christian Andersen Year will be celebrated throughout Denmark to mark the anniversary. Contestants will be asked to write a 100-300 word essay about their favorite Hans Christian Andersen fairytale and the best two essayists in the United States and Canada will be chosen as winners by a panel of judges appointed by the Danish Tourist Board. SAS will fly the winners round trip between the United States and Denmark, also free. Full details of the contest, which will run from mid-January to the end of March, are available from the Danish Tourist Board, 655 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

20 Year Pins

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675 — Jack Chapman
675 — James Jansen
675 — Dennis R. Porter
700 — Bryan Landen
700 — Peter Giegerich
700 — Lou Jacobsen

The Howard E. Christensen Award

The Danish Brotherhood in America has many members who constantly put forth that extra effort and should be recognized. Since the late Secretary-Treasurer, Howard E. Christensen, was known for his constant hard work and dedication to the DBIA, this award has been named after him in tribute.

The Howard E. Christensen Award will be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in America to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the award winner must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Nomination forms, along with guidelines and procedures have been forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to securing at least one nomination form from every lodge by the deadline of April 1, 1986.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

For further information, contact your local lodge President or

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT PACIFIC- NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Congratulations to Pastor Gudmond B. Rundstrom who observed his 50th year as an ordained pastor recently. That is a long time in service "for God and country." He received a congratulatory letter from the Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C. Pastor Rundstrom is still active with the Lutheran Nursing Home, and also serves as associate pastor at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville. For the past two to three years Pastor Rundstrom has come to us and given us the Christmas message in beautiful Danish at St. John's Lutheran Church. We are looking forward to hearing him again this coming Christmas.

Our lodge meeting on November 6 was a very festive and interesting evening. We had the pleasure and honor of having the Royal Danish Consul-General of Los Angeles, California, Mr. and Mrs. Henning Kristiansen. We enjoyed our prominent guests very much. The Consul gave us a very interesting and informative talk about Denmark. Thank you for coming and come again soon, Mr. Consul!

Also, at our November meeting, reports were given on the November 2 bazaar at the Northwest Danish Home and the roast pork dinner in Harmony Hall. The bazaar was very successful despite the inclement weather. The coffee bar with Wilhemina Parker as chairman was also a big success. Thanks to all who helped and who donated cookies. The roast pork dinner was delicious and enjoyed by all. It takes team work from all groups to make a bazaar a success. Thanks to all! **Ted Kofaed, Cor.**

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — Scandinavian Days at Tacoma were held October 8-12 at the local Bi-Centennial Building. Each year a number of our members are active at this endeavor. They dedicate themselves by working hard to earn scholarships for college students of Scandinavian descent.

This year our Scandinavian Brotherhood netted \$1,288 toward their goal, selling pea soup, Danish hot dogs and Danish pastries.

The best idea for January goes to Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA. See page 16.

We also contributed money and services toward the building of a new Scandinavian Cultural Center. It will be located on the campus at Pacific Lutheran University at Parkland, Washington.

Again this year, our very successful Host Fest was celebrated October 16 at Titlow Park Lodge. Over 70 members and guests attended. This year the women prepared all the food. Dining was superb that night. The place was alive with entertainment, which included raffles, a fish pond, music, dancing, not to mention that fabulous feast. We sang Danish and American songs and Fred Madsen from the Enumclaw Lodge entertained us with his accordion.



One of our popular money makers at the Host Fest, a fish pond.

On November 16 we met for a business meeting at Ole Snoer's restaurant, The Turning Point, located at Fife, Washington.

We agreed to meet for lunch on the second Saturday of each month at Ole's restaurant, beginning in January, with the exception of June, October and December when we'll meet at the Titlow Park Lodge for our special parties.

We hope that our new schedule will bring with it new members. **Signe Wenness, Cor.**

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — New members are vitally important to the future of the Spokane Danish lodges. Invite your friends and relatives to our next meeting. En-

courage them to become members of "The Danes."

Upcoming events include a Pinochle party to be held on Saturday, January 18, 1986.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — We had a very successful vegetable table at our ladies bazaar in November thanks to Einer Bruhn's garden patch. **Howard Abbott, Sec.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — At our November 6 meeting a letter from DBIA Sales Director, Andy Andersen, was read telling us of the departure of Bob Wiegand, District Manager. Insurance matters are now to be handled by our lodge representative or the Home Office.

Stig Hansen reported that the lodge received a \$10 award from the **American Dane** magazine for having the best idea of the month, the ethnic display.

Mag Esrom related that the Northwest Home dinner went very well. A \$400 check was sent to the home. He thanked all those who contributed, as the dinner would not make a profit without donations. He thanked Don Bogh for the potatoes and carrots.

June Pihl thanked everyone that had purchased Scanfest concert tickets.

The Danish community was well represented at the annual Lucia Court selection sponsored by the Scandinavian Club of Portland. Appearing in the competition were Brotherhood members, Angie Becker and Lisa Anne Hakkinen, and Sisterhood member Laura Du Fresne. Each of the thirteen girls gave a brief talk on her Scandinavian heritage, interests and goals. It was a tough decision for the panel of judges and we Danes can be proud that two of these girls were chosen for the court. Lisa is the daughter of Fritse and Frederick Hakkinen of Lake Oswego; and Laura is the daughter of Arnold and Joan DeFresne of Northeast Portland. Other members of the court include Nina Ball, Karla Hendrickson, and Rebecca Ann Rix. **Joanne Kantor, Sec.**

Lodge #194, McMinnville, OR — Several of our members enjoyed the 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Poul and Martha



Mr. and Mrs. Poul Persson honored for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Persson given by their children. They were married in Copenhagen, Denmark, on November 8, 1935. Both are members of our lodge.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 48 members present at our November meeting. Four new members were initiated and they are Harry Vestergaard, John Barfoed, Jørgen Larsen, and Tommy Johansen. Welcome to you all.

Jarl Christensen, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — Once again we were pleased to welcome several guests to our November 14 meeting and hope that some of them will decide to join us on a permanent basis. Sterling Jensen was a guest of Kris Sand, Paul and Pauline Petersen were with the Nyegaards, Knud Toftemark introduced his brother and wife, Aage and Alice Toftemark, and Agner Ranch introduced our Norwegian guest, Ed Anderson, president of the Sons of Norway Lodge.

It has been approved by the Sons of Norway Lodge that we may have a bookcase in the fireside room and Hugo Christensen will build it. There has been a problem determining if our lodge members are covered by the liability insurance of Sons of Norway. They are trying to include us and have a blanket policy but we will hear more about this later. The lutefisk dinner is going to be February 1 and they are also collecting things for a garage sale.

A letter from Andy Andersen, Sales Director, informed us that Bob Wiegand was no longer employed with the Danish Brotherhood Insurance program.

Lois Toftemark, Sec.

CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — A very delicious "køgt Torsk" dinner was prepared and served by Jørgen Hansen and crew for 65 members and guests.

The chairman of the convention committee, Johannes Jaeger, reported that appointments for all the responsibilities for the various phases of the convention has been completed.

The nominating committee announced the following candidates for 1986 officers: Past President, Max Hanberg; President, Johannes Jaeger; Vice President, Bent Pedersen; Secretary, Bill Rasmussen; Treasurer, Arnold Detmer; Conductor, Bent Olsen; 1st Trustee, Dave Christian; 2nd Trustee, Gary Uterseher; 3rd Trustee, Mogens Mortensen; Inner Guard, Glen Jacobsen; and Outer Guard, Mark Bates.

After a positive vote, the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above, and Max Hanberg announced that installation will take place January 18 at the Sheraton with music by Holger Larsen. Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — During our regular meeting in November, we had three applications for membership; Karen G. Dugas, Jasen P. Christensen and Noelle J. Christensen. Marie Christensen was the recommender. Welcome to all!

We all enjoyed bingo at our meeting of December 7. One innovative lady, Betty Christensen, thought of a real great bingo prize. She brought \$10.00 worth of California lottery tickets. Whoever won the bingo game won the lottery tickets. The winner was Kristine Braken. What makes it even more exciting is that she drew a \$100 ticket.

We are about to embark on a suggestion from DBIA National Headquarters. Who in our lodge would you like to honor as our most dedicated member, a member or members that have made that extra effort for our lodge, or the one(s) who are really dedicated to the lodge and have shown outstanding service? Please forward any suggested names to Secretary Gerry Olsen.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — At the November meeting Anelise Andersen prepared a delicious dinner which included turkey, potatoes, gravy, rødskal, and cucumber salad. Vikki Garrison made cranberry sauce; Sue Patterson brought rolls and butter and Betty Forgrave made pumpkin pies for dessert. Everything was superb!

Pete Petersen was presented a special lapel pin to wear whenever he visits hospitalized members. Thank you, Pete, for

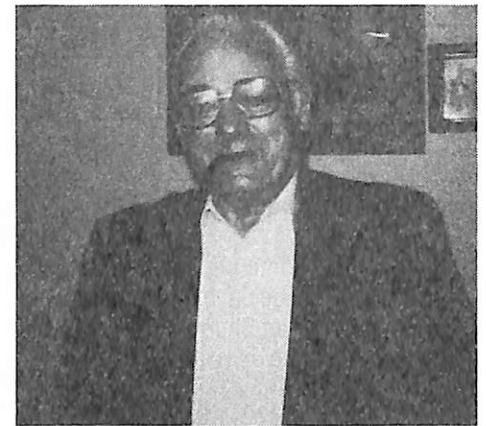
all you do for the spiritual support of Kodan's members! We appreciate you.

Sue Patterson has asked members to be on the lookout for a new place to meet, where more of our members would be able to attend, preferably a place where there would not be so many stairs.

On January 11, 1986, a joint installation dinner dance will be hosted by Holger Danske Lodge No. 345. For reservations, contact Gerry Olsen. Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — Arne (Jake) Sorensen was initiated as a new member at our November meeting. We are happy to have him in our group.



Welcome to new member, Jake Sorensen.

Two young people, Pete and Sindee Niccum of Des Moines, who had spent some time in Denmark while their father was in the service, visited us. They were a pleasant addition to the evening.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — At our anniversary dinner held November 8 we honored Chris Jorgensen for his 60 years of membership in the Danish Brotherhood. We were also very pleased to recognize Soren Sorensen for his 73 years of membership.



Vice President, Mrs. Noval Nelson, congratulates Soren Sorensen and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jorgensen.

We held our December 7th meeting at the Senior Citizen's Center. Sixty-four members

and guests were present for the election of officers and a Christmas party. Officers for 1986 will be Donald Levisen, President; Jack Paulsen, Vice President; Viggo Berthelsen, Secretary-Treasurer; Marcella Clausen, Financial Secretary; Alton Neve, Trustee, and Elvin Reim, Conductor.

Pastor and Mrs. Roger Buhr of Concordia-Pickeral Lake Lutheran Church showed how they observed the Christmas season through various arts and crafts. After the group sang Danish Christmas carols, Santa arrived to distribute gifts for all.
Alton Neve, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — 1985 was a busy year with the Ethnic Fair, host to Iowa-Minnesota Convention, St. Hans Aften celebration and many more activities with members and friends.

We wish everyone "Godt Nytaar" in 1986 from Lodge No. 347.
Ulla Wall, Sec.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — We met in the basement of the Whitney Bank Building on Monday, November 11. President Knudsen read some highlights from the report of the State Convention which was held in September at Cedar Rapids. It was noted that the National Convention will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1987. He stresses the fact that it was not too early to make plans to attend this.

There was a discussion on attending a goose dinner at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn. Priscilla Hansen was appointed to investi-

gate the possibility of the lodge doing this sometime in the near future.

Folmer Molgaard had been in Elk Horn when Victor Borge was there and he gave a brief report on his performance.

Helen Molgaard introduced Ken and Mary Lou Hoegh who reported on their recent trip to Denmark and Sweden.

Mary Lou Hoegh, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Our lodge along with the Sisterhood lodge will hold a Torsk dinner in January. A corned beef and cabbage dinner is being planned for March.

Wayne Kavaliauskas, Pres.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — October 19th found Gordy and Lillian Andersen, Don and Elaine Servais and Bob and Elaine Ibsen at the Midwest District Dart Tournament sponsored by Lodge No. 340 in Wood Dale. It is always a lot of fun and the lunch was very good. Thanks for a good event.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the annual Halloween party. The costumes were great. Prizes were awarded in various categories. The hall was all decked out with decorations. The committee consisted of co-chairman Jeff and Todd Bernhardt, Wes and Mardie Bernhardt, Dan and Lori Berg, Rudy and Glori Bernhardt, and Jeff Wamboldt. Great job and a fun night!

At the Midwest District Convention we

won the District President's Award for the Best Activity Schedule; Milwaukee won the Best Single Civic Activity; Dwight won the Best Social Activity and Chicago won the Best Newsletter. Chicago also went on to win the National President's Award for Best Newsletter. Congratulations to Chicago and the Editor, Else Petersen.

Our big fund raiser for the year — Christmas Jule Fest — is now history and once again was highly successful. Gordy Andersen was chairman this year and with a lot of help from many brothers and their wives we sincerely thank you. It is estimated that around 1,800 people came through which is the biggest crowd ever. Over 600 were served food. We thank those who came to the fair and also our vendors in the booths. The raffle was very successful this year and thanks to all who sold and purchased tickets for the benefit of the building fund.

Welcome to our new members Martin Antaramian and Edgar M. Gastaldi.

Upcoming events include the aebleskiver and medisterpølse breakfast which will be held Sunday, January 19, 1986. For reservations contact David Jensen.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Welcome to our new members Marlena Anderson and Violet Matzen who were initiated into the lodge. There have been some responses from other lodges for the Brian Perschnick Fund which will be greatly appreciated. It is a good feeling to see such warm responses

Lest We Forget

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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
10-12-85	Lorents A. Lorenzen	90	Vejen, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1925
10-10-85	Martin Petersen	92	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1918
10-6-85	Frank J. Pedersen	76	Grand Island, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1934
9-21-85	Paul E. Christensen	70	Cleveland, Ohio	323	Alhambra, California	1932
10-26-85	August S. Christensen	74	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1968
10-31-85	Victor Pedersen	82	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1934
10-31-85	Alfred Undall Dam	79	Hammershøj, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1945
11-7-85	Roscoe Power	76	Hydro, Oklahoma	71	Penn Yan, Pennsylvania	1951
10-23-85	Marius T. Andersen	80	Dørup, Denmark	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1925
11-8-85	Jullius A. Peterson	96	Waupaca, Wisconsin	9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	1930
11-13-85	Arthur Christensen	71	Aalborg, Denmark	334	Geneva, New York	1951
10-5-85	Melfred Hamberg	71	Freeborn County, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1963
11-7-85	Alfred J. Zackman	78	Chicago, Illinois	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1960
2-25-85	Dorothy Clausen	66	Omaha, Nebraska	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1971
10-2-85	Floyd C. Worman, Sr.	54	Chicago, Illinois	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1978
10-28-85	Wilbert C. Jensen	63	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1977
11-8-85	Elmer H. Frith	71	Salt Lake City, Utah	323	Alhambra, California	1980
3-31-84	Harold Gertsen	84	Houlbjerg, Denmark	347	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1979
10-1-85	Elmer B. Jensen	89	Brush, Colorado	255	Selma, California	1948
9-26-85	Lars F. Madsen	82	Hals, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1973
11-21-85	Hans G. Fredericksen	69	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1973
11-13-85	Clement Miller	92	Ferndale, California	95	Ferndale, California	1954
11-20-85	Andrew Andersen	93	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1964
11-27-85	Edward Voss	87	Elgin, Illinois	51	Ludington, Michigan	1972
11-24-85	Alvin F. Garcia	73	Chicago, Illinois	51	Ludington, Michigan	1970
11-10-85	Charles R. Terrell	69	Charlton, Iowa	147	Newell, Iowa	1976

from our brothers and sisters of other lodges.

Thanks to Marge Lauritsen for offering to take care of our scrap books and sick cards.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — At our November 15 meeting two members were initiated into the lodge and made welcome. They are Evelyn Guthrie and Edith Bernson.

Al Iversen read the slate of recommended candidates for officers for 1986. All officers were elected as recommended except Conductor. Al Steffensen was nominated from the floor and elected.

A letter received from Michelle Sloth thanked the lodge for her scholarship.

Paul Sloth reported on the banquet. He gave a glowing report; said people had to be turned down because of limited space.

It was announced that the Brian Perschnick Fund is well over \$1,000.

More than 170 people enjoyed the anniversary dinner-dance on November 9. Presidents Ray Nielsen and Bea Zimmerman welcomed guests and congratulatory speeches were made by distinguished guests present. Paul Sloth was toastmaster for the evening and made special mention of members who have been in the lodge for many years, namely Martin Christensen, Roger Larsen, Jens Hovmiller, Carl Meyer, and Christ Mortensen. We wish all could have been present.

We received the National President's Award for the Best Newsletter for 1985. Bob Ibsen, National President, presented a beautiful plaque and \$100 to Elsa Petersen and Ray Nielsen. What a nice surprise!



National President Robert E. Ibsen presents the National President's Award for Best Newsletter to Wendy and Else Petersen (editor) and Lodge President Ray Nielsen.

The food was delicious. Dave Kyrk's dance music was great and the dance floor was filled until midnight.

Thanks to all who donated lovely raffle prizes and to the committee, headed by Paul and Cindy Sloth, for all their hard work.

A \$100 money tree was made by Jan Miller and won by Sven Jorgensen. Sven promptly turned the money over to the Brian Perschnick Fund. He received a standing ovation and a thundering rendition of "Han Skal Leve" for his generous gesture. Golgatha Church turned in \$500 for the fund and over \$100 was collected from donations.

Audrey Christiansen made good her promise to turn over a donation from insurance sales made in July and August to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks, Audrey, for your generous donation.

Twelve members went down to the Museum of Science and Industry and decorated the Danish Christmas tree. It looked great!

PRESIDENT'S AWARD CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our anniversary/Christmas party was held in the lounge of Bethany United Presbyterian Church on December 3, and enjoyed by all. Instead of having a gift exchange, members brought more generous donations of non-perishable food items for the church Food Pantry for distribution to the needy. After hors d'oeuvres, we enjoyed a roast beef dinner served by the church ladies.

Following the dinner, we all experienced a special treat, a Danish Kransekage, made by Inga Hermansen. The festive, color movie "The Wedding of Princess Margrethe," now Queen Margrethe II, on loan from the Danish Consulate in Chicago, was shown.

Thanks to all who made the evening a heart-warming success, especially to Elsa Berlin who chaired the event and who also made three dimensional needle craft baskets for place favors.

The following members were elected to serve the lodge for 1986: Past President, Orville P. Christensen; President, Grace E. Gertz; Vice President, Robert W. Rasmussen; Secretary, Albert L. Larsen; Treasurer, Alice T. Andersen; First Trustee, Elsa Berlin; Second Trustee, Barbara H. Larsen; Third Trustee, Rev. Ernest O. Norquist; and Conductor, Lillian S. Jensen.

We were proud to learn that the President's Award Committee declared our lodge the winner of the 1985 President's Award for Best Single Civic Activity.

Albert Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — On November 9, in spite of heavy drifting snow and near blizzard conditions, 67 members and guests made their hazardous way to the Waupaca Country Club for our annual Mortensaften Dinner.

The menu included the traditional roast

goose with apple, raisin and prune stuffing, baked chicken and bread stuffing, fruit cup, sweet and sour red cabbage, parslid potatoes, creamed peas and carrots, rolls, sherbet and coffee.

Charter member Ella Gudmandsen led the Danish dinner prayer. President Evelyn Doerr served as mistress of ceremonies for the dinner introductions and program. Colorful Danish flags and centerpieces made by our Vice President, Loyal Lundorf, were placed on the tables to create a festive setting. Several local students entertained us with selections from the recent high school musical production of "Damn Yankees." Door prizes were distributed by Florence Johnson and Helen Peterson. Special thanks to Florence for contacting and arranging for reservations. Music for dancing and listening followed.

Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

NEBRASKA PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Officers to serve for 1986 were elected at our December 3rd meeting. Officers are: Past President, J. Duane Hansen; President, Jim Therikildsen; Vice President, John Norton; Secretary, Jim Christiansen; Treasurer, Svend Greve; First Trustee, Michael Nielsen; Second Trustee, Wayne Rasmussen; Third Trustee, Jan Wehner; and Conductor, Walt Madsen.

The President's Award Committee declared our lodge the winner of the 1985 President's Award for Best Single Social Activity. The award was given for our St. Hans' Aften Party in June. Seventy members attended this special event. Most importantly, this event attracted twelve new members to our lodge.

We approved the applications for membership of two persons, Elizabeth Anderson Olson and Elaine M. Andersen. Welcome.

Jim Christiansen, Sec.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — At our November 9 meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Quentin Johnson; Vice President, Clarence Hansen; Secretary, Erik Hansen; Treasurer, Paul Hansen; Chairman of Trustees, Sten Pedersen; First Trustee, Lennie Kincheloe; and Second Trustee, Raymond Jensen.

On Saturday, January 11, our first meeting of the year will be held at the IOOF Hall. The business meeting will include installation of the new officers and "A Night of Magic." Refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, February 8, an aebleskiver supper will be served at the IOOF Hall. Paul Wehner, District Representative, will speak

to the group about life insurance and the annuity programs. The Sisterhood and Brotherhood members will proceed to their regular meeting places. **Don Lehn, Pres.**

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — Our monthly meeting was held November 9 at the Ruskin Community Room. Correspondence was read from William Jorgensen, Jr. of Minden, Nebraska, regarding the information and point system of the monthly secretary reports and also gave a summary of the events of the Nebraska lodges in 1985.

A letter from Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director, requesting articles from Nebraska lodges for the "Den Danske Pioneer," a Danish newspaper, was read. A thank you from Michelle Duprey for the use of the Danish language tapes and also for the support of the lodge so she could attend Skovsøen last summer was also read.

The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, was discussed at length. A report was given by Kenneth Pedersen on the

purpose of the museum and a list of the Board of Directors was read. At the end of discussion, it was decided to donate \$200 to the Danish Immigrant Museum.

Election of officers was held and officers for 1986 are as follows: President, Bill Erickson; Vice President, Eddie Meyer; Secretary, Joyce Erickson; Treasurer, Florence Bargen; Trustee, Albert Jorgensen; and Conductor, Ron Lewis.

Joyce Erickson, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our October committee, Mr. and Mrs. Laurids Pedersen, Chairpersons, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Christensen and Stan Jensen, hosted a costume party and hay-ride for our October meeting. All who attended had a great time with Anita Johnson and Lars Thorsen winning best costume awards. A special thanks goes out to Raymond and Marian Wilson who provided the apple cider and the hay-rack. Stan Jensen provided a most appropriately decorated sheet cake for which everyone is also thankful.

At this meeting, our lodge voted to give \$50 to the John Tuttle family and we thank Harriet for taking care of this transaction.

Jerry Christensen, Pres.

GCEL

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — We had special treats at our October 2 meeting. Kaye W. Sorenson was visiting his father, Captain Kaye H. Sorenson, and attended the meeting. Kaye and his wife Joyce moved to Florida last year after he retired. It was good to see our former vice president Kaye and Skaal his good health.

At the October 16 meeting, Brother Glen Nissen brought some of his homemade raspberry cordial. All the brothers agreed that it was delectable on the taste buds. Thanks Glen.

The Fishing party held on October 13 at George Severson's camp on Lake George was a super success. From Bill Peterson's clam chowder to Olin Yauchler's baked beans to George Severson's cooking,

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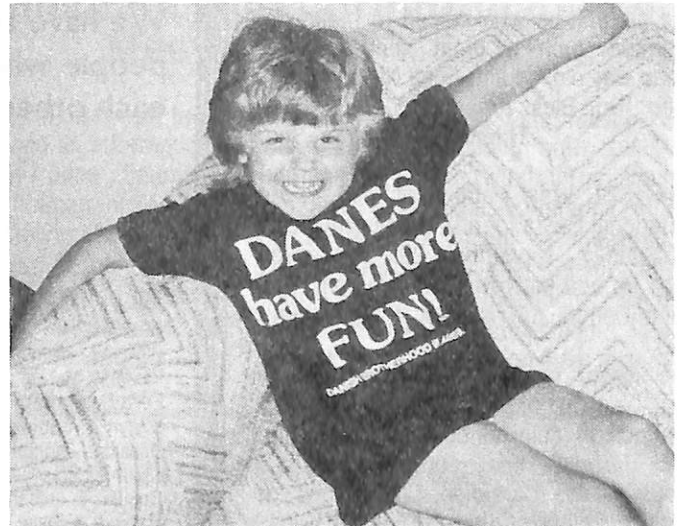


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everyone must have gained five pounds. Three Troy brothers also attended which included Irv Jensen, Bob Nelson and Jim Christiansen. **Lawrence L. Barry, Cor.**

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our regular meeting was held on October 14 with 16 members present. The meeting was opened by President Harold Thygesen. A candidate for membership was then introduced. Eric Parket of Waterbury Center, Vermont, was initiated into our lodge by President Thygesen and was heartily welcomed by all members.

Secretary Mekkelsen then took a few moments to present to Lodge No. 294, in the name of the Mekkelsen family, a United States flag that had been flown over our nation's capitol in Washington, D.C. and had also been flown over our Vermont state capitol building at Montpelier, to be used at our meetings. The flag was acquired through the kindness and courtesy of Vermont's U.S. Senator, Patrick J. Leahy. All members then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and you could tell that their pledge was from the heart from the sound of their voices.

Convention chairman, Charles Thygesen, gave his thanks to each and every member of the committee who helped to make the convention such a great success. The meeting was closed and Anna Nielsen led in singing "God Bless America."

Thomas Mekkelsen, Sec.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — An International Fiesta for all ethnic groups was held Sunday, November 26. We asked Omaha for and borrowed the film "Vikings: Life and Conquests" in color. It was magnificent.

The Fiesta included "Children of the World," a group of public school children of all nations in colorful costumes, the film "The Vikings: Life and Conquests," Famous Jews, Ukrainian Club, Sons of Norway, Polish Cultural Society, and Spanish dances. The Center was full to capacity and a huge success.

Carl Rasmussen, Sec.

**JANUARY ASSESSMENT
NUMBER 1039**
is Due and Payable to the
Lodge Treasurer
January 1, 1986
and Must Be Paid Before
February 1, 1986
Members failing to pay their local
lodge treasurer as per above will be
considered in arrears.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — The attendance of our November meeting was great, with our arts and craft show exhibiting beautiful handmade items. Pastor Henrik Fossing showed slides from the Faeroe Island. We were honored to have guests from the Lindberg Lodge participating in the arts and craft show and we welcomed Silvia and Erik Storm Pedersen as the newest members of our lodge. Our dinner dance in New Hyde Park Inn on November 15 was attended by 75 members and guests. We had a grand evening and were happy that we could honor Jorgen Petersen with an award for his years of service to our lodge and his help and interest in the Scandinavian Festival. Congratulations, Jorgen. **Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**



Eileen, Katie and John proudly display their heritage.

summer picnic. Eileen, Katie and John are the children of Jerry and Margaret Gray.

Ron Nielsen, Sec.

MONTANA

Lodge #273, Dillon, MT — We were very pleased to have three children model shirts from Copenhagen, Denmark during our

Lodge #283, Dagmar, MT — On June 5, Danish Independence Day, we celebrated our 75th Diamond Jubilee. Among the many activities were a group of young Danes who

VELKOMMEN!

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



New Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
William L. Mathews	14	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Violet M. Matzen	34	Dwight, IL	Metha Jensen
Edith S. Bernson	35	Chicago, IL	Marie Johansson
Evelyn A. Guthrie	35	Chicago, IL	Marie Johansson
Donald L. Thompson	43	Denver, CO	Andy Andersen
Carol Thompson	43	Denver, CO	Andy Andersen
Douglas E. Larsen	51	Ludington, MI	John Laird
Halley R. Hansen	84	Lincoln, NE	Mrs. Paul E. Hansen
Frances M. Andersen	164	New York, NY	Elpha O'Brien
Alan R. Rademacher	167	Portland, OR	Jens Gimbel
Henny P. Rademacher	167	Portland, OR	Jens Gimbel
Marge M. Jensen	230	Arcata, CA	Laura Schuler
Vern V. Jensen	230	Arcata, CA	Laura Schuler
Hans C. Dudal	230	Arcata, CA	Earl W. Kjer
Emma A. Dudal	230	Arcata, CA	Earl W. Kjer
Herman J. Johannessen	230	Arcata, CA	Viggo Poulsen
Mary K. Johannessen	230	Arcata, CA	Viggo Poulsen
Martha J. McCutcheon	306	San Diego, CA	Gerald Petersen
Christian Schroder	325	Nassau County, NY	Niels B. Hansen
Charles A. Thulin	340	Wood Dale, IL	Marlowe E. Seyller, Jr.
Mary R. Nelson	343	Waupaca, WI	Evelyn L. Doerr



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



dressed in traditional costumes and presented some good old ethnic Danish dancing.



All our members enjoyed the folk dances.



Getting ready for the barbecued pig.

Another activity was eating a barbecued pig cooked by Dave Christman and Carl Westergard as well as consuming great quantities of other foods. The Danish hats are a very popular item with us. We are very proud of our Danish heritage.

Carl Westergard, Cor.

Young Vikings

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — The first meeting of the Young Vikings Club will be in February. We have been in contact with DBIA Headquarters in Omaha and they have graciously sent us materials that will be valuable to our program. **Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

Payment to Board Members

DECEMBER: Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$262.00.

Jeg søger frugtbrød

by Don Dyer

Learning to speak Danish as an American made for some humorous situations during my early months in Denmark. In particular, I recall an incident that occurred in Korsør.

Since I was the only crew member on board our sailboat who had any knowledge of Danish, I was asked to go into town to fetch some fruitbread that had become a favorite among the crew. The local shipwrights assured me that my Danish was more than adequate.

I found the store on the walking street but could not find the fruitbread once I had entered. Sensing my predicament, the lady clerk asked if she could help. In my very best Danish I told her, "Jeg søger frugtbrød."

She beamed an understanding smile and said, "You must be an American." When she returned to the counter she had a football.

Danish Immigrant Museum Informational Meeting Held

On Sunday, November 10 in Ames, Iowa, over sixty people attended an informational meeting presented by June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum to be built in Elk Horn, Iowa. Ms. Sampson told the group of Danes from Ames and Story County about the museum, its scope including all of North America and the progress made to date in organization,

building design, and fund raising. Slides were shown illustrating both the Danish heritage in America and "The Dream of America," the Danish National Museum exhibit in Copenhagen. Wienerbrød and coffee were served after the presentation with opportunity for questions, discussion and socializing. Brochures about Denmark and the Danish emigration were displayed.

Notice from the National Secretary-Treasurer

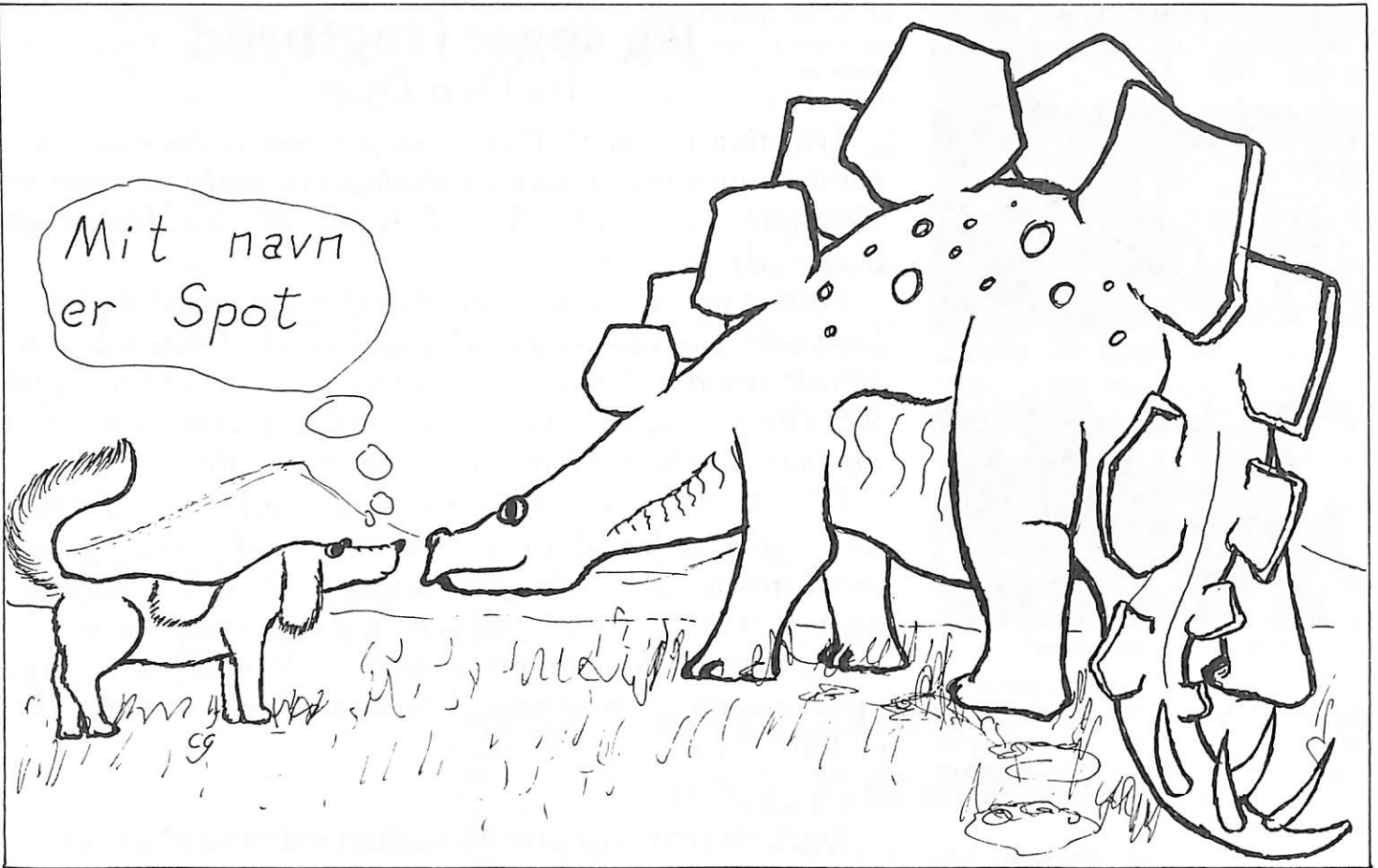
The National Home Office has consolidated its three Home Office Lodges into one (Lodge No. 600). All members of Lodges No. 700 and 650 have been transferred to Lodge No. 600. If you wish to know your new member number, please complete the following coupon and send to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

Yes, I wish to know my new lodge and member number. You may send information to:

Name _____

Address _____

My previous lodge and member number was _____.



Spot introduces himself to a friendly dragon "My name is Spot" (Mit navn er Spot).

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

You need not be a DBIA member to enter. Four prizes awarded in four age groups each month (ages 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, 10-12).

December winners: Dane Rice, Matthew Schumacher, Karen A. Walby, and Colleen Lampe.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Green Kale Soup with Pork

3-4 lbs. pork shank or side pork or spare ribs	Mixed herbs including parsley
2-3 sliced carrots	10-12 kale leaves
2-3 leeks	4 tbsp. flour (scant)
	2 tsp. salt

Put well scored meat in a saucepan, cover with cold water and bring to a boil. Skim thoroughly. Add carrots, leeks, parsley and herbs and simmer for 3½ to 4½ hours. Remove coarse ends from kale leaves. Blanch kale in boiling salted water for 10 minutes, drain, chop kale fine. Place in a kettle and sprinkle with flour. Gradually add the hot pork; bring to a boil and simmer 5 minutes. Serve.

Congratulations!

Marie Johansson of Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, IL, **Jens Gimbel** of Lodge No. 167 in Portland, OR, **Laura Schuler, Earl W. Kjer** and **Viggo Poulsen** all of Lodge No. 230 in Arcata, CA have all been declared "Recommender of the Month" for November. Each sponsored two new members.

We salute them for enlarging our chain of members and for truly believing that "It's Better to Give Than to Receive!"

In keeping with the true spirit of fraternalism, a \$50 donation has been sent to the Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund in all their names.

Keep up the good work.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning Keeping Together — Progress
Working Together — Success

The Brian Perschnick Drive Continues



National President, Bob Ibsen, along with National Directors, Paul Carlsen and Woody Petersen, present to Brian and his parents, Richard and Marlene Perschnick, the special aid check.



Lodge No. 34's members, Ken Jensen, Rick Sullivan and Bill Clavey, are congratulated by Bob Ibsen for chairing the fund raiser for Brian and his family.

After an appeal from Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, asking for assistance for their young member, Brian Perschnick, was sent to all the Midwest District lodges, an immediate outpouring of response started. Donations were authorized and loose change offerings were held at lodge meetings.

At Chicago Lodge No. 35's anniversary party, it was announced that there would be a box to donate money for this cause. Much more than that transpired. There happened to be a committee from Golgatha Lutheran Church at the dinner and they voted right at the dinner to donate \$500. Also that same evening, Brother Svend Jorgensen from Lodge No. 17 in Chicago, Illinois, won a money tree in a raffle and immediately donated the \$100 to the Brian Perschnick Fund. In all, over \$1,100 was collected.

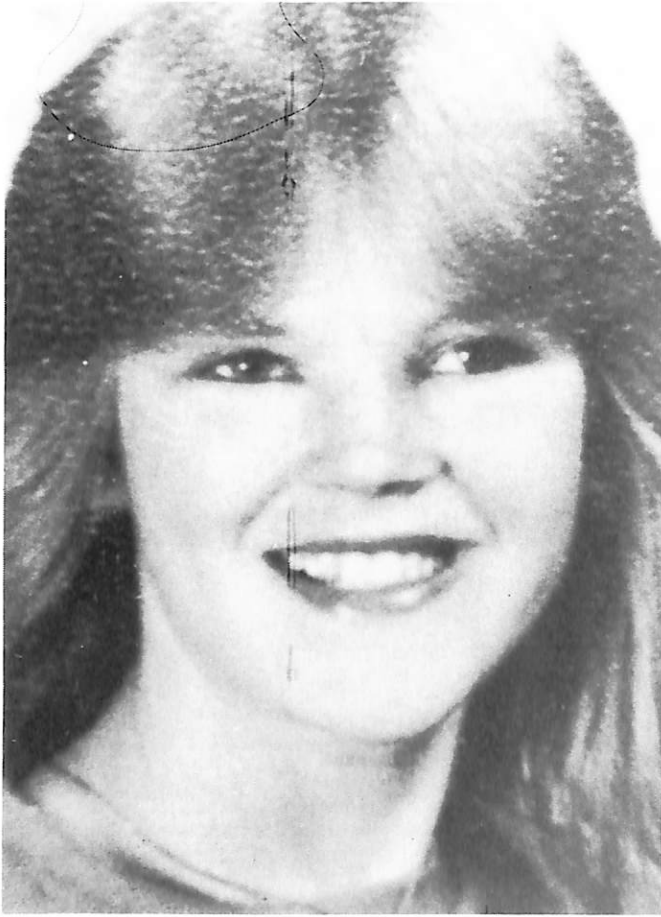
That was just the beginning. At a big fund raiser in Dwight four roasted hogs were served to 430 people, with all of the food being donated. During this evening, National President Bob Ibsen presented Brian with a check for Special Aid in the amount of \$750. Besides Lodge No. 35's donation, Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, gave \$225, Lodge No. 17 gave \$200, and another surprise came when National Director Paul Carlsen came from Lodge No. 227 in Detroit with a check for \$500 plus his own personal check. Promises were made from the Midwest District Board to donate \$100.

Brother Ken Jensen from Lodge No. 34 reported to us later that approximately \$9,000 was raised during the pig roast bringing the total at present to \$12,000. This does not include the donations arriving at the National Headquarters which at this printing totals \$3,051.00.

There is still a lot of work to be done. If you have not donated, please do so. The National Headquarters will be collecting money for this worthy cause until March 1st.

Our sincere thanks to the members of Lodge No. 34 in Dwight for their fraternal spirit in this effort. Also, the National Board of Directors want to thank all of you for your support to this fine young man and let's keep up the good work.

Have You Seen This Child?



DBIA joins with NFCA to locate Missing Children

The Danish Brotherhood in America and the National Fraternal Congress of America have joined together to help locate missing children across the country. Each month a photo and information will appear in the **American Dane** magazine.

DOB: 4-17-67
 AGE: 17
 DATE MISSING: 7-9-84
 FROM: Salt Lake City
 HEIGHT: 5'6"
 WEIGHT: 120 lbs.
 HAIR: Sandy Blond to Mid Black
 EYES: Hazel
 LAST SEEN: Debra was last seen at 250 East 200 South at 10:00 p.m. Debra was going to walk or hitch-hike to 1155 Montgomery Street, but never arrived. Debra was wearing a black tube top with white fishnet over it, long blue pants and blue tennis shoes.
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Omaha, NE 68131	name _____ age _____