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Cover photo: Donald A. Christensen provides us with a series of articles concerning his grandmother, Emma Jensen, a Danish immigrant.



# President's Page

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

When addressed with the issue of acquiring new members, I am often met with negative comments and excuses. Many times I have heard members say they don't know anyone who is Danish or anyone who is interested in Danish traditions. Yet, they neglect to invite or recommend their own family members to join.

The Danish Brotherhood in America has changed in many ways since 1882 to become a true family oriented society; children and women are now encouraged to join, programs and benefits have been added as extra bonuses. An example is the limited edition of the Danish Brotherhood centennial plates produced by Bing and Grøndahl offered to 100% insured families. A member may purchase individual certificates for their spouse and children or purchase the Family Plan which consists of any two permanent plans of life insurance of not less than \$5,000 on each spouse and a level term rider to age 25 for children. Term is guaranteed convertible to five times the amount of the rider at age 25. The Family Plan entitles them to a centennial plate and the family would then be eligible for the orphan's benefit also. This benefit is designed to help provide for the maintenance of fully orphaned children and will pay benefits to the eligible child or guardian responsible for the child's care up to a maximum of \$50,000 per family.

While there are many opportunities offered at the national level, we need to guarantee that our local lodge activities are adequate.

Our family members will be more attracted to join with us if we can conduct lodge activities which are entertaining to the entire family — children, parents, and grandparents. Several market research studies have shown over and over again that small fraternal benefit societies need to improve lodge activities to change with the times. The family structure is currently under a great deal of change. With children becoming so involved in activities in school and outside organizations, and so many women working outside the home, families want to belong to an organization where they can spend quality time together. In fact, an article entitled "The Fraternal Marketing System" by James A. Ballew, CLU, a well-known fraternal consultant and editor of the **Fraternal Monitor**, stated a number of factors which are making it increasingly difficult for small fraternal societies such as the Danish Brotherhood in America to continue indefinitely as viable organizations. One of the factors Mr. Ballew stated is the failure to find lodge programs and fraternal activities which appeal to young people today and he continued to say that this will probably spell the end for some of the small fraternal benefit societies by the year 2000. We need to start conducting lodge activities which are attractive to our family members now.

Once we have lodge activities which are appealing to our own family members, we can expect other new families to join. In turn, the new families will not only bring a larger membership, but also new ideas and experiences. We will also be given the opportunity to meet new friends to share our heritage.

Won't you ask your family to join so they, too, can share the fun and fellowship which you enjoy so much?

One family in particular is very proud and thankful of their Danish Brotherhood membership — the Perschnick family. I am very pleased to announce that Brian Perschnick underwent heart surgery on December 10, 1985, and it was a complete success. In fact, Brian was recuperating at home only one week after his operation.

While we are all extremely grateful that this operation went so well, we must not forget about the hospital bills the Perschnicks are just starting to receive. It has been very gratifying to read in many lodge newsletters the enthusiasm and fraternal spirit going on in Brian's behalf. In fact, as of this printing, the total amount received at the National Headquarters is \$4,352.50. We must keep in mind, though, that the National Headquarters will be collecting donations until March 1, 1986, so please continue your support. I am extremely proud to be the president of a society whose members genuinely care for each other and thank you for proving this by giving to the Brian Perschnick Fund.



## Viggo E. Mikkelsen - 1898-1986

*It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of National Past President, Viggo Emanuel Mikkelsen, who passed away Saturday, January 11, 1986, at the age of 87. Brother Mikkelsen is survived by his wife, Margaret Evelyn.*

*Funeral services were held at Northrup Funeral Home in Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, January 16, 1986, with burial being at Grandlawn Cemetery. The following officers of the Detroit, Michigan lodge and National Board member, Paul Carlsen, were pallbearers: Otto Pedersen, Houghton Smith, Bob Sorensen, Willy Pedersen, and Howard Olsen.*

*Viggo began his long association with the Danish Brotherhood in America when he joined Lodge No. 227 in Detroit, Michigan, on April 1, 1917, at the age of 19. In September of 1951, he was elected as Supreme Chairman of Trustees and in September of 1963, at the 26th National Convention held in Erie, Pennsylvania, he was elected President of the Supreme Board of the Danish Brotherhood in America.*

*When relinquishing his presidential duties in 1967, Brother Mikkelsen stated; "It has been a great honor and privilege for me to serve the Danish Brotherhood for the past sixteen years in the capacity of a Supreme Officer. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who assisted me during that time. I also wish to express thanks to the lodges and members of the Danish Brotherhood who, during my illness, have extended words of cheer and encouragement in the form of many beautiful cards and letters. They were all so much appreciated. Thank you so much."*

*We will always be thankful for the contributions Brother Mikkelsen gave to the Danish Brotherhood as his memory lives on forever.*

# Always a Dane

by Donald A. Christensen

*"Danish — a native tongue that imprisons its children with a chain that is easy to bear, yes, but hard to break." Kierkegaard*

"Hey! What's that?" I exclaimed. I pointed to a small brown notebook almost hidden in a corner of the drawer.

"Where?" asked my mother, straightening up and wiping her hands on her apron.

"Right here." I spoke as I gingerly extracted the book from between some carefully folded sheets — sheets that hadn't been used in years.

We were rearranging things, moving chairs, and cleaning out drawers in an old cabinet when I made my discovery.

"Let me see it," my mother asked, reaching for the book. "Oh yeah. . . yeah. . . I forgot all about it," she continued softly.

"What is it?" My voice rose in pitch a note or two as it usually does when I'm excited.

"Oh, just a notebook of Nanna's. She gave it to me long ago."

"Can I have it? What does it say? What's in it?"

"Oh, just some of her poems. . . in Danish. . ."

"Have you read them?" I interrupted.

"Yeah. . . sometime ago. . . long ago."

"Can I have it? This may be valuable," I said as I wagged my right hand toward the book.

Mother gave me a condescending smile. "They're only your grandmother's poems."

"Yeah, but they may be important." I tried to control the excitement in my voice.

"Hmph. She wasn't important. Who'd want to read her poems? Nobody would know her."

"Well, we'll see," I replied. "Will you read them to me later. . . tonight?"

"Not tonight. . . maybe tomorrow. I'm too tired tonight."

I took the book from her hand, went upstairs, and placed it carefully on my desk. That night I lit the reading lamp, closed the door to my room, and began examining the strange words in the beautiful flowing script. I couldn't wait until tomorrow.

Emma Jensen stood alone, apart from the milling crowd on the dock on Castle Garden, waiting for the next ferry to Manhattan Island.

After she had spent almost four weeks aboard the *Thingvalla*, the feel of the land was welcome. She smoothed her black hair, carefully tucking it beneath her kerchief, and glanced once more at the ticket stub dangling from a piece of string tied to a button on her coat. "Destination: New York" was written in Danish and English on the ticket tied to her and on another fastened to the single bag she had brought with her which was now sitting patiently at her feet. Silently she thanked God for her brother Niels who had worked so hard to save his money for her passage.

"I wonder how far it is to his Michigan," she thought to herself. She looked up, her green-gray eyes scanning the crowd, searching for the group leader.

Children scurried between the piles of baggage. Men talked excitedly, stretching for a better view of the ships in the harbor and the buildings on the mainland. Women comforted crying babies and tried to subdue the pent-up energy of the children with cautions of "Come here. . . Stay close."

The year was 1890. It was the year that New York saw the Astor's wedding with its twenty-five thousand in attendance and

two million dollars in wedding gifts. It was also the year that one hundred fifty thousand New Yorkers were out of work, and another one hundred fifty thousand were earning less than sixty cents a day. The working day was from eleven to sixteen hours, and one-tenth of all who died in the city during the year were buried in Potters Field. This was America, "The Golden Land." Yet those who came did not fear the encounter with the everyday world, for somehow, even among the work-worn and the careworn, there was hope of something better.

Emma stood silent, wondering who would come to meet her, her hand in her pocket touching again the carefully preserved letter from the Danish church. It promised her a place to stay and a chance for work. It was her hope.

A breath of cold air and the cry of a gull called her from her reverie.

"Come along now. . . all on board!" a male voice announced in Danish.

The crowd, anxious to obey, surged forward with boxes and baggage held high and children holding tightly to a hand or a coat tale as they trailed after the adults. The scene reminded Emma of the tales of caravans entering the gates of an Oriental city.

"Such a number! There must be more than five hundred," she thought. "How will we ever be able to get on such a small boat?"

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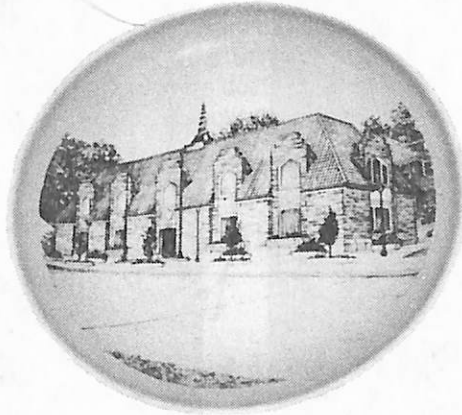
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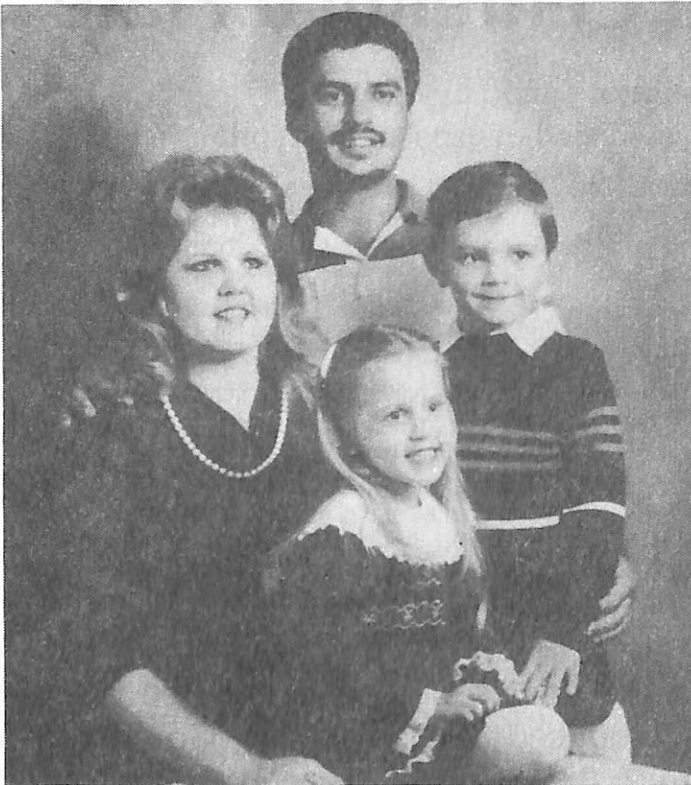
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# Meet Our Newest DBIA 100% Families



Ricardo, Bonnylu, Anthony and Andrea Ramirez

We are very happy to be a new addition to the Danish Brotherhood. Ricardo is a self-employed painter and enjoys horses, soccer and also raises pigeons. I am a homemaker and we both take great pride in our children. Anthony is 6 years old and in the first grade and Andrea is 5 years old and in kindergarten.

Mrs. Bonnylu Ramirez

## 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.

## Congratulations!

**Berger Rasmussen** of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin has been declared "Recommender of the Month" for December. He sponsored 4 new members.

We salute Mr. Rasmussen 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 will be given to a charity of Mr. Rasmussen's choice. Watch for details in future issues of the **American Dane**.



Jeff, Andy, Jeri and Megan Lange

Jeff is from Cahokia, Illinois and Jeri (Goodwin) is from Dwight, Illinois. They met and were married while attending Eastern Illinois University. Jeff went to work for Missouri Pacific Railroad in St. Louis, Missouri after graduation. Andy was born in St. Louis in 1983 and Megan was born in St. Charles, Missouri in 1984. The family was transferred to Omaha, Nebraska, by Union Pacific Railroad in February, 1985, and all joined Lodge No. 1. They both enjoy bowling and camping. Jeri also enjoys sewing, crafts, and cooking.

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# Dr. Myrvin Christopherson Named New President at Dana

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, professor of communication and associate dean of the college of fine arts at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has been appointed president of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska.

Christopherson, 46, said of his recent appointment: "I feel a great sense of honor and responsibility in assuming the presidency of Dana College. Now I call upon all alumni and friends to help me and the

faculty, staff, students and regents to assure that thousands of students in the years to come will also be able to experience the difference that Dana makes in their lives."

Christopherson received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in communication and philosophy from Purdue University, completing his research on his doctoral dissertation on Kierkegaard's dialectic of communication at

the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. Christopherson is also an alumnus of Dana and as a senior in 1961 he was elected student body president.

After receiving his doctorate in 1965, Christopherson started his teaching career at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1969 he went to Stevens Point and will finish out the 1986 spring semester there before assuming his duties at Dana sometime before July 1, 1986.



## From the Desk of

## National Sales Director

### Why You Should Make A Will

Much has been said and written about the disadvantages of dying without a will. Still, a large percentage of men and women in this country fail to exercise their right to decide how their estate is to be settled upon death.

If a will has not been drawn during a person's lifetime, the State will draw one at time of death. While this may be legally incorrect, it is none the less just about the picture. Below is shown what might resemble a State drawn will. Very few would want to make this kind of disposition of their property. Yet most, through ignorance or neglect, do. Perhaps if they see clearly the kind of "will" they have now, they will want to do something about it.

#### MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Being of sound mind and memory, I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby publish this as my Last Will and Testament:

FIRST I give my wife only one-third of my possessions, and I give my children the remaining two-thirds.

- (A) I appoint my wife as guardian of my children, but as a safeguard I require that she report to the Probate Court each year and render an accounting of how, why and where she spent the money necessary for the proper care of my children.
- (B) As a further safeguard, I direct my wife to produce to the Probate Court a Performance Bond to guarantee that she exercise proper judgment in the handling, investing and spending of the children's money.
- (c) As a final safeguard, my children shall have the right to demand and receive a complete accounting from their mother of all of her financial actions with their money as soon as they reach legal age.
- (d) When my daughter reaches age 18, she shall have full rights to withdraw and spend her share of my estate. My son shall have his right as soon as he reaches age 21. No one shall have any right to question my children's actions on how they decide to spend their respective shares.

SECOND Should my wife remarry, her second husband shall be entitled to one-third of everything my wife possesses. Should my children need some of this share for their sup-

port, the second husband shall not be bound to spend any part of his share on my children's behalf.

- (A) The second husband shall have sole right to decide who is to get his share, even to the exclusion of my children.

THIRD Should my wife predecease me or die while any of my children are minors, I do not wish to exercise my right to nominate the guardian of my children.

- (A) Rather than nominating a guardian of my preference, I direct my relatives and friends to get together and select a guardian by mutual agreement.

- (B) In the event that they fail to agree on a guardian, I direct the Probate Court to make the selection. If the court wishes, it may appoint a stranger acceptable to it.

FOURTH Under existing tax law, there are certain legitimate avenues open to me to lower death rates: Since I prefer to have my money used for government purposes rather than for the benefit of my wife and children, I direct that no effort be made to lower taxes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand to this my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_

(Source unknown)

One of the best reasons why every qualified person should have a will is that he or she then controls the distribution of his or her property. Your lawyer will help you write your will so that each of your heirs receives just what you want him to — whether it is your wife or husband, your children, your mother and father, a close friend or a favorite charity. We urge you to see your lawyer as soon as possible so that your family may have the protection of a properly drawn up-to-date will.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Andersen".

Andy Andersen

# *The Twelve Months*

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

*Once there was a poor old woman with a large family struggling to make a living.*

*One morning as she was going to the field to gather greens, she passed a large cave.*

*In front of the cave there were twelve handsome young men. The old woman greeted them kindly. The twelve men introduced themselves as the twelve months of the year.*

*"Kind old lady," they said. "Tell us which you think is the most beautiful month of the year?"*

*The old woman smiled and said, "You each have your own beauty. January has snow. February rain. Every one of you has something worthwhile."*

*She continued to praise the rest of the months for each of its special goodness.*

*When she had finished her praise, the months said, "Since you praised all of us, we want to give you a small present. Give us your shawl."*

*The old woman did as she was told.*

*The twelve months filled it up so that she could hardly tie it together. With much difficulty she carried the heavy bundle to her house.*

*When she got home she called her children and told them what happened. She untied the shawl and gold coins fell everywhere.*

*From that day on, the old woman with her children had plenty to eat and lived very well.*

*One day, a neighbor from across the way came over.*

*"Where did you get the money to live the way you do?" she asked, snooping around.*

*The old woman smiled. "The twelve months gave me my wealth," she replied, "and I am very*

*grateful to them."*

*The neighbor's eyes lit up. "Tell me where I can find them?" she asked. "I need money to live, too."*

*The old woman told the neighbor about the cave.*

*As the neighbor greeted them, the twelve months asked her the same question: "Which month is the most beautiful of the year?"*

*The neighbor frowned and said, "None of you is worth much. January has snow. February rains. Truly, who could find a decent one among any of you?"*

*"Very well," said the twelve months. "Give us your shawl. We want to thank you for what you told us by giving you a gift."*

*The neighbor, beaming, gave them her shawl. They filled it all the way up to the top and tied it together.*

*Then she went home and told her children that they were going to live as well as the old woman and her children did. Maybe even better.*

*She untied the shawl and soggy dirt fell everywhere.*

*The neighbor was furious and ran over to the old woman and accused her of lying to her.*

*"What did you say when the months asked you which is the most beautiful month of the year?" asked the old woman to the neighbor.*

*Thinking about it for a moment, the neighbor told her what she had said, "None of you has much value."*

*The old woman shook her head. "They gave you what you were worth," she said, going back into her warm house.*

## 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.**

# 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.

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT PACIFIC- NORTHWEST

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — We have learned there is a new award program known as the "Howard E. Christensen Award," in honor of our late National Secretary-Treasurer. The award is to be given to an individual in recognition of special dedication and service within our society. Our lodge officers will make the nomination first, and then present it to the lodge.

Officers for 1986 are as follows: Past President, Per Larsen; President, Frank Poulsen; Vice President, Gunnar Sorensen; Secretary, Bente Noble; Treasurer, Kris Jorgensen; Financial Secretary, Edith Andersen; Conductor, Craig Emmick; 1st Trustee, Knud Hansen; 2nd Trustee, Frank Larsen; 3rd Trustee, Greg Hansen; and Guard, Niels Jensen.

The Nordic Festival Julefest was held at the Seattle Center on Sunday, December 1, 1985 and from all reports, it was a great success. Five beautiful girls in native costumes, each representing the five Scandinavian countries in Seattle, presented their colors. And also, our loyal "Danalag" folk dancers, the "Good Will Ambassadors" of the Danish community were there performing. Thank you!

The Nordic Heritage Museum Christmas bazaar was held on November 30 and December 1, 1985. There were lots of hand-made items, home baked goods, and entertainment. The museum will have some busy months coming up, preparing for the Danish Immigrant Exhibit coming to the museum next spring.

Doug Warne of the Scandinavian Hour, Radio KBLE, tells us the support of the program is coming along pretty good. They even received a donation from the Home Office in Omaha. That's our Danish Brotherhood in America!  
**Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

**Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA** — We had a freak snow storm in Tacoma with lots of snow and ice which kept most of us shut in for two weeks. The thaw came in time for Santa to announce he could visit us at the Titlow Park Lodge on December 7 for our

The best idea for February goes to Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA. See page 12.



Santa arrived just in time.

annual Christmas party. Fifty-one people arrived, glad to communicate with members and friends, rather than their immediate inmates.

The tables and huge Christmas tree were beautifully decorated by the appointed committee.

Our Danish dinner was catered by Ole Snoer and nicely served. We sang Christmas carols, while dancing around the tree, and all the many wrapped gifts donated by members were raffled off. Each table had a poinsettia on it and they too were raffled off. The Christmas tree was auctioned off.

Christmas music was supplied by Sven and Betty Rasmussen. It was a delightful Christmas party.  
**Signe Wenness, Cor.**

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — At our December 4, 1985 meeting, two new members were present and initiated, Esther Walla and Penny Petersen Rademacher. Following the initiation, a five minute recess was called so all could welcome them into the lodge.

Correspondence consisted of a letter from Omaha stating that our lodge is co-winner of the 1985 President's Award for

best newsletter, sharing it with Lodge No. 35 in Chicago. A \$100 check was enclosed. A well deserved hand was given to Diane Fisker and the newsletter committee.

Lisa Mortensen read a letter from Robert Ibsen, National President, regarding Brian Perschnick, son of Richard and Marlene Perschnick, members of Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois. Brian faced open-heart surgery at a cost of about \$40,000 with no medical insurance to cover surgery. We were asked to remember the lodge pledge taken to help fellow members in need.

Lisa also read a letter from Robert Ibsen announcing the Pacific-Northwest District as a recipient of the President's Award for the best district. A \$200 check was enclosed for the district.

**Joanne Kantor, Sec.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — There were 48 Brothers present at our December meeting. It was announced that Vernon Tryson would like to write down some of the early history of the lodge for our historical records. The position of official Club Historian is still open if anybody is interested.

Congratulations to all the newly elected board members.

After our annual general meeting, we all got treats of drinks and smørrebrød from the lodge which is our usual custom at this annual meeting.  
**Jarl Christensen, Cor.**

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — At our December 12 meeting we were happy to have Sterling Jensen join us again, and although he is a member we want to give a special welcome to Niels West who made a long drive to attend our meeting. Hope to see you both again soon.

We received a most unexpected letter informing us that we had been chosen to receive the National President's Award for the Best Annual Activity Schedule! This will be noted with an award plaque at the Northwest District Convention in May and also the lodge received a check for \$100. Congratulations to all who planned, participated, played and enjoyed our activities!

Knud reported from the Festival of Cultures at the Pioneer Museum. We sold all of

our cookies, stars, straw goats, and could have sold decorations, if they had been for sale. After paying the museum \$10 there was \$29 left for the lodge. It was a fun and interesting day for those who participated. Thank you.

Good luck in 1986 to the following officers: Past President, Agner Ranch; President, Poul Olesen; Vice President, Allan Nyegaard; Secretary, Jørgen Sorensen; Treasurer, Margaret Lee; Trustees, Hugo Christensen, Birget Sand, and Carl Lynge; and Conductor, Tony Toftemark.

We decided to send \$50 to the Eugene Mission and also to the Brian Perschnick Fund.  
**Lois Toftemark, Cor.**

## **CALIFORNIA-NEVADA**

**Lodge #230, Arcata, CA** — Our November meeting was an unusually long one since, in conjunction with making plans for our Christmas party, we had nomination of officers, and then we had the pleasure of balloting upon six prospective members into our lodge.

Thirty-five members and friends attended our Christmas party at Bella Vista Inn. The room was transposed into a complete Danish Christmas world with two advent rings with candles, apples and oranges stuffed with cloves, and pine cone branches on the tables and other delightful ornaments provided by our prospective members, Mary and Herman Johannessen. Then Mary and Vera Poulsen furnished the dessert, which was Ris ala mande. Six nuts were discovered in this dessert, so six prizes were given out. Needless to say, this was a pleasant surprise to our members and guests. Following a delightful dinner, the singing of Christmas carols in both the Danish and English language was enjoyed.

December 12, our regular meeting night, we initiated Vern and Marge Jensen, of Eureka, who recently retired and moved here from the Bay area; Herman and Mary Johannessen, of Trinidad, moved here from Phoenix, Arizona, who are engaged in designing business throughout the area; Hans and Emma Dudal, of Arcata, are retired, however, Hans was ill this night, therefore, they will be initiated at our next meeting. Election of officers was held and the following members were elected: Past President, Eva Deegan; President, Viggo Poulsen; Vice President, Robert Deegan; Secretary, Mary Johannssen; Treasurer, Earl Kjer; Trustees, Dorothy Kjer, Erling Remler, and Herman Christiansen; Conductor, Ellen Mattson; and Inner Guard, Allen Christiansen.  
**Laura L. Schuler, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — A fine pork roast dinner was served by Peter Weber and crew for 65 people, while 22 members stayed for the meeting.

It was decided to donate \$25 to the American Lung Association and \$100 to the Brian Perschnick Fund.

A committee comprised of Ken Fitzgerald, Dave Christian and Max Hanberg was chosen to select a local lodge member for a possible candidate for the Howard Christensen Award, newly created by the Home Office.  
**Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — With a new slate of officers in their new positions, we are poised to tackle plans for an exciting year, with more and new activities.

**A principal push in the early part of our new year will be to bring many sideline members into active participation. Cultivation of the varied talents and abilities of members will vitalize the pursuits of our charter.**

Recruiting efforts are also on the calendar for 1986, with a genuine desire to contact the many, many Danish-Americans in San Diego who do not have any affiliation with the several organized groups.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — On Saturday, February 8, we will host the installation of officers. Participating in the installation is Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, Sisterhood Lodge No. 68, and our Lodge. This will be held at the Monterey Park Service Center. A no-host attitude adjustment hour will be held with dinner, prepared by Chef Hans Christensen, being served. Dance music will be provided by Ray Vermeulen.

We are pleased to welcome Clarice E. Christensen to our organization. Welcome!  
**Philis Davis, Cor.**

**Lodge #332, Modesto, CA** — Getting in the spirit of our Viking heritage, several members took to sea for an exciting deep-sea fishing trip. Wes Olsen took the honors for catching the largest fish. Bud Cook chaired this sea-faring adventure.

Our annual anniversary dinner, chaired by Ebba Norby, was held at the Oasis Restaurant. About 45 members and guests attended. Ray Olsen introduced his house guests from Denmark, Betina Koldbye and Bo Hansen. Betina will be attending Modesto Junior College.

Interesting historical highlights of our lodge were presented by Vernon and Bessie Olsen. Aage Lindquist from Oakland Lodge No. 39 gave an inspiring talk on Danish cultural heritage.  
**Marge Scheuber, Cor.**

**Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA** — At our December meeting several members introduced guests and family members. We had approximately 100 at the evening's festivities.

The Howard Christensen Award was explained to the membership by Ken Olsen. No nominations for the awards have been turned in as yet. Please send in your nominations shortly.

Jim Dwyer explained the need to assist a fraternal brother in Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois. DBIA is a fraternal organization and as such we promise to stand by each other when illness or sorrow comes to one another. Now is the time to stand behind this commitment for Brian Perschnick. Each lodge is asked to help if at all possible. We sent \$116 to the fund set up for Brian with the hope that we will be able to continue to help in the future if necessary.

At our Christmas party games were played and when we played the old fashioned musical chairs, it was kind of hard to watch a few of the little ones shed a tear or two when that chair was not where it was supposed to be. We forget how hard it is to lose, some of the adults showed quite a bit of aggressiveness (in a fun way) when their chairs were gone.

Hazel Kjellisen led all of us in Christmas songs and it really sounded great. We'll have to try some sing-a-longs in the future. The best part of the evening was the arrival of Santa. The eyes of the young and old alike lit up. All the children received their presents from Santa and then a special homemade cloth sack filled with fruit, candy canes and toys. These sacks were presented by our mischievous Danish Elf Julenissen, Marie Christensen.

The kitchen counters and serving tables were totally laden with the most delicious inviting array of Christmas goodies you've ever seen. We asked all the ladies for their favorite baking goods and we thank them for their overwhelming response. Everyone had a lot more than they needed.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — We had a beautiful sunny California day for our children's Christmas party held at Sue and Jim Patterson's barn. A total of 48, including 24 children, were there to see Julemanden arrive with his bag of goodies. The children decorated and sang songs around the Christmas tree and everyone enjoyed lots of tasty goodies, hot chocolate, and glugg. Many thanks to Knud Andersen, Anelise Obetz, Darlene Petersen, Doris Thompson, Chris Terkelsen, Kathy Stolzman, and Sue and Jim Patterson for all their hard work.

**Nancy Nielsen, Sec.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN** — In spite of the bitterly cold night, about 60 members and friends attended the Christmas party on December 20. Hanne Poulsen prepared the delicious roast pork dinner with all the traditional trimmings. Many guests also received a gift for finding the almond in the Ris ala mand.

Instead of exchanging gifts as we usually do, it had been decided at our November meeting that we would share our Christmas with Brian Perschnick and his family. Through the efforts of member Hans Nathan, a very nice barbeque grill was donated by Nordic Ware. A calculator was also donated by Peter Porta. Chances were sold on these two items and the proceeds, in addition to other gifts of money, made it possible for us to send a sizable gift to the Brian Perschnick Fund. We thank everyone who participated in this worthwhile project.

Everyone joined in singing Christmas carols and dancing later in the evening.

**Norma Henriksen, Sec.**

**Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN** — We had our annual Heritage Dinner on Saturday, January 4, a cold blustery evening. There were 35 brave Brothers in attendance.

Following the dinner, President Alton Neve called the meeting to order. Brother Roy Mumm installed the following: President, Donald Levisen; Vice President, Jack Paulsen; Secretary-Treasurer, Viggo Berthelsen; Financial Secretary, Marcella Clausen; Trustee, Alton Neve, and Conductor, Elvin Reim. Brother Mumm urged all to support our new officers and work together for the betterment of our lodge.

The meeting was adjourned and various games, including cards, dominoes, and cribbage, were played for the balance of the evening.

**Marjorie Neve, Cor.**

**Lodge #121, Tyler, MN** — Our annual Christmas party was held on December 7, 1985. It was a great success.

Festivities began with a potluck supper. We then had a short program and Christmas songs were sung.

Thorvald and Zenita Jacobsen furnished the Christmas tree plus all the decorations. We danced around the tree singing Danish and American Christmas songs.

We had sold chances on a framed jeweled Christmas tree for the past two months. The lucky ticket was drawn. It brought some needed revenue. It had been donated by Thorvald and Zenita Jacobsen.

Then Santa appeared and presented all with a bag of goodies. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

**Ilene Sorensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA** — We held the Christmas potluck supper party at the Elk Horn town hall on December 30 with 130 members and guests present.

After the delicious meal, entertainment was provided by the Goodtimers from the Shelby area who favored us with music and songs. The Bell Ringers group from Jacksonville entertained also and had group singing with a few of their selections.

The business meeting followed with election of officers for 1986. The following were elected: President, Folmer Bonneson; Vice President, Harvey Sorensen; Secretary, Verlee Johnsen; Treasurer, Mabel Madsen; and Trustee, Robert Sorensen.



"The Goodtimers" provided the entertainment.

Howard Hansen and Verlee Johnsen will take care of the bowling teams.

Mrs. Alice Jane Clemson was accepted as

## 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
Elaine M. Andersen	1—	Omaha, NE	James K. Christiansen
Jeffrey L. Lange	1—	Omaha, NE	Margaret Goodwin
Andrew M. Lange	1—	Omaha, NE	Margaret Goodwin
Megan R. Lange	1—	Omaha, NE	Margaret Goodwin
Ruth A. Nielsen	1—	Omaha, NE	Jan Wehner
Elizabeth A. Olson	1—	Omaha, NE	Ted Stollard
Harold W. Bordeau	14—	Kenosha, WI	Oral Congdon
Edward H. Schiller	14—	Kenosha, WI	Oral Congdon
Al E. Heyden	14—	Kenosha, WI	Glen Harris
Ricardo M. Ramirez	14—	Kenosha, WI	Berger Rasmussen
Jesper Grønvaldt	35—	Chicago, IL	Audrey Christiansen
Mark S. Nussle	35—	Chicago, IL	John Trankar
Robert J. Jespersen, Jr.	42—	Spokane, WA	Lawrence Charneski
Rodney B. Jensen	71—	Penn Yan, NY	Lynn Christensen
Holger F. Knudsen	75—	Albert Lea, MN	Alton Neve
Harriet A. Knudsen	75—	Albert Lea, MN	Alton Neve
Grace M. Tomson	75—	Albert Lea, MN	Elvin Reim
James A. Tomson	75—	Albert Lea, MN	Elvin Reim
Shirley J. Thomsen	95—	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Daniel R. Nielsen	125—	Weeping Water, NE	David Nielsen
Susan A. Nielsen	125—	Weeping Water, NE	David Nielsen
Rowena Marie Epps	167—	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Alice Marie Hazlet	167—	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Florine C. Miller	263—	Askov, MN	Byron Petersen
Kate Marie Boynton	263—	Askov, MN	Byron Petersen
Clarice E. Christensen	323—	Alhambra, CA	Inger A. Dix
Peder K. Englund	328—	Vancouver, B.C.	Leif Jorgensen
Frits Aage Jacobsen	328—	Vancouver, B.C.	Chris I. Bendsen
Kirk A. Franklin	600—	Omaha, NE	Verne A. Madsen
Mary H. Franklin	600—	Omaha, NE	Verne A. Madsen
Wendy M. Nelson	600—	Omaha, NE	Roger Nelson
Bonnylu H. Ramirez	600—	Omaha, NE	Berger Rasmussen
Anthony R. Ramirez	600—	Omaha, NE	Berger Rasmussen
Andrea M. Ramirez	600—	Omaha, NE	Berger Rasmussen



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



a new member of the lodge. Welcome, Alice.

A donation to the National Danish Immigrant Museum was approved.

**Verdie Christensen, Cor.**

#### **Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA —**

In January we had installation of officers as follows: President, Howard Christensen; Vice President, Sharon Nielsen; Treasurer, Ruth Rosdail; Financial Treasurer, Donna Christensen; and Secretary, Ulla Wall.

Rev. Gary Hess took us on a trip to the Holy Land by showing a film of his visit.

Howard Christensen presented the "Danish Spotlight" which featured Karen Blixen, the Danish Baroness, about whose life the film "Out of Africa" was made.

Hostesses, Nelda Andersen and Jean Ross, provided a delicious kaffetid.

**Ulla Wall, Sec.**

#### **Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA —**

We met in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church meeting room for our Christmas dinner party. There were 49 present for turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Each lady was presented with a gift and a musical program was presented by a group of young students from Atlantic High School.

Christmas songs were sung by all present with Edna Ackerman accompanying on the piano and Richard Knudsen leading the singing. We closed the meeting by everyone joining hands and singing Silent Night.

## **MIDWEST**

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI —** A very successful torsk supper and dance took place on November 23 with 170 people in attendance. A vocal group entertained and the band was great for dancing. The hall was very nicely decorated. The hard working committee was Barney and Natalie Waldo, Charles and Joan Jackson, Larry and Delores Sorensen, Dan and Joyce Greenwald, Charles and Marilyn Thompson, Bob and Eunice Welch, and Ben and Ardis Peterson. Great job!

We wish to take this opportunity to thank brothers going off the board for their fine work: President, Gordon Andersen; Past President, Vince Roders; Vice President, Roger Nelson; 1st Trustee, Rudy Bernhardt, Sr.; Inner Guard, Dan Ervin; and Outer Guard, Bob O'Neal. Congratulations to new officers: Past President, Gordon Andersen; President, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; Vice President, Richard Wade; Secretary, Dave Jensen; 3rd Trustee, Jack Sorensen; Inner Guard, Roger Phillipsen; Outer Guard, Ronald A. Jensen; and Conductor, Malcolm Young. Thanks to the Midwest District Sec-

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retary-Treasurer, John Mollerskov from Racine, for installing our officers.

We want to give recognition to all the volunteers who put in many hours to help in the remodeling. They include: W. Gordon Andersen; Rudy Bernhardt, Sr., Arnold Lehto, Richard Walker, Carl Larsen, Kenneth E. Hansen, Bob Ibsen, Vince Roders, Jack Sorensen, Gerald Sherer, Ed Gastaldi, Melvin Petts, Charles Kreuser, John Hawley, Roger Nelson, Steve Mostenan, Eugene Keck, Tom Nielsen, Ken Learmont, Anker Adelsen, Jeff Bernhardt, Todd Bernhardt, Ronald A. Jensen, Mat Fosbinder, Ed. G. Gastaldi, John Sokow, Manard Larsen, Art Pedersen, Richard Wicks, Ray Zieth, and Dan Ervin. Thank you Brothers!

By popular request, the Valentine's Party is back! A dinner and dance will be held on Saturday, February 15, with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and dancing at 8 p.m. Contact Jeff Bernhardt for further information.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL —** We are pleased to report that Brian Perschnick had his open heart surgery on Tuesday, December 10 and was home again on Sunday, December 15. He is doing great and anxious to get back into the swing of things again. His benefit of November 30 was a huge success. Our lodge received the following letter from the Perschnick family: "Dear Brotherhood Friends: We would like to take this time to express our thanks and deep appreciation for all the things you have done to help support Brian. Thanks so much for all the salads, all the donations and the time putting on the benefit. God Bless all of you. Sincerely, Dick, Marlene, and Brian."

Congratulations to our lodge! We received \$10 from the National Headquarters for the Best Idea Award for December, 1985.

Our Christmas party and meeting was held on December 9. The crowd was sparse but the food was plentiful and very good. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus came and talked to the children. We sang Christmas carols and danced around the Christmas tree. Sacks of goodies were passed out to everyone present.

**Margaret Goodwin, Cor.**

### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL —** The Christmas party was a perfect start for the Christmas season. We tried to count heads and figured there must have been at least 125 members and friends gathered and that includes about 30 children. The food was very good. Everyone brought their favorite casserole or

salad and the committee supplied ham and other items. There was plenty of it and a nice variety. After our supper, Santa paid a visit and the children loved him. He was the Santa with the Danish accent. He gathered them all around him and read a nice Christmas story. The children had fun making various shapes out of Marzipan dough that Doris Whitcomb had prepared in advance. That was such a treat. Thank you Doris. Lots of grown-ups were seen making candies too.

Thank you to the committee headed by Cindy and Paul Sloth; to everyone who brought food to share; and especially to the Iversens for donating two beautiful sheet cakes with lovely Christmas decorations.

Thanks to Cindy and Paul and their crew for the last three months of making the rest of us happy at the meetings!

Marie Johansson had the honor of tying for the "Recommender of the Month." Congratulations to Marie.

Many of you are wondering how young Brian Perschnick of Dwight, Illinois is doing after his heart surgery. The answer is great. He had no problems with the surgery, was in the hospital a week and then spent the rest of the month recuperating at home. We're sure glad everything went so well for Brian. The money is still coming in.

The board of our lodge has decided that members should continue to bring food donations as long as there is somebody who remembers to do it. The new committee has decided that Lutheran Family Mission is a worthy cause so keep bringing your non-perishable and canned items.

### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI —** We decorated the Danish house and Christmas tree in the European Village at the Milwaukee Public Museum on November 25. Our members also demonstrated the art of counted cross stitch and the weaving of Danish heart baskets on December 21 and 22 in the inner lobby of the museum.

We participated in "Sugar Plum Days" at the Pabst Mansion three weekends in 1985. Sales of Danish "Sugar Plums" included regular filled kringle, sugar kringle, and other pastries including coconut macaroon cookies and klejner donated by Inga Hermansen. We also gave demonstrations of counted cross stitch and the weaving of Danish heart baskets.

Our Anniversary/Christmas party was held in the lounge of the 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 hor d'oeuvres, we enjoyed a roast beef dinner served by the church ladies.

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.

We were proud to learn that the President's Award Committee declared Lodge No. 36 the winner of the 1985 National President's Award for Best Single Civic Activity.

The Milwaukee-based Scandinavian Chorus gave two performances at the Mansion on Sunday, December 8.

The following members were elected to serve the lodge in 1986: Past President, Orville P. Christensen; President, Grace E. Gertz; Vice President, Robert W. Rasmussen; Secretary, Albert Larsen; Treasurer, Alice Andersen; First Trustee, Elsa Berlin; Second Trustee, Barbara Larsen; Third

Trustee, Rev. Ernest Norquist; and Conductor, Lillian Jensen. **Albert Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — We held our Christmas potluck supper on December 19 with a good attendance in spite of an extremely cold evening. Loyal and Jean Lundorf assisted with table decorations featuring Loyal's centerpieces of Santa holding the Danish flag. Our authentic Danish Christmas tree was set up and trimmed by the Lundorfs, Margaret Miller and Sarah Rasmussen. The tree was enjoyed by other groups using the church fellowship hall.

Our newest member, Mary Nelson, was initiated by President Evelyn Doerr. The following officers were elected for 1986: President, Evelyn Doerr- Vice President, Loyal Lundorf; Secretary, Aleine Miller; Treasurer, Vera Yorkson; Conductor, Randolph Hansen; Inner Guard, Inga Polly; Outer Guard, Evan Johnson; and Trustee, Helen Petersen.

Instead of exchanging gifts, members gave a donation to be sent to Tomorrow's Children, a local home for autistic children for a Christmas party for the children.

Thanks to Annette Willardson for planning our program and giving candy cane prizes to winners of her game questions. The Christmas seal story was read and Danish Christmas carols were sung by our Danish chorus. The evening concluded with everyone joining hands and singing Christmas carols while circling our Danish Christmas tree.  
**Evelyn Doerr, Pres.**

## NEBRASKA PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — On December 19 the Christmas spirit was in full swing with everyone enjoying numerous Christmas cookies, singing carols and dancing around the Christmas tree. We all enjoyed the man from the North in a bright red suit who

## IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

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

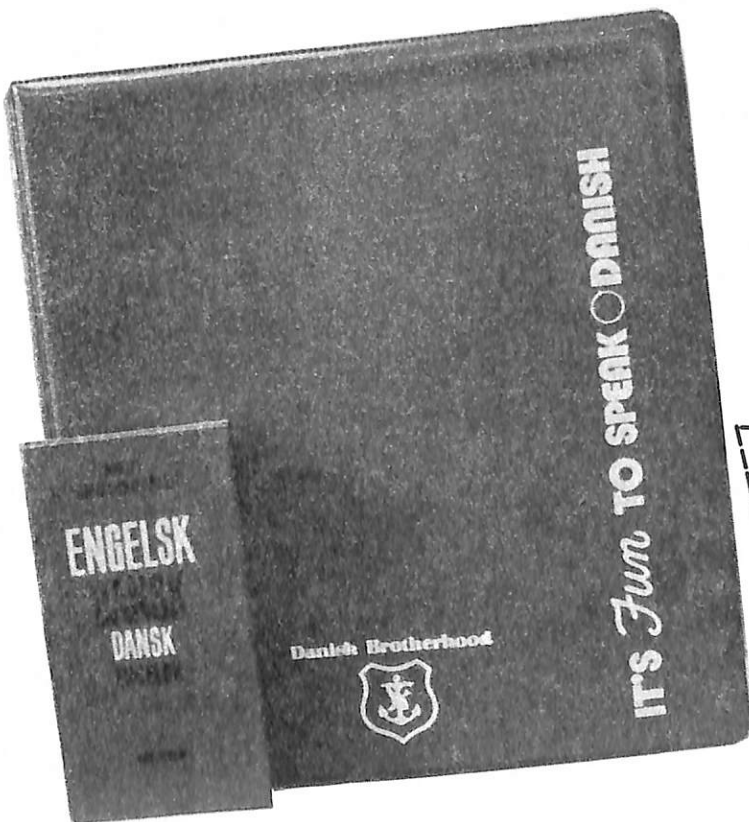
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decided to visit us. It was nice to see the many crafts being displayed, too.



Everyone enjoyed dancing around the Christmas tree.



Megan Lange didn't enjoy Santa as much as everyone else.



Come on, are you really Santa Claus? Robin Hansen thinks he looks a lot like her dad.

**FEBRUARY ASSESSMENT  
NUMBER 1040**

is Due and Payable to the  
Lodge Treasurer  
**February 1, 1986**  
and Must Be Paid Before  
**March 1, 1986**

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



Chris Therkelsen takes a chance to win.

Also, that was our night to raise money for Brian Perschnick. The committee, chaired by Andy and Annette Andersen, raised well over \$100 for this worthy cause. Besides the proceeds from the bar, money was earned by taking a chance to win a gift certificate or a bottle of wine. Everyone won a prize and even those who won only a mouse trap had fun.

**Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE** — We joined the Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 in celebrating their annual Christmas dinner and program Saturday evening, December 14, 1985. Fifty members and guests enjoyed this event at the Cotner Center Dining Room.

Bertha Jensen, program chairman, welcomed the members and their guests. Linda Volland, vocal music teacher from Lincoln Southeast High School, presented her *Knightingales* in singing a group of inspirational songs and Christmas carols.

The evening prayer was offered by Don Lehn. A delicious dinner was served by the Cotner Center cooks and waitresses.

Vicki Hatfield then gave a brief history of the Hammer Dulcimer, a musical string instrument with roots back to Bible times. On this instrument, Vicki and her two daughters entertained us with Christmas carols.

Joyce Nielsen then read a true Danish Christmas story that was written by Gunnar Horn of Omaha telling how he remembers spending Christmas as a youth. Joyce also introduced the 1986 officers of the Sisterhood and Don Lehn introduced the 1986 officers of the Brotherhood.

Quenton Johnson thanked the members for remembering him with cards and visits while he was in the hospital and favored us with one of his humorous stories. Gladys Sorensen then led the group in singing a number of the old favorite Christmas carols.

The evening festivities closed with

Christmas greetings and the exchange of gifts.  
**Don Lehn, Pres.**

**Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE** — Our annual Christmas party was held at the Superior Elks Club on December 6.

A delicious buffet dinner featuring salads, chicken, fish, beef, vegetables and rolls was enjoyed by all.

A \$2.00 grab bag gift exchange was held as well as the singing of Christmas carols. The Greg Benker Band furnished the music for the evening.

The committee for the Christmas party was Howard and Elaine Madsen, Willard and Glennis McCutcheon, Pete and Yetieve Nielsen, Greta Svendsen, and Hilda Jensen.

**Joyce Erickson, Sec.**

**Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE** — We held our Christmas party at the Eagles Club on Sunday night, December 15. Before supper Elga Baasch sang the Danish table grace. Musical entertainment was provided by Jill, Becky, and Alyson Alderman, Philip and Kristi Kuhl, and Douglas and Brad Kosmicki.

Arne Espersen was presented with a Christmas centerpiece for all he has done for the lodge in 1985.

Rasmus Heilmann, an exchange student from Denmark, spoke about Christmas customs in his home. He brought Danish Christmas cookies that he and his host family, the Rod Clements, had made using his grandmother's recipe.

Lars Goestophson, an exchange student from Sweden who attends St. Paul High School, also told about Christmas customs in his country.

**Vera Petersen, Sec.**

**MISSOURI**

**Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO** — We held our annual Christmas dinner in December. The catered dinner featured *rød kaal*, *kylling*, *bøf og tytte baer*. Entertainment from a local school (Shawnee Mission North, string



Shawnee Mission North string ensemble provided entertainment.



Special guests included Erik and Birte Hansen from Denmark.

ensemble) was featured. Two new arrivals from Denmark, Erik and Birte Hansen, were guests. Erik hopes to establish a Danish engineering firm here.

The lodge has completed its distribution of profits from the August festival and has donated funds to the Danish Immigrant Museum again this year, along with other local charitable activities.

The election of officers was held with the 1985 officers being carried forward to this year. The lodge officers have seen a growth in membership and increased cultural activities over the past year. The lodge hopes to participate in other ethnic activities this year.

**Bob Wallace, Cor.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — At the January 7th meeting, installation of officers took place. Officers for 1986 are: Keith Koegler, Past President; John Laird, President; Jack Smith, Vice President; Mike Bray, Secretary; Erv Kissel, Treasurer; Ken Johnson, Conductor; Ralph Christensen, 1st Trustee; Linton Frost, 2nd Trustee; Arnold Koegler, 3rd Trustee; and Lars Christoffersen, Guard.

On Saturday, December 14, we held our



The line was long to visit Santa.



Finally, everyone got their turn.

Christmas parties. We had over 50 children participating in the games that were played at the children's party. There was a long visit from Santa Claus with all of the boys and girls sitting on his lap and Santa giving each one a bag of candy. Ice cream, cookies, and punch were served during the afternoon. All of the little ones had an enjoyable and happy afternoon.

That evening a dinner-dance was held for

the adults. A complete Danish dinner of frikadeller, potatoes, vegetables, dansk rugbrød, and ris ala mande was cooked and served by Rob and Sue Jensen and their committee. We would also like to thank Dorothy Jensen for baking the bread. Over 70 members and guests enjoyed dancing to the music of the Preferred Stock. It was a wonderful party.

On December 31 we had our New Year's Eve party, attended by 75 members and guests at the smartly decorated Danish Hall. The hors d'oeuvres table with boiled shrimp, cheeses, chips and dips, pickles, relishes and much more was frequently visited throughout the evening. At midnight everyone ushered the old year out and brought the new year in with noise makers, confetti, balloons, kissing and hugging. Shortly after lunch, consisting of potato salad, baked beans, open faced sandwiches and ham sandwiches, more dancing followed into the wee hours of the morning.

We wish to thank the Christmas party committee and also the New Year's Eve party committee and everyone else who put in a lot of time and effort to make these parties a great success. They seem to get better every year.

**Keith Koegler, Past Pres.**

**Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH** — The annual Christmas party was held at Tom's Country Place on December 15, 1985. About 150 were present, including Santa Claus who entertained the children and presented them with a treat bag.

A Danish exchange student from Copenhagen, Anne-Mette Jensen, and also an exchange student from Norway, Lars Eri, were with us. Steve Madsen, our Danish Council General, was also present.

There was plenty of delicious food, good music and great fellowship.

**John Gormsen, Sec.**

# 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
11-30-85	George F. Schmidt	64	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	675	Racine, Wisconsin	1966
8-23-85	John T. Sorensen	81	Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1931
12-2-85	Harold Ravnsborg	78	Castana, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1927
11-8-85	Martin C. Jensen	66	Barnes County, South Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1947
11-29-85	Christian Petersen	82	Spangle, Washington	273	Dillon, Montana	1925
11-14-85	Robert J. Karch, Jr.	64	Dayton, Ohio	29	Seattle, Washington	1946
11-28-85	Martin P. Jacobsen	85	Danielsen, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1919
11-16-85	Harry F. Nielsen	86	Aalborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1940
11-27-85	Arthur E. Bell	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1955
12-7-85	Carl Olsen	91	Arup, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1921
12-15-85	Alfred Jensen	69	Sayreville, New Jersey	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1946
11-25-85	Harold Speedtsberg	70	Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1951
12-2-85	Richard W. Sorensen	56	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1979
11-14-85	Sigvald V. Haagerup	71	Roskilde, Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C.	1961
11-27-85	M. Lucile Curtis	82	Lainsborg, Michigan	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1982

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — On November 13, 1985, we held our election of officers for 1986. They include: Past President, Ken Rehan; President, Jack Jensen; Vice President, Cortland Book; Treasurer, Paul Carlsson; Financial Secretary, Otto Pedersen; Correspondence Secretary, Carl Mayland; Recording Secretary, Houghton Smith; 1st Trustee, Willie Pedersen; 2nd Trustee, Carl Larsen; 3rd Trustee, Bob Tremane; Conductor, Ed Woods, Jr.; Inner Guard, Bill Andersen; and Outer Guard, Henning Jensen.



The Al Sims Band provided the music.



The children were entertained by a magician.



All the children were happy when Santa arrived.

The children's annual Christmas party was held on December 8. A beautiful Christmas tree was decorated in the middle of the Viking Hall. The crowd was entertained by the Al Sims Band with Christmas music and a magician. Gifts were presented by Santa. Afterwards, the kids enjoyed hot dogs and ice cream served by the Sisterhood officers.

**Ken Christensen, Sec.**

## GCEL

**Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ** — At our December meeting, officers for 1986 were elected with Gordon Peterson and Everett Erickson taking office as trustees. All other officers were re-elected for another year. Following the meeting, Danish style sandwiches and other tasty items were enjoyed by the 45 members present. Everett Erickson, his committee and the wives involved made this annual event one to appreciate and remember.

Brother Everett also organized the mass production of aebleskiver for our October meeting.

Under the guidance of Gordon Peterson, our pre-Christmas dinner-dance was an enjoyable event with music, folk dances, food and refreshments. About 190 members and friends attended.

Installation of officers was held at our January meeting. **Jens Jessen, Sec.**

**Lodge #116, Newark, NJ** — We would like to congratulate the following for their long years of membership: 25 year members — Niels E. Scholer, John G. Hansen, Susan Marie Rosko; 50 year members — Laurits Pedersen, Poul Reimann; and 60 year member — George Madsen.

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — Thanks to the committee for a terrific smørrebrød for our November meeting. It was quite a treat!

We were saddened to learn that Hildur Wilhjalmsdottir lost her battle with cancer on November 20, at the age of 44. Hildur became a member of Lodge No. 172 and was voted in as treasurer in 1984. She held that position until her death. All who knew Hildur found her a good mother and friend as well as a true interested member of our organization. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Special thanks to the kitchen committee and all who lent a hand with the Children's Christmas party in December.

Len and Mary Gottliebsen became delegates to the Old People's Home with Georg Olesen and Ellen Albertsen as alternates. Flemming Hinrichsen will be our delegate to the GCEL Convention in September.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #314, Hartford, CT** — This past December we held our annual Christmas party. There were 51 people present, including 17 children. We are glad to see the number of children increasing.

The children had a great time dancing around the Christmas tree to the music of Jennie Elliott at the electric piano accompanied by Jeff Elliott on the clarinet and Mark Elliott with his trumpet.

Santa arrived and the children were all excited. He arrived by helicopter.

A great dinner was had by everybody. We all missed our President, John Christiansen, who was in the hospital following a serious operation, and also his wife Evelyn. He is doing well now. **Waldo J. Elliott, Sec.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY** — At our December meeting we elected the following officers for 1986: President, Raymond Andreasen; Vice President, Elizabeth Pedersen; Secretary, Ilse Sullivan; Treasurer, Hans Pedersen; Financial Secretary, Ib Andersen; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trustees, John Rasmussen, Mariane Andersen, and Otto Andreasen.

A collection to the fund for Brian Perschnick was taken up among members present. The money collected, together with a donation from the lodge was sent to the National Headquarters.

After the business meeting we enjoyed a traditional Danish Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

We are sorry to report that our dear brother and former secretary, who served for six years, is retiring. We will all miss him and the great job he did for us. Niels Hansen and wife Jeannette will be going on an extended trip to Denmark early this summer. We wish them well and hope to see them every once in a while. To Niels, thanks for all the hours and hard work you did to keep us all informed and may you stay well, healthy and happy. **Ilse Sullivan, Sec.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA** — Election of officers for 1986 was held in November of 1985 and the following persons will be installed in March: Past President, Ed Haag; President, Bob Phoenix; Vice President, Bente Ferguson; Secretary, Betty Jensen; Treasurer, Melanie Madsen; Conductor, Charles Robinson; Chief Trustee, Bob Lindemann; 2nd Trustee, Rick Trust; and 3rd Trustee, Geert Pedersen.

Thanks to entertainment chairmen Rick and Loretta Trust and the kitchen committee for providing a very quaint "Italian atmosphere," complete with spaghetti, salad and garlic bread, after our November meeting. Thanks also to Toni Ann Trust for taking charge of the music.

Unfortunately, Mr. Weatherman was not very considerate of our Christmas party — he waited until the very last moment to produce some hazardous conditions. Surprisingly, though, the majority of us managed to slide over anyway and were rewarded with a truly splendid evening.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

## 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.

## Host Families Sought For International High School Students

Host families are being sought for 40 high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Brazil, Australia, and Japan for the school year 1986-87, in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, aged 15 through 18, will arrive in the United States in August 1986, attend the local high school, and return to their home country in late June 1987. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and have spending

money and medical insurance. Host families are responsible to provide room and board and parental guidance. They are eligible for an income tax deduction of \$50 per month.

AISE is also seeking American high school students, aged 15 through 17, who would like to spend a high school year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany, France, Spain, Australia, or Switzerland, or to participate in a five week Host Family stay in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany, France or Spain.

Families interested in this program may call toll free 1-800-227-3800.

## 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.

## Payment to Board Member

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

## Always a Dane

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Somehow they all managed to fit. With a slam of the gate, a loosening of the tie ropes, and a "Shove off!" shouted by a dockworker, the old ferry was released. She shuddered and began her trip across the water to the New York harbor.

The scene at the debarkation point was tumultuous. Horses and wagons, drivers and carts, people with crates and baggage were everywhere. Shouts of greeting and cries of joy with tears and laughter filled the air.

"Onkel Olaf! . . . Tante Sigred! . . . Fader! Her er vi!" The Danish words filtered through the dust and noise.

Emma stood on her tiptoes as she searched through the crowd for the man who had promised to meet her. She was almost to the point of tears when she tripped over the shoe of a tall young man. He lunged forward and caught her. Her bag sprawled in the dust.

"Oh. . . Please excuse. . . I'm looking for. . . Do you know where I can find Pastor Andersen. . . Our Savior's Church?" she stammered with embarrassment.

"Why, yes, I do. He's standing by the wagon with those two young ladies. . . over there." He flashed a brilliant smile as he

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gently released her arms and pointed in the direction of the group. "You must be the third one."

"Why, what do you mean?" she asked.

"Oh, I'm sorry. You could not know. I'm Mr. Barfød, your driver. I was sent to find you. You are the third one, the last one, so now we are ready to leave." He bowed slightly and tipped his cap as he spoke. "Please allow me," he added as he picked up the bag. He took one step, hesitated, and turned. "And you are?"

"Miss Jensen. . . Miss Emma Jensen. . . from Copenhagen," she supplied and turned on her heel to make her way through the crowd to the small waiting group.

Pastor Andersen, tall and gray-bearded, greeted her warmly and introduced her to the other young ladies.

"You have already met Mr. Barfød, I presume," he said as he assisted her into the back of the wagon.

"Yes, we've met," she replied with a slight smile.

The baggage was stowed, and the young ladies quickly boarded to sit on and between the parcels.

"Come on, Ymir. . . Come on, Yggdrasill," Barfød called to the pair of large bays as he flicked them with a light whip. The horses lunged forward and the wagon lurched on its way through the cobblestone streets toward the bridge that led to Brooklyn.

The trip was filled with excitement, yet silent, for there were many sights to be devoured as the wagon lumbered through the crowded city.

It was almost nightfall when they finally creaked to a halt in front of a small two-story, red brick building.

"So. . . here we are!" announced Pastor Andersen with a note

of pride in his voice. "Mr. Barfød, you will help the ladies with their baggage. . . yes? Miss Jensen has the upstairs front room; Miss Christofferson and Miss Lund will share the large upstairs back room. Dinner will be served downstairs in the church basement at eight o'clock. So now, up with you. Later we will tell you of the work we have found for you." He waved his long arms over his head in a pastoral dismissal.

Emma followed Mr. Barfød as he carried her bag up the squeaky wooden stairs. The gas light on the wall cast sculptured shadows as they entered her room.

"So. . . here you are," remarked Mr. Barfød as he placed her bag at the foot of the bed. He straightened up, tipped his cap, and backed out into the hall. "Welcome to America." He smiled and closed the door softly.

The room was small. A single window looked down to the street below. The bed was covered with a simple white coverlet. A pitcher of water and an empty basin sat on the corner of the pine dresser next to a folded towel. In the far corner of the room a tiny table held a vase with some fresh daffodils. A wooden stool was tucked underneath. This was home.

Emma bowed her head and thanked God for her safe journey, her new friends, and her new home.

Later that evening, after supper had been eaten and the residents had gone to bed, she sat in the dark by the window, looking at the moonlit city. She thought of her brothers and sisters in Denmark, of its woods and streams and shores. Tears marbled her cheeks. It was then that she composed her first poem in America, which she later wrote in a little brown notebook.

## **Til Danmark**

*O! Danmark du kaere, mit fjerne Fødeland,  
Hvornår skal jeg atter skue din kendt  
Strand?*

*Hvornår skal jeg komme til Landet jeg  
forlod?*

*Hvor Ungdoms Ar er glad, hvor min Barn-  
doms vugge stod.*

*Skal atter jeg vandre udi din grønne Skov,  
Og høre Fuglen synge Gud til Pris og Lov?  
Skal atter jeg vandre til hvert et Sted så  
kendt,  
Eller har bort for evig jeg min Fod fra  
Hjemmet vendt?*

*Mine Brødre, mine Søstre, mine Venner så  
kaere,  
Skal atter engang i deres Midte jeg vaere?  
Skal atter vi mødes her mer pa Jord,  
Hilse hverandre med Gensynets Ord?*

## **To Denmark**

*Oh, Denmark, you dearest, my distant  
native land,*

*When shall I once more behold your  
familiar shore?*

*When shall I return to the land I left?*

*Where youthful years were happy, where  
my childhood cradle stood.*

*Shall I wander once more through your  
green woods?*

*And hear birds sing praise and thanks to  
God?*

*Shall I wander once more to each place so  
familiar,*

*Or have I turned forever my foot away  
from home?*

*My brothers, my sisters, my friends so  
dear,*

*Shall I be, some day, once more in their  
midst?*

*Shall we meet again here on earth,*

*Greet each other with words of reunion?*

Danmark, du gamle, vor Moder sa kaer,  
 Dybeste Kaerlighed i mit Hjerte til Dig baer.  
 Dig vil jeg mindes hvorså end jeg går,  
 Dig vil jeg elske salaenge mit Hjerte det slår.

Denmark, you ancient, our Mother so dear,  
 The deepest love in my heart for you I bear.  
 You I will remember, wheresoever I go,  
 You I will love as long as my heart beats.

Langt, langt borte i det fremmede Land,  
 Sender jeg min Hilsen over Din grønne  
 Stranden.  
 Altid, ja altid, dansk i Sind vil jeg vaere,  
 Altid holde Dig, O Danmark, højt i Aere.

Far, far away in the foreign land,  
 I send my greeting to your green shores.  
 Always, yes always, Danish in mind will I be,  
 Always hold you, Oh Denmark, high in honor.

## 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 Secretary, or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

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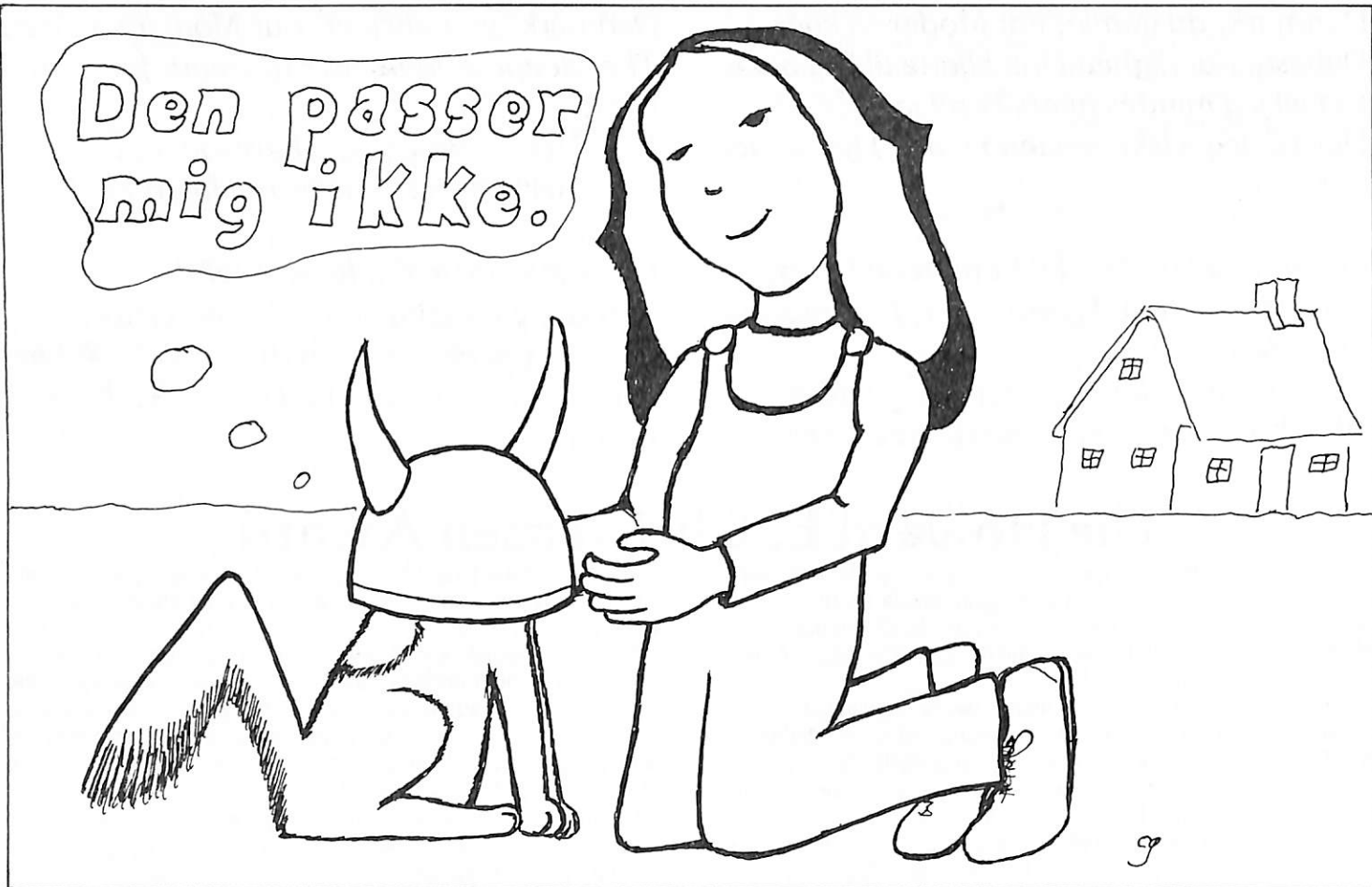
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**January winners: Chad Rasmussen and Patrick McMahon.**

## Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

### Flødeboller (Cream Puffs)

- 1 cup boiling water
- ½ cup butter
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup flour

Bring water and butter to boiling point in a large pan. Then add sifted flour, beat quickly until smooth and it does not stick to the spoon or pan. Cool slightly, add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly. Drop on buttered tins, placed in 400° oven until puffed, then reduce heat to 350° and finish baking. Should be brown and slightly dry. When cold, fill with whipped cream or custard and decorate with powdered sugar or jelly.

## It's Time For Summer Camp

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

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

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

# Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning      Keeping Together — Progress  
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## Dates and Locations of District Workshops

*The date and location of the workshops led by National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerome L. Christensen, National Sales Director, Andy Andersen, and National Fraternal Director, Pam Dorau, have been scheduled as follows:*

Omaha, NE	February 15, 1986	Nebraska, Western Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming and Missouri
Petaluma, CA	March 1, 1986	Northern California
Los Angeles, CA	March 2, 1986	Southern California and Nevada
Seattle, WA	March 22, 1986	Washington and Canada
Portland, OR	March 23, 1986	Oregon and Idaho
Greenville, MI	April 19, 1986	Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana
Kenosha, WI	April 20, 1986	Wisconsin, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa
Albert Lea, MN	May 17, 1986	Minnesota, Eastern Iowa, and Luck, Wisconsin
New Haven/Milford, CT	May 24, 1986	Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Vermont

*Lodges located in Utah, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and Florida may attend the workshop nearest their locations.*

*All lodge officers, representatives, committee chairmen and interested members are encouraged to attend.*

*The purpose of the workshops is to reinforce knowledge of the Danish Brotherhood in America, provide current information regarding our insurance and fraternal programs to make membership more attractive in your lodge, and discuss any problems or concerns your lodge may have.*

**Mark your calendar for the date of the workshop in your area.**

# Have You Seen This Child?



Megan Ginevicz

## *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: 1-12-78  
 AGE: 6  
 DATE MISSING: 4-30-80  
 FROM: Saint Ignatius, Montana  
 HEIGHT: 25''  
 WEIGHT: 25-30 lbs.  
 HAIR: Brown (muddy blond)  
 EYES: Blue  
 ALIAS: Colleen  
 WHITE FEMALE  
 LAST SEEN: On 4-30-80 Megan disappeared from an unfenced yard in a remote wooded area.

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## **Proud to be a Dane?**

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