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Cover photo: Tivoli, the famous amusement park in the heart of Copenhagen. The Chinese pagoda is in the background. Photo courtesy of the Danish Tourist Board by Sven Thoby.



President's Page

Robert E. Ibesen
National President

President's Annual Report

It seems only a short while ago I was summarizing the activities which took place in 1984 and now I find myself again preparing to summarize another year of action taken by our Board of Directors. 1985 was a very busy, active, and successful year for the Danish Brotherhood in America.

We began the Spring, 1985 Board of Directors meeting with a moment of silence for Richard H. Christensen, Chairman of the Alternate Funding Study Committee, who lost his battle against cancer on April 10, 1985. Norbert E. Grove accepted the position of Chairman of the Alternate Funding Study Committee and appointed Melvin Pihl as his Vice-Chairman. We look forward to working with Norbert and Melvin and the entire committee in the future. In fact, as this column is going to print, the Board of Directors at their Spring, 1986 meeting will be joined by the entire Alternate Funding Study Committee in order that they may finalize their recommendations as directed by the last National Convention.

As part of the Secretary-Treasurer's report given by Jerome L. Christensen, overwhelming approval was given to once again conduct district workshops in 1986. Already many benefits have been realized from this decision. Also during Jerry's report, the annual statement was reviewed. In conjunction with the review of the annual statement, the Actuary's Annual Report was also reviewed. This report consists of numbers taken from the annual statement and is a gain and loss report by line of business. The breakdowns of this report include investment, mortality, and expense distribution. Another report reviewed by the Board was the Association Financial Condition Report of Examination prepared by the State of Nebraska. All recommendations given by the State of Nebraska were complied with during this meeting.

At the Fall, 1985 meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer's report included a meeting with John Ballard of Taylor, Ballard & Company regarding an upgrade in data processing. The need to upgrade our computer capabilities has been realized due to the increased accounting load for the quarterly statement now being filed with the State of Nebraska. Also, the Danish Brotherhood Board of Directors has now recognized the need to provide our members with an interest sensitive whole life or universal life product and to do this, increased capabilities in data processing must be met. The Board of Directors instructed Jerry Christensen to research the many different computer systems available.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report also included a recommendation by the Board of Directors to revise the lodge death report form. The previously used lodge death report form required the signature of the local lodge president, secretary, and treasurer or financial secretary. After discussing the problems involved in obtaining all signatures and thus delaying payments of benefits, it was decided to require the treasurer or financial secretary only to sign said form. In the absence of the treasurer or financial secretary, the form may be signed by the secretary or other lodge officer.

It was also decided that all premium-paying ordinary life certificates issued prior to 1936 will become paid-up ordinary life for the full face amount with no further premium payments required after January 1, 1986.

Special items of interest noted in our Agency Department by Sales Director, Andy Andersen, included a change in non-medical limits. The amount which may be issued non-medical between ages 46 and 50 was increased to \$5,000 and the amount which may be issued non-medical between ages 40 and 45 was increased to \$10,000. Andy recommended to the Board the idea of hiring full-time personal producing representatives. This was completed in the Nebraska District with the hiring of full-time district representative Paul Wehner. We can attribute a successful 1985 to the Agency Department in providing family protection.

The Sales Director's report reiterated the need to provide an interest sensitive whole life product to remain competitive in the ever-changing insurance world. Along with the commitment by the Board to upgrade our computer capabilities, which will enable the Danish Brotherhood to offer an interest sensitive product, approval was given to begin using the 1980 CSO mortality tables, which is a requirement of all insurance companies by January 1, 1989.

Andy Andersen also disclosed the concept of our new membership campaign - the Recommender of the Month.

Included in the Fraternal Department's report, given by Pam Dorau, support was given for the Howard E. Christensen Award. This award will be given to the most dedicated member of the Danish Brotherhood and was named after our late Secretary-Treasurer because of the outstanding dedication and contributions given to our society. During the Spring, 1985 meeting, Pam was instructed to research the

possibility of replacing the Past President's pins. At the Fall, 1985 meeting, the Board of Directors voted to begin production of a new Past President's pin which will be a small lapel pin all gold in color. During these meetings, the Board was also informed that Pam has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for Skovsøen and the Board of Directors for the Danish Immigrant Museum.

The Board of Directors discussed the purpose of the Danish Contact, the quarterly newsletter established between the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Interest Conference. Because of an increase in administrative work load within the National Headquarters combined with the fact that the newsletter was not reaching its goal of becoming a clearinghouse for Danish information and ideas, it was decided that the fund provided to this newsletter could no longer be justified.

A letter was received by the Board of Directors from Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, regarding Brian Perschnick, a 16-year-old member who was born with a heart defect. Since the family had no health insurance for Brian due to uninsurability, overwhelming support was given to begin a national fund drive. At this same time, an approval of special aid in the amount of \$750 for Brian was given.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the lodges and individuals who contributed to the Perschnick fund. It was my pleasure to hand a healthy looking Brian a check in the amount of \$5,644.20 from all of you. Overall, nearly \$18,000 was raised. Please see the article on page 10 relating to this important cause.

The Board was also updated on the progress of the 1987 National Convention Committee through a letter by Chairman, Willy Christensen.

Reports were heard from several committees which included: the Retirement Plan Committee, Scholarship and Camp Grant Committee, Alternate Funding Liaison Committee, Building Committee, Bylaw Committee, President's Awards Committee, Audit and Securities Committee, Investment Committee, and the Executive Committee.

Each Board member also reported on the successful district conventions held in 1985. I attended the Pacific-Northwest Convention, Woodrow Petersen attended the Nebraska District Convention, Peter Weber attended the Michigan-Ohio District Convention, Paul Carlsen attended the General Committee of Eastern Lodges District Convention, Clyde Langsted attended the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, Erling Braumann attended the California-Nevada District Convention and Kenneth Pedersen attended the Midwest District Convention.

In January of 1986 the Danish Brotherhood lost a very dear and valuable member with the passing of Viggo E. Mikkelsen. Viggo served on the National Board of Directors and was elected President of the Supreme Board at the 26th National Convention. We will always be thankful for the contributions Brother Mikkelsen gave to the Danish Brotherhood as his memory lives on forever. The entire Board of Directors offer their sympathies to his wife, Margaret Evelyn.

In March 1986, it was my extreme pleasure to be invited to the Danish Sisterhood National Board meeting in Chicago for preliminary discussions regarding the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Convention to be held in Des Moines in September, 1987. It sounds like a long way off but will be here before you know it, so both of our organizations are striving to insure that we have a good convention for all the brothers and sisters. You will be hearing much more about the convention in the **American Dane**.

During our Spring, 1986 Board meeting, the entire Board of Directors was invited to spend what ended up to be a very enjoyable evening with Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus Axel Skelbeck and his wife Rose. We would like to thank Rose for the hospitality which was shown to us.

As you will note from the above, 1985 was indeed a very busy, active, and successful year for the Danish Brotherhood. We experienced an increase in not only life insurance protection provided to our members, which was double of what it had been each year for the past five years, but also a substantial increase in new insured members. To continue this success, we all must work together to fulfill our corporate purpose - "To promote and perpetuate Danish culture and traditions, and to provide fraternal benefits and family protection."

WHAT I LONG FOR

by Donald A. Christensen

A cold spring rain pelted against the windows of the three-story brownstone house. Ignoring sporadic thunderclaps, Emma Jensen hummed quietly to herself as she stood before the mirror in her small, sparsely furnished room on the third floor. Once again she held the black wedding dress up against her, pressing the practical material to her shoulders.

"Yes, it is the right length, but perhaps a little more in here..." she thought to herself as she pinched the garment at the waistline. "How happy I am! Hans has asked me...and I said yes. Now the wedding is only three months off! We shall have a small house. He promised. He has such a good future with his delivery wagon...so many things to haul in this busy city. Perhaps one day I will no longer have to work as Mrs. Tackett's maid."

She twirled about once more in front of the mirror and laughed when she bumped into a chair. "This will never do! Mrs. Tackett will think I have gone mad. Oh!" she exclaimed at the knock on the door.

"Emma, there's a gentleman here to see you...Pastor Andersen," a muffled voice announced.

"Oh...yes, Ma'am. I'm sorry. Just a moment." Emma scurried about gathering her sewing and scraps of cloth while straightening up the bed cover.

"He's waiting in the parlor. You may come downstairs and visit him." The sound of Mrs. Tackett's footsteps faded as she left.

"Reverend Andersen! What a terrible night to be out. May I offer you some coffee?" Emma smiled as she entered the parlor and extended her hand.

The tall, gaunt man shook his head as he took Emma's hand. His face crinkled with a smile which was almost hidden by the lush growth of his white whiskers. His dark eyes wore a hint of sadness. He started to speak, hesitated, then began softly.

"No, thank you, Emma. No coffee. Please...please be seated. I have something important I must tell you."

Questions loomed in Emma's eyes. She walked to the settee and sat down slowly, folding her hands in her lap.

"It's about Mr. Barfød," he began.

"Oh!" she gasped. "He's not been in an accident!" She cupped her hands over her lips.

"No...no, not that," assured the preacher. "But there's something you should know about him."

A clap of thunder punctuated his sentence.

"Yes?" she asked.

The preacher shifted his weight from one foot to the other, glanced at the floor, then raised his eyes to study Emma's face

before he continued.

"Some time ago--last year, I believe--I remember Mr. Barfød mentioning a son. We were working at the church, talking about the hauling business, and he said that he would like to build a business which his son could help with and eventually own. This is a good and proper goal for a business, I thought. So I remembered it. But I have not heard any more about this son from Mr. Barfød for sometime, and when I asked him about it, he acted rather strange--a little irritated, I thought. Said I must have misunderstood him; he was only speaking about the possibility of the future and not a real son.

"His manner made me somewhat uneasy, so sometime back I wrote to his home church in Kolding to see about his situation. I have--just today--received a reply."

He paused and withdrew a carefully folded letter from his pocket. Placing his hat on the coffee table, he adjusted his glasses and began reading aloud.

"Concerning your inquiry into the welfare of the family of Hans Barfød, his wife and son are doing as well as they can. She says Hans does not send them money anymore, but that is because things are difficult for him in America. She expects him to do better shortly. Someday soon she hopes he will have enough saved so they may join him in America."

"He...he has a family back in Denmark?" Emma's voice became small and distant as she asked the question.

"Yes, I'm afraid so. I presume he's told them nothing about you...and you nothing about them."

HVAD JEG LAENGES EFTER

*Jeg laenges efter hvad selv ej lidt jeg ved.
Jeg laenges efter Grævens Ro, og Himmlens dybe
Fred.*

*Naar Hjertet i mig bruser og Barmen blive trang,
Da laenges jeg saa ofte efter Hvilen, sød og lang.*

*Naar ene jeg vandrer og stundom føler mig saa
forladt,
Naar Glædens Sol for mig er slukt, og min Sjael
er dybe Nat,
Da laenges jeg saa ofte efter Grævens tause Gem,
Som Vejen mig skal aabnet, til mit, det rette
Hjem.*

*O Jesu! Du som alting kan, laer mig min Laengsel
daempe.
Og midt i Verdens Traengsel, med Taalmodighed
at kaempe.
Naar Du det vil, naar Timen din, den slaar,
Da vil Du føre mig hvor Laengsel ej mer mig naar.*

*Da gaar det frem til Hjemmet stille Fred
Hvor Du min Jesu er, som jo er Kaerlighed.
Du slukke vil min Laengsel, du stille vil mit Saun
Og give Hjertet Hvile, igennem Din Frelserfaun.*

She sat silent for a long moment, her face a marble white. "No...nothing," she replied at last.

"That confirms my fears that his intentions were...are...not quite honorable. You two cannot be married, for he's already married...I am so sorry." He sighed and reached out to touch her shoulder.

"No...please," she said, twisting her shoulder to avoid his touch. She rose from the couch. "You are God's messenger, delivering His message. I will talk to Him about it. Thank you for coming, Pastor. I will show you to the door."

"Are you sure?" he asked.

"Yes, I'm sure," she replied, tears rimming her eyes. She picked up the preacher's hat and handed it to him.

She accompanied him to the door and watched him as he turned up his collar against the rain and strode off into the night.

On her way up the stairs she heard Mrs. Tackett call after her. "Is everything all right, Emma?"

Emma paused on a step to reply, "Yes, Ma'am. Everything's all right," then continued on her way to her room, her mind full of the past--tender moments, passionate promises, shared laughter--all her dreams of the future, shattered.

Quietly she closed the door to her room, crossed the floor to her bed, and lay face down, covering her head with a pillow. Only then did she permit herself to cry. The pillow muffled the sobs which wracked her body.

The rain continued to pelt the windows.

Later, much later, she wrote: "What I Long For."

WHAT I LONG FOR

*I long for what even I barely know.
I long for the grave's repose and heaven's deep
peace.
When the heart in me roars, and the chest
becomes constricted,
Then I long so often for rest, sweet and long.*

*When, alone, I wander and, at times, feel so
forsaken,
When the sun of happiness is extinguished for me,
and in my soul is the deepest night,
Then, I long, so often, for the grave's silent echo
Which shall open the way to me, to what is my
rightful home.*

*Oh, Jesus, Thou who knows everything, teach
me my longing to suppress,
And in the midst of the world's pressure, with
patience, to fight.
When Thou that will, when it's Thy time to strike,
Then will Thou lead me to where longing now is
no more.*

*Then it goes forth to the home of quiet peace,
Where Thou, my Jesus; are, who truly is love.
Thou will suppress my longing; Thou will still my
desires.
And give my heart rest, through Thy saving
embrace.*



The Danish Brotherhood in America

Balance Sheet December 31, 1985 (Note 1)

Admitted Assets	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Cash, including \$128,467 of C.D.'s and savings accounts	\$123,401	\$ 74,738	\$ 198,139
Investment in Bonds, at amortized cost	159,790	5,212,763	5,372,553
Short-term Investments	—0—	677,914	677,914
Real Estate, at cost: Land, Building, and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$104,688	—0—	227,139	227,139
Certificate Loans	—0—	127,973	127,973
Premiums Receivable from Lodges	—0—	6,353	6,353
Interest Income Due and Accrued	2,495	130,533	133,028
Other Assets	—0—	345	345
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	\$285,686	\$6,457,758	\$6,743,444

Liabilities and Fund Balances	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Aggregate Reserve for Life Certificates and Contracts (Note 4)	\$ —0—	\$4,427,401	\$4,427,401
Reserve for Employee Retirement Plan Group Annuity (Note 3)	—0—	128,118	128,118
Certificate and Contract Claims	—0—	6,753	6,753
Estimated Refunds to members, payable in 1986	—0—	78,218	78,218
Premiums Received in Advance	—0—	61,170	61,170
Liability for Premium Deposit Funds	—0—	44,530	44,530
Accrued General Expenses	—0—	42,764	42,764
Accrued Taxes, Licenses and Fees	—0—	7,849	7,849
Other Liabilities	—0—	42,913	42,913
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ —0—	\$4,839,716	\$4,839,716
Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	66,319	66,319
Fund Balances (Note 2)	285,686	1,551,723	1,837,409
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$285,686	\$6,457,758	\$6,743,444

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For Year Ending December 31, 1985

Income:	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Life Premiums, Annuity Considerations, & Membership Assessments	\$ —0—	\$ 482,211	\$ 482,211
Investment Income, net of expenses of \$52,374	24,533	509,255	533,788
Miscellaneous	3,091	21,249	24,340
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 27,624	\$1,012,715	\$1,040,339
Benefits and Expenses:			
Death Benefits	\$ —0—	\$ 129,622	\$ 129,622
Matured Endowments and Surrender Benefits	—0—	74,212	74,212
Annuity Benefits	—0—	3,744	3,744
Payment on Supplementary Contracts with Life Contingency	—0—	2,922	2,922
Payment on Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingency and for Refund Accumulations	—0—	2,400	2,400
Retirement Benefits under Group Annuity Contract (Note 3)	—0—	24,521	24,521
Increase in Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Certificates, Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingency and Refund Accumulations	—0—	256,013	256,013
Commissions	—0—	20,566	20,566
General Expenses, per accompanying Statement	22,213	293,507	315,720
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	—0—	19,805	19,805
Other	—0—	2,564	2,564
TOTAL BENEFITS & EXPENSES	\$ 22,213	\$ 829,876	\$ 852,089

Gain from Operations, before Refunds to Members	\$ 5,411	\$ 182,839	\$ 188,250
Refunds to Members	—0—	78,567	78,567
Gain from Operations	\$ 5,411	\$ 104,272	\$ 109,683
Fund Balances, beginning of year	280,275	1,459,398	1,739,673
Change in non-admitted assets	—0—	(1,587)	(1,587)
Net capital loss	—0—	(995)	(995)
Change in reserve due to revaluation	—0—	(641)	(641)
Change in Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	(8,724)	(8,724)
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)	\$285,686	\$1,551,723	\$1,837,409

Statement of General Expenses For Year Ending December 31, 1985

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Salaries and Wages	\$ —0—	\$ 126,065	\$ 126,065
Rent	—0—	10,500	10,500
Insured Benefit Plan for Employees	—0—	11,354	11,354
Medical Examination Fees	—0—	957	957
Travel Expenses	—0—	21,575	21,575
Advertising	—0—	931	931
Postage, Express, Telephone and Telegraph	—0—	11,303	11,303
Printing and Stationery	—0—	12,386	12,386
Cost or Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	—0—	4,260	4,260
Fraternal Products/Lodge Supplies, net	—0—	(3,048)	(3,048)
Books and Periodicals	—0—	1,981	1,981
Bureau and Association Dues	—0—	2,208	2,208
Insurance Expense	—0—	2,406	2,406
Actuarial, Audit & Statistical Fees	—0—	15,741	15,741
Agency Development Expense	—0—	8,975	8,975
Expense of Supreme Lodge Meeting	—0—	18,000	18,000
Official Publication	—0—	40,537	40,537
Membership Awards	—0—	3,103	3,103
Scholarship Grants & Awards	13,386	—0—	13,386
Fraternal Aid Payments	6,307	—0—	6,307
Fraternal Donations	2,500	—0—	2,500
Miscellaneous	20	4,273	4,293
TOTAL GEN. EXPENSES INCURRED	\$ 22,213	\$ 293,507	\$ 315,720

Statement of Changes in Financial Position For The Year Ending December 31, 1985 (Note 1)

SOURCES OF FUNDS:	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Operations:			
Gain from operations, per accompanying statement	\$ 5,411	\$ 104,272	\$ 109,683
Non-cash Items:			
Increase in cert. & claims reserves	—0—	174,078	174,078
Amortization of Bonds, net	(19)	(10,799)	(10,818)
Depreciation (straight-line method)	—0—	4,750	4,750
Increase in accrued general expenses and taxes	—0—	15,203	15,203
Increase in interest income due and accrued	319	(1,383)	(1,064)
Other, net	—0—	3,240	3,240
TOTAL FUNDS PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS	\$ 5,711	\$ 289,361	\$ 295,072
Proceeds from investments sold, redeemed or matured:			
Bonds	60,000	329,000	389,000
Total investments sold, redeemed or matured	60,000	329,000	389,000
Other funds provided, net	—0—	—0—	—0—
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$ 65,711	\$ 618,361	\$ 684,072
APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS:			
Investments Acquired:			

Bonds	\$ —0—	\$ 197,176	\$ 197,176
Net increase in short-term investments	—0—	451,284	451,284
TOTAL INVESTMENTS ACQUIRED ..	\$ —0—	\$ 648,460	\$ 648,460
Other Funds Applied, net	—0—	20,469	20,469
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS ..	\$ —0—	\$ 668,929	\$ 668,929
Increase (Decrease) in cash	\$ 65,711	\$ (50,568)	\$ 15,143
Cash Balance, beginning of year	57,690	125,306	182,996
Cash Balance, end of year	\$123,401	\$ 74,738	\$ 198,139

Notes to Financial Statements

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

A. Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.

B. Policy reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration of withdrawals.

C. Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost, preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.

D. The mandatory securities valuation reserve is reported as a liability.

E. Certain assets designated as "non-admitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to surplus.

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1985, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	\$ —0—	\$ 285,686	\$ 285,686
General	655,762	895,961	1,551,723
	\$655,762	\$1,181,647	\$1,837,409

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

A. to provide for fluctuations of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.

B. to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership and charitable and educational activities.

(3) The Society has a retirement plan for employees meeting certain minimum eligibility requirements. The plan is funded through a group annuity contract with the Society. Contributions for 1985 were zero.

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

The amount of insurance in force ceded under the agreement was \$3,222,741 at December 31, 1985. To the extent that the reinsuring companies are later unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements, the Society would remain liable.

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

THE TREE THAT ITCHED

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time an oak tree stood, all alone in a neighborhood. Up high in the tree sat a bird in its nest, who did nothing at all but eat and rest. While further down at the trunk of the tree a squirrel hid acorns secretly. The tree hid a cat most of the day, from a little brown dog who wanted to play.

The tree was really so happy and proud. "I have such nice friends," it said aloud.

All of a sudden, along came a bee and landed on a branch of the tree.

Quickly, the tree began to twitch as though it had one great big itch.

"Ouch," cried the tree. "What a terrible bee to sting my limb so painfully."

The tree needed help right away and called to the bird without delay. "I need your help. Oh, please little bird," said the tree so softly it could hardly be heard. "Just a second ago I started to itch." That was all it could say for it started to twitch. "All you need do is scratch it for me," said the tree to the bird, hopefully.

"I'm very tired, as I've flown all day. Ask the squirrel. She does nothing but play." And off the bird flew without a goodbye, and the oak tree twitched and gave a deep sigh.

Suddenly, the squirrel came by the tree and the oak tree said, "Please help me. Just a minute ago I started to itch." That was all it could say for it started to twitch. "All you need do is scratch it for me," said the tree to the squirrel, hopefully.

"I can't help you! I'm too busy for that! But there's nothing to stop you from asking the cat!" And so he left. Not another word. He was too busy to help. Just like the bird.

There was nothing to do but wait and see if the cat had time to help the tree.

"Please cat, come down a way. I have something important I want to say. Just awhile ago I started to itch." That was all it could say for it started to twitch. "All you need do is scratch it for me," said the tree to the cat, hopefully.

"Not on your life," said the cat with a frown. "That dog looks mean. I won't come down!"

"Okay," said the tree. "Then I have a plan. I'll shake myself just as hard as I can."

So it twitched and shook and twitched some more, till the tree lost most of the leaves that it wore.

The cat and the squirrel fell with a THUD; and the bird back in its nest fell into some mud. But the bee still stayed on the tall oak tree and it painfully moaned, "Woe is me."

All at once a Troll came by and looked at the tree and gave a long sigh. "I never saw such a terrible scene. Even I wouldn't ever be so mean!"

The squirrel and cat and little bird, too, looked at each other not knowing what to do.

Then, the bird flapped its wings with all of its might as the squirrel made faces that were really a fright and the cat meowed as loud as could be.

And you know what happened?

They frightened the bee.

"Thanks," said the tree, "for helping me out. For a while there, I had some doubt."

From that day on they all agreed to help each other in time of need. So the story comes to a pleasant end with a thought of kindness toward a friend.



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Brian Perschnick Drive Comes to a Successful Close

In the December issue of the **American Dane** an article appeared asking for assistance to Brian Perschnick who was to undergo open-heart surgery. A fund drive at the National Headquarters was established since Brian was born with this heart defect and was unable to secure health insurance since birth. On March 1, 1986, this drive came to a very successful ending with members of the Danish Brotherhood fulfilling their promise made during individual initiation ceremonies - "to stand by each other when illness or sorrow comes to (one of) our homes."

Members proved that the Danish Brotherhood is a true fraternal organization by raising \$5,644.20. Because of Lodge No. 34's **out-standing** fund raising efforts, along with contributions the Perschnicks received directly, an additional \$12,351.60 was raised from many, many friends; lodges which include Lodge No. 227 in Detroit, MI, Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, IL, Lodge No. 17 in Chicago, IL, Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, WI, Lodge No. 4 in Racine, WI, Lodge No. 64 in Rockford, IL, Lodge No. 340 in Wood Dale, IL, Lodge No. 343 in Waupaca, WI; Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 125 in Detroit, MI; and other organizations including the Danish National Committee of Detroit, the Golgatha Lutheran Church in Chicago, St. Patricks Catholic Church in Dwight and the Illinois State Plowman's Association.

A total of \$17,995.80 was given to the Perschnick family by members who can honestly say the fraternal spirit is alive and growing at the Danish Brotherhood in America.

The Perschnicks would like to take this opportunity to express their feelings to all members of the Danish Brotherhood:

Dear Danish Brotherhood in America Brothers & Sisters:

We want to start by sending a very warm and sincere thank you to each and every one for your caring and fantastic support with all the generous donations and cards during Brian's illness.

I would like to tell you about this young man that you have taken care of: as you know from reading the American Dane, Brian was born with a heart defect. When he was 4 years old, he had his first operation and temporarily had it repaired. At that time, the doctors thought it would be best just to repair the valve, hoping that in the future they could replace the defect with an artificial valve. We were very hopeful over the years, knowing that with technology the operation could only be more perfected. This was proven to be true this past December when Brian underwent his second operation. Only five days after surgery, Brian was able to come home and start his mend back with his family.

April 10th will be exactly four months since the surgery and there are great expectations for some baseball this spring. Brian is currently involved in the Livingston County 4-H Club where he is raising sheep; he is President of the Future Farmers of America at Dwight High School where he is also on the Mathelete team. Aside from his school activities, Brian works with his Dad on the farm and also at Feddersen's Pizza Garage. As we can see, he has been doing quite well and keeping very busy since his surgery. He seems to have more energy than ever.

We can only say again - thanks to a great group of people! Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Dick, Maerlene & Brian Perschnick

The following represents all who donated to the National Headquarters drive:

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Introducing . . .

Michael Cloud - one of our newest Young Vikings. Michael joined Lodge No. 172 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has this to say -



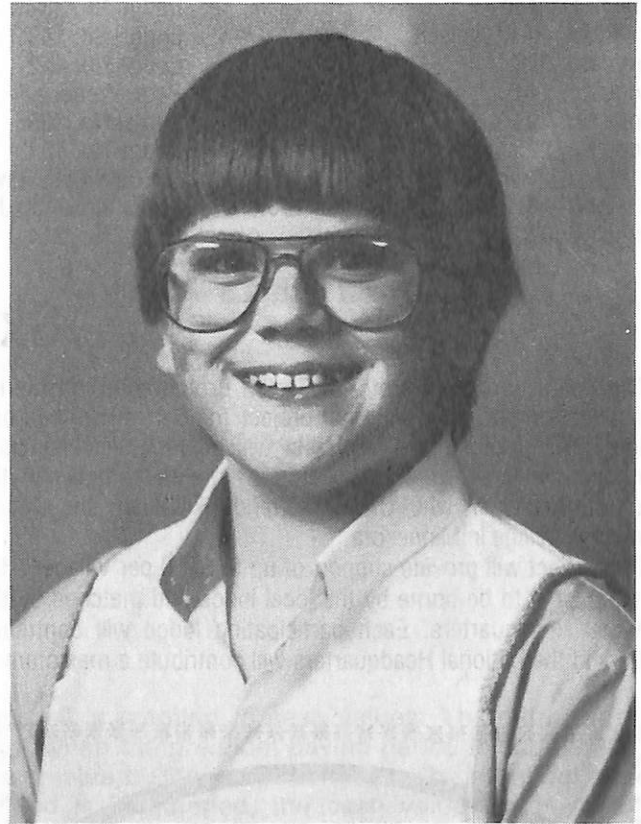
As you can see because of my age, I am not capable of writing yet, so I am having my grandfather write this letter for me.

My mother and grandfather are members of the Danish Brotherhood so I figured I should be a member too. I am sure, in later years I will be getting much enjoyment out of the Brotherhood.

I do not have any hobbies yet except playing with my toys, my favorite one is a contraption with lots of colors hanging over my playpen. I just love to pound on it so it will make lots of noise. I also have a Johnny Jumper Chair. It is a chair with a heavy spring hanging from the ceiling. You should see me when I jump in this chair; I can jump at least three feet in the air.

Welcome Michael!

Mark Sorensen, another one of our newest Young Vikings. Mark joined Lodge No. 283 in Dagmar, Montana, and has this to say -



I'm eleven years old and in the sixth grade at Medicine Lake Schools. I enjoy basketball, football, and will be joining track this year. I also enjoy watching the Medicine Lake Honkers play. Along with school, I'm an active member of the Volmer Lucker Clover 4-H Club. This year I'm taking a 4-H steer, heifer, and photography. I hold the office of president this year in my club.

I will be the youngest member of my family and also the fourth generation in my family to be a member of the Brotherhood. It all started with my great grandfather, Nel Sorensen, Sr., who was a charter member of Lodge No. 283 of Dagmar, Montana, then my grandfather, Einer Sorensen, and finally my father, Kermit Sorensen.

Welcome Mark!

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 with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

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Skovsøen

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

The project will provide support of up to \$200 per Villager. Half of the cost is to be borne by the local lodge and matched by the National Headquarters. Each participating lodge will contribute \$100 and the national Headquarters will contribute a maximum of

\$100 for each Villager. Lodges may decide whether or not they wish to assist Villagers further with transportation expenses.

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In contrast to the whole life certificate on which premium may be paid to age 100, limited pay life premiums are squeezed into shorter paying periods, and the shorter the paying period, the higher the premium. It's just like making payments on a new car or a T.V. if you have a 3-year installment plan instead of a 2-year plan, each installment you pay will be higher.

As you remember from our discussion of whole life, a portion of the premium goes into building cash value for emergency funds or for retirement. When the premium paying period is shortened and each individual deposit (premium payment) is increased a greater

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Limited pay life certificates will appeal to many including the person who prefers to confine life insurance premiums to the years of highest earning and the person who likes to have cash values grow more rapidly.

Educational Course Offered in Denmark

Det Danske Selskab/The Danish Cultural Institute takes pleasure in offering a course on "Primary and Special Education" to be held on October 6-16, 1986. The course will start in Aarhus, Jutland, and travel to Aalborg and Copenhagen. There will be all-day excursions to North Jutland and North Zealand with cultural visits to the Asger Jorn Museum, Silkeborg, Louisiana, the Museum of Modern Art, Elsinore, and a farewell dinner in the Tivoli Gardens.

Subjects to be discussed include: an ordinary Danish primary school; an open plan — open teaching school; a primary school with interdisciplinary teaching, experimental teaching and integration of handicapped children; a special school for hard of hearing and deaf-blind children; a youth-home for deaf-blind young people; an educational centre for severely handicapped children; a kindergarten for motory handicapped children; a school with kindergarten classes; the Danish School of Educational Studies; the Danish Ministry of Education; and a factory for educational toys.

Further information is obtainable from: Det Danske Selskab/The Danish Cultural Institute, Kultorvet 2, DK-1175 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

Museum Architect Selected

The Danish Immigrant Museum is pleased to announce the selection of Astle/Ericson & Associates as design architects for the Museum building to be erected at Elk Horn, Iowa. The Omaha based firm, one of thirteen firms interviewed, was chosen because of its experience, design and personnel.

"Design, we believe, is one part of a rational, objective and responsive process," said Ron Ericson, project architect. "Projects must blend harmonically with a natural context, and at the same time, project a clear visual image to identify the facility."

Planning and development for the conceptual phase of the museum will begin immediately. Ericson has met with Board members and staff to discuss the museum's space needs for exhibits, meeting rooms, collection care and other programs.

"We are looking forward to having the plans and conceptual drawings for the building," said Museum Director June Sampson, "so that we may use them in our capital fund drive which will begin in the near future."

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Dacotah Folk School of the Northern Plains

In the summer of 1985, an old mansion in the historic district of beautiful Hot Springs, South Dakota, was purchased and transformed into the Dacotah Folk School of the Northern Plains. The appearance of a new Folk School now is a timely event; the shaping of an old educational concept to new places and circumstances in response to the challenges of modern civilization, and to the creative possibilities which are emerging in our era.

While the first and basic heritage is Grundtvigian Denmark and the Grundtvigian Folk Schools, this is an American Folk School. The first concern and responsibility is to illumine the common experience in the "new world" with the lights of story, poetry, and music.

The Black Hills of South Dakota is one of the most beautiful and meaningful areas in our country. The Hills are at the center of the vast Northern Plains, and are simultaneously at the center of the North American continent.

At all Folk School sessions which will be held throughout 1986, time and opportunity is scheduled to explore and experience this beautiful, sacred region, including on hot days, one of the sweetest little swimming holes anywhere.

For further information, contact Erling Duus, Director, The Dacotah Folk School, 807 Almond Street, Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747, or call (605) 745-4345.

Charity is Declared

In the April, 1986 issue of the American Dane, Elpha O'Brien of Lodge No. 164 in New York, New York was declared "Recommender of the Month" for February, 1986. Keeping with the membership campaign of "It's Better to Give Than to Receive," Ms. O'Brien has donated her award of \$50 to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is a primary resource for

Dream of America

From June 5 through November 15 visitors will have the opportunity to view a large, costly, and well executed, 11,000 square foot museum display from the National Museum of Denmark which has most recently been on display in Copenhagen and Aarhus. The exhibit is being moved to the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard for its next showing. Featured is the European immigration which began in the 1820s and continued into the 20th century. The exhibit is expertly done and shows many scenes that the

Scandinavian Proverbs Now Available

A book entitled **Scandinavian Proverbs: Folk Wisdom from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden**, written by Julie Jensen McDonald, includes 101 Scandinavian proverbs written in calligraphy and printed on ivory acid-free paper. Many pages are suitable for framing. There are artistic illustrations, too. The ink used is blue and rust, colors favored by Scandinavian folk artists.

The proverbs, bits of folk wisdom from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, were collected by Julie Jensen McDonald of Davenport, Iowa. She wrote an introduction telling of each of the Scandinavian peoples. She is the author of nine published books including a Danish-American trilogy of novels. Mrs. McDonald's mother's parents emigrated from Denmark in the 1880s and her father came to the United States from Denmark when he was 19. She is also the author of the Penfield Press book, "Delectably Danish: Recipes and Reflections."

Calligrapher Esther Feske, M.F.A. graduate of the University of Iowa, designed the book. The proverbs are reproduced in her calligraphy style. She lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This book is available by mailing \$7.50 per paperback or \$18.50 for clothbound to Penfield Press, 215 Brown Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.

assistance and expertise in the following areas: education, improving the criminal justice system, prevention, legislation, public awareness, and advocacy. The center offers a national clearinghouse that collects, compiles, exchanges, and disseminates information.

Elpha is to be saluted for enlarging our chain of Danish Brotherhood in America members!

immigrants would have seen as they came to America.

If you are interested in seeing a slide presentation as an introduction to the exhibit, contact Andrew Price, Jr., 601 36th Ave. E., Seattle, Washington 98112.

Payments to Board Members

APRIL: Semiannual expense allowance, Peter Weber, \$250; Clyde Langsted, \$250; Erling Braumann, \$250; Paul Carlsen, \$250; Kenneth Pedersen, \$250; Woodrow Petersen, \$250; and George Jacobsen, \$250; Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.

It's Better To Give Than To Receive

Announcing:

The Recommender of the YEAR Award

Effective January 1, 1986, the new membership campaign was expanded to include the "Recommender of the Year" award. Keeping with the spirit of true fraternalism, whoever wins the "Recommender of the Month" award the most times in 1986 will be awarded \$300.00 to be given to the charity of his or her choice.

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.

It's Easy

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.

In cases where a tie has been declared for the "Recommender of the Month," a \$50.00 donation will be given to the 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.

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 — Honor be to the memory of Ole Nissen who passed away February 25, 1986, at the age of 99. Ole was without doubt the oldest member in our lodge and the longest standing member, having joined the Danish Brotherhood in 1908.

Congratulations to Hartley Kruger, Danish Consul for the State of Washington, upon the honor of being inducted into the Order of "Ridder of Dannebrog". Hartley is a member of our lodge. Best wishes and congratulations from all of us!

Congratulations, also, to Jens Gimbel of Portland, who was recently appointed Honorary Danish Consul for the State of Oregon. Best wishes from all of us, Jens!

Congratulations and welcome to John Oslund who was initiated at our March 5th meeting. Two applications were accepted and we look forward to meeting these new members. Also, at our March meeting, we had a pleasant surprise as someone thought of serving wine and snacks to all the members. Everybody enjoyed this very much.

The 8th Annual Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference will be held on June 27-29 at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Oregon. Come and enjoy a beautiful fellowship in a beautiful place.

We are looking forward to an exhibition at the Nordic Heritage Museum. "Drommen om Amerika" will start Grundlovsdag, June 5th, and run through December 31. The exhibition comes from Denmark where it had a long and successful run in both Copenhagen and Aarhus. It shows the history of Danish emigration from 1840 to 1920 approximately. **Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — At the March 5 meeting, Stig Hansen congratulated Jens Gimbel on his appointment as the Honorary Danish Consul for Oregon. A hand was given to Jens. Karlene Thorkildsen had prepared a specially decorated cake in honor of Jens' appointment.

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The best idea for May goes to Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA. See page 19.

Stig Hansen presented Joyce Gimbel and Lisa Mortensen with an award for their contributions to making the convention such a success.

Linda Jensen reported that the trip to Snow Bunny Lodge went well. The weather was beautiful and all that attended had a great time.

Gert Jensen reported on the announcement of Scandinavian of the Year. Gerda Farestrand, a member of the Sons of Norway, was selected. The gathering was well attended, mostly by Norwegians. Gert Jensen carried the Danish flag and Jens Jensen was the Master of Ceremonies. Gert also related that while in Eugene he had attended their lodge meeting. They sent their greetings and Gert said he had a good time.

Mag Esrom reported that we were well represented and everyone had a great time at the Northwest District Bowling Tournament in Enumclaw on March 8th. Team members consisted of Debbie Johnson, Edith Nielsen, Aggie Brumbaugh, Velma Book, Hilda Leppert and Martha Persson on the women's team; and Mag Esrom, Bob Leppert, Paul Persson, Bill Johnson and Willy Nielsen on the men's team. No grand prizes were won by our lodge, but the Enumclaw lodge provided a fun-filled banquet and dancing at their lodge hall. This good time led to some heavy hangovers and some very tired legs the next day.

At their annual Spring Meeting, Sunday, March 16, the Oregon-Southwest Washington Associates of the American Scandinavian Foundation awarded their annual award - The Niskanen Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Scandinavian Community - to Mel and June Pihl. Mel and June have been recognized in particular for their great efforts and support to Scanfest and the promotion of the continuation of Scandinavian Studies at Portland State University. Mel and June are also

recognized for their continuous service through their memberships in the Danish Brotherhood, the Scandinavian Club of Portland, and the American Scandinavian Foundation. They were also honored at the Scandinavian Awards Banquet sponsored by the Scandinavian Club and American Scandinavian Foundation on April 19 at the Lloyd Center Red Lion Inn.

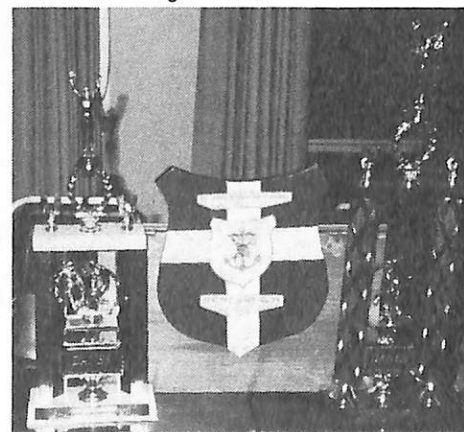
Joanne Kantor, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — At our meeting on March 13, Hugo Kristensen introduced his daughter and her husband, Ken West, and Paul Olesen presented his cousin, Dawn Keldsen, from Idaho.

Two applications for membership were received which were recommended by Martin Taekker. They include Lisa Nielsen Smith from Copenhagen, a student, and James K. Ballard from Tennessee, also a student and friend of Lisa's.

A thank you note was read from Marian Nelson for the flowers received while in the hospital. Also, a letter was received from The Bavarian Restaurant thanking the lodge for choosing his place. Lois Toftemark should be commended for the arrangement of a fine evening. Thanks!



The "Under 30" soccer team proudly displays the two trophies won this winter.

After the meeting was adjourned, Hans Lynning showed fine slides from his recent trip to Madeira, whereafter Evald and Betty Nielsen and their committee had arranged for refreshments.

All members are urged to attend meetings and social events so we may enjoy each others company and establish stronger

bonds with our Danish background and heritage.

Upcoming events include our St. Hans picnic at Triangle Lake in June.

It is with deepest regret we announce the death of Brother Agner Ranch. Agner passed away March 15, 1986, at the age of 60. Agner immigrated to the U.S.A. in 1949. On subsequent trips back to Denmark, Agner met and married Lillian Jensen in 1953. Lillian came to America with him in 1954, and has been a wonderful wife to Agner for 33 years.

Agner, by which all knew him was a great friend, always helpful and generous, a fine Dane to know. He was very active in our lodge, a charter member and Past President. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, a daughter, Susan, two sons, Allan and his wife Linda, and Flemming and his wife, Sherrie, and three grandsons, Flemming, Destin and Brandon. We are all going to miss him.

Jørgen Sorensen, Sec.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — We still have over 40 members and an attendance of 12 to 20 at our regular monthly meetings. Special events bring out a few more than that. Naturally, we read with a bit of envy those glowing reports from the two newest

lodges in Southern California. Our reports could be a bit more colorful but that would be a bit dishonest. Let us be frank, we are no longer the lusty, enthusiastic bunch we were years ago.

Today we are witnessing a lot of nostalgia - the opening of the restored Statue of Liberty and the refurbished Ellis Island to be something of a museum, and there are other museums springing up all over the country. Then there is the lively interest in historical societies and antiques. In the light of this maybe you can forgive me for doing a little reminiscing.

Next July it will be 31 years since I was offered the honor of serving as secretary. Martin J. Hansen, a man of considerable talent, fluent and literate in both English and Danish, a painter and artist and a U.S. veteran of WWI had served our lodge faithfully and effectively as secretary. He asked me to take over his duties; he was not able to continue. I accepted and became the third U.S. born member to serve as an officer in the lodge.

My start as secretary was a bit shaky, but with cooperation from the membership, we managed. At that time, our membership was about double what it is today, and all but a few of us came here in that great time of immigration that arrived here nearly a century ago.

These old members were hardy, adventuresome, resourceful and hard working, and even in extreme old age they sparkled with confidence and enthusiasm.

Unfortunately, that generation is almost all gone. Of the few of those immigrant members remaining, the oldest is Martin H. Johannsen, a 50-year member this month, a WWI veteran and a former treasurer of the lodge. Martin was presented with his 50-year pin a month early - he is confined to a nursing home and in no condition to celebrate.

During my years with Lodge No. 67, there have been many changes. The old lodge hall was located close to the business center of Fresno, but that has changed. Business and trading has moved to a different area, and the neighborhood around the hall has deteriorated. Children and grandchildren of former members are scattered over the state and nation. The Danish Church about two blocks from the old lodge hall now caters to a Hispanic congregation.

Here, at Lodge No. 67, we are still hanging in there, trying to adjust to all these changes.

L. S. DeLaurant, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The last meeting was called to order by our new President, Anne Kofod, and she did a fine job. Come out and let's give her support.

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Contact Harold Mathaisen if you would like to get a bowling team together for this year. It would be nice to get together on a Saturday afternoon to get some games played and you could count that as your exercise for the day.

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of Brother Borge Petersen. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Bill Christensen brought his sister, who is visiting from Denmark, to the meeting. She in turn brought homemade coffee cake for our treat with coffee. Thank you Sofie Nielsen and welcome.

A thank you is in order to Jim Nielsen for the delicious fish dinner that was enjoyed by 62 guests. A good time was had by all. It was nice to see some new faces to the gathering also. **Betty Seale, Sec.**

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA - At our November 13, 1986 meeting, our charter will be draped for 30 days in memory of our departed Past President, Brother Erling Remler, who passed away on March 7, 1986. Brother Remler became a member in November of 1966 and was very active, having gone through all the chairs, and served on various committees. He served as trustee for the past three years, and until the time of his death.

Brother Remler's sunny disposition was widespread. His fellow employees regarded him very highly, his last employment for the past 18 years was as a baker in the local Safeway store.

During these years, when their health provided, he and his wife, Tora, enjoyed traveling, such as going to Denmark several times, flying to the Carribean Islands as well as to the Hawaiian Islands. We are aware of their good times, since they provided our lodge with many entertaining hours, showing us the many pictures they took on their trips.

Besides his wife, Tora, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Eva and Edward Harr, two grandsons, Jeremy and

Paul, of Eureka, his mother and brother in Denmark and his sister and brother-in-law, Nomi and Sven Madsen of Ferndale.

We shall always honor his memory and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family.

On March 1, many members had the pleasure of attending a DBIA workshop in Petaluma. It was truly an educational affair. It enables one to become better acquainted with the personnel, as well as learning about the mechanisms of our national office, Board members, and their duties. We also learned more about the insurance system, our bylaws, and the duties of the national board. We hope there can be more of these sessions in the future. The meetings are quite informal, enabling the members to ask questions and assert their views, which are quite informative on both sides of the table. I cannot stress the importance of these workshops enough for those members who are interested in the complete workings of this great organization, which is to preserve our Danish culture and heritage.

I would like to express our appreciation to the Petaluma lodge and their wives for their wonderful hospitality, such as arranging our reservations, meals, and providing my transportation, etc. Thank you, Walt and Lil. **Laura L. Schuler, Sec.**

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — At our meeting of March 12th, a very delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner, prepared to perfection by Jørgen Hansen and Crew, was enjoyed by 47 members and guests. The meeting was preceded by Vice President Bent Pedersen and attended by 23 members.

Ed Madsen reported that tickets for the convention now are available at a price of \$35, and that the price will be \$40 after June 15. A gift of \$100 was awarded to Inga Nelson, granddaughter of Jacob Ravn, for her participation in the Danish Language Village Skovsøen.

Peter Weber and Ed Madsen found the

Brotherhood Workshop on March 2 very informative and helpful. They especially elaborated on the function of the Brotherhood's new annuity program now available in lieu of the mandatory insurance. Ed also was impressed with the home office's overall function and efficiency.


Bent Olsen reported on the very successful bus trip to Los Angeles for the Mexico-Denmark soccer game and considered it lucky that the outcome was a tie, since the Danish spectators were outnumbered 16 to 1. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

Lodge #322, Santa Barbara, CA — We held our annual birthday party at Harry's Plaza Cafe on March 22. The lodge was formed 62 years ago in 1924. Guests of honor were Peter Weber of Solvang, National Vice President of the Brotherhood, and his wife, Ellen, and Howard Kjellsen, District President, and his wife, Hazel. Pins were awarded to Otto Pedersen for 60 years, Carl Larsen for 50 years, and Mogens Andersen for 25 years of membership. Ray Paulsen, another 60 year member, was unable to attend. The ceremony was conducted by Peter Weber.



Peter Weber, National First Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood, presents pins to Otto Pedersen for 60 years of membership, Carl Larsen for 50 years, and Mogens Andersen for 25 years. Ray Paulsen, a 60 year member was unable to attend.

Sixty-one members and guests attended. Visitors from Denmark were Egil Hampen's mother, Mrs. Karen Hampen, and his aunt, Johanne Hansen. Elsie Nielsen's brother and sister-in-law, the Paul Mygaard's, of Denmark were also present.



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Music was furnished by Viktor and Inge Jeppessen and dancing into the wee hours of the morning followed a steak dinner.

The Brotherhood is looking forward to a tri-tip barbecue to be held on the afternoon of May 18 at Lion's Park in Carpinteria.

Carl Lauritsen, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The last meeting/potluck was fantastic. Mia's Pea Soup was a hit; they all but licked the bowl clean! Watch out Andersen's Pea Soup! The turnout was quite nice. It was nice to see everyone and their guests. Thank you all for showing up at the meeting. Let's try to attend the meetings, after all, the lodge is only as effective as its members are active.

We will be nominating delegates for the upcoming California-Nevada District Convention. Please come to the meeting to voice your choice.

Karen Rowse and Frank Jepsen have been nominated by the lodge for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Good luck to both of these fine members.

The Grundlovsfest will be here soon. This will be on June 1st, a Sunday. We have had lots of fun at previous gatherings. Let's try and have a great turnout from our lodge this year.

Philis Davis, Cor.

Lodge#332, Ripon, CA — A special thank you to Howard Kjellsen, District President, and Aage Lundquist from Lodge No. 39 in Oakland, California, for conducting our recent installation of officers that was held at the Oasis Restaurant in Modesto on January 31.

Three of our members received pins for their years of service to our lodge: Ebba Norby, 25 years; John Craig, 25 years; and Carl Hansen, 60 years.



Ebba Norby, Carl Hansen & John Craig receive pins for their many years of service.

We are pleased to welcome the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 171 to become members of our lodge. For several years they have contributed their time and efforts in support of our lodge. Thank you Sisters.

Don't forget to mark the following dates on your calendar: August 15 John and Margie Scheuber will host a dinner meeting and on September 19, we will have a dinner meeting at Ebba Norby's home. Plan to attend.

Marge Scheuber, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — There were several guests present at the March 8th



President Ken Olsen presents special certificate to Viggo Nielsen, designed by Kaj Bjorn, for his 76 years of membership.

meeting. We welcomed Mary Ellis, friend of the Dwyers; Lori Hayes, daughter of Soren and Betty Christensen; Spencer Nielsen's sister, Ester, her husband, Robert Van Hanner; and Viggo Nielsen. We really considered Viggo as a very special honored guest. Viggo is 94 years old, and has been a member of DBIA for 76 years. Our in-residence artist, Kaj Bjorn, had a beautiful certificate in his honor, and the certificate was presented when he was introduced. Viggo was in California visiting his family and friends and he seemed very happy to be recognized.

One of the important items of the evening was introduced by Rosemary Allison and Dagmar Irvin. We all know that one of the principal considerations for the 1986 year is to remember one of the main goals of the Brotherhood and that is fraternalism - the condition of being brothers, helping each other in times of need. The board has been open to suggestions as to how to help our brother.

Four of our men were nominated by their brothers within our lodge for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Letters were read stating why each man should receive an award of recognition. We don't know who is appreciated within the lodge. Not wanting competition within our body, all will receive a certificate of recognition.

Those honored were Howard Kjellsen, nominated by Lynn Kjellsen; Floyd Pedersen, nominated by Sherman Nielsen; Jim Dwyer, nominated by Spencer Nielsen; and Kaj Bjorn, nominated by Soren Christensen. All of these men have made selfless contributions to our lodge and community. We do congratulate each of you and know that your deeds do not go unrewarded or unnoticed. It takes men and

Lest We Forget

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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
2-6-86	Kenny Lunde	79	Barre, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1925
2-7-86	Knute Arboe	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1941
2-13-86	Albert Schroder	86	Sidney, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1917
2-20-86	Emil Larsen	70	Hunter, North Dakota	279	Hunter, North Dakota	1936
2-14-86	Nels P. Hansen	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1952
2-16-86	Frank C. Pedersen	78	Fresno, California	49	San Francisco, California	1936
1-22-86	Clarence W. Hanson	75	Barre, Vermont	190	Schenectady, New York	1931
3-7-86	Erling Borgen Remler	59	Edsbjerg, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1966
3-4-86	Akssel H. L. Christensen	91	Aalborg, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1926
3-13-86	Arnold G. Hansen	73	Rochester, New York	240	Rochester, New York	1938
3-8-86	Verner F. Andersen	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1962
2-16-86	Oscar A. Olsen	93	Providence, Rhode Island	322	Santa Barbara, California	1965
3-19-86	Robert A. VanDyke	60	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1983
3-23-86	William H. Bohl	77	Plainview, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1950
3-17-86	Fritz Christensen	70	Denmark	334	Geneva, New York	1955
3-24-84	Harry K. Nielsen	87	Aalborg, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1933
2-12-86	Otto Hansen	76	Ruthton, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1940
3-21-86	Knud L. Friis	89	Korsor, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1943
3-9-86	Emil Andrew Nordstrom	85	Port Chester, New York	321	West Palm Beach, Florida	1962

women of this caliber to make a lodge like ours function as it should.

At the recent workshop held at the beginning of March, conducted by the National Headquarters team, we were given valuable information about how the Danish Brotherhood functions and what is available to the local lodges. Lodges were given the opportunity to send for this information and make it available to members. Information has been compiled for you - IRA information, insurance programs, retirement plans and a very interesting 1985 comparative report on DBIA's financial stability. Another great help was an orientation booklet that is personalized for each lodge wanting them. This orientation booklet states our meeting place, our officers, special meeting during the year and especially information about the DBIA.



Several officers attended the district workshop held in Los Angeles.



Along with completing serious work, a lot of fun was also enjoyed.

This booklet can be given to someone you might like to invite to our lodge; it gives all the information someone would want to know before joining us.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Our Fastelavn Fest was attended by 25 members, guests, and costumed children, who lined up for several turns at slaa katten af tønden. The barrel was a tough one, thanks to Vikki Garrison but Cat King Teddy Tavolazzi gave it the crushing blow and claimed the fuzzy kitty that tumbled out. Meanwhile, all the other kids scooped up the candies that also fell out. Doris Thompson spread out a big blanket and invited the children to sit and watch her puppet show. Afterwards, we polished off refreshments of Irish coffee, punch, cookies, and delicious cream puffs. The

best costume prize was awarded to a very excited green-faced witch. Everyone really enjoyed this day. Thanks to all who organized and worked to make it a success, particularly Sue and Jim Patterson for once again providing their barn!

Upcoming events include the Folkdancers Barbecue at the Patterson's barn on May 17, the Grundlovsfest in Soledad Canyon on June 1, and a Smørrebrød on June 7. Also, don't forget the St. Hans Weekend Campout to be held June 20-22.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — At our March 12 monthly meeting we enjoyed a delicious corn beef and cabbage dinner put on by the ladies of the Sisterhood Victoria Lodge No. 5. There was a nice turnout and it was enjoyed by all.

Doug Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — On March 8, we had 11 shooters from Dwight that competed against 24 other shooters in the Target Shoot. Jim Wilkey had 3rd high overall; Terry Riccolo tied for 5th high overall. Team #1 took 3rd place. Quite a few raffle prizes were brought back and the comments from all was "We had a good time and the food was great. Thanks, Kenosha."

All youth who plan to go to Skovsøen or any other camp activity, submit your names to Margaret Goodwin with a short letter where you intend to go and they will then be submitted to the Chairman of the Youth Committee. The committee must receive them by May 25.

The officers had a meeting to plan ahead for the Midwest District Golf Day and picnic on July 12th. We will be the host lodge and will need a lot of help for both. The picnic will be at the park with swimming, games, etc. We need your input for games and entertainment. There will be a pig roast for supper. This will be our lodge picnic. We also need some ideas for our Christmas party. Some ideas include: a Sunday afternoon Danish Christmas decorating the tree and other customs; a oyster stew/chili supper and entertainment with Santa Claus in the evening; and the usual potluck on Monday evening with entertainment and Santa Claus. Let your comments be known.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Lois Fluss was initiated and welcomed by members present at our meeting on March 21.

It was voted that \$1,000 go into the Scholarship Fund.

The cruise on Lake Michigan will take

place on June 28th. Cost will be \$15 per person. So far, 17 have signed up and if you wish to go, please contact Ray Nielsen.

At the Target Shoot in Racine, three lodges were represented. There was good food and a good time was had by those who attended, but the crowd could have been larger.

Any young people wishing to attend the Danish Language Camp at Skovsøen must register by May 25. Scholarships are available.

The annual picnic at the Danish Home is scheduled for June 22. Mark your calendar now so you will save that date. It was voted that we take an ad in their program.

On Wednesday, June 25th, some Danish visitors (some of them from Mors) will be arriving in Chicago. They are going on a bus tour of Chicago and following the tour, we will host a little party for them that evening. Jenny Jensen will be their tour guide and translator.

There were three selections made by a committee for the Howard Christensen Award from our lodge. They were Martin Christensen, Carl Meyer and Charles Jespersen. Each lodge across the country will submit one name and the name submitted by this lodge will be Martin Christensen. A short talk about each person selected by the committee was given at the last meeting and then the members presented voted. **Charles Jespersen, Sec.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our members supported Public Television on March 11 by answering telephones for Milwaukee's Channel 10/36 Friends during their membership/fund raising drive. We had a good time serving our community, appeared "live" from Channel 10's Studio A, and received valuable on-the-air publicity for the Danish Brotherhood. Several of our members wore their red and white "Danes Have More Fun" t-shirts which showed up favorably on camera.

Our Fastelavn Fest followed our March 19 business meetings. Blindfolded members took turns at striking the barrel to break out the cat (Slaa Katten a' Tønden). Barbara Larsen managed to put a crack in the barrel but Hans Antonsen was the one who won the candy cat which fell out when he broke the barrel. In keeping with the theme, attendees enjoyed freshly baked Fastelavnsboller with their coffee.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — Have you ever been to a Torsk dinner? Well, let me tell you, you should have been at the one

we had in St. Charles on March 14. That was the best tasting Torsk this side of Denmark. Of course, we had a problem getting the Danish mustard for the traditional gravy, but one of our ladies just called someone in Denmark and had her send us some. You just can't beat a good home cooked Danish meal. Of course we had a little Akvavit to go with it. We had quite a few guests for the evening also and I wouldn't be afraid to bet they might be back again next time. We had a few Danish kringles that were imported from Racine, Wisconsin, to top off the meal. I think everyone had seconds and there wasn't much left for anyone to have to take home.

We had two young men with us for the evening that are from Denmark. Gunnar Sorensen is an exchange student from Bjerringbro, Denmark, and Andreas Kjeldsen from Viborg, Denmark. Andreas had an article in the Danish Pioneer that pretty much informs us about the school system in Denmark. He is presently a gymnastics instructor at the Danish American Athletic Club in Arlington Heights.

Both young men will be returning to Denmark in August of this year.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We met on March 20th instead of our usual fourth Thursday which was Maundy Thursday. After a short business meeting, we moved on to our program of "Show and Tell" which included many family heirlooms as well as recent prized acquisitions. Among the many interesting items shown were a crocheted bedspread made over 80 years ago, quilts, old photographs, old guest books, a family doll of long ago in her Danish costume, a set of wedding cups from Denmark over 100 years old and bearing in gold the names of the bride on one cup and the groom on the other, Danish plates, a good luck ash tray in keeping with St. Patrick's Day, a well-worn family Bible, and an old marriage certificate with a separate oval picture of the bride and groom as part of the wedding certificate. After viewing the items on display, open-faced sandwiches, kringle and coffee were

enjoyed by all present.

Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

NEBRASKA

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — We will hold our 104th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday evening, May 10, at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. followed with a dinner at 7 p.m. A band will furnish the music for dancing following the banquet.

Our March social was held at Vennelyst Park on Tuesday evening, March 18. Approximately 80 persons enjoyed a catered roast beef dinner. Following the dinner, Jerome Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, spoke on the general structure and goals of the Danish Brotherhood. A film about the early Vikings was shown. The "Easter Bunny" made an appearance with treats for all of the young children, as well as a few of the older ones. Seventeen guests were present. Special

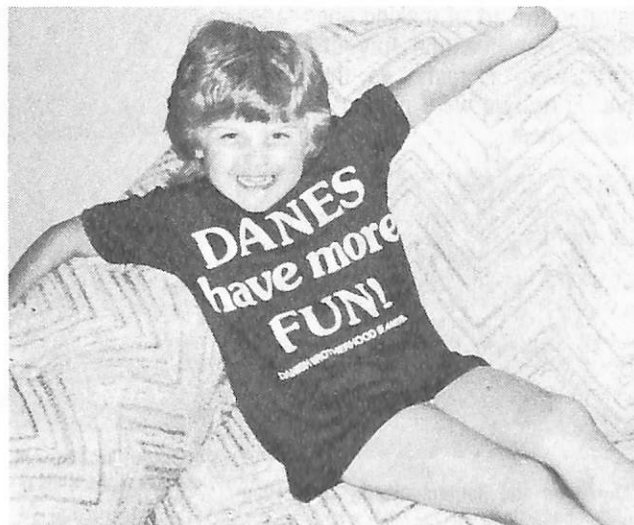
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thanks to the committee chairmen - Paul and Jan Wehner, Jim and Gaylene Hansen and John and Lois Hansen - for a successful membership drive.

Five applications for membership received at our membership dinner were approved at our April 1st business meetings. New members are Nis H. Skau, David and Beverly Lundberg, and Don and Dorothy Kane. Nis Skau was present and initiated and welcomed into our lodge. Welcome to all!

On June 26th, 25-30 retired Danish people will be coming to Omaha for a few days. To learn more of our culture, they would like to stay in private homes rather than in a hotel. Please open your homes to these tourists. If you would be willing to be a host for one or more of these travelers, please contact Jim Christiansen. Anyone who has visited Denmark will remember the hospitality afforded them while there. Now is our opportunity to show them the American hospitality.

Jim Christiansen, Sec.

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — Our lodge met Saturday, March 8 for a Danish sandwich, salad and dessert supper. Mrs. Judy Sorensen, a native of Denmark, demonstrated the art of making open-faced sandwiches. Her beautiful tray of Danish smørrebrød were as tasty as they were attractive. Forty-two were present to enjoy the delicious meal.



Judy Sorensen and helpers display their open-faced sandwiches.

The committee for the evening was Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Thomsen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sorensen and Mrs. Mae Grove.

Grace Thomsen, Cor.

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Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Thanks to our February committee for a fun evening and a delicious lunch. All who attended enjoyed playing card bingo.

Nominated and accepted for the Howard E. Christensen Award at the February meeting was Harriet Palle. Harriet was pleasantly surprised and pleased and would like to thank the members for giving this honor to her.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — We met at Paul's Supper Club in St. Paul Monday evening, March 10. After a family style meal, Robert Eilts of Central City showed his slides and told us about his trip to Denmark last summer. Besides members and guests from St. Paul and Grand Island, other guests were from Dannebrog, Elba, Cotesfield, Minden, and Omaha.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — The Kansas City, Kansas Centennial was celebrated by members in March. Ejilf and Esther Schmidt and Gerda Wallace worked in the Danish Immigrant Museum booth as well as the booth for the Scandinavians. Mayor Jack



Gerda Wallace in Danish costume speaks to visitors at the Kansas Centennial Showcase.

Riordon cut the ribbon to open the exhibit hall to the public. Entertainment was



Ejilf Schmidt presents Lucia Sorensen a plaque in recognition of her 100th birthday.

provided by other ethnic groups. The Danish table featured articles about Danish Immigrants and a map showing locations in Kansas where Danes settled. A Danish Kransekage and Danish costume doll was also included in the display.

In another event, Bob Wallace and Ejilf Schmidt presented Lucia Sorensen a plaque in recognition of her 100th birthday. The plaque featured the Danish and American flags and a photograph of Lucia. Lucia talked about the years she and her husband spent with the Brotherhood and the letters she received from President Reagan and Mayor Berkley of Kansas City.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — We will be the host to the Michigan-Ohio District Convention this year and the date has been set for Saturday, May 10. We send a special invitation to all our brothers and sisters to keep this date in mind and make plans to attend and enjoy the fellowship that is always present at our district convention.

The regular meeting of our lodge was held on April 2 with 13 members attending. The baseball outing hosted by Detroit Lodge No. 227 on June 28 was discussed.

On the 22nd of March, the Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament was held at Greenville with 16 teams participating. The trophy again went to a Detroit team with a good team series of 3080, led by Bob Sorensen who had a 258 game and a 607 series. Also following tradition, it was the women's team from Ludington winning the women's trophy. The team of Lu Tremml, Phylis Reid, Linda Bray, Gerry Kluft and Judy Wickery had a very good team series of 3059. Bowling was followed by a ham dinner served at the Danish Hall and the awarding of trophies, capped off with dancing and socializing at the Hall. Ludington had six teams in the bowling tournament with Detroit and Greenville also being represented.

Keith Koegler, Past Pres.

Lodge #225, Canton, OH — Dena Pedersen will provide the lunch for the May meeting and Audrey Pedersen will provide it for June. There will be no meeting in July because our regular meeting night falls on Independence Day. The open-faced sandwich contest is tentatively scheduled for August.

Our newsletter, the **Julesminde**, is holding a contest for a newsletter slogan. Please think of a slogan which pertains to our lodge and its functions. All Akron and Canton lodge members are eligible. The

winner of the contest will receive a prize and his/her slogan will appear on the newsletter each time it comes out. Enter as often as you like and best of luck to everyone.

Belinda James, Cor.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — We have been busy the last few weeks with numerous events scheduled for the remainder of the year. A large group of Brothers and their guests enjoyed a winning night at Windsor Raceway and another is being scheduled for later in the race season. This was followed by a wonderful "Past President's Dinner" with a choice of broiled fish or steak, which was attended by nine of our past presidents.



Otto Pedersen and Paul Carlsen present a basket of goodies to Axel Nielsen in honor of his 100th birthday.

Paul Carlsen, National Director, and Otto Pedersen journeyed to Traverse City with a beautiful basket to celebrate Axel Nielsen's 100th birthday. Axel is the oldest living member of our lodge and the Brothers found him in good spirits during their visit. A birthday party was celebrated on Saturday, March 1, for Axel. His seven children hosted the party, which was attended by his grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Axel, who came to America from Denmark in 1902, was married to Elizabeth Markstrom from Sweden for 66 years until she passed away in 1975. Axel's seven children include Henry Nielsen, George Nelson, Dorothy Knudsen, Helen Barnett, Willard Nielsen, Pauline Anderson, and Mary Babcock. A total of 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren were present at the party. Members of Mr. Nielsen's family and his friends travelled a total of 41,381 miles to celebrate with Axel. To highlight the evening's festivities, 100 balloons were released by his grandchildren to commemorate the special occasion. Axel was a member of Lodge No. 29 from 1909 to 1920, a member of Chicago Lodge No. 140 from 1921 to 1928 which he served as

president for two terms, and has been a member of our lodge since 1929.

Another raffle was held to help defray Brother Brian Perschnick's hospital bill. This raffle was well received and had a great effect on our membership by allowing us to help a Lodge No. 34 Brother.

By the time you read this, we will have held our Annual Blood Drive and hope to be able to announce it is a great success. We will also hold our officers meeting to schedule the coming events in order to make lodge membership a more exciting and eventful experience. **Carl Mayland, Sec.**

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
John Mark Butler	1	Omaha, NE	R. Mark Butler
Clifford L. Plaisted	14	Kenosha, WI	Albert Larson
Donald J. Sniatynski	14	Kenosha, WI	Joseph Heinzen
Henry Matthiessen	14	Kenosha, WI	Berger Rasmussen
Donald H. Tredup	14	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
Michael J. Antony	14	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
Clarence E. Cox	14	Kenosha, WI	Roger E. Nelson
Curtis C. Sorensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary O. Riber
Goldie M. Sorensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary O. Riber
Gunnar I. Larsen	29	Seattle, WA	Edith Andersen
Carl W. Mortensen	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Anne M. Mortensen	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Elmer V. Stahelin	51	Ludington, MI	Bertram Norris
Maybritt S. Nielsen	64	Rockford, IL	Sofus T. Sorensen
Jakob B. Nielsen	64	Rockford, IL	Sofus T. Sorensen
Christian B. Nielsen	64	Rockford, IL	Sofus T. Sorensen
Lucas Jay Christensen	71	Penn Yan, NY	David Christensen
Kenneth E. Sorensen	71	Penn Yan, NY	Carl Spencer
Carol M. Raben	75	Albert Lea, MN	Harlan G. Hansen
Lorana Eileen Johnson	95	Ferndale, CA	Francis Sweet
Marjorie L. Aiton	95	Ferndale, CA	Robert Christiansen
John B. Aiton	95	Ferndale, CA	Robert Christiansen
Emily B. Nelson	111	Austin, MN	Paul Nelson
Carl Kristian Danko	164	New York, NY	Grete Leth
Odd M. Johnsen	164	New York, NY	Else C. Mogensen
Hermine M. Schlager	164	New York, NY	Martin Olsen
Karl J. Rasmussen	164	New York, NY	Carla Petersen Cafiero
Kari Hansen	167	Portland, OR	Harold P. Hansen
Walter C. Poulsen	170	Rocky River, OH	Edna M. Zeager
Mary A. Poulsen	170	Rocky River, OH	Edna M. Zeager
Mary M. Petersen	170	Rocky River, OH	Edna M. Zeager
Robert C. Wickline	172	Philadelphia, PA	George T. Olesen
Soren C. Jorgensen	227	Detroit, MI	Otto Pedersen
Jens Sunsted	283	Dagmar, MT	James H. Johnson
Bjarne Mide	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Karl Jensen
Ole N. Andersen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Peter Praegel
Viola P. Hansen	332	Ripon, CA	Jack Belmont
Ellen W. Olsen	332	Ripon, CA	Jack Belmont
Opal J. Craig	332	Ripon, CA	Jack Belmont
William L. Chappell	345	Orange Co., CA	Howard Kjellsen
Donald J. Chappell	345	Orange Co., CA	Howard Kjellsen
Kaleena K. Chappell	345	Orange Co., CA	Howard Kjellsen
Kandice K. Chappell	345	Orange Co., CA	Howard Kjellsen
Erik M. Fredericksen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Kirsten D. Fredericksen	600	Omaha, NE	Erik Fredericksen
Edwin F. Larsen	600	Omaha, NE	Ray L. Johnson
Thomas A. Brandt	600	Omaha, NE	Debra A. Brandt



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



Lodge #301, Akron, OH — Please keep in mind the fact that we will host the 1987 Michigan-Ohio District Convention. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Russ Thayer. The 1986 convention will be held in Ludington, Michigan on May 10.

Our newsletter, the **Julesminde**, is holding a contest for a newsletter slogan. Please think of a slogan which pertains to our lodge and its functions. All Akron and Canton lodge members are eligible. The winner of the contest will receive a prize and his/her slogan will appear on the newsletter each time it comes out. Enter as often as you like and best of luck to everyone.

Belinda James, Cor.

GCEL

District Scholarships Available

The deadline for GCEL District Scholarships is June 15, 1986. For information contact Erling Braumann, 115 White Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 or your local lodge secretary.

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On Friday, March 14, we held our regular meeting and had our annual "Torskegild", cod fish supper. About 45 people from our lodge, the Hartford and Derby lodges enjoyed the delicious cod fish and potatoes along with cake and coffee for dessert. Special recognition goes to our kitchen committee of Gerda Sorensen, Jean Sorensen, Gladys Edmonds, Norman Edmonds, Vera Holmes, Rigmor Pederson, Jette Hansen, Barry Edmonds, Winnie Edmonds and Chris Simonsen.

Edna Iverson and Joan Stone are also to be commended for their work on organizing the tea cup auction. There were quite a few winners and everyone enjoyed themselves, especially our friends from Denmark, Jens, Willie, Eric, Ken, and the gang who won some very interesting prizes. I am sure the folks back in Denmark will remark when they bring them home. Jack Hansen, our "Tuborg man", made a great bartender and kept the Akvavit flowing to all who wanted it. Thanks Jack.

Paul Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #71, Penn Yan, NY — We would like to take this opportunity to announce the availability of three souvenirs from the Danish Heritage Celebration. A cassette tape featuring 23 familiar Danish dance tunes by the Danish Day Players is available for \$6.00 plus postage and tax. A lavishly illustrated book entitled "The Danes of Yates County", which gives details of the history, folklore and contemporary life of

our local Danish community, is available for \$7.50 plus postage and tax. Also, a booklet entitled "Our Danish Heritage" is offered for \$3.00 plus postage and tax. If you would like to order any of these items or wish additional information, contact Linda M. Canham, Coordinator, Yates County Arts Council, 215 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Clarence Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We had tremendous plans for celebrating Fastlavs in February. We want to thank everybody who put their efforts into this evening. Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled because of snow.

On March 14, we hosted the annual Joint Installation of Officers at the IAM Hall with Lodge No. 342, Bucks County. Past National President, George Jacobsen, assisted by John Hjulman, presided at this ceremony during which 1986 officers of the Viking and Philadelphia lodges took their oaths. A special thanks to the never tiring kitchen committee for presenting a most delicious table of smørrebrød. As always, it was delicious. Dancing to the Al Nielsen Band followed the smørrebrød. It definitely was an enjoyable evening.

Of special interest was the awarding of 25-year pins to Erik Østergaard and Geert Pedersen. Both were initiated on the same date back in 1961 when they joined in what many have described as the most hilarious ceremony conducted in Danish. At that time both were severely lacking in their understanding of English. To listen to them today, you would not know why.

Also, at our April meeting, Robert Wickline was initiated into our lodge. Bob is Georg and Birthe Olesen's new son-in-law.

Andy Andersen was elected as vice-president of the Old People's Home and Ida Andersen as treasurer. This is a great honor for both of them as well as for our lodges. The Old People's Home is located in Edison, New Jersey. Congratulations to you both from all of us.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — At their regular meeting on January 8, 1986, the

officers for 1986 were installed by installing officer Bill Peterson. Our thanks to Bill for another outstanding job and service to our lodge.

Our social meeting on January 22nd was saddened when we learned our Brother Clarence Hanson had died. Clarence was a 50-year plus member of our lodge. He was secretary for eight years and treasurer for 20 years. There was a prayer service for Clarence on January 25th. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Elsie, and brothers Norman and Stanley. Clarence was a kind and gentle man who will be missed by all who knew him. God Bless you Brother Clarence Hanson.

Lawrence Barry, Cor.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — On March 11, thirty members and guests enjoyed a bountiful Easter supper prepared by Tom and Rita Mekkelsen, Stanley and Joyce Christiansen, Harry and Edith Mikkelsen and Harold and Savina Thygesen. The supper was served buffet style and it was apparent that no one went away hungry. For dessert, maple syrup, raised donuts and dill pickles were served and enjoyed by all. A short meeting was held afterwards to take care of business and pay bills. Brother Harry Mikkelsen was presented a certificate from the Home Office for being a Co-Recommendor of the Month for having acquired three new members. He received a round of applause for this.

Thomas Mekkelsen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA — In February Jules Jensen was elected as our delegate to the GCEL Convention in Penn Yan, New York. Marge Jensen is our alternate.

We received a letter of thanks from the National Headquarters for our personal contribution to the Brian Perschnick Fund. The lodge was voted to send an additional \$200 to the fund from our treasury.

Our young members (17-25) have an opportunity to compete in the national "Miss Denmark" contest; first prize is a trip to Denmark and \$1,000. It is not a beauty pageant. The winner will be chosen based on intelligence, goodwill, ambitions and a

Congratulations!

Howard Kjellsen of Lodge No. 345 in Orange County, California has been declared "Recommendor of the Month" for March. He sponsored 4 new members.

We salute Howard 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 his choice. Watch for details in future issues of the **American Dane**.

knowledge of Danish culture. See Gert Pedersen for an application and more details. Also contact Gert if you are interested in attending the dinner at the Scanticon-Princeton on Friday, May 30.

At the March meeting the following volunteered their services, again, for some of our most valuable jobs and we must thank them properly: Geert Pedersen for bar, Walt Nielsen for entertainment, and Ulla Pedersen for kitchen.

Looking ahead to May, another big event that you must not miss. The Mighty Viking Players will present their new repertoire with "As the Stomach Turns" and "The Mermaid." Don't miss the night, mark it on your calendar now! It will be a hilarious evening.

The nomination for the Howard E. Christensen Award from our lodge went to Ulla Pedersen for her consistent and tireless work in feeding us for more than a decade. She is well deserving of the honor.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Events Announced for Tivoli Fest '86

Tivoli Fest '86 is Elk Horn, Iowa's Danish celebration on May 24-25 of the Memorial Day weekend. Song, dance, dramatic presentations, crafts and food all with a Danish flavor are part of this 6th annual festival. This year the town is recognizing the 150th anniversary of the publication of Hans Christian Andersen's first fairy tales with a play and also holding reunions to welcome back Iowa natives to their Homecoming '86.

The local arts group will present the play **The Red Shoes** by Hans Christian Andersen.

The 10:30 Saturday morning parade theme is Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen.

Folk dancers from Minnesota, Missouri and Kimballton, Iowa, will be featured dressed in their national costumes.

Ray Christensen, a radio announcer from Minneapolis, will impersonate Hans Christian Andersen with storytelling.

Mike and Elsie, Scandinavian recording artists from Minneapolis, along with their children, will delight the crowd with music from the Old Country.

"Voices from a New Land", is a multi-media program to be presented by John Mark and Dawn Nielsen from Blair, Nebraska.

Artist, Sven Vestergaard, who designs the Christmas plates for Royal Copenhagen in Denmark, will be signing plates at the Danish Windmill.

Entertainment and exhibits will be ongoing with the Tivoli Choraliers, Swing Band, Contests, Quilt Show, Tables for All Occasions and Danish Folklife Demonstrations.

The authentic Danish Windmill and Bestemor's Hus will be conducting tours both days.

Plan on attending both fun-filled days.

"Beautiful Dannebrog" is Available

The story of Dannebrog, Nebraska, originally written by the town's first mayor, P.M. Hannibal, has now been edited by Roger L. Welsch. This manuscript was lost for 50 years and was recently found and printed in time for Dannebrog's centennial celebration. While this book will be of particular interest to residents of Dannebrog, those with an interest in Danish heritage will also be pleased. To order, just send \$5.95 postpaid to Plains Heritage, 3511 Mohawk, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.

Danish Classes Conducted

Twenty-five students are learning Danish at a ten week course in Elk Horn, Iowa, sponsored by the Danish Immigrant Museum, Dana College and the Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School. The instructor is Pia Werborg from Ribe, Denmark, who is also teaching Danish this year at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska.



Danish instructor, Pia Werborg, and Ethel Petersen of Exira discuss the lesson during the Danish language class.

Several students in the class, although already familiar with Danish from childhood, are brushing up on their grammar. Beginners are practicing pronunciation and learning vocabulary. Not all is serious work, however. Before Easter students made lacy paper cutouts with a little Danish poem called gakkbrev. These are mailed anonymously, but if the sender is guessed he must give an Easter egg. The Danish tradition of coffee is also kept each evening.

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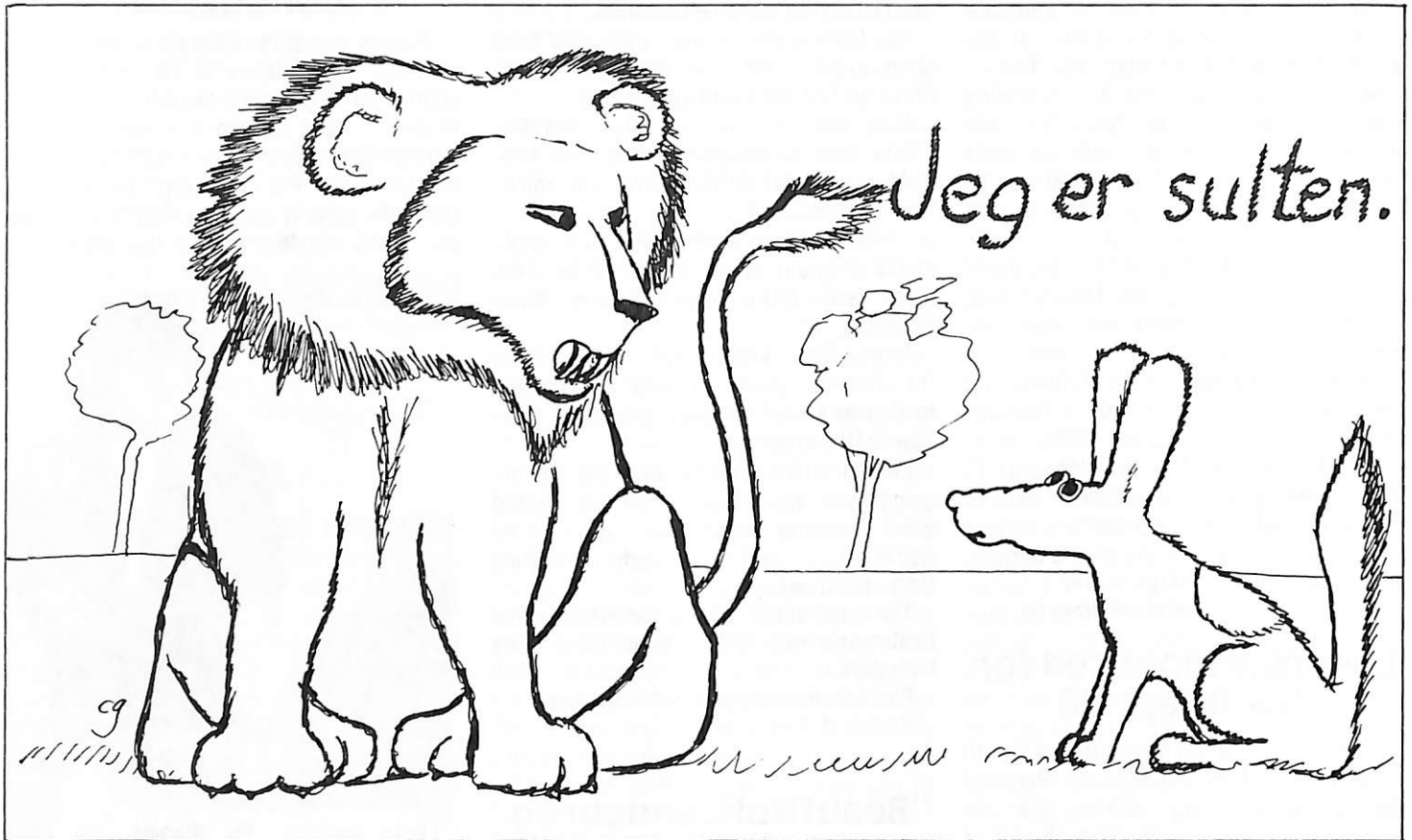
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Hans and Grete



Spot wishes he was somewhere else as the lion says "I am hungry" (Jeg er sulten).

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).

April winners: Jill Nielsen, Vanessa Grimston, Michael McMahon, and Andrew Czarnecki.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Wienerschnitzel (Flanked Veal)

3 lbs. rump veal	1 small can of capers
1 lemon, sliced	1/4 cup butter
1 can anchovies	1 Tbsp. cream

Slice meat into 5 slices. Pound quite thin and fry in butter or other fat. When serving, decorate each piece with a slice of lemon, make a ring with boneless anchovy or lemon. Fill the ring with capers. Melt butter. Add butter and cream to meat juice in frying pan. Then pour over meat and serve.

1986 Photo Contest

Enter your black and white or color photos depicting a DBIA lodge Danish ethnic activity and win cash prizes. The Young Viking 1st place winner will receive \$50 and the 2nd place winner will receive \$25. The prizes for adult entries (17 and over) include: 1st - \$75; 2nd - \$45; and 3rd - \$30. Send all photos by December 31, 1986 to

*Danish Brotherhood in America
3717 Harney Street
Omaha, NE 68131*

Don't wait, enter today!

Viking Adventures

District Workshops Continue . . .



National Second Vice-president, Clyde Langsted introduces members of National Headquarters staff in Seattle.



National Secretary-treasurer Jerry Christensen welcomes participants in Portland.



After lunch participants enjoy one more cup of coffee before getting back to work.



Good discussion took place during break.



Many ideas were exchanged throughout the workshop.



Lunch time also provided an opportunity for fun and discussion.

Dates and locations of workshops yet to be held include:

Albert Lea, MN May 17, 1986
New Haven/Milford, CT May 24, 1986

Minnesota, Eastern Iowa, and Luck, Wisconsin
Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Rhode
Island, Pennsylvania, and Vermont

Plan to attend to see what you may have been missing!

Have You Seen This Child?



Dean Marie Pyle (AKA) Peters

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: 9-24-66
 AGE: 19
 DATE MISSING: 2-5-81
 FROM: Grand Rapids, MI
 HEIGHT: 5'3"
 WEIGHT: 110 lbs.
 HAIR: Brown
 EYES: Brown
 SEX: Female
 RACE: Caucasian
 LAST SEEN: On February 5, 1981 Dean went into the restrooms at her school and was never seen again.

If you have information about the location of Dean or any missing child please call:

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_____ city, state, zip _____	_____ name _____ age _____
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