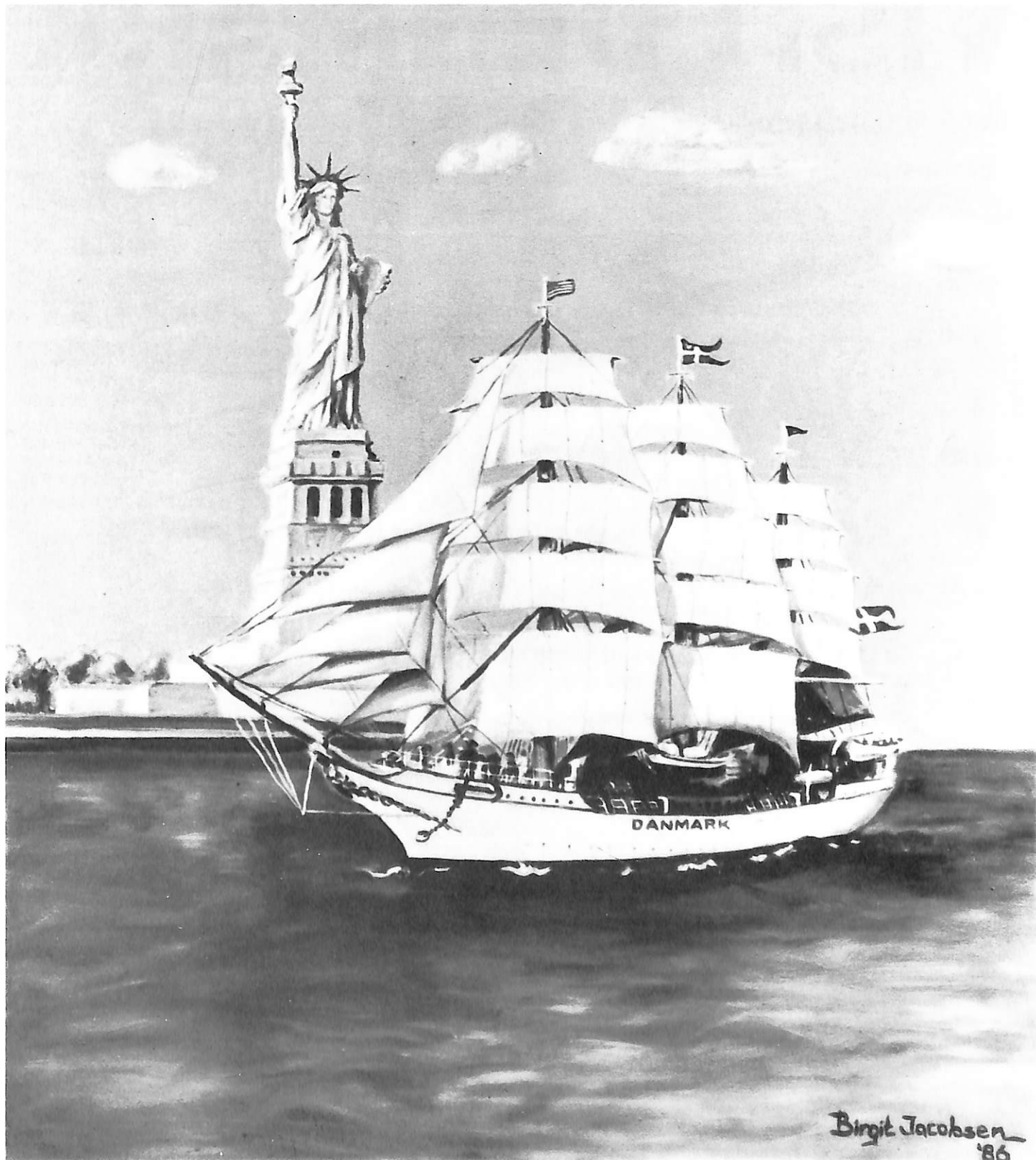


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Cover photo: To pay tribute to the Statue of Liberty's 100 year birthday on July 4th and the Danish Independence Day in June, artist Birgit Jacobsen combined the two symbols of freedom into one painting. The tall ship "Danmark" represents the freedom to travel the seven seas and illustrates the friendship and respect between the United States of America and Denmark for over 200 years. A colorful poster was printed from the original oil painted for Grundlovsdag, 1986, celebrated June 1st at the Danish Home, Croton-On-Hudson, New York by the Danish American Coordinating Council of Greater New York.



# President's Page

**Robert E. Ibesen**  
**National President**

June 14th is fastly approaching. It is time again to celebrate Flag Day — and to observe the 209th birthday of the Flag of the United States of America.

Holidays are normally days on which we take time off from our daily duties, both to celebrate our lives and to reflect on them. Flag Day is the day on which we celebrate and reflect on our national emblem — and on what it should symbolize for us as Americans.

President Woodrow Wilson, the first President to officially designate June 14 as Flag Day, said as much in his first Flag Day message:

“This Flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours.”

How, then, in this generation, do we choose to give character to our Flag? The year 1986 is the Centennial Year of two American institutions, both of which point to one meaning for the American experience — and thus for the American Flag. The first of these, as all Americans know, is our Statue of Liberty. The second is the National Fraternal Congress of America.

Both of these institutions remind us that America is a nation of immigrants. Lady Liberty reminds us of this, of course, because her torch served as a beacon, a promise to immigrants that if they left their native lands they would be received into a land of freedom and opportunity.

But many Danish immigrants, on entering the crowded halls of Ellis Island at the Statue's feet — or later, on reaching the teeming streets of other cities — found a level of confusion and poverty that they had not expected when they left their native lands.

So, in the late 19th century, a group of Danish immigrants founded the Danish Brotherhood in America, through which they were able to work together to overcome the confusion and poverty, and to achieve through mutual aid the goals they had sought in coming to America.

Besides the formation of the Danish Brotherhood, other immigrants were also forming societies to help those of their nationality. It is out of a union of these societies that the National Fraternal Congress of America was formed.

The Danish Brotherhood in America is a member of the NFCA and will join with several other fraternalists in celebrating the 100th anniversary of NFCA in September of this year in Washington, D.C. I, along with National Secretary-Treasurer Jerome Christensen and our wives, will be attending this celebration. The Danish Brotherhood is honored that the National Fraternal Congress of America has chosen as its featured entertainment a well-known Danish celebrity, Victor Borge.

And what does all of this have to do with our Flag? With its 13 stripes and 50 stars, Old Glory symbolizes what America really is: a union of a great number of diverse groups and peoples. As we are both many states under one Flag, so are we one nation, to which all the world's peoples have come to work together and provide mutual aid to one another.

May the American Flag this year symbolize for us what it has always really meant: that the United States is not just one country, but it is a place where all the world's peoples have come together, as immigrants, to learn to live together, in peace. May Old Glory wave this year over a peaceful land; and may it be shown in a peaceful world.

In closing, I would like to thank the Alternate Funding Committee members who were able to come to Omaha during our recent Board of Directors meeting. On behalf of all the members, we thank you for your work as dedicated volunteers for the DBIA.

I also want to note that Jerry, Pam, and Andy are doing an excellent job at the workshops as I am sure that those of you who have been in attendance will attest to.

It was my pleasure along with Jerry Christensen, Erling Braumann, and Paul Carlsen to attend the 91st Anniversary Party of Lodge No. 84 in Lincoln, Nebraska while at the Board of Director's meeting in April.

My wife, Elaine and I also drove over to Ludington, Michigan to attend the Michigan-Ohio District Convention in May along with John and Betty Mollerskov. National Director Kenneth Pedersen and his wife, Loetta were the official representatives of the Board and we all had a wonderful time with this great group of brothers and sisters in that district.

# Vernon Olsen to be Presented the "Howard E. Christensen" Award



Vernon Olsen, recipient of the 1986 "Howard E. Christensen" award.

The Danish Brotherhood Board of Directors at their spring semi-annual board meeting recently reviewed all nominations for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award. This task proved to be extremely difficult since all nominees were excellent candidates. However, because of his particular outstanding dedication to the Danish Brotherhood in America, the Board of Directors has awarded this honor to Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon, California.

Vernon has been the Secretary of his local lodge for the past 39 years. He is a Past President of the California-Nevada District and was presented an Honorary Life Membership to that district. Vernon was nominated for this award by the entire membership of his local lodge who stated that he is the backbone of their lodge. He organized and has held it together for 39 years, keeping the members' interest alive because of his dynamic drive for the Danish Brotherhood and personal interest in the local members. In fact, when meeting halls were unable to be found, he opened his home in order to hold regular meetings. Vernon has never been known to turn down an invitation to assist youth, adults, or a group as a hard working committee member and officer of his lodge.

During his entire experience as a member of the Danish-American community, Vernon has gained the admiration and love of all of his contacts as a fine businessman, a loyal and willing supporter of Danish-American activities, and the beloved father and grandfather of a very respected family.

Mr. Olsen will be presented a plaque at the California-Nevada District Convention in Solvang, California, on July 17-19. His name has also been added to the plaque which resides at the National Headquarters.

Vernon was very surprised to learn he had won this award since his fellow lodge members sent his name in unbeknownst to him. In a letter to the National Headquarters, Mr. Olsen stated, "Thank you very much for awarding the "Howard E. Christensen" Award for 1986 to me. It is a special honor for me because I knew Howard very well. He was an outstanding person and a credit to the Danish Brotherhood. We spent many good hours together and now to be presented a plaque in his name — UNBELIEVABLE."

Congratulations Vernon! The entire membership of the Danish Brotherhood in America would like to thank you for your outstanding dedication and accomplishments to our society.

The Board of Directors would like to show their appreciation to all those who were nominated for this award. It's members like you who keep the Danish Brotherhood alive and growing. A big thank you goes out to:

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# How Are Things . . . Please Don't Ask!

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time an old man sat on a bench in front of his home and sulked.

Along came his friend, Bjorn, and said, "How are things?"

"Half good and half bad," replied the old man.

"What does that mean?" asked Bjorn.

The old man sighed. "If you had my problems you wouldn't bother to ask."

"Well, then," said Bjorn, "let's talk about some good things. How's your daughter?"

Suddenly, the old man's face lit up. "She is married to a real man," he said. "Nothing is too good for my daughter. He bought her a washing machine, new stove and refrigerator. He wants her to have the best and not be overworked. Such a man. He is one in a million."

"That is good news," said Bjorn. "That should make you happy."

The old man smiled. "There's more," he said. "My daughter's husband bought a little house in the country because he wants her to have clean fresh air

to breathe."

"You are a lucky man," said Bjorn.

The old man nodded. "And my daughter's husband doesn't want her to bother making dinner every night — cooking over a hot stove. He takes her out to dinner and he makes her breakfast everyday before he goes to work."

"What a man," said Bjorn. "He is a saint."

The old man nodded.

"And how is your son?" asked Bjorn.

The old man frowned. "Don't ask," he replied. "My poor son. He is married to a slave driver. How my son suffers. He is married to a woman who wants a dishwasher and a stove. Can you imagine that? She must have such delicate hands. Afraid of a little soap and water. And when my son comes home at night he should get a decent meal, right? No, his wife wants to go out to dinner. Now she is talking about having a house in the country. Has she no shame. My poor son. Now you know when I say things are half good and half bad."

## 1985's Top 20 Lodges

1984

1985

| Lodge No. | Total Membership                          | Lodge No. | Total Membership                          | Gain or Loss |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|--------------|
| 1. 227    | Detroit, Michigan . . . . . 453           | 1. 227    | Detroit, Michigan . . . . . 441           | -12          |
| 2. 14     | Kenosha, Wisconsin . . . . . 380          | 2. 14     | Kenosha, Wisconsin . . . . . 369          | -11          |
| 3. 167    | Portland, Oregon . . . . . 283            | 3. 167    | Portland, Oregon . . . . . 278            | - 5          |
| 4. 1      | Omaha, Nebraska . . . . . 259             | 4. 1      | Omaha, Nebraska . . . . . 265             | + 6          |
| 5. 4      | Racine, Wisconsin . . . . . 254           | 5. 34     | Dwight, Illinois . . . . . 258            | + 8          |
| 6. 29     | Seattle, Washington . . . . . 252         | 6. 29     | Seattle, Washington . . . . . 239         | -13          |
| 7. 34     | Dwight, Illinois . . . . . 250            | 7. 4      | Racine, Wisconsin . . . . . 234           | -20          |
| 8. 51     | Ludington, Michigan . . . . . 228         | 8. 51     | Ludington, Michigan . . . . . 222         | - 6          |
| 9. 126    | Los Angeles, California . . . . . 223     | 9. 126    | Los Angeles, California . . . . . 214     | - 9          |
| 10. 16    | Minden, Nebraska . . . . . 197            | 10. 16    | Minden, Nebraska . . . . . 198            | + 1          |
| 11. 46    | Perth Amboy, New Jersey . . . . . 187     | 11. 46    | Perth Amboy, New Jersey . . . . . 176     | -11          |
| 12. 299   | Solvang, California . . . . . 148         | 12. 299   | Solvang, California . . . . . 147         | - 1          |
| 13. 341   | Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa . . . . . 139   | 13. 341   | Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa . . . . . 144   | + 5          |
| 14. 325   | Nassau County, New York . . . . . 134     | 14. 325   | Nassau County, New York . . . . . 141     | + 7          |
| 15. 328   | Vancouver, British Columbia . . . . . 130 | 15. 35    | Chicago, Illinois . . . . . 140           | +16          |
| 16. 35    | Chicago, Illinois . . . . . 124           | 16. 328   | Vancouver, British Columbia . . . . . 120 | -10          |
| 17. 75    | Albert Lea, Minnesota . . . . . 119       | 17. 75    | Albert Lea, Minnesota . . . . . 120       | + 1          |
| 18. 92    | St. Charles, Illinois . . . . . 118       | 18. 92    | St. Charles, Illinois . . . . . 116       | - 2          |
| 19. 161   | Ruskin, Nebraska . . . . . 113            | 19. 348   | Eugene, Oregon . . . . . 113              | + 4          |
| 20. 348   | Eugene, Oregon . . . . . 109              | 20. 161   | Ruskin, Nebraska . . . . . 110            | - 3          |

You can put your lodge on top in 1986.



# FRATERNAL PROTECTION



## *Understanding Life Insurance*

*by Andy Andersen, CLU Sales Director  
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We have previously discussed permanent life insurance such as **Whole Life** and **Limited Pay Life**. This month, the subject will be "**Level Term and Decreasing Term.**"

Permanent life insurance can be compared to a new automobile. If you buy one, you can drive it as long as you want and later sell it for its trade-in value. Likewise, you can buy a permanent life insurance certificate, have the protection for years and then sell it back to the Society for its cash value. There is, however, one important difference. The value of the automobile will decrease from year to year, whereas the life insurance cash value increases each year with future cash values guaranteed.

### **Term Gives Specific Protection**

Although the premium for term insurance is lower than for permanent insurance, in the long run, term insurance costs more since there are no cash values building up to offset the cost of protection. Buying permanent insurance can be compared to buying a home in which you are building up an equity. Buying

**Term Insurance** is more like renting a house. However, there are times when buying **level term** makes sense, especially when there is a need for temporary protection such as to cover a short term note at the bank.

The level term may be renewed every 5 years up to age 65 by paying the premium at the attained age. It may also be converted to any plan of permanent life insurance without proving insurability.

Unlike level term where the face amount remains level throughout the term period, **Decreasing Term** provides for a death benefit which decreases annually, until it has been reduced to zero at the end of the term period.

One reason for buying decreasing term insurance would be to cover the declining mortgage balance on a home, leaving the home free and clear to the survivor. Premiums for decreasing term are lower than premiums for level term, assuming the term period and initial death benefits are the same. However, the premium for decreasing term does not change even though the protection decreases each year.

# The Best of Friends

## by Donald A. Christensen

The period that followed Pastor Anderson's disclosure was an extremely painful time for Emma Jensen. At first, she refused to believe the news of Mr. Barfød's existing marriage was fact.

"There must be some mistake. I don't believe he could do such a thing — propose to me when he is already married. He is such a kind man!"

Emma repeated these words to herself over and over again, hoping for them to be true, yet all the while knowing — deep inside — that they weren't.

She would often picture herself confronting him with the information, asking him to deny it as some sort of terrible mistake, but couldn't bring herself to make the move. Instead, she kept herself busy working around the house all day and sitting in her room each night, reading and waiting . . . wanting him to call on her, praying that there would be some sort of reasonable explanation.

He didn't come.

Each passing day, each waiting night, added fuel to the fire of anger which was building within her. "How could he! How could he treat me like this? I've loved him so! I've made my dress. We've told our friends . . . He's made me a laughing stock, a fool!"

The words rose in anger, but always stuck in her throat. Never expressed, they burned within and caused her appearance to change. Her sparkling eyes became dull and listless. The bloom of love left her face. She became pale, waxen, and brittle, withdrawing from contact with the outside world.

Mrs. Tackett noticed that she no longer hummed old Danish melodies while working around the house. "Where is your young man, Emma?" she asked one day. "I haven't seen him about lately."

The words cut like a knife.

"Oh, it's his work. He's been so busy lately," Emma managed to reply.

"Why do I cover up for him? Why can't I say, 'He is married. He has no right . . . I don't expect him to call again,?'" Tears welled in her eyes as she asked herself these questions.

Eventually, a cocoon of numbness enveloped her. Each daily task was choreographed in slow motion. She would recall his touch or his voice at odd moments, while cleaning or shopping for food. Tears flowed at the most unpredictable times, so she sought to avoid contact with people as much as possible. She didn't mind when her friends Sophie and Klara failed to call on her for a few days.

"I need time to be alone, to think how I must tell them of this and to announce the cancellation of our wedding plans," she reasoned to herself.

### **Den Bedste Blandt Venner**

*At vaelge Venner er ej saa let en Sag  
I Medgangs Dage kan man have mange.  
Men kommer det til Nødens Dag  
De flygter gerne angst og bange.  
Sjaelden, ja sjaelden kan man nu finde,  
Venner med aerlig oprigtig Hu,  
Som man kan med Trofasthed til sig binde  
Hvis Venskab ej forsvinder i et Nu.*

*Dog, en jeg ved, som aldrig svigter,  
En som os glemmer ej.*

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But her isolation grew from a few days to a month, for during the same time, Mr. Barfød was thinking very quickly and telling another tale to all those in the community who would listen. "Ah, my heart, my poor heart is broken. Emma has changed her mind and now will no longer marry me. Oh! She is so fickle! First it's yes, and then it's no . . . yes and no . . . I cannot endure the pain and embarrassment any longer. I must close my business and move to the West."

He uttered these words with so much sincerity of emotion that there were several ladies eager to believe his story. He was, after all, a handsome and persuasive gentleman in great need of comfort!

"Oh, that poor man!" said one woman.

"They really were not a good match," confided a second.

"How could she do such a thing! He has kind eyes," observed a third.

Thus his story spread like oil on the sea — difficult to control, leaving an indelible stain.

By the time the tale reached Pastor Andersen, Mr. Barfød had moved on. The pastor was faced with the unenviable task of fighting a false story with the truth, without having the opportunity to confront the culprit in front of witnesses. It was an impossible task, for many people preferred to believe the lie rather than the truth . . . or were too embarrassed at having been taken in by Mr. Barfød's wit and charm to be able to admit it. It was easier to forgive him for being alone and lonely in America and understand how he might fall for the alluring Emma Jensen.

Such was the atmosphere Emma encountered when she gathered up her courage and returned to her habit of attending church regularly.

She had to return. There was no place else she could go. Her English was, as yet, imperfect. She had no money put aside to be able to afford a move. Her cousin Pauline had married and moved to Wisconsin. All she had and all she knew was centered about the church.

Her friends, however, now were cool and distant in her presence. A polite nod, a "God dag, Frk. Jensen," and some polite but meaningless chit chat were all they offered.

Pastor Andersen was her loyal supporter. He came by the house often to counsel and comfort her. "There will be a time when all this will pass away. You will see, although it is difficult to believe it now. Pray much. Have faith," he said.

Emma's feelings of loneliness and isolation grew. She sought relief in reading history books, studying the Bible, and praying. It was during this period that she wrote the poem "The Best Among Friends."

### **The Best Among Friends**

*To choose friends is not so easy a matter.  
In days of good fortune one can have many.  
But if a day of urgency comes,  
They flee, readily alarmed and frightened.  
Rarely, yes rarely, can one now find  
Friends with honest, sincere minds  
To whom one can, with faithfulness, be bound  
If the friendship does not disappear in a moment.*

*However, I know One who never fails,  
One who never forgets us,*

Og naar vi til ham med Troskab os pligter  
 Følger han med paa den ensomme Vej.  
 Han kan føle for vor Sorg og vor Glæde,  
 Thi han har selv boet her i Støvetsdal,  
 Har den bitter Gang ofte maatte træde  
 Før end han rejser op til Himmelsal.

Naar den Time da kommer at Sjælen sit Hylster  
 forlader,  
 Da han os indgyder Mod og Haab  
 Siger, frygt ej, Vejen gaar til Din og min Fader,  
 Han har hørt Dit Klageraab.  
 Jeg er hos Dig, vil over Dødens Flod Dig baere,  
 Naar du kun helt Dig giver hen til mig.  
 Hjem til min Salighed, til min Fryd og Aere,  
 Som jeg har beredet ogsaa for Dig.

And when we pledge ourselves to Him with faith-  
 fulness,  
 Follow Him upon the lonely way,  
 He can feel for our sorrow and our joy,  
 Because He himself has lived here in the valley of dust.  
 He the bitter way often had to tread  
 Before He rose up to Heaven's hall.

When the hour has come for souls to leave their  
 mortal frame,  
 Then He inspires us with courage and hope,  
 Says, "Fear not! The way goes to thy and my Father.  
 He has heard thy wailing cry.  
 I am with thee! Will bear thee over death's river  
 When thou can fully yield thyself to me,  
 Home to my eternal happiness, to my joy and glory.  
 Which I have prepared also for thee."

## Alternate Funding Committee Meets

On April 11, 1986, the Alternate Funding Study Committee met together at the National Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, in order to develop and compile a final report to the National Board of Directors. The National Board of Directors were also in Omaha for their spring, semi-annual meeting.

The Alternate Funding Study Committee was established pursuant to a resolution which was adopted by delegates to the 31st National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America

in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This committee has completed its work and has made a report to the National Board of Directors on its recommendations.

In conformity with the resolution regarding the Alternate Funding Study Committee, the National Board of Directors shall present a final report to the membership in the **American Dane** no later than twelve months prior to the upcoming 1987 National Convention. This report will appear in the August, 1986 issue of the **American Dane**.



Alternate Funding Study Committee, Mel Pihl, Herbert Nielsen, Martin Andersen, and Ken Johnson, (not pictured, Norbert Grove, Chairman, who was unable to attend the meeting).

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Prior to the convention, a Nine-Member Convention Committee on Laws will meet in the National Headquarters office. The members of this Committee will be selected by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting beginning October 16, 1986. Your delegate will be eligible to serve on this Committee, if desired and selected, only if your notification of election of delegate is received in the National Headquarters **before October 16, 1986**.

If your lodge or district has any questions concerning the requirements below, write to the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

## **Qualifying to Send a Delegate:**

A DBIA local lodge must have at least 15 insured members in good standing as of December 31, 1986, and meet on a monthly basis. Delegates representing lodges with more than 100 insured members have two votes. A delegate must be at least 16 years of age and elected by written ballot.

A DBIA district must have at least 500 insured members in good standing. The delegate must be an insured member and will be the highest ranking district officer, providing he is not a delegate from his lodge. Rank determined by office held as of December 31, 1986.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 26, paragraphs 1 and 2.

## **Lodge Law Committee Election Deadline — 9-24-86**

Lodges must elect a law committee not later than 12 months before the convention opens. The law committee is composed of at least 5 insured members in good standing, members at least one year at the time of election. One member of the law committee must have been a delegate before, excepting law committees for newly chartered lodges. Other exceptions include lodges where resignation, suspension, transfer or death of former delegates makes meeting this requirement impossible.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 30, paragraph 1(a).

## **Lodge Delegate Election Deadline — 10-24-86**

Delegate and alternate delegate must be elected not later than 11 months prior to the convention from the membership of this law committee.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 30, paragraph 1(b).

## **Convention Committee on Laws, Notification of Selection — 1-24-87**

Nine lawfully elected delegates constitute the convention committee on laws. The committee will consider proposals to come before the national convention amending articles and bylaws. Those delegates asked to serve will be notified 8 months prior to opening the national convention.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 23, paragraph 1.

## **Deadline for Sending Proposed Amendments — 2-24-87**

All proposed amendments, resolutions and proposed new material must be written in English, typed, and sent **in duplicate** to the National Headquarters 7 months before the convention opens. They must have been read to the members of the lodge and passed by majority vote. Members to be notified of such meeting. A summary of the reason for the proposed change must accompany the proposal and must be in English and **in duplicate**.

The Board of Directors may submit motions to the convention in the same manner as the local lodges.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 32, paragraphs 1-5.

## Charity is Declared

In the May, 1986 issue of the **American Dane**, Howard Kjellsen of Lodge No. 345 in Orange County, California was declared "Recommender of the Month" for March, 1986. Keeping with the membership campaign of "It's Better to Give Than to Receive," Mr. Kjellsen has donated his award of \$50 to Kim Irvin.

Twenty-two year old Kim was struck down by an automobile accident in 1983. Major injuries resulted, with extensive head injuries which left Kim totally paralyzed. Her medical insurance has been exhausted and there is ongoing therapy necessary. Kim is the granddaughter of members of Lodge No. 345.

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

## SAS Executive Receives Danish Tourism Medal

B. John Heistein, recently retired president of Scandinavian Airlines of North America, Inc., has received the Danish tourism medal, "Danmarks Turistraads Haedestegn," for his special efforts in promoting tourism to Denmark. The medal is one of the highest civilian honors Denmark bestows.

In presenting the medal, Ernst Klaebel, chairman, and Erik Palsgaard, managing director, both of the Danish Tourist Board in Copenhagen, recognized Mr. Heistein's more than three decades of service in the travel industry, most of which were with SAS, Denmark's national airline. Mr. Heistein and his SAS colleagues in North America engineered many of the innovative air fares and marketing programs that have a direct influence on the steady growth of tourism to Denmark from North America during the last decade.

Mr. Heistein is the sixth American to receive the medal. Past American honorees were Danny Kaye, the actor; Temple Fielding, journalist and travel guidebook author; A. John Harrison, incentive travel manager for SAS North America; Sven Rye, editor of "Bien," a national newspaper for the Danish American community and Carter Clemmons, a San Diego broadcaster.

The medal is not the first recognition Mr. Heistein has received for his selfless work on behalf of Scandinavia. Several years ago, another of Denmark's high civilian honors, the Danish Order of the Dannebrog, was bestowed on him. He also holds the Norwegian Order of St. Olav and the Swedish Order of the North Star.

# Congratulations to the 1986 Scholarship Recipients



***Travis Andersen***  
Lodge 600, Omaha, Nebraska



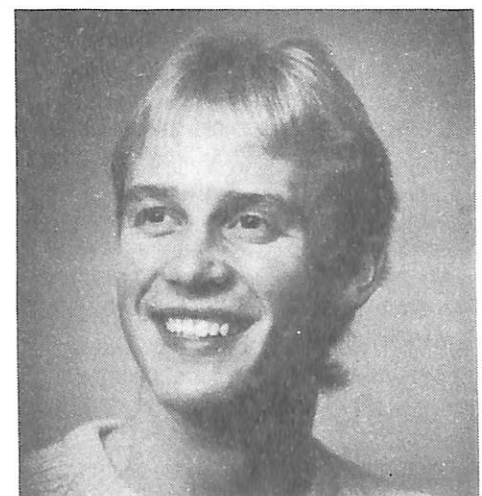
***Catherine Gilpatrick***  
Lodge 167, Portland, Oregon



***Dana Pedersen***  
Lodge 600, Omaha, Nebraska



***Justine Blackshaw***  
Lodge 102, Providence, Rhode Island



***Gary Gilbert***  
Lodge 42, Spokane, Washington



***Christopher Stephens***  
Lodge 182, Waukegan, Illinois



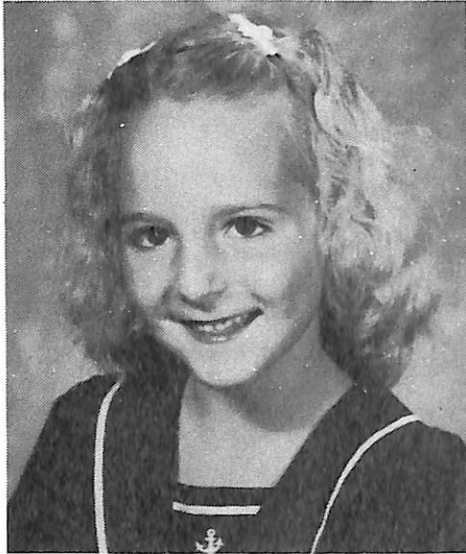
***Scott Peterson***  
Lodge 263, Askov, Minnesota



***Julie Grau***  
Lodge 600, Omaha, Nebraska

# Introducing Young Vikings

**Yvette Sorensen**



My great-grandfather, Lars Christian Sorensen, joined the lodge at the turn of this century. I have been attending Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, Iowa, most of my life. I also try to attend every District Convention.

I am 8 eight years old and in the 2nd grade. I play softball in the city league during the summer. I also enjoy making radio commercials. I have two cats, Whiskers and Top.

My aunt, Kathy Sonsalla, is president of the Iowa-Minnesota District. Maybe someday I will hold offices too.

and

**Chad Allen Chaloux**



I am 6 years old and am in the 1st grade. I joined the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No.

294 in Barre, Vermont, as did my brother to carry on the Danish heritage. I enjoy swimming, riding my bike and reading.

and

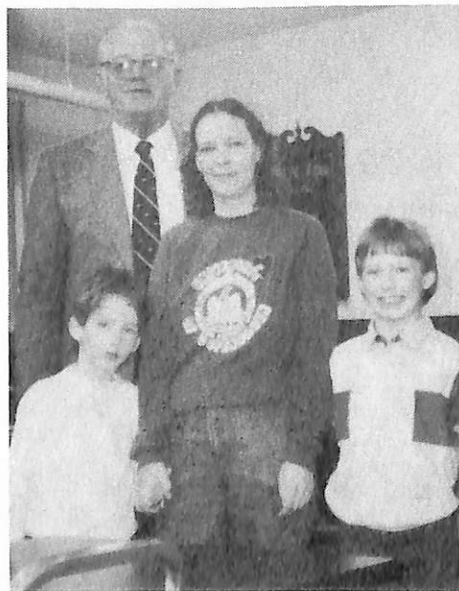
**Robbie Chaloux**



I am 10 years old. I joined Lodge No. 294 in Barre, Vermont, because my grandparents are members. My brother and I go to a lot of the functions and have a lot of fun. I attend the Brookstreet School in Barre and I am in the 4th grade. I like to swim, ride my bike and hike in the woods.

and

**Christian and Jakob Nielsen**



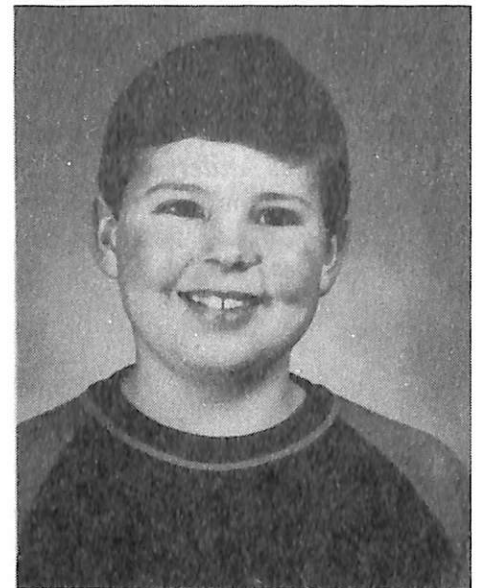
We joined Lodge No. 64 in Rockford, Illinois. We were initiated by National Direc-

tor Woody Petersen and conductor was Ray Nielsen. Our mother, Maybritt Nielsen, was also present.

We are the only Vikings here in Rockford and we hope to get some more members. We have been in the USA for 3 years and we like it here. We like to play soccer and ride our bikes. We attend Brookview School. Christian is in the 1st grade and Jakob is in the 3rd grade. We hope to get to meet some of you Vikings in Kenosha at the first yearly event for youth.

and

**Lucas Christensen**



I joined Lodge No. 71 of the Danish Brotherhood in Penn Yan, New York, because my father is a member and my mother is a member of the Danish Sisterhood. I enjoy attending the Danish lodge activities with my friends and family. I like to go to Dane Day at Senaca Lake State Park in June.

I am in the 3rd grade. I enjoy riding my bike, going on nature walks and learning about science. I have a small collection of books and enjoy reading them very much.

**Welcome Yvette,  
Chad, Robbie,  
Christian, Jakob,  
and Lucas!**

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.

# 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** — At the recent Northwest District Bowling Tournament, held in Enumclaw on March 8, Einar Bruhn tells us that 18 teams took part; five from Vancouver, Canada, six from Seattle, five from Enumclaw, and two from Portland. About 90 people enjoyed the banquet and dance after the tournament in the evening. Next year Portland will host the party.



National Sales Director, Andy Andersen, enlightened us on the insurance program.



Everyone learned from the district workshop.

The DBIA workshop on Saturday, March 22, was held at the Holiday Inn, Seattle near SeaTac Airport. National Director, Clyde Langsted, introduced the personnel from the Home Office in Omaha. Our National Sales Director, Andy Andersen, outlined and answered questions on insurance. Here again, when you think of insurance, think of the DBIA. Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, gave a very comprehensive report on the stability of the DBIA and we found that we compared very favorably to all other fraternal organizations. We hope that this young man will be with us for many more years to come. Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director, with her sparkling personality, spoke and answered questions on programs concerning local lodges. Pam is also the editor of our monthly magazine, The American Dane. Everyone was treated to coffee and pastry and a superb lunch. Representatives from lodges including

The best idea for June goes to Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN. See page 17.

Tacoma, Enumclaw, Spokane, and Seattle were in attendance. It was unfortunate that we did not have more young members there. It would be hard to describe the workshop in so many words. We can only say it was an outstanding success. Thank you very much and come again!

We welcome Gunnar Larsen to our lodge. Hope to see you often Gunnar!

The Annual Ethnic Fest at Northgate will be held on June 27-29. Kris Jorgensen tells us that this year is especially significant for the Danes. On July 4, a replica of the Statue of Liberty will be unveiled at Northgate and it is built of "Lego" blocks from Denmark! Be sure to see it. **Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — Congratulations to Rolf K. Jurgensen who joined the Danish Brotherhood in America on May 4, 1936 for his 50 years of membership.

The Brotherhood will hold its 32nd National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, beginning September 24, 1987. A law committee of five or more insured members in good standing must be elected at least 12 months prior to the National Convention — that is by October, 1986. So please be thinking about serving on our lodge's law committee.

Bob Jespersen will bring us a report of his recent meeting with some members of the National Headquarters staff at the Holiday Inn. Come down and hear what's going on in the Brotherhood from our new insurance representative at our next meeting.

**Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — Many of our members enjoyed the district workshop recently held in Portland. Considerable information was received from the National Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Christensen, National Sales Director Andy Andersen, and National Fraternal Director Pam Dorau. It was fun meeting with other lodges and



Break time proved to be a good opportunity to exchange ideas with other lodges.



Mag Estrom and Honorary Consul General Jens Gimbel enjoyed visiting with National Sales Director Andy Andersen.

interesting discussions were held.

The officers of our lodge want everyone to know that we meet every first Wednesday of each month at Norse Hall in Portland, Oregon, at 7:30 p.m. Whenever you are in Portland, please stop by and visit with us. We would be happy to have you with us and share the culture and heritage with you.



The officers of our lodge are looking forward to a successful year.

Congratulations to Catherine Anne Gilpatrick who won a scholarship award from the Danish Brotherhood in America. The total amount set aside for scholarship awards is \$2,000 per recipient. This will be paid in amounts of \$250 per semester.

You as members make it possible for our young people to have a camp grant or scholarship to the camp or school of their own choosing. You can help yourself and other members of our fraternally oriented Danish Brotherhood by being an insured member. **Jens Jensen, Rep.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — At our April meeting there were 58 members present.

This is the last article that I, Jarl Christensen, will be submitting. I have had the privilege of serving you as the newsletter editor for the past two years and I would like to thank the lodge for this opportunity. However, I now feel that it is time for me to move on and let somebody else take up the challenge. I would therefore like to wish the new newsletter editor, whoever he may be, the best of luck. I would especially like to thank Karl Madsen for being a great help and support over these past two years. Thank you all. If you would like to be the editor or would like to help out in any capacity, please contact Peter Praegel.

Jarl Christensen, Cor.

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

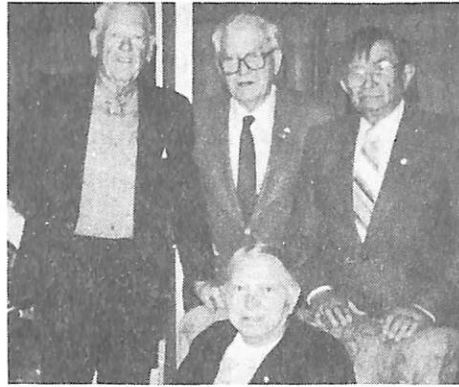
**Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA** — Members are busy preparing for the annual Midsummer Festival which will be held on June 21 and 22. There will be a parade on Saturday in Ferndale followed by dancing by the three Danish dance teams. These teams are led by Erla Chance, Lorana Sweet and Marion Christiansen. Erla is President of the Festival Association this year. A barbecue will be held later that afternoon.

Sunday will feature food and display booths at the fairgrounds. Later a grand march will be held followed by the dance teams and public dancing.

We would like to welcome the following new members: Shirley Thomsen, Jack and Marge Aiton, Judy Victorine, Lorana Johnson, Eric and Christy Thomsen, Lynn Ammons, and Harry Christensen.

Francis Sweet, Sec.

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — We have recently learned of the California-Nevada District Convention events. There will be opening festivities on Thursday evening, a barbecue at Hans Christian Andersen Park on Friday evening followed by a dance at the Solvang Memorial Building and the traditional banquet and ball on Saturday evening. The Solvang lodges are offering this \$40 value for just \$35 if the payment is received on or before June 16.



Lars C. Westerskov, Peter Breum and Peter Petersen present Marius Jespersen with his 60 year pin.

Several of our members met with Marius Jespersen and his wife, Mildred to present Marius with his 60 year membership pin. While Marius is 89 years old he was very happy to visit with members and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. **Betty Seale, Sec.**

**Lodge #230, Arcata, CA** — Our lodge is on a roll! Actually, we have been bowling. On April 13 eleven members met for an afternoon of fun. Some came to participate and others just to cheer everyone on, but a good time was had by all. Our high individual

bowler was President Viggo Poulsen. Also participating were Vera Poulsen, Judy Walton, Allen Christiansen, Jeff Walton, Herman Johannessen, and Mary Johannessen. It was decided to try our skills one more time in the future as the scores are being sent to the bowling chairman for the District Convention in Solvang this summer.

Delegates to the convention were elected at our last meeting. Herman and Mary Johannessen will be the delegates and Earl and Dorothy Kjer will be the alternates.

We decided to participate in the Midsummer Scandinavian Festival to be held in Ferndale this summer. Our lodge will sponsor a smørrebrød booth and also have plans for a float in the parade. We hope to make this year a truly memorable year for our members in the Brotherhood.

Mary Johannessen, Sec.

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — Faithful to tradition, the April 9 meeting started out with a delicious dinner, Hakkebøf med Løg, prepared by Jack Larsen and crew for 55 members and guests.

During the business meeting, which was attended by 25 members, a request for membership by Bob Jeppesen was approved.

A progress report on the preparations for the convention was presented by Johannes Jaeger who revealed that a theme of Tivoli was featured. Mark Bates graciously volunteered to represent the Brotherhood at the Coordinating Council.

The question of a joint participation of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood for Danish Days was discussed and a committee to resolve the matter was established. Com-

# 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 3-9-86        | Willy Andresen        | 83  | Copenhagen, Denmark      | 14        | Kenosha, Wisconsin      | 1923        |
| 3-15-86       | Victor C. Jensen      | 81  | Racine, Wisconsin        | 4         | Racine, Wisconsin       | 1952        |
| 4-14-85       | Howard L. Borggaard   | 88  | Worcester, Massachusetts | 600       | Omaha, Nebraska         | 1925        |
| 3-19-86       | Carl B. Jensen        | 85  | Hornum, Denmark          | 227       | Detroit, Michigan       | 1942        |
| 2-17-86       | Clarence Mortenson    | 86  | Muker Co., Minnesota     | 260       | Williston, North Dakota | 1926        |
| 3-27-86       | George A. Nelsen      | 94  | Oshkosh, Wisconsin       | 30        | Muskegon, Michigan      | 1939        |
| 3-30-86       | Soren N. Pedersen     | 93  | Emmet Co., Iowa          | 194       | McMinnville, Oregon     | 1915        |
| 3-27-86       | Thomas J. Jensen      | 77  | Brockton, Massachusetts  | 600       | Omaha, Nebraska         | 1927        |
| 3-24-86       | Martin N. Hansen      | 89  | Denmark                  | 29        | Seattle, Washington     | 1945        |
| 4-6-86        | Magnus M. Bjerregaard | 91  | Denmark                  | 255       | Selma, California       | 1916        |
| 4-6-86        | Clarence S. Williams  | 76  | Northford, Connecticut   | 32        | New Haven, Connecticut  | 1954        |
| 4-15-86       | Alex Blom             | 82  | Copenhagen, Denmark      | 164       | New York, New York      | 1937        |
| 11-10-85      | Marylois Petersen     | 71  | Los Angeles, California  | 346       | Riverside, California   | 1978        |
| 11-30-85      | Albert Helge Meier    | 81  | Copenhagen, Denmark      | 346       | Riverside, California   | 1984        |
| 3-31-86       | Mary P. Thomsen       | 81  | Vinton, Iowa             | 326       | West Branch, Iowa       | 1965        |
| 10-7-85       | Oscar Kruce           | 78  | Dalafroda, Sweden        | 84        | Lincoln, Nebraska       | 1970        |
| 3-15-86       | Agner Ranch           | 60  | Hadsund, Denmark         | 348       | Eugene, Oregon          | 1975        |
| 2-25-86       | Ole A. Nissen         | 99  | Denmark                  | 29        | Seattle, Washington     | 1908        |
| 3-24-86       | Paul C. Giessing      | 78  | Aalborg, Denmark         | 116       | Newark, New Jersey      | 1968        |
| 11-25-85      | Ella M. Houghton      | 76  | Aarhus, Denmark          | 264       | Pocatello, Idaho        | 1977        |
| 8-29-84       | George J. Petersen    | 69  | Racine, Wisconsin        | 4         | Racine, Wisconsin       | 1968        |
| 2-28-77       | Hertel M. Saugman     | 83  | Racine, Wisconsin        | 4         | Racine, Wisconsin       | 1944        |

mittee members are: Bent Olsen, Max Hanberg, Bent Thomsen, Arne Jacobsen, and Jørgen Hansen.

A letter from Jacob Ravn's granddaughter, Inga Nelson, thanking the Brotherhood for the \$100 Skovsøen scholarship, was read.

The following members were designated as our convention delegates: Max Hanberg, Bent Pedersen, Andrew Andersen, and Arnold Detmar. Alternates are Ferdinand Sørensen and Jørgen Hansen.

**Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — Our next meeting will be a "hat night" with all coming wearing their favorite or craziest hat, and games will be built around that theme. The people now in the principal offices have announced a string of new central themes for the meetings to bring out the sideliners.

Saddened is the entire Danish-American community, as well as the many other Scandinavian friends, to learn of the death of a good friend and brother, Alfred Vestergaard.

Very active in the Danish community, he earned honors recently in 50 years of service to the House of Pacific Relations and the House of Denmark. He also wore the fifty years' pin of the Danish Brother-

hood in America, active in our local lodge and in the California-Nevada District leadership. For 30 years he served as our treasurer. He was the longest serving member in this group having joined our lodge on December 11, 1929.

The memory of Alfred Vestergaard was honored at a memorial service on April 10 in Our Savior's Lutheran Church where Alfred maintained his church membership.

**Ted Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — Delegates for the upcoming convention in Solvang have been elected. They are Kate Krake and Richard Rowse. The alternates are Viggo Bech Nielsen and Millie Bech Nielsen. We know these delegates will do a fine job for the lodge.

There will be an election of a delegate to the National Convention Law Committee to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24, 1987.

Gunnar Hansen has received his 25-year membership pin. Congratulations Gunnar!

**Philis Davis, Cor.**

**Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA** — We were so happy to have 51 members with us at our regular meeting in April. The tables were set up for our potluck dinner. One thing about our lodge women, they sure are

good cooks. Gertrude Nielsen and Vivian Schuette were chairpersons for the evening and we thank you for an excellent job well done. After eating to the max, we had a short business meeting because we were all anticipating the Silent Auction that would follow. We welcomed Ozzie Schuette's sister, Sylvia, and Marry Ellen Wasiloff who joined the Christensens. The Bjorns introduced a long-time friend from Denmark, Karl Jahan Jorgensen.

There was a letter shared from Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, thanking us for our donation to Kim. It was very touching to read a very halting note Kim herself was able to write. As her parents said, "Kim is a very special girl with lots of drive. She has progressed a lot and with her drive she will be able to meet her goals."

Ken Olsen, President, presented Floyd Pedersen, Jim Dwyer and Kaj Bjorn with certificates from Omaha National Headquarters for being nominated for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award.

As the result of nominations at the April meeting, the following persons will represent Holger Danske as delegates to the upcoming district convention in Solvang: Kenneth Olsen, Kaj Bjorn, and Soren Christensen. Alternates are Sherman Nielsen, Marie Christensen, and Mike Olsen.

Congratulations to Howard Kjellsen for

# WINTER'S CHILD

By Dea Trier Mørch  
Translated by Joan Tate  
Foreword by Verne Moberg

Simone de Beauvoir said, "On the whole, women give expression toward the world in general and toward their own maternity in particular: they may be stoical, resigned, demanding, domineering, rebellious, passive, or tense." But at the heart of all these different ways of birthing and mothering is a certain sameness and significance in the experience itself. The solidarity within this similarity is the main focus of *Winter's Child*, a runaway bestseller in Europe where it has been translated into 12 languages and has sold more than 800,000 copies. Complementing the muscular and elegant prose in this poignant story of women giving birth are powerful block prints by the Danish author, an award-winning artist. June. \$19.95.



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being named "Recommender of the Month" in our national membership drive for the month of March.

The goal within our lodge for the year 1986 has been to reach out in the manner of fraternalism — to aid and assist those that are within our membership and friends. Our current aim is to help Kim Irvin, the granddaughter of one of our members who was paralyzed as a result of a car accident. Last month we sent a check that matched the amount we sent to the Brian Perschnick Fund. This month Howard Kjellsen has designated that the "Recommender of the Month" donation be sent to Kim.

At the April meeting, Rosemary Allison displayed the beautiful afghan she knitted and donated, which we will raffle to raise additional funds. The plan is that each of us take a last one raffle book and sell them to friends, neighbors, business acquaintances and who-so-ever. Each ticket will cost \$1.00. It was decided that the drawing will be held at our annual anniversary barbecue party in August.

With sorrow, I sadly report that we have lost a link in our fraternal chain of members. Carl Andersen passed away on April 22, 1986.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

## Young Vikings

**Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA** — June 14 will be our next Young Vikings meeting. We will meet together for a summer dinner and have hot dogs, chips, dip, cookies, punch and all that good stuff. Be sure to wear your Viking Power T-shirts. If you have not received your T-shirt, it's because you have not attended a meeting to get it. We are saving yours so come to a meeting and pick it up.

Dinner will start at 7:30, during the business meeting for adults. You are encouraged to bring along a friend to this meeting.

I will have one group participation game for you, and you may be a winner. We'll do our best to make this a fun time.

The July Viking meeting will be to attend the lodge's annual picnic. There will be special Viking Olympics planned.

**Toni Gossett, Chrm.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — A colorful assortment of bums, bag ladies, and ne'er-do-wells showed up at Pete and Darlene Petersen's Hobo Jungle for our meeting last month. All showed the effects of their wretched lives of paying taxes, struggling to make ends meet, and finally chucking it all for the carefree life of a bum. We were served bottles of wine cooler in paper bags, and the tables were covered with newspaper and decorated with fresh-picked



**Best dressed Hobo, "King-Pin" Petersen and his lovely wife, Darlene, welcome everyone to their Hobo Jungle.**



**Tramp Ken Nielsen shows up.**



**Bag Lady Doris Thompson says, "Of course, I only drink wine for medicinal purposes."**

weeds arranged in lovely dogfood cans. As if that wasn't enough, Kingpin Pete kept a big warming fire going all evening and the soup kitchen crew, including chief cook Sue Patterson and bottlewasher Darlene Petersen, served delicious hot stew, torn bread chunks, and a delightful dessert to all. Richard Obetz won the Pin the Patch game and Pete Petersen and Vikki Garrison won prizes for the most authentic King and

Queen of the Road apparel.

Kodan's delegates and alternates to the District Convention to be held in Solvang on July 17-19 have been elected. They are Knud Andersen and Sue Patterson and the alternates are Vikki Garrison and Doris Thompson.

Mark your calendar for the St. Hans weekend campout in the San Bernardino Mountains. The campground has been reserved. Be sure to set aside this weekend so you can be there. Some of us will be in tents and others are taking their campers. Whatever you do, don't miss this one.

**Nancy Nielsen, Sec.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — Our H. C. Andersen potluck evening with Professor Rudolf Jensen of Grand View College as the speaker was a huge success. We all learned a lot about the famous Hans Christian Andersen. A wonderful buffet-style table of food was served by the committee headed by Edith Paulsen.



**Welcome new members, Goldie and Curt Sorensen.**

As our April meeting, we initiated two new members, Goldie and Curt Sorensen. Welcome!

**Mary Riber, Cor.**

**Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN** — We were very pleased to have the following article featured in the March 28, 1986, issue of the **Albert Lea Tribune**. The article was written by staff writer Helmut Schmidt.

St. Paul has Frogtown, New Ulm has Goosetown and Albert Lea can claim New Denmark.

As waves of immigrants came to the United States around the turn of the century, many settled in the new land with their countrymen in groups, developing enclaves with their own ethnic flavor. While most of Albert Lea was populated by a mixture of Germans, Swedes, Norwegians and Irish, the north side of town was the spot where the Danes took over.

According to a local historian, as soon as you crossed over the Shellrock Channel heading north on Bridge Street, you were in New Denmark.

Though their language and customs were similar to the other Scandinavian immigrants in the area, the residents held on to

their Danish identity. The first schoolhouse in the area was dubbed the New Denmark School, and even until the end of World War I, telephone books listed residents' addresses as New Denmark, rather than by street names.

Some early industries in that area included Lake Shore Greenhouses, started in 1885; the Albert Lea creamery, organized in 1891 (eventually purchased in 1911 by the state as an experimental station for the University of Minnesota); and the North-western Training Company.

The creamery was a boost for growth in New Denmark.

The creamery was the hub of the north side. It became a mecca for farmers and it existed as a successful operation certainly until the early 1960s, when operations were transferred to Twin Lakes.

Many of the shops that crowded the tiny business district have long since gone, victims of the Great Depression, retirement of their owners and changes in the way people shopped.

The area enjoyed a resurgence after World War II, though much of that was residential growth. However, despite the increased number of homes in the area, the business district lost much of its vitality in the late 1960s and early '70s, as consumer

tastes changed and the creamery closed its doors.

**Being typical Danes, we are proud of our heritage and the Danes of Albert Lea erected a statue in Lincoln Park to honor their Danish forefathers. The statue stands on the north side of town in an area once known as New Denmark.**

**Lodge #326, West Branch, IA** — We have had the occasion recently to have a double celebration. Our two oldest (young at heart) members had something in common, each sharing 90 years of life and reminiscing on how good life has been to them. Just listening to their stories was a joy, they have so much to share. Regina Krogh's late



Happy birthday, Regina Krogh!



Many more, Minnie Espensen!

husband, Alfred, started our lodge 58 years ago. Regina recollected that many, many meetings were held in their home before and after the charter. Minnie Espensen told of attending the Danish Folk School in Elk Horn, Iowa. Minnie's late husband, Peter, was also a charter member of our lodge. Lodge members and friends wish them both many more birthdays and a big Til Lykke Med Dagen. **Deloris Ross, Sec.**

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**Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA** — We met on April 28 for a potluck supper with 60 in attendance.

Daniel Steen, Elmer Jensen and Frances Jensen were accepted as members. Andrew and Karen Korsgaard applied for membership. Welcome!

Skovsøen, scholarships and Tivoli Fest were discussed.

Alice Simonsen read an article on the life of Hans Christian Andersen.

Elna Johansen accompanied on piano for Sena Madsen, Clara Johansen, Nadjesta Overgaard and Karma Sorensen who sang "Det var en Lørdag Aften."



We enjoyed the singing of Sena Madsen, Clara Johansen, Nadjesta Overgaard, and Karma Sorensen.



Sena Madsen with her natural brogue.

Sena Madsen read "A Telephone Conversation" as she said she had the natural brogue for it.

Solvang Danish Days film was shown.

**Verdie Christensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA** — We met on March 13 and took a trip by film with a teacher who had taken students to Germany last year. The film was very enjoyable. Thanks for the coffee served by Donna and Ulla. On April 10 we took another trip this time with a student who had visited Mexico. She showed what she saw while visiting. Coffee was served by Sharon, Ann, and Sara which was again enjoyed by everyone.

We took our hats off to Emma Safley for her winning entry in the photo contest.

**Ulla Wall, Sec.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — We held our regular meeting at Dania Hall on April 9. After the meeting a lunch was served. On April 19 our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 5 hosted the Midwest District Bowling

Tournament at Castle Lanes in Racine. A total of 42 teams participated. That evening a dinner was held at Dania Hall serving cornish hen and all the works. After the trophies and prizes were presented a dance followed. High women's first prize went to Kenosha team No. 11, second prize went to Racine team No. 5, and third prize to Dwight Great Danes. High men's first prize went to Kenosha team No. 7, second prize went to Wilkey's Shellers from Dwight, and third prize went to Kenosha team No. 4. A good time was had by all and it was a wonderful turn out. Many thanks to chairman, Bernie Wasik and his crew of Bob Thompson, Helen Wasik, Wayne Kavaliauskas, Doris Petzke, Helen Tobias, and Betty and John Mollerskov.

**Doug Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — All our members should be very proud of our target shooters who won first place in the Midwest District Target Shoot. Besides the first place trophy, a traveling trophy has now been retired to them by winning it three times. Congratulations to Bob O'Neal, Erik Hansen, Dan Ervin and Matt Fosbinder for their fine shooting. At the presentation at our lodge meeting, his teammates had the trophy inscribed — "Trophy retired in honor of Matt Fosbinder by his teammates." This is a well deserved honor for a man as dedicated as he is to target shooting for the lodge.

Our first Friday Night Fish Fry found 125 people in attendance. As with any new endeavor there were some problems to work out but for the most part, everything went well.

All of us have lost a good friend and a true and loyal brother with the death of Aksel Christensen. After 60 years of dedicated and faithful service to our lodge and the Danish Brotherhood in America he will be dearly missed. Our meetings will not seem the same without him sitting there but we can keep Aksel's memory alive by keeping our lodge strong and active.

The Danish Brotherhood was honored to have the following as pallbearers for Aksel's funeral: Rich Walker, Ron Jensen, Steve Mostenan, Hans Nielsen, Jens Emanuelsen, and Bob Ibsen.

Congratulations to Bill Matthews for being named "Recommender of the Month" in our national membership drive. That is three months in a row for a member from our lodge. Keep up the good work!

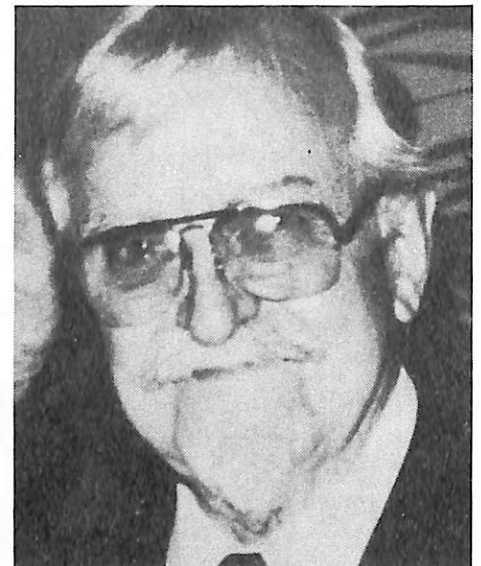
All the Danish Irishmen got together for a wonderful evening of corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings plus a dance. There were about 190 present and all had a good time. Thanks to the committee: Steve and Dolly Mostenan,

chairmen; Anker and Joyce Adelsen, Roger and Henrietta Sorensen, Jens Emanuelsen and Jayne Thompson. Thanks to John Hosmanek and Arnold Lehto for taking the reservations and to Mike and Carol Buridtt and Peggy Starr for making the decorations. A big thanks to Paul and Craig Ferraro from K&R Services for donating the green table paper. Also to Bob Ibsen, Roger Nelson and to Walter Christensen who donated their labor in the kitchen.

The annual Milwaukee Brewer baseball bus trip will be on Friday, July 11. If interested please call Ken Hansen or Rich Walker.

On Sunday, August 3, it will be the lodge's night at the Kenosha Twins game. Tickets are \$2.00 and the lodge gets \$1.00 of this for every ticket sold. Contact Roger Nelson for tickets.

**Lodge #17, Chicago, IL** — Many of our members attended a ceremony to memorialize Arthur LaPointe for his life's work.



A park was renamed to memorialize Arthur LaPointe for his life's work.

Arthur was known for his willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed and his devotion to our lodge. On April 19, the first anniversary of his death at age 82, a park was renamed Arthur LaPointe Park. In his younger days Arthur was known as a daring stunt pilot. In tribute to his barnstorming days, three pilots flew over the park during the ceremonies. LaPointe, a native Chicagoan, got his pilot's license in 1918 when flying was young. He taught aeronautics at Calumet High School and worked as a flight inspector for the Civil Aeronautics Administration before taking over Navy Pier at the beginning of World War II. After the war, Arthur set up aviation machine shops at several Chicago vocational schools. He also helped build the Le Ballet Petit School

of Dance which his wife founded more than 30 years ago. Honor be to your memory, Arthur. **Albertice Nylen, Sec.**

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — At the bowling tournament held April 19 in Kenosha, fifteen teams from our lodge were entered with 42 teams in all. Only a few last minute changes had to be made on our teams due to illnesses, etc., but all teams were filled and half of the prizes were brought back home. Twenty-five of us stayed for a most delicious banquet and dance. Thanks to Racine for a job well done! Also thanks to our lodge for supporting a hospitality room at the motel. A lot of fellow members stopped in and a good time was had by all.

On Sunday, April 20, nine of us from Dwight attended the DBIA workshop held in Kenosha and enjoyed meeting Jerry Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer; Pam Dorau, Fraternal Director; and Andy Andersen, Sales Director, from the National Headquarters in Omaha. The day was well spent with a very good meal served to all of us at noon. It was a busy weekend, but well worth it.

We need volunteers to help with all sorts of odd jobs at the golf outing and picnic on July 12. Also, we will need bingo and raffle prizes. Bring them to the next meetings if you have something you would like to give. This is your lodge — let's show our out-of-town guests a good time. We need your help to make this all possible.

A big thank you to Bill Corrie and Gene Mortensen for heading the committee to get everything organized for the aebleskiver and kringle supper. Over 450 were fed with very satisfactory comments from all. Thanks to Kenosha for the use of their 60 hole pan. It worked like a gem. We'd like to purchase one or have one made. Three hundred kringles were sold. Over \$1,000 was netted. Thanks to all who gave much of their time working and also to all the donators. A job well done! Can't forget to thank Dick Perschnick for going to Blue Island to pick up the kringle.

It was voted on and approved to send \$200 to the Midwest District Focus on Youth fund plus the \$250 we voted on last year to send every year for a third youth scholarship. **Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

## Payments to Board Members

APRIL 1986

Semiannual Spring Board Meeting expense: Woodrow T. Petersen, \$367.45; Kenneth Pedersen, \$259.50; Paul Carlsen, \$399.25; Peter Weber, \$448.00; George Jacobsen, \$517.00; Erling Braumann, \$448.00; Clyde Langsted, \$250.00; Robert E. Ibsen, \$368.00.

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Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.00.

# VELKOMMEN!

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



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| Karolyn L. Ortgies          | 600       | Omaha, NE               | Ray L. Johnson       |
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| Ellen K. Weber              | 600       | Omaha, NE               | Peter Weber          |



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



## Congratulations!

**Daniel Greenwald** of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin has been declared "Recommender of the Month" for April. He sponsored 4 new members.

We salute Dan 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**.

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

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — About one hundred members and friends enjoyed the Frikadeller dinner that was held in April. The food was very good. The menu consisted of frikadeller, red cabbage, boiled potatoes, peas and carrots, cucumber and tossed salads, rolls and butter and for dessert, a wonderful selection of pastries from Iversen's Bakery. There was plenty of food for everyone.

The frikadeller makers are to be commended for their abilities in making good Danish meatballs. They were: Vicky Christensen, Herta Iversen, Marie Muller and Marie Hansen. A special thank you to Marie Hansen for stepping in and making the meatballs for Anna Nussle. Anna had a fall after she had already purchased the ingredients for the meatballs and discovered that she couldn't stand on her feet to make them, so Marie very graciously said she would do so. We hope that Anna is getting along fine after her fall. We missed her at the party — Felix too.

The meatballs were prepared at home but the rest of the food was cooked on the premises by a hard-working committee. Thank you to each one who helped make that evening a success.

After the dinner, dancing was enjoyed to the music of Frank Tintari.

Lodge No. 34, in Dwight, is ready to start youth bowling again. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting so plans can be made to have our young folks participate. There are three categories of bowlers: Prep - ages 6-10; Junior - ages 11-14; and Major - ages 15-18. Age divisions are based on an individual's age as of August 1 of current bowling year. Ray Nielsen and Woody Petersen have copies of the rules.

Nineteen bowlers from our lodge participated in the bowling event at Racine on April 19. Everyone that participated had a wonderful time and some of our bowlers really made us proud. Grethe Jepsen was awarded High Game with a handicap and won money and a trophy; Cindy Sloth won Individual High Series Scratch; second place High Series Scratch was won by Bob Kleinhaus; fourth place team was won by our team consisting of Al Iversen, Henry Jepsen, Doris Peterson, Herta Iversen and Grethe Jepsen. A seventh place team was made up of Norm and Sandy Christensen, Bob Kleinhaus, Jesper Gronvaldt and Woody Petersen. Both teams won money, about \$36 total, and decided to turn their winnings over to the Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to Racine for sponsoring this evening. A good dinner and dance followed that evening at the Dania Club.

The next day, many of our members attended the workshop sponsored by the Omaha staff. It was held in Kenosha and was a very productive day.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

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

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Our April 11 Torsk Dinner was another successful event. We served 160 satisfied dinners. There were seven raffle items and 27 door prizes. We were most pleased to have 17 visitors from Kenosha. A highlight was the presentation of the National President's Award plaque for the Best Single Civic Activity in 1985. The presentation was made by Midwest District President W. Gordon Andersen of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha at the request of National President Robert E. Ibsen who was attending the Board of Directors meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. President Grace E. Gertz accepted the award on behalf of our lodge.

Members of the Scandinavian chorus sang accompanied by Paul Triplett, director, and we had a group sing with piano accompaniment by Tye Triplett.

The movie "Rebild 4,000 Miles from Philadelphia" closed the evening's festivities.

Elsa Berlin, general chairperson, would like to thank all for their donations and all who worked so unselfishly to accomplish the many tasks involved.

**Albert Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL** — On June 13 we will hold our annual aebleskiver night. We sure have a lot of aebleskiver to eat and hope to have a large turnout for this meeting. So if you haven't already planned on attending, please put this on your agenda.

We learned that two of our long-time members, Nels Hansen and Lillie Mattsen, passed away. Nels lived in Crandon, Wisconsin, and had been in ill health for quite a while. Lillie, though, was one of our faithful members and attended all the meetings. They will be sadly missed by all of us.

Our April meeting was very interesting. We were pleased to have a lady speak on self esteem. It was a most informative meeting and a small test was given. We want to thank Betty Akers for the great job she has done as our program chairperson.

We are planning our annual picnic and would surely like to have a large crowd. It will be in July, so plan ahead.

**Lois Skrably, Cor.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — We met on April 24 in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church. We discussed plans for

our Viking Ship float in the Waupaca Fourth of July parade, the theme this year being "The Year of Peace." Our annual picnic will be held on July 24 in Riverside Park.

Gladys Petersen read the article "The Scandinavians Among Us" which appeared in the October, 1985 issue of Reader's Digest. Delicious warm cheese and ham mixture on rolls, cake and coffee was served. Bingo for prizes donated by members concluded the evening.

We were saddened by the death of 80-year old charter member, Evan Johnson, on April 30. Evan and his wife, Grace, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 31, 1985. We extend our deepest sympathy to Grace and the family.

**Evelyn Doerr, Pres.**

## **NEBRASKA**

### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Nineteen people from Denmark have a dream, to visit the United States. This summer their dream will come true. They arrive in Omaha on June 27 and will leave on July 2. To learn about our culture, they want to stay in our homes, rather than a hotel. We are looking for hosts for these travelers. This group includes a camping dealer, pharmacist, teacher, carpenter, telephone operator, as well as housewives and farmers. Their command of the English language ranges from fluent to none at all. Please contact Jim Christiansen if you would be willing to be a host.

President Jim Therkildsen has started a photo album of our activities. Please bring your cameras to our meetings, both business and social. He would like candid shots showing us in action.

We continue to grow. We approved applications for membership from two ladies at our May 6 meeting. Barbara J. Rennert and Karen Cordes were both present and initiated. Welcome to Lodge No. 1!

**Jim Christiansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE** — Over sixty-five were in attendance at our 91st anniversary dinner held at the IOOF Hall on Saturday evening, April 12. A catered dinner was provided by The Pantry for the members, our special Lincoln Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 members, friends and other invited guests.

After the delicious meal, Quentin Johnson, President of our lodge and master of ceremonies, gave the welcome. Shawn Lehn then entertained the group with four piano selections. Don Lehn led the group in the Danish National Anthem plus several

songs, accompanied at the piano by Gladys Sorensen.

Our National President, Robert Ibsen, was introduced by Quentin Johnson, who gave a short speech. Mr. Ibsen also introduced special guests: two National Directors who were present, Mr. Erling Braumann of Warwick, Rhode Island, and Paul Carlsen of Livonia, Michigan. He also introduced members of the Alternate Funding Study Committee who were present: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nielsen of Minden, Nebraska, and Mr. Kenneth Johnson of Ludington, Michigan.



President Quentin Johnson acted as Master of Ceremonies for our anniversary party.



National President Robert Ibsen presented Lars Jensen with his 50-year pin.

Greg Hansen was given the honor of presenting his father, Paul Hansen his 25-year membership pin. Mr. Ibsen was given the honor of presenting Lars Jensen his 50-year membership pin. Alvin Andersen was unable to be present to receive his 50-year membership pin.

Joyce Nielsen, the Nebraska Sisterhood President and also the Lincoln Sisterhood President, gave a thank you response for the Sisterhood.

The highlight of the evening was the slide presentation by Harvey Sorensen of Elk Horn, Iowa, of the Danish Windmill that was purchased in Denmark and shipped to Elk Horn and reassembled there.

**Don Lehn, Cor.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — At our February meeting Lil Strand was the recipient of a 25-year member pin. Congratulations, Lil!

Some of the officers met with officers of Lodge No. 1 on April 22 in Omaha to make plans for the District Convention in September. We are responsible for the Friday evening smorgasbord.

Thanks to our March committee for a fun evening and delicious sandwiches and coffee.

**Harriet Palle, Cor.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — The regular meeting of our lodge was held on May 7 with 13 members attending. A discussion was held concerning the Michigan-Ohio District Convention to be held in Ludington on May 10 and on the District Golf Outing also to be held in Ludington possibly sometime in August.

On April 19 there was a Michigan-Ohio District Workshop sponsored by the National Headquarters held in Greenville, MI. Attending from our lodge were Ken Johnson, Robbie Jensen, Mike Bray and Keith Koegler.

The workshop was opened by National Director Paul Carlsen who introduced the National Staff of: Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer; Andy Andersen, National Sales Director; and Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director. Jerry discussed the functions of the home office and staff, along with the history of the fraternal benefits of the membership. Andy handled the different insurance and annuities programs offered by the Danish Brotherhood. Pam talked on the different fraternal programs and ways of making membership in lodges and participation in lodge activities more attractive.

**Keith Koegler, Past Pres.**

## GCEL

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — Our April meeting opened with Chris Simonsen reading the minutes from the February meeting and a treasury report from Barry Edmonds. We learned that Clarence Williams recently passed away and the lodge extended their deepest sympathy to his family. Clarence had been a member for 32 years.

The GCEL Convention will be held in Penn Yan, New York. Chris Simonsen will be our delegate and Berit Mann will be the alternate. That event will take place Labor Day weekend.

On August 3 a picnic will be held for the clambake at the home of Wilbur and Francis Knudsen in Rhode Island.

**Paul Christensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #116, Newark, NJ** — Our next meeting will be held Friday, June 13, 1986. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. On May 2 there was a Past President's meeting held at John and Virginia Jensen's home in Augusta, NJ. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. A law committee of 5 members will be elected at our September meeting on September 12.

**Don Heckmann, Cor.**

**Lodge #164, New York, NY** — Forty-two members attended our meeting held at the

Danish Athletic Club in Brooklyn on Saturday, April 19. Five new members which include Constance Bubeler, Edward Sorensen, Clair Sorensen, Matthew Mendenhall, and Rachel Conner were initiated. This is an increase from the usual three new members we have taken in at each of the last several meetings.

As is customary, a smorgasbord of traditional Danish fare was served following the meeting, washed down with beer and snaps and ending with coffee and an array of Danish pastries. The lodge's traditional fifty-fifty was dispensed with, in favor of a raffle in which several members won Danish porcelain vases and dishes.

**Barbara Perrin, Cor.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY** — Despite the bad weather, a lot of members showed up for our meeting on February 14, 1986. It was bingo night and we all played several games. For some unknown reason, our food committee did not show up with the expected food to be served for the evening. To our rescue came George Jacobsen, National Past President. While we were very happily playing bingo, George went out to a local deli and brought back some delicious coldcuts, salads, bread, rolls, and pickles. Thanks, George!

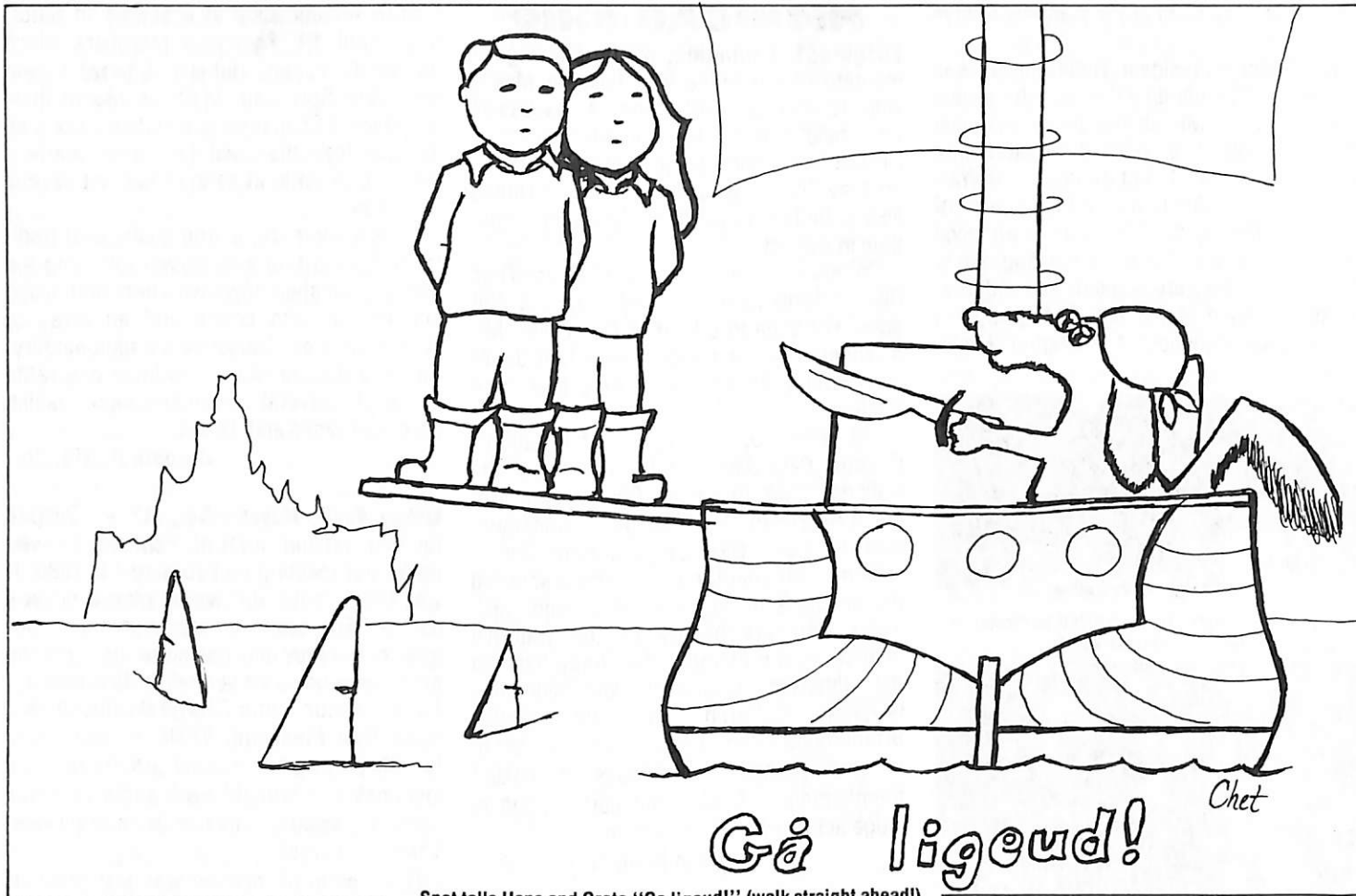
Our March 14 meeting was just great. It was Fastelavn — sla katten af tonden. Several children came dressed in costumes and they all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. We were also delighted to be entertained by a young group of children (ages 5-13) under the leadership of Carol Rasmussen and Melesse Olsen. They performed traditional Scandinavian folk dances while dressed in national costumes and gave a wonderful show. To the parents who brought their children, I just have to mention that they were all just delightful and so well-behaved. It's a joy to have them come to our meetings. Keep up the good work.

Our food committee of Elizabeth and Leif Pedersen along with their friends, Maria Vathianakis and Malamo Panos, surprised us all with a most delicious Greek dinner.

On April 11, our President, Raymond Andreasen, opened the meeting. Old and new business was discussed and then taken care of. It was Egg Rolling Contest night and again we had some of our lovely children come to enjoy the game. Unfortunately an adult won the contest because somehow the egg would not roll in the right direction for the children, but they had a good time doing it anyway. Our food committee was just great. In charge were Krista and Helge Steiness, Alice and Erik Ersboll and Birgit Yost.

**Ilse Sullivan, Sec.**

# Hans and Grete



**Gå ligeud!**

Spot tells Hans and Grete "Gå ligeud!" (walk straight ahead!).

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).

**May winners: Shane Pulliam, Roberta Edmonds, Christopher Hunecke, and John Hunecke.**

## Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

### Smaa Pandikager med Æbler

(Small Pancakes with Apples)

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2 cups of flour      | Salt                   |
| 1/3 cup graham flour | Sliced apples          |
| 1 egg                | 1/2 tsp. baking powder |
| 3 cups buttermilk    |                        |

Mix as for ordinary pancakes. Pour batter in small cakes on the pan, put two slices of apples on each, cover apples with batter, turn. Bake slowly. A little applesauce may be substituted if desired.

## 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  
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**Don't wait, enter today!**

# Viking Adventures

## District Workshops Go On

Greenville, MI



National Director Paul Carlsen introduces members of National Headquarters Staff.

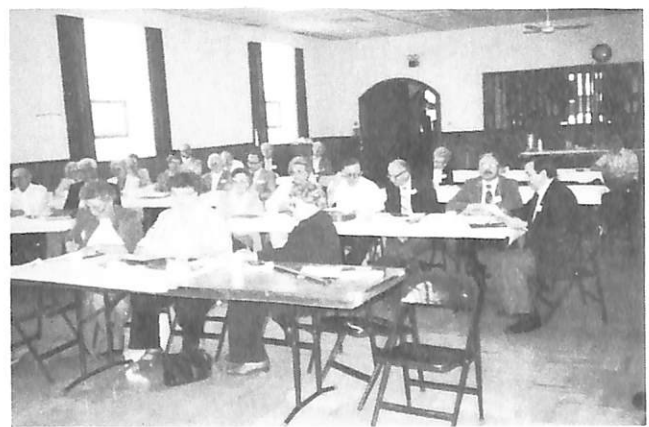
Kenosha, WI



National President Robert Ibsen and National Director Woody Petersen are ready to begin.



Participants to the workshop held in Greenville, MI prove to be a lively bunch.



The district workshop held in Kenosha, WI drew the largest attendance, yet.



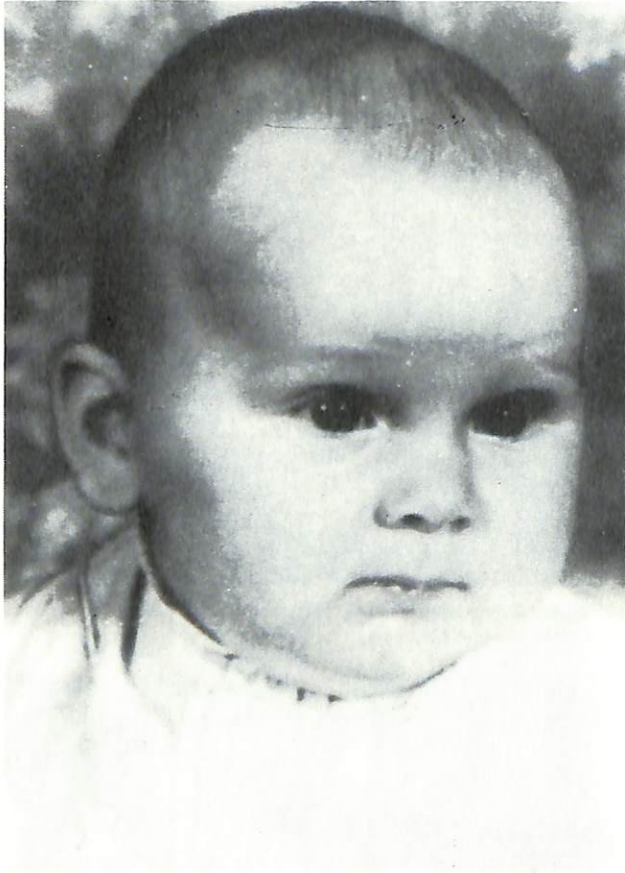
A big thank you goes to Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 65 for the delicious lunch.



Many ideas were shared throughout the workshop.

Watch for details regarding workshops held in Albert Lea, MN and New Haven/Milford, CT in the next issue of the **American Dane**.

# Have You Seen This Child?



Shannon Patrick Ketron

## **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: 11-10-81  
 AGE: 4 years  
 DATE MISSING: 6-17-82  
 FROM: Cordell, OK  
 HEIGHT: 17"  
 WEIGHT: 27 lbs.  
 HAIR: Blond  
 EYES: Blue  
 SEX: Male  
 RACE: Caucasian  
 LAST SEEN: On road near Cordell, OK. Mother assaulted by a stranger in a pickup and became semiconscious. When she gained consciousness the stranger, pickup and Shannon were gone.

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

**1-800-843-5678**

### **USPS 148-180 POSTMASTER: IF UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED, NOTIFY US PROMPTLY ON FORM 3579.**

Member: Send your address change, before moving for continued service.

**NOTICE!!! List all family members affected by this change.**

I belong to Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ My number in the lodge is \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive **The American Dane** each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

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| _____ name _____ age  | other family members: |
| _____ street address _____  | _____ name _____ age  |
| _____ city, state, zip _____  | _____ name _____ age  |
| Mail To:<br><b>The Danish Brotherhood in America</b><br><b>P.O. Box 31748, 3717 Harney Street</b><br><b>Omaha, NE 68131</b> | _____ name _____ age  |

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