

Have You Seen This Child?



Louis Mackerley

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: 2-15-77
 AGE: 9
 DATE MISSING: 6-7-84
 FROM: Allentown, PA
 HEIGHT: 4'0"
 WEIGHT: 44 lbs.
 HAIR: Blonde
 EYES: Blue
 SEX: Male
 RACE: Caucasian
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Name _____

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city, state, zip _____	name _____	age _____
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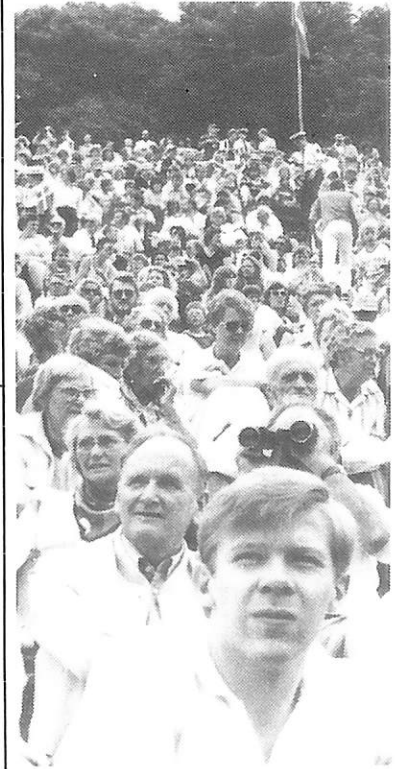
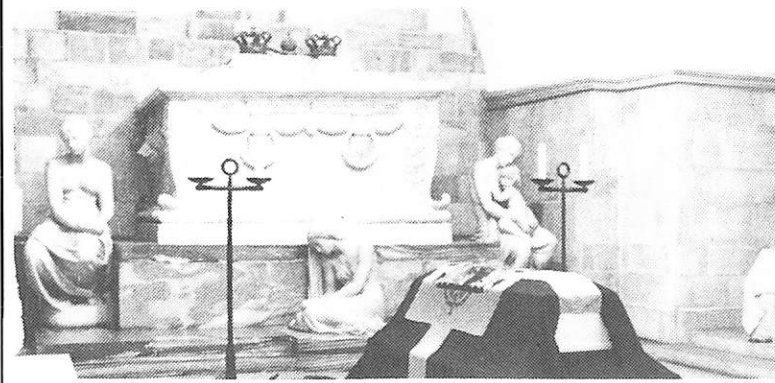
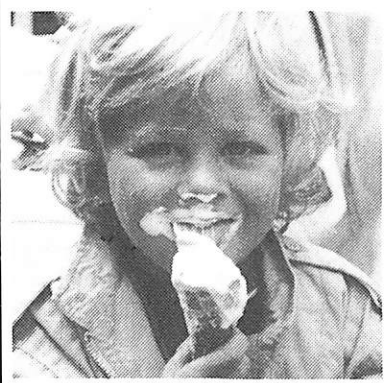
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President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

National President Robert E. Ibsen has graciously relinquished the space usually devoted to the President's message to permit printing of the National Board of Directors' Report to the Membership on Alternate Funding. His regular page will return in September.

National Board of Directors' Report to the Membership on Alternate Funding

Delegates to the 31st National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America adopted a proposal to form a special study committee. The purpose of the committee was to collect and review information for alternate funding of the national society to meet its financial needs.

The proposal, in its entirety, reads as follows:

In regard to the proposal for financing the operation of the Society submitted by Lodge No. 33 of Tacoma, the Law Committee reviewed the proposal with interest. Realizing that the concept of this proposal is of a sound basis while lacking some detail, the Law Committee proposes the following actions:

- (a) The matter to be presented to the Board of Directors;
- (b) The Board of Directors shall establish a separate committee to review concepts of and determine feasibility of alternate funding of the Society at their first meeting following the 1983 convention;
- (c) The committee shall, to aid in their work, request from local lodges and districts concepts for long-range financial support of the Society;
- (d) The committee shall report (in the American Dane) on all items received from local lodges and districts where reasonably practical, and shall prepare a proposal for implementation of the concept(s) including a proposal for the necessary changes to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws;
- (e) The Board of Directors shall present a final report to the membership in the American Dane no later than twelve (12) months prior to the 1987 national convention.

At their annual meeting following the 1983 national convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America, members of the Board of Directors discussed the above resolution. It was decided that a

liaison committee consisting of three Board members be selected to serve as a communication link to the Board of Directors with a separate committee to be established from the membership to work on the alternate funding study. The following Board members, then, were selected to serve on the Alternate Funding Liaison Committee: First Vice President, Peter Weber, Chairman; Second Vice President, Clyde Langsted; and National Director, Paul Carlsen.

The Board decided that it would be best to select a committee for the alternate funding study from volunteers who wished to offer their services to this project. On December 14, 1983, the Board began its solicitation of volunteers from the membership of the Danish Brotherhood through the American Dane magazine as well as a letter to all lodge secretaries. The Board requested that the home office be advised of members who wished to serve on this committee no later than March 22, 1984, when the Board would convene for its semi-annual Spring meeting.

The home office received six volunteers to serve on this committee; a much lower response than had been shown at the previous national convention. All were selected to serve and originally consisted of the following members:

Richard Christensen, Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Illinois, Chairman
Norbert Grove, Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, Washington, Vice Chairman
Melvin Pihl, Lodge No. 167, Portland, Oregon
Kenneth Johnson, Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Michigan
Herbert Nielsen, Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska
Martin Anderson, Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wisconsin

On March 28, 1984, members of the newly formed study committee were notified of their selection by the National Board of Directors. Each member was encouraged to call on the Alternate

Funding Liaison Committee, as well as the home office staff, for assistance at any time.

On June 14, 1984, the Alternate Funding Study Committee, under the leadership of Richard Christensen, Chairman, mailed to each lodge and district secretary a questionnaire which follows this report. Lodge and district secretaries were asked to consider the majority feelings of their membership when completing this questionnaire and were asked to be submitted to Richard Christensen by November 30, 1984. Encouragement to the delegates attending the various district conventions was given by the National Board of Directors to respond to the committee's request for input.

Mr. Christensen received a completed questionnaire from 32 lodges out of a total of 126 subordinate lodges in the Danish Brotherhood in America and according to the records, no response was made on behalf of the districts. This is a disappointing 25 percent response rate. Following this report is also a table developed by Richard Christensen summarizing the lodges which responded to the questionnaire and their specific response to each question.

To summarize in total, let's look at each individual question.

- #1. Average attendance to meetings is 24.
- #2. Average age of members attending meetings is 57.
- #3. Out of 32 lodges responding, 28 feel that new members are **very important**, while 4 feel that new members are **important**.
- #4. Out of 28 lodges responding to this question, 26 feel the DBIA would **not survive** without a strong financial base, while 2 feel that the DBIA **would survive** without a strong financial base.
 - #4.1 Out of 29 lodges responding to this question, 8 **strongly** feel, 14 **moderately** feel, and 6 **don't** feel the need for a good insurance program is the best means to maintain this financial base.
 - #4.2 Out of 30 lodges responding to this question, 11 **strongly** feel, 13 **moderately** feel, and 6 **don't** feel the need for a non-insurance means of financial support for the Danish Brotherhood in America.
 - #4.3 Out of 29 lodges responding to this question, 16 feel that eliminating the insurance requirements for membership **will** erode the long term financial requirements of the DBIA, while 13 feel that it **will not**.
- #5. Out of 31 lodges responding to this question, 2 lodges reported that members usually devote a **high** amount of energy and motivation in finding new members, while 13 reported a **moderate** amount of energy on behalf of members and 16 reported **low**.

The summary table, mentioned above, was developed by Richard Christensen just prior to his death as a result of cancer on April 10, 1985. Pursuant to Dick's passing, Norbert Grove of Lodge No. 33 in Tacoma, Washington, assumed the duties as Chairman of the Alternate Funding Study Committee. Mr. Grove chose as his Vice Chairman, Melvin Pihl of Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon.

The committee continued their study, review, and corresponding under the leadership of Norbert Grove, and were then invited to Omaha, Nebraska, by the National Board of Directors in order to meet together in final review and preparation of a final report to the Board.

The committee then met on April 11, 1986, in conjunction with the Board of Directors' Spring, semi-annual meeting. The committee's full day of deliberations was chaired by Vice Chairman, Melvin Pihl, as a result of Chairman, Norbert Grove's, prior commitment and inability to attend the meeting. The committee

gave their final report to the Board of Directors in the evening of April 11, 1986, which was accepted by the Board. The report, in its entirety, is as follows:

Report to the National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America from the Alternate Funding Committee

Gentlemen:

Through correspondence and meeting together, the committee has addressed the subject assigned. We have reviewed the Ballew Report, the DBIA annual report 1985, and the charge from the 31st quadrennial convention. The Ballew Report, commissioned by the Board of Directors, is an in-depth Study of Insurance and Fraternal Operations of the Danish Brotherhood in America including evaluation of the 1982 Questionnaire Survey of insured and social members.

The committee sought substitute sources of income, but it appears the only alternative to funding the national society would be an annual dues assessment or per capita tax.

1985 total general expenses for the society were approximately \$31.50 per member. The national dues would have to be at least equal to this figure if the society were without premium income and interest income from investments.

It is believed serious problems would be encouraged with imposing such a cost per member. Local lodges would lose membership, and some local lodges would terminate affiliation with DBIA, in essence becoming a local club.

Some members of local lodges are retained by virtue of the member having DBIA insurance. Insured members lend stability to both local and national membership.

The mandatory insurance requirement as presently prescribed should be maintained. Section III, page 16 of the Ballew report states:

"One final thought: In my opinion, Danish Brotherhood must **not** permit social members under age 50 until you have established an effective field force and developed a competitive line of products. Under your present circumstances, if you do let adults of all ages sign up as social members, few if any will buy even small certificates from you. This would be the death knell for DBIA.

"In later years, after you have the products and the sales people, then you can reopen the question."

Page 4 of the Ballew Report evaluation of the Survey states: "Surely DBIA can have no higher priority than that of getting children and young adults into the organization and offering programs that will encourage them to become active participants."

Page 44 of the Ballew Report evaluation of the Survey states: "58% of respondents said DBIA should keep the insurance requirement for all new members under age 50."

The Ballew Report Supplement on page 34 stresses: "A fraternal benefit society that is not bringing in lots of youngsters under age 13 (DBIA is not), offering them an active junior club in the local lodges (DBIA is not), and keeping them on as teenagers and young adults (DBIA is not), is dying. Unless DBIA can solve this crucial problem, it has no hope of surviving as a separate entity."

The committee unanimously agrees to recommend retention of the mandatory insurance requirement for new members under age 50. Additionally, we believe it is essential to actively implement youth programs in both insurance and social ways. There is no future of this society without a greatly-expanded program of substantially increased insurance underwriting of youth plus attractive, informational programs becoming a catalyst to attract youth.

Annuities, both IRA and regular, are relatively new to DBIA and are an option to insurance. The member is still classified as an insured member, and this should dispense with some of the arguments against mandatory insurance under age 50. The committee believes the addition of annuities closely accomplishes an alternative some members sought.

In serious contemplation and as an attempt to address the problem, the committee unanimously concluded there is, at this time, no viable alternate method of funding operations of the society including support to local lodges and benefits to individual members.

The Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Alternate Funding Study Committee for their service to the Danish Brotherhood in America and the delegates to the 31st National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Of course, this topic will also be an agenda item at the upcoming 32nd National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24, 25, and 26, 1987.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Your objective response to the following will aid the committee when reviewing concepts for alternate funding.

Lodge # _____ Location _____

1. Our meetings are normally attended by _____ members.

2. The average age of members that attend our meetings is _____ years.

NOTE: In the following questions, please circle one item within parenthesis (11).

3. We feel new members are (very important/important) to the long range future of our lodge.

4. We feel the Danish Brotherhood would (survive/not survive) without a strong financial base.

4.1 We (strongly/moderately/don't) feel that a continuing good insurance program is the best means to maintain this financial base.

4.2 We (strongly/moderately/don't) feel the need for a NON-INSURANCE means of financial support for the D.B.I.A.

4.3 We feel that eliminating the insurance requirements for membership (will/will not) erode the long term financial requirements of the D.B.I.A.

* See attached concept

5. Finally, as a lodge, our members usually devote a (high/moderate/low) amount of energy and motivation in finding new members.

6. Other Pertinent Comments From Our Members

Questionnaire Response Table

Lodge #	Ins/ Social	1. Avg. Attend At Mtgs.	2. Avg. Age	3. Feel New Members Very Imp. -#1 Import. -#2	4.0 W/O Strong Finan. Base Survive -#1 Not Surv. -#2	4.1 Feel Need Ins. Prog. Strong -#1 Moder. -#2 Don't -#3	4.2 Feel Need Non-Insur. Strong -#1 Moder. -#2 Don't -#3	4.3 Elim. Ins. Will -#1 Not -#2 Erode L.T. Finance Req.	5. Effort/ Members High -#1 Mod. -#2 Low -#3	6. Pertinent Comments Made?
14	184/189	70	50	1	2	1	2	1	2	Yes
341	31/103	65	60	1	—	—	—	—	2	Yes
348	56/56	47	47	1	2	2	3	1	2	Yes
186	26/92	42	67	1	2	3	1	2	2	No
325	81/49	40	55	2	2	2	1	2	2	Yes
342	39/20	37	45	1	2	1	2	1	1	Yes
46	55/137	35	65	1	2	—	2	2	1	No
1	136/111	35	55	1	2	—	—	—	—	Yes
29	203/49	32	45	1	2	1	1	1	3	Yes
161	66/54	30	59	1	2	1	3	1	2	Yes
227	315/163	30	47	1	2	2	1	2	3	No
217	13/54	27	70	1	2	2	3	1	3	No
346	28/25	25	45	1	2	2	2	2	1.5	Yes
92	96/29	25	55	1	2	2	3	1	3	No
43	56/21	24	62	1	1	3	1	2	2	Yes
144	80/16	22	57	1	2	2	2	1	3	Yes
219	25/7	15	50	2	2	1	2	2	3	No
116	82/11	15	55	1	2	2	2	1	3	Yes
332	73/14	15	58	1	2	2	1	—	2	Yes
36	32/33	15	65	1	2	2	2	1	2	
182	46/6	13	50	1	2	2	1	1	3	Yes
184	46/6	12	40	1	1	3	1	2	3	No
230	17/14	12	55	1	—	3	2	2	3	Yes
42	46/18	12	65	1	2	2	2	1	2	Yes
321	3/12	11	72	1	2	3	1	2	2	Yes
337	28/15	10	67	1	2	3	1	2	2	No
319	26/5	9	65	1	2	2	2	1	3	Yes
322	41/14	7	70	2	2	3	1	2	3	Yes
10	64/12	6	50	1	2	1	3	1	2.5	No
37	15/1	6	55	1	—	1	3	1	3	No
177	30/3	6	63	1	2	2	2	1	3	No
125	19/1	4	50	2	—	3	2	2	3	No



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Basic significant factors — As of December 31, 1985 derived from the annual statement.

Solvency

A wide margin of Assets over Liabilities can be a significant safety factor. This indicates financial soundness and a Company's ability to meet all obligations as they become due.

Assets for each \$100 of Liabilities as of Dec. 31, 1985.

Average 25 largest life companies \$103.94
The Danish Brotherhood **\$137.45**

Surplus Funds

(Including Capital, if any.) Per \$100 of Policy Reserves: A substantial surplus ratio may indicate a company's ability to take emergencies in stride. It shows the amount of excess funds to the policy reserve liability.

Average 25 largest life companies \$ 6.81
The Danish Brotherhood **\$40.33**

Investment Income

For each \$100 Required to Maintain Policy Reserves: This is the amount by which the interest earned exceeds the amount required to maintain reserves — an important financial factor to a life insurance organization.

Average 25 largest life companies \$208.84
The Danish Brotherhood **\$358.89**

Additional Society Strength

The following amounts are based per \$1,000 life insurance in force. This shows further proof of strength and stability.

	This Society	Average 25 largest Life Co.'s
Assets per \$1,000 life ins.	\$352.95	\$158.81
Reserves per \$1,000 life ins.	\$238.43	\$ 88.39
Surplus per \$1,000 life ins.	\$ 96.17	\$ 6.02

Financial Statement Summary As Of December 31, 1985

Admitted Assets \$6,743,448.00	Total Income \$ 1,040,338.00
Total Liabilities \$4,906,033.00	Insurance in Force \$ 19,106,000.00

Conclusion

The comparative analysis made of the above organization in comparing it with the aggregate averages of the 25 LARGEST COMPANIES in our opinion is favorable. BASED ON THE FINANCIAL RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE YEAR ENDED 1985 WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A FINANCIALLY RELIABLE INSTITUTION.

Where Are You Going, Emma?

by Donald A. Christensen

The curtain stirred. Emma Jensen was sure of it. Yet, there was no breeze. No, not the slightest movement of air, for the window was closed and the house was still. It was a stillness so deep that each sound, when it occurred, would seem amplified a thousand times.

Yet, there was no sound, save her own rhythmic breathing. She sat up in bed, wrapping the bedclothes about herself and hugged her knees as she peered past the moonlit spot on the floor to the impenetrable darkness beyond.

There had been voices. . . .two of them. She was certain. Or was she?

"Yes?" she whispered softly. The word caught in her throat. Her mouth was dry. Beads of perspiration formed on her upper lip.

No answer.

"It must be another dream," she thought.

Dreams. Why was she always having dreams? Was this some trait inherited from a Viking ancestor? Something in the blood? Did not the Vikings seek out a wise woman to hear and interpret their dreams? Was she such a woman?

Dreams. Pastor Andersen had spoken of the dreamers in the Bible. Joseph, Jacob, Daniel, and the Apostle Peter; all had dreams. God had used dreams many times before to send His messages. Perhaps He was still doing so.

But why now? Yes it was true that she was angry and disillusioned. Who wouldn't be? America's "Golden Land" didn't turn

Hvad er din rejses maal?

*Sig mig du stakkels Vandringsmand, hvorfor er du
mod i Hu?*

Hvorfor er du saa stille, hvorfor ej du synger nu?

Jeg før jo hørt dusang, saa det var en Lyst.

Hvad er det nu som hviler sa tungt paa det Bryst?

*Du spørger mig, ak kaere Ven, hvorfor jeg er so
mod i Hu,*

Hvorfor ej jeg synger, ej mere jubler nu.

Naar du nu med Taalmodigghed mig høre vil,

Saa skal jeg dig vide hvordan det mig staar til.

*Saa mange Aar er svundne, siden jeg forlod min
Faders Hus,*

I fremmed Land jeg levede dem i Sus og Dus,

Og ingen Tanke om en Gud mig faldt ind,

*Til Verdens Lyst og Glaede jeg sætte Sjael og
Sind.*

En Nat jeg paa mit Leje laa,

En Skikkelse jeg syntes for mig staa,

Og hviske til mig, med en Stemme mild og blid,

"Sig mig min Ven, hvortil har du nu brugt din Tid?"

*"Har Du den brugt til af følge ham, som alt for Dig
forlod,*

Og har i hans Spor, Du ogsaa sat Din Fod?

Eller har Du Verden elsket, min Ven?

out to be quite like it was promised. The streets weren't paved with gold. Work was difficult. Here she was a servant girl, just as in Denmark, except the house and the people and the language were different. Was this all that her life would be? Even the man she had loved and trusted had lied to her and played her for a fool. Had she left her home in Denmark just for this? Shouldn't life have more meaning?

She remembered Pastor Andersen's Sunday morning sermon about the prodigal son.

"Perhaps I am like that and should return home. I wonder if I would receive such a warm welcome. . . . I think not." She spoke the words to herself while trying to recall the details of her dream. Two men were talking. One was telling the other about a dream that he had. She could remember that much but the rest was vague and unclear.

The curtain stirred again.

Still, there was no breeze.

She studied the pattern on the floor created by the moonlight and the cross bars of the window. With a sigh she lay down, her mind full of questions. Perhaps, if she recalled the dream, she would discover the answers.

"Interpreting dreams is God's business," Joseph had said in the book of Genesis.

With that verse on her mind, she fell asleep. Later she wrote of her experience in the poem entitled **What Is Your Journey's Goal?**

What Is Your Journey's Goal?

*Tell me, you poor wanderer, why are you so
downhearted?*

Why are you so quiet, why do you not sing now?

*Indeed, I have seen it before, when you sang so
that it was a delight!*

What is it that now rests so heavily on your breast?

*You ask me, oh dear friend, why I am so down-
hearted,*

Why I do not sing, no more rejoice now.

If you now, with patience, will hear me,

Then I shall tell you how it is with me.

*So many years have passed since I left my father's
house.*

In a strange land I lived in riot and revelling,

And no thought of God occurred to me,

*To the world's pleasure and joy I set my soul and
mind.*

One night, I lay on my couch,

A figure I saw, standing in front of me.

And whispering to me with a voice mild and gentle,

*"Tell me my friend, to what purpose have you
spent your time?"*

*"Have you spent it in order follow Him, who all
for you forsook?*

And have in his footsteps, you also placed your foot?

Or have you loved the world, my friend?

Hvor after Døden tænker Du da Rejsen vil gaa hen?"

*"Husk paa at Livet svinder vaek som en Skygge,
Og paa denne Verden, Du saa ej kan bygge.
Betaenk Dig vel, bøj Dit Hjerte, det nu er haardt
som Staal,
Og taenk lidt efter, hvad er Din Rejses Maal."*

*Saa talede Stemmen, og Skikkelsen forsvandt,
Men i mit Hjerte, jeg fra Dag ej Ro nu fandt.
Mit hele Syndeliu, med et som for mig skrevet stod,
Det mange Aar siden, jeg mit Faedrehjem forlod.*

*Kald det en Drøm, et Febersyn, om Du vil.
Jeg gerne bort det jage vil, men har ej Kraft dertil.
Med Angst og Baeven jeg taenke paa Døden nu,
Foran mig kun Fortabelse, jeg ser med al dens Gru,*

*Se, nu Du kan forstaa hvorfor jeg stille er,
Og hvorfor jeg ej mer kan glaede mig.
Ja, nu min Ven, har jeg Dig alt jo sagt,
Men til at hjaelpe mig dertil, har vist du ej Magt.*

*Nej, kaere Sjael, ej det jeg kan.
Thi selv, jeg er som Du, en syndig Mand.
Men en jeg ved, hvis blot til du gaar,
Og til at hjaelpe Dig, kun ene ham formaar.*

*Hvis Du til ham vil tye hen,
Til ham som er alle Syndres Ven,
Han som der paa Kors døde,
For Din, for min, for hele Verdens Brøde.*

*Med Angerstaarer fortal ham hvad her Du forbrød,
Og vist Tilgivelse Du faar, ti han vil ingen Synders
Død.*

*Din Frygt for Døden han bortage vil,
Ti Sejrr over Graven kun ene ham hør til.*

*Naar Du med Jesu leve vil, da frygt ej for hvad
kommer,*

*Til Hjemmet Vejen gaar, til Evighedens Sommer.
Naar kun Du søger Trøst hos ham, Du Naade vist
da faar,*

Ja, saet til ham din Lid, Du Rejsens Maal da naar.

Where, after death, do you think your journey will lead?"

*"Remember that life fades away as a shadow,
And on this world, you therefore cannot build.
Consider you well, bend your heart that is now as
hard as steel,*

*And think a little about what is your journey's goal."
Thus spoke the voice and the figure turned away,
But in my heart, from that day, I now found no rest.
My whole sinful life, with that, stood written in
front of me.*

*The many years since I forsook my father's house.
Call that a dream, a feverish sight, if you will,
I would like to expel it, but have no power to do so.
With dread and trembling I think of death now,
In front of me only perdition I see, with all its horror.
See, now you can understand why I am so quiet,
And why I am not, any longer, joyful.*

*Yes, now my friend, I have, to you, told everything,
But to help me about it, you certainly have no power.
No, dear soul, that I can not.*

*Myself, I am like you, a sinful man.
But One I know, if only to Him you go,
For to help you, only He alone is able.*

*If you in Him will seek refuge,
To Him who is a friend of all sinners,
He who died on the cross,
For your, for mine, for the whole world's guilt.
With tears of remorse, confess to Him what your
offenses here are,*

*And know, forgiveness you will receive, for He
wants no sinner's death.*

*Your fear of death He will take away,
For victory over the grave only belongs to Him alone.
If you will live with Jesus, then fear not for what-
ever comes.*

*To the home the way leads, to eternity's summer.
If only you seek comfort in Him, you, mercy,
certainly then will receive.*

*Yes, place in Him your faith, when you make that
your journey's goal.*

Dana College Extends Special Offer to Danish Students

Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, USA, a four-year liberal arts college founded by Danish pioneers, is making a special offer to students from Denmark interested in spending a year abroad.

Beginning this fall, Dana College will make available free tuition and room on campus to ten qualifying students from Denmark. This is in addition to the Victor Borge and Queen Margrethe II scholarships already available to students from Denmark studying at Dana.

The new program, authorized by the Dana College Board of Regents, will make it possible for more students from Denmark to spend a year studying at an American college. And the only costs for which they will be responsible are transportation, board on campus (estimated at \$1,500 for the nine-month school year), incidental living expenses and books.

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The Sun and Mr. Simple

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once there was a small town called Fjollet.
Everyday a huge dark cloud hid the sun and the town was always gloomy.

The people in Fjollet were sad.

One morning, the Mayor called everyone together.

"What are we going to do?" he asked.

"About what?" asked the merchant.

The Mayor frowned. "About the dark cloud," he said.

Everyone shrugged.

Suddenly, an old woman said, "Let's ask Mr. Simple. He is the smartest man in town."

The Mayor nodded. "Fine idea," he said. "Fine idea."

Quickly, the Mayor ran over to Mr. Simple's house and knocked on the door.

Mr. Simple opened it.

"My goodness," he said. "It's dark outside. I surely thought it was daytime."

The Mayor sighed. "It is, but we need someone to get us our sun back so that people will smile again."

"Say no more," said Mr. Simple. "I will get you the sun."

"Good man," said the Mayor, as he tipped his hat and left.

Quickly, Mr. Simple got out his bow and arrows and some long rope.

He went outside.

He tied the rope onto each arrow and shot them high into the sky.

None of them reached the sun.

Mr. Simple thought very hard. "I have another idea," he said to himself.

He went into his yard where he had a small plane. He got in it and zoomed through the sky.

As he soared through the air he stuck a butterfly net out his window.

The net did not reach the sun.

Mr. Simple flew even higher, but the net wasn't long or big enough to get the sun.

Soon, Mr. Simple landed his plane.

"The people are counting on me to get them the sun," he said. "But how?"

He thought and thought and thought. "Aha," he said. "I have another idea."

Mr. Simple got some rope again and climbed the tallest tree. He made a lasso and threw it far, far into the sky.

The lasso did not reach the sun.

Suddenly, it became very windy.

(The dark cloud began to move.)

The branches swayed and Mr. Simple fell out of the tall tree.

He tumbled into a small lake.

When he sat up, he saw himself in the water.

He also saw the sun in the water.

"I got the sun!" he said, looking in the lake. "But it's all wet. Well, you can't have everything."

Just then... the Mayor appeared.

"Thank you, Mr. Simple," he said. "We can always count on you. We have our sun back with us!"

Mr. Simple smiled.

He was glad that the Mayor was happy. But he didn't want to tell him that the sun was now in the lake.

Fjollet (silly)

Results of the 1986 DBIA Bowling Tournament

Lodge	Team	Score	Handicap	Total	Award
227	Team #3	2599	537	3136	\$100 1
51	Ken's Team	2675	381	3056	75 2
341	Team #3	2458	549	3007*	60 3
45	Minneapolis Vikings	2518	489	3007*	60 3
283	Lowell Valley	2500	498	2998	45 4
14	The Hagars	2428	558	2986	40 5
345	Great Danes	2503	480	2983	35 6
51	Ralph's Team	2563	417	2980	33 7
227	Team #1	2502	477	2979	30 8
51	Secretary's Team	2638	336	2974	27 9
34	Wilkey's Sheller	2247	681	2928	25 10
75	Senior League	2210	717	2927	24 11
34	Great Danes	2348	576	2924	23 12
34	The Younger Danes	2058	858	2916	22 13
227	Team #5	2278	636	2914	21 14
143	Petaluma Mixed Team	2055	858	2913	20 15
34	The Handy Five	2338	543	2881	19 16
51	Past President's Team	2548	315	2863*	18 17
34	Bad News Strikers	2569	294	2863*	18 17
341	Team #2	2306	546	2852	17 18
34	Lucky "Fem"	2323	510	2833	16 19
92	Team #2	2272	546	2818	15 20
34	Dwight Danish Dolls	2115	699	2814*	21
92	Team #1	2130	684	2814*	21
34	Pony Express Riders	2428	384	2812	22
184	Hayward #2	2203	603	2806	23
143	Old Timers	2400	405	2805	24
34	The Printers	2060	744	2804	25
345	Danish Dolls	1996	801	2797	26
34	The Standards	2374	402	2776	27

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Meet One of Our Newest DBIA 100% Families

The Danko family, our newest 100% Danish Brotherhood families. While Duane, Diane, Neil and Erik have been members of Lodge No. 164 in New York, New York, Carl has just joined making their family membership complete.

Carl was born on Christmas Day in 1984. He is very active and loves to play on the swing set, ride the tractor and play tractors



Diane, Carl, Erik, Neil, and Duane Danko.

with his older brothers. A real lover of our dogs, he helps his mom feed and water the dogs.

Erik is four years old and attends nursery school. He is also very active and enjoys fishing. Being a fantastic story teller, there is never a dull moment with Erik around.

Neil attends first grade. He is six years old, enjoys gymnastics, fishing and being outside all the time.

Duane is a chiropractor with two practices located in Sayre and Canton. A true workaholic yet enjoys fishing and hunting whenever their is spare time to be found.

Diane is the manager of the Danko family which is not an easy job. Her hobbies include counted cross stitching and she is involved with the PTA.

The Dankos are proud to be members of the same lodge which Diane's parents and grandparents belonged to.

May We Meet You, Too?

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

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Danish Canadian Conference on Youth

How can we get young people involved? That was the theme of the fifth national Danish Canadian Conference, held by the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, at Valhalla Inn in Toronto on May 30-June 1, 1986.

Dr. Lillian Ma, Past President of the Chinese Canadian National Council, began the Youth Session Saturday morning by talking about her experiences in her own



Participants of the 5th National Danish Canadian Conference.

community. Afterwards four young people — Ena Holtermann, Bettina Bourgeois, Lene Sondergaard, and Tamara Suganisiri — were given the floor. There were many questions and comments to their presentation. And everybody was impressed by the speeches by the four young people, who spoke eloquently and with passion. The moderator of the Youth Session was Pastor Emilie Esbjorn of the Danish Lutheran

Church in Toronto, who unfortunately had to cut the discussion short, due to lunch.

To find out why, or indeed why not, young people are involved in Danish organizations in Canada, a national essay contest had been held in the spring. The winner of the essay contest was Bettina Bourgeois, who won the trip to the conference. Bettina Bourgeois had in fact been elected to the Board of Directors of the Danish Canadian Society in Montreal just a couple of months before the conference.

All the submitted essays were printed in the 150-page Conference Booklet. Edited by Eva Terp, the Conference Booklet contains articles, photographs, histories, reports, greetings and many other interesting items. Copies of the booklet, costing ten dollars each, are still available from Mrs. Esther Machacynski, 16 Campbell Crescent, Kington, Ontario K7M 1Z5 (613) 542-8876.

Over 60 people from across Canada participated in the conference. Moreover, from Denmark came Gunnar Kristensen, President of Scandinavian Canadian Friendship Association; Arne Dyhrberg, Consultant for Dansk Samvirke; as well as actress Anne Jensen, who had just toured Canada, visiting New Denmark, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, telling Canadians and Danish-Canadians about Hans Christian Andersen, and reading some of his fairy-tales.

Danish Novel Available

Poul Jensen quickly moves from support player to reluctant hero in **The Sardine Deception** by Leif Davidsen, translated from the Danish by Tiina Nunnally and Steve Murray. **The Sardine Deception**, published April 28, 1986, is the first in a series of novels from Denmark from Fjord Press. The question, Who killed his wife, Charlotte?, is just the first of many questions to confront Poul on his journey from Copenhagen to Spain to fulfill the grim duty of claiming the body.

Who can he trust? The hard-drinking Swedish journalist, Claes Hylander, Charlotte's colleague and one of her ex-lovers? Lars Hansen, the nervous Danish diplomat? What is the role of the forbidding police commissioner, Jaime Monterales? And what of the soft-spoken Miguel, once a feared and hunted Basque terrorist? Should he resist the comfort and passion offered by the lovely Ogoya? Davidsen captures all the political intrigue and tension of a country newly freed of dictatorship, settling the spoils of power among the affected and the disaffected, the corrupt and the innocent. On the last hot day of Carnival, Poul Jensen finds his answers and indeed, he has a story to tell.

For more information of **The Sardine Deception**, please contact Fjord Press, P. O. Box 16501, Seattle, Washington 98116.

1986 Miss Denmark-USA is Named



Left to right: Miss Sullivan, Miss Bunch, Mr. Olsen, Miss Carlson, Miss Vange and Miss Jesse.

Niels Olsen, Vice President and General Manager of Scanticon-Princeton in Princeton, New Jersey — host hotel for the recent Grundlovsdag festivities — is surrounded by the five finalists for the 1986 title of Miss Denmark-USA. Finalists are, from the left, Maureen Sullivan, Syosset, New York; Kristina Bunch, Seattle, Washington; Sandra Carlson, El Cajon, California; Katrine Vange, Chicago, Illinois; and Janet Jesse, Holiday, Florida. The new queen, Ms.

Vange, represented Danish-American groups at the 74th annual July 4th Independence Day celebration held at Rebild National Park in Jutland, Denmark.

Mr. Olsen has been selected as the first chairman of the Miss Denmark-USA national contest, newly chartered in New Jersey as a national non-profit organization. The

vice chairman is Torben Huge-Jensen of Top Grade. Other directors are George Jacobsen, National Past President of the Danish Brotherhood; Leif Clemens Pedersen, Chairman of the Danish American Coordinating Council of Greater New York; and Ole Nielsen, Northeast Regional Director for the Miss Denmark-USA competition.

Entertainment Danish Style

The world's largest discount leisure club — Entertainment — has included Denmark as one of the nations where its members can enjoy reduced prices at restaurants, hotels, inns, cultural events and attractions. Millions of people around the world belong to Entertainment, which has offered similar deals for its members in the U.S. and elsewhere for 25 years. Entertainment members are issued a guidebook to Denmark containing pages and pages of discount coupons valid for use around the nation. A credit card imprinted with the member's name is also issued for use at time of

coupon redemption. Using coupons from the book, Entertainment members may dine at some of the finest restaurants in Copenhagen, stay at a country inn, attend a performance at the Royal Theatre and enjoy jazz music at Montmartre, all for discounted prices. Hotels that offer discounted rooms with the plan include the Sheraton, Imperial and Kong Frederik in Copenhagen and the Hans Christian Andersen in Odense. For more information about how to join, contact Entertainment Publications, 1400 N. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan 48011, (313) 642-8300.

Museum Plans for Building

The Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum met in Elk Horn, Iowa, to develop a strategy for the capital fund drive and time table for building design. Both phases of planning for the creation of the Museum's new building will be coordinated so funds are available when the architect's plans are completed.

Architect Ron Ericson of the Omaha firm of Astle/Ericson explained that his plans are to find out all he can about the programs and activities which will take place in the building from folk dancing to fumigation. He will then draw up alternative plans for presentation to the Board before final detailed plans are completed.

The fund raising firm of Goettler Associates, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio, has prepared a feasibility study for the Museum to project the success of a major capital fund drive.

Danish Novel Now Available in English

Winter's Child, written by Danish author and artist Dea Trier Mørch, has been successfully translated into the English language by Joan Tate. This novel was a bestseller in Europe, has been translated into 15 languages, and has sold over 800,000 copies.

The popularity of the novel is understandable: its topic — the lives of pregnant women, midwives, and nurses in a maternity ward — is one that has appeal and touches the lives of readers in most cultures. Set in a Copenhagen maternity ward for difficult cases, **Winter's Child** is unique in focusing on the weeks immediately before and after delivery. During a winter month in the mid 1970s, the women encounter the private anxieties and mysteries of motherhood while sharing a profound sense of solidarity.

The novel is available for \$19.95 from the University of Nebraska Press, 901 North 17th, Lincoln, NE 68588.

Past President Honored at Dana

During a ceremony held on the campus of Dana College, the newly completed Performing Arts Center was officially named in tribute to President Emeritus and Mrs. C. Clifford Madsen.

In 1956 Dr. Madsen was elected to the Presidency of Dana College, a position he held until his retirement in 1971.

In 1961 Dr. Madsen was awarded the Cross of the Knight Order of Dannebrog by the King of Denmark.

During his fifteen year tenure as president, known as Dana's "golden years," Dr. Madsen played an important role in achieving full academic accreditation and initiated a major expansion program that produced ten buildings and added more than 100 acres to the campus. In addition, Dana experienced its highest recorded enrollment during those years.

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

PACIFIC- NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — At our June 4th meeting, a law committee for the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, beginning September 24, 1987, was elected. They are as follows: Jerry Jensen, Chairman; Per Larsen, Ted Kofoed, Flemming Sorensen, and Bente Noble. The committee will meet sometime this summer, and if you have any new ideas or suggestions, please write them down and mail them to us so that we may take them under consideration. Also, out of this law committee, one member will be elected as a delegate for the National Convention. This must take place no later than in October.

We welcome, as a new member, Sven Rossell, Professor with the Scandinavian Department at the University of Washington. Hope to see you often Sven!

These past few weeks have been a busy time for the Nordic Museum. On June 5, the much advertised exhibit, "The Dream of America," was officially opened. About 500 people took part in this great event. We were honored with the presence of our Danish Ambassador, Mr. Mogensen from Washington, D.C., and our Consul General Henning Christiansen from Los Angeles, as well as our local Nordic Consuls in Seattle, and also Mayor Royer of our fair city of Seattle, and Mrs. Gardner, wife of Mr. Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington.

The annual Danish Brotherhood picnic will be held on August 17 at Martha Lake. There will be a gate charge. Donations for prizes will be much appreciated. Fun and games for everyone. For information, contact Craig Emmick.

We would like to congratulate Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon, California, upon receiving the "Howard E. Christensen Award."

Recently a long-time member of our lodge, John Hansen, was honored by the Dairy Farmers of Washington for having been in business for more than 50 years. When John Hansen went into the dairy business 54 years ago, he started with 30

The best idea for July goes to Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI. See page 18.

cows, a good pair of hands and a daily prayer. His hands and the prayer must have worked. Today, Hansen, age 82, and his wife, Mabel, age 67, own 236 milking cows, more than 200 heifers, 19 cats, one dog and a 207 acre farm in Monroe.

The dairy business has changed drastically since Hansen milked his first cow in America. An immigrant from Denmark, he came to Washington in 1929 and worked odd jobs until he got enough money to buy his first cows and farm. **Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — We were very pleased to hear that one of our members,



Gary "Bo" Gilbert, Jr. is congratulated by his family members, Gary, Sr. and Lory.

Bo (Gary, Jr.) Gilbert, was recently awarded a Danish Brotherhood scholarship. Sharon Kinder, President of the Pacific-Northwest District presented a certificate to Bo for this outstanding achievement.

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The May 4, 1986 meeting was called to order with 28 members present. Three new members were present for initiation including Brian Cady, Mardi Brayman, and Sylvia Hurst. We welcome you and hope to see you often.



Welcome new members Sylvia Hurst and Mardi Brayman.

Stig Hansen presented the newsletter editor, Diane Fisker, with a nicely displayed award for the President's Award, Best Newsletter for 1985.

Conductor Larry West draped the charter in memory of Dorothy Anderson and a moment of silence was observed. Dorothy passed away on May 22, 1986. She was always interested in the Danish culture and heritage and enjoyed the fellowship of the Danish Christmas services. We send condolences to her husband, Kenneth R. A. Andersen, her daughters, Ellen K. and Mia L., both of Portland, and her brother-in-law, Bob Anderson.

It was brought up that a new law committee delegate should be elected. Ed Hirsch said the old members will be automatically reinstated, so that leaves only one vacancy. Ed said if no one else was interested, he would volunteer. A motion was made that Ed Hirsch be nominated, and it was seconded and carried.

After the singing of the Danish National Anthem, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark those calendars now to attend the picnic on August 17 at Oaks Park. Lots of games, rides and food are in store for members of all ages.

The Scholarship/Camp Grant Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America has selected

Matthew Brayman of Wilsonville, Oregon, as a recipient of a 1986 camp grant. A check in the amount of \$40 was presented to Matthew to help defray the cost of camp along with an award certificate. He also received a DBIA T-shirt for use at camp. Matthew is planning to use his camp grant to attend the YMCA's Camp Collins. We wish him a wonderful experience.

Joanne Kantor, Sec.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #39, Oakland, CA — The District Convention for the California and Nevada District is history, as is the Welcome Home Delegates Party which took place July 25. The chairperson of the evening was Carol Hansen.

On August 22 we will join the Sisters in a potluck supper with happy hour from 6-7 p.m. Our meeting will follow.

On August 24 we will again join other lodges in the area for a Danish picnic at Alameda Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

September 26 will be a big evening. This will be "Pin Party Night." Two brothers will receive 50-year membership pins and one will get a 25-year membership pin, so come out and join us for that evening.

Aage Lundquist, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — On June 11 a delicious barbecue tri-tip dinner was followed by a business meeting presided by Johannes Jaeger. Two new members, Bob Jeppesen and Erik Sorensen, were initiated while Andy Andersen was presented with his 25-year membership pin. Andy Andersen reported that a scholarship was awarded to Ari Petersen. A lively discussion was triggered by the fact that for several reasons a second scholarship could not be awarded. It became apparent that an improved scholarship criteria was much needed and it was recommended that the incoming president should appoint a committee for such purpose. Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 136 hold their monthly meetings at the Norway Hall, 3975 43rd Street, San Diego, on the second Wednesday of each month.

A great event anticipated by all is the camping outing to Camp Ma-Tar-Awa on September 12-14. Be sure to mark this on your calendar and plan to attend.

Lodge #322, Santa Barbara, CA — Arne Johansen, President of our lodge, celebrated his 70th birthday on May 17 at his home in Goleta with family members and many friends in attendance.



Happy 70th birthday to President Arne Johansen.

He came to America in 1956 and to Santa Barbara in 1958 and joined the Danish Brotherhood at that time. He has served as the president in 1963, 1964, 1966, and 1967, as well as at present. He was the conductor and a member of the general committee of the California-Nevada District in 1962. He is a retired custom cabinet maker and learned his trade in Odense, Denmark.

The barbecue on May 18 at the Carpinteria Lion's Park was a great success. Fifty-eight attended and had a pleasant day. Special thanks go to the following who helped with the preparations: Henning and Henny Jensen brought the salad, salad dressing and garlic bread; Nels and Esther Buus furnished the potato salad and kringle; Eigel Hampen provided the soft drinks and ice; Ivan Petersen kept the children busy with various games and entertainment; Kristen and Hazel Jensen kept the finances straight; Ebbe Larsen and Ruth Harrison kindly did the telephoning; and Erik Herner represented the Brotherhood at the Multi-cultural Festival, which occurred on the afternoon of the barbecue.

At the monthly meeting, John Herner and Helge Hansen were welcomed as new members.

Carl Lauritsen, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At the last meeting we elected five members to the Law Committee for the National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 24, 1987. The members include Frank Jepsen, Richard and Karen Rowse, John Kristensen, and Jens Andersen.

Gunnar Hansen received his 25-year pin and certificate of appreciation at the June meeting. Gunnar has been a faithful and dedicated member to our lodge. You may all want to know that Gunnar collected, rolled, and sold newspapers to raise money for the 1978 District Convention which Alhambra Lodge hosted at the Huntington

Hotel. He also manned a booth at the L.A. County Fair for the betterment of the Danish Brotherhood. He has signed up approximately 60-70 new members over the years. He was also our insurance representative at one time. He is married to Evelyn, who is also an active member of the club, always willing to donate a handmade article for a raffle or bingo. You rarely see Evelyn with idle hands. On behalf of the lodge we say "Thank you and congratulations."

Grundlovsfesten was a huge success. Approximately 800 people attended and it was great to see the Danish colors all over the place, both in dress and decorations.

In the table decorating contest, we placed third, thanks to the beautiful decorations handmade by Viggo Bech Nielsen. For the theme "Salute to Hans Christian Andersen," Viggo had built a large beautiful house and on top of it were Hyrdinden og Skorstensfejeren, surrounded by several of H.C. Andersen characters. Just a magnificent piece of work. It was so beautiful that "Kirsten of Copenhagen" offered to sell it for him. Kirsten owns a gift shop in Los Angeles. Thanks Viggo for a job well done. Also a thank you to Inger Dix who also helped with the table decorations.

Congratulations to Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon, California, for being declared the winner of the 1986 "Howard E. Christensen Award."

Kate Krake, Pres.

Lodge #332, Ripon, CA — Members of our lodge were extremely proud to hear that Vernon Olsen was the 1986 "Howard E. Christensen Award" winner. Congratulations Vernon! You are our Viking Power and a truly deserving person.



Our members take time out for a snapshot at Oroville Dam.

Members of our lodge recently enjoyed a visit to the Oroville Dam. A lovely day was held and we thank those who helped in the planning.

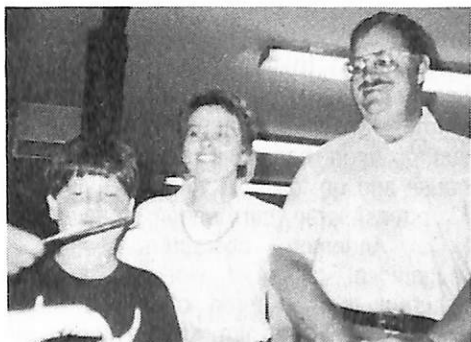
Marge Scheuber, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — The June 14 lodge meeting was well attended and we had a good time with the business meeting and bingo that followed. The Vikings had a special hot dog dinner in the parking area of

the lodge and they seemed to have a great time. Several of them were busily trying to pronounce new Danish phrases they were learning.

Members started arriving around the social hour, signing in and depositing their bingo gifts at the appropriate table. The business meeting began at 8 when Ken Olsen called the meeting to order.

We were delighted to initiate three new members to our lodge. They are Bill Chappel, Kandy Chappel and son Donald, who we hope will get right in there with the Viking group. Welcome!



Welcome to our newest members, Bill, Kandy and Donald Chappel.



Youth Chairperson, Toni Gossett, presents camp grants to Jamey and DaNeil Gossett.

Ken Olsen congratulated two Vikings for being awarded camp grants from the National Headquarters. He asked Toni Gossett, Youth Chairperson, to make the presentations. She called Jamey and DaNeil Gossett forward and made the presentations. Each Viking received a \$65 check and a certificate from the National Headquarters. Toni told the members that this grant has been announced through the American Dane for the past few months and anyone could have applied.

May I add that many scholarships are offered from Omaha, and all we have to do is comply with the time and form rulings. These aids from Omaha are for all members and we should read the American Dane and take advantage of them. Ken also presented the lodge with a \$10 check from Omaha for the best suggestion for the month of May.

Our lodge wishes to extend our congratulations and applause to Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332. Vernon was awarded the 1986 "Howard E. Christensen" Award.

A letter received from Spencer and Gertrude Nielsen was read at our recent lodge meeting. The subject was about the oldest existing church building of the Danish Synod in the United States. The Niensens had read about it in the American Dane magazine. In order to preserve the Our Saviour Edifice and any historically significant memorabilia, the Our Saviour Historical Society was formed and incorporated as a non-profit organization with annual dues of \$5.00. The Niensens stated, "Since ours is a benevolent group trying to help out fellow Danes and at the same time hoping to preserve the Danish traditions in the country, we move that our lodge subscribe to a one year membership." Perhaps other lodges within our national organization will be encouraged to do likewise.

The members of our lodge were delighted to make a motion to do what the Niensens suggested with the exception that we will send in a larger gift. Once again, we see our membership inacting the principles of the DBIA. The address where donations may go is Our Saviour Historical Society, P. O. Box 193, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Our meeting this month was held at a new location — the American Legion Hall in Redlands. Twelve members and one guest, Frank Serup, shared smørrebrød and conversation. I guess a lot of you were on vacation, out of town, ill, or for other reasons were unable to attend. We'd like to hear from you regarding the A.L. Hall as a meeting place and also we'd like to have your thoughts on the Jensen-Alvarado Ranch. Please let us hear from you.

The St. Hans Weekend campout was another big success, attended by 27 members and guests, plus six dogs, and Wanda the Witch. On Friday night, Tom and Norma Loveday treated everyone to a fish fry. Afterwards we honored President Knud Andersen on his 60th birthday with a champagne toast. On Saturday, Ken Nielsen conducted the leather crafts class while Jim Patterson and Tom Loveday started the witch's stew. Then we held a parade with flags and all to ready the witch for her big send-off. Following dinner that night, we reconvened at the campfire ring where Norma Loveday was initiated as our newest member. Welcome Norma! Kodan is lucky to have you as a member! We sang some Danish and American songs and then John Loveday torched the fire. Boy, did she burn! After Wanda's swan dive into the embers, we toasted marshmallows, popped popcorn, and munched on s'mores. We were pleased to have first-time guests, Anne

Marie and Michael Pickens and Bjorn, Gale, and Christina Sorensen with us. We'd like to see you at all our future functions. Many thanks to all who contributed to this weekend, especially to Doris Thompson who sculptured Wanda. She was a perfect witch.

A belated big thank you to our friends, the Lloyd Christensen Folkdancers, for their generous donation to Kodan's 1987 Convention Fund.

We're planning to have a garage sale. Please save your usable discards for this worthwhile effort. We'll take everything you don't want or no longer need. Specific date and place will be announced later. Just start saving for now.

Also, don't forget to save your newspapers, aluminum cans, and cardboard. Bring them to our meetings and give to either Kaja Del Grippo or Sue Patterson. All funds received will go into Kodan's treasury.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — The setting for our "St. Hans Aften" observance on Sunday, June 22, was the beautiful and spacious picnic area at Val and Leona Severtson's country residence. The area was decorated with American and Danish flags and the shore of the lake was adorned with our own Little Mermaid statue. Weather was very favorable as we gathered for a potluck supper. Attendance was good and, as usual, our members provided a large and tempting variety of tasty delicacies.

Immediately following the supper, President Levisen presided at a brief business meeting. Plans are materializing for an outing on the "Star Clipper" supper train. This will be in the fall and is a three hour round trip train ride through southeastern Minnesota and northern Iowa countryside complete with gourmet dinner being served. Forty members have made advance reservations to participate in this event. A portion of a business meeting held on January 7, 1977, recorded by Alton Neve, was presented for our listening pleasure. Many of the members whose voices were heard on the recording are no longer with us, but through listening to the taped proceedings of this particular meeting, we learned that all matters were discussed thoroughly before decisions were made. At dusk, the traditional burning of the witch was viewed by all which concluded another happy observance of St. Hans Aften. A sincere thank you to Val and Leona for hosting this event.

On the 4th of July, our newly constructed

Ice Cream Stand was used for the first time. We sold ice cream cones in Lincoln Park at the site of the Danish Immigrant Statue during the progress of the parade, with many members cheerfully participating.

A number of our members planned and decorated our float for entry in the parade's Service Organizations Division. A great deal of effort and work was given to this project and the end result proved to be very rewarding. To coincide with the national observation of "Liberty Weekend," the float was very attractively decorated with American flags, Danish flags, an array of shrubbery, colorful flowers and replicas of the Danish Mermaid and the Statue of Liberty in all her glory. Much enthusiasm was created as the float passed the huge crowds of spectators lining the parade route. For the second consecutive year, our float was awarded first place as the most attractive entry in its category. We commend and thank all members for this outstanding accomplishment of service to our lodge and community.



Our float won first place in the July 4th parade.

Our next scheduled meeting is on Saturday, September 6. This will be a potluck supper followed by a brief, but extremely important business meeting, and then a silent auction. Members are requested to bring their own dishes, silver and a dish to pass. Also bring something to auction and join the fun.

Viggo Berthelsen, Cor.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — The day was mild, the food was great, the flies and mosquitoes left us alone, and the members of our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 enjoyed themselves. We were happy to see quite a number of young persons at our annual picnic, held this year at the Dike City Park shelter house. The shelter house was recently enclosed and screened. About 50 members and children and grandchildren enjoyed the day.



Our annual picnic proved to be a very enjoyable day.

Special thanks to Brother Hilmar Schmidt, who has been very faithful in assisting the Secretary, by keeping an up-to-date supply of paste-on address labels, for use in the monthly mailings about our meetings. This is really appreciated, not only by the secretary, but by the membership, who can now

read their name and address! The postal service is also grateful, no doubt.

We mourn the passing of Kristen Hansen of Cedar Falls, a long-time member of the Brotherhood. We know he took a special pride in Danish heritage, and remember his smile as he received his 60-year pin on April 9, 1984. We extend our sympathy to his wife Metha and his family.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — On June 18 we had our annual potluck picnic at the Newell Park with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 109. There were 32 present. Fresh home-grown strawberries along with ice cream was furnished by Walt and Caroline Sievers. Playing bunco was the entertainment for the picnic.

On the morning of July 4 the same two lodges had an aebleskiver breakfast served to the public. Over 250 people were served.

We will hold the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood on Saturday, August 30, 31, and September 1, 1986 at the Allee Building in Newell.

In order to plan properly, we are asking those who plan to attend to send in their reservations on or before August 16, 1986. A registration price of \$18.00 per person takes care of all expenses except lodging. You may make the checks payable to Lodge No. 147 and mail them to Herluf Pedersen, Box 1A, Newell, Iowa 50568.

Room reservations must be made directly to motels. Due to the busy activities in Storm Lake on Labor Day weekend, reservations should be made as soon as

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
5-18-86	Dorothy E. Anderson	55	Minneapolis, MN	167	Portland, OR	1977
5-26-86	Arthur Shane	74	Haledon, NJ	116	Newark, NJ	1959
5-5-86	Leo Jensen	84	Winside, NE	110	Windside, NE	1941
1-10-86	Axel J. J. Gaden	84	Denmark	325	Nassau County, NY	1937
12-31-85	Richard Jensen	82	Denmark	45	Minneapolis, MN	1925
5-26-86	Arthur L. Nelson	82	Racine, WI	4	Racine, WI	1922
5-25-86	Soren P. Henningsen	89	Randers, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, CA	1924
12-23-85	Anton Christensen	90	Randers, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, CA	1916
3-24-86	Svend Aage Andersen	83	Silkeborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, NE	1934
5-30-86	Laurence E. Jensen	69	Minneapolis, MN	45	Minneapolis, MN	1946
5-31-86	Herman Jacobsen	80	Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, FL	1929
6-6-86	Arthur Christensen	64	Erie, PA	242	Erie, PA	1949
5-15-86	Svend E. Andersen	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, NE	1935
6-18-86	Kristen Hansen	86	Denmark	144	Dike, IA	1924
6-18-86	Vagn L. Pedersen	71	Denmark	600	Omaha, NE	1974
6-17-86	Hjalmer J. Bergenhagen	93	Copenhagen, Denmark	245	South Bend, IN	1916
6-28-86	Inga M. Jablonic	71	Waukegan, IL	306	San Diego, CA	1975
5-27-86	Jean M. Christensen	60	Streator, IL	34	Dwight, IL	1980
5-13-86	Niels C. Hvolboll	97	Thorsrup, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, MN	1912
6-5-86	Harold W. Lund	71	Perth Amboy, NJ	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	1974
7-2-86	Irving G. Hansen	70	Waupaca, WI	14	Kenosha, WI	1979
6-25-86	Viggo Madsen	83	Thorup, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, MN	1959

possible. The motels are requesting four to six weeks' advance reservations.

Elmer Jensen, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — We met on June 9 at the Senior Citizen Center. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nielsen from Pocahontas have enlarged our membership and we welcome them.

Marvin Christensen has been approved by Danish Brotherhood for an insured membership which replaced his social membership. Marvin Christensen reported on the meeting he and his wife, Lucy, attended at Albert Lea, Minnesota, on May 17.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — A potluck supper was held at the Elk Horn Creek Park on June 30. It was the "St. Hans Aften" party. Sixty members and guests attended. Buying a Danish flag was approved and scholarships were discussed.



Everyone's ready to watch the witch burn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jensen favored us with singing and playing a double dolcimer. Karen Korsgaard led the group singing before the burning of the witch. Mr. Burton Esbeck read the story of the St. Hans Aften celebration in Denmark.

Verdie Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — We had a busy summer. The month of May was anniversary time. A dinner was hosted by Harold and Irma Jorgensen and Arthur and Ulla Wall. Everyone brought wonderful food and there was singing and dancing.

In June came the Ethnic Fair which again was a success. Everyone contributed. Dansk Bageri and the dancers danced. It was a very busy weekend.

Later in June the lodge had their annual St. Hans Aften party at Paul and Karen Nielsen's farm. It also turned out well with a large gathering of members and guests.

Ulla Wall, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — An excellent Midwest Convention is being finalized by us as this year's host. We welcome you to come
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to Racine and enjoy yourselves at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center on September 6 and 7. Special rates for rooms have been made available by the hotel for delegates and convention attendees. The banquet Saturday evening is to be held in the grand ballroom and should prove to be a good time for all. So mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Congratulations to Gene Andersen, now from Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Gene was in Racine for our May meeting and received his 25-year membership pin presented to him by Past President Ken Janssen. Following the meeting we all enjoyed open-face sandwiches, beer and bountiful fellowship.

Congratulations to the Sisterhood Victoria Lodge No. 5 in Racine on their 100th anniversary. Hope you have many more.

On Wednesday, August 13, at Sanders Park starting at 5 p.m. the Sisterhood, in conjunction with our lodge, is having a corn roast. This will be our annual picnic. Plan to attend or you will miss a good time.

**Eric Olesen, Sec.
Doug Larsen, Cor.**

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — We have good news to report. Our membership now stands at 407. How about that!

The Danish Brotherhood workshop conducted by the home office staff from Omaha was held at the hall on April 20. Several of our officers attended in addition to many members from around the district. It was very informative and all agreed that we have a very fine staff at our home office.

Ninety-one members attended the June 3 meeting as we honored one of our most respected and dedicated brothers, Jens Emanuelson, on his 80th birthday and 59 years of membership in the Brotherhood. Presentations to Jens were made by State Senator Joseph Andrea, Alderman Roger Nelson and National President Robert Ibsen. The lodge had given Jens one of our Viking ships at the anniversary party and also had a beautiful cake for him at the meeting. Jens treated everyone to Danish sandwiches and lots of cold akvavit. The sandwiches were prepared by Lillian Andersen and her crew consisting of Dolly Mostenan, Henrietta Sorensen, Joyce Adelsen, Jane Thompson, Jane Zeith and Lenore Holderness. They were excellent. There was also a kranssekage which was delicious. We all sang Han Skal Leve to Jens led by Tom Nielsen. It was a great party for a great guy!

Ann Marie Higgins was given \$100 toward going to Skovsøen, a Danish language camp in Minnesota. She is the granddaughter of Ed and Ruth Yankus and this is her second year to go. The National Headquarters and the Midwest District will match

our contribution.

A donation of \$150 was given to the Kenosha Area Soccer League to assist hardship cases of youngsters who cannot afford the entry fee for the soccer league. We understand that our lodge is one of the first in Kenosha to assist in this manner. Two teams will be called "The Vikings" in honor of our lodge.

Thanks to Brothers Jack Sorensen, Richard Wicks, and Ed Gastaldi who did a beautiful job in tiling the men's room. Another step in making our club a nice place has been completed. Thanks to Henry Studtman who donated a Nesco to the club.

Forty-three couples thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Scotch Doubles bowling event held at Sheriden Lanes and then a wonderful meal and fellowship back at the lodge. This is a lot of work to put on and we sincerely thank Duke and Winnefred Ellingham along with their fine committee of Tom and Donna Nelson, Dan and Barb Ervin, Roger and Henrietta Sorensen, with Pete Wildenberg and Al Pecnick doing the scoring. Larry and Judy Sauer and Al and Kathy Bosk were the big winners.

The Hawthorne Horse Race bus trip will be held on August 9. Beer and wine will be served on the bus with reserved seats, buffet at the track and track admission for only \$23.00 each.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our next meeting will be held Monday, September 8. The committee is Paul and Pat Smith, chairpersons, Harold and Bev Lund, Arnold Nielsen, Ron Anderson, Lena Eymann, Gene and Barb Mortensen, Marcia Trainor, Jim Lauritsen, Bill Corrie, and Ray and Thaila Koehler. There will be an election of a five person law committee and also a delegate and an alternate for the 1987 National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, beginning September 24, 1987. These persons have to be reported to the convention committee 12 months prior to the date of the convention.

Congratulations to Kelly and Debbie Mortensen and Mark Clavey for winning Brotherhood camp grants. Also to Rudolf Schmidt for being with the Danish Brotherhood for 60 years.

Our deepest sympathies go to Robert Christensen and his family on the death of his wife and our member, Jean Christensen, on May 27, 1986.

Eleven youth from our lodge bowled on June 1st in the Midwest District Youth Bowling and were treated to pizza afterwards. Final results have not been received from the other lodges as of this printing.

We welcome our newest and youngest member, David Mortensen, born February

4, 1986, and is the son of Bill and Sharon Mortensen. The Mortensens also have three daughters who are members. This makes them a 100% DBIA family. Keith Telford and Dick Perschnick were elected as delegates to the Midwest District Convention in September. Ray Holzhauser and Ernie Perschnick are the alternates.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
CIVIC ACTIVITY**

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — June 15 was the date of the Scandinavian Midsummer Fest program at Old World Wisconsin near Eagle, Wisconsin. Three Lodge No. 36 members sang in the Scandinavian chorus. Swedish dancers — members of Linde Lodge No. 492, VASA Order of America — demonstrated folk dances with many visitors to the area joining in the fun.

Thanks to Inga Hermansen for her stitchery demonstration presented on our June 18 business meeting night.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — We were very pleased at our June meeting to welcome a new member, Fred Carlson. It is always a pleasure to take in new members and we are always looking for more. The more members we have, the better our group is. We are always in need of new life. We were also pleased to watch the presentation of a 25-year pin to Walter Rissman. President Einar Danielsen conducted.



Congratulations to Walter Rissman for 25 years of membership.

Of course, the June meeting was a very special night. This was the evening that we ate our fill of aebleskiver. You can believe me when I tell you that there were plenty eaten that evening. There was hardly enough left for the cooks. When the men had eaten their fill, some of them took over the cooking department so the lady cooks could eat. That was a nice gesture on their part.

Our August meeting is sort of an open type meeting where after the meeting everyone can do what they feel like doing, just visit or play cards or whatever they want.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We met on June 19 and made plans for our participation in the Waupaca Fourth of July parade. The Waupaca parade theme was "The Year of Peace," and in connection with that the

Viking Ship float built by Vice President Loyal Lundorf was made ready for the occasion and bore this slogan on both sides of the colorful float — "Float for Peace. Do It The Danish Old Fashion Way. It's

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
Peter J. Deschler	4	Racine, WI	Douglas Larsen
Barry J. Peterson	4	Racine, WI	Douglas Larsen
John P. Bokmueller	14	Kenosha, WI	Rudolph Bernhardt
James P. Ipsen	14	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
John R. Newman	14	Kenosha, WI	W. G. Andersen
William A. Wade	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Erickson
George H. Stevens	14	Kenosha, WI	R. C. Jensen
John R. Andrews	14	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
James M. Giordana	14	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
Carl F. Warnock	14	Kenosha, WI	William Nerling
Joseph C. Fosbinder	14	Kenosha, WI	Mathias Fosbinder
Richard E. Smith, Jr.	14	Kenosha, WI	Mathias Fosbinder
James P. Bohn	14	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
Charles W. England	14	Kenosha, WI	Charles C. Kreuser
Reid B. Knitter	14	Kenosha, WI	Charles C. Kreuser
Stephen E. Blazeovich	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Erickson
Michael S. Blazeovich	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Erickson
Bethany M. Blazeovich	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Erickson
Anna C. Blazeovich	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Erickson
Christopher K. Nielsen	16	Minden, NE	Lonney Nielsen
David W. Mortensen	34	Dwight, IL	William Mortensen
Fred Carlson	92	St. Charles, IL	Howard G. Rasmussen
Erik Carl Thomsen	95	Ferndale, CA	James S. Thomsen
Bent Frydendahl	155	Bellingham, WA	Karen Bruun
Bente J. Frydendahl	155	Bellingham, WA	Karen Bruun
Roy T. Sorensen, Jr.	164	New York, NY	Martin Olsen
Preben Hansen	227	Detroit, MI	Jack Jensen
Erik O. Sorensen	299	Solvang, CA	Bent Jensen
Betty J. Best	326	West Branch, IA	Gunnar C. Krogh
Hans Erik Morthorst	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Harald Andersen
Jorgen K. Johansen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Tommy Johansen
Ole T. Damsgaard	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Peter Praegel
Arne Pedersen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Jan Nielsen
Kristen Marie Daly	600	Omaha, NE	Linda H. Daly
Susan J. Blazeovich	600	Omaha, NE	Robert Erickson
Daniel C. Sward	600	Omaha, NE	Bennie Peterson



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



Congratulations!

Robert Erickson of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin has been declared "Recommender of the Month" for June. He sponsored 6 new members.

We salute Robert 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**.

Cheaper." Plans were also completed for our annual picnic which was held in Riverside Park on July 24.

Our program consisted of a reading by Melda Mortensen from the 1944 publication of the book "Old World Wisconsin" by Fred L. Holmes. The chapter read was titled "The Most Danish City in America — Racine." Waupaca County settlements and the Waupaca Danes Home social center of the early 1900s until the 1940s were mentioned in the chapter. An amusing article titled "Hardly Ever Old" was read by Florence Johnson to conclude the meeting portion of the evening. Fellowship, open-faced sandwiches, bars and coffee were enjoyed by all who attended.

Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

COLORADO

Lodge #261, Fowler, CO — The anniversary celebration of our lodge was attended by 100 members, wives, and friends with the main course for dinner being roast pig prepared by our President, Brother Jerry Harris, and his committee.



Jens Nielsen received his 60-year pin.



National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen, presents a special plaque to Vic Hansen.

On hand to make a couple of very special presentations was National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen, accompanied by

his wife, Jenny. A 60-year pin was received by a very active and young looking Jens Nielsen and a plaque was given to our ex-secretary, Vic Hansen, for his 25 years of faithful and conscientious service to our lodge.

Our regular meetings are usually attended by 25 to 30 members on the second Thursday of each month. Come on over and see us anytime. You'll find us very friendly.

NEBRASKA PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — A dream came true for 20 friends from Denmark, upon their arrival in Chicago on June 24th. Omaha was honored when they arrived on Friday, June 27, to spend five days in the homes of their hosts — John and Lois Hansen, Poul and Elie Steffensen, Stephen and Mary Ann Oleson, Lars Pedersen, Bernice Eckley, Ron and Judith (Andersen) Mickevicius, and Jim Christiansen, all of Omaha, and Merton and Bonnie Kuhr and Raymond and Marian Wilson of Blair.



Our friends from Denmark.

On Tuesday evening, July 1, 118 people attended a picnic at Vennelyst Park in their honor. During the regular business meeting, Ejler Norgaard, tour leader, presented our lodge with a hand-made woven wall hanging, depicting items symbolic of Denmark. Coffee, pie, and watermelon was served following the meeting.

To the hosts, I say, Mange, Mange Tak. We are all richer, having had them in our homes. A sincere thanks to Armand Thomsen, who did the translating on the two days' tours, and Lillian Granholm, who entertained Steve and Mary Ann's guests on Saturday and Sunday. From our President, Jim Therkildsen, and myself, a very special thank you to Flo Hansen and her committee for a fantastic "All-American" evening.

Our June 17th social was the annual St. Hans' Aften. There were approximately 60 members and guests in attendance. Every-

one was given play money for attending, winning contests, etc. Later in the evening, an auction was held and everyone bid, using their winnings. The evening closed with the traditional bonfire and burning of the witch. Congratulations to the committee — Michael Nielsen, Diane Doyle, Jim and Gaylene Hansen — for a successful and most enjoyable evening.



Dea Trier Mørch, award-winning Danish author and artist.



The Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum, June Sampson.

Many of our members attended a special meeting on June 9 at the Scandinavian American Society for the Danish Immigrant Museum which featured the award-winning Danish author and artist Dea Trier Mørch. Ms. Mørch enlightened us on her book, **Winter's Child**, which has recently been translated into English. June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum, told us about the progress the museum is making and her hopes to establish a local area committee to assist the museum.

Jim Christiansen, Sec.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — The annual picnic of our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 was held at the shelter in the Antelope Park on Saturday, June 14. Forty-three members and guests enjoyed the delicious food and drinks that everyone brought.

After the meal, Ralph Hendricksen pre-

sented the history of our United States flag. Erik Hansen presented the history of the Danish flag. Ethel Edtund closed the program by reading an interesting story of the flag.

The members then divided into four groups to discuss and list all suggestions that might be used for activities for future meetings. The lists of suggestions were given to the special committee to plan next year's monthly activities.

Co-chairpersons for our June picnic were Ralph Hendricksen, and Paul and Elaine Muggy. **Don Lehn, Cor.**

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — It was time for our annual family picnic on Monday, June 23. Everyone brought their favorite dishes of meat, vegetables, salad or dessert. Refreshments were furnished by the lodge. The committee for the evening consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Christoffersen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Follen, Pearl Stricklett, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Megrue, and Frank Korshoj.

Thanks to all who baked, helped or donated to our Bake Sale which was held on Saturday, June 28. To date we have earned \$203.75 with more donations coming in. If you forgot to send yours, please do so now for our fund raiser.

In August we will be choosing a delegate from the law committee to represent us at the National Convention in September of 1987 which will be held in Des Moines, Iowa. **Harriett Palle, Cor.**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular business meeting was held on Wednesday, July 2, with 13 members present. We wish to velkommen Elmer V. Stahelin who was initiated into our lodge. A short discussion of the District Golf Tournament to be hosted by Ludington was held. After the meeting everyone was treated to fresh strawberry shortcake grown and furnished by Herman Bentz.

On June 28 Detroit Lodge No. 27 hosted the Michigan-Ohio District Baseball outing. We were represented by 30 Detroit Tigers fans. The trip from Ludington to Detroit was uneventful for everyone but Mike and Carla Bray who had car trouble and never made it past Grand Rapids. Everyone met at the Danish Club in Detroit to board the buses for Tiger Stadium, but the buses never showed up. Things were a little hectic at the club as it was time to leave. But Lodge No. 227 got everything under control and got everyone out to the stadium. We had just gotten into the stadium and settled down in our seats when Kirk Gibson hit a home run that went through our president, John Laird's hands. Of course we had to give him an error for

not catching the ball. It was a very good game. Detroit even won beating Milwaukee 8-5. After the game we went back to the Danish Club for a very good chicken dinner and some socializing. Lodges represented were from Muskegon, Greenville, Ludington and host Lodge No. 227. We wish to thank Lodge No. 227 and everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable day for everyone that attended. **Keith Koegler, Past Pres.**

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — At our June meeting we celebrated the 80th birthday of Brother Henry Peterson. When Henry came to this country 60 years ago, he went to work in greenhouses in the Cleveland area. He saved his money and soon bought a piece of land and built his own greenhouse which he operated successfully until his retirement.

Henry has a daughter, Harriet, son-in-law, Elmer, and two grandchildren living nearby. His wife, Ester, died about three years ago.

Henry treated us all to a smorgasbord prepared by Birthe Jaworski. Edna Zeager baked and brought us a supply of her delicious pumpernickel bread and cookies. Gail Hansen brought a beautifully decorated and tasty birthday cake.

Beginning in August our meetings will be held at the American Legion Hall, 695 Cahoon Rd., Westlake, Ohio. The meetings will now be held the first Friday of each month. **John Gormsen, Sec.**

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Our lodge and the Detroit Sisterhood Lodge celebrated the 137th Grundlovsdag by holding a picnic at Middle Straits Lake outside Detroit. About 150 members, friends and family showed up for the affair and enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, medisterpølse, and real Danish wienerbrød. In addition to the food, swimming and games for the young and old were held. Gene Jensen treated many of us to a narrated boat trip around the lake on his pontoon boat. We hope this will be the start of many Grundlov picnics held at this beautiful spot.

We also want to take this opportunity to welcome two new members, Don MacFarland and Preben Hansen, and hope they take an active role in our lodge and its activities. **Carl Mayland, Sec.**

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Our June meeting was held on Friday the 13th, but it turned out to be a very lucky one for several of our members. Camp grants and scholarships were awarded to Lilly Stone, Danny Stone, and Michael Johnson. Alicea Mann

and Roberta Edmonds received certificates of merit and Alicea received a lodge camp grant also. We hope everyone going to camp enjoys themselves.

The annual lodge clambake will be held on August 9. The cost is \$17 per adult member. Don't forget the GCEL Convention in Penn Yan, New York to be held on Labor Day weekend. A Rotary Club Ethnic Fair will be on November 15-16. The lodge will participate and sell aebleskiver and Christmas ornaments as well as exhibit our Danish heritage. Elected to the Law Committee are Don Geisler, Art Sorensen, Berit Mann, Norman Edmonds, Barry Edmonds, Chris Simonsen, and Kris Larsen.

Linda and I are happy to announce the arrival of our son, Peter Kurt Christensen, on June 9 at the Bridgeport Hospital. Peter weighed in at 7 pounds, 6½ ounces and was 19½ inches long. Peter, Linda and I would like to thank the lodge for the surprise baby shower where we received so many nice things from all of you, the nicest being your warm wishes.

Peter Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — To mark the 95th year of our lodge's existence, our June meeting was held on Saturday, June 14, at the Danish Home in Edison. A catered dinner was served to members and wives or guests and corsages were presented to the ladies. About 80 attended and the affair proved to be one of the most enjoyable we have had in some time.

Bill Brose and his committee organized the evening and showed again they know how to do it. Combining their talents to repair and refinish picnic tables were C. Miller, R. Larsen, E. Springer, and F. Shultz.

On May 30 the Constitution Day and other activities at Scanticon-Princeton were enjoyed by a sizable group from our lodge.

Jens C. Jessen, Sec.

Payments to Board Members

JUNE 1986

Woodrow T. Petersen, Pacific-Northwest District Convention, \$498.00.


JULY 1986

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.00.

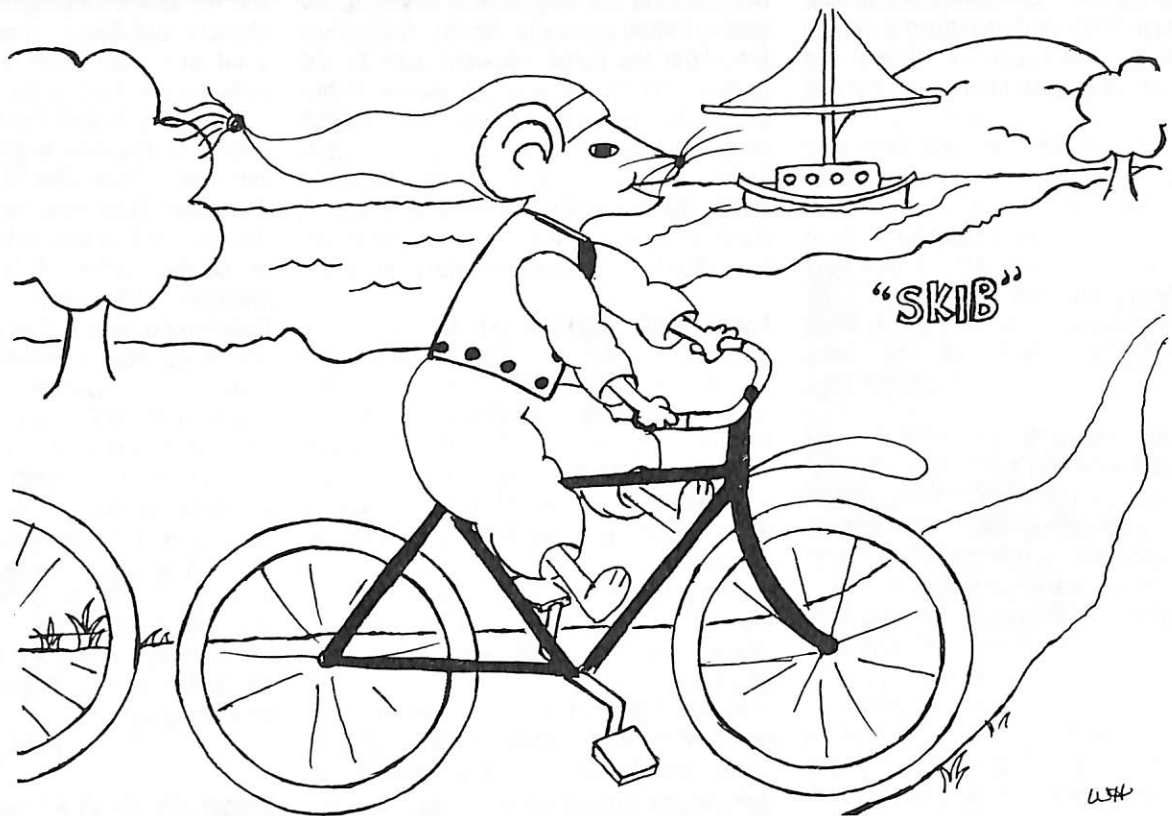
March of Dimes
BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION

SAVES BABIES

HELP FIGHT
BIRTH DEFECTS



JENS ANDERIK



Copenhagen Harbour Gulf of Mexico North Sea

Jens and Erik want to thank you for telling them that Danes ride bicycles the most. They know that the famous Danish author, Hans Christian Andersen wrote a fairy tale about a mermaid but don't know where to find the statue of the mermaid. Can you tell them where it is? If you think you know, just check one of the boxes above. As you color the picture you can practice saying SHIP in Danish just like Erik is doing.

Then send your entry to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. Be sure to include your name, address, and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for each of the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

July winners: Danielle Nielsen, Kara Nielsen, Tracey Sorensen, and Mark Braumann.

Bowling Results Continued from page 10

16—Minden #1	2189	585	2774	28
283—North Dagmar Danes	2315	456	2771	29
143—Henry's Gang	2174	591	2765	30
341—Team #1	2201	549	2750*	31
34—The Pinbusters	2351	399	2750*	31
16—Minden #2	2170	576	2746	32
34—Herman's Hermits	2229	516	2745	33
51—Baker's Bunch	2417	312	2729	34
1—The Goof Balls	2157	570	2727	35
34—Jackie's Beauty Salon	2132	558	2690	36
1—Tags - The Ageless Group	2019	651	2670	37
341—Team #4	1960	708	2668	38
283—Dagmar Hot Shots	2140	522	2662	39
14—The Five Hotshots	2078	552	2630	40
184—Hayward #1	2130	498	2628*	41
227—Team #7	2067	561	2628*	41
219—Team #1	1816	768	2584	42

*denotes tie

Women

Top Women's Team

34—Dwight Danish Dolls	2115	699	2814*	\$100
92—Team #1	2130	684	2814*	100

Women's Individual High Game

600—Karen Scullen	173	89	262	\$ 25
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Women's Individual High Series

34—Rita Perschnick	504	105	609	\$ 25
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Men

Men's Individual High Game

51—Mike Jensen	232	39	271	\$ 25
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Men's Individual High Series

51—Jack Smith	659	33	692	\$ 25
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Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Stegt Lammilaar (Roast Leg of Lamb)

Choose a good leg of lamb. Cleanse and prepare for roasting. With a sharp knife, cut deep gashes in thick part and fill with parsley. Sprinkle with salt and small amount of pepper if desired. Roast as you would otherwise. Add water to broth for gravy. Serve with small brown potato and mint jelly.

Viking Adventures

Des Moines, Iowa is Preparing for the Danes!

A report from the steering committee for the Danish Brotherhood in America and Danish Sisterhood of America 1987 National Convention to be held in "The Surprising Place," Des Moines, Iowa.

It is again time to inform the lodges and it's members of what is taking place in preparation for the 1987 National Convention.

Our Steering Committee has made good progress in 1985 and the beginning of 1986. Committees for the various events have been established and a Chairperson has been elected for each committee.

The Steering Committee has established and confirmed plans with the hotels. The main event as to the opening of the convention and meeting facilities for the delegates, etc. will be held at the Hotel Fort Des Moines located at 10th and Walnut Streets. The hotel has in the past two years been under an extensive remodeling program and as a result, can offer the finest accommodations. The banquet, installation of officers and the Grand Ball will be held at the Marriott Hotel located at 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines.

The Hotel Fort Des Moines has arranged for free bus service between the two hotels. However, weather permitting, a three block walk will just be a needed exercise after daylong meetings. You will find that the major portion of the downtown area is connected with "skywalks" . . . let it rain. It is projected that the Hotel Fort Des Moines will also be connected to the skywalk system before the convention. You will find that Des Moines has an abundance of very modern stores as well as four large shopping centers only a short drive from downtown.

As for our goal in collecting the \$100.00 loans from the various lodges throughout the United States and Canada, we had a reasonable response. However, in checking our records of lodges that have contributed we found that we had only approximately 50 percent participation. The Steering Committee then decided to send a new letter to all the lodges that did not respond to our first request. That brought again some results but we still found several lodges that ignored this request. We did experience an overwhelming response from the Sisterhood. "GREAT GOING." They deserve a "pat on the back!"

The following is a breakdown of our investments; term, rate and amount:

Investment Date	Amount	Yield
9-12-84	\$ 4,500.00	12.25%
11-09-84	4,000.00	11.00%
12-28-84	500.00	10.50%
6-20-85	650.00	8.50%
11-11-85	900.00	8.00%
1-21-86	1,700.00	7.50%
3-07-86	500.00	6.75%
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$12,725.00	

We have had 72 Danish Brotherhood Lodges responding out of 126 so we are far from having full cooperation. Our good neighbors, Council Bluffs, Iowa, have assisted us with a loan of \$700.00. We thank you. If more lodges would have followed this example and realized the needs of the host lodge, it would have been a great help.

We have now established six committees consisting of the following:

- Budget and Financing
- Entertainment
- Program, Publicity and Advertising
- Decoration
- Registration and Welcome
- Banquet

A total of thirty-six members are beginning to explore all the avenues in order for us to serve our guests in the best way possible when attending the 1987 National Convention to be held in "THE SURPRISING PLACE," Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24, 25, and 26, 1987.

I have been informed by our National President, Mr. Robert Ibsen that he will be in Des Moines, Iowa during the Labor Day weekend of 1986 and will be making a tour of the convention facilities. Arrangements for his visit have been made. You will be more than welcome, Bob.

Respectfully submitted,

Willy Christensen, Chairman
1987 National Convention Committee
Des Moines, Iowa