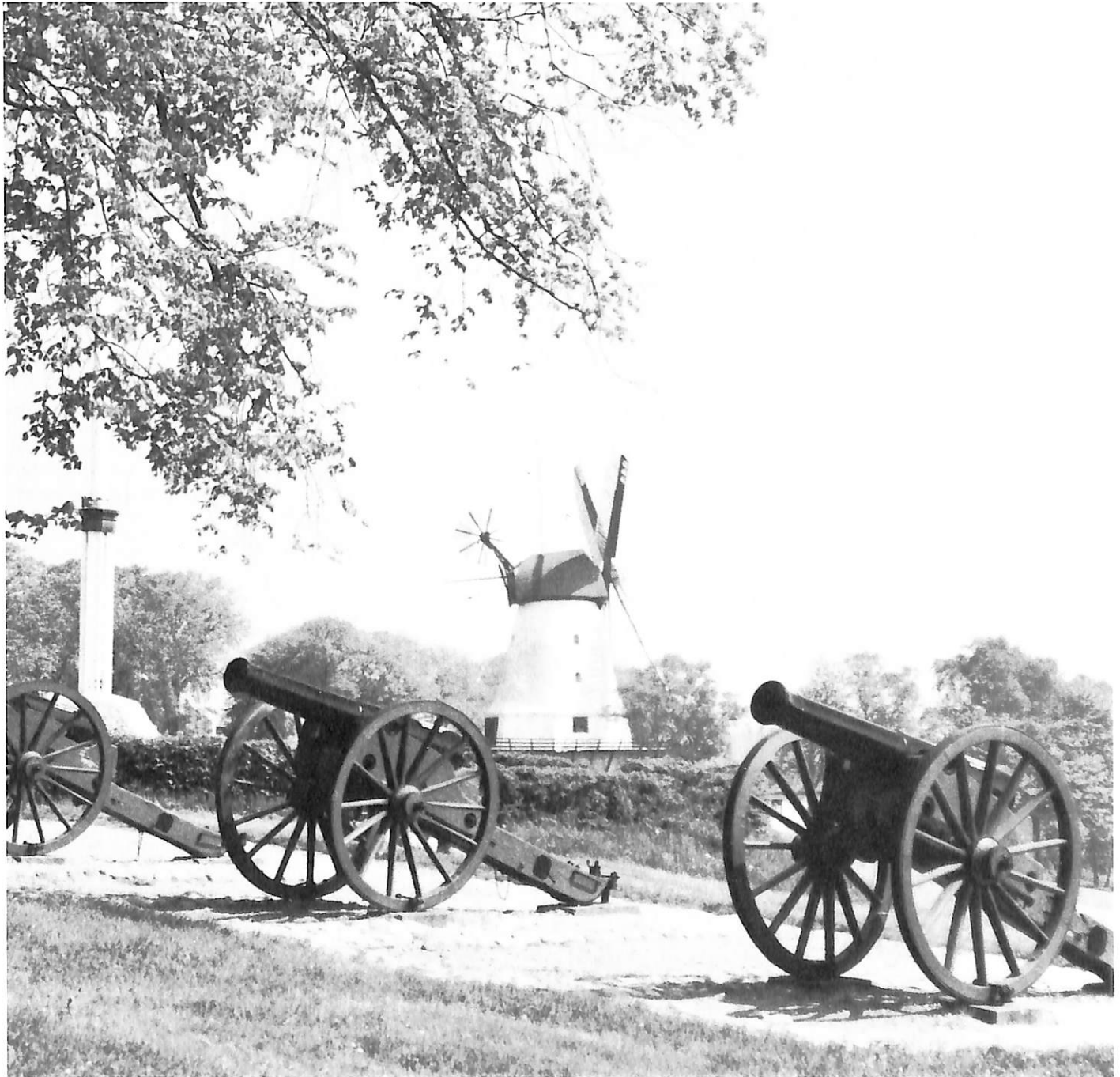


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President's Page

Robert E. Ibesen
National President

Recently your Lodge Secretary received a letter from the National Headquarters requesting the names and addresses of local area newspapers. The purpose of this request was so that anytime our society becomes part of a special situation which deserves national attention, press releases may be forwarded to these local newspapers by the National Headquarters. This letter also requested the name of a "contact person" whose name could be included in the press release so interested persons could contact someone locally for additional information. Also, a form was included in which instructions on how to complete press releases could be requested.

The benefits your lodge could achieve by becoming involved in a national publicity program are many. Your lodge can gain recognition of good deeds — that is, your lodge develops greater community awareness and good will. Your members will feel the warm glow, the personal satisfaction that what they are doing is noticed, understood, and appreciated. Members will be proud to belong. Good publicity will encourage greater participation by your membership in your activities. The appeal to prospective members is heightened — you make them want to belong. Your lodge could develop greater financial support. Your lodge could also develop other kinds of support besides time and money, such as free play areas, meeting rooms or donations of goods or equipment.

If we all realize the important benefits of good publicity, I must wonder why, then, did only 50 out of a possible 124 respond to the request for the names and addresses of local newspapers? Surely every Danish Brotherhood lodge could reap the rewards offered by a national publicity program. I urge you, as an interested member of your lodge, to find out if the requested information was forwarded to the National Headquarters and, if not, take it upon yourself to do so.

While we must realize that not every newspaper will print every news release sent to them, it is almost impossible to expect to get any publicity unless a press release is sent. Many activities and programs of the Danish Brotherhood are definitely newsworthy, yet, due to the limited staffs of newspapers, they must depend on outside volunteers to help supply them with the information to print. The National Headquarters is willing to be that volunteer and will forward press releases if they know where to send them.

Besides supporting a national publicity program, your lodge should initiate a local publicity program. The benefits received will be just as effective on a local level. Instead of several communities learning what the Danish Brotherhood as a whole is about, your community will learn what your local lodge has to offer.

As mentioned earlier, a publicity manual has been put together by the National Headquarters and is yours for the asking. This manual contains instructions for completing press releases, suggested topics, and several examples. I urge your lodge to request this manual and establish a publicity committee. By forming a publicity committee, members will be induced to take an active interest in the project. This committee, or the chairperson of this committee, should be asked to give a report at each meeting letting the members know how many press releases were mailed, how many were printed, and, of course, the immediate benefits which were received (for example, new members, business, donations, etc.) This report will reiterate at every meeting just how important good publicity is.

Remember that unless prospective members learn about our organization and what we stand for, there is no chance that they will join with us. We all need to work together to make sure our story is being told.

All of the district conventions are now complete and I look forward to our Board meeting in October to hear the Director's Reports. I am sure they will all have been as great as the three I attended — Michigan-Ohio, Iowa-Minnesota, and the Midwest.

On my way to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, I stopped in Des Moines to look over the convention facilities and was very impressed with what I saw and after talking with Vice Chairman of the National Convention Committee, Svend Christensen, I am confident that it will be an exciting time for all.



FRATERNAL PROTECTION

Does your lodge have a representative? If not, do someone a favor by recommending him or her as your lodge representative and earn \$100 for yourself.

Lodge Representative System

1. WHAT IS THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM?

It is an arrangement whereby each lodge appoints a representative, trained and assisted by members of the home office staff to sign up new lodge members and provide members with information about the various life insurance plans available from your Society.

2. HOW IS THE REPRESENTATIVE COMPENSATED?

The representative who usually works part time for the Brotherhood receives a commission on all new insurance written — the same as he would with most other Fraternal Societies or commercial life insurance companies.

3. HOW DO MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM THE LIFE INSURANCE?

In addition to providing valuable protection at the lowest possible cost, the premium income generated from the sale of life insurance also provides for the national fraternal programs, such as scholarships, camp grants, orphan benefit and fraternal aid.

4. DO LODGES BENEFIT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM?

The local lodge will benefit from the representative's activities by the increasing number of new members and the resulting local dues.

5. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR LODGE?

A. Recommend a qualified individual to become a representative for your lodge and receive a \$100 cash bonus (\$50 after he or she has signed up 10 new insured members and the balance of \$50 when the representative has signed up a total of 20 new insured members.)

B. Help organize a membership committee whose primary purpose is to regularly recommend families for prospective members.

C. Help appoint an aggressive program committee who will plan interesting programs for each meeting.

D. Consider the entire family becoming members in the local lodge. In any event, plan more family activities that appeal to the younger members.

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An Invitation to Come to the Heart of the Heartland

The DBIA Lodge No. 15 and the City of Des Moines are pleased and honored to be the hosts for the National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood scheduled for September 24-26, 1987. So, to all of the delegates, members, friends, and supporters of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, "Welcome home" to the heart of the heartland, Des Moines, Iowa.

No matter where you're coming from, no matter where you've been, you'll find Des Moines is just like coming home. There is a hometown familiarity here. You'll notice it at once. It's easy to find your way around Des Moines, and it's easy to make new friends and to greet old ones. Many people meet here, many groups convene, but Des Moines hasn't met a single stranger yet. Still some of you have yet to come here. Others have been away too long. Be prepared to set aside preconceived notions or past impressions. Visitors who have recently returned to Des Moines after an absence of some years have been amazed by the transformation of this one-time, sleepy "prairie town."

Des Moines is a dynamic new city. Patently prosperous! Vibrantly vigorous! Confidently cosmopolitan! In the last decade, Des Moines has experienced nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars in new construction. Its stature has risen with its skyline. Today, Des Moines shines as one of America's finest mid-size cities; her newest hometown is the brightest star in the constellation of Midwestern cities in the heart of the heartland. So catch the stardust and come home to Des Moines. The capital and largest city of Iowa, Des Moines is a cosmopolitan center of insurance and publishing. Whether its name refers to Indian "mounds" or comes from an Indian word meaning "middle" remains a subject of controversy. Whatever its origin, the correct pronunciation leaves the s's silent, as in DUH MOYNE.

Subsequent articles in the American Dane will bring you further information concerning the host city for the convention in 1987. In the meantime, all of the members of the host lodge in Des Moines are working on the plans to make the forthcoming convention a memorable and enjoyable occasion. Each member is dedicated to the idea of making this convention a true homecoming for all members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Plan now to attend; reserve the dates September 24-26, 1987, on your calendar. Reservation information, tour plans, and costs will be supplied to your lodge officers in the very near future. Remember this is the invitation that comes from the heart of the heartland.

Things of Value

by Donald A. Christensen

He was a street urchin. Coal black eyes burned from deep set sockets in a sallow face. He was covered with sores and dirt. Yet, he stared at Emma Jensen as if he were in control of the situation and about to make an important decision. She clutched her shopping basket a little more tightly and started to speak when he turned quickly and slipped into the ever-moving crowd, his loose gray clothes flapping. Emma sighed with relief and saw him reappear a few moments later down the block, much like a bobbing stick in a swift-flowing river. He blended easily in the crowd. His grayness, acting as a camouflage, helped him do that.

He was a watcher. Not the only one, to be sure. There were others. It was a market day on Fifth Avenue in Brooklyn. The watchers stood aside, out of the main flow, and observed the steady stream of shoppers pushing and elbowing their way to the fruit and vegetable stands that lined the street. There the flow of the crowd eddied while the shoppers examined the produce carefully before bargaining with the vendor and completing a purchase.

Emma hesitated, studying the scene, trying to decide where to plunge in. The street, a panoply of sounds and smells, was full of pushcarts containing potatoes, onions, and cabbages. Hawkers advertised their wares.

"Wart-ee-melon! Wart-ee-melon! Get cha wart-ee-melon!" a deep voice boomed.

"Fresh strawberries! Fresh strawberries!" called a young girl.

"Hey! Keepa you hand off a da tomate! . . . You like? . . . You buy! . . . Eh?," a male voice growled.

"Fish? Fresh fish! Only ten cents a pound!," a woman's shrill voice cried. Slyly, she kept her thumb on the scale while weighing the slick little creatures, then wrapped them in an old newspaper and handed them to a customer.

"Thank-ee kindly m'om," she beamed with a gap-toothed smile. "Fish? Fresh fish. . ."

A bony horse opened a drowsy eye. Shifting his weight from one foot to another, he tongued a canvas feed bag, searching for left over oats, oblivious to his owner peddling beans and spinach from the cart to which he was hitched.

Emma strolled past the boxes and crates crowding the sidewalk in front of each store. Nussbaum's hats blended with

Germain's garments for ladies. Sandusky's sturdy shoes stood next to Plover's parasols and umbrellas. Each display intrigued her with its color and price tags. She stood still for a moment, inhaling the blended aroma of cooking cabbage, tobacco smoke, and frying fish, waiting for the dust created by the beer wagon to settle.

On the other side of the street stood Officer Callahan of the 23rd Precinct, twirling his billy club. A tall, beer bellied, red faced man, he ruled the neighborhood with a law of his own. He watched the watchers.

If, by some chance they, who were without money, managed to pick up some damaged or discarded goods or pilfer enough to eat, he closed one sharp eye and looked the other way. If a hungry watcher happened to get enough to eat he probably wouldn't cause any trouble as a hooligan. This was Callahan's law. No vendor's complaint could change that.

Besides, he knew where the watchers lived, only a few blocks away, packed in rooms and tenements rampant with vermin and disease. Most of them couldn't even speak English. That's how the landlords were able to take advantage of them. Faith! He was not about to add to the poor devil's misery. Not on beat on Fifth Avenue. No sir!

New York had another Fifth Avenue, one famous for its fine shops and restaurants. Here the story was quite different.

On Saturday night Antonie's Restaurant was full of murmured conversations and cigar smoke. Formally attired waiters bowed



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stiffly while seating bejeweled ladies and well dressed gentlemen. Music from a string quartet superimposed Mozartian tunes over the sound created by tinkling glasses of ice water. Crystal chandeliers reflected a rainbow of colors from the candle-lit tables.

The maitre d' led diners between ornate Grecian columns to tables covered with white linen and graciously accepted tips offered for his services.

Here, brokers and bankers met to set up sharp deals. Here the rich and famous met to wine and dine. Here, the waiting horse was sleek and well fed; the waiting carriage clean and polished; the waiting groom attentive and well dressed.

Emma Jensen lived in the environment of Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn. She learned of the other Fifth Avenue by overhearing bits of conversation while serving Mrs. Wackett's friends afternoon tea. She wondered what life would be like if she didn't

have to cook and mend and clean. At night she would crawl into bed; her hands raw and red; her legs tired and aching, and think about the search or the dream that had led all these people to America.

Each came to seek a treasure of some sort. For the urchin it was for something to eat. For others it was for the opportunity to gain riches or power. For her it was the chance to find a new life. . . and love.

And what about those who didn't wish to come at all, but were forced to do so? She thought of the slaves that had been freed just some twenty years before. While they were in bondage they often sang of a new world; of a better world; of a home up in glory where they would dance and sing and shout. Maybe they were right and that was the only place where life wouldn't be painful and difficult. One day she wrote a poem about these thoughts and called it **The Most Precious Treasure**.

Den Kosteligste Skat

*Blandt Perler og Diamanter en større Skat jeg ved,
Som ikke kan opvejes med al Verdens Herlighed.
Og dog hvert Menneskebarn hvor fattig han end
er,
Han Skatten dog ej er, han den hos sig nu bær,
Ej Nogen fra os den tage kan,
Thi hvem har os den givet, det har vor Frelser-
mand.*

*Vor fattig Synderherte det bliver en Skat så stor,
Når vi med ham vil leve og på hans Ord nu tror.
Da engang det i Kronen nu sættes skal,
Som hisset ham skal smykke i Himlens lyse Sal.
Når svundet bort er Tågen og vi ham får at se,
Når Livet her er endt, og glemt er al dets Ve.*

*O! Tanke! der opvejer al Jordens Nød og Sorg,
At engang Hjemsted vi skal få i Himlens gyldne
Borg.
Hvorfor vil vi da klage og hvorfor gå forsagt?
Hvorfor ej nu stole på hans, den store Magt?
Han Skatten selv har købt, betalt derfor med Blod,
For al vor Skyld har han den rene jo gjort Bod.*

*Når Verdens Herligheden vor øje blænde vil,
Så hvisk det os til Jesus der er noget bedre til.
En Plads nu histoppe hvor Synden ej er til,
Hvor hilser vi skal af Engles Strengespil.
Hvor Glæden er fuldkommen og Sorgen lukket ud,
Hvor evig vi hos skal leve, vor Broder og vor Gud.*

The Most Precious Treasure

*Among pearls and diamonds a greater treasure I know,
That cannot be outweighed by all the world's
splendor.
And yet every person, no matter how poor he is,
Though he still is not a treasure, he now carries
one within,
No one can take it from us.
For who has given it to us? Our Savior has!*

*Our poor sinner's hearts which become a treasure
so great,
When we will live with Him and in His word believe.
That someday it shall be placed in the crown,
Which in the next world shall adorn Him, in
heaven's shining hall,
When the fog is vanished away, and we are able to
see Him,
When life here is ended and forgotten is all its pain.*

*Oh thought! That outweighs all of earth's trouble
and sorrow,
That someday a home we shall receive in heaven's
golden castle.
Why will we then complain or why be disheartened?
Why not now rely on Him, the great power?
He, the treasure, Himself has purchased, paid for it
with blood,
For all our sakes has He, the pure One, really done
pennace.*

*When the world's grandeur our eyes will dazzle,
Then whispers Jesus to us, there is something yet
better,
A place now up yonder, where there is no sin,
Where we shall be greeted by the angel's string band,
Where joy is perfect and sorrow locked out,
Where forever we shall live with our brother and
our God.*

I Won't Have It!

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time there was a man and a woman who were unfortunately married to each other. The man, Mr. Bodil was as kind and charitable as he was rich. He always wanted to help everyone. His wife, however, was stingy and had a nasty temper.

She was always finding fault with his generosity and today she just found out he had given his servants a raise.

She was just about to scold him when there was a knock on the door. She opened it and saw a group of people with smiling faces standing before her.

"May we speak to your husband," someone asked. Then added, to be pleasant, "Nice weather, isn't it?"

Mrs. Bodil frowned. "It is the worst weather we've had in years," she said annoyed. She never liked when anyone came calling on her husband for fear they might ask him for money. But she invited the group of people into her house and called her husband to come into the room.

"Good day," said a man, who was really the Mayor.

"Good day to all of you," said Mr. Bodil. "Is

there anything I can do for you?"

The Mayor smiled. "We are planning to build a new hospital. Would you care to donate anything?"

Mr. Bodil moved closer. "I shall build the hospital myself. The town is poor and I can well afford to pay for it myself."

The Mayor was shocked. "You are indeed a most generous and noble man," he said, as they all took turns shaking Mr. Bodil's hand and left.

Mrs. Bodil's face turned a fiery red and she was bursting with rage. "It's just like you to give away your riches to anybody who asks for it. When they want money they come to you and you are fool enough to give it. The town never thinks of choosing you for any honor!" (She had a point.)

"They know I am not an educated man," said her husband. "I am really not that smart or clever."

"That's just it," said his wife. "They like you only for your money. They don't have any use for you otherwise. Can't you see that?"

"What should I do?" asked the husband, confused.

The wife thought and thought. "The next time the

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town has a meeting you get up and say, 'I WON'T HAVE IT.' No matter what is said or who says it, you say, 'I WON'T HAVE IT.' The town will then see you are a strong man!"

The following week, there was a meeting at the Mayor's office.

Everyone was surprised to see Mr. Bodil attend.

"Thank you for coming and we appreciate your offer to pay for the hospital," said the Mayor, "but I do not think we can allow you to do this. The town should build it's own hospital."

Mr. Bodil stood up and shouted. "I won't have it! I won't have it!"

Nobody ever saw Mr. Bodil so excited before and he shouted so loud that they gave him permission to pay for the hospital at his own expense.

The Mayor asked Mr. Bodil to come up to the platform and sit with the other town officials.

"I won't have it!" he yelled. "I won't have it!"

This really pleased the people even more.

"What a modest man you are," said the Mayor.

"So very humble."

Mr. Bodil wasn't really sure what that meant so he kept quiet.

"It seems to me that you should be our next Mayor, Mr. Bodil," said the Mayor. "I do not believe that there is another person who deserves such an honor as you. Would you consider this office for next year?"

Quickly, Mr. Bodil stood up and said, "I won't have it! I won't have it!"

The Mayor shook his head. "Never have I seen such a fine man who has such goodness in his heart and does not want to be honored," he sighed. "We will have another meeting next month. Perhaps you will think it over and change your mind."

Everyone left the town hall and Mr. Bodil went home.

His wife was waiting for him. "Well," she said, "did you do what I told you to do!"

"Yes," he replied. "I said just what you told me to say."

"Good," said his wife. "Now the town will

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Our Lodges in Action

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD

BEST DISTRICT

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — This year's Annual Danish Picnic, as in recent years, was held at Emil and Mary Larsen's home with the spacious yard and plenty of shade which proved to be just right to eat, relax and enjoy the afternoon with friends.

Our election of the law committee was held on Thursday, September 4. Election of the delegate and alternate to next year's Thirty-Second National Danish Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, beginning September 24, 1987, was held on Thursday, October 2, 1986.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — It was a hot day at Waterfront Park on July 20 as several hundred-thousand people enjoyed Folkfest and Neighborfair.

Our booth was kept busy selling 46 cases of that frothy Giraf beer, over 50 Danish T-shirts, hats and stickers, and Page 10

The best idea for October goes to Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL. See page 16.

many cups of soft drinks; the nail pounders were busily hammering away. Even Mayor Bud Clark became Dane for a Day, trying the nail pounding tree and buying four T-shirts.

We netted a profit of approximately \$730 (less 10% to Folkfest) with the most profit coming from the nail pounding and selling of soda. The Young Vikings also sold some of their T-shirts to add to their treasury.

Chairmen Don and Karlene Thorkildsen and Doug and Debbie Turner did a wonderful job organizing the work crews, and the members assisted readily.

A fun day was enjoyed by all and a big thank you is in order for all those who helped by setting up and taking down the booth, selling, manning the nail pounding, cleaning up and supporting the Brotherhood cause.

Much interest in membership in the

lodge was generated by the crowds, and in the handouts of Danish culture and tourism. Thanks to the Pihl's for their donation of this material. Our participation was certainly worthwhile.



Welcome new member, M. Wayne Jensen, Jr.

We would like to welcome one of our newest members, M. Wayne Jensen, Jr. Mr. Jensen traces his Danish heritage back to 1872 when his great grandfather immigrated to the United States. Wayne has always been interested in reading about the hardships his great grandfather faced and looks forward to sharing his heritage.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting there were 46 members present. Two new brothers were inducted into our ranks. They were Per Hansen and

Guy Delain. This brings the present membership to 48. Bob Hansen's application was accepted for membership. After the meeting, the Brothers enjoyed open face sandwiches, beer and Snaps.

As you all know, Vernon Tryson, one of our oldest members, agreed to write about the beginnings of our lodge. Mr. Tryson has been going through our early minutes, collecting information, and today we have received a six-page history of the early days of the Brotherhood. We will be printing the history in the upcoming months. A big thanks to Mr. Vernon Tryson for work well done.

We have registered the Brotherhood Soccer Club "The Danes" in the over 40 soccer league. If you are interested to participate as a player, a sponsor or in any other capacity, contact Keld Christensen, Peter Praegel, or Herluf Pedersen.

Accept our invitation to join us for a fun-filled quality tour to Reno. We will leave on October 4 and return on October 10. Your Reno trip includes round trip transportation in a deluxe highway coach, all accommodations, complimentary wine and cheese party, casino packages and side trips. We will be staying at the Colonial Hotel and Casino. The price including bus trip and hotel is \$189 for double occupancy and \$249 for single occupancy. Only 46 seats are available so reserve early by contacting Herluf Pedersen.

Peter Praegel, Cor.
Jorgen Larsen, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

California-Nevada District

Our district was very saddened by the death of Hans M. Andersen. While words can never adequately express our true feelings, the following two eulogies best describe our farewell to Hans.

On Monday afternoon, August 18, over a hundred people solemnly gathered at the Floral Cemetery in Selma for a memorial service and to consign Hans' body to mother earth. Relatives, neighbors, friends and many Danish Brotherhood members from all parts of California were there to pay their respects to the memory of a dedicated member of our society.

But as eulogies and reminiscences were

delivered, the gathering took on a cheerful mood, it was as if Hans were still present among us. He lived his entire life in the Selma-Parlier area and was prominent in civic, commercial and fraternal affairs. His children and grandchildren have pursued distinguished careers, some in far away places. He was an officer in Lodge No. 255 for as long as anyone can remember, a past president of the California-Nevada District, and, years ago, he served on the Board of Directors (at that time called the Supreme Lodge) of the Danish Brotherhood in America. A frequent visitor at Lodge No.

67 meetings and affairs, he attended all district conventions, and was active in Brotherhood activities as long as his health permitted. During the last few years, he was gradually taken away from us, and he was confined to the Bethel Lutheran Home for the Aged during the past two years. Here at Lodge No. 67, we are richly blessed with fond memories of Hans.

L.S. DeLaurant, Secretary, Lodge No. 67

In this life I'm missing a good friend today; in this life we of the Danish Brotherhood in America are missing a good friend today; that good friend and fraternal

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Frank H. Connery, Jr.	35	—Chicago, IL	Ella Vennergrund
Marc A. Connery	35	—Chicago, IL	Ella Vennergrund
Kristin J. Connery	35	—Chicago, IL	Ella Vennergrund
Lisa M. Connery	35	—Chicago, IL	Ella Vennergrund
Linda J. Connery	35	—Chicago, IL	Ella Vennergrund
Eric Connery	35	—Chicago, IL	Ella Vennergrund
Inga M. Hermansen	36	—Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Michael W. Terry	51	—Ludington, MI	Mike Bray
Robert S. Darke	51	—Ludington, MI	Lars Christoffersen
Kara L. Thomsen	161	—Ruskin, NE	Barbara J. Thomsen
Andrea L. Thomsen	161	—Ruskin, NE	Barbara J. Thomsen
Vance Petersen	167	—Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Deborah J. Goughnour	167	—Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Susan G. Gloier	167	—Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Ole Simonsen	167	—Portland, OR	Stig Hansen
Scott D. Goldman	227	—Detroit, MI	Herman D. Boraks
Dean G. Christensen	283	—Dagmar, MT	Gary Christensen
Jorn Herner	322	—Santa Barbara, CA	Erik Herner
Ida S. Rasmussen	349	—Atlantic, IA	Richard Knudsen
Theodore H. Johansen	600	—Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Martha W. Johansen	600	—Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Lisa A. Newman	600	—Omaha, NE	John Newman



It's Better To Give Than To Receive

New members can add to our chain, too!



Congratulations

Ella Vennergrund of Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, Illinois, has been declared "Recommender of the Month" for August. She sponsored 6 new members.

We salute Ella 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 her choice. Watch for details in future issues of the **American Dane**.

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brother is Hans M. Andersen. I just do not remember when I first met Hans as it seems like I've known him forever.

While here on earth, very few men have contributed as much to true fraternalism as has Hans. In truth his whole life has been spent thinking, acting and improving on fraternal ties within the circles of the Danish Brotherhood.

It is well known that in his lifetime Hans has changed or caused to be changed a new fraternal way of life by the many aggressive forthright improvements of the Fraternal Bible or commonly known as the Constitution and Bylaws.

Hans M. Andersen was the type of a man to talk out a fraternal problem and then take the necessary steps to attain a solution to any given change that would be for the good and welfare of his many friends and brothers.

His activities have been many in our circles and those attributes shall live in our memories for many years to come.

In the meantime, Hans served well in his local lodge throughout the chairs and eventually as President. He also served well in the California District offices and finally serving as President with distinction. Hans M. Andersen did spend many good years in the National offices and finally serving as the Supreme President. It is noted that Hans is the only Supreme President of our grand organization coming from the State of California and he was ever so proud of this accomplishment.

He held the proud honor of being an Honorary Life Member of the California-Nevada District bestowed upon him by the members thereof with distinction. Hans was also a proud family man with a wife, three girls and one boy that he continually expressed love and concern with devotion. It is expressly unforgettable the many hours of fun and enjoyment we have all had while with Hans at social functions or in his home with his late wife Clara by his side.

We now know that our Hans M. Andersen has gone to greener pastures and must realize that he is forever paving the way for a better fraternal life in the heavens above for us all to someday enjoy to our fullest contentment.

May it be forthcoming to his beloved family that Hans shall be in our history books as a grand master in the art of fraternal activity and a legend in his time. May it be known that we all loved and adored Hans as a true Brother and a true friend.

May God bless and comfort his family. May God bless and comfort his Brothers, Sisters, and friends. And finally, may God bless Hans M. Andersen in his everlasting

eternal life until we meet again.

Truly your Brother and Friend,
Albert F. Tunsen

Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA — The Law Committee was elected at a recent meeting and include K. O. Knudsen, Kaj E. Kristensen, Henning Jensen, Per Jantzen, and S. O. Bengtsson. From this group will come our National delegate to the convention in Des Moines in 1987.

Plan to attend our lodge birthday party at Villa Hotel on November 8.

Henning Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — We put off a report on the convention of the California-Nevada District because of the small attendance at the meeting. The new district officers are: Ed Madsen, President; Ken Nielsen, Vice President; Ebba Norby, Secretary-Treasurer; Owen Miller, Art Norgaard, and Bob Lassiter, Trustees; Karen Rowse, Conductor; Kay Christensen, Inner Guard; and Jim Larsen, Jr., Outer Guard.

We had four guests from Denmark who were visiting Anne and Erik Kofod to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They were very happy to be visiting California.

Betty Seale, Sec.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — The theme for our last meeting and gathering was "Welcome Home Delegates" and during this evening, we, of course, honored our delegates to the state convention recently held in Solvang. Preceding our meeting, we held a champagne reception to honor Brother Jim A. Larsen and his wife Romona who have been elected to the offices of Guards in the California-Nevada District and the Sisterhood General Committee respectively. We wish them success and best of luck in their ensuing terms of office. Following the reception, we enjoyed a potluck dinner with a wide variety of foods. A beautifully decorated cake and homemade cookies were enjoyed as dessert. During the dinner, reports were heard from our delegates regarding convention activities.

During July no regular meeting was held because of the convention. However, on August 2, Brother Cliff Yarian and his wife Inga hosted an officers' meeting at their home in San Francisco. We enjoyed beautiful weather on their patio which has a wonderful view of the Bay and Cliff did a royal job as chef when he barbecued New York steaks to perfection. Mange tak, Cliff and Inga!

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Following a tasty Tri-Tip barbecue dinner by Bob Peter-

sen and crew, our President, Johannes Jaeger, was presented with a plaque and a framed letter by District President, Ed Madsen. The plaque was a lifetime membership award for Johannes Jaeger's dedicated service and hard work in all areas of the Brotherhood, and the framed copy of the letter of recommendation from Lodge No. 299.



Congratulations to lifetime member, Johannes Jaeger.

Convention delegate, Andy Andersen, gave a report on the convention and highlighted the following: a committee has been established to look into the Brotherhood insurance program, especially as it relates to new members; discussion on the use of the Brandt Ericksen House as a museum; our lodge winning the award for best single civic activity; and that the Santa Barbara lodge has been reactivated. A special thanks to Peter Weber and Ed Madsen for their assistance and participation.

The 1987 convention will be held at Riverside on July 16-18 and the 1988 convention will be held in San Diego.

Ken Fitzgerald gave a special thanks to the convention's barbecue crew for their efficiency and organization, which played a great part in the event being a memorable success, not forgetting that Ken's dad passed away that week.

Johannes Jaeger reported on the success of the convention in every respect and thanked all participants for their contribution to such a positive result. In appreciation to the Sisterhood, a motion was carried that they be invited to our Christmas dinner in December. Erik Petersen will be chairman of the event.

Jorgen Hansen was presented with his 25-year pin.

A motion was carried that Johannes Jaeger be our delegate with Bob Lassiter as the alternate delegate at the National Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, in September of 1987.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Glowing reports were brought back from another traditionally perfect California-Nevada District Convention at Solvang in July.

Our local "cornerstone" lodge treasurer was re-elected to serve the district for 1986-87 as trustee, as he has for many

years, faithfully and effectively.

Good news from the convention was the acceptance of the offer of the local lodges to host the District Convention in July 1988. The last convention here was a unifying and strengthening experience, and it is hoped that all will band together to make the Silvergate undertaking yet one more of the highlights in the DBIA district activities.

This may well be the best time for any "unattached" Danes or Danish-Americans to join up. Share the excitement of the many activities currently, and anticipate the great time in the summer of 1988!

Next year, the Riverside, California lodges will host the convention and we can expect great things from that dynamic group.

We are looking forward to our annual yard sale on October 25 and 26.

We are very pleased to have initiated two new members at our last two meetings and are now working very hard at new ways to hopefully increase our membership.

A 25-year membership pin was presented to Harold Olsen following our meeting in September. Congratulations, Harold!

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Thank you to everybody who has sent in their dues for 1986. Only a few have not yet paid. Please do so and support your club.

The August 17th picnic in Naverdalen was a great success. Seven members from our club were there and members from other clubs attended.

Lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles will have their regular fish dinner on October 17 and invite members from our lodge to attend.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — We had a really marvelous time at the August meeting. We had approximately 69 in our midst, and that was great, since it was our anniversary barbecue. We want to give a big thanks to the Danish Dancers of Los Angeles, who were with us for the evening. Eleven of our friends were able to dance for us, and it was such fun for those present to try a few of the dances also. The Vikings took part in a special children's dance, instructed by Lloyd Christensen, leader of the group.



Keleena Kay Chappell, our youngest Viking, also enjoys dancing.



Everyone enjoyed the delicious barbecue.



Los Angeles Danish Dancers perform at our anniversary barbecue.

We are happy to announce that Holger Danske voted to join Kodan Lodge in their 1987 installation. We will be hosted by Kodan, and we look forward to seeing them again. As we hear about the plans, we'll let you know. But do keep January 10, 1987, open on your calendar.

President Ken Olsen appointed the 1986 nominating committee as follows: Rosemary Allison, Elmo Andersen, Sherman Nielsen, Spencer Nielsen, and Betty Christensen. It is our hope that if the nominating committee contacts you, giving you the opportunity to serve our lodge, you will agree in the affirmative. The nominating committee will report at the October meeting and election of officers will take place at the November meeting.

Cal Christensen, Bowling Chairman, received a certificate from the National Board of Directors of the DBIA for the "Great

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
7-25-86	Einer R. Jensen	86	Maple Valley, MI	106	Trufant, Michigan	1918
7-23-86	Andreas Basse	92	Denmark	301	Akron, Ohio	1913
7-19-86	Larry A. Beecher	42	Cordova, NE	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1961
7-3-86	Niels Skovsende	86	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1940
6-18-86	Carl Nelson, Jr.	65	Detroit, MI	227	Detroit, Michigan	1946
6-24-86	Karl N. Sorensen	78	Aalborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1940
7-15-86	Johnny Collin	62	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1956
8-1-86	Hans Julius Ramtung	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	51	Ludington, Michigan	1963
7-21-86	Edward Troelsen	81	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1932
8-3-86	Carl Pilegaard	80	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1928
8-16-86	Wilfred Andersen	91	Norman, NE	29	Seattle, Washington	1940
8-14-86	Henry T. Jensen	79	Gjerlev, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1928
8-3-86	Bernhard S. Toft	91	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1922
8-13-86	William B. Ernsky	81	New York City, NY	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	1950
8-8-86	Arthur C. Nelson	83	Suring, WI	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1934
8-24-86	James M. Rasmussen	87	Sutton, NE	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1948
8-6-86	Robert C. Andersen	51	Derby, CT	41	Derby, Connecticut	1952
7-23-86	Lars Chris Hansen	81	Hunter, ND	279	Hunter, North Dakota	1936
8-12-86	Harry Sherman Jorgensen	75	Dresden, NY	334	Geneva, New York	1958
4-3-86	Lillie J. Mattsen	78	Crystal Lake, IL	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1976
12-9-84	Ove T. Johnson	82	Hasle, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1969
11-18-83	Harry B. Madsen	74	Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1963
3-26-84	Niels S. Nielsen	67	Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1983
5-25-86	Hazel C. Garner	84	Auduvon Co., IA	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	1985
7-2-86	Thorvald C. Jacobsen	71	Arlington, SD	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1982

Danes'' who were in sixth place in the 1986 National Handicap Bowling Tournament. We all insisted that Cal present the treasurer with the check that accompanied the certificate. Norm Kjellsen also received an award from the National Directors with a check that he presented to the treasurer.

On October 11, we will hold a night of aebleskiver and music. The evening will start with a social hour. A short business meeting follows, then we'll heat up the aebleskiver cooker and enjoy. Taking a rest from munching, we'll all clear our throats and "Sing along with Hazel." We've only sung together at Christmas parties, but that let us know how enjoyable it is. So this will be the night.

In November, we will have our annual luau. Luau's are usually a summer event, but our schedule had to be switched around. Toni and Gary Gossett will be the chairmen for the evening, and if you'll remember what a great job they did last year, I am sure you'll want to attend.

Kim Irvin's fund raiser came to a close at the August meeting. We all felt the endeavor was a great success, especially when we were told what the proceeds would go for.

In a thank you from the Irvins, Nancy said, "Even though Kim is trying very hard to talk, right now only the immediate family can decipher what she is trying to say, and then it's difficult sometimes." The gift we gave Kim will go for an electronically synthesized voice box.

Our thanks go to the Irvin family and members of their family, the Floyd Pedersons, Dagmar Irvin, Crystal Nelson and Rosemary Allison, all members of our lodge, for sharing this need within the community, that we were able to respond to. Often it's hard to receive gifts from others, because of the privacy we wrap around ourselves, but I have personally found, and I'm sure you all feel the same, that the ones that really benefit from this type of an endeavor are the givers and not the receivers.

Our wish for you, Kim, is that you continue to recover each day and grow stronger.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Seven Kodan members recently attended the District Convention at Solvang hosted by DBIA Lodge No. 299 and Sisterhood Flora Danica Lodge No. 177. Co-chairmen Johannes Jaeger and Else Lassiter and their committees did a bang-up job! Thank you, Solvang. We had a wonderful time! Delegates Knud Andersen and Sue Patterson represented Kodan well. Sue did a fine job serving on the Resolutions Committee.

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Congratulations to the newly installed district officers: President, Ed Madsen; Vice President, Ken Nielsen; Conductor, Karen Rowse; Inner Guard, Kaj Christensen; Outer Guard, Jim A. Larsen; Trustees: Owen Miller, Art Norgaard, and Bob Lassiter; and Secretary-Treasurer, Ebba Norby. Vernon Olson of Lodge No. 332 was presented the "Howard E. Christensen Award." We were honored to receive the Best Social Activity which was last year's Oktoberfest!

We will celebrate this year's Oktoberfest on October 18 at Ken and Nancy Nielsen's. Make your reservations no later than October 10 by sending your check in the amount of \$9.00 per person to Sue Patterson or Kaja Del Grippo. The festivities will begin with a happy hour followed by a hearty Bavarian buffet. It will feature two kinds of pøiser, hot potato salad, sauerkraut, and more. We'll have contests, games, carousing, a special surprise souvenir to take home, and dancing to music — all for only \$9.00 per person. There will be a prize for the best costume — so wear your leather pants, dirndl skirt, peasant dress, or any kind of European costume. Also, don't forget to wear your DBIA pin. If you wish, bring your RV and spend the night.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The August 5 business meeting of Lodge No. 1 was called to order by President Jim Therkildsen with 62 members and 13 guests present.

Poul Steffensen reported on the anniversary banquet. The banquet, held on May 10, at the Holiday Inn Central, had a number of problems. Poul wrote a letter to the General Headquarters of Holiday Inn. The original bill of \$771.29 was lowered to \$500 and paid.

The District President's Awards were discussed. Last year our St. Hans Aften Party was entered as our best single social event and went on to be selected as the Best Single Social Activity of the Danish Brotherhood in America. It was decided to have the officers make our selections again this year.

Jim Christiansen, Sec.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — On Sunday, August 10, members of our lodge joined members of the Sisterhood Lodge for their annual fun-filled bus tour. Gladys Sorensen again made all the plans and was our tour guide.

Thirty-nine passengers boarded the Arrow Motorcoach and departed to our

destination at Bellevue, Nebraska.

We arrived at the dock where the Brownville Spirit River Boat was waiting to depart for their first cruise down the Missouri River. Shortly after the boat's departure, we all enjoyed a luncheon with music and dancing.

Following our Missouri cruise, we boarded the bus again for Omaha to go to the Henry Doorly Zoo, where we all enjoyed the sights and sounds of the many birds and animals.

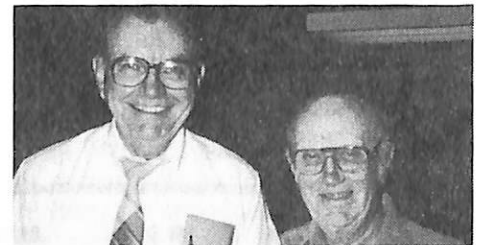
Everyone boarded the bus again for our return trip back to Lincoln. We enjoyed some guessing games and some group singing led by Gladys Sorensen. Larry Mills favored us again with two familiar Irish songs. Everyone enjoyed the tour.

Along with our other monthly activities, we are planning a Day Bus Tour to Dana College on Sunday, December 7, for their "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" and smorgasbord.

Don Lehn, Cor.

IOWA- MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At our August 11 meeting, J. Rudolph (Steve) Hansen received his 50-year membership pin. We also welcomed new members Earl J. Fries and Harry W. Dahl.



Welcome Earl and congratulations to 50-year member, Steve.



Welcome to another new member, Harry Dahl and his wife, Bonnie.

Curt Sorensen, a member of our lodge, has been appointed to the position of Danish Brotherhood insurance representative for the state of Iowa.

Howard K. Hansen and O. Elizabeth Ibsen were our delegates to the Iowa-

Minnesota District Convention which was held over Labor Day in Newell, Iowa. Several others from both our Brotherhood and Sisterhood attended.

The annual Saylorville picnic on Sunday, August 24, was a happy one with too much good food and drink. The weather was not like a typical Iowa August day. We even had a fire, which felt and looked good, in the fireplace in the shelter house.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Summer has been a time for picnics. In June a picnic was held at Camp-at-the-Woods in Rock Falls. For July's picnic, the theme was "Christmas in July" as we listened to a concert of Christmas music put on by the Clear Lake Municipal Band in the Band Shell during our picnic and meeting. Steven Sorensen and Jerry Sonsalla were elected delegates to the District Convention and Thorvald Sorensen and LaVonne Sorensen were elected as alternates. The Law Committee for the National Convention was selected. Bowling winners were announced and traveling trophies pre-



The Young Vikings decided to surprise the adults with a water balloon fight.



President Thorvald Sorensen presented Todd Sonsalla with a certificate for a DBIA camp grant.

sented. Todd Sonsalla was presented a camp grant from the Home Office. He will be attending a camp in Colorado. The youth and a few adults enjoyed a cool water balloon fight. This surprise event was planned by Young Viking Yvette Sorensen.

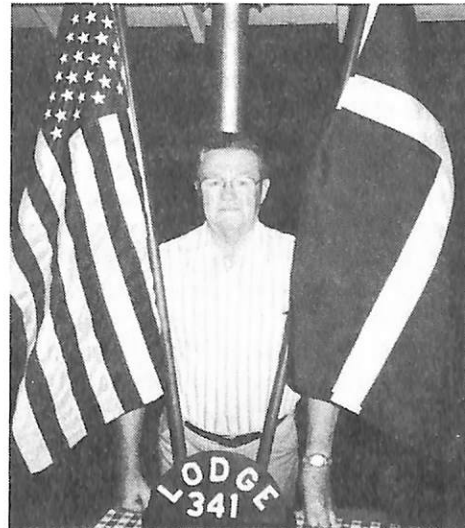
The August picnic had the adults wearing jackets as cool weather hit. Jerry Sonsalla was elected as delegate to the National Convention with Thorvald Sorensen as alternate. Steven Sorensen is our publicity chairman.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — For our August meeting we held a potluck supper at the Kimballton Park with approximately 65 persons attending.

The business meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. Our new flags and stand were displayed. The bowling results were reported as was the acknowledgements of two scholarships from Christen Andersen and Mischon Petersen, granddaughters of Brotherhood members.

It was voted to give the Danish Museum a donation and we also voted to buy an album for pictures of lodge meetings.

A Law Committee was voted on to select



President Bonneson displays our new flags and stand.



A big round of applause was given to Einer Leistad for his talk on Abraham Lincoln.

a delegate to the National Convention in Des Moines.

Einer Leistad gave a very interesting talk on Abraham Lincoln.

Verdie Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — In August our lodge met for an early breakfast in Pinicon Ridge Park. "Frokosten" was served by our program committee. Tusind Tak.

We were very pleased to see a good group of 13 members who made the trip to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention from Cedar Rapids. We would like to thank Herluf Pedersen and his committee in Newell for this hospitality. It was nice to meet old and new friends. Ulla Wall, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — The Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 5 and our lodge joined forces Wednesday, August 13, at Sanders Park for a bratwurst and corn roast. About forty people were in attendance, which is a small group for the size of the two lodges. However, those of us that were there enjoyed the food, the music, the half-hour drawings and the door prizes. The Sisterhood served the side dishes, which were delicious, and everyone "pitched in" to make it a good evening.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Our annual picnic drew 150 adults and children — smaller crowd than usual, but a lot going on that Sunday. We had our usual relaxing time with beer, soda, ice cream and coffee

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furnished by the lodge. Ken and Martha Learmont won both the egg toss and water balloon toss. Rumor has it that they have been practicing on their back forty all year. Bill Rozzoni and Ed Yankus won the horse-shoe contest. We wish to thank contributors to the picnic — May Beverage, K&R Supply, Gerry Hoeke, Jack Sorensen, Bob Erickson, Mat Fosbinder and Tom Nelson. Special thanks also to Otto Nelson and Sons for use of the truck once again. The committee was Dan and Barb Ervin, Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Tom and Donna Nelson, Mary Beth and Julie Nelson, Rudy, Todd and Jeff Bernhardt, and Tom Nielsen.

August 2nd was our most successful Western Night to date. The event was a Midwest District fund raiser for the youth and with brothers and sisters coming from Racine, Chicago, Dwight, Waukegan, Rockford and Milwaukee, it was a nice crowd of 150 people. There were many raffle and door prizes donated by the district lodges along with cash donations. Betty Jean and The Country Express did their usual outstanding job of keeping the dance floor full all evening playing all requests. Highlights of the evening were a hula dance by Elaine Ibsen and a beer drinking contest (using baby bottles) won by Henry Jepsen of Chicago Lodge No. 35. All in all, it was a great time and if you were not there you missed a good one, so keep it in mind for next year. This one takes a lot of work and we congratulate the hard working committee: Dan, Barb and Dan, Jr. Ervin, Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Mat and Marge Fosbinder, Bob and Nina O'Neal, Todd and Jeff Bernhardt, Joe and Donna DeZoma, Ron and Sue Ellen Jensen, Tom and Judy Nielsen, John Hosmanek and special thanks to Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. for getting the bartenders.

August 3rd was Danish Brotherhood Night at the Kenosha Twins game as we watched them win a double header. 126 tickets were sold so we received \$126 for our building fund. Thanks to Roger Nelson who chaired this event and to all who bought tickets.

Two busloads of racing fans traveled to Hawthorne Park on August 9 for our annual outing resumed after last year's disastrous fire. There were winners and losers at the track but we were all winners as far as having a great day. The accommodations and lunch were super and we all look forward to going again next year. Thanks once again to Ed Zydowsky for all his work on this event. He does a tremendous job every year. Thanks Ed! Special thanks to Paul Ferraro from K&R for donating the potato chips.

Congratulations to Bob Erickson who

was National DBIA Recommender of the Month for June.

Don't forget the Halloween Party to be held on October 25. Join the goblins and have fun! Prizes will be awarded for best costumes: best group, best couple, best single, and most original. Contact Jeff or Todd Bernhardt before October 20.

All members need to start thinking about our annual Jule Fest Fair to be held on November 2. This is our big fund raiser for the year and it takes many people and much work to make it successful.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — There were 11 participants in the Midwest District Youth Bowling event and they were all from Dwight. It is sad that our fellow members cannot get the youth interested enough to take time out for one afternoon and bowl three games to keep this activity going. Because of this, there probably won't be another Midwest District Youth Bowling — too bad!

Mother Nature didn't cooperate for the Midwest District Golf Outing/Picnic and as a result the golfing had to be dropped, but a lot of fun and fraternalism was held in the club house waiting out the rain. When it finally did let up, several took out on their own to neighboring golf courses and played a few rounds anyway. Thanks to the efforts of Donna Hoegger, about 30 people enjoyed a tour of our local women's Correctional Center. The afternoon cleared up and over 200 enjoyed the picnic with swimming, horseshoes, games, and bingo. And, of course, the food — two roast pigs, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, watermelon, beer, coffee, pop and desserts, made by the local women. It turned out to be a fun day anyway. Many thanks to all who organized the golf, the food, the games, to the people who donated prizes for bingo and the raffle and to all the nice people who came and shared our day with us.

Our lodge served lunch to a farm sale in August netting approximately \$180. Thanks to the ladies who made the pies. Hot dogs, coffee and pop were also served.

Congratulations to our winners in the DBIA National Bowling Tournament: Top Women's Team - Dwight Danish Dolls, 10th place team - Wilkey's Sheller, 13th place - The Younger Danes, 12th place - Great Danes, 16th place - The Handy Five, 17th place - Bad News Strikers, 19th place - Lucky "Fem," and High Series - Rita Perschnick. Too bad more teams don't enter in this free tournament.

I would like to thank Gene Mortensen for donating and printing our address labels each month for our newsletter. He also

runs a listing periodically to keep me up on my addresses.

Mark your calendars for the Midwest District Bowling to be held April 4, 1987, and hosted by our lodge.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Eight initiations took place at the August 15th meeting. Francis and Linda Connery and their children, Eric S., Marc A., Kristin J., and Lisa M., along with Marion and Al Korsgaard were welcomed into membership and were greeted by those members present at the meeting.

We again donated \$100 to the Isaac Walton League of Homewood, Illinois, for the use of their picnic facilities and a reservation was made for next year.

A letter from Susan Jepsen thanked the lodge for the scholarship money she received. Another letter from the Kenosha Lodge thanked those who attended their fund raiser and also for donations received for the Youth Program. The Danish Home sent a letter thanking us for the \$60 that we sent for the August birthday party.

It was reported that the Scholarship Committee raised \$255 selling American and Danish windsocks. There is now \$1,702 in their fund.

A motion was passed to spend \$30 for raffle prizes for the Dart Tournament which will be held October 11.

The following insured members in good standing were elected unanimously to the Law Committee to the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1987: Ahlman Iversen, Chairman; John Jorgensen, Henry Jepsen, Doris Peterson, and Grethe Jepsen.

Bingo was then enjoyed by all with lots of prizes donated by Mrs. Ivar Johansson. Thank you!

The picnic on August 10th was well attended with up to 200 present. The day was beautiful, the food was very good and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks to all who brought food to share, to those who worked so hard and those who brought raffle prizes and purchased tickets.

There were life memberships presented to: Carl Andersen, Martin Christensen, Fred Hoffman, Roger Larsen, Frede Nielsen, Thorvald Nielsen, and Marius Pedersen. Not present were Carl Meyer, Jens Hovmiller and Christ Mortensen.

In order to qualify for this honor, one must be 70 years old and be a member for 35 years or more. We all should be proud of each and every one of these fine mem-

bers. A special tribute to Fred Hoffman — he's been a member for 73 years!

Our lodge cordially invites you to the 67th annual "Dart Extravaganza" to be held on Saturday, October 11, 1986, at the American Legion Hall. Starting time is 10 a.m. until late afternoon.

The cost is \$5.00 per person and lunch is also \$5.00 per person. All teams will be determined by the "luck of the draw" to form two-person teams. Dartboards and darts are provided. First place trophies will be awarded in both men's and women's divisions. A traveling trophy will be presented to the first place lodge along with cash prizes to a percentage of the winners. We will have something for Young Vikings!

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We started our tenth consecutive year of our monthly newsletter with the September, 1986 issue.

Thirteen people attended the corn roast at Ozzie and Luella Christensen's on Saturday, August 16. It was a beautiful day in the Southern Kettle Moraine. Games and visiting were enjoyed. There was delicious corn, brats and buns and tables laden with a large variety of food and drinks. We thank the Christensen's for inviting us and for their usual generosity and hospitality.

We welcome our newest members, Inga M. Hermansen and Dennis A. Larsen, who were initiated into the lodge during our August 20, 1986, business meeting.

Albert L. Larsen was elected as our delegate to the National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, in September of 1987; Carol M. Larsen was elected as alternate delegate.

Albert Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — Well, here we are again back into the month of September. By the time this note is printed, it will be October, and I'm pretty sure that everyone will be pretty much vacationed out. There may be a few who take winter vacations but I know this is too early for that type of vacation. Well, I guess then we don't have much excuse for not coming to the monthly meetings. In case some of you have forgotten the dates, the meetings are always held on the second Friday of every month at 8 p.m. Our attendance has really been falling off lately thus making it very disappointing for the regular members who attend all the meetings.

In October we will be having our home-made goods raffle. Everyone makes something, either bakery or whatever they are best at making, and we have a raffle. It is a real fun evening and shouldn't be missed

by anyone. Then in November we have our annual Turkey Raffle. You win a turkey to eat or a little turkey to drink. Then, of course, comes the big month of December and our Christmas Party. No, it's not too early to start thinking about that. It will be held the second Saturday in December, the 13th. If anyone has any good ideas for some form of entertainment, it would be greatly appreciated.

Well, here's hoping to see all of you at the meetings. We really would like to see more people. We have a door prize at each meeting of \$10 and some really great lunches to top off the evenings.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Aage Lindholm of Eland entertained us at our August meeting by reviewing his travels to Denmark this summer with his wife and visiting his relatives in Denmark.

We held our successful aebleskiver dinner on September 25th from 4-7 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church basement.

Melda Mortensen, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Our regular meeting was held on Wednesday, September 3, with 15 members in attendance. One new member was initiated. We wish to welcome Michael W. Terryn into the Danish Brotherhood in America and to our lodge. We are also looking forward to adding two more young members to our roster.



We're looking forward to adding these two future members.



No one can hardly wait until the steaks are cooked.

At this meeting we held the election of the Law Committee. Members being elected were Kenneth L. Johnson, Robert A. Jensen, Keith Koegler, Alfred A. Larsen, Carl Soneral, and Earl G. Jensen. The delegate for the National Convention elected was Kenneth L. Johnson and Keith Koegler being elected alternate delegate.

On August 9th we held a steak fry which was enjoyed by 55 members and guests. Everyone barbecued their own steak, to go along with baked potatoes, fried mushrooms, salad, rolls and butter and your favorite beverage.

Keith Koegler, Past Pres.

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Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — The National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America awarded Mrs. Marie Jensen of West Palm Beach a Certificate of Merit on the occasion of her 96th birthday on August 18. Members of our lodge presented her with flowers and many good wishes. Relatives from North Florida and Indiana visiting her over the weekend were taken for a cruise up and down the Intercoastal Waterway. It really made a fine day for her.

Carl Rasmussen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — In spite of the hot weather, we had a nice turnout for our meeting. After the business meeting, we enjoyed a sing-along of Danish songs.

Congratulations to Birgit and George Jacobsen on the birth of their first grandchild.

Our picnic in Grove Park on August 10 was well attended. All who attended had a good time.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Charity is Declared

In the September, 1986 issue of the *American Dane*, William L. Kastman of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, was declared "Recommender of the Month" for July, 1986. Keeping with the membership campaign of "It's Better To Give Than To Receive." Mr. Kastman has donated his award of \$50 to the Cancer Research Institute in memory of his dear friend, Bea Forbes who very recently passed away from cancer.

William is to be saluted for enlarging our chain of members while helping others.

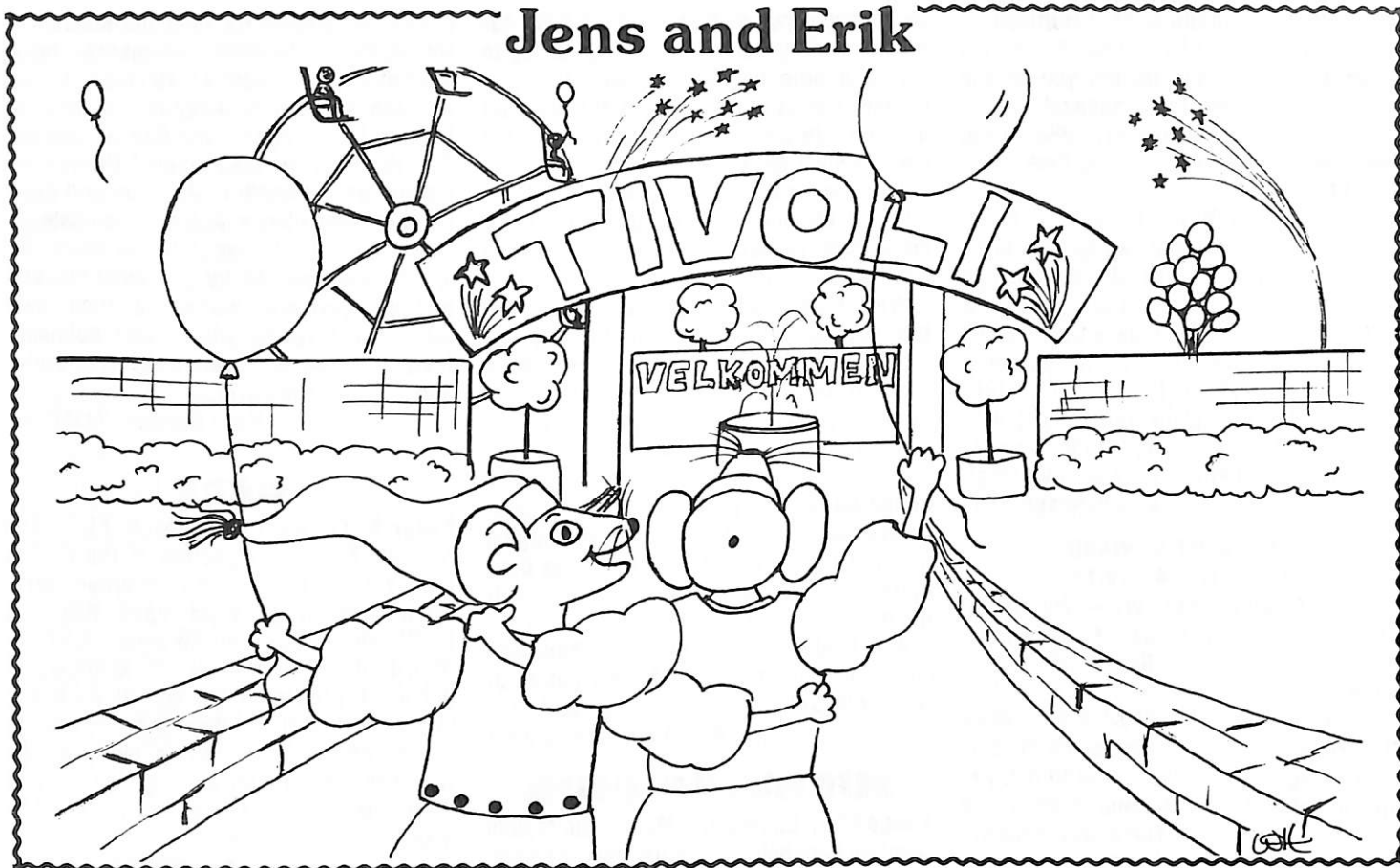
Payments to Board Members

SEPTEMBER 1986

Clyde R. Langsted, G.C.E.L. District Convention, \$408.00; Robert E. Ibsen, Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, \$502.00

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.00.

Jens and Erik



Drama Opera Ballet

Thanks to you, Jens and Erik found out the name of the famous amusement park in Copenhagen — Tivoli Gardens. The big sign at the gate says "Welcome," can you practice saying it in Danish? Next month Jens and Erik want to go to the Danish Royal Ballet. Check any of the boxes above that you think they'll see there. (Hint: there's more than one correct answer.)

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.

September winners: Jenny Jensen, Kissten Miller, Amber Sundsted, and Dianna Burk.

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respect you. When is the next meeting?"

"Next month," replied the husband.

Mrs. Bodil smiled. "We will go together!"

Sure enough, they both went to the town meeting and were warmly greeted by the Mayor who said, "We are still hoping that your husband will be our next Mayor. At our last meeting he refused. We hope that he will change his mind."

Instantly, Mr. Bodil jumped to his feet and said, "I won't have it! I won't have it!"

His wife tried to hush him up. She grabbed him by his coat which made him shout louder than ever, "I WON'T HAVE IT! I WON'T HAVE IT!" (He thought she was pulling at his coat because he wasn't shouting loudly enough.)

The Mayor shrugged. "So be it. Meeting adjourned."

When everyone left, the husband turned to his wife, who was staring blankly at him, and said, "You saw for yourself that I did exactly as you told me to do!"

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Kodbøller i Selerisauce (Meatballs in Celery Sauce)

1 bunch celery	2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon salt	meat balls
pepper	

Dice celery and boil in water with small amount of salt. Remove celery from broth when boiling meat balls. To make sauce, heat flour and butter in a pan, add broth, a little at a time, stirring constantly to avoid lumps. When sauce is right consistency, remove from heat. Add two beaten egg yolks and dash of pepper. Pour over meatballs and celery.

*Can also use curry in sauce instead of celery.

Viking Adventures

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

Minnesota Was Again Invaded by the Danes!



Participants found folk dances to be just one of the fun Danish traditions.



The whole gang gets together one more time before saying good bye.



Even the "Little Mermaid" has found her way to Skovsøen in Minnesota.



DBIA Skovsoen scholarship recipient, Sally Ann Holm, receives a congratulatory hug during the final program.

Well over 50 youngsters celebrated their Danish heritage again this summer at Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village, held in Minnesota on August 11-23, 1986. As in the past, these campers enthusiastically learned all about Danish crafts, songs, sports, folk dances, and how to speak and understand the Danish language.

The following list represents the 14 campers who received financial assistance through the matching funds program between their local lodge and the National Headquarters:

Elizabeth Andersen
Kari Christensen
Tina Hansen
Paul Anton Holm
Sally Ann Holm
Kerri Marie Kraft
Anne Marie Larsen
Eliza Larsen
Inga K. Nelson
Nicole Nielsen
Jeanette Pedersen
Amy Lynn Scott
Paul Erik Sloth
Kristen Sorensen

Lodge No. 227	Detroit, MI
Lodge No. 35	Chicago, IL
Lodge No. 36	Milwaukee, WI
Lodge No. 1	Omaha, NE
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Lodge No. 227	Detroit, MI
Lodge No. 64	Rockford, IL
Lodge No. 64	Rockford, IL
Lodge No. 299	Solvang, CA
Lodge No. 56	Kansas City, MO
Lodge No. 227	Detroit, MI
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Lodge No. 35	Chicago, IL
Lodge No. 1	Omaha, NE

The above listed lodges are to be saluted for recognizing the need to encourage this Danish interest for their youth. Also, we congratulate Lodge No. 314 in Hartford, Connecticut, for their donation of \$100 to this outstanding youth activity.

Have You Seen This Child?



Kevin Jay Ayotte

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: 5-12-79
 AGE: 7
 DATE MISSING: 9-30-82
 FROM: Sugarbush, Minnesota
 HEIGHT: 4 ft.
 WEIGHT: 50 lbs.
 HAIR: Blonde
 EYES: Blue
 SEX: Male
 RACE: Caucasian
 IDENTIFYING MARKS: Scar on right side of chin; hearing impaired; limited speech capability.
 LAST SEEN: At the age of 5, Kevin and his brother were upstairs playing at their summer home. Their mother went outside for a short while. When she returned, Kevin was gone.

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

1-800-843-5678

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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:

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

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