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Cover Photo: Internationally-known musician and comedian Victor Borge is awarded an Honorary Membership in the DBIA by National President Robert E. Ibsen.
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President's Page

Robert E. Ibesen
National President

It was my extreme pleasure to attend, along with National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerome Christensen, and our wives, the 100th annual convention of the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) on September 25-27 in Washington, D.C. The NFCA, comprised of 100 fraternal benefit societies, of which the Danish Brotherhood is one, provides an umbrella for fraternal to share and voice their mutual concerns.

We can take a great deal of pride knowing that as members of the Danish Brotherhood, along with the other fraternal making up the NFCA, we were responsible in part for giving more than 25,000,000 hours of time through 7,000,000 volunteer projects to provide needed help and services. Many times, as we partake in a voluntary activity to help our fellow man it may not seem worth the effort. However, when you combine all of the fraternal efforts together, you will find that over \$242 million was spent through fraternal benefits last year alone. This proves that our actions, no matter how small, do make a huge difference.

In fact, the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, was present at this convention and during his remarks congratulated us for all the work fraternal organizations accomplish for this country. In his speech, President Reagan quoted the French observer, Alexis de Tocqueville, who wrote: "I have often seen Americans make really great sacrifices for the common good, and I have noticed a hundred cases in which, when help was needed, they hardly ever failed to give each other trusty support. . . . Having no particular reason to hate others, since he is neither their slave nor their master, the American's heart easily inclines toward benevolence." President Reagan then continued to say "no one has done more than you to keep alive this distinctly American tradition, this habit of voluntarism that says so much about the essential goodness of our country. On behalf of a grateful nation, I commend you and I think you owe yourselves a round of applause." I strongly urge each member of the Danish Brotherhood to take that message to heart and applaud yourself for the difference you make.

At the convention, not only did we reflect back on the accomplishments fraternal have made, but we also looked towards the future to see what more we can do. Several meetings were held in which suggestions were given and comments shared regarding such matters as investments, insurance, current laws, increasing memberships, public relations, fraternal benefits, etc. Many of these suggestions and ideas were discussed at the Board of Directors meeting in October and we look forward to becoming involved in new programs with a renewed fraternal spirit. President Reagan also encouraged us to look towards the future and increase our community and benevolent activities. I hope you will take President Reagan's words as a challenge and strongly increase your voluntary actions. It just takes one member to suggest a community project at a lodge meeting to get others involved. Your lodge could volunteer time and money for park equipment, playgrounds, physical fitness centers, ball fields, and other community beautification projects. You could provide lifesaving equipment for rescue squads, hospitals and fire departments. At each meeting your lodge could collect canned goods to be donated to local food programs, soup kitchens, food pantries, etc. If your lodge has not been involved in activities such as the above, I urge you to take steps to do so. It was truly a motivating factor to be commended and encouraged by President Reagan regarding fraternal efforts.

The centennial banquet was also a source of pride for myself and all Danish Americans. I was very happy to see as the featured entertainment a native of Denmark, Victor Borge. As I'm sure everyone realizes, Victor Borge is known for his many contributions to the Danish American community and, because of this, I was very pleased to personally meet with Mr. Borge and present him with an Honorary Membership in the Danish Brotherhood in America. To learn more about this presentation, I would like to direct your attention to the article on page 11.

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From the Heart of the Heartland

by Wilber Williamson



View of the central business district of the city of Des Moines. Photo courtesy of the Des Moines Register.

Des Moines, Iowa, your host city for the National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, September 24-26, 1987, offers such a variety of attractions and features that it has been called an amazing place — a surprising place by many visitors. One of the striking and unusual features of the rebuilt downtown area is the skywalk system. This system connects over 20 blocks of the central city. When you're staying in downtown Des Moines you can leave your boots and umbrella behind. When you're in Des Moines, you're really in! The skywalk takes you where you want to go in climate controlled comfort. It connects you with new and updated convention centers, retail and office areas, not to mention the first class hotels, restaurants, parking garages and adjacent cultural attractions that are a part of this "single roof" system.

The convention visitor will discover the charm and convenience of this central city. Among the striking features of the area is the Civic Center, a modern structure that sets the stage for world class performances. Here national touring companies and regional talent perform with acoustical and visual perfection before audiences of nearly 3,000 people. Across from this theater of performing arts, Nollen Plaza, neoclassical amphitheater, invites relaxed participation in outdoor performances. Nollen Plaza also serves as a quiet urban oasis. Here people take a break, grab a bite, or meet someone in the shade of Claes Oldenburg's gigantic whimsical "Umbrella."

Just around the corner, the Walnut Street transit mall recreates the "old town" charm of narrow brick streets and wide promenades, while providing modern convenient bus transportation to and from the downtown area.

Shopping in the central city is anchored by the Kaleidoscope, Capital Square, Locust Mall and several major department stores. From the top tiers of spectacular atrium-style malls to the wonders of the **Metropolis**, Des Moines offers shopping at its finest with everything conveniently connected. Just steps beyond the skywalk system lies a wealth of speciality shops and

side street restaurants worth exploring for the pleasures that they promise and treasures that they yield.

Away from the central core of the city, Des Moines offers a variety of attractions to capture the attention of the convention visitor. Among these is the Botanical Center. Under the Center's geodesic dome more than 15,000 tropical plants present a variety of exotic colors and scents. Beside a meandering stream, orchids, cacti and bonsai highlight the carefully planted gardens. Outside the dome an ecosystem of yesterday's Iowa prairie grows, a heritage preserved.

The Des Moines Art Center, designed by master architects Saarinen, Pei, and Meier, offers a year-round schedule of exhibitions. The Center's collection includes outstanding works of American and European artists of the past 200 years.

On a hillside east of the Des Moines River is the Iowa state capital. Its 23-karat golden dome towers above the city and is an important part of the city skyline. This seat of the Iowa Legislature is situated in a park setting of 165 acres that include war memorials and statuary.

Terrace Hill, once called the "Palace of the Prairies," is a 20-room mansion that is one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture between Chicago and California. It was built in 1869 and donated by the Hubbell heirs to the people of Iowa in 1971. It is now the home of the Iowa Governor. Some floors of the mansion are open to the public.

Other Des Moines points of interest that will be featured in future issues of the "American Dane" are the Living History Farms just west of the city, the new and expanded Iowa Historical Museum that includes the contributions of the Danes and the Danish communities in the development of the state, and Grand View College founded by Danes and maintaining a strong Danish heritage even to the present day.

The members of the Des Moines lodges of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood are continuing to develop their plans for the Convention in 1987. Remember that the invitations to the Convention come from the heart of the heartland.



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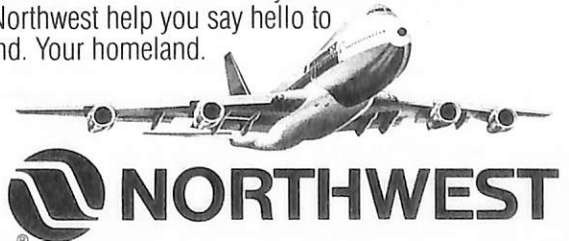
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Be Near Me

by Donald A. Christensen

Doctor Larsen, a tall, hawk-faced man, shook his head slowly as he peered over the top of his gold-rimmed glasses and spoke.

"Emma is very sick with the pneumonia and needs much attention. A damp towel on her brow will help lower the fever. Her temperature is so high she may become delirious. . . . And give her as much water as she can drink. Though it is cold outside, the window should be open, for she needs much air.

"It's a good thing you came to fetch us, Karl!"

Karl Christensen edged forward on the settee and nodded his head once in acknowledgement. Placing his cup on the coffee table, he looked at the others in the room for some indication of what to do next.

Mrs. Wackett increased the pace of her rocking chair slightly and spoke first.

"Yes, I'm glad he found both of you. When I told him Emma was sick and I couldn't leave her here alone in this storm, he offered . . . No, I must say he **insisted** that he be allowed to help and dashed off."

She smiled and continued. "We will do what we must, Doctor. . . . All we can. . . . I'll get some towels and water. . . ."

She started to rise but was stayed by Pastor Andersen raising his hand.

"Wait," he said in his deep voice, "I would like to lead in prayer." He rose from his seat and bowed his head.

"Oh Lord! Thou knowest the need of Thy servant, Emma Jensen. Be with her. Give her the strength to overcome this illness so she may continue to walk and work among us. Amen."

Karl was glad that Pastor Andersen was a forthright man. His prayers were short and to the point. That's the way he liked things done. These people, his new found friends in America were people of action. They got things done. He liked that. He opened his eyes and raised his head.

"Doctor Larsen, Pastor Andersen, with Mrs. Wackett's permission, I will not leave with you. I would like to stay and help. There must be something I can do." He turned and addressed the frail, little woman that now stood by his side.

"Of course I can use the help of a strong young man like yourself. You may help carry the water upstairs. I'll show you where the bucket is. I'll bring the towels." Her face crinkled with a smile when she spoke.

"There, Karl, you have your answer," said the doctor. "Pastor Andersen will you walk with me. . . . part of the way, at least? I think we can leave things in capable hands here and come back tomorrow to see how Emma is. . . . Yes? . . . Come!" He shrugged his shoulders into his great coat and picked up his bag.

"Yes, of course," replied the pastor.

Karl stood listening to the clip-clop of Mrs Wackett's slippers on the hardwood floor while she escorted the two tall men to the door.

The house seemed to catch its breath as it inhaled gusts of cold air through the open door. Ignoring the weather, Mrs. Wackett stood, silent, watching the two shadowy figures disappear into the blowing and drifting snow. With a sigh she shut the door, turned to Karl and said, "Come."

With that word, she headed for the kitchen. Karl followed silently.

His thoughts were on the purpose of his visit. He had come, full of excitement, wanting to share with Emma his decision to

quit the sea; to begin a new life in America. Now she was unable to hear him. He had so much to tell her.

"She must get well! . . . Please, God!" he prayed to himself and waited for the bucket to fill.

In her room, upstairs, Emma Jensen lay quietly staring at the ceiling. She shivered and licked her parched lips. Her face burned. Drops of perspiration glistened on her brow. Her chest was tight. Every breath sent waves of pain cascading throughout her body.

The beat of her heart sounded as loud as pounding kettle drums. The light in the room seemed to fade as she heard the sound of voices. . . . many voices, growing louder, ever louder.

She saw the scene plainly now. A throng of Viking villagers were gathered around a great ship on a funeral pyre.

The drums quickened their beat.

A huge, fat, hag came out of the crowd and shouted in a hoarse voice, "Our chieftain is dead! Who of you will go with him on his final journey?"

She turned and stared at a group of young slave girls huddled together in the crowd.

"Ah," remarked a Viking chief, "The Angel of Death has come to call."

"Who will go? Come now my pretties. . . . Sooner or later you will make this trip. Come now! Go with honor! Join him in death, to whom you were bound in life! . . . Which one?" the hag cried.

A small, flaxen haired girl stepped forward. The crowd approved with a roar.

"Come now! Here she is! Attend her! Make her ready for the journey. Bathe her! Anoint her body with sweet spices." The hag called her instructions to the Viking women in the crowd.

Six attendants came forward, surrounded the young girl and led her off to a tent nearby.

For six days the ceremonies continued. Each day the villagers gathered, bringing their best jewelry, pottery and gifts to present to their dead chief. The slave girl was treated as a queen and performed her ceremonial duties.

On the evening of the seventh day the crowd gathered for the last time. The Viking chieftain, his body blackened by the cold, was removed from his temporary burial place and stripped of his clothes. Now the attendants dressed him in the finest of stockings and trousers. His new jacket contained gold buttons and on his head they placed a fine hat trimmed with brocade and fur.

The Angel of Death directed the ceremony from the deck of the ship. She walked to a tent at the center, entered and arranged the cushions that were to support the body. The crowd stood hushed while she placed foodstuffs and sweet smelling plants around the body. Straightening up, she turned to the people.

"Now!" she shrieked.

They responded with a great roar and began throwing parts of slaughtered animals aboard the ship. A horse, a cow, a dog, and a chicken had been killed for the occasion. Bits and pieces of each pelted the deck. The old woman stood still, her face beaming in a toothless grin.

Finally, she raised her arms to the sky. The shouting subsided; all crowd movement ceased. Drums began beating, slowly and softly at first, then increasing in tempo and sound. . . . louder and louder.

From a nearby tent the slave girl emerged. On each side stood three Viking chieftains holding the ends of a rope that was

twisted around her neck. They began walking slowly through the crowd. Another warrior, holding a spear and shield, trailed behind. The girl looked directly ahead, a smile fixed on her face.

The procession made its way to the funeral pyre and climbed the ladders to board the ship. When they reached the place where the body lay, the crowd began chanting in time to the beat of the drums. The noise grew louder and louder; a frenzy of sound enveloping the entire area, until the old hag screamed "Faerdig!", and dropped her arms.

At this signal the Vikings jerked the rope with a mighty pull, and the warrior thrust his spear into the young girl's side. Then they gently laid her to rest beside her master.

The drums stopped. The crowd became silent. Quickly, those on board ship slipped away. The Angel of Death melted into the night.

Vaer Mig Naer

*Vær mig nær i Ungdomsalder
Vær altid Du min bedste Ven.
Forlad mig ikke når jeg falder,
Rejs mig nådig op igen.*

*Vær mig nær i lyse Morgen,
Vær mig nær i Aften blid.
Lad din Nåde være mig Borgen,
Du er hos mig i Livets Strid.*

*Vær mig nær når i gode Dage,
Lykkens Solskin smiler mildt til mig.
Lad mig det da som en Gave tage,
Husker alting kommer fra Dig.*

*Vær mig nær når Øjet her må græde,
Tidt den tunge Vemods Gråd.
Fyld mit Hjerte med Din Glæde,
Da har Smerten tabt sin Bråd.*

*Vær mig nær når Slangen mig vil liste,
Ind i Hjertes tavse Bo.
Lad mig, til mine Øjne briste,
Stedse bevare på Dig min Tro.*

*Vær mig nær når Dødens Engel
Om Favner mig med sin kolde Hånd.
Bryder Blomsten af sin Stængel,
Herre, gem da Du mind Ånd.*

Now, from the crowd, there appeared a man, a brother of the dead chieftain, naked and alone, carrying a brand. He did not face the pyre, but backed toward it slowly, silently circling it, lighting it in several places until the flames became a roar; engulfing all; burning all; becoming hotter and hotter, brighter and brighter . . . then fading; fading slowly away.

Emma Jensen coughed. Suddenly she felt a rush of cool air wash over her face. Slowly Karl Christensen's face came into focus, not too far from her own. He placed a cool towel on her brow.

"You have been close to death. You'll be all right now. Go back to sleep. I believe the fever has broken," he whispered and gently stroked her forehead.

When Emma recovered, she wrote the poem **Be Near Me**.

Be Near Me

*Be near me in my youthful age,
Be always Thou my best friend.
Forsake me not when I falter,
Lift me, mercifully, up again.*

*Be near me in the bright morning,
Be near me in the gentle evening,
Let Thy mercy be my stronghold.
Thou art with me in life's strife.*

*Be near me, when in the good days
Fortune's sunshine smiles gently on me.
Let me take it just like a gift,
Knowing all things come from Thee.*

*Be near me when eyes here may weep,
Often the heavy sadness weeping.
Fill my heart with Thy joy,
When pain has lost its sting.*

*Be near me when the Serpent would creep
Into the heart's silent home.
Let me, until my eyes glaze over,
Forever keep my faith in Thee.*

*Be near me when Death's Angel
Embraces me with her cold hand
Wrestling blossoms from their stems.
Lord, preserve Thou my spirit then.*

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President Reagan Praises Fraternalists

President Ronald Reagan praised the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) and its 100 member organizations for 100 years of volunteerism and fraternal projects and urged its continued support in the nationwide fight against drug abuse.

The President addressed the NFCA's centennial meeting, held September 25-27 in Washington, D.C. The Danish Brotherhood in America was one of 650 members and state delegates from throughout the United States and Canada who attended the meeting in the same city the NFCA was founded.



President Reagan accepts plaque from NFCA President William B. Foster.

The President said "it's with humility and respect that I speak to you — all the more so when I consider all that this (National Fraternal) Congress and its member organizations have accomplished during these past 10 decades."

"Ladies and gentlemen of the National Fraternal Congress, no one has done more than you to keep alive this distinctly American tradition of volunteerism that says so much about the essential goodness of our country," said President Reagan. "On behalf of a grateful nation, I commend you . . ."

Calling drug abuse "offensive to our fundamental values and national sense of purpose," President Reagan asked NFCA members to continue helping all Americans say "no" to drugs and help make communities and homes drug-free.

"I know that the NFCA organizations represented here are already actively involved in the war against drugs and have been, in many instances, for a good ten years . . ." he said. "I commend you for that and am grateful to know that we can continue to count on your support in the months to come."

"So, as I thank you for all that you've already done — all the hope that you've shed throughout our nation for these past 100 years — I ask you to take up a new challenge, to shed new hope, by joining the crusade against drug abuse. And to paraphrase Nancy, to say 'no' to drugs is to say 'yes' to life."

The organizations affiliated with the NFCA have more than ten million members. Through local lodges, these members conduct fraternal programs of benefit for their communities. NFCA President William Foster said the NFCA's centennial year theme — "Joining Hands to Touch Lives" — encompasses the fundamental concept of caring upon which all fraternal benefit societies are based.

"Fraternalism was founded upon the principle of brotherhood," Foster said, "and the belief that each individual has a responsibility for his fellow men and women."

Foster said that last year alone the 100 member societies disbursed over \$332 million on fraternal programs and activities. In addition, member volunteers worked more than 36 million hours in their communities. Fraternal benefit societies also maintain and support orphanages, homes for the aged, churches and other not-for-profit institutions and agencies. They provide financial support for the indigent, the dying and others needing a helping hand. They give volunteer and financial support to the stricken and homeless who are victims of floods, tornadoes, fires, drought and other disasters.

In addition to volunteerism, fraternal societies maintain some of the world's largest private systems of scholarships and other educational support, providing more than \$11 million last year for students and the institutions they attended.

In total, the fraternal benefit societies which comprise the NFCA spent more than \$242 million last year on noninsurance fraternal benefits.

The Sights and Sounds of Christmas

The thirteenth annual presentation of "The Sights and Sounds of Christmas" is set for Sunday, December 7, 1986, on the picturesque campus of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska.

Thousands are again expected to usher in the holiday season by attending this day-long event which includes music, traditions, folk dancing, drama, storytelling, decorations, food, art and other festive customs of the season from Denmark, Germany, England, France and America. An impressive array of Danish delicacies will be served at a noon and evening smorgasbord. The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children under 12.

For a detailed schedule of events please write or call the Public Relations Office, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008, (402) 426-7216.

Introducing



Scott Goldman, one of our newest Young Vikings. Scott joined Lodge No. 227 in Detroit, Michigan, and has this to say —

I am four years old, my great grandfather, Herman Boraks, a member of many years in Lodge No. 227, is sponsoring my membership as a Young Viking in the Danish Brotherhood in America and that makes me very proud.

I like to go to school and at present am enrolled in a private pre-kindergarten school. I know the alphabet by heart and the numerals. I am the fourth generation in our family to join the Brotherhood.

Welcome Scott!

Are you a new Young Viking member? If so, everyone would like to meet you, too! Just send a picture and a short article describing yourself and the hobbies or activities which you enjoy with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

Victor Borge Awarded Honorary Membership in the DBIA

The Internationally-known musician and comedian Victor Borge was awarded an Honorary Membership in the Danish Brotherhood in America by DBIA National President Robert E. Ibsen at the National Fraternal Congress of America 100th anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C. on September 25, 1986. Mr. Borge was the featured entertainment at this celebration.

During the presentation, President Ibsen stated "On behalf of the Board of Directors and the more than 12,000 members of the

Danish Brotherhood in America, I take great pleasure in presenting you with an honorary membership in our fraternal organization. This is a token of our sincere appreciation for your great devotion in being a "goodwill ambassador of Denmark" here in America. We know that you are very active in many Danish projects throughout the country as are we. Two that come to mind are the support for Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, and a new one, the Danish Immigrant Museum to be constructed in Elk Horn, Iowa, which we are all excited about. You have always had a fraternal spirit to giving of yourself. When people say 'That Victor Borge — we sure enjoy his performances' — we always say 'Yes, and he's a Dane you know!' — and now we can add that he is also an honorary member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

"I would first of all like to present you with one of our Bing and Grøndahl 100th anniversary plates which has a picture of our Home Office building in Omaha, Nebraska. We are very proud of this building styled in Danish architecture and we would love to have you stop by and visit us when you are in that area. It is also my pleasure to present you with this plaque which is inscribed 'The National Board of Directors takes great pleasure in awarding Victor Borge with honorary membership in the Danish Brotherhood in America, dated this 25th day of September, 1986'."

Mr. Borge asked that we convey his sincere thanks to all the Brothers for this honor. He was genuinely appreciative of receiving it.



Victor Borge admires our 100th anniversary plate.

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A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time in a very small town a father sat in his kitchen reading a letter that he just got from his son who lived far away from home.

It began: **YOU MUST SEND ME MONEY. I NEED IT. I CANNOT LIVE ON WHAT YOU SEND ME. PLEASE SEND ME MORE AT ONCE.**

The father re-read each word, each sentence in the letter and as he did so, his tone became hard and he was very angry.

"How dare my son write, **'YOU MUST SEND MONEY,'**" he said. "He is telling me what to do!"

The father looked at the letter again. "I NEED IT, he read. "So who doesn't need money!"

He continued. **I CANNOT LIVE ON WHAT YOU SEND ME,** he read. "Such arrogance. Is there no limit to what he wants?"

The father was getting redder in the face by the time he looked at the last sentence of the letter: **PLEASE SEND ME MORE AT ONCE.** "He is ordering me around. He thinks I am a banker. What nerve!"

He was so furious he called to his wife who came into the room. "Yes, dear, what is it?"

"I just got a letter from your son," he said. "Here... see just what kind of person you raised!"

His wife took the letter and started to cry. "Our poor boy. He is in desperate need."

The father looked shocked. "Where does it say that?" he asked looking over her shoulder at the letter.

"Right here," she sighed. "Haven't you read it correctly?"

And she read back the letter stressing each word with such concern and love that it could melt butter: **YOU MUST SEND ME MONEY. Her words pleaded. I NEED IT. I CANNOT LIVE ON WHAT YOU SEND ME. PLEASE SEND ME MORE AT ONCE.** After she finished she was drained with emotion.

"Let me see that letter again," said the husband. "I didn't realize how much he needed us."

By now tears were rolling down both of their faces and sobs of sorrow were echoing throughout the house.

"Thank you, my dear," said the husband. "I must have read our son's letter all wrong."



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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Past National President, Hans M. Andersen, of Selma, California, passed away during August. He will long be remembered for his contribution to fraternalism within the Danish Brotherhood. It was during his term that our own Kristen Jorgensen began his career on the National Board. Also, in his term, the National Scholarship Fund was established. Honor be to his memory. We have made a contribution to the National Scholarship Fund in the memory of Hans M. Andersen.

We also extend our sympathies to the families of Wilfred Andersen, a member of 46 years; Johnny Collins, a member of 30 years; and Henry T. Jensen, a member of 58 years, on the loss of their beloved ones.

This summer has been a beautiful summer and Sunday, August 17, 1986, was no exception when we held our annual picnic at Martha Lake. It was hard to tell who had the most fun — the kids or the adults, and to be sure, nobody went home hungry. Again, this year, Craig Emmick served as chairman for the picnic and he does such a good job, he should be put on permanent. Clyde Langsted was again the M.C. for the prize drawing. We think we should keep him also. As always, Harold Hansen brought his refrigerator truck and kept everything just right.

The following members received their 25-year pins: Holger Nielsen, Richard Molby, and Charles Parker, Jr. The 50-year pin recipients were: Martin Rasmussen, Anton Jessen, Carl Andersen, John Hansen, Earl Nielsen, Bert Nielsen, and John Lauritsen. Congratulations to all of you!

Per Larsen was elected as delegate to the National Convention next year, and Gerald Jensen as alternate. After the meeting, the Brotherhood joined with the Sisterhood for a very festive evening in Harmony Hall.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Merle and Anna Kinder, Spokane, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary November 16 with a reception from 1-5 p.m. at Gretna

The best idea for November goes to Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA. See this page for details.



Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kinder!

Greens, North 2103 Washington Street in Spokane.

Hostesses for the celebration will be their daughter, Sharon Kinder, Olympia, and niece, Claudette Dieker, Spokane.

Merle has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood since July, 1946, and Anna has been a member of the Danish Sisterhood since, April, 1981.

Married November 19, 1936, at St. John's Danish Lutheran Church in Seattle, the couple has made Spokane their home since 1949.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — At our September 3 meeting, two new members, Dr. Roy Petersen and Wayne Jensen, were present for initiation.

Ed Hirsch reported on the organ recital. He stated it was given by a Danish couple and they did a beautiful job. Diane Fisker also mentioned she received a nice letter from Ingeborg MacHaffie for supporting this organ recital.

Karlene Thorkildsen reported on Folkfest. KGW donated the entire booth fees of \$2,870 back to Folkfest. Profit from beer and pop sales were \$795.73 with \$79.57 going to Folkfest. Nail pounding brought in \$238.89 with the sales of T-shirts bringing in over \$300.

Jan Christiansen reported on the Seamen's Festival. Things went very well with long lines waiting to buy hot dogs and

aebleskiver. Jan thanked everyone for their help and also made a motion that we donate the \$349.69 profit back to the Center. It was seconded and passed.

Don Bogh reported that the Danish gymnasts' exhibition was great and stated he hoped they would return next year with the lodge's support.

Stig Hansen asked if the lodge would be interested in having T-shirts resembling the Danish flag made up to be sold at various functions. Many people outside the lodge have wanted to purchase them whenever they have seen them worn by our members. Stig and Gert Jensen received an estimate from a company in Eugene. There would be a one-time charge of \$26 for the design, with the shirts costing \$5.75 each. After much discussion, Jens Gimbel made a motion we pay the set-up charge and order 100 T-shirts to sell to members and at events.

Jens Gimbel introduced two guests, Amy Larson who had spent a year as an exchange student in Denmark and Catrine Linder, an exchange student from Norway. The two guests gave thanks for letting them attend and said they would like to return and to help out with our activities.

Stig Hansen opened the floor for nominations for one delegate, who is a member of the law committee, for the National Convention. Ed Hirsch was elected delegate and Don Bogh as alternate.

Stig Hansen read a letter from the NW Lodges' district office wondering if we would be interested in supporting a directory for the district.

Jens Gimbel spoke regarding the Outreach Committee which is to support older Danes in their homes. Jens stated that it is very important to have a representative from Portland on the committee to look after the interest of older Danes in this area.

Joanne Kantor, Sec.

YOUNG VIKINGS

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The Young Vikings, parents, and friends had a sunny, fun-filled day Sunday, September 14, touring the Pomeroy House and having a hay ride around the 80-acre working farm. After learning about the local history of the area, and swinging on a rope in the hay

barn, we enjoyed their fine gift shop where we were served English tea.

All 26 of us then assembled at the Jensen's for a delicious Danish sandwich supper. Everyone pitched in to make the sandwiches which were of many varieties. We all then sat down to a wonderful smørrebrød, accompanied by snaps, fruits and cheeses, coffee and butter cookies.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting there were 53 members present. Three applications were accepted for membership: Jan Jorgensen, Leo Mide and Ole Olsen. Welcome! At the meeting we elected the Law Committee for the National Convention. The Law Committee consists of Peter Praegel, Jens Peder Vestergaard, Herluf Pedersen, Poul B. Christensen, and Garry Elmsberg. We had a short meeting because we showed the movie "Tandlaegen paa Sengekanten." It was enjoyed by all. After the movie we all enjoyed open-face sandwiches, beer and snaps.

On Saturday, September 20, the Brotherhood had their yearly Soccer and Harvest parties. We started early Saturday with the games between Seattle Old Boys and our lodge's Old Boys. This year it seemed that Seattle was determined to walk away with the trophies. Unfortunately, our goalie was late and Brother Keld Christensen, who is not a goalie, was forced to step into our goal. Seattle took advantage of our handicap right away. Within no time, it was 3-0 to Seattle. We still did not give up. It was an up-hill battle for us and there was no way for us to come back. The final score was 6-2 to Seattle.

After the Old Boys, it was time for the young teams to get the fire started. We put pressure on the defense in the first half. Unfortunately, they took a bad penalty and Seattle was given a penalty shot. This got their ball rolling. After 90 minutes, Seattle had scored four times and Vancouver just once.

This time, Seattle took both of the trophies home with them. There is no doubt that the Seattle teams were better and stronger this year. But, in May of 1987, Seattle will be back and this time Vancouver will be prepared so that Seattle will get a run for their money.

In the evening, we had our Harvest Party and everybody from Seattle was there too. All together, the attendance for our Rødspætter Party was well over 200. The Fest Committee had been in touch with Hirtshals in Denmark and on Tuesday before the party, the fish boat went out to the North Sea to catch our dinner. They were cleaned, skinned, and shipped to

Aalborg on Wednesday. We received them in Vancouver on Thursday noon. On Saturday, the girls in the kitchen were busy frying 240 rødspætter. Serving was prompt and several guests had second servings. The atmosphere was high and the eleven-piece band began with Copenhagen March. There was dancing which lasted until the early morning hours. Everybody had a wonderful time.

The Fest Committee had really out-done themselves. Thanks go to the young people (Marianne, Tina, Dorothe, Ken and Mark) and the kitchen staff (Kate, Bente, Birthe and Judy). The staff was coordinated and supervised by Jorgen Schroder. Villy, Keld and Jens Peder had put lots of time into organizing and executing a terrific party.

**Peter Praegel, Cor.
Jorgen Larsen, Cor.**

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — Hans Lynning is a charter member of our lodge. On September 2, 1986, he celebrated his 90th birthday by inviting 43 friends and family for dinner at the Valley River Inn. The arrangements for this party were made in early spring as Hans spends each summer in Denmark. This year has indeed been a very memorable one for Hans.

Scandinavian Airlines presented him with a complimentary round trip ticket to Denmark. This is seldom done for a private citizen that is not a travel agent. However, with his travel record, you can understand why he received the free trip. Hans first arrived in the U.S. by ship in 1923. Since that time, he has crossed the Atlantic Ocean 70 times.

All that and a healthy 90th birthday, too. Congratulations, Hans, and we wish you many more birthdays and ocean crossings.

The following poem written by Verna Lyng best describes our celebration of St. Hans Aften.

By a rippling stream so cool and clear,
We celebrate St. Hans Fest each year.
There in a beautiful country park,
Belonging to Knud and Karen Toftemark.
Some come from near and some from afar,
Arriving by truck, van or car.
Some park motor homes, trailers or tents,
And stay overnight for this event.
We have potluck and that's really great,
For you know Danish cooks are all first rate.
When evening comes, the bonfire is lit,
And we cheer as the witch is consumed by it.
Then the singing starts with Danish songs,
If you don't know the words just hum along.
We finish off with American tunes, too,
To fulfill the Brotherhood motto so true,
And, to that motto we dedicate this poem,
For "Denmark Is Our Heritage, America Our Home."

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA — We observed our 90th anniversary last month with a dinner dance at Volpi's Restaurant. Guests were members of Fjeldroning Lodge No. 131. Guest speakers were Harvey Rasmussen, former President of the California-Nevada District and Niels Hansen of Hayward. Frank Latham, our President, also spoke. There was a large turnout and the new members had the chance to meet some of the old timers.

Former presidents of the California-Nevada District of the Danish Sisterhood, Erla Chance and Eunice Sanborn, were introduced.

The committee for the evening was Marion Christiansen, Eunice Sanborn, and Francis Sweet.
Francis Sweet, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Our regular meeting will be held Thursday, November 6. It will be important that you attend because we will be nominating a slate of officers for next year.

On Saturday, November 22, our annual Turkey Shoot at the Alamo is planned. The cost is \$7.00 which includes bingo, a cheese sandwich, coffee cake and coffee during half time of our bingo. There will be many cash prizes.

December's regular meeting will be held Thursday, December 4. We will be electing officers for 1987 and it is very important for you to attend so your vote can be counted. We really need your voice on this.

Our Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 19, at the Alamo. Please bring a gift of \$3.00 to be exchanged and mark the package man or lady. Also bring a goodie to be shared. This is always a festive evening with singing and a good time is had by all.

Congratulations to the following members who will be receiving their long service pins: Marius Jespersen and Arnold Therkelsen, 60 years; John S. Hansen and Svend Birkelund, 50 years; and Erik Behrens, Oluf Ericson, Kenneth L. Larsen, Anker C. Johansen, Danny Wilkin, Clifford Scarsten, and Victoria Westerskov, 25 years.
Betty Seale, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Danish Days Festival celebrated September 20-21 was a very successful event with an estimated 15,000 visitors to enjoy the extensive program. After the raising of the American flag in the park, all kinds of entertainment took place throughout the day.

The very popular aebleskiver and medisterpølse breakfast was made and



Kelli FitzGerald reigned as Danish Maid.



Inge Lisa Pedersen, Kelli FitzGerald, Bill Rasmussen and Else Lassiter get ready for the activities.

served on Copenhagen Drive to about 3,000.

The Village Band was entertaining from the Carlsberg Beer Wagon, while the Village Folk Dancers were dancing in the street and the Solvang Singers were keeping up the good spirit with the good Danish songs all around town. Performances by many groups such as dancers, singers and young gymnasts were arranged on a parking lot. Concerts by the Air Force Band and reading of H. C. Andersen's stories took place in the park and short films from Denmark were shown in the Veteran Memorial Building. Solvang Festival

Theater had a Food and Wine Fest on Saturday afternoon and wound up the theater season on Sunday night by playing Dopes on a Rope.

The Danish Days Festival is a community project with the involvement of all the local associations, and the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood are no exceptions. Our main project was the Saturday evening Dinner-Dance which was successfully arranged under the leadership of Else Lassiter and Inge Lisa Pedersen. The Tivoli atmosphere which we experienced at the last Brotherhood and Sisterhood convention was brought back by the sisters' beautiful flower arrangements and by Bill Rasmussen's very realistic Nimb Restaurant facade with its 1,000 tiny light bulbs.

Leading the parade on Saturday were the Danish Days honorable chairpersons Ferdinand and Gudrun Sørensen and the Danish Maid Kelli FitzGerald, daughter of Ken FitzGerald who will be remembered as former president of our lodge.

At the lodge meeting on September 10, we welcomed a new member, Bob Voohees, to our lodge. Ed Madsen suggested that part of the profit from the convention be transferred to the scholarship fund.
Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — At our last monthly meeting, we honored Rudy Olsen from the Sisterhood and Harold Olsen from the Brotherhood as they both celebrated their 25th anniversary as members of our societies. In attendance with them to honor

the celebration was their daughter Susan, as they each received their 25 year pin. Congratulations Harold and Rudy!

Nominations were held in the lodges for delegates to the National Convention next year in Des Moines, Iowa. Bill Jensen has been elected from the Danish Brotherhood.

Local planning is in gear for our lodges to host the 1988 California-Nevada District Convention. This activity has been a unifying and strengthening occasion in the lodges in previous San Diego conventions. It is another opportunity to promote to all the district the wonders of our cherished "America's Finest City."

This year's bowling league is under way. They have a very good group going. If you are interested in participating in this function, please contact Sharon Heckbert. There is a need for four more bowlers to complete the league. Hope to hear from all interested and see you there.

Karen Suda, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Following our regular business meeting in October, the program was Philippine Festival hosted by Rex and Pat Christensen. Pat was born and raised in the Philippines. Aebleskiver was served and enjoyed by all who attended.

Nominated to attend the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-26, 1987, were Jens Andersen as delegate and John Kristensen as alternate. Election of lodge officers will be held in November.

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
6-25-86	Edward L. Gregersen	75	Elba, Nebraska	268	Junction City, Oregon	1949
7-28-86	Hans Marius Andersen	85	Selma, California	255	Selma, California	1919
8-13-86	Kristi A. Gerlach	25	Kenosha, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
7-27-86	Karl P. Lund	85	Denmark	255	Selma, California	1940
8-16-86	Christian J. Walsted	60	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1961
8-25-86	Einer O. Jensen	77	Duluth, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
8-3-86	William Carlyle Kay	76	Wisconsin	70	Greenville, Michigan	1944
8-30-86	Paul R. Jensen	64	Bainbridge, New York	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1944
9-7-86	Charles L. Sweetman	64	Council Bluffs, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1962
7-22-86	Elmer Bille	85	Luck, Wisconsin	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1929
7-30-86	Irving L. Hansen	75	Montcalm, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1941
9-14-86	Richard E. Oleson	64	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1942
6-18-86	Alvin F. Cuddy	61	Waterbury, Connecticut	126	Los Angeles, California	1963
8-30-86	Gregg A. Thygesen	24	Barre, Vermont	675	Barre, Vermont	1982
8-22-86	George E. Severson	64	Hoosick Falls, New York	190	Schenectady, New York	1954
9-17-86	Jeanette Nielsen	59	Belding, Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1963
9-10-86	Hans P. Andersen	75	Selma, California	319	Bakersfield, California	1941
9-19-86	Arnold M. Jensen	75	Sayreville, New Jersey	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1937
9-8-86	Frank J. Petersen	87	Sidney, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1934
8-26-86	Henry N. Fries	88	Denmark	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1919
7-9-86	Theodore Christensen	94	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1935
6-19-86	Christ M. Christensen	88	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1937
9-20-86	Alfred M. Hyldgaard	90	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1921
8-16-86	Ove E. Jensen	80	Dannebrog, Nebraska	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1978
6-30-86	Karl Syrsting	87	Denmark	3	Davenport, Iowa	1985

Viggo Bech Nielsen recently celebrated his 70th birthday. The birthday party was held at the Alamo with approximately 90 people in attendance. From all reports I heard it was a blast. Congratulations, Viggo!
Kate Krake, Pres.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — We had a large group for our last bingo session of the year. Thank you to chairpersons Sherman and Dawn Nielsen for the door prizes that they donated and the delicious cakes and pies that they furnished.

The business session was called to order by President Ken Olsen right after our attitude adjustment hour. Several guests were introduced and welcomed. We had two applications for membership, Phillip and Patricia Kessler. We are looking forward to getting to know Phillip and Pat. They have been with us several times. Please make yourself known to them and welcome them into our membership.

Kaj Bjorn, our language teacher, let us know that this year's class has begun. The classes are open to everyone who is interested in learning Danish customs, history, interesting facts, and of course the Danish language. We have a great time at each class and we feel we are fortunate to have someone who is willing to give us the time and energy to conduct this class.

The Christmas dinner this year will be at the Compton Hunting and Fishing Club. The date change from the second Saturday to the first Saturday, December 6, was announced. We will have lots more room this year to do whatever we want — dinner, partying, Santa's gifts, etc.

We still have champagne for sale and Danes Have More Fun caps and visors. They will be available at the next meetings. How about buying a few dozen so we can be finished with this.

Holger Danske will be having our annual luau in November. That's a bit different, we usually think of a luau as a summer event, but our calendar had to be changed a bit this year and we'll enjoy it in November. We really do need to have reservations, so the chairmen will know how many to count on. Costumes are in order and fun. We will have best costume award for adults and youth.

We will also be having a boutique at the November lodge meeting along with the luau. Start now making your speciality, Christmas decorations, baked goods, homemade candies, art work of any kind, paintings, afghans and tree decorations. Ten percent of all sales goes into the lodge treasury. Many of our ladies have shown an interest in having a boutique. Buy a handmade article for a Christmas gift and

help out Holger Danske.

Many sets of eye glasses have been given to Helga Bjorn for our latest fraternal endeavor. Bring any you no longer have need for so someone else can use them.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

YOUNG VIKINGS

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Instead of a regular meeting in October, we held a Halloween party. We made caramels apples and had a "mask" only contest (no costume). Afterwards we joined the adults for aebleskiver and singing.

Toni Gossett, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The Nebraska District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America and Danish Sisterhood was held in Omaha on September 12-14. A get acquainted social was held on Friday evening at Vennelyst Park, hosted by Blair Lodge No. 206.

On Saturday, meetings were held at the New Tower Inn which we hosted. Peter Weber, National First Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood in America was the Board's representative at the convention. The evening banquet concluded the day's activities.

We won the District President's Award for the best newsletter. The Nebraska Visitation and Activity Plaque for Area 1, Division 1, was awarded to us for the second year in a row. If we win it again next year, it is ours to keep permanently.

Eugene Schultz, of Ruskin Lodge No. 161, and Gladys Jacobsen, of Sisterhood Lodge No. 6, were crowned King and Queen. They were crowned by the retiring King and Queen, Kenneth Pedersen and Margaret Larsen.

The following were installed as the officers of the Nebraska District: Past President, Floyd Andersen; President, William Jorgensen, Jr.; Vice President, Soren Thomsen; Secretary-Treasurer, Ginny Schultz; Chairman - Trustees, James Christiansen; Second Trustee, Erik Hansen; Third Trustee, LeVern Erickson; Conductor, Paul Hansen; Inner Guard, Glen Haselbarth; and Outer Guard, Faye Petersen.

A breakfast on Sunday morning, served by the Omaha Sisterhood Lodge No. 6, ended the convention.

Randy R. Jespersen and Betty Christiansen Nischke were approved for membership at our September 2nd business meeting. Randy was present at the meeting and initiated into the Brotherhood. Welcome!

We would like to congratulate Duane and Deloris Hansen in honor of their 25th

wedding anniversary.

The officers of our lodge met on Sunday, September 21 and planned the year's calendar for meetings. Lodge members approved the November 1986 - October 1987 schedule at their October 7 business meeting.

The November 18th session will be a business meeting along with an Arts and Crafts Show. Committee members for the November meeting are Armand and Eloise Thomsen, Bernice Eckley and Mary Ann Sorensen.

The insured members nominated Armand Thomsen to be their delegate to the Thirty-Second National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-26, 1987. Jim Weedman was elected to serve as an alternate.

Jason M. Fromi was approved for membership. Jason, age 16, has lived in Denmark for one year and speaks fluent Danish. Betty Christiansen Nischke, who was approved for membership at our September meeting, attended our October meeting and was initiated and welcomed.

Jim Christiansen, Sec.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — Our September meeting was held at the I.O.O.F. Hall with a dinner held in honor with our Lincoln Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 anniversary celebration of 81 years, founded in 1905. Everyone brought a covered dish and their own table setting. Paul and Elaine Muggy were dinner chairpersons and provided a beautiful table setting for the occasion.

Following the dinner, a demonstration was given in karate by a Lincoln group which was very interesting.

After the karate demonstration, the Brotherhood and Sisterhood each went to their separate rooms for a business meeting.

President, Quentin Johnson, was in charge of the meeting. Eric Hansen read the minutes of the last meeting. Lennie Kincheloe and Don Lehn reported on the State Convention and plans were made for the October 11th Aebleskiver Feed and program.

Don Lehn, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — The state convention is now history and thanks to all who helped in any way. We served over 100 guests. A special thanks to Wally and Anita for furnishing the music. On Saturday, Vice President Bill Jorgensen of Minden, presided over the meeting in place of President Floyd Andersen who was unable because of illness. Our new State President will be Bill Jorgensen of Minden; Vice President, Soren Thompson of Ruskin; and Secretary, Virginia Schultz of

Superior. Ruskin invited us to the State Convention in 1987 and Grand Island for the state picnic. A delicious banquet supper was held Saturday evening followed by dancing and music.

Laurids Pedersen was chosen as delegate to the National Convention in 1987 to be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

Thanks to the August committee for the delicious coffee cake and refreshments.

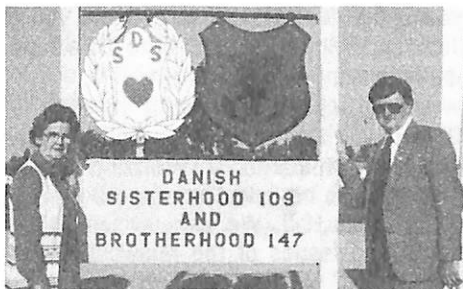
Harriet Palle, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Iowa-Minnesota District

Labor Day weekend, August 30, 31, and September 1, was the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, hosted jointly by Newell Brotherhood Lodge No. 147 and Newell Sisterhood Lodge No. 109.

The Newell Brothers and Sisters really put out the "welcome mat," displaying lovely welcome signs for all delegates and guests to see.



Welcome to Newell, Iowa!



President Ibsen and Secretary-Treasurer Christensen with the Iowa-Minnesota District officers.

National President, Robert Ibsen, and National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen, brought greetings from the National Board. Andy Andersen brought greetings from the Home Office.

Our district is so privileged to be hosting the next National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, in September, 1987. The theme of the upcoming National Convention is "The Surprising Place."

Our district's three scholarship recipients for this school year, 1986-87, are Roger Nelson, Tammi Sonsalla, and Kirsten Andersen.

Delegates and guests signed the United States-Denmark Rebild Stamp petition hoping for an issuance of a new stamp by

July 4, 1987, in observance of the United States Independence Day in Rebild, Denmark.

District Presidential Awards went to the following lodges: Best Social Activity - Lodge No. 326, West Branch, Iowa; Best Annual Activity Schedule - Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa; Best Civic Activity - Lodge No. 341, Elk Horn-Kimballton, Iowa; and Best Newsletter - Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, Iowa. Along with these awards went \$25 checks to each of these lodges.

Our district's traveling Super Lodge Rug

Award went to Clear Lake Lodge No. 219.

Our district gave a first time "Certificate of Merit" to Bud Grunberg, Council Bluffs, Iowa, for his beautiful work of making the gavels which are presented to every outgoing President of the district. Bud has been doing this for many years. Mange Tak, Bud!

New officers for 1986-1987 are: Past President, Kathy Sonsalla; President, Marvin Christensen; Vice President, Herluf Pedersen; Secretary, Deloris Ross; Treasurer, Harlan Johnsen; 1st Trustee, Mer-

VELKOMMEN!

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



Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Betty C. Nischke	1	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Jason M. Fromi	1	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Paul C. Rasmussen	14	Kenosha, WI	Louis DeFord, Jr.
Louis V. DeFord, Sr.	14	Kenosha, WI	Louis DeFord, Jr.
Anthony T. Maruca	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Loss
James E. Warnock	14	Kenosha, WI	Clifford Plaisted
Erna M. Poelker	29	Seattle, WA	Jens Jensen
Leslie R. Hansen	33	Tacoma, WA	Hans (Willy) Rasmussen
Kenneth L. Nielsen	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Arnold C. Nielsen
Roger A. Gearhart	49	San Francisco, CA	Per Jantzen
Jay R. Wadding	75	Albert Lea, MN	Richard Sorensen
Harry Christensen	95	Ferndale, CA	Francis Sweet
Rita E. Sarle	164	New York, NY	Eva Singer
Michael T. Alesko	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
M. Wayne Jensen, Jr.	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Sonja M. Spencer	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Gary E. Nielsen	217	Humboldt, IA	Joseph C. West
James C. Mason	261	Fowler, CO	Bob Noble
Scott D. Wilson	294	Barre, VT	Shirlene T. Wilson
Tamara J. Mackner	306	San Diego, CA	Hans T. Jensen
Phillip I. Kessler	345	Orange Co., CA	Howard Kjellson
Patricia K. Kessler	345	Orange Co., CA	Howard Kjellson
Susan K. Humes	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Mayta P. Andersen	600	Omaha, NE	Weldon Andersen
Elgin V. Westergaard	600	Omaha, NE	Weldon Andersen



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



Congratulations!

Louis DeFord, Jr. of Lodge 14 in Kenosha, WI, Melvin Pihl of Lodge No. 167 in Portland, OR, Howard Kjellson of Lodge No. 345 in Orange County, CA and Weldon Andersen of Lodge No. 147 in Newell, IA have all been declared "Recommender of the Month" for September. Each sponsored two new members.

We salute them 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 has been sent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in all their names.

Keep up the good work.

vin Andersen; 2nd Trustee, Edward Harris; 3rd Trustee, James Miller; and Conductor, Howard Christensen. Installing these officers were National President, Robert Ibsen, and National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen.

The Askov, Minnesota lodge was recognized as having the most insured (100) members of the Iowa-Minnesota District. Great going, Askov!

Everyone present had a good time visiting and re-acquainting themselves with friends.
Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — We celebrated the 96th birthday of Niels Schultz and also recognized the 96th birthday of a guest, Mrs. Theo Jensen.

On Labor Day weekend, ten members attended the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention at Newell, Iowa. Reports concerning the convention were given by Violet Bergeson and Carl Hansen. District officers elected from our lodge include District President Marvin Christensen and District Treasurer Harlan Johnson.

Our newest member is the son of Harlan and Flora Johnson of Laurens born September 9 at Pocahontas, Iowa.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #326, West Branch, Iowa — The summer came and went all too quickly. We had a good attendance for our 4th of July picnic, weather cooperating and not being too terribly warm.

In August, lodge members went to a barbecue and had their fill of pork, sweet corn and homemade ice cream.

In September, we initiated our two newest members, Roland and Betty Best from Decatur, Illinois. Final preparations were made for the selling of aebleskiver at West Liberty's 2nd International Day festivities. Our lodge received the District President's Award for the Best Social Activity and along with this award went a check from the Home Office of \$25.



Gunnar Krogh presents to President David Nealsen the District President's Award for Best Social Activity and a check for \$25.00.



Conductor Ruby Arnold and President David Nealsen initiate our two newest members, Betty and Roland Best.

David and Judy Nealsen were elected as our lodge's delegate and alternate to the next National Convention in September, 1987. After the meeting, members and guests enjoyed eating homemade ice cream and other Danish goodies. The ice cream was made by Rudy Arnold.

In October we held a drawing of a sweater donated by the Home Office for our International Day festivities. It was won by our own local treasurer, Judy Nealsen.

Convention delegates, Gunnar Krogh and Winfred Ross, gave good and thorough reports from the District Convention held over Labor Day weekend. Our local secretary, Deloris Ross, was re-elected secretary of the Iowa-Minnesota District.

Even though we have only 29 members, we keep busy.
Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We would like to congratulate and thank Lodge No. 147 of Newell, Iowa, for a very successful Iowa-Minnesota District Con-



Our members enjoyed the district convention.

vention. Attending from our lodge were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Folmer Bonnesen, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baase, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Madsen.

Verlee Johnson, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — We met on September 10th. The program was given by Shirley Stocker who told of life with her daughter, Wendy. It was a very inspiring evening.

Vinnia Miskimen and Dorothy and Arne Nissen were hosts for the evening. An enjoyable time was had by all.

On October 8 we held a dinner in appreciation of all members. The program for the evening was presented by Cedar Rapids historian, Harold Ewoldt, who spoke on the

heritage or tapestry of Cedar Rapids. Guests for the evening were Andy Andersen and Curt Sorensen. Hosts for the evening were Blair and Leola Thornbloom and Mary and Paul Mortensen.

A special thanks goes to our Lodge Folk-dancers who presented a fine program of dancing and singing at the International Days in West Liberty, Iowa, and who also represented our lodge at Coe College on October 19, where a program was performed by a group of musicians from Denmark.
Ulla Wall, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Our lodge, jointly with the Danish Sisterhood Victoria Lodge No. 5 of Racine, hosted the 35th Midwest District Convention at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center on September 6 and 7. The convention was successful and praised by many as being well run and productive. We also celebrated Lodge No. 5's 100th anniversary at the banquet Saturday night. Once again, we congratulate you Lodge No. 5! A special thank you to John and Betty Mollerskov who did a super job organizing the convention.

At our scheduled monthly meeting on September 10 at Dania Hall, we discussed our joint Brotherhood/Sisterhood Christmas party to be held Thursday, December 11 at Dania Hall. We also reviewed highlights and issues of the Midwest District Convention. Martin Andersen was elected as our lodge's delegate. Congratulations and good luck Marty.
Eric Olesen, Sec.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Congratulations are in order to the following: Bill Kastman who was National DBIA Recommender of the Month of July; Steve Blaze- vich for becoming a 100% insured family of the Danish Brotherhood; Terry Aalto who won a blue ribbon recently for his art work in stained glass; Fred Ekornaas for his re- election as Sheriff; Ron Frederick for being elected as County Treasurer; and Louis and Vera Mellone on their 50th wedding anniversary.

We had two visitors at our last meeting and it was great to see both of them — Jerrol Zier from Hawaii and Dick Johnson from Florida. A get together was held for Dick and Pat in the Rathskeller and the following note was received from them: "We both want to thank you for the great get together. It was one of the best things we enjoyed on our trip back to Kenosha. It was just so touching to see your smiling faces and boy did we ever miss all of you. Had so many good times together. You people are family. We are getting settled in and reliving our trip. Wishing good health

to all of you and God bless. Thanks again."

A big thank you to Arthur Anderson for donating new TV antenna systems; to Frank Holderness and Jack Sorensen for donating a stereo and tapes and for installing them at the Rathskellar; to Ken Learmont for building a dart board which will be available to play in the Rathskellar and on meeting nights upstairs; and to Andy Petersen and Rich Walker for doing some cement work in front of the store.

Twenty-two people went to the Midwest District Convention banquet in Racine sponsored by Lodge No. 4 and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 5. The banquet was also celebrating Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 5's 100th anniversary. The entire convention was well organized and both lodges are to be congratulated for the super effort put forth. It is always great to see our many friends from around the district. Our delegates were Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., and Berger Rasmussen. Rudy was placed on the Board of Directors as Third Trustee and Marie Walker was placed on the Sisterhood Board as a Trustee. Congratulations to both of you. Gordon Andersen did an outstanding job as President of the District and we applaud him. Gordon has also been elected as our delegate to the National Convention in Des Moines next year and Ben Peterson

is our alternate. It would be great to see many of you at that convention next year. The dates are September 24, 25, and 26, 1987.

Next month is our annual Julefest. It is our big fund raiser for the year and we need all the help we can get. We need bakers, kitchen help, table setters, clean up crews and many others. We have posters to deliver around town too.

Welcome to new members Lewayne Tiedke, John Rohde, Fred Ekornaas, Chester Jeffrey, Louis Mellone, James Hammelen, Will Jensen and John Pecnick.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — The executive board met one-half hour before the regular meeting on September 19 in order to dispose of unimportant correspondence. The regular meeting was called to order by President Al Iversen. Visitors included Hans Nielsen from Seattle, Washington and his nephew from Chicago.

Ray Nielsen suggested that the lodge change our Christmas party to December 12 instead of the 19th as it would be too close to Christmas. This was done.

Letters of thanks were read from Eric Sloth, Michelle Sloth, and Karin Christensen, all thanking the lodge for sponsoring their tuition to college and summer camp. Also read was a thank you from Olga Ldodge

No. 11 for the profit from the picnic.

Henry Jepsen read the minutes from the Midwest District Convention. He stated that our lodge will sponsor the picnic in 1987 and 1988. We will also sponsor the golf tournament in 1989 and the Midwest District Convention in 1987 on July 24, 25 and 26.

Fifteen or sixteen members of our lodge attended the annual Midwest District Convention in Racine and had a good weekend. Paul Sloth and Henry Jepsen were delegates. Ray Nielsen was elected the new President of the district and Al Iversen is now on the Board as Conductor. Congratulations to both!

The Sisterhood held their convention at the same time. The accommodations were



National Director Erling Braummann congratulates new Midwest District President Ray Nielsen.

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lovely and the committee from Racine should be thanked for a good convention. This newsletter again won the Midwest District Award for the best newsletter. What a nice surprise.

Ella Vennergrund was presented with a certificate for being "Recommender of the Month" for August. A \$50 donation was given by the Home Office to her choice of charity which was the American Diabetic Association. Ella sponsored six candidates — her daughter and her husband and four children. Congratulations to Ella, herself a brand new member!

Refreshments were served and afterwards the auction of Make It, Bake It, Sew It or Grow It was held. Two tables were filled with all kinds of good stuff. The auctioneer was Woody Petersen — and who could do it better! Profit was approximately \$135. Thanks to everyone who brought items to be auctioned and those who purchased. It was fun.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — One hundred ten people attended our September 26, 1986 Torsk Dinner which we co-hosted with the International Institute of Wisconsin. We had a bake sale of pumpernickle and Danish rye bread as well as kringle — all from Racine. There were twenty-two door prizes. Three of our members sang in the Milwaukee-based Scandinavian Chorus which provided the evening's entertainment.

Thanks to all who provided door prizes, monetary donations and their hard work.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — Summer passed too quickly in Wisconsin. On June 1, Lillian and Christian Jacobsen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Lutheran Church. Christian has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 56 years and many of our members attended the celebration. Christian immigrated to the United States from Denmark on April 15, 1929, at the age of 24. Lillian reports that Christian was a confirmed bachelor and was very



Daughters of Judy Thrawl and Mary Lou Daeffler congratulate their parents, Christian and Lillian Jacobsen, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

hard to "catch," but she believes it was worth it.

Our annual picnic in the park was on Sunday, July 13. Our invited guests were members of Lodge No. 263 in Askov, Minnesota. The delicious food, lots of talk and relaxing by the lake made for a most pleasant afternoon. You should know that Byron Petersen, the gentlemen who prints your copy of the American Dane, plays a wicked game of horseshoe.

The Danish Brotherhood Charter was draped at the August meeting in memory of members Elmer Bille and Ove Jensen who have recently passed away.

Our money maker of the year was the raffle with 11 prizes awarded on July 20th culminating the village Luck-E Days. Proceeds will be used when we remodel the south exterior wall of our lodge building.

Esther Nies, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Instead of our regular meeting, we held our annual aebleskiver supper. Thanks to the excellent planning and chairmanship of Vice President Loyal Lundorf and his wife, Jean, and the combined efforts of our members, the event was once again a success. Dining room workers were colorful in red caps and vests. We thank Melda Mortenson for the caps and for four new Danish vests for our ladies. New Viking ship centerpieces made by Loyal Lundorf along with red placemats, flowers and Danish flags on all the walls gave the room a festive air. We were delighted to have Mr. Olsen from the Racine lodge as one of the many who partook of the aebleskiver, sausages, applesauce, jams, syrup, kringle and coffee. Thanks to our Margie Hansen for the extensive publicity of the event.

We are looking forward to our annual Mortensaften goose dinner on Saturday, November 8th, at the Waupaca Country Club.

Happy 10th birthday to Waupaca Lodge No. 343.

Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular business meeting of our lodge was held on Wednesday, October 1 with 12 members attending. A lunch of cold cuts, cheese, pickles, bread and butter was served following the meeting.

On Saturday, August 23, we hosted the Michigan-Ohio District Golf Outing. Thirty-one golfers participated in playing golf. Detroit, Greenville and Ludington were represented, with Detroit Lodge No. 227 winning the trophy. Saturday evening following the golfing, 75 members and guests



Good fishing also took place during the Michigan-Ohio golf outing.

enjoyed a very good fish boil cooked by Roger Hansen, Jerry Klafft, and Rich and Lu Trembl. Following the fish boil the trophies and prizes were awarded. The evening was capped off with socializing and peanut eating in the downstairs bar.

Keith Koegler, Past. Pres.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Another summer has passed with many of our Brothers having made the pilgrimage home for a visit, yours truly being one of them. It is a real joy to go home and renew old friendships and brush up on your Danish.

Four of our young people were sponsored to Skovsøen Language Village this year to learn some Danish and all of them are excited about maybe taking a trip to Denmark sometime in their lives.

September 20th saw a number of our Brothers and their guests enjoying our Anniversary Dinner Dance which was followed up the next morning by the traditional "Bird Shoot" staged by the "Dansk Soldaterforening" (Danish Soldier's Society) at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club. We want to congratulate Queen Lillian and King Carl for their ability and their luck.

Carl Mayland, Sec.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — At the September meeting, the clam bake committee reported that the lodge made \$184.41. About 44 adults and 10 children attended. There was plenty of food and drink for everyone. Many thanks to Gerda Sorensen for letting us hold it at her home and thanks to the clam bake committee: Jack Hansen, Barry Edmonds, Winnie Edmonds, Vera Holmes, John Holmes, Joe Palcovich, Dot Palcovich, Paul Christensen, Chris Simonsen, and Barbara Larsen.

Twenty-one members of the lodge attended the G.C.E.L. District Convention in Penn Yan, New York. Chris Simonsen was elected to the Board of Directors of the G.C.E.L. District.

It is time to again make plans for the Christmas party. The lodge will purchase gifts for lodge members, children of lodge members, and grandchildren of lodge

members who are under the age of 12. The children must be present to receive the gift from Santa Claus. Please let Winnie Edmonds know if you are planning to attend with a child and their ages as soon as possible.

Paul Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — At our September meeting, preparations were begun for our annual Christmas dinner dance in conjunction with our 95th anniversary. Eric Brown is chairman and the event is to be even more exciting than before.

Picnic Chairman Gordon Petersen and his committee were congratulated on the successful picnic at the homegrounds with a good time and lots of food for all. Delegate George Ferdinandsen and others who attended reported on activities at the G.C.E.L. District Convention in Penn Yan, New York. Eric Brown was elected delegate to the National Convention in Des Moines.

Jens Jessen, Sec.

Lodge #71, Penn Yan, NY — We had the G.C.E.L. District Convention over Labor Day weekend. It was three days of work and fun. It was very nice to see all the Brothers and Sisters from the Eastern Lodges.

We had over 100 people at our Saturday night supper and the same for our Monday breakfast. The food was excellent. Thanks to the Brothers who helped serve at both. Clyde Langsted installed the officers of the G.C.E.L. District assisted by Erling Braumann.

George Jacobsen presented Carl Spencer with a Past President's pin proudly worn by the late Andrew Thompson.

Now that the convention is over, we are looking to the future with our annual banquet to be held on November 21. Also, we will be having a potluck supper in our lodge rooms and in December we will have our annual Christmas Tree Party and Dance.

Clarence Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our next meeting will be Friday, November 14, 1986, and we hope to have a large attendance. I am sure everybody had an excellent summer so come on out and share your stories.

Donald Heckman, Sec.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — On September 9, we celebrated our 74th anniversary. There were fifty people with members and their families present. We enjoyed a roast beef dinner and fellowship together.

It was a great pleasure to have Brother Carl Olsen who is 84 years of age and has been a member of our lodge for 66 years and Brother William Matson who is 81 years of age and a member for 61 years.

Our President, Harold Thygesen, asked Brother Harry Mikkelsen who has been a member of our lodge for 58 years to give a bit of history of our lodge. All of the members added to the discussion which resulted in a most interesting evening with the members adding good memories of past years.

We also had the pleasure of having Brother Thor Christensen's parents with us from a Wisconsin lodge. We exchanged ideas of how to induce more members to join our lodges.

Brother Thomas Mekkelsen, our Secretary, who has been ill, was present and we were all happy to see that he is on the gain and will be acting again soon as our Secretary.

Brother Harold Thygesen asked for a silent prayer in memory of our departed Brother Gregg Thygesen, son of Brother Charlie Thygesen and Beverly Thygesen.

Our delegate to the G.C.E.L. District Convention in Penn Yan, Sharon Lunde, gave a very complete and interesting report.

Harry Mikkelsen, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — At our September meeting we had the opportunity to initiate Silvia and Erik Storm Pedersen. They became members in November, 1986, but Erik's job sent them to Florida

before we had a chance to initiate them.

From January, 1987, we will move our meetings to new locations in Malverne. It will be strange after 30 years to move to a new place. Our lodge is now 60 years old. We started on June 26, 1926. Our treasurer, Hans Pedersen, had been in his post since 1941. Forty-five years is a long time to have served one's lodge. Thank you, Hans, for your devotion. Our anniversary will be celebrated with a dinner-dance on November 22.

We are back in the winter season. That means at our meetings we will have our smorgasbord.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Charity is Declared

In the October, 1986 issue of the *American Dane*, Ella Vennergrund of Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, Illinois was declared "Recommender of the Month" for August, 1986. Keeping with the membership campaign of "It's Better To Give Than To Receive," Ms. Vennergrund has donated her award of \$50.00 to the Northern Illinois Affiliate, Inc. of the American Diabetes Association.

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

Payments to Board Members

SEPTEMBER 1986

Robert E. Ibsen, NFCA 100th Anniversary, \$1,398; Peter Weber, Nebraska District Convention, \$390.28; Semiannual expense allowance, Peter Weber, \$250; Clyde Langsted, \$250; Erling Braumann, \$250; Paul Carlsen, \$250; Kenneth Pedersen, \$250; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$250; George J. Jacobsen, \$250.

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Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.00.

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Scholarship Announcement

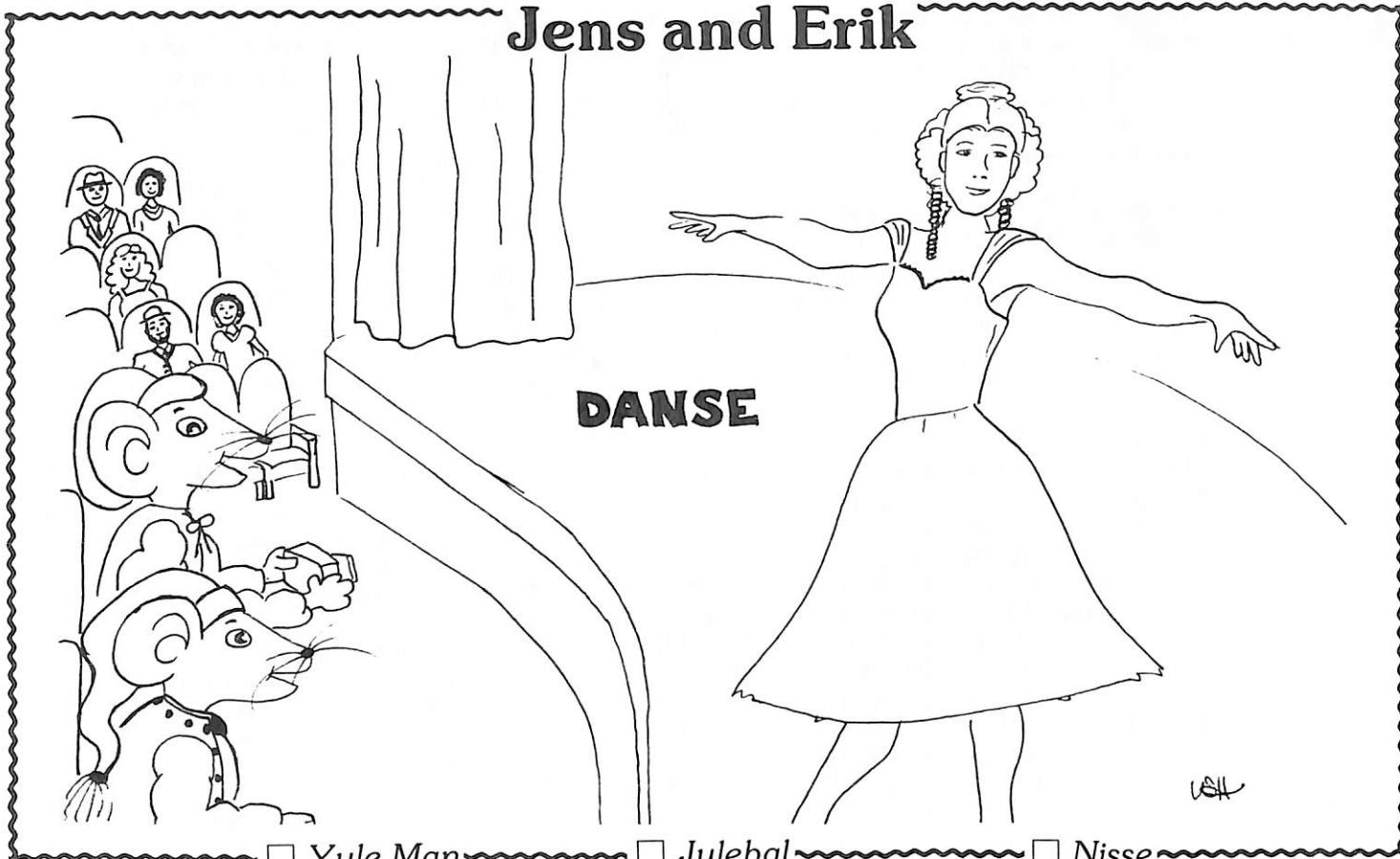
The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1987, will be considered beginning February 15, 1987. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1987 will be considered by the Committee for the 1987 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$250.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$2,000.00.

Eligible for scholarship awards are insured members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, technical school, or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award.

Remember: Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school.

Jens and Erik



Yule Man

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Nisse

At the Danish Royal Ballet, Jens and Erik saw ballet dancers, opera singers, and drama too. This is one of the few places that shows all three on the **same** stage! The woman is dancing, can you say dance in Danish? It's not hard, is it? Christmas is almost here, do you know what Danish children call the famous Christmas Elf? If you think you know, just check one of the boxes above.

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.

October winners: Laura Leonard, Melissa Kanning, Juliana Bertelsen, and Kara Drew.

Grandma's Kitchen

Rullepølse (Rolled Lamb for Sandwiches)



by Dagmar Jensen

- 2 sides of breast of lamb
- 2 heaping tsp. parsley with stems removed
- 2 thin slices of ham or bacon ends or thin slices of pork steak
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1 tsp. each of pepper, allspice or cloves

Remove bones from meat, also tough tissues. Wash thoroughly. Trim and sew together to form large square or rectangular pieces, flatten on board. Sprinkle with parsley and seasoning. Then place on strips of your choice of above meats, roll very tightly as for jelly roll and put large fork in center or run a cord around the roll and sew the ends which have been folded in. Do not remove string from outer side. Keep the rolled meat for three days in salt brine.

Salt brine is as follows:

- 2 quarts water
- 1 cup salt
- 1 pinch of salt peter

Bring to boiling point and then cool. When cold, place meat in stone jar or crock and pour the brine over it. The brine must cover the meat. Turn once a day, leaving it three days. Remove from brine, cover with boiling water and boil slowly 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The stock may be used for soup. Remove and press between two platters with very heavy weight on top. When cold, return to brine. May be used within a week. Turn now and then. Slice thin. Excellent for open face pumpnickel sandwiches.

A History of Denmark

Now a new edition of Palle Lauring's very readable, "History of Denmark" has been published by Høst & Søn in Copenhagen.

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Viking Adventures

A Danish Brotherhood

Christmas Tradition



Debbie's first Christmas with Lodge No. 143.



Debbie has her "date" eating out of her hand.



Even Bob's wife, Dorothy MacKinnon, doesn't mind his dates with Debbie.



Christmas, 1985. Each year adds more memories.

It all started in 1975 when a member of Lodge No. 143 in Petaluma, California, Bob MacKinnon, asked his 5-year-old neighbor, Debbie Katen, for a date to the Danish Brotherhood Lodge Christmas Party. It is customary for Bob to pick Debbie up at her front door and escort her to and from the party. Now, over ten years later, Debbie and Bob have yet to miss a Danish Brotherhood Christmas Party. This last spring, Debbie has graduated from high school and both Bob and Deb hope this tradition will not be broken.

This tradition has meant so much to the entire Katen and MacKinnon families that they would like everyone to try this idea this year at Christmas or any other special occasion within your lodge. Who knows, besides having great memories to share, your lodge may even acquire new members!

Have You Seen This Child?



Laureen Ann Rahn

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: 4-3-66
 AGE: 20
 DATE MISSING: 4-27-80
 FROM: Manchester, New Hampshire
 HEIGHT: 5'4''
 WEIGHT: 90 lbs.
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