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President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

In the past few issues of the American Dane, considerable attention has been aimed towards the National Convention to be held on September 24-26, 1987, in Des Moines, Iowa. I, personally, am anxiously awaiting this event and know many others join in this anticipation. One topic which is sure to draw a large discussion is the same topic which was given much consideration at the last convention and has been discussed by many local lodge members even prior to that time — alternate funding. One of the main reasons this topic has been given so much thought is because many feel the insurance requirement, our present funding vehicle, is hindering efforts to gain new members, which is one of the most important factors in remaining a viable organization. Since no action can be taken regarding alternate funding until the national convention and since we have no idea what the outcome will be, we cannot stand idly by waiting until a decision has been reached, hoping that decision will solve all our membership problems. We need to start working **now** to get those new members.

As President of the Danish Brotherhood, I am offered the opportunity to visit many lodges and districts all across the country. Because of this, I have witnessed many successful lodges and, unfortunately, witnessed lodges which seemed to be dying. I have noticed one huge difference between these two types of lodges. That difference is the programs and activities offered to their members. Lodges which conduct fun and interesting activities for members of all ages do not seem to face the difficulties of increasing membership as the others do. It appears, then, that one of the answers to the problem of increasing membership is to offer fun and interesting activities to members of all ages. If so, then why aren't all lodges conducting attractive activities? I have heard several excuses when this question has been raised. The most popular seems to be that none of the members are willing to take the initiative to plan fun activities. It is very hard for me to imagine that no one in your lodge cares deeply enough for the Danish Brotherhood to take this initiative. Surely, someone wants to see your lodge grow and prosper. Someone must want to guarantee that their Danish heritage lives on for generations to come. Someone must want traditions which were taught to them through the Danish Brotherhood to be continued. Is that someone you?

If the objectives of the Danish Brotherhood are important enough to you, won't you be the one willing to initiate activities which will ensure future growth for your lodge? If you get the ball rolling and begin to conduct appealing activities, others will soon notice your results and join forces with you. I realize that to reverse a declining trend will take a substantial amount of hard work and dedication, but it's not impossible if you set the wheels in motion.

Please remember that you are not alone in your attempts to revitalize your lodge. Our home office staff stands ready, willing and able to support you. They can be counted on to make suggestions and offer assistance anytime, but they need to know who wants their help. Also, you may want to contact someone in your district for their assistance. Ask members in your district what activities are offered in their lodge and which are the most successful. As you begin to implement these suggestions, if you run into any problems ask your fellow district members if they have faced the same problems and how they were solved. Contact the home office to find out if they know a lodge which may be very similar to your lodge and the problems they faced and solved.

The Danish Brotherhood in America is only what individual members want it to be. With a considerable amount of effort, hard work, and dedication of members like yourself, our society will become a prosperous, growing organization with great accomplishments.

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The Danish Heritage and Grand View College

by Wilber Williamson

(Thorvald Hansen's book, "We Laid Foundation Here . . . The Early History of Grand View College," has been used as source material for this article.)



Grand View College Library as it stands today. Photo courtesy of Grand View College Development Office.

A schism in the Danish Church in 1893, because of conflicting views of scripture and scriptural interpretation, resulted in the division of the Danish congregations in America into two synods. One of the synods was often referred to as the Blair Synod because its headquarters, Trinity Seminary, and Dana College were located in Blair, Nebraska.

The other synod, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, developed plans in 1894 to build a seminary for training its pastors, and a school for providing an educational opportunity for its youth. Grand View College was on the way to becoming a reality. The decision to locate the school in Des Moines, Iowa was partially the result of the efforts of a real estate development firm headed by Mr. D. H. Kooker. He was promoting the development of the Grand View Addition in the northeastern section of the city. In a contract with the Danish Church, Mr. Kooker deeded certain lots in this addition to the church. Some of these lots would provide the site for the building of the school. Other lots would be sold to provide some of the finances needed to pay for the building. Other financial funds for the project were the result of many direct gifts from congrega-

tions, ladies aid societies, individuals with Danish-American background, and members of the Des Moines business community.

The architectural plans for the building that has come to be known as Old Main called for its erection in three different stages. Thorvald Hansen describes the building plans of the first stage as follows:

"The east wing, to be erected first, was to be a brick building and constructed in such a way that a west wing and center section might be added. It was to have a basement which would contain a dining room and kitchen, the necessary supply rooms, space for a heating plant, and a room which might be called, quite literally, a bath room. Toilet facilities were to be of the outdoor variety. The first floor was to be occupied by four classrooms, a reading room, and an office for the president. On the second floor there were to be twelve rooms. Nine of these were to be student rooms with two students in each. Two of the rooms were to be set aside for unmarried teachers and one for a library. The third floor was, for the present, to remain unfinished. The two long hallway partitions would be installed, but the partitions

for the individual rooms would be left out until needed. These, when put in place, would provide six more rooms, each capable of accommodating four students. Thus the potential capacity of the east wing would be forty-two students as compared to the twenty students that the original plan had centered on... Heating was to be supplied by a boiler in the basement, though this was not to be installed until the school was ready to open. There were, of course, neither electric nor gas fixtures. Illumination was to be provided by kerosene lamps. It was not until 1910 that the building was wired for electricity. A large tank in the attic, which could be filled by a force pump, would make it possible to pipe running water to the most necessary areas."

It is interesting to note that according to the contract for the construction of the east wing the cost would be \$4,962.00. The building was completed in 1895; but it wasn't until August, 1896, that the school was ready to open under the guidance of an interim president, Rev. N. P. Gravengaard. With a cost for tuition, board, and room set at \$15.00 a month, one full time student, Niels Jul Mikkelsen, enrolled for the fall term. The winter term attracted 34 students and they paid a total of just under \$1,000.00. This sizable enrollment gave a fresh stimulus to the school, and it removed any lingering doubts that the school was necessary.

Enrollment was such during the second year of the school's existence that it was obvious that the east wing was too small. So plans for the construction of a west wing for a cost of about \$8,000.00 were implemented, and construction was started in October, 1898. At this very time, the Danish Brotherhood was holding its annual convention in Des Moines. The Brotherhood was not connected with the Church. Indeed, many of its members had little, if any, interest in the Church. On October sixth, however, a delegation of about one hundred men from the

Brotherhood convention visited the school and looked over its premises. A talk was given by Pastor Kjolhede in which he pointed out to the assembled guests what the Church was trying to accomplish through this school, and he reminded them that if Danish life and culture were to be preserved in the new world it would call for the concerted efforts of all Danes in America. This talk was well received, so well in fact that on the following Sunday, completely on their own initiative, a sizable delegation from the Brotherhood convention again visited the school. This time they came to present a gift of \$108.00, which they had gathered among themselves, to be added to the building fund. President Vestergaard, in giving an account of the incident, wrote that he was impressed with the desire of the Brotherhood to share in a common Danish effort. He also was of the opinion that the Brotherhood members had gained a good impression of Grand View.

The west wing was to be exactly like the existing building, with the exception, of course, that the stair tower was to be at the west rather than the east end of the building. The gables and peaks were to be in the same Danish renaissance style, and red brick was to be used with yellow brick serving for trim. A space of thirty-two feet was to be left vacant in the center so that a third stage of the building, the section connecting the two wings could be erected here.

The central section that connected the east and west wings was completed in the fall of 1904. The building known as Old Main was virtually complete except for an addition to the east wing after a fire had caused considerable damage to the building in 1929.

As Grand View College evolved from its earlier meager beginnings the institution that it is today, much credit can be given to the dedication and common devotion of the individual and

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collective leadership of the School. The list of names of the presidents of Grand View reads like a page out of a Danish **Who's Who**.

Many of these leaders are familiar names to the reader. N.P. Gravengaard, R. R. Vestergaard, B. Nordentoft, E. Wagner, T. Knudsen, C. P. Hojbjerg, S. D. Rodholm, C. Arild Olsen, A. C. Nielsen, Johannes Knudsen, Ernest D. Nielsen have all served as presidents of Grand View.

Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, who was president from 1952 until he reached mandatory retirement age in 1972, made the most of opportunities for growth and expansion of the College, and was able in many ways, to contribute to the fact that today the college stands in the mainstream of American education. Dr. Nielsen was born in Denmark and received his early education there. He pursued his higher education here in America and received a doctorate degree from the University of Chicago. His tenure at Grand View, 20 years, has been almost twice as long as that of any other individual who held the presidency.

Karl F. Langrock succeeded to the presidency of Grand View College in 1972, and has held that position to the present time. He, along with the administration and faculty, is committed to

the historical tradition of Grand View College which has its roots in the educational and religious ideals of N.F.S. Grundtvig and the experience of the Scandinavian folk school.

Today the Grand View College campus consists of thirteen buildings located on 25 acres, and a new building for the Communication Department will be completed by the fall of 1987. The current enrollment is 1250 students; the college faculty numbers 102; the administrative and support staff total 78. Today Grand View offers baccalaureate degrees in 22 different areas and is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

President Langrock and Grand View College extend the warmest of invitations to all who will be attending the National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood in September, 1987, to visit the campus and meet some of the people whose careers are dedicated to Grand View. Like the members of the Danish Brotherhood Convention in 1898 in Des Moines, we hope that many of you will accept the invitation to see at first hand the school that has its roots and traditions in the Danish cultural and religious heritage. This invitation comes from the heart of the heartland.

The Viking Heritage of Denmark

by Douglas D. Sorenson

Take a trip through Denmark and you'll see evidence everywhere of the Viking background of the Danes.

In the 1980s, a thousand years after the Viking Era (800-1050 A.D.), Danes have suddenly become aware and proud of their Viking heritage. Throughout history the Vikings have been portrayed as fierce, bloodthirsty warriors whose main occupation was pillaging and terrorizing the cities and kingdoms of Europe. While much of that image is true, historians have now become aware of the great positive influence of this era on modern Denmark. The new image of the Viking is that of a clever businessman, skilled craftsman, courageous seaman, boat builder, trader, and colonizer.

The symbolic Viking with helmet, shield, and spear is only superficial. The real heritage of the Vikings is seen in many other ways which may attract the tourist or excite the Viking history buff.

—**Viking towns.** Important Viking cities were Viborg, Aarhus, Odense, Ribe, Aalborg, and Roskilde. Near Schlesvig on the Danish-German border can be found the remnants of the important Viking trade center, Hedeby, and the fortifications or "Danevirk" that protected Denmark's southern border. Viking town remains can also be found at Lejre, Hobro, and other places in Denmark.

—**Viking museums.** Most famous and complete is the National Museum in Copenhagen, which contains artifacts from all over Denmark. The Viking Ship Museum at Roskilde displays five ships that were sunk in the Roskilde Fjord 900 years ago. Preserved or reconstructed, they now furnish the best examples of Viking shipbuilding. At Aarhus the Moesgard Prehistoric Museum has established a Viking museum beneath the center of the city where the old Viking town existed in 1000 A.D. Remnants of the fort and streets are still in place. The Historical Museum in Aalborg includes Arabic coin collections and other artifacts that confirm the travels of the Vikings into the eastern Mediterranean area. The museum at Hobro displays findings from the nearby fort at Fyrkat.

—**Viking forts.** Four of these formed a protective ring around Denmark, and their remains can be visited today. They are Trelleborg in Zealand, Fyrkat and Aggersborg in Jutland, and Nonnebakken in Funen.

—**Runic stones.** These are monuments and gravestones that carry some of the earliest preserved Danish writing. The most famous are the Jelling Runic Stones near Velje in Jutland, erected to the memory of the Viking king, Gorm, and his wife, Thyra.

—**Viking cemeteries.** One of the largest Viking burial sites, containing 700 graves, is at Lindholm Hoje, north of Aalborg. Other burial grounds are at Braband, Brandstrup, and Horning.

—**Viking celebrations.** Numerous towns in Denmark present open-air Viking plays in summer. Two such places are Fredrikssund in Zealand and Jels in Jutland.

—**British-Danish relations.** One of the most subtle gifts of the Vikings is the strong commercial and cultural relationship between Denmark and England. Dublin and London were raided by the Vikings for more than 100 years, and this left a strong Danish influence that remains today. The final result was the conquest of England, which was ruled by Danish kings from 1016-1042 A.D. Seat of the government was York, and that part of England still has cities and families that carry old Scandinavian names. After Denmark relinquished rule of England, trade continued and grew. Today the two countries are strong trade partners and maintain strong cultural ties.

—**Modern Viking designs.** Viking designs have become a popular theme for jewelry, dishes, home furnishings and decorations. Ancient coins, beads, rings, bowls, and weapons are copied in modern designs.

So it is with pride that Denmark now displays its ancient Viking heritage. The fierce warrior temperament of the Viking ancestors may be gone, but the adventure-seeking, business acumen, craftsmanship, and organizational skills of the Vikings remain.

The Laughing Princess

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time there was a princess who would not cry.

She laughed at everything she saw and heard.

Her parents were worried, to say the least. They put up notices in and around the kingdom asking that if anyone could make the princess cry, he or she would be rewarded with 500 gold coins. The parents added, "Without doing our daughter harm."

Sages came from all over the kingdom to see if their wisdom could change the princess and break the spell that she was under.

One wise man suggested that all of her dolls be taken away from her, one by one. But all the princess could do was laugh and say, "It's about time. I'm too old for dolls anyway."

And she continued to laugh far into the night.

The poor Queen was so upset, she cuddled her daughter in her arms until she finally fell asleep with a smile on her pink lips.

The next day, another wise man offered to cure the princess.

He made ugly faces, pulling his skin in different

directions and then making the most hideous sounds that frightened even the King.

"Leave me alone with the princess," said the wise man. "I will not hurt her, but I will make her cry."

The Queen reluctantly waited outside the door. She shuddered with fear, hearing sounds that came from within the chambers. The noises were so horrible that the Queen burst into the room only to see her daughter reeling in laughter.

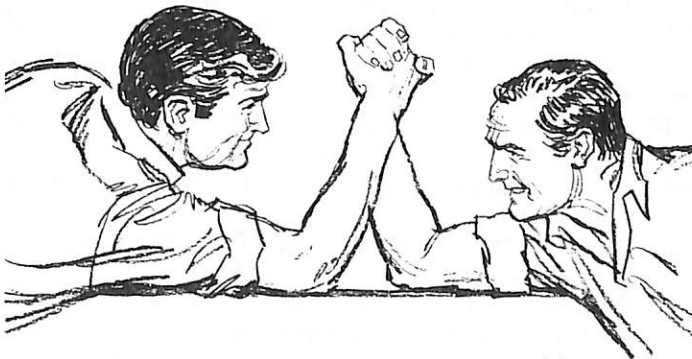
The so-called wise man, whose face was red from all of the contortions he made trying to make the princess cry, shook his head from side to side and quickly left the castle.

The princess ran over to her mother and said, "He was the funniest man I ever saw. Will he come back again?"

The Queen bit her lip and thought that her daughter would never be rid of this evil spell.

The next morning, another wise man appeared. "I have the answer," he said, smugly. "I know the princess loves her flower garden. I will remove all

It's A Tie!



Howard Kjellsen of Lodge No. 345 in Orange County, California, and Harry Mikkelsen of Lodge No. 294 in Barre, Vermont, have both been declared "Recommender of the Month" twice and have both sponsored six new members to tie for first place in the membership contest, "It's Better to Give Than to Receive." The deadline has been extended for Mr. Kjellsen and Mr. Mikkelsen only. Keep watching to see who is declared "Recommender of the YEAR" and awarded \$300.00 to be given to a charity of their choice.



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of the roses, tulips, and buttercups in the garden. She will cry. . . you'll see."

The King and Queen hurriedly led the princess outdoors.

She stood in the huge garden as the wise man yanked and pulled all of the lovely flowers from the ground. Soon it was empty of any shrubs.

The kingdom was silent as the princess looked all around.

Then she burst into the giggles.

The wise man, covered with greenery — some sticking out of his hair and clothes, ran from the garden, leaving the princess roaring with laughter.

As the princess slowly calmed down, she said, "Now I can plant sunflowers, daffodils and snapdragons. I was bored with the other flowers." And she laughed and laughed and laughed.

The Queen and King were beside themselves. The princess was getting worse by the day and they began to fear that nothing and no one could undo the spell.

Meanwhile, a prince who happened to follow a trail that led to the kingdom saw the notice about the princess' dilemma. He smiled to himself and continued to gallop his horse up the mountain where the magnificent palace stood.

He approached the guards and told them that he had an idea that would make the princess weep without harming her.

Quickly, the prince was escorted to the royal chambers where the Queen and King were both pacing back and forth trying to figure out what to do about their daughter.

The prince introduced himself to the weary couple who gladly welcomed him to the palace, but had much doubt as to his being able to help the princess.

Nevertheless, they felt that they had nothing to lose (as long as the prince did not hurt their daughter) and led him to her apartment, where laughter was heard from behind the closed door.

"Please," begged the Queen. "See what you can

do. You are our last hope!"

The prince went inside the room and within minutes the Queen and King heard sobbing.

They rushed in and clasped the princess in their arms.

"She's crying at last," they said. "How did you do it?"

The prince smiled. "Simple," he replied. "I just had her peel an onion."

With tears streaming down her face, the princess was led by the Queen and King to the courtyard where everyone saw that she was cured at last and the spell was broken.

The prince refused the gold coins, but he asked the royal couple if he could return again to become more acquainted with the princess.

The grateful parents invited the young prince to visit their daughter whenever he wished; and some years later he married the princess whereupon the two lived with happiness and some tears ever after.

The Howard E. Christensen Award

The Howard E. Christensen Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1987 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the award winner must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Nomination forms, along with guidelines and procedures have been forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to securing at least one nomination form from every lodge by the new deadline of **February 15, 1987**.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — At our December 3 meeting, the following candidates were elected as officers of our lodge for 1987: Frank Poulson, Past President; Gerald Jensen, President; Bente Noble, Vice President; Martin Rasmussen, Secretary; Kristen Jorgensen, Treasurer; Edith Andersen, Financial Secretary; Craig Emmick, Conductor; Frank Larsen, Chairman of Trustees; Greg Hansen, 2nd Trustee; Mel Hollister, 3rd Trustee; Gary Bang, Guard.

Also at our December 3 meeting, our Danish Vice Consul, Martin Metzou, announced that this coming spring, April 23, 24 and 25, the Danish Copenhagen Boys Choir will be coming to Seattle. A concert will be given. There will be about 50 people in the group, and accommodations will be needed. The group will tour the West Coast to San Diego, and also go inland to Sacramento and Sun City, Arizona. They will be back in Seattle about May 12 to depart for Denmark.

If you missed being at the "Julefest" at the Nordic Museum on Sunday, November 23, you missed something special. Our Danish "Happy Singers" treated everyone to a series of Danish Christmas carols. They were really good and should sing for us more often.

Mel Hollister is honoring the memory of his father-in-law, Sam Frederiksen. For many years when Sam was alive, he saw to it that all our shut-in brothers were remembered at Christmas. Mel Hollister will try to uphold this tradition with the assistance of some other brothers. Please offer to help if he calls you.

The beautiful new American flag in our lodge was given to the lodge by Craig and Gayle Emmick in memory of Gayle's grandfather, Sam Frederiksen, whose memory will live with us for many years. Thank you Craig and Gayle!

Gary Bang has suggested that a Transportation Committee be formed for members who are unable to attend meetings or other programs for lack of transportation. Gary says he is willing to serve as one on the committee. Let's follow this suggestion

The best idea for February goes to Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA. See page 17 for details.

and we will have a larger attendance at our meetings.

A special thank you to Greta Pedersen who again this year hosted the planning committee for the "Lille Juleaften" service. This service is sponsored by all the Danish organizations in Seattle and the "Harmonien" Club is designated as the steering committee. This Christmas service has become very popular over the years.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — We had a busy year last year. We are planning our Fastelavn for February 21 with our dinner of Danish sandwiches and "knocking the cat out of the barrel." We will have a float in the Fourth of July parade in Enumclaw on July 4th.

We rewired our hall last year and took four young men into our membership for which we are most pleased. We sold vegetables from Einar Bruhn's garden at the bazaar in November put on by the Sisterhood lodge. **Howard E. Abbott, Treas.**

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The December 3 meeting was called to order by Vice President, Gert Jensen, with 32 members present. Four new members were present for initiation. Welcome to Jan Sorensen, Loretta Archletta, Alice Hazlett, and Rowena Epps.

Jens Jensen introduced guests Pat and Kim Anderson. Kim's father is a member of a DBIA lodge in Vermont. She shared a few happenings going on in her dad's lodge.

Karlene Thorkildsen reported on the Fall Fling. A great time was had by all who attended. There was a deficit of \$189.97, but there was \$80 worth of beer and wine left over to be used at picnics and other events.

The following slate of officers was elected to serve in 1987: Past President, Stig Hansen; President, Asbjorn Fisker;



Newly elected officers are ready for an exciting year.

Vice President, Don Thorkildsen; Secretary, Sylvia Hurst; Treasurer, Larry West; 1st Trustee, Jan Hansen; 2nd Trustee, George Larsen; 3rd Trustee, Debbie Turner; Conductor, Norman Powell; Inner Guard, Karlene Thorkildsen; and Outer Guard, Jan Christensen.

Ed Hirsch related that Mag Esrom had been in a car accident. Ed brought up for discussion that years ago the lodge sent gifts on special occasions to members, but the practice has been given up. Ed related all that Mag has done for the lodge. It was decided to send Mag and Margaret a fruit basket and a poinsettia as a special tribute to Mag.

Our lodge and the Sisterhood lodge were hosts for a reception given in honor of long time members of both lodges. The reception was held at Nendels Inn on October 12, 1986. After refreshments and visiting, congratulations were given to each of the long time members along with their respective pins for 25 years, 35 years, 40 years and 50 years of membership.

Dancing to the Kaare Nielsen Trio rounded off a very pleasant Sunday afternoon. We hope the long time members enjoyed themselves.

Joanne Kantor, Past Sec.

YOUNG VIKINGS

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Mark your calendars now to join us for our fifth annual trip to Snow Bunny Lodge for a day of fun and sledding. The date is Sunday, February 8, 1987.

We meet at the lodge which is located just past Timberline Lodge on Hwy. 26. Our group will have a big room and kitchen reserved from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each family should bring a picnic lunch to add to

the potluck. There is a stove and oven for warming food. Coffee and cocoa will be provided.

Sledding is done on innertubes which can be rented by the hour or the day, and a snow-park permit is required. These are available at the lodge. Bring extra clothes in case you get wet. All members are welcome to join us.

Call Kris Roley, Young Viking Advisor, for more information.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — We had 63 members present at our December General Meeting. The election of officers took place with the following results: Past President, Karl Kristensen; President, Peter Praegel; Vice President, Jens P. Vestergaard; Secretary, Peter M. Jensen; Treasurer, Herluf Pedersen; 1st Trustee, Jorgen Schroder; 2nd Trustee, Aksel Johannsen; 3rd Trustee, Jorgen Larsen; Conductor, Conny Vinther; Inner Guard, Karl Madsen; Outer Guard, Ole Damsgaard; 1st Alternate, Julius Nicolaisen; and 2nd Alternate, Uwe Bruhn.

A thanks was given to Mogens Mogensen for conducting the General Meeting in a proper fashion.

A letter was read from the Home Office stating that our newsletter has received the 1986 President's Award for Best Newsletter along with Lodge No. 345, Orange County, California.

We have been very busy in the last year. We have installed 24 new members into our lodge. But, as you all know, one of our oldest members, Olaf Borsholt, passed away. As of present, this brings our membership to 147 in our lodge. Our new young members have been showing their support by attending our monthly meetings, which now are attended by an average of 50 members per meeting.

One thing that has been discussed for the last year was our membership list. We have now had it printed and Peter Jensen, our secretary, has looked after it.

One of the reasons for the involvement of the new young members is the sports activities within the last year. We had a team entered in the Chinese Dragon Boat Race, and we should all be proud of our accomplishment. We did not know that the Danish Brotherhood was so popular that we had our picture published in the Vancouver Expo '86 Book.

Within soccer, we have had a team playing in the Over 30 League; and at the moment, we also have a team playing in the Over 40 League. With all of the sports in which we participate, we have estab-

lished a Sports Committee with Keld Christensen as Chairman.

At the moment, it seems that it is going to be another busy year in 1987. The Chinese Dragon Boat Race is being continued, and we hope to have another great team. Soccer is going to continue also. We have an invitation from Seattle Lodge No. 29 for a golf tournament and also some of our Brothers have been talking about a Fish Derby (within the Brotherhood). So a big hand for the Sports Committee.

Also last year, we had the Pacific Northwest District Convention here in Vancouver. There were delegates from the different lodges. Many of our lodge Brothers were also participating in the different activities at the convention. We now have two of our Brothers on the District Board of Directors. They are Jens Peter Vestergaard and Alvin Paquette. Thanks to the committee for a good job done.

Our Social Committee has had a successful year in entertaining. Our Harvest Party was again this year a great success with 210 people attending, including 45 people from Seattle. Again this year, the committee arranged for Rødspaetter to be airlifted in from Denmark. Another big hand to the Social Committee.

I would also like to thank all of the Brothers for a great year, and hope that the next year will also be as productive.

Peter Praegel, Pres.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — Fire destroyed a local St. Vincent dePaul second-hand store, including 1½ tons of canned food collected for 500 Christmas baskets for the needy just five days before our December meeting. So, one person on each page of our lodge directory called on their page which resulted in 8 boxes of food donated to the Eugene Mission who feed and shelter so many at this time of year. During the coffee hour a bottle of fine whiskey, donated by Bernice and Otto Jensen was raffled and added \$29 to the St. Vincent donation. These Danes are big-hearted!

Fifty-five members and guests were present at the meeting December 11, including all officers. The slate of officers for 1987 were elected as presented by the nominating committee. A big thank-you to Walter Reinhard and his committee for a difficult job, well done.

Martin Taekker reported an additional \$35 earned from sale of excess Brunch food supplies. A \$25 gift certificate was given to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Jacobsen for their generosity for letting us use their Daneland Mobile Home Park Recreation

Building for our annual Brunch. A special thanks to Poul Olesen and Svend Toftemark for getting a new copy machine on which Lois Toftemark prints our newsletter. It cut the bill for printing and mailing in half.

During the coffee time, Mary and Scott Stefansen and their committee presented the Scandia Laerkering Dancers from Junction City in a program of Danish dances. Coffee, hot cider, julekage and wienerbrød were served to all including the dancers who had entertained us with such skill and grace.

The Christmas party was a special time for many as the whole family joined in the fun. The evening started out with Bob Nelson reading the story of Christ's birth from the Bible and Marion Nelson read a Christmas story. Then came the traditional carols in Danish and English and dancing around the tree. After Santa had distributed treats to 30 children, the group adjourned to the dining area for risalamonde with cherry sauce, cookies and coffee. To finish off the evening, Fleming Pedersen read Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Match Girl" first in English and then in Danish. Fifty-two adults joined 30 children in a truly enjoyable evening. Marlyn and Allen Nyegaard and Anita and Victor Lyngaard did a fine job of arranging details for the evening. **Verna Lyng, Cor.**

CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The Danish Brotherhood wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of Brother Benjamin Hansen who had been a member for over 50 years. Ben is survived by his wife, Carolyn, two brothers and a sister, a daughter, three grandchildren, and two great granddaughters.

The new officers for 1987 are as follows: Past President, Anne Kofod; President, Bill Christensen; Vice President, Doris Christensen; Secretary, Betty Seale; Financial Secretary, Harold Mathaisen; Treasurer, Owen Miller; Conductor, Sofie Christoffersen; Chairman of Trustees, Lars Westerskov; Trustee, Madell Pedersen; and Trustee, Roy Christoffersen. We wish the new board a good year. This will be one of my last submissions to the American Dane because Anne Kofod will also have a new title of Editor and will be writing the newsletters and articles. I want to thank all the other lodges for all the newsletters I have received the last couple of years. I have read them all and gotten some good ideas and enjoyed hearing from all parts of

The Danish Language Village *affiliated with*

International Language Villages, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota

SKOVSDØEN '87



Danish villagers in native costume with the "Little Mermaid"

Skovsøen, Danish Language Village, is looking forward to its sixth session in August 1987. Skovsøen is an integral part of the extensive, long-standing (27 years) and distinguished program of the International Language Villages of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. This program is built on an innovative and exciting approach to language learning through everyday use.

What is Skovsøen like? Skovsøen is special! This summer village experience is like a visit to Denmark. Arriving at the village, you'll be greeted by customs inspectors, your American money will be exchanged for Danish money and you will choose your own Danish name. Each day you will hear Danish spoken, and with the help of trained language instructors and other staff members, you'll start learning to understand and to speak Danish yourself — even if you've had no Danish language experience before.

You will learn Danish songs, crafts, sports, folk dances, and customs. You will eat Danish foods, and you'll have opportunities to learn about Danish traditions, such as the Christmas celebration, the Mid-summer festival and the rich heritage your parents, grandparents or great-grandparents experienced in Denmark.

Skovsøen includes all of the enjoyable activities you would expect to find at a northern Minnesota lakeshore camp for young people — swimming, canoeing, hiking, volleyball, soccer, singing and campfires. You will share a cabin with other villagers of the same sex and similar age and with cabin counselors.

Skovsøen is for young people ages 8 through 17 who are interested in Denmark, Danish language and Danish culture. The program is open to any student regardless of race, creed, sex or national origin.

VELKOMMEN TIL SKOVSOEN

- Where:** The Danish Village will be held at Camp Emmaus on Morgan Lake, about one and one-half miles northeast of Menahga, Minnesota, which is approximately 12 miles south of Park Rapids, Minnesota, on Highway 71.
- When:** August 10-22, 1987
- For whom:** Ages 8-17
- Costs:** \$445* for the two-week session, which includes tuition, food, lodging, insurance and instruction. Villagers must provide their own bedding, clothing, towels and toilet articles. Villagers may bring spending money, which will be changed into Danish currency, for purchases at Skovsøen's store.
A deposit of \$75 (\$25 non-refundable) is required with each application.
- Transportation:** Villagers must pay transportation costs to and from the Village. Chartered coaches will be available from Minneapolis-St. Paul and from Moorhead. Further information will be sent to you later upon submitting your application.
- Cancellation Policy:** Should a reservation need to be canceled, full refund less the \$25 non-refundable deposit will be made until July 15, 1987.

*See III under Scholarships Available.

Scholarships Available

There are three (3) different scholarship programs for attendance at the Danish Language Village in 1987 described below:

The criterion for receiving a scholarship is interest in learning the Danish language, culture and heritage. Scholarships are not awarded on the basis of financial need and are available to anyone regardless of race, creed, sex or national origin. All scholarships will be acted upon in the order of postmarking. The details of each program are given below.

I. Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota

1. Anyone may apply. A limited number of scholarships will be granted in amounts of \$125 each.
2. You and your parents must complete and sign the attached application form.
3. Make a \$75 check out to Skovsøen and send application plus deposit check to:
Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc.
c/o Danish-American Center
4200 Cedar Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Deadline for scholarship application is May 1, 1987.

4. The final payment is due July 15 and should be sent to the above address.
5. This is the only form necessary for enrolling. Please **do not** send another application to the International Language Village Office at Concordia. We will send a copy of this application to them. After that, you will receive appropriate mailings and information from the Language Village Office at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota.

II. Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge Scholarships

1. Members, children of members or grandchildren of members of Danish Brotherhood in America may apply. Application deadline is June 1, 1987.
2. You and your parents must complete and sign the attached application form.
3. Submit the completed application and your letter describing why you would like to attend Skovsøen to your Danish Brotherhood lodge secretary.
4. If your Danish Brotherhood lodge awards you a \$100 scholarship, the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters will match that amount for a total scholarship of \$200.
5. Checks should be made payable to Skovsøen and sent to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131 by the lodge secretary along with your completed application. **Do not** send another application to Concordia.
6. The final payment is due July 15, and should be made directly to Skovsøen and forwarded to Skovsøen at 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407
7. Skovsøen Inc. and Danish Brotherhood in America scholarships are mutually exclusive therefore if you receive one you will **not** receive another.

III. International Language Village Scholarships

In addition to the above two scholarship programs there will be an additional scholarship to Skovsøen Danish Language Village given by the International Language Villages of Concordia College in the amount of \$20 per villager. This will be in **addition** to any other scholarship you may receive. However you must **follow the instructions** under I or II above explicitly to qualify.

IV. Important

Since this year Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc. (more fully described on the back page hereof) has been requested by International Language Villages of Concordia to coordinate **all** Danish Language applicants' scholarships and tuition payments, it is essential the following steps be taken.

1. The specially printed Danish Village application (attached next page) must be used. **Do not** use the International Language Villages general application form appearing as an insert in the general International Language Villages bulletin issued by Concordia.
2. Process your application and money payment through either Skovsøen in Minneapolis or through the Danish Brotherhood in America in Omaha. **Do not** send your money or application directly to Concordia. All checks should be made payable simply to "Skovsøen."
3. Failure to process your money and application through the above methods will result in your by-passing the scholarship process and **no** scholarship will be granted.
4. The only payment which will be sent to the International Language Villages, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 56560, will be payments for transportation. All requests for transportation **must** be made to the International Language Village office.

SKOVSOEN APPLICATION FORM 1987

Concordia College Danish Language Village

I. VILLAGE SESSION:

Danish 1

August 10-22, 1987

Session No. and language

Dates

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name _____ Sex: M F Birth date _____ Age _____ Grade attended _____
First Middle Last Month Day Year '86-'87

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

* Home Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home telephone () _____

Father's occupation _____ Work telephone () _____

Mother's occupation _____ Work telephone () _____

Send bills/receipts to _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Name of school _____

Address of school _____
Street City State Zip

Unless otherwise requested, all mailings will be sent to your home address.

III. LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

Have you ever attended the Danish Language Village before? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, which years? _____ Which color level did you complete? _____

Have you attended any of the other Concordia Language Villages? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, give language(s) and years _____ '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 '83 '84 '85 '86

Foreign language studied in school, if any _____ Amount of instruction (1/2 year, 1 year, etc.) _____

Name of language teacher, or other interested teacher _____

Have you studied Danish elsewhere? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, how many years _____ Where did you study? _____

Have you ever been to Denmark? _____ Residence abroad? _____ Where? _____ Years _____

Is Danish spoken in your home? _____ Quite a bit _____ Not too much _____ Not at all

IV. SKOVSOEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (If you are granted a scholarship through your Danish Brotherhood, you will not be granted one through Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc., Minneapolis)

I hereby apply for a scholarship to the Skovsøen Danish Language Village:

Name _____ Parents' or guardian's name _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Applicant's age _____ Sex _____ Address _____
Number Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you the recipient of any other scholarship? _____ If so, how much _____

And from whom _____

Please make checks out to Skovsøen and **SEND** application plus deposit either to:

Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc.
 c/o Danish-American Center
 4200 Cedar Ave.
 Minneapolis, MN 55407

OR to your **Danish Brotherhood** lodge secretary who in turn will mail it along with the lodge's scholarship check to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131

Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc.



*Danish smørrebrød
(open-faced sandwiches)*

This is a Minnesota nonprofit, tax-exempt, tax-deductible corporation organized as a support group separate and distinct from the Village itself. It headquarters out of the Danish American Center at 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407 and is a progeny of the Danish American Fellowship of Minnesota, an umbrella organization of various Danish interest groups.

Skovsøen Inc. in its support activities seeks funds for scholarships, grants scholarships, promotes the Village and villagers, aids in seeking counsellors and staff, assists in providing materials for projects for use at the Village and this year has been requested by the International Language Villages to coordinate all Skovsøen Village applications, scholarships and tuition payments. Skovsøen Inc. has no employees or paid solicitors and all officers and directors are volunteers. All contributions to it are tax deductible for those who itemize.

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SKOVSDØEN

PLACE
STAMP
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Know an interested youth? Simply
cover this with his or her address,
add a stamp, fold and mail.

the country. Thank you. I will remain lodge secretary and handle any correspondence and statistics.

The annual Fish Dinner and Bingo will be held Friday, February 20 at the Alamo. Mark your calendars. **Those members who have attended eight out of twelve meetings will receive a free dinner. Those of you who are not sure, please call Harold Mathiasen to see if you qualify.** Betty Seale, Sec.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — As we enter 1987, we would like to share with you the events of a busy 1986 fall and winter.

In November we shared a potluck dinner with our local Sisterhood lodge. Happy hour was held preceding the potluck and, of course, we enjoyed a variety of delicious food prepared by the Sisters for the dinner. Following the meal, we enjoyed viewing slides of Denmark shown by Brother Bob Larsen, accompanied by Brother Norman Christensen and his wife Beverly.

December found us enjoying our annual Christmas party at Cinnabar School, complete with a visit from Santa Claus who brought gifts to all the good boys and girls who were present. Christmas readings were given by Cay Jensen and Joyce Miller, and we sang Christmas carols and danced around the Christmas tree. This tree was decorated by members of the Sisterhood Past President's Club and was donated by Brother Bob Larsen and his wife Marilyn of Larsen's Tree Farm.

In February the new officers will meet to make activity plans for 1987. Please watch the American Dane for the program which will result from this meeting.

Several of us have attended functions held by other lodges in the state. Golden Gate Lodge No. 49 of San Francisco held an anniversary dinner in San Mateo, and Valley Lodge of Modesto celebrated its 40th anniversary with a dinner at Hotel Westley in the town of Westley. Good fellowship was enjoyed, and many memories shared by good friends.

We wish to extend greetings for a Happy New Year to all Brothers.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our traditional Christmas dinner took place on December 10, with the ladies being invited. In charge of the dinner was a great team: Peter Weber, who with his big ovens, has the facilities to prepare the famous Danish "Flaeskesteg" with "Sproed Svae" to perfection. He also has the equipment to make large portions of whipped cream. This combined with Jorgen Hansen's expertise in preparing the just as famous Danish glazed potatoes, red cabbage and "aebleskage" made the dinner a complete hit.

Entertainment was provided by Suzane Hollrah and Gene Madsen and all joined in singing of Christmas carols and songs.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Our installation of officers was held on Friday, January 9, at the Redd Fox together with the Sisterhood lodge. Good luck to the following officers for 1987: Past President, Gail Perkins; President, Karen Suda; Vice President, Heidi Jensen; Secretary, Lillian Suda; Conductor, Hans T. Jensen; Trustees, Tammy Mackner, Asker Becker, and Gaston Lokvig; Inner Guard, Carl Henriksen; and Treasurer, David Suda.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Our Christmas party was a great success. Close to 70 members and friends enjoyed the good home-cooked food, the visit from Santa, the exchange of gifts, dancing around the Christmas tree and the sing-a-long of all the familiar songs. The Board of Officers wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all who helped so willingly to make the party a success. The membership did a wonderful job, cooking a traditional Danish dinner; everything from Glogg to roast pork with all the trimmings, to the final touch — a genuine Danish applecake. Thanks to the members who so willingly gave of their time and efforts to put on a "real" Danish Christmas dinner.

Newly elected officers for 1987 are as follows: Past President, Kate Krake; President, Richard Rowse; Vice President, John Kristensen; Secretary, Frank Jepsen; Treasurer, Inger Dix; Trustees, Chairman, Jens Andersen; 2nd Trustee, Bea Jepsen;

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
11-15-86	Lilly T. Thompson	56	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1978
10-28-86	George M. Christensen	76	Pocatello, Idaho	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1936
11-3-86	Evald A. Jorgensen	71	Ruthon, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1949
12-3-86	Hilmar J. Schmidt	65	Cedar Falls, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1961
11-27-86	Jens H. Mahler	77	Denmark	184	Hayward, California	1937
12-15-86	Acineth L. Jorgensen	44	Chicago, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1977
12-15-86	John Eric Jorgensen	16	Oaklawn, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1977
12-3-86	Carlo E. R. Klitgaard	79	Aalborg, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1938
11-17-86	Christian Henriksen	85	Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1947
12-9-86	Egon B. Mikkelsen	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1947
11-27-86	Benjamin Hansen	87	Elk Horn, Iowa	126	Los Angeles, California	1935
11-9-86	Carl J. Hansen	79	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1950
12-29-86	Carl J. Johnson, Jr.	68	Turren County, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1938
12-24-86	Gordon N. Nielsen	78	Chicago, Illinois	106	Trufant, Michigan	1944
12-24-86	Dorothy P. Williams	70	Catana, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1974
12-13-86	Axel T. Skelbeck	82	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1923
12-13-86	Herman Jepsen	84	Sharion, Iowa	255	Selma, California	1921
12-26-86	Chester Gregersen	81	Cotesfield, Nebraska	268	Junction City, Oregon	1938
9-18-86	Carl Nielsen	91	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1962
12-4-86	Thora Prang-Pedersen	76	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1981
11-18-86	Elpha O'Brien	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1981
12-19-86	Hazel M. Winebar	77	Mt. Clare, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1975
12-16-86	Carl C. Jensen	104	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
12-26-86	Arden W. Mortensen	88	Rockford, Illinois	64	Rockford, Illinois	1955
12-22-86	Thomas M. Jensen	73	Torry, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1976
12-30-86	Budmund B. Runstrom	82	Denmark	29	Seattle, WA	1983
12-19-86	Henry Berg	83	Sweden	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1980

3rd Trustee, Betty Frith; Conductor, Gunnar Hansen; and Guard, Millie B. Nielsen. John Kristensen was elected chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Kate Krake, Past Pres.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — We sure did have a great time at our Christmas dinner/party. We had approximately 120 in attendance. We would like to thank those who came early to help decorate the hall, set up tables and chairs, set up the bar, decorate the Christmas tree and the many things that needed to be done. There are always that group of silent workers, behind the scenes who do so much to help. Thanks also to the many people who stayed after the party and helped in the clean-up.

The attitude adjustment hour began around 5 p.m. and pretty much continued throughout the evening.



Howard Kjellsen, assisted by Gerry Olsen, make sure the food is edible before calling the gang.



Over 120 people enjoyed our Christmas party.

One of the fun things we did this year was to have a table decoration contest. This was optional if you didn't feel like decorating a table. Hazel Kjellsen graciously had garland and Christmas candles on every table. Each table was numbered and as each person registered

or entered the hall, they were given a slip of paper on which to write the number of the table they were voting on. Three awards were given. The winners were: Gwen Olsen, Deanna Olsen, and Helga Bjorn. Congratulations ladies, you did an outstanding job.

One of the special announcements was the presentation President Ken Olsen made to Gerry Olsen for being awarded co-winner of the National President's Awards for Best Newsletter for 1986. That really was a surprise and an honor, most unexpected, but most appreciated. I want to personally thank the National Awards committee for considering our home spun newsletter worthy of this national honor.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Julemanden came to our children's Christmas party held at Jim and Sue Patterson's barn and handed out gifts to twelve delighted children, while 24 members and friends watched. This year's tree was donated to the lodge by Norma Loveday — a very beautiful green everlasting tree. We'll be able to use it for several years to come! Thank you, Norma. The children did a good job decorating it and then joined hands and sang several songs around the tree. We had a good time drinking hot glugg and eating aebleskiver and other goodies. Many thanks to each of you who helped and to Knud Andersen who once again made sure that Julemanden found his way to the Patterson's barn. An extra big thank you to Jim and Sue for their never-ending hospitality!

Printed Program Chairman Roy Olson is making excellent progress in preparing our convention program. We are getting advertising support from Danish-owned and other Scandinavian companies in Southern California as well as from Europe. Roy has asked me to remind each of you that we are depending on your support, too! Please give him any and all names, addresses, and phone numbers of potential advertisers.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

Our District President, Bill Jorgensen, urges all members to bring a new member into the fellowship of your lodge. We need to add new members for continued growth of our lodges. As your new President, I designate the first three months of 1987 (January, February, and March) as "President Membership Months." I hope to have approved a "Viking Ship" growth award pin. A lodge member will need to

bring in two new members (within the first three months) to receive the pin. These members will need to be reported on the Activity and Visitation monthly report.

Our district was saddened by the death of Axel Skelbeck. Axel was born in Denmark on August 22, 1904. He passed away in Omaha on December 13, 1986. He served the Brotherhood as National Secretary-Treasurer for 46 years, until his retirement in 1970. He was President of the Nebraska District in 1952. In 1975, the Nebraska District chose him to reign as Monarch King. Our sympathies go to his wife Rose and other family members and friends.

Nebraska District officers will meet on Sunday, February 15. The meeting will be held at the Camelot in York, Nebraska at 12:30 p.m.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our lodge was deeply saddened by the death of Axel Skelbeck. Axel joined the Danish Brotherhood in America on June 5, 1923. He served the Brotherhood as National Secretary-Treasurer for 46 years, until his retirement in 1970. He was President of the Nebraska District in 1952. In 1975, the Nebraska District chose him to reign as Monarch King. He held many offices in Lodge No. 1, including President. Axel dedicated his life to serving the Danish Brotherhood in America and will be greatly missed.

Officers elected to serve in 1987 are as follows: Past President, Duane Hansen; President, Jim Therkildsen; Vice President, Eigil "Andy" Andersen; Secretary, Stephen Oleson; Treasurer, Svend Greve; Chairman, Trustees, Walter Madsen; Second Trustee, Shirley Rosse; Third Trustee, Frances Doak; and Conductor, John Hansen.

There were 49 members and 36 guests registered at our December 16 business meeting and Christmas party held at Vennelyst Park. After the meeting everyone was asked to join in singing and dancing around the Christmas tree. We were very fortunate to have five exchange students from Denmark present to assist with the singing. Sacks of candy and other goodies were passed out to all the young people. Santa Claus, alias Andy Andersen, stopped in for a chat with the children. Christmas

Payment to Board Members

DECEMBER 1986

Erling C. Braumann, Lodge No. 325 60th Anniversary, \$173.55.

JANUARY 1987

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.00. Kenneth C. Peder- sen, Omaha for security audit, \$73.50.

cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate were enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Flo Hansen and her committee for a great Christmas celebration.

Jim Christiansen, Sec.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We held our annual Christmas party on December 18 at the Minden Community Center. The evening was enjoyed with a covered dish, salad and dessert. Meat and drinks were furnished by the lodge. Eighty guests enjoyed the evening with singing of Christmas carols in Danish assisted by Per Lysthouge of Hastings, Nebraska, and Lars Magnussen of Skaelskør, a Danish exchange student at Community Central College at Hastings. Allen Jorgensen played a piano solo. A humorous Christmas reading was read by Virginia Schmidt. The program ended with the singing of Christmas carols by the entire group. The evening closed with an apple and a candy bar for each person there.

Shirley Nielsen, Cor.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — We enjoyed a Merry Christmas at our December meeting at the home of Einer and Arlene Swanson. A good time was had by all. After the festivities, the lodge held its



The officers for 1987 are Otto Larsen, Jean Prinds, Hans Prinds, Norman Danielsen, Past President Ejllif Schmidt, Carol Baker, Esther Schmidt, Gerda Wallace and Anne Nicholiasen.

annual elections with Norman Danielsen as our new President, Einer Swanson as Vice President, and Esther Prinds as a new Trustee. Otto Larsen was retained as Secretary and Jean Prinds as Treasurer.

We are looking forward to another year of

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exciting activities with annual festivals, our lodge anniversary in April, and several members plan to attend the National Convention. We continued our enthusiastic and financial support for the Danish Immigrant Museum. All in all, a good year past and future!

Bob Wallace, Cor.

IOWA- MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At our December meeting, Jane Gillaspay was initiated into our lodge. We all welcome her.

Elections were held for new officers for 1987. Because of the upcoming National

Convention, we all felt we needed to keep the same officers to serve during the convention. They are: President, Svend Christensen; Vice President, Ed Harris; Secretary, Erik Sorensen; Treasurer, Willy Christensen; Conductor, Ellis Lundgren; Trustees, Agnete White, J.O. White and Glen Olsen.

While Wilber Williamson spends some winter months in Florida, Clark Rasmussen will act as the chairman of the Program, Publicity and Advertising Committee for the National Convention.

The Christmas party on Sunday, December 14 was a big success. There were approximately 60 adults and 25 children, a very impressive crowd. The party

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
Paul J. Ipsen	14	Kenosha, WI	James P. Ipsen
Orville R. Winfield	14	Kenosha, WI	Harold W. Bordeau
James C. Gleason	14	Kenosha, WI	Charles W. Jackson
Robert F. Kessler	14	Kenosha, WI	Carl Warnock
Ronald K. Fechner	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Ibsen
Frank C. Maletta	14	Kenosha, WI	Jeff Wamboldt
Frank J. DiCello	14	Kenosha, WI	Rudolph Bernhardt, Jr.
Jane Gillaspay	15	Des Moines, IA	Elizabeth Ibsen
James R. Petry	34	Dwight, IL	Roy Hoegger
Jorgen Selsing	35	Chicago, IL	Woodrow Petersen
Kirsten C. Selsing	35	Chicago, IL	Woodrow Petersen
Arlan M Heemstra	51	Ludington, MI	Michael Bray
James C. Mendenhall	164	New York, NY	Martin Olsen
Edward S. Sorensen	164	New York, NY	Martin Olsen
Kristian F. Henriksen	186	Luck, WI	Edwin Pedersen
Doris L. Henriksen	186	Luck, WI	Edwin Pedersen
Roy L. Alexander	299	Solvang, CA	C. W. (Bill) Rasmussen
Dorothy I. Andersen	321	West Palm Beach, FL	Isabel Larsen
Earl W. Bascom	346	Riverside, CA	Knud H. Andersen
Kim E. Trevean	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Anne Margret Trevean	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen

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

Congratulations!

Martin Olsen of Lodge No. 164 in New York, NY, and **Edwin Pedersen** of Lodge No. 186 in Luck, WI, have been declared "Recommender of the Month" for December. 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 \$50.00 donation has been sent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in both of their names.

Keep up the good work.

committee, Edith Paulsen, Lis Ibsen and Jane Gillaspey did a very good job of decorating the hall and serving wonderful treats. Santa (J.O. White) arrived in full splendor and thrilled the kids.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — We had our annual Christmas party on December 6, 1986. The party started with a potluck supper. As usual, there was plenty to eat and the turnout was excellent. Our Christmas tree was not large but it had all the trimmings plus Danish flags and two birds chirping in it all night long.

The program began by having the Christmas story read which was followed by group singing of many of the favorite Christmas songs — plus dancing around the Christmas tree all singing "Nu har vi jul igen." There were several that volunteered their most memorable Christmas experiences. Santa arrived distributing sacks of goodies to all in attendance. The evening ended with coffee and dessert. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — Twenty-four members and three guests were on hand for our Christmas potluck at the Stewart Arvald home in West Liberty. We saw the movie, "Christmas in Denmark," from the Home Office. We conducted an



Conductor, Ruth Kephart, placing new member pin on Arlene Keith from West Liberty, Iowa.



Victor and Ruth Kephart were surprised for their 50th wedding anniversary.

initiation of our newest member, Arlene Keith, from West Liberty, Iowa, and election of officers. After our meeting, members surprised Victor and Ruth Kephart on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were presented a money tree with \$50 on it and a kransekage baked by Deloris Ross. A fun evening was enjoyed by all.

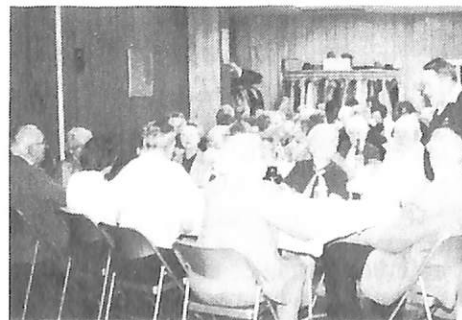
Fifteen members were on hand for our January meeting held at the Ernest Krogh home in rural West Branch, Iowa. The officers were installed for the coming year. After our meeting, members enjoyed the fun at our Card Party. Many good laughs were had by all present.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We held our Christmas party December 29 at the Elk Horn Town Hall. The potluck supper was attended by 100 members and guests including those from Florida and Kansas. Charlottee Jacobsen, an exchange student from Vejle, Denmark, gave a talk on her home in Denmark and family. She also sang a Danish song with Ella Rasmussen of Audubon.



Charlottee Jacobsen of Vejle, Denmark, gave an interesting talk and sang beautifully.



Everyone enjoyed socializing.

Ted Rasmussen used some of their collection of oil lamps for table decorations. Prizes were given to persons who found an almond in their dessert.

Folmer Bonnesen led the initiation for new members, Shirley Nelson and Leota Olsen.

Election of officers was held and the results are as follows: President, Folmer Bonnesen; Vice President, Harvey Sorensen; Secretary, Gwen Block; Treasurer, Mabel Madsen; and Trustee, John Jensen.

After the business meeting, there was group singing and dancing around the Christmas tree. Danish and English songs were sung.

The evening ended with coffee and cookies being served.

Verdie Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — A mild winter evening was responsible for a good turnout at our January meeting when the following officers were installed by Arthur Wall: President, Sharon Nielsen; Vice President, Anker Severinsen; Treasurer, Ruth Rosdail; Secretary, Ulla Wall; and Financial Secretary, Donna Christensen.

Kathrine Severinsen gave a short Danish language lesson which will be continued at future meetings. Emma Safley read the following poem about Denmark that she had written just for this meeting:

There's a strangely familiar look to the faces,
A feeling you know all the people and places;
Esbjerg, Himmelbjerg, Ribe and Randers,
Cousins named Jørgen and Mette and Anders;
Lace-curtained windows, a-bloom with flowers;
Castles, cathedrals, spires and towers;
A uniformed postman you're likely to meet
As he bicycles properly down the street;
Thatched roofs and old windmills — long may they last —
Rune-stones and burial mounds out of the past;
Dairy cows grazing, fine summer weather,
Beaches and sand dunes and patches of heather;
Tuborg and Carlsberg, sellers of ales;
Hans Christian Andersen, teller of tales;
This is our heritage; far though we roam,
Denmark keeps calling her children home.

Karla Labs read a Danish folktale entitled, "The Fox Who Lost His Fur."

Several members brought some unique Danish articles and described their backgrounds and usage. Others brought hand-made doilies and a pretty linen table cloth.

The door prize, a can of Danish butter cookies, was won by Lisa Andersen, one of our newest insured members. Other new members present were Krista Andersen, Debra Nielsen, and Kristine Nielsen.

Refreshments included Danish coffee cake and pebernødder.

Norman C. Nielsen, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT MIDWEST

PRESIDENT'S AWARD ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Election of officers took place at the meeting on December 2, 1986, with the following results: Past President, Gordon Andersen; President, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; Vice President, Rick Wade; Secretary, Roger Nelson; Treasurer, Ron Jensen; First Trustee, Carl Swanson; Second Trustee, Jack Sorensen; Third Trustee, Ray Zieth; Conductor, Malcolm Young; Inner Guard, Lawrence Sauer; and Outer Guard, Arnold Lehto. Our sincere thanks to the following officers leaving the board: First Trustee, Tom Nielsen; Inner Guard, Roger Phillipsen; and Outer Guard, Ronald A. Jensen. Congratulations to all as we look toward a successful 1987!

Our lodge received the following letter from Ann Marie Higgins: "I would like to thank you for the money that was given to me so that I was able to go to Skovsøen Danish Language Village this last summer. I enjoyed camp very much and hope I will be able to go next year. I have learned a lot in the two years I have gone and hope to learn a great deal more. Thank you again."

The Adult Christmas party on December 13, 1986, was attended by 245 people. We were entertained by Miss Kenosha who has an excellent singing voice. Following this, some gifts were given away from Hansen's Funeral Home, Oage Thomsen's Restaurant and Old Style Distributors. Thanks to Brothers Richard Johnson, Jim Barrett and Oage Thomsen. We also thank Walter and Lorraine Christensen for donating the Christmas placemats and napkins.



National President Robert Ibsen delivers food collected at our party to kick off the National "Operation Care and Share" program. Won't you join our National President and our lodge in this most worthwhile project?

The food was great, the dancing wonderful and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who brought the non-perishable food items. They have been given to the Head Start Program as part of the "Operation Care and Share" program of the Danish Brotherhood. Thanks to the Board of Officers who were the committee. 150 warm winter caps were also given to a school in Kenosha. They were donated by Jerry Hoeke of Lodge No. 14.

Welcome to the following new members: Julian Nelson, Sidney Vaillancourt, Robert Krause, Keith Colby, Joseph Ouradnik, Joseph Sturino, and Keith Wynstra.

By popular request, the Johnny Berniz Trio will return for your dancing pleasure at our Sweetheart's Party on Saturday, February 21. Call Gene Keck or Berger Rasmussen for more information and reservations.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — The following were elected to serve our lodge in 1987: Past President, Bill Clavey; President, Keith Telford; Vice President, Jim Andreasen; Secretary, Margaret Goodwin; Treasurer, Chuck Johnson; Conductor, Kenny Anderson; Trustees, Shirley Holzhauser, Paul Smith, and Ray V. Holzhauser. Midwest District President, Ray Nielsen, was on hand for the installation in January.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Our annual Christmas party was attended by about 160 members and children and was a wonderful start to the holiday season. People kept coming in the door, and the committee members cheerfully kept on putting up more tables. The tables were beautifully decorated, the food was delicious (thanks to all who brought those wonderful dishes to share). Santa came and passed out bags of goodies to the children and told the Christmas story. There was dancing around the tree and Danish and English Christmas songs were sung. Our old friend, Thrya Nussle, accompanied the singing on the piano and Paul Sloth led us in singing. Thanks to both. The committee, headed by the Jorgensens, worked hard and we thank them. It was a memorable evening. Marie Muller donated a bottle of Akvavit for her birthday and we say "thanks" to Marie.

We have lost two of our members in a tragic automobile accident. Acineth L. Jorgensen or "Cindee," as we all knew her, and her son, John Eric, were killed in an automobile accident on December 15, 1986. All the members of Lodge No. 35

extend their sympathy and prayers to husband John, daughter Laurette and son Jeff. Cindee, with her smiling face, her willingness to tackle any job the lodge asked her to do, her good nature, her intelligence — and John Eric, his hard work for the lodge every time he was needed, his youth, his ambitions — and so many other things about these two wonderful people, will be sorely missed. It is a tragic loss.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We supported Wisconsin Heritages, Inc., again during their Pabst Mansion "Sugar Plum Days" 1986 on the first three December weekends. We were one of eleven ethnic groups participating. We demonstrated Danish cross stitch and the making of Danish heart baskets, sold cross stitch items and bakery from Racine. Thanks to the following who "manned" the tables: Hans Antonsen, Elsa Berlin, Grace Gertz, Lisa Hansen, Axel Hermansen, Inga Hermansen, Albert Larsen, Carol Larsen, and Erika Nelson.

Elsa Berlin was the chairperson of our December 3 Christmas party. Members brought generous donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at the Bethany United Presbyterian Church. After partaking of punch, crackers and cheese, fifteen members savored a delicious swiss steak dinner cooked and served by the ladies of the church. In addition to the homemade apple pie served by the ladies, Inga Hermansen made a Danish Kransekage which was a well received additional treat!

Attendees enjoyed the evening's entertainment of Christmas music, nine door prizes, a weather skit by Lars and Alice Andersen and the color movie "Once Upon a Time and Today" with tour guides Queen Margrethe II and her husband Prince Henrik. Special thanks goes to Elsa Berlin who made the place favors.

During the December 3 business meeting, the following were elected to serve as lodge officers for 1987: Past President, Orville P. Christensen; President, Grace E. Gertz; Vice President, Inga M. Hermansen; Secretary, Albert L. Larsen; Treasurer, Alice T. Andersen; Chairman of Trustees, Lars W. Andersen; Second Trustee, Carl W. Mortensen; Third Trustee, Elsa Berlin; and Conductor, Lillian S. Jensen.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — I know that all the members of our lodge would like to wish all other Danish Brotherhood members a Happy New Year.

We all hope that the many lodges

throughout the country will be able to add a lot of new members this year. This is our hope for future survival. We are in need of a lot of younger members to carry on our traditions.

We had a fabulous Christmas party this past Christmas with a great turnout and some really grand entertainment. We were fortunate to have a local St. Charles gentleman, Terry Evanswood, perform his magic. He was assisted by another gentleman who ran the sound system and two young ladies that assisted in his magic. It was a most impressive performance and everyone was amazed and filled with wonderment. Following the magician, the children all got a turn at hitting the pinata. The best part, of course, is when the pinata is broken and the candy falls out and everyone scrambles for the candy.

Preceding the entertainment, we all enjoyed the cocktail hour and a delicious dinner. Many thanks to those who served on all the committees. The weather was great for a change and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Here's hoping to see all our members at the future meetings. Come on down and join us. We have some good meetings, good entertainment and programs, along with the usual good food and fellowship.

Lois Skroboly, Cor.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — We held our Christmas dinner and election of officers on Saturday, December 13. After the dinner, we danced around the Christmas tree decorated with garland of Danish flags and handmade Danish decorations.



Everyone enjoyed the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.



President Ernest Espelien thanks Past President Willis Erickson for his years of service.



Our new officers for 1987 were installed.

Esther Utoft led the singing accompanied by Margie Nelson.

Ernest Espelien was installed as lodge president. Willis Erickson was presented his Past President's pin after serving four years in the post. Lauritz Jensen was installed as vice president, Esther Nies as secretary, and Mavis Petersen as treasurer. Trustees are Irvin Christensen, Aage Petersen, and Arlie Hansen. Conductor is Grayce Jensen and Inner Guard is Clifford Aubert.

Kris and Doris Henriksen were welcomed as new members. **Esther Nies, Sec.**

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We held our Christmas potluck supper on December 18 amid tables decorated with candles, evergreen boughs and Santa holding a Danish flag. A featured dessert was our tenth anniversary cake including ten small Danish flags on the cake made and decorated by Eva Townsend. After the delicious meal, President Evelyn Doerr led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the initiation of our newest member, Wallace Nelson of Dubuque, Iowa. Wallace drove close to 200 miles to join us in our potluck supper and his initiation into the DBIA. Welcome, Wallace, to our lodge!



Past President Evelyn Doerr welcomes new member, Wallace Nelson.

Instead of exchanging gifts, we voted to make donations of cash to Tomorrow's Children, a local home and school for autistic children for which our lodge received a \$10 check from the National Headquarters for December's best idea. We voted to add the \$10.00 award money

to our Tomorrow's Children's gift. In connection with the close of our tenth anniversary year, appreciation award certificates were presented to Ella Gudmandsen, Melda Mortensen, Loyal Lundorf, and Past Presidents Margaret Miller, Henry Mortensen, Leonard Yorkson, and Evelyn Doerr. The list of charter members who are now deceased was read and a brief silent prayer was held in their memory. Charter members present were asked to stand and were given a round of applause.

Elected officers are: President, Harold Rasmussen; Vice President, Carroll Jensen; Secretary, Aleine Miller; Treasurer, Vera Yorkson; Conductor, August Christensen; Inner Guard, Inga Polly; Outer Guard, Kenneth Townsend; 3rd Trustee, Helen Petersen; 2nd Trustee, Jean Lundorf; and 1st Trustee, Gladys Peterson.



Exchange student, Claus Møller, discusses life in Denmark with our members.

The Henry Mortensens brought as their guests Claus Møller, a Danish exchange student in nearby Manawa and members of his host family, Mrs. Robert Abraham, Kevin and Kris. Claus told us of his exchange year in America and of his life in Denmark.

Our Melda Mortensen, who has made Danish table flags, name tags, ladies' Danish caps, vests and aprons, further showed Danish customs when, in costume, she took on the role of Denmark in the Manawa Public School's program "Christmas Around the World." Melda arose early that day to prepare 200 Danish open-faced sandwiches for their consumption later in the day when, every 20 minutes, another class of children passed Melda's portion of their trip around the world. Thanks, Melda, for always promoting our Danish traditions.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular meeting of our lodge was held Wednesday, January 7, with 18 members attending. At this meeting, we had the installation of

officers. One new member, Arlan M. Heemstra was initiated at this meeting. We wish to welcome Arlie into the Danish Brotherhood in America and to our lodge.



Santa enjoyed talking to all the Young Vikings at our Children's Christmas Party.



Peter Tanburg discusses Christmas in Denmark as it is celebrated today.

On Saturday evening, December 6, Rob and Sue Jensen and their committee hosted the Adult Christmas Party. A Danish dinner was served consisting of Kartoffler, Rødkal (red cabbage), Roast Pork and Dansk Rugbrød, along with your favorite beverages. Following the dinner, Peter Tanburg, a foreign exchange student from Copenhagen, Denmark, talked about how Christmas is celebrated in Denmark. Everyone enjoyed talking to Peter and asking him questions about life in Denmark. The good dinner and very educational evening was enjoyed by 60 members and guests of our lodge. We would all like to thank Peter and everyone who made this a memorable party.

Keith Koegler, Vice Pres.

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — On December 14 we celebrated our annual Christmas party at Tom's Country Place. About 130 members with families and friends were present.

We all enjoyed a great day of good fellowship, music, delicious food and a Danish film, Once Upon a Time and Today. Everyone joined hands around the Christmas tree and sang American and Danish

Christmas carols. We also had a visit by Santa Claus who brought goody bags for all the children.

At our December meeting, we had election of officers and all four officers were re-elected: Herman Ostergaard, President; Birthe Jaworski, Vice President; John Gormsen, Secretary; and John Mortensen, Treasurer.

Our good friend, fellow member Henry Berg, passed away on December 19, 1986. He is survived by his wife Elna, and step-daughter Betsy Christensen. Henry Berg was born in Sweden in 1903 and came to this country in 1925. He worked for many years as a designer for Danco Metal Products in Westlake, Ohio. Gorm Lodge extends its sincere sympathy to the family.

John Gormsen, Sec.

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Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Almost everyone went home with a bingo prize last November. The winner of the turkey raffle was Danny Stone.

There were some extra toys from our Christmas party that the lodge donated to the North Banford Congregational Church and the Middletown-Horizon House for Battered Children and Women.

The officers installed at our January meeting were: Past President, Winnie Edmonds; President, Berit Mann; Vice President, Paul Christensen; Treasurer, Barry Edmonds; and Secretary, Chris Simonsen. Paul Christensen, Vice Pres.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — The election of officers was held in November and are as follows: President, Carl Wilhelm; Vice President, Paul Ifversen; Secretary, Don Heckmann; Treasurer, Viggo Nielsen; Trustees, Carl Ingeholm, Chris Mogensen, and Ib Olsen; and Conductor, John Jensen. Let us all wish the 1987 officers a great upcoming year.

Our December Christmas party was a great success. There were 38 people in attendance making it a very enjoyable evening. All the Danish food was prepared by members of the lodge. We were unable to obtain an accordion player for the evening, so Carl Wilhelm brought his violin and played. Christmas carols were sung both in Danish and English.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — "A real Danish Christmas!" were the remarks that we heard from those that attended the Christmas party. Right down to "risengrød med mandelgaven og rigtig flaeskesteg med svaerd," a perfect Danish Christmas

was presented by chairpersons Elin and Joe Jeantet. Those of us who missed it, missed a great event. Congratulations to all the little nisser that helped make it successful.

The Lucia Fest and Exhibit at the Swedish Museum also drew much attention. The Danish exhibit, organized by Staff and Jean Keer, and based on the book "Peder's Jul," was extremely popular. Thanks also to Sharon Kvist, Ulla Pedersen, Marge Jensen, Toby Bobman, Betty Jensen, Bob Lindemann and Tina Shipman for their help. Tina has the book translated from the Danish and was the instructor and chief architect of the paperwoven heart baskets, done in true Danish style. Copies of the book were supplied by Kirsten Konschak, Bertil Frandsen and Niels Malmquist. Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — This past fall our lodge rented a van to take its members to the G.E.C.L. Convention in Penn Yan, New York. Traveling along were Brothers John Christiansen, Aage Jespersen, John Sivertsen, Poul Nielsen, Waldo Elliott, and Carl Sorrensen. Evelyn Christiansen, Vera Jespersen, Agnes Sivertsen, Jennie Elliott and Nancy Sorrensen also joined their husbands for the trip up. All had a great time there. It was a wonderful convention.

This past December we had our annual Christmas party for the children. There were 21 youngsters present. Santa arrived and gave gifts to all. A total of 75 people sat down to a beautiful dinner. Hope to see more members. Once again, Jennie Elliott played the piano while the children danced and sang around the Christmas tree.

Waldo Elliott, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Our December 12, 1986, meeting was our last meeting in the Veterans Hall. After more than 30 years at this location, we have had to find a new home, which will be the Legion Hall, Malverne Post #44, Franklin Avenue and Legion Place, Malverne, New York.

Seventy members and friends participated in our December meeting and partook in our Christmas dinner, Danish style, prepared by Jorgen Petersen and his helpers, Esther Moeller, Lusie Lang, Otto Andreasen and Søren Christensen. Søren had made "medisterpølser" for the event.

One of our guests, Hanne McBride, donated a bottle of Danish akvavit. Our member, Hanne Maxwell, donated two big boxes of Anton Bergs chocolates. The items were raffled off and the money was

donated to the Children's Christmas party, which was held December 28, 1986, in our new home in Malverne. As they have done for many years, Else and Fritz Lauritsen donated the Christmas tree. Our thanks to all the donors. **Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — At the December meeting the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers were unanimously elected to serve in 1987. New on the list is Tage Kvist as third trustee, while Bob Phoenix remains as president. Andy and Ida Andersen were re-elected as delegates to the Old People's Home with alternates Geert Pedersen and Rick Trust. Melanie Madsen was nominated for the "Howard E. Christensen Award" for her 11 years of continuous service as treasurer. She is the only one who has served every year since the lodge was started in 1975.

Our lodge Christmas party was highlighted by the appearance of June Kristensen who sang Santa Lucia while wearing the crown of candles. She was accompanied by Erik Nielsen and his electric piano. The entourage consisted of Melanie Madsen and Marge Jensen. Walt Nielsen led the singing with a delightful

version of "The 12 Days of Christmas." The Danish phrase for the evening was, of course, "God Jul."

"Books With a Nordic Heritage 1987" is now available and free for the asking. To those of you who regularly order Hvem Hvad Hvor 1987, the book is now in stock. The price this year is \$15.50 plus \$1.25 postage. A fascinating volume in Danish. Send for your catalog to Nordic Books, P.O. Box 1941, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Charity is Declared

In the January, 1987 issue of the American Dane, Erik Garde of Lodge No. 37 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, was declared "Recommender of the Month" for November, 1986. Keeping with the membership campaign of "It's Better to Give Than to Receive," Mr. Garde has donated his award of \$50 to "Heart Beats."

"Heart Beats" is sponsored by the community relations department at Bridgeport Hospital.

Erik is to be saluted for enlarging our chain of Danish Brotherhood in America members.

NEA Grant Awarded

The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to conduct a study of Danish American folk arts. Now through April, the grant will support the costs for folklife research in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Minnesota. The research will focus on traditional Danish crafts that are learned and practiced with families, communities and occupational groups.

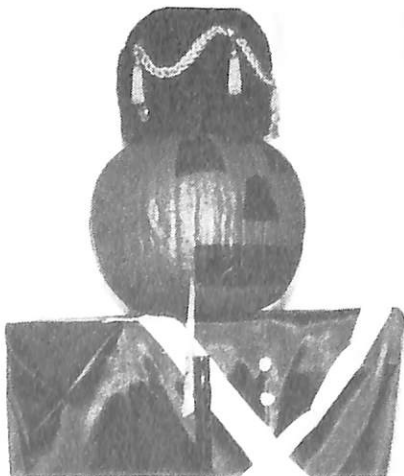
The museum has hired folklorist, Greg Hansen, to study the four state region. He will be holding tape-recorded interviews with individuals who carry on these traditional arts. These interviews will preserve the heritage of Danish American folk arts. The tapes will form a Tradition Bearers' File and will be used to develop the museum's future programs. Researchers and the general public will also be able to use the tapes.

Anyone with information about any traditional craft is asked to contact Greg Hansen at the Danish Immigrant Museum, Box 178, Elk Horn, Iowa 51531; phone (712) 764-7001.

DBIA Young Vikings are Picture Perfect

The two photographs featured below are the winning entries in the 1986 Young Vikings Photo Contest. Kristen Sorensen, age 15, of Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, IA captured First Place for his photograph of his sister, Yvette, portraying a tourist photographing a Queen's guard at Fredensborg Castle in North Sealand. Yvette decorated the pumpkin herself for Lodge No. 219's pumpkin decorating contest. Kristen will receive a check in the amount of \$50 (which he promised to share with Yvette) for his First Place entry.

John Hunecke, age 12, of Lodge No. 92 in St. Charles, IL captured Second Place in the Young Vikings Photo Contest for his photograph of Lodge No. 92 members making aebleskiver. John will receive a check in the amount of \$25 for his tasteful Second Place entry.



Congratulations to 1st place winner, Kristen Sorensen!



Congratulations to 2nd place winner, John Hunecke!

Congratulations to the 1986 Adult Photo Contest Winners

A tie was declared for First Place in the 1986 DBIA Photo Contest. First Place is shared by Darlene M. Jensen of Lodge No. 186 in Luck, WI, and Steven Sorensen of Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, IA. Both photographs feature the Danish tradition of dancing around the Christmas tree. Mr. Sorensen and Ms. Jensen will each receive a check in the amount of \$75.00.

Second place was awarded to Thorvald "Ted" Kofoed of Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, WA, for his picture of the "Danalag" folk dancers. A check in the amount of \$45 is on the way to Mr. Kofoed.

Nancy Nielsen of Lodge No. 346 in Riverside, CA will be awarded a check in the amount of \$30 for her Third Place entry featuring members of Lodge No. 346 participating in their parade at the St. Hans Aften weekend campout.



Tied for first place is Darlene Jensen's photograph.



Steven Sorensen also placed first in the competition.



Thorvald "Ted" Kofoed received second place honors.

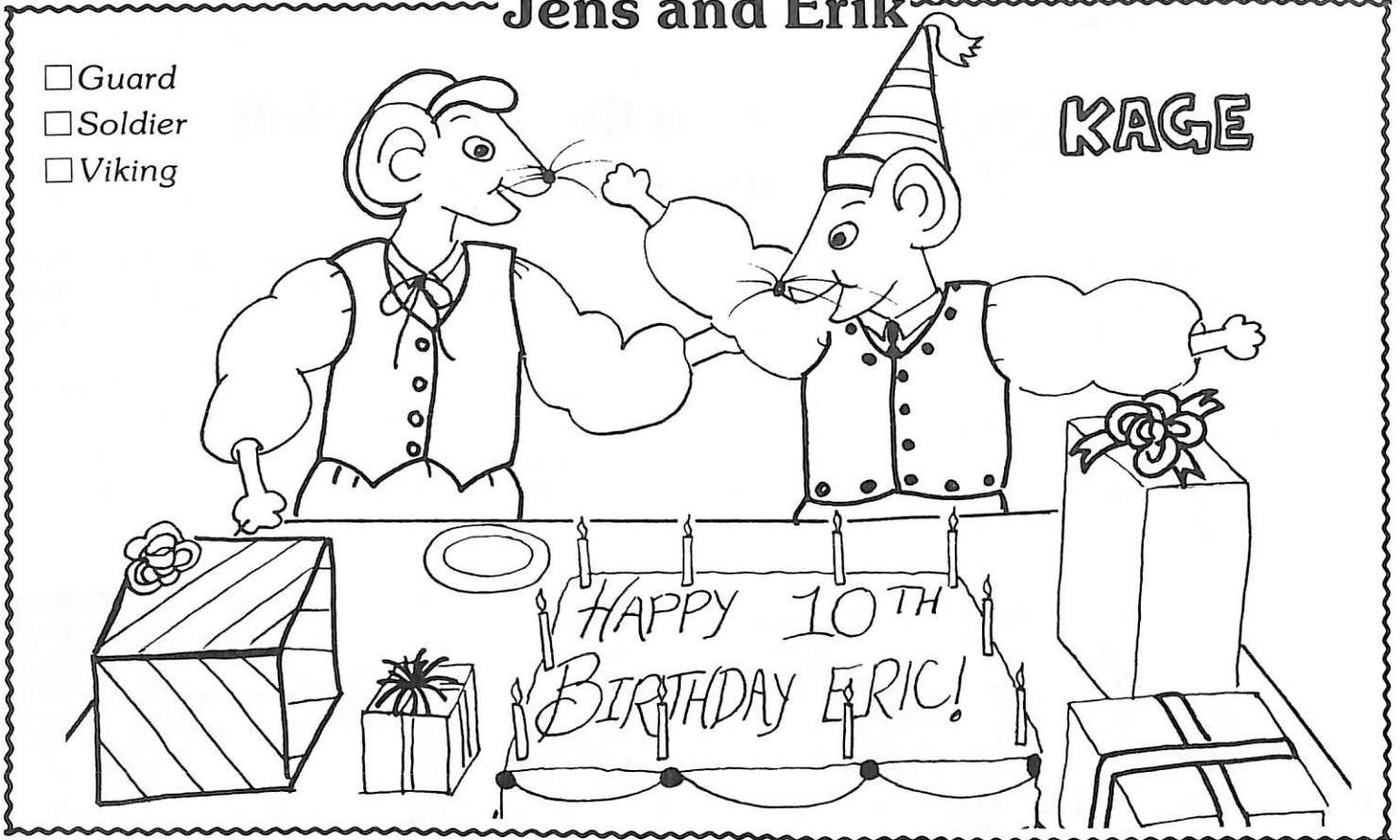


Nancy Nielsen marched home with the third place designation.

Jens and Erik

- Guard
- Soldier
- Viking

KAGE



Today is Erik's first "Round Birthday," which means he's 10 years old. His next will be when he's 20 as they happen every 10 years. Round Birthdays are usually celebrated with bigger parties than other birthdays. Can you say cake (KAGE) in Danish? Next month, Jens will dress up in a cape and have a sword and shield, do you know what he'll look like? Check one of the boxes above if you think you know the 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.

January winners: Vanessa Hubbard, Patsy Jo Miller, and Ricky Schmidt.

Grandma's Kitchen Danish Aggekage (Danish Egg Cake)



by Dagmar Jensen

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| 1/4 lb. bacon or salt pork | 3-4 tbsp. milk |
| 3-4 eggs | Salt |
| 10 soda crackers | Pepper |
| 1 tbsp. flour | Chives or green onions |
| 1/4 cup water | |

Cut bacon in small pieces and fry quite crisp. While bacon is frying, break eggs into a bowl and add salt and pepper to taste. Crush crackers. Add flour and water and mix all together with a spoon. Add enough milk to make a thin batter. Pour the mixture over the bacon, leave all the grease in the pan, and cook very slowly until almost done. Then add the green onions (tops, too) chopped in small pieces and sprinkle over the top, and lastly put thin slices of bread over all. Cook very slowly until the eggs are set. Cut in wedge shaped pieces and serve immediately. They make a nice luncheon or breakfast dish.

It's Time For Summer Camp

Every year The Danish Brotherhood awards summer camp grants to youngsters to help them attend a summer camp of their own choosing. Your application for a grant must be received by April 15. Request the form from: The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

The summer camp grant program provides you with a cash award to be used to help reduce the cost of the camp you will attend.

The summer camp grant program is not related to the Skovsøen grant program being sponsored by local lodges of The Danish Brotherhood.

Viking Adventures

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

Having a successful home office staff is a key ingredient in the operation of a society such as the Danish Brotherhood. You can take pride in our staff and the dedication they portray. Since one of the main goals is to maintain and improve communication between the staff and members, we would like you to meet our newest employee — **Diana L. Myers.**



On November 24, 1986, Diana took over the responsibilities of the position of Fraternal Clerk whose duties include maintaining the American Dane mailing list,

working on genealogy inquiries, shipping fraternal products, stuffing envelopes, copying report forms and answering scholarship inquiries. While her duties are various and numerous, Diana has found they can be completed by working three days a week, and reports to the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Along with her parents, a brother and a sister, Diana moved to the Omaha area 19 years ago. She married her husband, James, on October 6, 1973. Jim and Diana have three children. Their son, Jason is 10 years old, and their two daughters, Jessica and Jordan, are 8 years old and 20 months old respectively.

Diana likes to spend as much time as possible with her family and together they enjoy camping and fishing. Of course, there are times when Diana likes to sneak away and relax with a good book.

Diana looks forward to working with the members of the Danish Brotherhood and we're sure you will find her to be a pleasant addition to the staff.

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.

Write Right with DBIA Pens

Because pens are always needed and always appreciated, DBIA pens will make a perfect gift for prospective members, officers and long-service members. These low-cost pens contain long-lasting blue ink with a nickel finished clip, plunger and band. Each pen lists the address and telephone number of the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters for easy reference.

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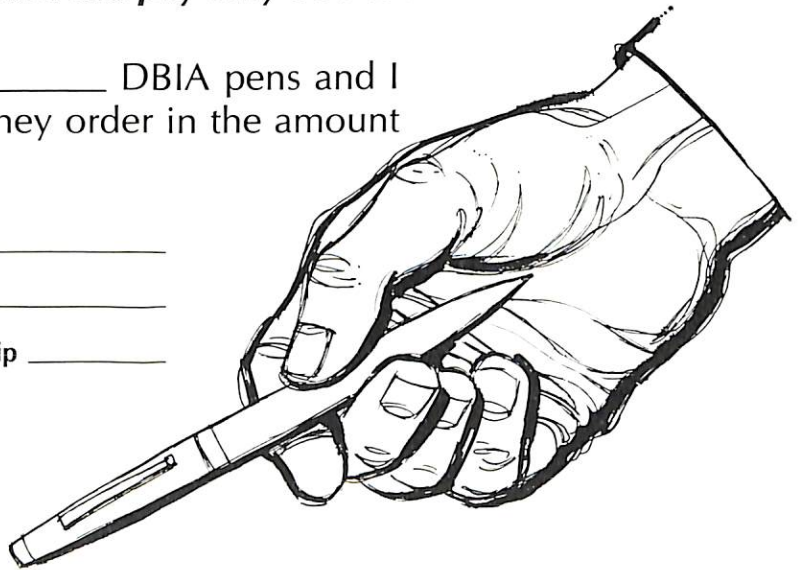
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Proud To Be A Dane?

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:

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