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# President's Page

**Robert E. Ibsen**  
**National President**

Last month I discussed the importance of offering fun and interesting activities to your lodge members and prospective members. This month I would like to discuss how to kick off these activities.

The trick in getting started is to go about it in the correct manner. The first thing to do is survey your entire membership whether active or inactive. Find out their hobbies, interests, and what they would enjoy doing most. You may also want to survey non-members in your community. Not only will this enable you to find out what activities will attract prospective members, it will also let the prospective members know that your lodge exists and that they are welcome to join you. When you have an idea what type of activities members and prospective members are interested in, look for that special member. It seems every lodge has at least one special member who is enthusiastic about the Danish Brotherhood, gets along with people of all ages, and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Ask this person to help you in providing leadership. Perhaps he or she will be willing to serve as Lodge Program Chairperson. Then, armed with the facts, present your ideas at your next lodge meeting to all members pointing out the advantages and obtainable results.

Working together with all members, prepare an activity calendar and plan activities for the ensuing year. Committees should be established to carry through each type of activity with the Program Chairperson overseeing the committees. Inform members that your Lodge Program Chairperson will be on hand throughout the year to answer questions, give suggestions, and make sure that committee members know exactly what is expected of them. You should point out that by establishing committees in advance, all lodge members will become involved throughout the year and share the various duties rather than three or four members doing all the work. Urge each member to do his or her part and remind them of their responsibilities as members of the Danish Brotherhood.

When setting up the committees, be sure to match appropriate committee members to the appropriate activity. For instance, if your lodge is planning to conduct a dance in celebration of "Nytaarsaften" (New Year's Eve) and one of your local members play in a band, directly ask him or her to serve on the committee for that month.

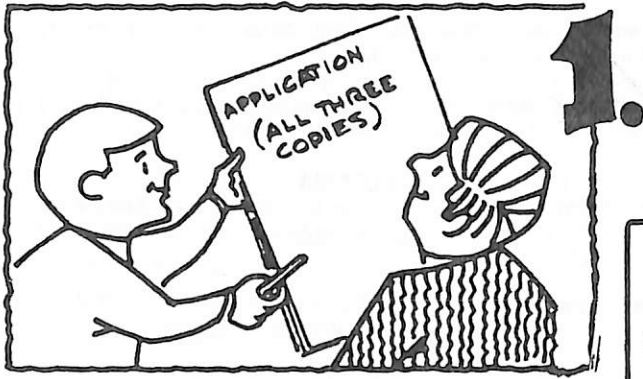
Another important aspect to consider when establishing committees is to make sure committee members get along with each other and compliment each other. Instead of putting three very active, motivated members on the same committee, ask them to serve on separate committees to spur on those not so motivated members.

As new members join your lodge, ask them to serve on an up-coming activity committee. Not only will this ensure their immediate involvement, but prepare them for when they are asked to chair a committee.

Finally, your lodge should also prepare a budget for each activity. This will act as a guideline enabling the committee to realize how much they may spend, how much they may have to charge, etc. It will also act as a reference for years to come, pointing out what areas need more money and areas in which spending should be cut.

By following the above mentioned steps — finding out what activities interest members and prospective members, planning the activities, and establishing committees to carry through the activities — members of your lodge will reap the benefits. Working together through committees not only improves activities and creates added interest in your lodge, it gives members the opportunity of forming lifelong friendships and the opportunity to add more fun to their lives while helping others.

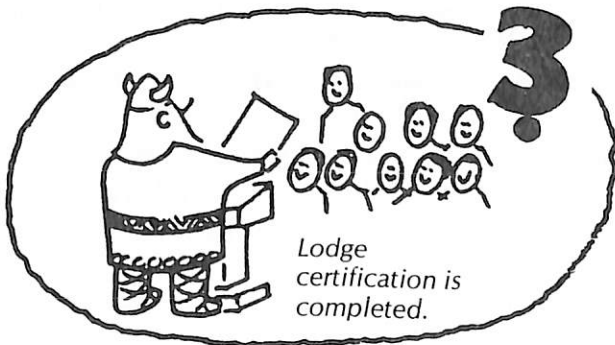
# When you sign up that new member . .



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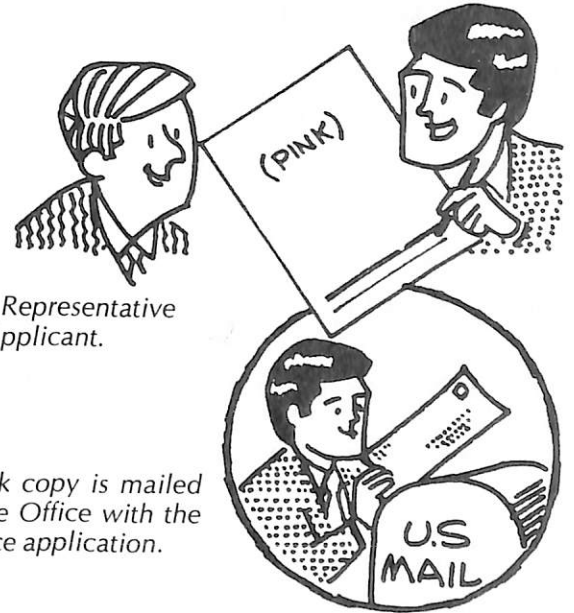


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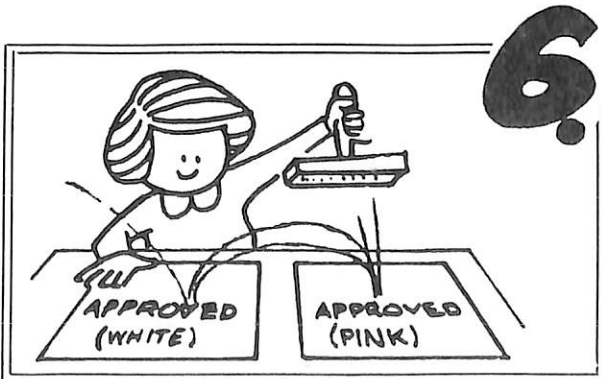
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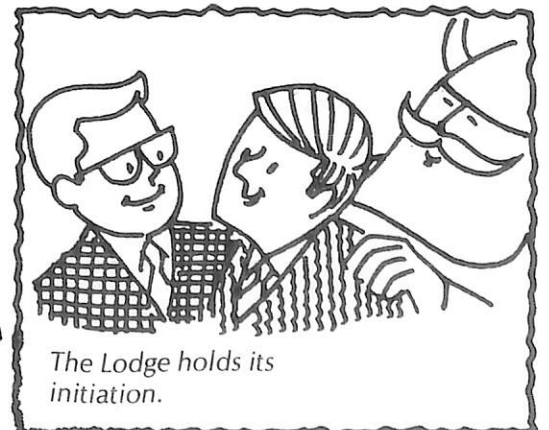
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FEW DAYS

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# 1987 Danish Brotherhood Lodge Directory

NOTE: Information for this list is in this order — number and location of the lodge, the secretary's address, the meeting date and meeting place of the lodge. Where no city is mentioned in the secretary's address, it is the same as the city in which the lodge is located. The zip code is given in parenthesis. Secretaries who find an asterisk (\*) behind their lodge number are asked to send their 1987 lodge officers' list to the Home Office as soon as possible.

## CALIFORNIA

- 39 Oakland, CA** Aage Lundquist, 1159 Island Drive, Alameda, CA (94501). Fourth Friday, Oddfellows Temple, 1349 Hayes St., San Leandro.
- 49 San Francisco, CA** Henning Jensen, 1613 Brewster Ave., Redwood City, CA (94062). Fourth Wednesday, Swedish Hall, 2174 Market St., San Francisco.
- 67 Fresno, CA** L. S. DeLaurant, 1505 N. Lafayette (93728). Second Thursday, 2540 E. Floradora, Fresno.
- 95\*Ferndale, CA** Francis Sweet, Rt. 1, Box 382 (95536). Fourth Tuesday, Danish Hall, Ocean Ave., Ferndale.
- 126 Los Angeles, CA** Betty Seale, 708 N. Avon St., Burbank, CA (91505). First Thursday, Alamo Hall, 6401 Ruby St., Los Angeles.
- 143 Petaluma, CA** Henry C. Brown, 302 West St. (94952). Third Friday, Petaluma Veterans Memorial, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. So., Petaluma.
- 184 Hayward, CA** Signe Ann McNeill, 40759 Creston St., Fremont, CA (94538). By notice only.
- 230 Arcata, CA** Laura Schuler, 3223 U St., Eureka, CA (95501). Second Thursday, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1575 L St., Arcata.
- 255\*Selma, CA** Walter Hoegh, 1071 E. Nebraska Ave. (93662). First Thursday, I.O.O.F. Temple, 1710 Tucker St., Selma.
- 299 Solvang, CA** C. W. (Bill) Rasmussen, 55 Hickory Way (93463). Second Wednesday, Veterans Wing-Municipal Hall, Mission Blvd., Solvang.
- 306\*San Diego, CA** Lillian Suda, 4564 39th St. (92116). Second Wednesday, Norway Hall, 3875 43rd St., San Diego.
- 319 Bakersfield, CA** Jacob Jeppesen, 905 Montclair (93309). First Thursday, Labor Hall, 200 W. Jeffery St., Bakersfield.
- 322 Santa Barbara, CA** Carl Lauritsen, 2162 E. Valley Rd., Santa Barbara, CA (93108). Third Tuesday, 1232 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara.
- 323 Alhambra, CA** Frank E. Jepsen, 457 W. Almora St., Monterey Park, CA (91754). First Friday, Service Center, 440 S. McPherrin St., Monterey Park.
- 332 Ripon, CA** Vernon Olsen, 1001 Strathmore Dr., Modesto, CA (95355). Third Friday, members homes.
- 337 Fremont, CA** Esly Rasmussen, 5317 Eggers Dr. (94536). First Wednesday, members homes.
- 345 Orange County, CA** Geraldine Olsen, 10416 Midway, Bellflower, CA (90706). Second Saturday, 14272 Hoover St., Westminster.
- 346\*Riverside, CA** Nancy Nielsen, 1291 W. Sunset Dr., Redlands, CA (92373). First Saturday, Provident Fed. Svgs. & Loan, 6th and Citrus, Redlands.

## COLORADO

- 43\*Denver, CO** Susan Jensen, 10201 Riverdale Rd., #265, Thornton, CO (80229). Second Tuesday, Eastern Star Building, 225 Acoma St., Denver.
- 254\*Brush, CO** Lance S. Christensen, 20101 Rd 27 (80723). First Monday, members homes.
- 261 Fowler, CO** Rick Sharon, 907 Main St. (81039). Second Thursday, Danish Hall, 3½ miles west of Fowler, on Dotson Rd.

## CONNECTICUT

- 32 New Haven, CT** Chris Simonsen, 18 Ann St., North Branford, CT (06471). Second Friday, Dunbar Hill Firehouse, Hamden.
- 37\*Bridgeport, CT** Erik Garde, 26 Brooklawn Pl. (06604). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Cemetery Dr., Stratford.
- 41\*Derby, CT** Allen C. Miner, 184 River Rd., Shelton, CT (06484). Third Thursday, American Legion Hall, Derby.
- 314\*Hartford, CT** James W. Elliott, 135 Chimney Sweep Hill, Glastonbury, CT (06033). First Wednesday, 302 White St., Hartford.

## FLORIDA

- 257\*St. Petersburg, FL** Evelyn J. Hansen, 98 E. Louisiana Ct., New Port Richey, FL (33552). Third Thursday, Pinellas Park Club House, 6026 75th Ave., Pinellas Park.
- 321 West Palm Beach, FL** Carl Rasmussen, 7 North C St., Lake Worth, FL (33460). Second Saturday, 202 N. H Street, Lake Worth.

## IDAHO

- 264\*Pocatello, ID** Shaun Watson, Rt. 1 N., Box 68 (83201). First Saturday, 1365 N. Main, Pocatello.

## ILLINOIS

- 17 Chicago, IL** Albertice C. Nylén, 97 Carriage Rd., Barrington, IL (60010). Second Thursday, 5844 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.
- 34 Dwight, IL** Margaret Goodwin, 304 E. James St. (60420). Second Monday, V.F.W., Old Route 66, Dwight.
- 35 Chicago, IL** Charles Jespersen, 163 Strieff Ave., Chicago Heights, IL (60411). Third Friday, 9701 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park.
- 64 Rockford, IL** Sofus T. Sorensen, 3126 Nadine Ave. (61111). Third Wednesday, Baltic Lodge, 1524 9th St., Rockford.
- 92 St. Charles, IL** Andrea Mylin, 38 W. 280 Foxwood Lane (60174). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, 2nd Ave. & E. Main, St. Charles.
- 107\*Chicago, IL** Wilbur Jensen, 3110 W. 114th Place (60655). Second Tuesday, Harold Petersen's Hall, 14537 Chicago Rd., Dalton.
- 182\*Waukegan, IL** Janet Petersen, 1933 N. Jackson (60087). Second Friday, Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County, Waukegan.
- 340\*Wood Dale, IL** Janet Villacci, 7231 S. Wolf Rd. C-8, Indian Head Park, IL (60525). First Wednesday, 301 Prospect Dr., Wood Dale.

## INDIANA

- 245\*South Bend, IN** Donald B. Lynch, 405 Sugar Pine Dr., Mishawaka, IN (46545). Third Monday, St. Joseph Bank Community Room, U.S. Hwy 31 No., South Bend.

## IOWA

- 3\*Davenport, IA** Carl Christensen, 528 W. 12th Ave., Milan, IL (61264). Second Thursday, American Legion Hall, Davenport.
- 10\*Council Bluffs, IA** E. A. (Bud) Grunberg, 2315 S. 11th St. (51501). Second Tuesday, Danish Hall, 714 S. 4th, Council Bluffs.
- 15 Des Moines, IA** Erik Sorensen, Rt. 1, Box 235, Monroe, IA (50170). Second Monday, Dania Hall, 715 E. Locust, Des Moines.
- 62 Sioux City, IA** Charles W. Boulden, 3226 4th Ave. (51106). Third Tuesday of March, June, September, and December, members homes.
- 134\*Ringsted, IA** No meeting.
- 144\*Dike, IA** Lyle R. Refshauge, Box 272 (50624). Second Monday, Dike Community Hall, Dike.
- 147 Newell, IA** Elmer Jensen, RR 1, Box 5 (50568). Third Wednesday, Allee Building, Main St., Newell.
- 217 Humboldt, IA** Violet Bergeson, Plover, IA (50573). Second Monday, Senior Citizen's Building, Humboldt.

- 219 Clear Lake, IA Kathleen Sonsalla, 741 Odell, Webster City, IA (50595). Second Saturday, I.O.O.F. Hall, 309½ Main Ave., Clear Lake.
- 326 West Branch, IA Deloris M. Ross, 806 Mill Ave., Box 232, Springville, IA (52336). First Saturday, members homes.
- 341\*Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA Gwen Block, 2306 9th St., Harlan, IA (51537). Last Monday every other month, alternating Kimballton and Elk Horn.
- 347 Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA Ulla Wall, 362 E. Post Rd S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA (52403). Second Thursday, Marion Community Center, 10th Ave. & 6th St., Marion.
- 349 Atlantic, IA Marge Holland, 201 E. 19th (50022). Second Monday every other month, no definite place.

### MICHIGAN

- 30 Muskegon, MI Clayton Hansen, 2103 Garland (49441). Second and fourth Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 2330 Barclay Ave., Muskegon.
- 51 Ludington, MI Michael A. Bray, 1041 N. Rath Ave. (49431). First Wednesday, 1014 S. Madison St., Ludington.
- 70 Greenville, MI Darwin Noah, 2769 Sidney Rd., Sidney, MI (48885). Second and fourth Friday, DBS Hall, Greenville.
- 106\*Trufant, MI Mary L. Nielsen, 121 First St. (49347). Fourth Saturday, DB Hall, Second St., Trufant.
- 163\*Edmore, MI Alfred Rasmussen, RFD #1 (48829). No meeting.
- 227\*Detroit, MI Carl Larsen, 6535 Kingsbury, Dearborn Heights, MI (48127). Second and fourth Wednesday, Danish Club, 22711 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

### MINNESOTA

- 45 Minneapolis, MN Norma Henriksen, 6226 3rd Ave. S. (55423). Third Friday, 4200 Cedar Avenue So., Minneapolis.
- 73\*Alden, MN Aage L. Mickelsen, Box 214 (56009). When called.
- 75 Albert Lea, MN Viggo A. Berthelsen, 1725 Canary Drive (56007). First Saturday, Senior Citizens Center, 146 W. College, Albert Lea.
- 121\*Tyler, MN Ilene Sorensen, RR 1, Arco, MN (56113). First Saturday, Senior Citizens Center, Tyler.
- 263 Askov, MN Edna Petersen, Box 85 (55704). First Wednesday, Askov Cafe, Askov.

### MISSOURI

- 56 Kansas City, MO Otto M. Larsen, 328 N. 13th St., Kansas City, KS (66102). Third Saturday, 6428 McGee St., Kansas City.

### MONTANA

- 273 Dillon, MT Harry Abernethy, 421 South Dakota St. (59725). First Saturday, (October-April), 130 N. Idaho St., Dillon.
- 283 Dagmar, MT Gregg Nielsen, 333 N. Jackson, Plentywood, MT (59254). Second Monday, Lodge Hall, Dagmar.

### NEBRASKA

- 1 Omaha, NE Stephen Oleson, 1106 Eldorado Dr. (68154). First and third Tuesday, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st St., Omaha.
- 16 Minden, NE Thurza Nielsen, 720 N. Minden (68959). Third Thursday, Community Center, 403 N. Colorado, Minden.
- 26\*Fremont, NE Larry L. Ludvigsen, 1619 E. 16th St. (68025). When called.
- 84 Lincoln, NE Erik Hansen, 3912 J. Street (68510). Second Saturday, Odd Fellow Hall, 1111 N. 56th, Lincoln.
- 110\*Winslow, NE Anton Pedersen, Pres., 112 W. 13th St., Wayne, NE (68787). When called.
- 117\*Plainview, NE Louis Petersen (68769). Third Tuesday, Legion Club, Plainview.
- 125\*Weeping Water, NE Kenneth Lauritzen, Rt. 1, Box 9 (68463). Second Tuesday, secretary's home, Weeping Water.

- 161 Ruskin, NE Grace Thomsen, RFD 2, Superior, NE (68978). Second Saturday, Ruskin Community Room, Ruskin.

- 177 Cordova, NE Faye M. Petersen, RR 1, Box 42, McCool Junction, NE (68401). Third Thursday, members homes.

- 195 Omaha, NE Edward Krause, 1308 S. 165th Ave. (68130). First Thursday, 2501 N. 61st St., Omaha.

- 206\*Blair, NE J. Merton Kuhr, 637 N. 23rd St. (68008). Fourth Monday, River-view Grange Hall, 21st and Jackson St., Blair.

- 211\*Grand Island, NE Vera Petersen, Rt. 1, Box 120, St. Paul, NE (68873). Second Monday except June, July and August, Blue Flame Room, 515 W. Third, Grand Island.

- 213\*Ord, NE Marlea Kittle (68862). When called.

- 288 Cotesfield, NE Evelyn Rasmussen, 1210 Baxter, St. Paul, NE (68873). When needed, members homes.

### NEVADA

- 339\*Las Vegas, NV April Gerrity, P.O. Box 72211 (89170). Last Monday, 3527 Montego Dr., Las Vegas.

### NEW JERSEY

- 46 Perth Amboy, NJ Kenneth Nielsen, 95 Ira Ave., Colonia, NJ (07067). Second Wednesday, Danish Home, New Durham Rd., Edison.
- 90\*Port Reading, NJ Ejlf H. Kjems, 11 Kilfoyle Avenue, Fords, NJ (08863). Third Tuesday, Danish Home for Aged, 855 New Durham Rd., Edison.
- 116 Newark, NJ Donald Heckman, 32 Rector St., Milburn, NJ (07041). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Town Green, N. Trivett Ave., Springfield.

- 241 Sayreville, NJ Arne Jensen, 21 Thomas St., South River, NJ (08882). First Monday, 21 Thomas St., (Rear Bldg.), South River.

### NEW YORK

- 71 Penn Yan, NY Clarence Jensen, 1179 Townline Rd. (14527). Third Saturday, Lodge Home, 100 E. Elm St., Penn Yan.
- 164\*New York, NY Barbara Perrin, 38 Prospect Park S.W., Brooklyn, NY (11215). Third Saturday, Danish Athletic Club, 735 65th St., Brooklyn.
- 183\*Troy, NY Robert E. Nelson, 11 Downey Rd., RD 6 (12180). Second Saturday, DB Hall, 37-39 112th S., Troy.
- 190\*Schenectady, NY Willy Willendrup, 27 County Fair Lane, Scotia, NY (12302). First and third Wednesday, Elks Club, 1410 State St., Schenectady.
- 240 Rochester, NY Paul O. Peters, 437 Lear Ct., Schaumburg, IL (60194). When called.
- 300\*Oneonta, NY Ivan Kollgaard, Box 222, Laurens, NY (13796). Second Saturday.
- 325 Nassau County, NY Niels B. Hansen, 14 Roberts St., Farmingdale, NY (11735). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Franklin Ave. and Legion Place, Malverne.

### NORTH DAKOTA

- 260\*Williston, ND Walter Jensen, RR 2 (58801). Third Saturday.
- 279\*Hunter, ND Christian Hansen, Pres. (58048). When called, members homes.

### OHIO

- 170\*Rocky River, OH John Gormsen, 19324 Royalton R., Strongsville, OH (44136). Second Friday, 27330 Center Ridge Rd., West Lake.
- 225 Canton, OH Audrey Pedersen, 3615 Frazier Ave. NW (44709). First Friday, First Federal Savings Bldg., 1000 N. Main St., North Canton.
- 301 Akron, OH Ejnar Madsen, 1602 Fairfax Rd. (44313). Third Saturday, D of A Hall, South and Allyn Sts., Akron.

### OREGON

- 167 Portland, OR Sylvia Hurst, 18460 S.W. Almonte Ct., Aloha (97007). First Wednesday, Norse Hall, 111 N.E. 11th Ave., Portland.

- 194 **McMinnville, OR** Marie Jensen, 1313 Brooks St. (97128). Second Saturday. 1010 Alpine St., McMinnville.
- 268 **Junction City, OR** Norman Christensen, 560 Blackfoot, Eugene (97404). First Tuesday, 195 W. 5th St., Junction City.
- 348 **Eugene, OR** Mary Stefansen, 952 W. 10th St. (97402). Second Thursday, 1936 Alder, Eugene.

### PENNSYLVANIA

- 172\***Philadelphia, PA** Mildred Gamburg-Nielsen, 121 Villas Dr., #7, New Castle, DE (19720). Second Friday, IAM Union Hall, Jansen Ave., Essington, PA
- 202\***Warren, PA** Lawrence A. Andersen, 179 Davis St., Youngsville, PA (16371). Second Wednesday, Warren Grange Hall, Crescent Park, Warren.
- 242 **Erie, PA** Henry Jensen, 2656 Sigsbee St. (16508). Third Wednesday, Danish Club, 1146 W. 8th St., Erie.
- 342 **Bucks County, PA** Betty Jensen, 44 Roundabout Lane, Levittown, PA (19055). Third Friday, Sons of Norway Hall, 187 State Rd., Bensalem.

### RHODE ISLAND

- 102\***Providence, RI** Carl W. Sorensen, 421 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI (02910). Once a month at members homes.

### SOUTH DAKOTA

- 139 **Viborg, SD** Wayne E. Peterson, RR 1, Box 162 (57070). No meeting.

### UTAH

- 78\***Salt Lake City, UT** Maurice Nelson, 4059 S. 895 East, Ogden, UT (84403). Second Tuesday.

### VERMONT

- 294 **Barre, VT** Helen Lunde, 5 Beech St. (05641). Second Tuesday, Knights of Columbus Hall, Pine Hill Rd., Barre.

### WASHINGTON

- 29 **Seattle, WA** H. Martin Rasmussen, 2030 Minor Ave. E. (98102). First Wednesday, The Swedish Club, 1920 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle.
- 33 **Tacoma, WA** Signe Wenness, 1213 N. Verde (98046). Second Saturday, 3025 Pacific Highway E., Fife, WA
- 42 **Spokane, WA** Lawrence Charneski, E. 3324 15th (99203). First Thursday, W. 120 Mission Ave., Spokane.
- 113\***Enumclaw, WA** Einer Bruhn, 613 Myrtine St. (98022). Second Saturday, Danish Hall, 1708 Porter St., Enumclaw.
- 155 **Bellingham, WA** Karen Bruun, 2737 N. Park Drive (98225). Fourth Saturday at members' homes.

### WISCONSIN

- 4 **Racine, WI** Daniel Christensen, 2731 Fleetwood Dr. (53403). Second Wednesday, Dania Hall, 1019 State St., Racine.
- 9\***Oshkosh, WI** Richard Segor, 424 W. Nevada Ave. (54901). Fourth Thursday, Eagles Hall, 405 Washington Ave., Oshkosh.
- 14 **Kenosha, WI** Roger Nelson, 2016 76th St. (53140). First and Third Tuesday, 2206 63rd St., Kenosha.
- 36 **Milwaukee, WI** Albert L. Larsen, 2571 S. Shore Dr. (53207). Third Wednesday, International Institute, 2810 W. Highland Blvd, Milwaukee.
- 89\***Superior, WI** Marion L. Christensen, Box 288, Wentworth, WI (54894). Third Monday, Polish Club, Superior.
- 186 **Luck, WI** Esther M. Nies, 405 Lake St., Rt. 3, Box 60A (54853). Third Monday, DBIA Hall, 300 1st St. So., Luck.
- 343 **Waupaca, WI** Aleine S. Miller, 304 North St. (54981). Fourth Thursday, Trinity Lutheran Church, 206 E. Badger St., Waupaca.
- 344\***Janesville, WI** Alice Barlass, RR 1, County A E (53545). Fourth Thursday, V.F.W. Club, Janesville.

### WYOMING

- 148\***Cheyenne, WY**

### CANADA

- 328 **Vancouver, B.C.** Peter Jensen, 1721 Laurier Ave., Port Coquitlam, B.C. (V3B 2C3). First Wednesday, Swedish Hall, 1320 E. Hastings St., Vancouver.

### DENMARK

- 318\***Copenhagen, Denmark** Helge Aasted, Sortedams Doessering 59, C 2 tv., 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark. When called.

## 1987 District Secretaries

- Pacific-Northwest District** — Bente Noble, 7009 34th Avenue N.E., Seattle, WA 98115
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## 1987 District Convention Schedule

District	Host Lodge	Date
Pacific-Northwest	Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA	May 1-3
California-Nevada	Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA	July 16-18
Iowa-Minnesota	Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA	Labor Day Weekend
Midwest	Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL	July 24-26
Nebraska	Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE	August 21-23
Michigan-Ohio	Lodge No. 225 & 301, Canton & Akron, OH	May 16
G.C.E.L.	Lodge No. 314, Hartford, CT	Labor Day Weekend

# "Somebody Had To Do It"

by S. A. Wittman

The specter of World War II haunts even those of us who were too young to experience it ourselves and have had to hear about it secondhand. Most of the recollections are horrible to hear but some are more hopeful, tugging on the thread of common humanity that runs through the maze of human history like a fragile lifeline. My own favorite story was told to me about twenty years ago.

I was living in Denmark at the time and was fortunate to make the acquaintance of an elderly Danish couple who lived in the village of Taarbaek, a quaint and tiny harbor town. Theirs was a small stone seaside cottage, wedged into a pie-shaped lot beside the lane that led to the harbor.

The old gentleman wanted to paint my portrait and I, loving the attention of a pair of substitute grandparents, agreed to a sitting and afternoon tea for a number of Sundays (whenever my friend came close to finishing the portrait, he would become "dissatisfied" with it and begin another, thereby assuring himself of a Sunday visitor for some time to come).

As I sat for my portrait, the old gentleman began to tell, slowly and with great modesty, the story of their lives together. And interwoven in this story, so that it never appeared braggartly or sensational were the memories of how, during the war, they had smuggled numerous Jews into waiting fishing boats for the short passage to the safe shore of Sweden.

The Gestapo knew of these activities in the area and made frequent surprise raids; my friends would have been shot if they had been found out. One evening the Gestapo arrived and made a

search, but did not discover the Jew hiding in the trash can or the Jew holding his breath and trying to make himself very thin, standing behind the upstairs bathroom door.

My friends were not fiery people who made a lot of noise about their convictions. They also did not make a claim for praise afterward, nor did they hold bitterness in their hearts. They simply did what they did. There were many other people living in the harbor area, but most refused to take the risk of helping the Jews. My friends did not judge their neighbors harshly, the risk was real, their fear understandable. "But somebody had to do it," my friends said.

Of all the catch phrases used during wartime, "somebody had to do it" has always angered me the most — that tired old justification for atrocities which is inevitably followed by "if I hadn't done it, somebody else would have." To hear it used in reverse struck me as promising.

Later, in an unrelated conversation, the subject of exchange students came up and my friends told of having recently taken several young German students into their home. They didn't have much space, I pointed out. Yes, they agreed. "But no one else would have them. The neighbors wouldn't take them because of the grudge they hold against the Germans, you know, from the war. 'Somebody had to do it'."

When it was time to leave Denmark and say goodbye for the last time, the old gentleman was quite discouraged that he had never finished my portrait. I, of course, left my friends with a lot more than a painting in my hand.

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# **“Welcome Back” Danish Brotherhood in America**

## **by Clark R. Rasmussen**

Not since October, 1906 has Lodge No. 15 or any lodge in the State of Iowa been honored to host the National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America; and we are determined to use the opportunity to showcase our State of Iowa and City of Des Moines.

Iowa has a rich tradition with the Danish Brotherhood. The second President of our National organization was L. L. Ries of Clinton, Iowa who served from January 17, 1887 until January 17, 1891. The fifth president was H. H. Vogt of Davenport, Iowa who served from January 17, 1896 until October 8, 1910. Davenport and Iowa were again honored when John Hansen served from September 23, 1939 until September 19, 1947.

Five of the first twelve conventions of the Brotherhood were held in Iowa. After the first convention in Omaha on January 2, 1882, Iowa hosted conventions in the following cities: Clinton, January 1884; Burlington, January 1887; Davenport, January 1891; Des Moines, October 1898; and Council Bluffs in October 1906. One of the noteworthy pictures on our lodge wall is a photograph taken in front of the State Capital, of approximately 125 delegates to the 1898 convention resplendent in their various lodge sashes.

With this rich association with the Danish Brotherhood, we assure you that we will not be satisfied to wait eighty-nine more years to host a national convention in what we pleasantly refer to as the “heart of the heartland.”

In preparing for the convention, it has been interesting to look at the delegates who attended the convention in Philadelphia in 1983. Did you know that the oldest and youngest delegate to that convention were both born in Denmark — 58 years apart! Twenty-eight of the delegates immigrated from the homeland and 33 claimed the United States of America as their birthplace. The average (mean) age of all the delegates was fifty-eight; those born in Denmark had an average (mean) age of sixty-two whereas the average (mean) age of those claiming the United States as their birthplace was fifty-four.

Our own Lodge No. 15 was chartered on November 26, 1883 with the following five charter members: Stephen Markussen, a clerk, born in Torsted pr Harsens on January 27, 1857 and married to Marie Markussen; Jens Jepsen, a laborer, born in Velen pr Ribe on August 7, 1856 and married to Mathie Jepsen; Jacob Peter Esbensen, a laborer, born in Gelstoft pr Arnum Selsvig on March 17, 1861 and married to Gunder Esbensen; Jens Christian Hansen, a laborer, born in Kirkehelsing pr Thelipsdal on January 19, 1863 and married to Nielsine Hansen; and Christian Hansen, a laborer, born in Sotterup, Byllerup Song Sleswig. According to records at the National Headquarters in Omaha, Lars Madsen and Peter K. Nielsen also joined on November 23, 1883 but their names do not show up on the original lodge records. By the turn of the century, sixty-six more immigrants had joined the lodge bringing total membership to seventy-one. On September 14, 1903 our lodge accepted into membership the first person not born in Denmark. He was Willie Nielsen, the son of Sofie Nielsen; and born in Des Moines, Iowa on January 24, 1883, the year our lodge was founded. Four of the five Charter members had \$1,000 worth of life insurance whereas the fifth member had \$500, a considerable sum in those days. The cost of the \$500 policy plus membership was 54 cents whereas the \$1,000 coverage ranged in price from \$1.00 for a

twenty-one year old to \$1.14 for a twenty-seven year old. In 1961, the premium on a five year old child of a member cost just \$1.54 for \$1,000 coverage.

The minutes of our lodge are not as enlightening or informative as our registration records. No minutes are available of the early meetings and the first record is from the December 8, 1906 meeting. The minutes are typical of what you might expect from a fraternal organization today. They had among their officers, an inside guard and an outside guard; a custom continued in some of our lodges today. They took care of their fellow members by granting sick help which amounted to \$5.00 per week per family. New members were voted on at the lodge meeting with the use of white and black balls; a custom discontinued by most fraternal organizations in the last half of this century. Under that system, each member placed a white ball in a small box for an affirmative vote or a black ball for a negative vote. Out of this system arose the phrase to “black ball” a person.

All of this information was taken from the early records of Lodge No. 15 of the Danish Brotherhood in America located in Des Moines, Iowa. We hope to display these early books at the 1987 convention so you can share in the history of one of the early lodges.

## **CONVENTION UPDATE**

Plans for the 1987 Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood in America, Joint National Convention, September 24-26, 1987 in Des Moines, Iowa continue to develop. The Steering Committee, consisting of the Chairs of the six outstanding committees and under the able leadership of Willy Christensen, are meeting regularly to iron out all the details. Secretaries of all lodges will soon be receiving information regarding advertising in our convention booklet. We encourage you to place your orders for display advertising by March 15 so that preparation of the booklet can go on as scheduled. After the display ads are completed, we will ask that you collect \$2.00 from each of your members so that their names can be listed in the program booklet with other members of your lodge. Delegates have now all been selected and a mailing will soon be sent to each of them with a more complete convention update and a request for a photo of each of them for printing the convention booklet. Pictures should be no larger than 5"x7" and of reproductive quality. The pictures will be returned to you.

Des Moines, “the surprising place,” is anxiously awaiting your arrival so that we can, in the spirit of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood in America, promote Danish culture and tradition of our fellow members and friends.

## **Dedication Ceremony**

**A long-time dream was realized for Axel Skelbeck, Past National Secretary-Treasurer, when the National Headquarters Building was first dedicated in 1967. It is because of this dream and the selfless, inspiring service he gave, that the National Headquarters Building will be dedicated in his memory at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, 1987, at the National Headquarters.**

# The Three Friends

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time there was an old man who had three friends. He felt that the first one was his best friend because he trusted him and was happy being with him.

The second man he liked quite well, but did not confide in him.

The third man he enjoyed seeing once in a while.

One day, a messenger came to the old man's home. "You are to come with me," he said. "The King wants to see you!"

The old man became frightened. "Surely," he cried, "there must be some mistake. I have done nothing, but I will bring a good friend with me for moral support."

So he went to his first friend and told him of his need and asked him to go with him to the King.

"That's not my problem!" said the friend. "I can't help you!"

And the old man went away feeling very sad. He was so very, very sad that he got lost twice before he found the home of his second friend.

When the old man told him his tale of woe, his second friend seemed to understand and had a tear in his eye.

"I'll gladly walk with you to the gate of the

palace," said the friend, "but that's as far as I'll go."

The old man left feeling great despair and went to his third friend's house and told him the whole story.

"Oh," said the friend, "I am sorry to hear what you have been through. Do not worry. I will be happy to go with you and find out what the King wants of you."

The old man couldn't believe his ears. How could he have judged so wrongly.

And so, the third friend went with the old man and spoke to the King, whereupon the old man was free and cleared of any blame.

## A Special Thank You

To National President Robert Ibsen, Norbert Grove, Board Members, and all members of the Danish Brotherhood:

Please accept my sincere heart-felt thanks for the many donations, cards and letters. Your sympathy was greatly appreciated in the recent death of my husband, Axel. The floral piece was outstanding.

Thanks to Kenneth Pedersen and Robert Ibsen for taking time to be with us and to Jerome Christensen for lending his beautiful voice and to the many that attended.

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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — At our January 7 meeting, Kristin Jorgensen related many fond memories of Past National Secretary-Treasurer, Axel Skelbeck, and our lodge voted to give a gift to the National Scholarship Fund in his memory. Honor be to the memory of Axel Skelbeck!

Pastor Gudmond B. Rundstrom passed away December 30, 1986. For a number of years we had the pleasure of his coming and bringing us the Christmas message in beautiful Danish on "Lille Juleaften" at St. John Lutheran Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all of the family. Honor be to the memory of Pastor Rundstrom!

Edith Andersen reported that the annual Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Christmas party held on December 14, 1986, at the West Seattle Masonic Hall was a success. Some 250 to 300 people of all ages had a marvelous time with thanks to our hard-working committee, Santa Jerry, and the Danalag Folkdancers.

Again, on December 23, 1986, we had a Danish "Lille Juleaften" at the St. John Lutheran Church. With the help of Pastor Richard Sorensen and Professor Sven Rosell, we enjoyed a very meaningful Christmas in Danish. The church was filled with people taking part in hearing and singing our dear old Danish Christmas carols with the great help of our Danish "Happy Singers" choir. The church was truly beautiful with its lighted Christmas tree and bank of red poinsettias against the altar. Gunnar Sorensen again provided the programs with all the Danish Christmas carols. After the service, everyone enjoyed coffee and delicious Christmas goodies furnished by our hard-working Danish ladies. It was a truly festive evening.

Mel Hollister and his family upheld the "Sam Frederiksen Tradition" by bringing flowers to all the shut-ins for Christmas. Carl Bach called us and wanted to express his sincere appreciation for the flowers he received. Thanks Mel and family!

Welcome to Louis Nelsen who is transferring from Enumclaw to Seattle. We also had with us a guest, Thorvald Jensen, Page 12

The best idea for March goes to Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT. See page 20 for details.

from Fremont, Nebraska. Thank you, Thorvald, for stopping by!

Bente Noble spent Christmas in Denmark and told of seeing on Danish TV a documentary of the "Dream of America" featuring Mary Ann Forsblatt, Jens Bruun, and Martin Metzon.

Our lodge will join with other community organizations and other concerned citizens across the country in the Operation Care and Share program. We urge all members from now on to bring a can of food when they come to meetings. A committee will be appointed to take the food to the local food banks in the name of the Danish Brotherhood.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

**Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA** — Our lodge is alive and active. We have recently installed three new members.

Our January meeting came up with the following officers: Past President, James Dess; President, Villy Laursen; Vice President, Don Anderson; Secretary, Signe Wenness; and Treasurer, William Wenness.

Our Christmas party was a big success. It was held at Titlow Park Lodge in Tacoma.

Peter Rasmussen in his beautiful Santa suit and his wife, Wendy (Mrs. Santa Claus), welcomed all eighty members and their guests. The children enjoyed the fishing well supplied by Carsten Rasmussen and his wife.

The Danish pork dinner and accompani-



Everyone had fun dancing around the tree and eager children were waiting for Santa's gifts.

ments was catered by Ole Snoer, one of our Danish members and owner of The Turning Point Restaurant. Marie Dess made nine pounds of pickled herring. She also helped Maren and Willy Rasmussen decorate the hall.

Signe Wenness, Sec.

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — The Spokane Danes are gearing up for this year's Pacific Northwest District Convention to be held on May 1, 2, and 3 at the Red Lion Motor Inn located just off I-90 at Sullivan Road in the Spokane Valley. The 1974 District Convention was at the same facility known as the Lamplighter Lodge in those days at our World's Exposition. We happily received word that Walla Walla Lodge No. 180 of the Danish Sisterhood of America will co-host this convention. Sunday, May 3, will be this year's version of the Bloomsday race. For those unfamiliar, we anticipate over 50,000 runners of all shapes, sizes and ages will run, jog, walk or crawl the 7.5 miles to victory on the course which starts on downtown streets and ends in front of the City Hall building just west across the street from our picturesque Riverfront Park. We need the cooperation and assistance of all our membership to make this year's district convention one to be remembered, so please call the Perrys, Larsens, Mathenys, Kinders, Gilberts, etc., and let them know you are ready to volunteer your time and talents between now and the first of May.

On the first Saturday in March, we will hold our joint installation of the 1987 officers-elect. Pacific Northwest District Sisterhood President, Lis Christensen of Seattle, and Pacific Northwest District Brotherhood President, Sharon Kinder of Olympia, have been invited to join us on Saturday, March 7, and install our 1987 officers-elect. Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Casey's Restaurant. The following officers will be installed: Past President, Merle Kinder; President, Sheridan Perry; Vice President, Rudy Vida; Secretary, Lawrence Charneski; Treasurer, Emil Larsen; 1st Trustee, Edith Gage; 2nd Trustee, Fred Matheny; 3rd Trustee, Pat Gilbert; Conductor, Iver Hansen; and Entertainment Chairman, Woodrow Nelsen.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — The January 7 meeting was called to order by President Stig Hansen with 39 members present.

Guests introduced were Sharon Kinder, Northwest District President, and Dr. Ralph Nielsen.

Mag Esrom reported that he was doing better after suffering a seizure which was the cause of his auto accident. Margaret is doing well and he expressed appreciation for the fruit basket and poinsettia given by the lodge. Mag also stated Sylvano Hansen was not feeling well and was unable to attend the meeting.

Lisa Mortensen reported on Scanfair. They had lots of fun, there were long lines, and everything was sold out. Lisa thanked all the helpers with special thanks to Asbjorn Fisker for his help with the power problems. It was decided to donate \$150 back to Scanfest.

Diane Fisker reported that the Christmas party went very well, even though attendance was not as large as in the past. The kids were very excited and a good time was had by all. A special thank you was given to the juleman, and it was noted that the Christmas tree donated by Mr. Jorgensen from Vancouver was grown from a seed from Denmark.

Jens Gimbel reported that the Copenhagen Boys Choir will be in Portland in late

April. There will be a need for lodging of the boys and their chaperones.

Stig Hansen gave the President's Award to Karlene Thorkildsen for her excellent job as Activities Director. Stig also took a few moments to reflect on his past two years as president.

The Northwest District annual Bowling Tournament will be held in Enumclaw, Washington, on Saturday, March 14. All Sisters and Brothers are encouraged to participate and you may sign up as individuals or teams.

The bowling tournament will take place during the day with a Danish dinner and dance to follow in the evening at the Enumclaw Lodge's Hall. Rumor has it that this is always a fine Danish meal and lots of fun!

Call Debbie Johnson or Magnus Esrom to sign up or for more information.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — There were 57 members present at our January meeting. Our new Board of Directors was installed by Past District President, Eliith Marcussen.

One new application was accepted for membership. Welcome to Carl J. Madsen.

After the meeting, the Brothers enjoyed open-faced sandwiches and beer and snaps.

We held our annual Smoker on January 24. This is the time where all the Brothers attend their own party. There was a big turnout. All together, there were 126 people attending. As usual, we started with our cocktail hour, then proceeded to Det store kolde bord med lune retter. This was prepared by Bente Pedersen and Kate Praegel, with help from Birthe Andersen. During the evening, Poul B. Christensen was presented with his 25-year membership pin. After the dinner, we all danced to the great music of the eleven man orchestra. This was the last party given by our old Fest Committee of 1986, and they have outdone themselves. A thanks goes to Willy Andersen and his committee members for a job well done.

Vernon Tryson passed away in Clearbrook, B.C. on January 13, at the age of 73. He was born in Denmark on October 14, 1913, and came to Canada with his parents in 1929.

Vernon Tryson was a long standing member of our lodge. He was a very active member in the Brotherhood's early beginnings. Twice he was elected president of our lodge. He also served as President of the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood District. He was active in many Danish and Scandinavian organizations, among others the Scandinavian Businessman's Associa-

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tion and the Danish Senior Citizen Home Dania Society.

Vernon will be long remembered by the Danish community in Vancouver for his active involvement and support.

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — The meeting on January 8 was called to order by President Poul Olesen with 34 members present.

A film entitled, "Once Upon a Time and Today," loaned by the Royal Danish Consulate, was shown during the social hour. It was an interesting and entertaining film about the Royal Danish castles of Amalienborg, Rosenborg, Fredensborg, Kronborg, and Frederiksborg with narration by Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik. Kathleen and Fred Thomsen and their committee served coffee, fine Danish aebleskage and cookies after the film.

The anniversary dinner and installation of officers was held January 23 with the lodge furnishing beef roast and ham and members furnishing the rest of the meal. District President, Sharon Kinder, installed the following officers: Past President, Poul Olesen; President, Niels Nedergaard; Vice President, Peter Jensen; Secretary, Mary Stefansen; Treasurer, Homer Hansen; Trustees, Birgit Sand, Carl Lyngge, and Scott Stefansen; and Conductor, Knud Toftemark. Entertainment was furnished by the Willamalane Kitchen Band followed by coffee and dessert. **Verna G. Lyngge, Cor.**

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

**Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA** — Ninety members and friends gathered at the Danish Hall in Ferndale on December 27 for a gala Christmas party. Festivities included potluck, a program presented by Lori Victorine, a Christmas tree donated by Bob and Marion Christiansen, gifts for the children, Santa Claus (Richard Tirsbeck), traditional songs, and dances around the Christmas tree. The highlight of the evening was a candle light ceremony asking for peace in the world, followed by dancing to Carl Langhens accordion and bingo.

On January 24 a joint installation was held with Lodge No. 230 of Arcata and Sisterhood Lodge No. 31. Ed Madsen of Solvang was the installing officer and Harvey Rasmussen of Petaluma was conductor. Niels Sovndol was awarded his 60-year membership pin and Fred Elliott was awarded his 25-year pin. Frank Latham was presented with a certificate of merit for his work in the Brotherhood.

**Lodge #230, Arcata, CA** — Joint installation of officers was held in Ferndale, California, on January 24, with Lodge No. 95 as host to Lodge No. 131 of the Danish Sisterhood, and to our lodge. A no-host "happy hour" and a roast beef dinner preceded the ceremonies.

The officers were escorted into the lodge room by a drill team from Ferndale, who were attired in Scandinavian costumes, and Eunice Sanborn at the piano. Ed Madsen, of Solvang, and Sylvia Lindquist of Santa Barbara, District Presidents, with the assistance of Conductor, Harvey Rasmussen and Marshal, Eleanor Holm of Fresno, installed the following officers for our lodge: Past President, Marg Jensen substituting for Dorothy Kjer; President, Judith Walton; Vice President, Jeffrey Walton; Secretary, Laura Schuler; Treasurer, Earl Kjer; Conductor, Emma Dudal; Trustee, Vern Jensen, substituting for Hans Bruhn; and Outer Guard, Hans Dudal.

District President, Ed Madsen, presented Niels Sovndol with his 50-year membership pin and Fred Elliott with his 25-year pin. Henry Olesen was to be presented with his 60-year pin but he was unable to attend. Frank Lathan received a certificate of merit for the good work he has done for the organization in the past years.

Three distinguished members were introduced, Honorary Life Member, Earl Kjer, from Arcata; Dorothy Petersen, Supreme Trustee; and Past President of the California-Nevada District as well as President of the Board of Directors of Aldersly of Petaluma.

Following installation, coffee and pastry was served in the dining room.

Gunnar Ladefoged passed away January 27, 1987, in Eureka, California. He came to the United States at the invitation of his relatives and worked for Cottage Grove Dairies, and for many years, he was employed as maintenance engineer at the Trinity Hospital, where he endeared himself to many patients and employees. After his retirement, he spent a few years among friends in Sonoma, California. He leaves one sister, Anna Bojesen, in Struer, Denmark, with whom he traveled to Russia and India.

He came back to Arcata and Eureka in



Farewell to our friend, Gunnar.

1979, by way of Vancouver, B.C., where he attended the National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America, of which he was a member of our lodge, in Arcata for 62 years. The last few years was spent at the Jaynger Ranch, high on top of Humboldt Hill, a residential Care Home for senior citizens. Gunnar had endeared himself to many people young and old, throughout the area, as well as the United States, as he was a popular delegate from his lodge. He was also an active sportsman enjoying hunting and fishing as often as he could get away from his daily tasks.

Memorial services were held under the auspices of Humboldt Lodge No. 230 at the I.O.O.F. Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the Danish Brotherhood Scholarship Fund in care of Laura Schuler, 3223 U Street, Eureka, California 95501.

**Laura Schuler, Sec.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — Our first meeting in the new year on January 14 was enhanced by the famous Danish dinner, "Hakkebof med Log," served by Bob Lassiter and crew for 50 members and guests. During the following business meeting, presided by Johannes Jaeger, new member Roy Alexander was initiated.

Ken Fitzgerald reported that the flagpole project was progressing according to schedule, and Erik Pedersen spoke on the success of the Christmas party. We were advised by Peter Weber that a group of Danish Senior Citizens will arrive June 26 for a three day stay. They would like to visit with local families, thus we were asked to make accommodations for three nights. A proposed visit by the Danish Boys Choir was announced by Bent Pedersen, who asked for one night's accommodation for 48 boys and 26 adults. A concert is scheduled for May 1.

The installation of our lodge officers and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 177 took place on January 16 in the Memorial Hall in Solvang. The installing officers were State President Ed Madsen, State Conductor Karen Rowse, State President Sylvia Lindquist, and State Marshal Eleanor Holm.

Our officers for 1987 are as follows: Past President, Johannes Jaeger; President, Bent Pedersen; Vice President, Bent Olsen; Secretary, Bill Rasmussen; Treasurer, Arnold Detmar; Conductor, Glen Jacobsen; Inner Guard, Mark Bates; Outer Guard, Mark Anderson; Trustees, Gary Unterseher, Ken Fitzgerald, and Max Hanbert.

The Drill Team, consisting of Marie Jaeger, Ellen Weber, Ingrid Hansen and Birgit Nelson, added much color and festivity to the affair in their beautiful Garder uniforms.

The Elk Club catered a very good steak dinner, which was nicely served by young people from the Mormon Church. Very pleasant music was played during the dinner and later for dancing by Holger Larsen and his orchestra. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — Let's make 1987 another good year! The sooner we establish dates for events, the easier it will be for our members and friends to plan their attendance and to avoid conflicts with other "outside" attractions. Members who will chair or host an activity are requested to make proposed dates known soon so that the Program Chairman, John Kristensen, can make plans accordingly.

The joint installation was held on January 17 at the Alamo in conjunction with Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 and the Sisterhood Lodge Princess Marie No. 68. The joint installation dinner/dance was a grand affair with a very good turnout of members and friends.

The installation ceremony was officiated by Ed Madsen, President of the California-Nevada District. The installing officer for the Sisterhood was Sylvia Lindquist. The conductor was our own Karen Rowse. The installing officers performed their jobs well. The food was excellent, the bands outstanding.

Five members of our lodge who belong to the Danish Folkdancing Group, were recently invited to dance at the Danish Maersk Line Shipping Company's new terminal in Long Beach. It is huge. The members who attended were Helene and John Kristensen, Inger Dix, Clarence

Christensen, and Kate Krake. It was a gala affair. We even got to board a ship, the Regina Maersk.

Seven members from our lodge will receive their 25-year membership pins in 1987. They include the following: Bea Jepsen, Linda Frith, Susan Macintosh, Julie Grant, Valerie Hopkins, and Henry and Kathryn Hansen. Five of these members are of the Frank Jepsen clan — his wife plus their four daughters. Congratulations! The Jepsen clan has done it again.

**Inger Dix, Treas.**

#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — Our lodge was very pleased to read about the good deeds of our members in our local paper, The Orange County Register, and would like to share the article with you: "Dear Trouble Shooter: I want to thank you for making an old lady very happy. I wrote to you just before Christmas trying to find someone who could read Danish. My mother-in-law has very poor eyesight. She had received Christmas cards from her cousins in Denmark and couldn't see to read them.

The very next day, Kaj Bjorn of Anaheim, a member of Holger Danske Lodge 345 of the Danish Brotherhood, called and arranged to come over with his wife on New Year's Eve afternoon. He read and translated all her cards for her. We used a tape recorder so she can enjoy them over and over.

Mrs. Bjorn brought some homemade Danish cookies. We had coffee and coffee

cake and a delightful time. Thank you again!"

We are very proud of our fraternal friends, Mr. and Mrs. Kaj Bjorn.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to District Past President Walt Miller upon the recent suffering of a stroke. Get well soon, Walt!

We held a joint installation with Kodan Lodge No. 346. Kodan acted as host and we were hosted royally. The evening started with a no-host cocktail hour. The master of ceremonies of the evening was Knud Andersen and he did a great job keeping things rolling along and on schedule.

Installations of both lodges were conducted by Ed Madsen, President of the California-Nevada District, and Karen Rowse. We want to thank our conducting officers for a job well done. These two are such a lot of fun, that we all enjoyed the installation to the maximum.

We need to be reminded at the beginning of each year that the responsibility of our lodge lays not in the hands of our officers only, but the entire membership. We must all work together for the betterment of the lodge. We each need to make that effort by attending the meetings, supporting each outreach endeavor presented and whatever it takes to make a successful year.

It seems a bit early to talk about the convention in 1987, but it will be here before you know it and now is the time to make your plans and put it on your calendar. Riverside Lodge No. 346 will be hosting the convention. The theme is "The Viking Spirit." This will be the 66th annual

# 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
12-19-86	Harold A.C. Petersen	79	Kansas City, Kansas	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
1-8-87	Viggo Christensen	78	Aurora, Nebraska	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1953
1-3-87	Alfred W. Hansen	72	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1950
1-14-87	Soren P. Simonsen	91	Aalborg, Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1926
12-15-86	Axel M. Jurgens	91	Des Moines, Iowa	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1922
12-30-86	Arne R. Pedersen	88	Nim, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1929
1-10-87	Chris P. Rudolph	77	Davenport, Iowa	3	Davenport, Iowa	1943
9-11-86	George J. Martinsen	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1924
1-8-87	Carl Regner Helmso	85	Lyngby, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1945
1-8-87	Herman Einer Eskildsen	84	Hirtshals, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1928
1-19-87	Arthur C. Johnson	71	Providence, Rhode Island	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1948
1-23-87	David F. Nielsen	86	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1946
1-23-87	Alfred Thorup	84	Aalborg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
1-27-87	Gunnar Ladefoged	85	Skive, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1925
12-22-86	Martin Jensen	87	Atwood, Minnesota	260	Williston, North Dakota	1956
1-9-87	Louis V. DeFord, Sr.	57	Tunnel City, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1986
8-11-86	Christian T. Olesen	97	Hjørring, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1919
11-18-86	Alaf Børsholt	87	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C.	1935
12-31-86	Edna C. DeVoi	79	Council Bluffs, Iowa	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1981
1-16-87	Ray S. Thompson	64	Litchfield, Illinois	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1978
12-27-86	James D. Falk	64	Minneapolis, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1986
12-8-86	Joshua Wendell	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1975
1-24-87	Harry L. Rasmussen	72	Farmington, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1976

convention for the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges and will be held July 16-18. Plan to attend.

Many thanks to some very particular people within our lodge. There are always those behind-the-scene workers, that when work needs to be done, they are the first ones to volunteer. It's to these people that we want to publicly thank. On January 2, we had a workday to clean those floors at the Mobile Home Park recreation room. They were in great need of attention and our work crew have beautifully taken care of this. The crew was headed up by our newly elected President, Jim Dwyer. The rest were Howard and Hazel Kjellsen, Soren Christensen, Kaj Bjorn, and Ike Kessler. Rosemary Allison made coffee and Ken Olsen provided doughnuts, although he could not attend. Thanks again from the rest of us.

Did you know that you can donate blood in the name of the DBIA? Kaj Bjorn has been doing this for years. If you have an extra pint of blood and want to donate it to the American Red Cross, call him and he'll give you the information you may need.

Toni Gossett has again agreed to be the Vikings Club chairman. This is a big job and a lot of work, but if the youth don't show up for meetings, it is a bit of wasted energy. So we encourage you to bring your youth to the lodge meetings. The Vikings meet at the same time as the adults. Toni works hard to provide a fun program.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — Fifty-nine revelers representing five lodges attended our joint installation dinner/dance. DBIA District President, Ed Madsen, conducted the installation of Kodan and Holger Danske 1987 officers with the assistance of District Conductor, Karen Rowse. Many thanks to Chairperson, Kaja Del Grippo, for attending to the many details and making all arrangements for a beautiful party. Thanks also to Master of Ceremonies Knud Anderson, the Boy Scouts, those who donated the outstanding door prizes and raffle items, and everybody who came. We had a good time! Congratulations to all the new officers and a big thank you to all the outgoing officers. We appreciate your contributions throughout the past year!

Plans are progressing nicely for the 66th annual convention of the California and Nevada Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Lodges. The convention package, a \$59.00 value, will be sold for \$55.00. Early bird price is only \$50.00 if purchased by June 1. The Holiday Inn in Riverside has blocked off rooms for the convention and is giving us a super rate.

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The children's package is still being finalized, but looks like it will be lots of fun plus very reasonable. It will include an outing to the Water Slide in Fiesta Village followed by lunch and roller skating; and a tour of the flightline at March Air Force Base followed by lunch and swimming. As soon as plans are finalized and ticket books have been printed, they will be made available to all district lodges. Raffle tickets will also be sold. The committee is coming up with some exciting plans including many surprises. The printed program is well underway. Chairman Roy Olson would like for each member to do his or her share in selling ads which must be camera ready.

**Nancy Nielsen, Sec.**

## **NEBRASKA**

### **Nebraska District**

We received the following message from our District President, Bill Jorgensen:

IF — it is to be, it is up to me means everyone who is interested in the continued growth of his or her lodge.

IT — is the months of January, February, and March that are designated as membership growth months by your new president.

IS - a 5% increase in membership too high? No, says President Ken Pedersen of Ruskin Lodge. Twenty-five years ago I was among the twenty members who were inducted here.

TO — which Herbert Nielsen, membership chairman of the Minden Lodge, replied, "I know our lodge can beat yours in new members." The contest is on; how about an increase in your lodge?

BE — sure when you bring in those new members, that you induct them and make that extra effort to make them feel needed.

IT — has been a rewarding experience for us to visit your lodges and renew the friendships of our Danish friends across Nebraska.

IS — n't it about time I receive an invite from the rest of you? No matter how large or small your lodge is, we need you and you need us.

UP — next month is Fastelavns or "Shrove Tide." Fastelavnsboller, hot chocolate and "Sla Katten Af Tønden" (Strike the cat off the barrel) complete just one of the celebrations that the Danes are noted for.

TO — "Come in for Kaffe" for we are at home is what our Vimpel flag says, five miles south and one mile east of Minden at the Jorgensen farm.

ME — rrie and I want to say "tak for mad og det gaestfrihed" (Thanks for the food and your hospitality).

The Nebraska District would like to

thank Bill and Merrie for their words of encouragement and presence at the many installation ceremonies.

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Operation Care and Share is a nationwide effort designed to increase public awareness and understanding of how private citizens can respond to the problem of hunger in the United States and to mobilize greater human, financial and in-kind resources in support of local food programs. Our lodge overwhelmingly approved Operation Care and Share. To kick off the program, each person was asked to bring a canned good or \$1.00 to the February 17 meeting.

Sixty-two members and guests attended the January 20 meeting of our lodge at Vennelyst Park. William Jorgensen, Jr., Nebraska District President, installed the 1987 slate of officers in an impressive candlelight ceremony. Following the installation, Dan Burns, Wine Sales Manager for Ed Phillips & Sons Company, gave a brief explanation of each of the wines he had brought for us to enjoy. The remainder of the evening was spent tasting the various wines, along with an array of Danish cheeses. Our committee chairmen, John and Eleanor Norton and Walt and Marie Madsen, deserve a sincere thank you from all of us for a most enjoyable evening.

The March social committee would like to take this opportunity to remind you to begin thinking about who to invite to the membership dinner on March 17, 1987, at Vennelyst Park.

Armand Thomsen was selected as our candidate for the Howard Christensen Award. His name will be submitted to the National Headquarters for consideration for the National Award.

Michael Nielsen announced that the Omaha Ethnic Festival will be held the first week in May. We advanced the Ethnic Committee of Danish Societies \$100 to assist them in preparing for this annual event.

**Jim Christiansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE** — Our lodge met Saturday evening, January 10, at the Ruskin Community Hall for our annual aebleskiver and sausage supper. Forty members and five guests were present to enjoy the "scrumptious" meal prepared and served by Harley and Carla Jensen, Ron and Lois Lewis, Eddie and Edith Meyer, Arnold and Betty Smith, and Fern Miller. The guests were Nebraska District President, Bill Jorgensen, and his wife, Merrie, and Herb and Shirley Nielsen, all of Minden, and Walter Petersen of Ruskin.

Bill Jorgensen installed our 1987 lodge

officers in a very impressive candlelight service. They are as follows: Past President, Bill Erickson; President, Kenneth Pedersen; Vice President, Eddie Meyer; Secretary, Grace Thomsen; Treasurer, Florence Borgen; Trustees, Al Jorgensen, Ronald Lewis, and Gerald Cox; and Conductor, LaVern Erickson. President Ken Pedersen presented the Past President's pin to Bill Erickson and nine 25-year membership pins to Eugene and Gerry Schultz, Wayne and Ginny Schultz, Kenneth and Loetta Pedersen, Nels Sorensen, Helen Shaw and Hilda Jensen.

The March 27th dance was discussed and the Phase IV band is playing from 8:00 to midnight at the Ruskin Hall. Everyone is welcome!  
**Grace Thomsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — On Monday evening, January 26, we were honored to have our District President, Bill Jorgensen of Minden, as installing officer. He gave a very impressive service for this occasion. The following officers were installed: President, Morris Palle; Vice President, Jerry Christensen; Treasurer, Laurids Pedersen; Secretary, Merton Kuhr; Conductor, Duane Nielsen, and Trustees, Vernon Christoffersen, Tage Christensen, and Wally Johnson.

Our board met on January 12 for an

exchange of ideas on how to make our lodge more attractive to our members, guests and new members. Many of our members are no longer able to serve on committees each month. A proposal was made if each member agrees to bring a few sandwiches or cake or cookies, to each meeting, your board will serve as the committee for the year. This includes program, making coffee and serving the refreshments.

In cooperation with the Home Office Operation Care and Share, the newest fraternal endeavor program, working through our own food pantry in Blair, each member will be asked twice a year to bring to the lodge meeting a can of fruit, vegetables, potatoes, flour or sugar or whatever the need at the time.

We have permission to set up at the mall for our Danish Bake Sale in May and July. We plan an aebleskiver breakfast in the Grange Hall plus a drawing for a Danish plate and two \$25.00 bonds, proceeds to go to an organization of our choice, and to our own College Scholarship Fund.

Our new membership drive starts today. A new membership dinner will be held in October. All new members and the person bringing the most members will have a free dinner paid by the lodge.

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — At our January meeting we had a time of silence in memory of Edna DeVol and Axel Jurgens, two of our members who died recently. We extend our condolences to the families.

The new officers were installed by Kirstine Lundgren who conducted the installation in her very fine competent way.

There was more discussion about the convention and meetings of the various committees.

Harvey Andersen and Doug Lary volunteered to plan a Fastelavns party for February.

**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — Our Christmas party held on December 8 was quite a success. Activities included singing,

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Janeen Danielsen's reading of the Christmas story by Hans Christian Andersen kept the children's interest.

dancing around the Christmas tree, and telling Christmas stories to name a few.

We held a chili and oyster feed at our social meeting on February 9. Several of our members go south in the winter, but we are having spring-like weather here at present.

We look forward to the National Convention in Des Moines in September.

**Lyle Refshauge, Sec.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — Christmas festivities were enjoyed by our lodge with a smorgasbord dinner served at a local cafe on December 5. The group also enjoyed a gift exchange.

On December 9, we joined the Sons of Norway and the Svenska Klubben for a potluck supper held at St. Olafs Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge. Each group participated in the program which followed. Area exchange students were a special part of the program. An interesting film from the Scandinavian countries was shown. There were approximately 400 in attendance.

**Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

**Lodge #326, West Branch, IA** — On Thursday, January 29, 1987, we were saddened by the death of M. Regina Krogh, 91 years of age. Regina's husband, Alfred, who preceded her in death in 1982, started our lodge 56 years ago.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty Best of Decatur, Illinois, and Elsie Barnes of Iowa City, Iowa; three sons, Gunnar of Iowa City, Iowa, Ernest of West Branch, Iowa, and Paul of Lone Tree, Iowa; a brother, Johannes Nielsen of Soro, Denmark; 15 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and 4 great, great grandchildren. Her smiling face will be missed by all; her zest for life never to be forgotten. Our lodge extends its sympathy to all her family.

**Deloris Ross, Sec.**

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — We met for a regular meeting on January 12. Harvey Hansen was our entry for the Howard E. Page 18

Christensen Award. Harvey is the member who volunteered to be responsible for the bowling tournament.

Nadine Williamson, Chairman, and Frances Nelson helped served Danish treats and distribute recipes to those attending a food fair at the Cass County 4-H Building. Our lodge was invited to have a table featuring Danish dishes by the Cass County Family Living Committee. was considered a success.



Nadine Williamson and Frances Nelson kept busy at our impressive table for the food fair.

New officers for the year 1987 were installed at the January meeting. Glenn Olsen presented the slate of officers as a member of the nominating committee. New officers are as follows: President, Richard Becker; Vice President, Folmer Molgaard; Treasurer, Harvey Hansen; and Secretary, Marj Holland.

The lodge voted to take part in the Care and Share program suggested by the National Headquarters. In March we will bring canned fruit to the meeting which will be given to the Atlantic Food Pantry which distributes food to the needy on a weekly basis. The committee consisting of Folmer and Helen Molgaard, Robert and Frances Nelson, Lois Petersen, Marian Pedersen, and Don and Eileen Paulsen brought us an entertaining program by a visitor to the annual Circus World Parade in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last summer. She chose a select "few" slides from among 500 she snapped at the three-day event which were excellent and interesting.

**Marj Holland, Sec.**

**PRESIDENT' AWARD  
BEST DISTRICT  
MIDWEST**

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — Our lodge received the following letter: "Dear Members of the Danish Brotherhood — Thank you for your generous gift of colorful, warm caps for Jefferson Elementary School students. You can be certain their warmth will be appreciated by students during the cold winter months. How kind of you to remem-

ber less fortunate students at this special time of the year. Sincerely, Linda K. Nielson, Principal."

Our Children's Christmas party was well received by all 147 children and adults who attended. Santa's visit, dancing around the tree, gifts, cookies and soda kept the little ones busy and happy. Thanks to the hard working committee headed up by Rick and Chris Wade with assistance from Tom and Judy Nielsen, Barb and Dan Ervin, Brian and Chris O'Neal, Barb Jenel, and Theresa Strom. Thanks to Rick Wicks, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., and Harve Cecil who came in early to get the hall ready.

A repeat of last year's successful New Year's Eve party took place with 219 people present having lots of fun. The evening started out with a beautiful meal followed by the Night Shift Band playing popular music for all ages. Favors, hats, and horns were distributed and balloons were dropped to usher in the New Year. Hot snacks and coffee were served after midnight and the band played until 2 a.m. Thanks to the hard working committee: Chairman Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. and Roger Nelson with lots of help from Jerry Wamboldt, Rudy Bernhardt, Sr., Arnold Letho, Clarence Duffin, Roger Sorensen, Clarence Cox and wives.

Thanks to those Brothers who distributed wine to our shut-in Brothers — Jens Emanuelson, Roger Sorensen, Bern Peterson, and Duke Ellingham.

The average meeting attendance for 1986 was 71 members. Super job!

Ray Nielsen, Al Iverson, Woody Petersen, Charles Jespersen, and Henry Jepsen were our most welcomed guests at the installation of officers and we thank them for attending. The following were installed: Gordon Andersen, Past President; Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., President; Richard Wade, Vice President; Roger Nelson, Secretary; Ronald Jensen, Treasurer; Carl Swanson, 1st Trustee; Jack Sorensen, 2nd Trustee; Ray Zieth, 3rd Trustee; Lawrence Sauer, Inner Guard; Arnold Letho, Outer Guard, and Malcolm Young, Conductor.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner and dance will be held on Saturday, March 14, 1987. Friends are welcome.

Welcome new members, Bob Kessler, Orville Winfield, and James Gleason!

**Lodge #17, Chicago, IL** — We held installation of officers at our January meeting on Thursday, January 8. There was no formal program planned, but all who attended the meeting and installation enjoyed a very fine evening of fellowship with our Scandinavian members and friends. Delicious open face Danish sand-

wiches were served, and kringle was served by Rose Farrely in honor of her birthday. We all sang Happy Birthday to her.

At our December dinner meeting, our very faithful member, Pedar Larsen of Wauconda, received his 25-year pin from President Merle Nylan. Congratulations, Pedar!  
**Albertice Nylan, Sec.**

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
 BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY**

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — We mourn the death of our fellow member, Carmen Thompson, who passed away on December 28, 1986. Our sympathies go to her family.

Keep the date, Sunday, March 29, open and don't be afraid to volunteer to help cook aebleskiver. Supplies will be needed, but mostly workers.

Our lodge is going bowling on April 4th at Echo Lanes in Morris, Illinois, with banquet and dancing at the Holiday Inn. Rooms will be reserved for the Brotherhood.

At our meeting on January 12, we welcomed new member Jim Petry and Amy Lund who was initiated as an adult member. It was great to greet our friends from Lodge No. 35 in Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nielsen; Mr. and Mrs. Al Iversen, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Petersen; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jepsen, and Charles Jespersen. Ray installed the 1987 slate of officers with Al Iversen acting as conductor. Ray presented out-going President Bill Clavey with a Past President's pin.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Our January 16 meeting opened with resolutions that our charter be draped for 30 days to honor the memory of Cindee and John Eric Jorgensen.

President Iversen thanked the officers for 1986 for all their hard work. He then introduced National President Bob Ibsen and Rudy Bernhardt, President of Lodge No. 14. Their wives, Elaine and Gloria, were also introduced. Bob Ibsen installed the following officers for our lodge for 1987: Past President, Ray Nielsen; President, Al Iversen; Vice President, Paul Sloth; Secretary, Charles Jespersen; Treasurer, Henry Jepsen; 1st Trustee, Wanda Nielsen; 2nd Trustee, John Jorgensen; 3rd Trustee, Doris Peterson; and Conductor, Al Steffensen. Rudy Bernhardt assisted as conductor during the installation.

Four new members were initiated into the lodge and welcomed by members present. They were Eric and Joyce Jensen and Jorgen and Kirsten Selsing.

A letter from Lutheran Family Mission

was received thanking us for the monetary gift and food. Also, a letter was read from Grand View College thanking us for the \$100 from the lodge at Christmas.

President Iversen stated that the committee has selected our nomination for the Howard E. Christensen Award and the selection is Paul Sloth. Paul's accomplishments were read and a very surprised Paul made a short and gracious speech thanking the lodge for the honor. His name will be submitted to Omaha.

The Flemming Andersen Annual Target Shoot will take place on March 17 in Kenosha. Paul Sloth is in charge. Shooting

starts at 9 a.m. Call Paul if you can go.


The Midwest District Bowling event takes place on April 4. Cindy Sloth is in charge. Dwight Lodge No. 34 is the host and the event takes place at Morris, Illinois. Call Cindy if you want to bowl.

The Golf Outing is July 14 at Kenosha and we will host the Midwest District Picnic on August 9.

President Iversen told about the new program of the Danish Brotherhood — Operation Care and Share. He stated that we have already been quite active in helping to feed the hungry but reminded us to keep on doing so.  
**Elsa Petersen, Cor**

## 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		Sponsor
	No.	Location	
Francis J. Duffin	14	Kenosha, WI	Rudy Bernhardt, Sr.
James L. Nolen	14	Kenosha, WI	Kenneth Learmont
Gregory S. George	14	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
Robert E. Johnson	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Ibsen
Hollie U. Johnson	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Ibsen
Adam C. Johnson	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Ibsen
Peter Kurt Christensen	32	New Haven, CT	Paul A. Christensen
Villy V. Laursen	33	Tacoma, WA	James McQueen
Katherine A. Chrysler	45	Minneapolis, MN	Nathalia Markusen
Louise Anderson	45	Minneapolis, MN	Ellen Espersen
Edward J. Gorman	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Everett Erickson
Debra S. Sorensen	164	New York, NY	Martin Olsen
Warren Jimeason	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
R. William Rasmussen	167	Portland, OR	Don Bogh
Donna A. Brooks	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
William J. Wagner	227	Detroit, MI	Ray E. Goeboro
Loren L. Jensen	283	Dagmar, MT	Kermit Sorensen
James R. Wright	294	Barre, VT	Edith Mikkelsen
Mabel C. Wright	294	Barre, VT	Edith Mikkelsen
Keith A. Mackie	294	Barre, VT	<b>Harry Mikkelsen</b>
Robert L. Voorhis	299	Solvang, CA	Erik Pedersen
Juel B. Mouritzen	321	West Palm Beach, FL	Dr. Wayne Mouritzen
Edith Sweesy Bell	321	West Palm Beach, FL	Dr. Wayne Mouritzen
Anthony O. Witt	325	Nassau County, NY	Niels B. Hansen
Arlene K. Keith	326	West Branch, IA	Deloris M. Ross

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

## The Tie Has Been Broken

Congratulations to Harry Mikkelsen of Lodge No. 294 in Barre, Vermont, who has been declared "Recommender of the Year." Mr. Mikkelsen was declared "Recommender of the Month" by sponsoring six new members. The tie between Harry Mikkelsen and Howard Kjellsen of Lodge No. 345 in Orange County, California, was officially broken when Harry sponsored one additional member in January, 1987.

Our hats are off to Mr. Mikkelsen 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 \$300.00 donation will be given to a charity of his choice. Watch for details in future issues of the American Dane.

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — After our February 18 business meeting, Greta Hansen, Assistant Manager, Johnson Travel, Inc., Franklin, Wisconsin, talked about an upcoming Denmark tour; a series of slides was shown during her presentation. Greta will be the tour guide for the May 16-28, 1987 trip which starts with the SAS flight from Chicago to Copenhagen.

Our members will support Public Television again during Milwaukee's Channel 10 membership/fund drive. They will answer telephones during periodic, live membership pitches between wonderful programming.

Plans are under way to serve our Spring 1987 Torsk Dinner on Friday evening, March 27, at International Institute, 2810 West Highland Boulevard, Milwaukee.

Our lodge officers for 1987 were installed at our January 21 business meeting by Axel Hermansen, a Past President of Lodge No. 4 in Racine, Wisconsin. Ernie Norquist was Acting Conductor. Our thanks to both. Thanks to Anne and Carl Mortensen for the evening's refreshments.

Operation Care and Share is a Danish Brotherhood national effort designed to increase public awareness and understanding of how private citizens can help the hungry in the United States. As we have done over the past years, we will continue to help. Reverend Ernest O. Norquist is our chairperson of Operation Care and Share and will be assisted by Hans Eric Antonsen. **Al Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — At our January 22 meeting, Leonard Yorkson, a Past President, installed the following officers for the year 1987: President, Harold Rasmussen; Vice President, Carrol Jensen; Secretary, Aleine Miller; Treasurer, Vera Yorkson; Inner Guard, Inga Polly; Outer Guard, Kenneth Townsend; Conductor, August Christensen; 1st Trustee, Helen Petersen; 2nd Trustee, Jean Lundorf; and 3rd Trustee, Gladys Petersen.

The group voted to contribute \$25.00 to Waupaca Fine Arts Festival as in previous years.

Melda Mortensen presented a program on "Escape to Wisconsin." This fine presentation with description and a film encourages Wisconsin residents as well as tourists to visit 42 historic and interesting places in the state.

Welcome to Doris and Winford Mabery who were received into membership.

Delicious open-faced sandwiches, doughnut holes and coffee were served by Gene and Betty Spindt, August Christensen, and Carroll and Vivian Jensen.

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## **MICHIGAN-OHIO**

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — Our regular meeting was held on Wednesday, February 2, with 17 members present. All business was discussed and taken care of. A lunch of sandwiches and coffee was served by Carl Soneral following the meeting.

Due to the illness of Lars Christoffersen who suffered a stroke, Keith Koegler was appointed Club Manager and Vic Samuels Bartender. Lars is now at Oakview Medical Care Facility recuperating.

There have been a few changes in the downstairs club room. A new suspended ceiling has been put over the bar, with the work being done by members of the club which sponsored softball and bowling teams. The back rooms have been cleaned up with more shelving.

The club hours have been changed. We are now open from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Thursday and Sunday. On Thursdays, we are open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will open after bingo.

**Keith Koegler, Vice Pres.**

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — We held the election of officers for 1987 on November 12, 1986. Results were as follows: Jack Jensen, President; Cortland Book, Vice President; Karl Larsen, Corresponding Secretary; Houghton Smith, Recording Secretary; Otto Pedersen, Financial Secretary; Paul Carlsen, Treasurer; Richard Fehrman, Conductor; Bob Tremaine, Chief Trustee; Scott Larsen, First Trustee; Carl Mayland, Second Trustee; William Anderson, Inner Guard; Henning Jensen, Outer Guard; and Past President, Kenneth Rehan.

December 13, 1986, was the day Santa showed up with gifts and goodies for all of the bright-eyed young people at our annual Christmas party. We are all looking forward to a repeat visit this year.

Installation of officers for 1987 was held January 17, 1987. Ceremonies were preceded by cocktails and dinner with dancing.

Super Bowl Sunday saw 36 members and families bowling in our Bowling Tournament this year. As usual, it was a fun event enjoyed by all. **Karl Larsen, Cor.**

## **G.E.C.L.**

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Christensen for doing the newsletter this past year. He did a great job and we really appreciated it. Thanks Paul.

At the January meeting we had installation of the following new officers: Past President, Winnie Edmonds; President,

Berit Mann; Vice President, Paul Christensen; Secretary, Chris Simonsen; Treasurer, Barry Edmonds; and Trustees, Don Geissler, Kris Larsen, and Vera Holmes.

The President of the GCEL District, Jim Elliott, was nice enough to come all the way down from Hartford to install us. His conductor was Aage Jespersen. Thank you to both men for a job well done. Also at this time, we would like to thank our officers for doing a great job these last two years.

It was decided at the January meeting to hold a meeting at Berit Mann's home to audit the books. You will all be happy to hear the trustees found nothing amiss. Good job, Barry.

At this meeting we also held a committee meeting of some of the people who have been helping with the International Festivals. Last year we were asked by the Hartford Historical Society to help at an International Festival. We made aebleskiver and showed some Danish costumes as well as some figurines. Since then we were asked to one in January in Williamantic, Connecticut. We again made aebleskiver and displayed goods made in Denmark. At that festival we were invited to participate in three more festivals in the next four months. At the festival, we had people come up to us and say that they had never even heard of the Danish Brotherhood, never mind seeing a Danish display of costumes and cooking. We feel that this is an excellent way for us to let the public know that we are alive and well and to find out if there are any interested people out there who would like to join the Brotherhood or just talk to us.

The dates for the festivals will be March 21 at the Eastern Connecticut State University, Palm Sunday at the Hartford Historical Society, and one on June 21 in Williamantic. They say that over 45,000 people are expected to attend the one in June. Think of the publicity! We are also thinking of making Danish pastry instead of aebleskiver.

Our March meeting will be our annual Torskiagild (Cod Fish Supper). There will be an alternate dish for those who do not like the fish. **Winnie Edmonds, Past Pres.**

**Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ** — As usual, December was our busy month. Our annual Christmas dance this year marked the 95th year of our lodge's existence and Eric Brown and his committee saw to it that it was something special. Well attended with good food and music and many door prizes, the evening was a success.

With election of officers and the promise of Danish sandwiches prepared by specialists, our December meeting was well

attended and enjoyable.

At our January meeting, our retiring secretary installed the officers. Kenneth Nielsen will take over as secretary.

Laminated cards have been sent to our four life members (50 years): Albert Borup, Jens P. Christensen, Johannes Nielsen, and John Kirk. Congratulations!

**Jens Jessen, Cor.**

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — Your 1987 lodge officers which were elected in January are as follows: President, Flemming Hinrichsen; Vice President, Harley Larsen; Treasurer, Harry Andersen; Conductor, George Claussen; 1st Trustee, Joe Jeantet; 2nd Trustee, Mogens Hemple; and 3rd Trustee, Lars Gamborg-Nielsen.

Note the gap! We are in need of a secretary and urge volunteers to step forward and offer to fill this position.

Lars Gamborg-Nielsen would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the lodge who assisted him during his term of office. And a big "special thanks" to the hard-working kitchen committee.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #294, Barre, VT** — There was a good attendance at our January 13 meeting. One new member, Scott Wilson, was initiated into our lodge and then our president presented a 25-year membership pin to Brother Charles Thygesen, our incoming president.

We were happy to have Brother Thomas Mekkelsen back with us after his illness.

Louis Taft installed the following members as our new officers for the coming year: President, Charles Thygesen; Vice President, Stanley Christensen; Secretary, Helen Lunde; Treasurer, Harry Mikkelsen; Conductress, Sharon Lunde; Inner Guard, Louis Taft; Outer Guard, Kenneth Lunde; and Trustee, Arthur Lunde.

**Helen Lunde, Sec.**

**Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL** — We are beginning 1987 with five new mem-

bers. Wayne, Gaye, and Donna Mouritzen who transferred from Lodge No. 600; Wayne's mother, Juel, who joined as a social member; and Mrs. Edith S. Bell, Gaye's mother, who moved to Florida on January 15, also joining as a social member.



Three generations of DBIA members, Gaye and Donna Mouritzen and Edith Bell.

In early 1986, Wayne, Gaye, and Donna Mouritzen, together with Wayne's mother, Juel B. Mouritzen, were invited by Carl Rasmussen, Secretary of Lodge No. 321 in West Palm Beach, to visit the lodge as it participated in an Ethnic Festival in Lake Worth, Florida. Wanting to become more active in a local lodge, the Mouritzens decided to transfer to Lodge No. 321.

The Mouritzens would like to stress that a warm welcome awaits all Danes visiting the Miami Mouritzen household. They are all proud of our Danish American heritage, and are proud to be members of Lodge No. 321.

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

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY** — We had our Children's Christmas party on December 28, 1986. It was attended by 60 adults and 32 children and, of course, Santa Claus was there to give gifts. We also sang and danced around the tree. Santa's helpers led the children in games. Everyone big and small had a good time.

Our first meeting in the New Year was January 9, 1987 at our new home, The American Legion in Malverne. Our mem-

bers and guests had no trouble finding our new place with approximately 60 people attending the installation of officers. Past National President, George Jacobsen, presided over the installation.

After the business meeting, we had our yearly codfish dinner with dancing later. One of our members, Hanne Maxwell, donated a 1948 Christmas plate which was raffled off and brought in a nice sum for our lodge.

We started the new year out right with two applications for membership from two of our guests and a third is expected in the future.

**Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA** — It was nice to have the night off from cooking in January and enjoy the delicious smørrebrød whipped up by the kitchen committee.

Thanks to Walt Nielsen for providing lively entertainment with the game "Wheel of Fortune." Members received some spectacular prizes — cars, gowns, etc. — in a slightly scaled-down version. It was a good evening.

We remind you that we are hosting the installation of officers ceremony on March 20 and it will be a "triple" occasion with the Sisterhood joining along with Lodge No. 172. Make your plans to attend.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

## Semi-Annual Board Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood will begin on March 19, 1987 at the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131.

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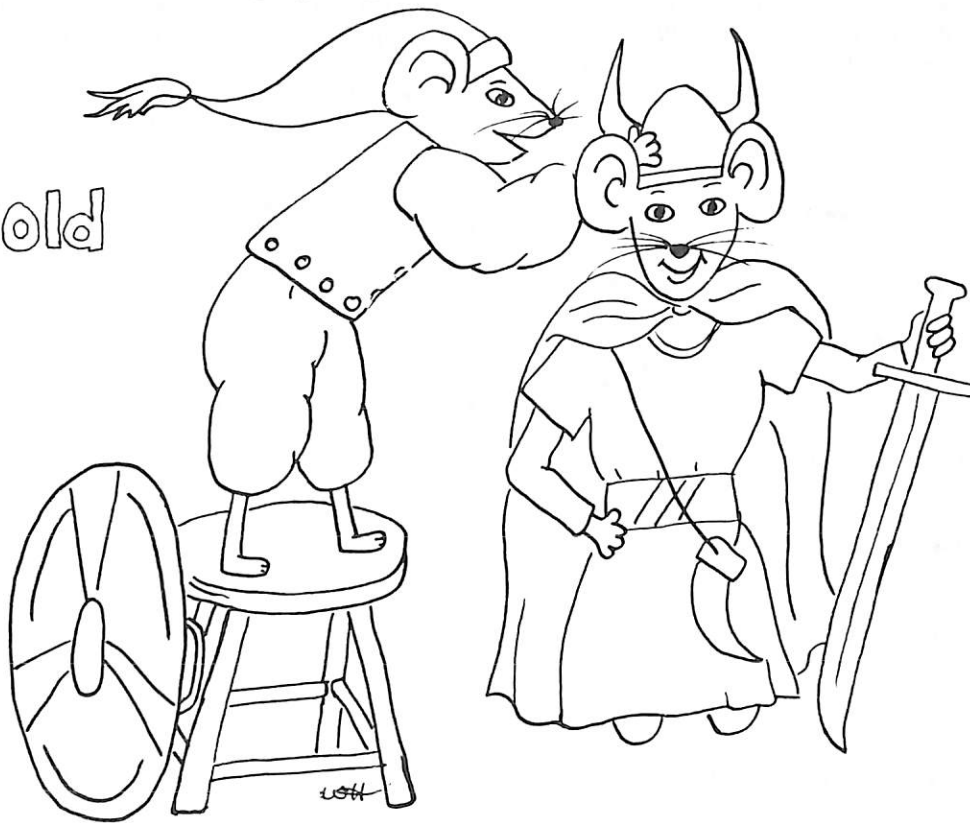
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# Jens and Erik

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Look what Jens found, a Viking costume! Jens also has a very large shield Danish Vikings used to protect themselves in battle. Can you say shield (skjold) in Danish? Next month, Jens and Erik will picnic at the Royal Hunting Lodge. Do you know what park in Denmark this is in? If so, check one of the above boxes for your 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.

**February winners: Jonathan Martinell, Timothy Schmidt, Jamie Lynne DeNune, and Kari Simonsen.**

## Grandma's Kitchen

### Stegt Julegaas (Roast Goose)



by Dagmar Jensen

10-12 lb. goose	6 tbsp. butter
Salt	2 lbs. tart apples
Flour	1 lb. prunes

Select a young goose, wash carefully with hot water, both inside and out. Salt both inside and out. Stuff with apples which have been pared, cored and quartered and then mixed with the prunes which have been soaked, pitted and cut in halves. Put in a very hot oven of 450° for 45 minutes. Then remove and drain all fat from the pan. Sprinkle the goose all over with salt and dredge with flour. Return to oven lowering the temperature to 350° and keep it there. Allow 20 minutes roasting per pound. When the flour has browned, start basting with hot water in which butter has been melted. Baste frequently. Sprinkle lightly with flour after each basting as that absorbs any excess grease.

## Flight News

DAF Flight Committee has again made arrangements for a reasonably priced flight to Copenhagen.

Departure will be June 30 with returns any Wednesday through September 2. If paid by March 30, the cost is \$598 for adults. After April 1, the cost is \$648 for adults. Children's rates available upon request.

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## National Headquarters is Computerized



Tom Murtha of Software Decisions, Inc. instructs members of the home office staff on the use of the computer.

On January 5, 1987 a Wang VS5 computer system was installed at the National Headquarters. This system is complete with 6 terminals, a central processing unit, a tape drive, a band printer, and one letter quality printer. The software for the system is provided by Software Decisions, Inc. out of Independence, Ohio.

The capabilities of this system and the software will enable the home office to maintain a master file, process policy applications, process direct and lodge billings, provide rate proposals, administer policy loans, provide annuity valuations, calculate commissions, provide dividend notices, assist in various mailings and calculate reserves. This package also provides for a complete accounting system. Although this is not a complete list of the full capabilities, it should point out that the outcome will be better service to all members of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Before the above mentioned capabilities are realized, the home office staff has the huge task of entering all data into the computer. Imagine the amount of data on file for the roughly 10,000 members as well as financial data.

Although it is a long road ahead, it is hoped that within the course of 1987 the system as a whole will be up and running.

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