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President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

President's Annual Report

This month's column is devoted to the Annual Report of the President which is my accounting to you of actions taken by our Board of Directors during 1986.

We began both our spring and fall meetings with a moment of silence for two Past National Presidents, Hans M. Andersen, who served on the National Board of Directors from 1951 to 1963 and passed away on July 28, 1986, and Viggo Mikkelsen, who served on the National Board of Directors from 1951 to 1967 and passed away on January 11, 1986.

It was our pleasure to welcome the Alternate Funding Study Committee to the National Headquarters on April 11, 1986, in order to develop and compile a final report to the Board. As noted in the August, 1986 issue of the American Dane, their report in its entirety was accepted by the Board.

Secretary-Treasurer Jerome Christensen reported on the success of the 1986 Danish Brotherhood District Workshops. The Annual Statement was reviewed concentrating on the balance sheet and statement of operations which are a consolidation of the various schedules and exhibits. Jerry noted unusual items and deviations of prior years' figures. The actuary's annual report was also reviewed. This report consists of numbers taken from the Annual Statement and is a gain and loss report by line of business.

At the Fall, 1986 meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer's report included a recommendation to implement a District Lodge Enhancement Program to begin in 1987. This program was met with Board approval and National Director Woodrow Petersen was appointed to act as a liaison for the Board of Directors under this program. Secretary-Treasurer Christensen also reviewed the various data processing proposals submitted and recommended Software Decisions, Inc., from Independence, Ohio, for the Danish Brotherhood's computer needs. Approval was given by the Board. Jerry also reported his findings concerning the possibility of liability insurance coverage for lodges which was included in the December, 1986 issue of the American Dane.

Included in the agency department's report given by Sales Director, Andy Andersen, we were very pleased to note that for the first time since 1977 we issued more than \$2 million in life insurance protection for our members, the annualized life premium increased by \$6,882.00 and the flexible premium retirement annuities increased by \$26,354.00. Andy pointed out that these figures point to a successful year but we must realize that several years of increased production including gains in membership are necessary before a trend can be established. Sales Director Andersen discussed the progress regarding the revision of our life insurance and annuity portfolios. Also discussed was the plan to switch to the 1980 mortality tables which will result in lower premiums for the life plan.

Special items of interest noted in our fraternal department by Fraternal Director Pam Dorau included the conclusion of the Brian Perschnick Fund Drive. We were very pleased to note that a total of \$5,664.20 was donated by individuals and lodges. An additional \$12,351.60 was raised by Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, and includes contributions which the Perschnicks received directly. Pam presented the 1986 nominations for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award for review by the Board. After careful consideration of all the excellent candidates, Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon, California, was awarded this honor. Bids were reviewed regarding the printing of the American Dane and our contract with American Publishing Company was renewed. The new Past President's pin was presented and met with approval. It was decided that due to the overwhelming dislike of the old pin, we would offer the new pin at no charge when accompanied with an old pin as a trade in. The Board reviewed the Lodge Handbook for Conducting Meetings and instructed our Fraternal Director to make the necessary revisions.

The Board also approved a new fraternal benefit which will be introduced at the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-26, 1987.

I was pleased to offer a report to the Board regarding the attendance of Jerome Christensen, myself and our wives at the 100th Anniversary of the National Fraternal Congress of America in Washington, D.C. While attending, Jerry and I had the opportunity to listen to a speech given by President Ronald Reagan praising the work of all fraternal benefit societies. I was also given the opportunity to award Victor Borge, who was the featured entertainer, an honorary membership to the Danish Brotherhood in America. It was my pleasure to report my findings concerning the program entitled Operation Care and Share which was introduced during the anniversary celebration. The Board overwhelmingly approved this program and instructed Pam to begin implementation.

Reports were heard from several committees which included: the Retirement Plan Committee, Scholarship and Camp Grant Committee, Alternate Funding Liaison Committee, Building Committee, Bylaw Committee, President's Awards Committee, Audit and Securities Committee, Investment Committee, and the Executive Committee.

Each Board member also reported on the successful district conventions held in 1986. I attended the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, Woodrow Petersen attended the Pacific-Northwest District Convention, Peter Weber attended the Nebraska District Convention, Paul Carlsen attended the California-Nevada District Convention, Clyde Langsted attended the General Committee of Eastern Lodges District Convention, Erling Braumann attended the Midwest District Convention, and Kenneth Pedersen attended the Michigan-Ohio District Convention.

Other notable decisions made by the Board included a donation to the Dream of America Exhibit at the Nordic Heritage Museum and a donation to the Danish Immigrant Museum.

We were also pleased to welcome Myrvin Christoffersen, the new President of Dana College, and Paul Strand to the National Headquarters. Dr. Christoffersen discussed the close relationship between Dana College and the Danish Brotherhood and expressed his wish to continue this relationship.

The Board of Directors also selected the following to serve on the Nine Member National Committee on Laws: William Jorgensen, Jr., Nebraska District President; Barry Edmonds, Lodge No. 32; Kenneth Rehan, Lodge No. 227; Ray Nielsen, Midwest District President; Sharon Kinder, Lodge No. 42; Kenneth Olsen, Lodge No. 345; Jerome Sonsalla, Lodge No. 219; Ebba Norby, Lodge No. 332; and Richard Sullivan, Lodge No. 34. I would like to add that this committee met at the National Headquarters on March 19-21, 1987, and can report how well and diligently this committee worked together.

1986 was a very busy and successful year for the Danish Brotherhood and 1987 is continuing to be just as exciting. During the 1987 Semi-annual Spring Board Meeting it was my honor, along with all Board members, National Headquarters Staff, National Law Committee, and distinguished guests, to attend the Dedication Ceremony honoring the memory of Past National Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, and at this time I would like to refer you to page 11 which describes this occasion in detail.

The Danish Brotherhood in America

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To the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood in America:

We have examined the balance sheets of the Fraternal Fund and General Fund of The Danish Brotherhood in America (incorporated in Nebraska as a nonprofit fraternal benefit society) as of December 31, 1986, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Fraternal Fund and General Fund of The Danish Brotherhood in America as of December 31, 1986, and the results of their operations and changes in their financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Omaha, Nebraska
March 13, 1987



Balance Sheet December 31, 1986

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Admitted Assets			
Investment in Bonds, at Amortized Cost	\$159,816	\$5,382,325	\$5,542,141
Real Estate, at Cost (Note 1):			
Land	—	46,910	46,910
Building and other improvements, Net of Accumulated Depreciation of \$78,569	—	175,478	175,478
Certificate Loans	—	148,135	148,135
Cash, including \$1,094,673 of Certifi- cates of Deposit and Savings Accounts	118,502	1,039,412	1,157,914
Total Cash and Invested Assets	\$278,318	\$6,792,260	\$7,070,578
Premiums Receivable from Lodges	—	5,609	5,609
Interest Income Due and Accrued	2,496	131,671	134,167
Electronic Data Processing Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation of \$1,630	—	47,277	47,277
Other Assets	—	188	188
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	\$280,814	\$6,977,005	\$7,257,819
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Aggregate Reserves for Life Certifi- cates (Note 4)	\$ —	\$4,914,046	\$4,914,046

Retirement Plan Group Annuity			
Contract Reserve (Note 3)	—	129,566	129,566
Other Reserves and Certificate Liabilities	—	60,727	60,727
Estimated Refunds to Members, pay- able in 1987	—	79,684	79,684
Premiums Received in Advance	—	60,259	60,259
Liability for Premium Deposit Funds	—	41,065	41,065
Accrued General Expenses	—	62,341	62,341
Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—	76,927	76,927
Other Liabilities and Taxes, Licenses, and Fees	—	16,452	16,452
Total Liabilities	\$ —	\$5,441,067	\$5,441,067
Fund Balances (Note 2)	280,814	1,535,938	1,816,752
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$280,814	\$6,977,005	\$7,257,819

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For The Year Ended December 31, 1986

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
INCOME:			
Life Premiums and Membership Assessments, Net of Reinsurance (Note 4)	\$ —	\$ 737,892	\$ 737,892
Investment Income, Net of Expenses of \$49,482	23,393	502,996	526,389
Miscellaneous	3,003	20,645	23,648
Total Income	\$ 26,396	\$1,261,533	\$1,287,929
BENEFITS AND EXPENSES:			
Death Benefits	\$ —	\$ 180,844	\$ 180,844
Annuity and Disability Benefits	—	35,963	35,963
Retirement Benefits Under Group Annuity Contract (Note 3)	—	9,648	9,648
Matured Endowments	—	6,972	6,972
Surrender Benefits	—	93,411	93,411
Supplementary Contracts	—	5,256	5,256
Increase in Aggregate Reserves	—	496,260	496,260
Commissions	—	26,372	26,372
General Expenses, per Accompany- ing Exhibit	31,269	320,774	352,043
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	—	11,688	11,688
Other	—	6,533	6,533
Total Benefits and Expenses	\$ 31,269	\$1,193,721	\$1,224,990
Net Gain (Loss) from Operations Be- fore Refunds to Members	\$ (4,873)	\$ 67,812	\$ 62,939

Refunds to Members	—0—	77,541	77,541
Loss from Operations	\$ (4,873)	\$ (9,729)	\$ (14,602)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	285,687	1,551,724	1,837,411
Realized and Unrealized Investment Gains, Net	—0—	4,713	4,713
Increase in Nonadmitted Assets	—0—	(161)	(161)
Increase in Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	(10,609)	(10,609)
FUND BALANCES, End of Year (Note 2)	\$280,814	\$1,535,938	\$1,816,752

Cash and Certificates of Deposit			
Balance, End of Year	\$118,502	\$1,039,412	\$1,157,914

Notes To Financial Statements

(1) Basis of Financial Statements

The Danish Brotherhood in America (the Society) is incorporated in the State of Nebraska as a nonprofit fraternal benefit society. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. These practices are considered to be generally accepted accounting principles for fraternal benefit societies. The more significant accounting practices followed by the Society are as follows:

A. Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.

B. Certificate reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration of withdrawals. Life certificates issued are reserved on the Commissioners' Reserve Valuation Method basis using 1941 and 1958 mortality tables with interest from 2½% to 3%.

C. Investments are reported according to valuation procedures prescribed by the N.A.I.C. Investments in bonds are valued at amortized cost, preferred stocks in good standing are valued at cost, and common stocks are valued at market.

D. The mandatory securities valuation reserve, as prescribed by the N.A.I.C., is established to stabilize the effect of fluctuations in the valuation of security investments.

E. Certain assets designated as "nonadmitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to fund balance.

F. Home office real estate consists primarily of a building occupied by the Society. Net investment income for the year ended December 31, 1986, includes rental income of \$18,000 for the Society's occupancy of that space. The building is being depreciated on a straight-line basis over a 50-year life.

G. As a fraternal benefit society, the Society operates for the benefit of its members, and all operational gains accrue to the members of the Society. The majority of the certificates pay level premium amounts over the term of coverage. Each certificate receives a refund annually. The amount of these refunds (in the aggregate) depends upon the operational results of the prior year and is adjusted each year. Certificate holders may receive their refund in cash, apply the refund to the purchase of fully paid-up insurance, leave the refund on deposit with the Society to accumulate interest, or apply the refund to reduce premiums on current certificates.

(2) Fund Balances

The fund balances at December 31, 1986, consists of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	\$ —0—	\$ 280,814	\$ 280,814
General	655,762	880,176	1,535,938
	<u>\$655,762</u>	<u>\$1,160,990</u>	<u>\$1,816,752</u>

The contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with the bylaws of the Society for the following purposes:

A. to provide for fluctuations of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.

B. to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership and charitable and educational activities.

(3) Retirement Plan

The Society has a retirement plan for employees meeting certain minimum eligibility requirements. The plan is funded through a group annuity contract with the Society. There were no contributions for 1986. The general policy of the Society is to fund the entire cost of this plan attributable to past service of employees.

Accumulated plan benefits and plan net assets as of January 1, 1987 (the date of the most recent actuarial valuation), are:

Actuarial present value of accumulated benefits —	
Vested	\$108,957
Nonvested	12,515
	<u>\$121,472</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$129,566</u>

The rate of return used in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was 5.25% per annum.

(4) Reinsurance

The Society reinsures certain of its life insurance business and all of its accidental death coverage with other insurance companies. The retention limit on any one life is \$10,000. Under the primary reinsurance agreement, the reinsuring company has agreed to accept automatically all amounts on any one life in excess of the retention limit not exceeding 40% of that retention. Amounts

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Statements of General Expenses

For The Year Ended December 31, 1986

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Salaries and Wages	\$ —0—	\$111,690	\$111,690
Official Publications	—0—	39,755	39,755
Travel Expenses	—0—	40,565	40,565
Actuarial, Audit, and Statistical Fees	—0—	29,736	29,736
Expense of Supreme Lodge Meeting	—0—	18,201	18,201
Printing and Stationery	—0—	14,770	14,770
Data Processing Expenses and Fees	—0—	6,250	6,250
Postage, Express, Telegraph, and Telephone	—0—	12,573	12,573
Rent	—0—	10,500	10,500
Scholarship Grants and Prizes	12,450	—0—	12,450
Lodge Supplies Expenses, Net	—0—	(147)	(147)
Agency Development Expenses	—0—	4,022	4,022
Fraternal Aid Payments	6,164	—0—	6,164
Employee Benefit Plans	—0—	15,275	15,275
Membership Awards	—0—	3,212	3,212
Depreciation on Furniture & Equipment	—0—	2,524	2,524
Fraternal Donations	12,644	—0—	12,644
Bureau and Association Dues	—0—	2,074	2,074
Advertising	—0—	1,405	1,405
Medical Examination Fees	—0—	827	827
Books and Periodicals	—0—	1,507	1,507
Insurance Expense	—0—	2,014	2,014
Miscellaneous Expenses	11	4,021	4,032
GENERAL EXPENSES INCURRED	\$ 31,269	\$320,774	\$352,043

Statements of Changes in Financial Position

For The Year Ended December 31, 1986

SOURCES OF FUNDS:	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Operations:			
Loss from Operations, per Accompanying Statements	\$ (4,873)	\$ (9,729)	\$ (14,602)
Noncash Items:			
Increase in Certificate and Claim Reserves	—0—	503,146	503,146
Accretion of Bond Discount, Net of Amortization of Bond Premium	(26)	(5,896)	(5,922)
Depreciation	—0—	6,380	6,380
Increase in Accrued General Expenses and Taxes	—0—	19,953	19,953
Increase in Interest Income Due and Accrued	—0—	(1,139)	(1,139)
Other Sources from Operations	—0—	378	378
Funds Provided from Operations	\$ (4,899)	\$ 513,093	\$ 508,194
Proceeds from Bonds, Sold, Redeemed, or Matured	—0—	699,102	699,102
Other, Net	—0—	1,689	1,689
Total Sources of Funds	\$ (4,899)	\$1,213,884	\$1,208,985
APPLICATION OF FUNDS:			
Bonds Purchased	\$ —0—	\$ 858,055	\$ 858,055
Increase in Certificate Loans and Liens	—0—	20,162	20,162
Purchase of Electronic Data Processing Equipment	—0—	48,907	48,907
Total Application of Funds	\$ —0—	\$ 927,124	\$ 927,124
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ (4,899)	\$ 286,760	\$ 281,861
Cash and Certificates of Deposit			
Balance, Beginning of Year	123,401	752,652	876,053

Working Together To Increase Membership

Although the representative system as first introduced in 1974 has been modified from time to time, it remains a vital part of our membership recruiting system. However, at no time was it intended to discourage members from recommending and actually completing the membership application for friends and relatives. Only with the support of the membership can a representative be effective and a successful representative translates into new members and a more active lodge.

If your lodge is without the benefit of a representative and you know of someone you would like to recommend for the position — let us know. In the meantime, the home office agency department stands ready to assist you in making membership effective for new insured and social members. Send us the name and address of prospective members or complete a membership application, such as below for the new member, submitting it to the DBIA National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. The new member will then be contacted with information about our various life insurance and annuity plans.



The Danish Brotherhood in America PART 1 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

LODGE NO.

CITY

STATE

PLEASE PRINT

SOC. SEC. NO. _____

1. FIRST NAME		INITIAL	LAST NAME		2. <input type="checkbox"/> INSURED MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP		
3. RESIDENCE - ADDRESS		STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP		
4. AREA CODE - TELEPHONE NO.		5. DATE OF BIRTH		6. <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE		7. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW/WIDOWER <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	
8. PLACE OF BIRTH		9. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP					
10. OCCUPATION		<input type="checkbox"/> DANISH ORIGIN <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAK DANISH <input type="checkbox"/> RELATED TO MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> DANISH <input type="checkbox"/> LIVED IN DENMARK <input type="checkbox"/> BY MARRIAGE <input type="checkbox"/> CITIZENSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS OF MEMBERS INTERESTED IN DANISH CULTURE AND HERITAGE					
11. EMPLOYER		12. BUSINESS ADDRESS					

I DO HEREBY DECLARE AND AGREE:

- That the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Society which are now in force or which may at any time hereafter be duly made or enacted shall be binding upon me, my family and all beneficiaries.
- That the decision of the Secretary-Treasurer and/or the Board of Directors or their successors in office, shall control in all matters of dispute between the Society or any lodge or officer or member thereof and myself relative to membership or the obligations of membership.
- That if I make application for insured membership and I am rejected for insurance by the Home Office Underwriting Department, I shall be considered as having made application for social membership.

SIGNED BY ME ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 19____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

RECOMMENDER	INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
NAME _____	1. _____
LODGE NO. _____	2. _____
CITY _____	3. _____
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE APPLICANT WAS APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP ON _____ DATE	
SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE: _____	

Denmark Today: People Fly the Flag

by Marilyn Hansen Hagerty

If you are of Danish descent, you love the little country already. If you are just a casual traveler, you probably will end up loving Denmark.

This tiny country jutting off the top of Europe into the North Sea is a land where people fly their red and white flags and enjoy their heritage.

Danes have helped shape the history of the world since the time of the Viking conquerors. Most of the time, the small nation has been content to watch the power struggles of the world from the sidelines. Many Danes today feel secure in their social welfare programs.

But the Danes are not passive people. Far from it. They excel at the things they do. Danes are good mariners. Danes are fine fishermen. Danes are creative, witty people.

Danish industry thrives on Danish ingenuity. Denmark is keeping pace with the world.

On a visit to Denmark in the 1980s, you find a curious mix of the new and the old traditions. You find the good life where families sit down together at home and enjoy meals they prepare in their own kitchens. At the same time, the cities of Denmark are plagued with drug addiction and pornography.

You can reach Denmark by plane or by ship. Once on Danish soil, you can rent a car or you can travel with ease on the red and white Danish trains that tie the country together and always arrive and depart on time.

One of the most delightful ways to reach Denmark is on the Dana Anglia from Harwich, England. In fact, Americans who have visited London first and then traveled by ship to Denmark say it is one of the highlights of their visit to Europe.

We booked months ahead for our passage from Harwich to Esbjerg, Denmark, on May 30, 1986. We chose commodore class 2-berth cabin for \$111 British pounds — about \$180 apiece in U.S. currency at the time.

In London, we took a taxi to Liverpool Station and the 3:10 p.m. train to the boat. As the train swayed out of London, we commented on how much cleaner it was than some of the British trains.

Aboard the Dana Anglia, our staterooms were spacious, immaculate. Two beds were made up in traditional Danish style — feather beds covered with gleaming, fresh white covers. We attended the Commodore's cocktail party and went on to dinner — our choice of lobster, fish, pork, beef. Three courses ended with cheese and crackers.

Although we paid about \$20 U.S. for our dinner, it was the only thing for which we paid extra during the 20-hour sail across the North Sea to Denmark.

The ship was huge, with bar, decks, dancing. We learned many British people take a return trip for the pleasure of the cruise — and the chance to buy duty-free liquors, perfumes and other luxury items in the ship's store.

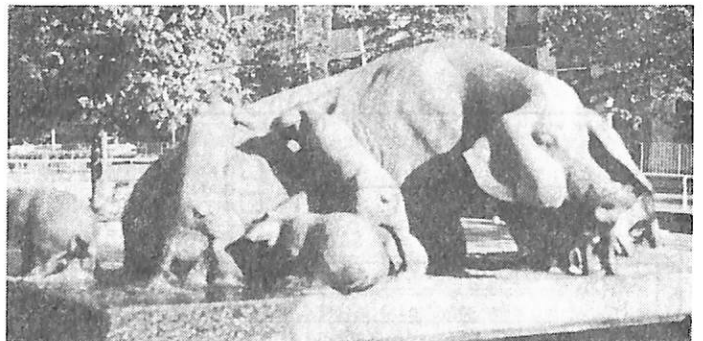
For most travelers, a visit to Denmark means a visit to Copenhagen where they see the Little Mermaid, enjoy a smørrebrød and see Tivoli Gardens.

Our approach was different. We took a Danish train to Aarhus, the second largest city of Denmark — around 250,000 people.

Once settled in Aarhus, we did what almost everybody does on a visit there. We went to the Old Town museum to walk through authentic Danish houses restored from 250 to 400 years ago. From them, you learn the history of Denmark. One of the



Dolls are part of the new toy display at Old World in Aarhus.



Pigs' Well by Mogens Boggild is located in Aarhus.

newest displays in Old Town is of the toys Danish children have enjoyed through the centuries.

In Aarhus, visitors enjoy seeing the Gothic cathedral with its nave of 93 meters length. Then there's Aarhus University with an enrollment of 17,000 and Marselisborg Palace and Park, where the Danish royal family — Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik — spend time in the summer.

And because it's so unusual, visitors marvel at Pigs' Well, a statue to pigs in the center of Aarhus. It was done by Mogens Boggild.

From Aarhus, travelers can take side trips to get a feeling of the real Denmark. They see the rural areas where dairy products and grains are grown. This is where the Danes get the products they promote with the Caroline the Cow symbol — the red cow seen on napkins, stir sticks and knives.

Traveling east out of Aarhus, you come to Ebeltoft and the eastern shore where an old wooden ship used by the Vikings in the 1100s is being restored. West of Aarhus you reach a beautifully forested area around Silkeborg and travel on to the western beach at Sondervig.

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What's in a Name (A Play on Words)

by Wilber Williamson

With the Des Moines, Iowa Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood hosting the Joint National Convention on September 24-26, 1987, a general invitation has been extended to the membership of the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood to come to the heartland of America where you would be most sincerely welcome.

During this past winter season a number of you readers, along with this writer, had the opportunity to view a mini series on ABC television entitled, "Amerika." The story plot was based upon a premise that Russia had invaded and conquered this country, and had succeeded in dividing the United States into several regional countries. The focus of the story was on the middle section of the United States and this new nation was called Heartland. This mini series painted a very bleak picture, one which this writer found most depressing. The prospect was not a welcome one. But there are Heartlands and there are Heartlands, and the real Heartland of America would welcome an invasion by the membership of all the lodges of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood in the United States and Canada, and you would be received with open arms.

This matter of "What's In A Name" along with the development of the meaning of words and expressions in the English language was vividly brought to the attention of this writer along with his wife, Cleo, when we attended a three week Elderhostel program in England. The focus of the program was on life in England during the late Middle Ages. One aspect of this study involved the growth and development of the English language during the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries. Many of us are

already familiar with the impact of Shakespeare on the growth of and the enrichment of English. Following are just a few of the expressions of the dozens that Shakespeare gave to the language. If you have ever been "green with envy!" or "stood on ceremony," or "lived in a fool's paradise," or said "It's Greek to me," or expressed that the "wish is father to the thoughts," or said, "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark" you are quoting The Bard, and there are many more of these expressions.

The publishing of the King James version of the Bible during this same historical period with its very poetic and meaningful translation did much to add to the development of the language. However, language grows through the usage of words and expressions of ordinary people as well.

The people of 16th and 17th century rural England lived in cottages and houses with thatched roofs, straw-covered floors, canopied beds and stone fireplaces. Thatched roofs, for example, became the abodes for many mice as cats, which were considered to be the pets of witches, were not allowed inside the houses. So a canopy over a bed served to protect the sleeper from mice and other forms of life that might fall from the thatch onto the bed.

The more prosperous farmers who hired servants often gave them board and room. The dining table was generally a wide board supported by a couple of saw horses and flanked on both sides by long benches. So the servants who had board was allowed to sit at the table to eat their meals. Each servant had a personal squared piece of wood about 12 inches on each side

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and large enough to hold a hollowed out chunk of bread which contained the vegetables and meats. So if one were guaranteed three-square meals a day, that was good eating.

As there was usually only one comfortable chair in the house, it was placed close to the fireplace so that the master of the house could enjoy the warmth of the fire. At mealtime the chair was moved to the end of the board. Thus the master of the house was also the Chairman of the Board. After the evening meal the board could be turned over. The other side of the board or table had checker squares, backgammon markings and other designs that became the board games for the amusement of the family and servants during the evening.

The servant with the lowest status was usually a lad of 10-12 years whose duty was to tend the fire in the fireplace and to turn the spit when meat was being cooked. This lad slept on the table board and it was considered great sport if he should oversleep and the other servants could turn tables on him. The infant babies in these homes were often called "Cubbys." Openings were built into the stonework of the fireplace, and the warm stones served to keep the wrapped Cubbys toasty and cozy in their cubby hole.

Many a father, who ruled the household in 16th and 17th century England, was concerned about the courtship of his daughters. If a young man expressed an interest in one of the daughters, he was invited to sit with a girl on a bench along one side of the fireplace. The father, in his chair, faced them from the other side. In order to insure that the young man's hands would not stray, he was given a piece of wood and a knife to whittle. As a wooden spoon was the essential utensil for eating, what better use could a young man make of his courting time than to shape a wooden spoon. So everyone knew that a swain was going spooning.

For you delegates and visitors that are coming to the Convention in September, your hosts guarantee ample board and room. The opportunities for three square meals or more a day are limitless. There will be enough chairs for everyone but no guarantee that any will be available for the chairman of the board. (As an

afterthought, there will be some of these chairs on hand as well.) The chances of mice dropping onto bed canopies are almost non-existent. Your hosts will be unable to furnish cubby holes if per chance you plan to bring your cubbies along. And if any of you plan to do some spooning while in Des Moines be sure to bring your own pocket knife. We will furnish the wood.

For delegates and visitors alike there will be a most hearty welcome when you come to the Heartland in Des Moines. America is still spelled with a "c."

The Committee on Registration for the Joint Convention wishes to supply the following preliminary information. The completed plans for housing, programs and entertainment will be available in the June issues of the publications of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

1) Hotel Fort Des Moines, 10th and Walnut, Tel. (515) 243-1161, is the headquarters for the Joint Conventions. The following discounted rates are offered by the hotel: Single \$52, Double \$56, Triple \$60, Quad. \$64, Requested Suites \$80.

2) Marriott Hotel, 700 Grand Avenue, Tel. (515) 245-5500, the site of the convention banquet, offers discounted rates for Single \$58, and Double \$65.

3) Other hotels in the downtown area that are connected by the skywalk system are: (a) Kirkwood Civic Center Hotel, 4th and Walnut, Tel. (515) 244-9191. (b) Savery Hotel, 4th and Locust, (515) 244-2151.

4) Other near downtown hotels are: (a) Howard Johnson's, 921 6th Ave., Tel. (515) 283-2661. (b) Best Western Starlight Village, 929 3rd St., Tel. (515) 282-5251.

5) Numerous motels are located on Fleur Drive near the airport.

6) For those who have campers or RV's, the following campgrounds are available: (a) Adventure Land, 1-80 and Hwy. 65, Des Moines Exit 142, Tel. (515) 265-7384. (b) Christian Center, 11000 N.W. 82nd Ave., Tel. (515) 986-3392. (c) KOA Des Moines West, I-80, Exit 106, R.R. 2, Adel, Iowa, Tel. (515) 834-2729. (d) Cutty's Resort, 10500 N.W. 54th Ave., Tel. (515) 986-3939.

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3.	167	Portland, Oregon	278	3.	167	Portland, Oregon	273	-5
4.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	265	4.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	251	-14
5.	34	Dwight, Illinois	258	5.	34	Dwight, Illinois	250	-8
6.	29	Seattle, Washington	239	6.	29	Seattle, Washington	238	-1
7.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	234	7.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	211	-23
8.	51	Ludington, Michigan	222	7.	51	Ludington, Michigan	211	-11
9.	126	Los Angeles, California	214	8.	126	Los Angeles, California	198	-16
10.	16	Minden, Nebraska	198	9.	16	Minden, Nebraska	190	-8
11.	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	176	10.	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	173	-3
12.	299	Solvang, California	147	11.	35	Chicago, Illinois	159	+19
13.	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	144	12.	299	Solvang, California	153	+6
14.	325	Nassau County, New York	141	13.	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	149	+5
15.	35	Chicago, Illinois	140	14.	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	140	+20
16.	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	120	15.	325	Nassau County, New York	128	-13
17.	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	120	16.	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	117	-3
18.	92	St. Charles, Illinois	116	17.	92	St. Charles, Illinois	109	-7
19.	348	Eugene, Oregon	113	18.	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	107	-3
20.	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	110	19.	263	Askov, Minnesota	103	-3
				20.	345	Orange County, California	100	-6

You can put your lodge on top in 1987.

Dedication Ceremony Held



George Godthaab, Kris Jorgensen, Rose Skelbeck, Einar Danielsen, George Jacobsen and Robert Ibsen display dedication plaque.



Axel's family: Norma Sauter, Rose Skelbeck and Evelyn Warner, recall fond memories.

A long-time dream was realized for Axel Skelbeck, Past National Secretary-Treasurer when the National Headquarters Building was first dedicated in 1967. It was because of this dream and the selfless, inspiring service Axel gave to the members of the Danish Brotherhood for over half a century, the Board of Directors proudly dedicated the National Headquarters Building to his memory. An impressive ceremony was held and the dedication plaque displayed on Friday evening, March 20th in Omaha.

National President Robert E. Ibsen introduced four National Past Presidents; George Jacobsen, George Godthaab, Einar Danielsen, and Kris Jorgensen, who reminisced about their years of service with Axel. National Second Vice-President and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Clyde Langsted, also announced that the Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence had been established to be awarded to the top scholarship applicant on an annual basis (see article on page 12 for further details.) In addition, Axel's wife, Rose; his daughters, Norma Sauter and Evelyn Warner; and their husbands Robert Sauter and Robert Warner thanked all members of the Danish Brotherhood in America for remembering their husband and father in this most special way.

Other present to witness this event included the National Headquarters Staff, the National Convention Committee on Laws, and many friends.

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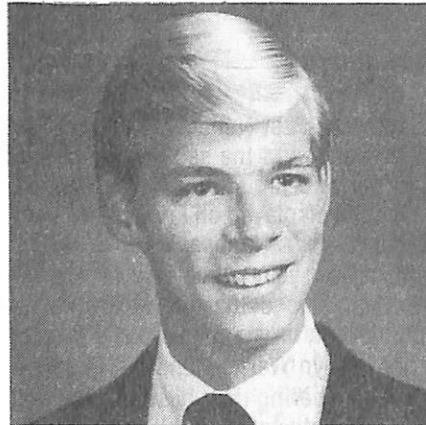
1987 Scholarship Winners Declared

During the Spring, 1987 Board of Directors Meeting the National Scholarship Committee, consisting of Clyde Langsted, Chairman, Erling Braumann, Kenneth Pedersen, and Woodrow Petersen, met to review all scholarship applications and to discuss recent scholarship donations.

The committee was extremely pleased to note that the Scholarship Fund has received substantial donations in memory of Axel Skelbeck, Past Secretary-Treasurer; in memory of Gunnar Ladefoged, a past member of Lodge No. 230 in Arcata, California; and as a result of being named beneficiary in the estate of Fred K. Holm, a past member of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon, California.

The Scholarship Committee, the National Board of Directors and the entire Danish Brotherhood membership sincerely thank those responsible for these overwhelming gifts of generosity. What an appropriate way to assist the youth and the future of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

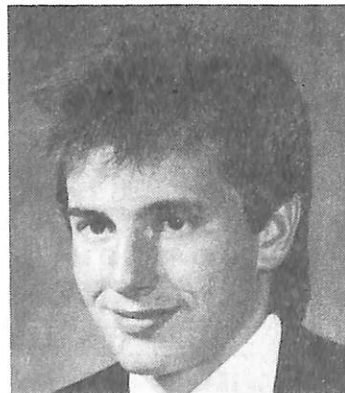
Because of these donations, the annual Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence has been established and presented to Ronald A. Mathiasen of Lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles, California as the top 1987 scholarship applicant. Jacqueline Lassiter of Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, NE has been declared the first recipient of the annual Fred K. Holm Memorial Scholarship. Jacqueline was born in Denmark and, in addition to her academic qualities and other endeavors, exemplifies the traditions of Danish immigrants of modern times. Congratulations are in order to all of the following 1987 DBIA Scholarship Recipients!



Ronald A. Mathiasen, Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA
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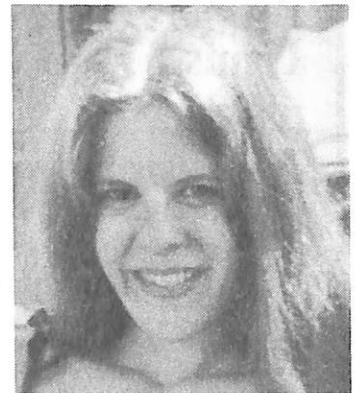
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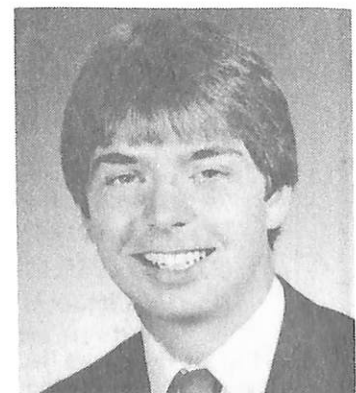
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The Magic Doctor

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Doctor Danehof was the town doctor. He was, in fact, the only doctor in Denmark that specialized in everything. Doctor Danehof was short, fat and his eyes stuck out of his head like two huge melons. This gave him a curious and frightening appearance which was the way doctors were supposed to look.

When people would tell Doctor Danehof their problem, he would reply, "Is that so. Is that so." This response made him most caring.

One day, he started on his rounds in the neighborhood to see sick people.

"Come quick!" cried a woman to Doctor Danehof, as he was strolling down the streets. "My son is not at all well!" Doctor Danehof climbed the steps with the distraught mother leading the way to a room filled with blooms.

"My child sneezes so often," she said, "I had to get rid of the furniture because he kept knocking it over."

"Is that so. Is that so," he said, looking around the room. His eyes bulged out when he saw the problem. "Get rid of the flowers, too," he said, "and he will stop sneezing."

She did, and the child stopped, and the woman was forever grateful to the magical doctor.

When the doctor reached the next house, a man who was bent over greeted him at the door. "Doctor Danehof. My stomach is killing me. I'm sick. Help me!"

"Is that so. Is that so," said the doctor as he examined the man's ears, nose and back. (That's the way he did things.) "My dear man," said the doctor. "You have been eating too many canned foods. That gave you a stomach ache. Be sure to eat fresh food and you will be fine."

The sick man thought about that. "My wife hasn't had time to prepare good meals lately, so we have been eating out of cans. How did you know that?"

"Simple," said the doctor. "Before I came into the house I saw empty cans piled up outside. Fresh food. Remember."

"You are very wise," said the sick man. "I will take your advice."

The doctor left and went across the street to see another sick child.

"My stomach," cried the little girl. "It hurts."

"Is that so. Is that so," said the doctor. "I will examine your throat."

When he finished, he asked the little girl's mother, "Did she eat any canned foods?"

"Oh, no," she replied. "I give my child only the best meals and I prepared them myself."

"Well, then," said the doctor. "She ate too many green apples." The little girl nodded in agreement.

"But how did you know that?" asked the mother, puzzled.

"Simple," replied the doctor. "I saw apple cores in the orchard near your house. Remember, little girl, to eat only one ripe apple from now on."

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"You are wonderful," said the woman. "I'm sure my child has learned a lesson."

The doctor left and went around the block to see the next person who was not well. The doctor knocked on the door, but it was open and he walked in only to find an old woman complaining of terrible pains in her back. And so, Doctor Danehof examined her stomach.

"Aha," he said. "You have been lifting heavy furniture and strained your back."

"But how did you know that?" asked the old woman.

"Simple," said the doctor. "I saw a truck outside with chairs and tables in it. Since this is the only house on the block, the furniture must be for you."

"That's right," said the old woman. "I have moved everything in the house around from one place to another until I couldn't move myself."

"Is that so. Is that so," said the doctor. "Call in a neighbor to help you the next time. Right now, just rest."

The sun was getting ready to set as the doctor walked two blocks up the hill to see his next patient. When he entered the house, he heard moaning. He quickly went into the bedroom and saw a man looking very pale and weak. The doctor immediately looked at the man's feet and hands and shook his head.

"This is quite serious," he told the man.

"What is it?" asked the man, groaning.

"You have swallowed a horse," replied the good doctor.

"Swallowed a horse?" repeated the man. "I couldn't have possibly done anything like that. I don't think."

The doctor's eyes were bulging, as usual, as he said. "Under your bed is the horse's harness. The horse is missing. Can you explain that?"


"Well," moaned the man. "I can't. But I'm sure I did not swallow a horse."

"Then why are you sick?" asked the doctor.


The man thought about it and since the doctor told him why he was sick he couldn't argue with him.

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The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Martin Rasmussen told us how much our support of Operation Care and Share was appreciated at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. So keep bringing your cans of food or you can also leave a dollar or two at the kitty. At our last meeting, it was decided to give 1/3 of the monthly drawing of the little pot to the Food Bank. That's fraternity!

The famous Copenhagen Boys Choir will be visiting the western part of the U.S. until May 12, 1987. The group consists of about 50 boys with an average age of 13, and 15 to 20 adults. **Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Our lodge President, Sheridan Perry, along with Sisterhood Princess Marie Lodge No. 117's President, Agnes Perry, represented



The Perrys and "Pjuske" celebrate at Scandinavian Fest.

the Danes at a Scandinavian Fest in the Norwegian Hall in Spokane, Washington. Of course, their representation would not have been complete without their ultra-talented little dog "Pjuske" who is eager to perform in public.

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — We had a very enjoyable bowling tournament and party with entries from Vancouver, Seattle, and Portland, as well as Enumclaw.

In our district, it has long been a custom for visiting bowlers to be treated to coffee and pastry while checking in with the local committee. Following this we had a happy hour, banquet, awards presentation and dancing.

The Vancouver lodge is hosting the 1988

The best idea for May goes to Lodge No. 147, Newell, IA. See page 18 for details.

tournament and we all look forward to another good party. **Einer Bruhn, Cor.**

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The March 4 meeting of our lodge was called to order by President Asbjorn Fisker with 23 members present.

Jens Jensen reported that Sylvano Hansen is the Man of the Month and he has served as a member of our lodge for 60 years. We had a guest, Mr. Robert Brown, from Aloha, who may become a member of our lodge.

Diane Fisker said the Young Vikings had a great time on the sunny slopes of Snow Bunny in February. Thirty-one members, old and young, shared in the innertube rides, good food and fellowship.

Don Bogh reported on the wonderful success of the Folkfest ethnic potluck dinner. Mel Pihl commended Don on the fantastic job, the great entertainment, the ethnic flavor, and the good number of people in attendance. Diane Fisker commented, "It was one of the nicest ethnic activities I have participated in."

President Fisker read updated information on the 1986 Board's Outreach Program. Following are the Board members: Don Bogh, Betty Madsen, Ed and Helene Hirsch, Cathy Bjork, and George Campbell. The Board members also included Asbjorn Fisker's name to the list. Mag Esrom emphasized how we need to be educated on what programs are available to help needy Danes and others; also how to use these programs to help with the needs of the Outreach Program.

Karlene Thorkildsen reported that the Halloween Party scheduled for October 31 has been moved to Friday, October 30. It will be at the Phillipino Hall located at SE 92nd and Stark. After some discussion, it was decided that it will be an adults only party.

President Fisker made note that the Brunch this year is scheduled for May 17.

The final item on the agenda is our National Convention to be held in 1991. Discussion was held as to this wonderful opportunity to have it in Portland. It was decided that it is important to have a fact finding committee to investigate the responsibilities of hosting this convention, and report back to members, since we must make a final vote by the June meeting. Diane Fisker nominated Tami Hansen. It was moved and seconded. Ed Hirsch volunteered to help Tami and there will be a need for others to volunteer to help them. The Sisterhood will be included in our planning.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting there were 61 members present. At this meeting, we accepted an application from Lars Larsen.

Our entrance fee to participate in the Second Annual Chinese Dragon Boat Race is \$800. It was reported by Herluf Pedersen that JP Excavating (Brothers Vester-gaard) has sponsored with \$500, Tor Import (Gammel Dansk) with \$100, Brother Karl Madsen with \$50, Brother Villy Andersen with \$50, and Brother Henning Hald with \$50. The total of sponsorship is already \$750.

It was decided to accept the golf challenge from Seattle and Conny Vinther will be looking after the golfing for our Brothers. Under the Sports Committee, Herluf Pedersen reported that 17 soccer players will be attending the soccer tournament in Los Angeles.

The Sports Committee is now organizing soccer for under and over 40, the Dragon Boat Race, and a golf tournament. If other members are interested in participating in other sports, which they would like to see the Brotherhood involved in, let the Sports Committee know.

At the meeting, Uwe Bruhn made a motion, seconded by Sven Gerslund, that the Brotherhood donate \$200 to the Danish Lutheran Church in Burnaby.

After the meeting, we all enjoyed open-faced sandwiches, beer and snaps in high spirits. Everybody had a good social time.

Thirty-five people from Vancouver attended our yearly Northwest District

Bowling Tournament in Enumclaw, Washington. Brother John Olsen from our lodge had the highest series, and his wife Betty had the highest handicap series. A guest from Vancouver, Ken Pedersen, won highest game. Ken's wife Kathy won highest handicap game. Unfortunately, our lodge was not playing to their potential. That evening we attended a dinner/dance hosted by Portland. We all had a wonderful time. Next year, the Northwest District Bowling Tournament will be sponsored by our lodge.

Again this year there will be a bus ride to Reno sponsored by our lodge. Your tour guide will be the same as last year, Mr. Herluf Pedersen. He has already informed us that the bus will be leaving Vancouver on Saturday, October 17, 1987. For those of you who need to make arrangements for holidays and want to join us for a fun-filled, seven-day bus trip to Reno, the time is now.
Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — President Niels Nedergard called the March meeting to order with 50 members and guests present. Martin Taekker and Flemming Pedersen of the 1987-88 Program Committee asked for suggestions for group activities.

Henning Kristiansen asked that we keep in mind that membership will dwindle, with

time, if we fail to encourage new people to join. He suggested that we think of ourselves as salespeople, emphasizing the social and cultural rewards as well as pure enjoyment of participation in the various Brotherhood activities.

Election of delegates and alternates to the Northwest District Convention in Spokane, Washington, was held with Niels Nedergard as 1st delegate, Martin Taekker as 2nd delegate, Lois Toftemark as 1st alternate and Svend Toftemark as 2nd alternate.

During the social hour Bente and Flemming Pedersen and committee served fastelavnoller and chokolade. Flemming Pedersen and Martin Taekker shared some historical and traditional customs from the time just prior to Lent, known as Fastelavn.

The new editor of our lodge newsletter is doing a fine job. Mary Stefansen had to follow a terrific editor, Lois Toftemark, our editor for five years. A big thank you to Lois for all the interesting newsletters you have done for us!

Thanks to Mette Mørk, this year's Danish language teacher at the University of Oregon. A series of Danish films were shown at the campus this spring which included "The Casablanca Circus" on April 7 and "Me and Charly" on April 14.

At our May 14 meeting, we will have a pølse dinner with Danish wieners, rolls, hot potato salad, dessert, pop, and coffee. A donation of \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 would be appreciated. You can give your donation at the door. There will be door prizes. Due to the pølse dinner, the regular meeting may start a little late.
Verna Lynge, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA — At the November meeting the membership by majority vote of those present voted to change our bylaws in respect to annual dues. This change was unfortunately due to increased operating expenses and a very large increase in liability insurance costs which went up 300%.

We understand that the Sisterhood Margrethe Lodge No. 24 will have a Mid-summer Party on June 24 at our meeting place. It was quite successful last year, so join them again for food and fellowship.
Henning Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA — We are busy preparing for the Scandinavian Mid-summer Festival to be held on June 19 and 20 in Ferndale.

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Jack and Marge Aiton are delegates to the Festival Association this year.

Ladies from the Danish lodges will again serve aebleskiver at the Danish Hall in Ferndale on Saturday. There will be folk dancing on both days under the direction of Erla Chance, Lorana Sweet, and Marion Christiansen. Members of the Brotherhood dancing team this year are Jack and Marge Aiton, Bob and Marion Christiansen, Fred and Helen Elliott, Niels Lorenzen, Gary and Clara Sherrill, Mark and Donna DeNune, Connie Sweet, Erla Chance, Francis and Lorana Sweet, Katina and Jamie DeNune, Ray and Keith Sherrill, plus many more Ferndalers.

Francis Sweet, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — First, as Past President of our lodge, I would like to thank all the officers and members who assisted me in the past year, making my year as president a memorable one. My thanks to my husband, Erik Kofod, the Past President last year, who gave me his guidance and his support throughout the year. It was truly a great learning experience. And now, as correspondent, I shall try to bring to date as much of the news as possible.

January was the month of our installation which went extremely well. We hosted the joint installation with the Danish Sisterhood Princess Marie Lodge No. 68, and Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 323 of Alhambra. More than 80 people were present, enjoying the installation, the great food prepared by Chef Hans Christensen and staff, and the dancing to Ray Vermuelen's Band. Our sincere thanks to Ed Madsen, President, and Karen Rouse, Conductor, both of the California-Nevada District. They did a super job! Rev. Andreassen gave the invocation and Owen Miller was our MC for the evening and kept things moving. "Mange Tak" to all of you. We also had guests from out of town and to you, we say "welcome." Hope you had a good time!

Congratulations to all the new officers and a sincere thank you to the outgoing officers.

We were very sorry to learn of the passing of our long-time member, Carl Helmsø, who died January 8, 1987. Our very deepest sympathy to his family.

Congratulations to the following 25-year members: Henry Hansen, Henry C. Olesen, Alfred Munck, Erik Kofod, Otto Brandt, Denise Zabkiewicz, and Cheryl Jean Rogers, and also to Paul A. Kann and Henry Borg for 50 years of membership.

Our meeting on March 5 went very well but the turnout was small due to bad weather. As our guest that evening, we welcomed Andy Andersen, our insurance

representative from the National Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. Another guest, Norma Loveday, from the Riverside Lodge No. 346 and a newly established part-time insurance representative for the southern California area, was also welcomed. And last, but certainly not least, we welcomed Sue Patterson, also from the Riverside Lodge. She was the tireless chauffeur for Andy and Norma, and put in many miles on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We appreciate what Sue did and thank her very much for her kindness.

Carlos Petersen of Los Angeles, a long-time member, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 1987. Jim Nelson of Buena Park, also a long-time member, passed away on Saturday as well. We will remember Jim for his many donations to the Danish picnic but mostly for being our wonderful chef and preparing many, many Torsk dinners over the past years. We will miss him greatly.

Our newest and youngest member is Kristen Michelle Breum, three-month-old daughter of Peter and Rhonda Breum, Jr., and granddaughter of Peter and Gurli Breum of Los Angeles. Kristen was accepted into the Brotherhood at our last meeting.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — Our March meeting was preceded by a potluck prepared by members of Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 126. This was in honor of St. Patrick's Day, and the tables were decorated in the green and white theme. Thanks was expressed to Sister Cay Jensen who was in charge of plans for the evening. Cocktails preceded the dinner which consisted mainly of corned beef and cabbage, with delicious side dishes, all prepared by the Sisters.

Special guests at the dinner and our meeting were Laurantz and Grayce Jensen, of Luck, Wisconsin. Laurantz is a cousin of Brother Harvey Rasmussen and he and Grayce are members of the Luck Lodge No. 186.

During our meeting we discussed the possibility of entering a float in our local "Butter and Egg Days" parade to be held soon. This would be a joint project with the Sisterhood.

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — The world famous Copenhagen Boys Choir and the Carl Nielsen Quartet appeared in Seattle, April 24-25, 1987, and that was the beginning of the choir's first visit to the western part of the United States.

There are 50 boys, 10 to 12 years of age, and 16 male adults. The choir was founded in 1924 to perform choral music written

specially for male voices. Its members all attend the Sankt Annae Gymnasium, the Copenhagen Municipal Choir School. The training the boys undergo is rigorous but as North American audiences discovered, the results were exclusive.

Many members of the DBIA community in Ferndale, Eureka, Arcata, and Fortuna had the opportunity to meet the choir and quartet on Monday, April 27 at a reception held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Eureka. It was absolutely wonderful.

Laura Schuler, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our March 11 meeting was highlighted by a delicious roast beef dinner, skillfully created by Jorgen Hansen and crew and enjoyed by 45 members and guests.

The following business meeting was presided by our president Bent Pedersen and attended by 17 members.

Andy Andersen explained a few revisions to the scholarship criteria.

The lodge was informed by Peter Weber that the time for the Danish Senior Citizens visit to Solvang was changed from June to October.

Bent Pedersen reported that the visit by the Danish Boys Choir would be Friday, May 1, to Sunday, May 3, and that there was a good response by members in offering housing for the 48 boys.

A motion was carried that Jacob Ravn's granddaughter's, Inga, application to Skovsøen be forwarded to the Home Office with our lodge's donation of \$100.

Arne Larsen was awarded his 25-year pin.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At our last meeting we had a very good turnout of members and friends when we were visited by our National Sales Director from Omaha, Andy Andersen, and insurance representative from Kodan Lodge No. 346, Norma Loveday, who both answered many questions regarding insurance. Thank you both for visiting our lodge.

I also want to thank the membership for bringing in such a beautiful smørrebrød at our last meeting. We must do that again soon!

Forty-eight boys and 12 grown-ups from the Copenhagen Boy's Choir will be coming to the Los Angeles area on May 7-9. The boys will sing in the Danish Church on May 8 and at the Leisure World in Laguna Hills on May 10.

Grundlovsfest will be celebrated on June 7, 1987, at the White Rock Lake Park in Saugus. Many new ideas will be tried out.

A benefit dinner/dance will be held on May 23, 1987, at The Alamo to obtain

funds for the purpose of planning and carrying out vacation plans for young motoric-handicapped visitors from Denmark. The six young people and six teacher/physiotherapists will arrive on June 25 and depart on July 8. June and Hakon Andersen have kindly offered the group to stay at their home. Our fund raiser will hopefully enable us to furnish them with rental of a van for tours to interesting places. We thank both Mille and Viggo Bech Nielsen, members of our lodge, for the tremendous time and effort they have put in arranging for this fund raiser. Any donations are greatly appreciated for this worthy cause. Please make your checks payable to The Danish American Club - Handicap Visit.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Our March 14 meeting was well attended with 59 members and friends present to enjoy a delicious potluck dinner, a special business meeting, and the social hour being a silent auction that was really beneficial to our treasury. We had several guests present at the dinner and meeting and because of special efforts from our publicity chairman, we had one application for membership.

The business meeting was conducted under the expertise of our President, Jim Dwyer. Many points of business were taken care of. One in particular was a speaker, a community program specialist from the Orangewood Home for Abused Children, who spoke to us on the shelter's facilities, background, functions within the organization, and many interesting and enlightening facts. As you will remember, we as a lodge voted to aid this home as part of the national Operation Care and Share program. We will await further information as to their particular needs.

Committee reports included the DBIA handicap bowling team. They have had their first game at the Westbrook Lanes.

Please put May 9 on your calendar. That's the date for our annual Mother's Day dinner. Preparations are in effect right now for a lovely dinner. Please plan to attend.
Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — The 66th annual convention of the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood in America and the California General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood will be held July 16-18, 1987, headquartering at the Holiday Inn in Riverside.

The convention, with the theme "The Viking Spirit," will kick off with the tradi-

tional golf tournament, registration, and a champagne party hosted by Kodan in their hospitality suite on Thursday, July 16. Thursday's dinner is "on your own" and then we will convene at 8 p.m. in the banquet room for the official opening ceremonies, introductions, presentation of the flags, and an ice cream social.

Friday, July 17, there will be meetings both morning and afternoon and again on Saturday morning. Friday night there will be a western barbecue/buffet by the pool. Tickets for Friday night include dinner, entertainment and dancing.

Saturday afternoon will be highlighted by the joint installation of District Sisterhood and Brotherhood officers. Saturday evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. and banquet at 7 p.m. The program will include announcement of the winners of the District President's Awards and music for dancing, beginning approximately at 9 p.m., furnished by Alson Bergström and Company.

Activities are planned for the young people beginning Friday morning and continuing through Saturday night. Activities include an ice cream social, tour of March Air Force Base, swimming at the hotel, Fiesta Village waterslide, roller skating, videogames, movies and much, much more. If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Convention Chairman, Ken Nielsen.

Fastelavn was celebrated by 36 members, guests and costumed children. Ceena Stoltz gave the finishing blow to the Cat in the Barrel winning herself a "watch-dog," an adorable watch shaped like a pound-puppy. Winners of the costume contest were Helene Piehl and Orville E. Lindberg, III. The costumes were particularly clever this year and the judges had a difficult job selecting the winners. We had some delicious treats, aebleskiver, Irish coffee, and hot chocolate, prepared by Sue Patterson, Kaja Del Grippo, and Anelise Andersen. Many thanks to the cooks and to Vikki Garrison who fashioned the Cat in the Barrel and filled him with treats; Doris Thompson for her traditional puppet show; and, as always, Jim and Sue Patterson for the use of their barn!

Fifteen members and friends, including honored guest, Andy Andersen, Sales Director from the National Headquarters, braved the cold and came to our March meeting, celebrating with a Mad Hatters Unbirthday Tea Party. This was the first meeting conducted by President Anelise Andersen, and she did a fine job.

A belated thank you to Charles and Karen Stephenson for contributing the wine coolers for last month's Santa Anita

bus trip. I hear they were delicious.

Special big thank you to Norma Loveday and Sue Patterson who personally chauffeured Andy Andersen to at least four meetings in four days all over southern California. This took a big chunk of their lives and Andy was extremely appreciative for the personal attention given by these two unselfish women. Thank you both!

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

Don't forget the upcoming events. The state picnic will be held in Grand Island on Sunday, July 19th. The State Convention dates have been set for August 28-30, in the Ruskin-Superior area. Plans for the 1987 Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood in America Joint National Convention on September 24-26, 1987, in Des Moines, Iowa, continue to develop. Try to attend.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — On Tuesday evening, March 17, we held a membership dinner at Vennelyst Park. The evening began with everyone enjoying herring on rye bread, akvavit, and beer. The main course included swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert, complimented with wine. A number of guests were present for the dinner and we hope they will decide to join our lodge. Annette Andersen led everyone in some fun singing. The evening's concert ended with John Norton, Irishman, leading the chorus (those who forgot to wear green) in their rendition of "How much is da Kringler in da window?" A short business meeting followed. Our committee consisting of Andy and Annette Andersen, Pam and Dale Dorau, and Mike Nielsen, deserve a special thank you for a fun evening.

Jim Christlansen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — We had good attendance at our February meeting including seven guests. After the business meeting, Trivial Pursuit was played. The questions were difficult, thanks to Laurids Pedersen with Duane Nielsen as the official scorekeeper. They showed no mercy and you had to be quick.

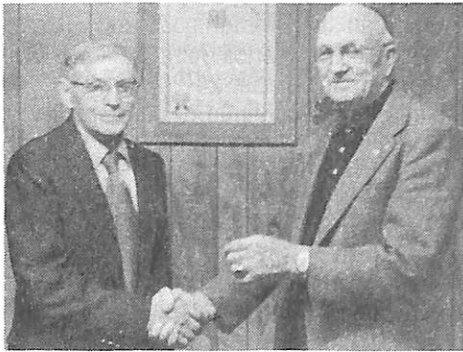
Our Operation Care and Share program was a success. Many cans of fruit, vegetables, juices, jellos and cash were turned over to the Food Pantry in Blair. Thank you members for the cooperation. It is a nice feeling to help others less fortunate. Our evening ended with a sandwich, cake, cookies and coffee. No one went home hungry. Short meetings, good programs, lots of food and best of all the good fellow-

ship is what we enjoy together. We have proved we can have a fun evening and still help others.
Harriet Palle, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — Our regular meeting was held February 7 with 35 present. After a short business meeting, we were privileged to hear from Lars Van Brenssen, a German exchange student.

However, the evening belonged to Albert C. Nielsen. We were privileged to present him with his 60-year membership pin. The pin was presented to him by President Therkel Jorgensen. Albert was very grateful for the well deserved honor bestowed upon him.



Congratulations to 60-year member, Albert C. Nielsen.

Mary Hansen had baked a beautiful cake just for the occasion with the raised letters "DBIA" on it with "Congratulations" in red across the cake.

Thelma Jacobsen was accepted into our lodge as a new member.

Ilene Sorensen and Agnes Nielsen added to the lunch by serving sandwiches.

Ilene Sorensen, Sec.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — At our last meeting, four members were presented



Congratulations to our 25-year members!

with their 25-year membership pins. They are John Craig, Harlan Thuesen, John Koch, and Wendel Crotty. Congratulations!

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — Our lodge presented welcome flags to the town of Newell. These flags were purchased from our profits of Danish Days in June of 1986 and the 1986 District Convention held on Labor Day weekend.

We had our usual potluck supper at
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Welcome to Newell, Ia.!

Christmas time. Glen Pedersen showed a film of the district convention followed by the singing of hymns and carols.

Elmer Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA — At our March meeting we were introduced to Viking customs by Jorn Christensen and Kathy McLarsen, who were dressed in burlap Viking costumes. Andy Andersen and Curt Sorensen were visitors and Curt explained some of the services and investments that are available through the Danish Brotherhood. Arthur Wall was presented the "Howard E. Christensen" Award for our lodge. Everyone participated in a workshop sanding wooden hearts and angel cut-outs which will be painted and sold at our ethnic fair in May. **Norm Nielsen, Cor.**

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — The March meeting of our lodge was held Monday evening, March 9, at the meeting room in the Fire Station with 23 members attending. Topics discussed included the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention to be held at Mason City over Labor Day weekend and the National Danish Brotherhood Convention to be held in Des Moines on September 24-26, 1987. Volunteers are needed to assist at this convention.

Hostesses and hosts for the March meeting were: Glenn and Mary Ellen Olsen, Marvin Ohms, and Clifford and Mary Ann Christensen. The program was presented by three members of the Genealogy Society. Mrs. Lois Coomes talked on family genealogy and Bernice Ihrke informed us about all the records that are being brought up to date, such as the history of towns, counties, and family records as well as listing names of all those buried in the cemeteries of the county. This is recorded at the Atlantic City Library. Mrs. Dorothy Hendrickson spoke on the tracing of our family history and showed us how to keep records on family members. Let's preserve our Danish heritage! **Harvey Hansen, Cor.**

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

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — The Flemming Andersen Memorial Target Shoot for the

Midwest District was once again hosted by Louis Mellone, Pete Wildenberg, Jeff and our lodge. Fifty-two shooters came from the Midwest District and we were also pleased to have four from Detroit Lodge No. 227 join us to shoot — Paul Carlsen, Otto Pedersen, Hans Nielsen, and Carl Mayland. The first place team trophy was taken by our lodge; the second place team was also from Kenosha; and the third place team was from Dwight. Individual honors went to Wendy Bernhardt for the women and to Marty Seyller for the men. We also had two Young Vikings shooting from Chicago Lodge No. 17. A very nice lunch was served to 80 people after the shoot and a good time was had by all. The committee was Dan Ervin, Bob O'Neal, Mat Fosbinder, Ken Hansen, Mike Burditt, Bob Bernhardt, and Brian O'Neal.

The Sweetheart's dance in February was well attended by 187 people. It was a sit down dinner of cornish hen with all the trimmings done by the Kenosha Achievement Center. Lots of door prizes were raffled off and then dancing for the rest of the evening. A terrific job was done by the committee headed by Gene and Phyllis Keck and assisted by Berger and Jo Rasmussen, John and Rosemary Johnson, Neal and Nancy Rusecki, Dick and Joan Greb, Rich and Marie Walker, Al and Elga Rohrer, Bill and Janet Kuessow, Harry and Doris Krogh, Tom and Judy Nielsen, Gene and Virginia Petersburg and Harry and Edith Data.

The first smoker we had turned out to be successful with 74 people in attendance. We thank Al Frederick, Art Andersen, Harve Cecil, Dan Ervin, Frank Holderness and Todd Bernhardt for their work on this one.

The weather was against us at the corned beef and cabbage dinner but 119 hearty souls made it through the snow to have a delicious meal and good dancing. The hall was very nicely decorated in green. We thank the hard working committee — John, Jane and Jean Hosmanek, Joe and Audrey Heinzen, Mike and Carol Burditt, Arnold and Betty Letho, Peggy Starr, and Bob Bernhardt. Thanks to our three fearless Irish song leaders — Duke Ellingham, Ken Hansen and Roger Nelson. Roger was also our MC for the evening.

Welcome new members, Frank Dicello, Frank Malletta, Francis Duffin, James Rush, and Robert Moerke.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — We took 8 shooters to Kenosha on March 7 for the

Target Shoot. Jim Wilkey, Jr. and Fuzzy Andersen tied for 5th place individual and we brought back a third place team. Eleven stayed for the meal which I heard was great. And as usual, fun was had by all!

Dick Perschnick and Ray Holzhauer went to Blue Island on Friday, March 27, for 300 kringle which were all sold by pre-orders or at the aebleskiver breakfast on Sunday. Thanks to these guys for making the trip. A big thanks to Marge Lauritsen and Genny Andreassen for taking the orders, for bagging the kringle and distributing them on Saturday morning at the VFW, and handling the sales on Sunday morning at the breakfast.

On Sunday, March 29, the doors opened at the VFW and hungry people started coming in for our aebleskiver breakfast and didn't let up until 1 p.m. A total of 650 went away with full stomachs. Thanks to so many people for donating their time, the donations of supplies, etc. A special big thanks to Bobby Hosier with the assistance of Jackie Hahn for putting this day all together, and to Barb Dorsett for making and distributing all the posters.

The District Bowling Tournament was held on April 4 and was a great fun day! Thirty-five teams from the district entered including 15 from our lodge. Kringle and coffee were served at the bowling alley, our compliments. Room 203 at the Holiday Inn was full of people after bowling up until banquet time having a good time. The food was delicious with dancing till midnight with Bus Hansen's Band and 133 were fed and entertained. Jens and His Copenhagen

Lovillies put on an excellent performance. Thanks to Jens (Betty Currie) and our accompanist, Dorothy Dawson, for putting this show together and helping us with our routines. We had a good time and hope everyone else did too. Of course, again you have to have an organizer and some good workers to assist. Ken Jensen was this man and Keith Telford and Rick Sullivan handled the banquet. Jim and Genny Andreassen handled the raffle. Thanks to all for the donations. Assisting were Frank Perschnick, Bud and Margaret Goodwin, Bob Weller, Dick and Marlene Perschnick, Ray and Shirley Holzhauer and I know there were others. Another Midwest District tournament over, well handled, and fun for all!

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — At our last meeting visitors were made welcome and there were two applications for membership from Olavi Virvalo and Thyra Nussle. Five initiations took place and they were: Martha J. Christensen, Kari E. Christensen, Carl A. Christensen III, Kristopher L. Jensen, and Richard S. Jensen. Jenny Jensen and Shirley Gritzenbach, grandmothers of the Jensen boys, stood in for them.

Grethe Jepsen, head of the Scholarship Committee, asked the lodge for a donation of \$1,000 for her committee. This has been an annual practice of the lodge. It will be voted on at the next meeting. Grethe told us that scholarship applications are available from our lodge — deadline for these applications is June 1st. Please contact

Grethe for information. Grethe was given a big hand for all her hard work in raising scholarship monies; almost \$1,000 was raised this past year. Remember, you must be a member of this lodge for a year in order to be eligible.

Raffle prizes are needed for the Midwest District Convention that we are hosting on July 25-26 in order to make expenses. Call Ray Nielsen if you have raffle donations or better yet, bring them to the next few meetings.

Henry Jepsen, President of the Midwest District Youth Committee, put out the word that applications are now available for the Danish Language Camp, Skovsøen. Grants are also available from the National Headquarters and our lodge will match any grant offered by them.

President Iversen called for Marius Pedersen and presented him with his 50-year membership pin. Marius was given a round of applause by members present.

After the meeting, Lori and Mark Nussle led us in folk dancing and it was great fun. Thyra Nussle accompanied on the piano. Let's do it again!

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — On Saturday, March 14, our members again manned the telephones for Public Television, on camera, in Channel 10's Studio A and helped raise money to perpetuate better programming in our TV viewing area. In addition to having fun, while providing a community service, we received valuable on-the-air publicity for the Danish Brotherhood.

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
3-6-87	Christian Christensen Taft	90	Hundborg, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1914
1-29-87	Fred Andersen	66	Roffe, Iowa	43	Denver, Colorado	1937
3-11-87	Einar H. Hansen	77	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1942
2-3-87	Victor Christensen	85	Vedsø, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1942
3-12-87	Soren K. Sorensen	94	Ingstrup, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1917
5-24-87	Ellen M. Heinsen	66	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1966
3-16-87	Charles P. Madsen, Jr.	58	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1965
2-24-87	Niels Christian Ericksen	94	Lystrup, Denmark	107	Chicago, Illinois	1917
3-19-87	Edmund Bentzen	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1955
3-7-87	Carlo Cristy	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	301	Akron, Ohio	1936
3-7-87	James E. Nelson	73	Richfield, Vermont	126	Los Angeles, California	1949
11-20-86	Mary C. Schmidt	82	Cincinnati, Ohio	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1968
3-7-87	Fred B. Nielsen	75	Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1981
1-16-87	Andrew Korsgaard	87	Denmark	341	Kimballton-Eik Horn, Iowa	1986
2-12-87	Lillian E. Nicolaisen	70	Kansas City, Kansas	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1967
1-14-87	Vernon Tryson	73	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C.	1944
2-18-87	Peter Christensen	92	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1965
2-24-87	Christian G. Pedersen, Sr.	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1975
10-27-86	Edith M. Christensen	71	Canton, Ohio	225	Canton, Ohio	1964
12-14-86	Helge Aasted	87	Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1973
3-18-87	Clifford E. Johnson	74	Waupaca, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1976
2-10-87	Edith M. Hansen	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1975
9-23-86	Henry G. Hansen	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1952

Our March 27 Torsk Dinner was another successful activity. We served 145 dinners. There are many to thank for all the planning and work associated with the event as well as for generous donations of 31 door prizes and 6 raffle items. So as to not skip anyone, we will not mention names but convey a big thank you to all who supported the lodge in this endeavor.

We were honored that National President Bob Ibsen and his wife, Elaine, were able to attend. We were also pleased that members of Racine Lodge No. 4 and Kenosha Lodge No. 14 could join us.

Thanks to all members of the Scandinavian Chorus, directed by Anne-Marie Hummel, who provided musical entertainment.

Thanks also to Greta Hansen of Johnson Travel, Inc., who narrated and showed slides pertaining to the May 16-18, 1987, tour of Denmark. **Al Larsen, Sec.**

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our lodge members are deeply saddened by the deaths of two of our charter members, Harry L. Rasmussen on January 24, 1987, and Clifford E. Johnson on March 18, 1987. We extend our sympathy to their wives, Sarah and Lucille, and their families.

At our meeting on March 26, Melda Mortensen presented the story of the DBIA from its start in 1882 by Danish immigrant war veterans as set forth nostalgically in the DBIA centennial publication.

We feel honored when one of our members is honored. We take pride in Melda Mortensen's recent State of Wisconsin Award. Melda was presented a plaque by Governor Thompson. Melda and her husband, Past President Henry Mortensen, traveled over 5,000 miles between April 17, 1986, and August 30, 1986, to complete the project for this award. Congratulations to them! **Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular meeting of our lodge was held on Wednesday evening, March 4 with 21 members in attendance. All business was taken care of and three new applications for membership were approved. Following the meeting, a lunch of sloppy-joes was served by Don Stahl.

On February 14 we held a Valentine's party/dance, committed by Rich and Lou Trembl, Roger Hansen, Gerry Klaff, and Arlie and Kathy Heemstra. The hall was smartly decorated for the occasion. The party was attended by 120 members and guests who all had a good time dancing to the music of the County Rebels. Food was

served throughout the evening. The party and dance was going so well that the band had to extend their playing time. The party was enjoyed by everyone, even member Lloyd Hullet who is 82 years old and his wife Elsie who enjoyed the music by dancing to many of the songs.

On the 28th of February, we held a setback tournament for members and guests. Twenty players participated in this tournament, with Butch Banchford with a score of 172 winning top prize, member

Arnold Koebler with a score of 164 winning second prize and Gordi Schult winning third place. We wish to thank Don Bentz and Jack Matson for directing this tournament.

On Saturday evening, March 7, Gary Wickery and Ray Finholm put on a fish fry in the club room of the hall. The meal, prepared by Gary and Ray, consisted of lake perch, brown trout, fried potatoes, cole slaw, rolls and all the trimmings. This fish fry was enjoyed by 82 members and

VELKOMMEN!

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



Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Mary J. Gulizia	1	Omaha, NE	Bernice Eckley
Holger Thompsen	1	Omaha, NE	Bernice Eckley
Harvey August Clausen	3	Davenport, IA	Paul Wind
Waldon A. Strangberg	14	Kenosha, WI	Don Tredup
Sandra L. Lauritsen	34	Dwight, IL	James Lauritsen
Thyra R. Nussle	35	Chicago, IL	John Trankar
Olavi Virvalo	35	Chicago, IL	Martin Puska
Elsie Hein	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
James M. Maher	51	Ludington, MI	Charles Peterson
Jerry Dean Samuels	51	Ludington, MI	Victor Samuels
Ralph J. Carroll, Jr.	51	Ludington, MI	Victor Samuels
Dean A. Samuels	51	Ludington, MI	Victor Samuels
Carlson Loftis	51	Ludington, MI	Richard Trembl
Robert A. Cameron	51	Ludington, MI	Charles Peterson
Alfred A.E. Hansen, Jr.	56	Kansas City, MO	Consul E. A. Nielsen
Clare B. Thomsen	70	Greenville, MI	Wesley Thomsen
Kent Gordon Thomsen	70	Greenville, MI	Wesley Thomsen
Brian F. Knudsen	75	Albert Lea, MN	Milton Larson
Lawrence T. Mills	84	Lincoln, NE	Erik Hansen
Thelma D. Jacobsen	121	Tyler, MN	Therkel Jorgensen
Kristen Michelle Breum	126	Los Angeles, CA	Peter Breum
Christian Robert Fisker	167	Portland, OR	Asbjorn Fisker
Alison Marie Fisker	167	Portland, OR	Asbjorn Fisker
John T. Hungerford	167	Portland, OR	Betty Hungerford
Vicky L. Hungerford	167	Portland, OR	Betty Hungerford
Chester A. Esmond	186	Luck, WI	Norman Pedersen
Harold G. Gillham	211	Grand Island, NE	Harland Petersen
Wayne E. Rasmus	219	Clear Lake, IA	Thorvald Sorensen
Ashley Ann Thygesen	294	Barre, VT	Charles Thygesen, Sr.
Douglas A. Taft	294	Barre, VT	Francis Taft
Matthew P. Lunde	294	Barre, VT	Sharon Lunde
Else-Marie Griffin	325	Nassau County, NY	Niels Hansen
Steinar K. Ericson	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Tom Johansen
Lars Juul Larsen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Jan Nielsen
Kristian Mikael Waaben	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Tom Johansen
Jørgen J. P. Pedersen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Jorgen Schroder
Antoinette E. Culbertson	340	Wood Dale, IL	Natalie Grochola
Alice Marie Jensen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	JoAnn Sorensen
Charles D. Swanson	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	JoAnn Sorensen
Ruth R. Swanson	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	JoAnn Sorensen
Philip W. Klein	345	Orange County, CA	Kaj and Helga Bjorn
Kari-Leah Klein	345	Orange County, CA	Kaj and Helga Bjorn
Kalvin P. B. Klein	345	Orange County, CA	Kaj and Helga Bjorn
Katrina Lene Klein	345	Orange County, CA	Kaj and Helga Bjorn
Joan P. B. Klein	345	Orange County, CA	Kaj and Helga Bjorn
Carolyn M. Lindberg	346	Riverside, CA	James Patterson
Alice L. Dahlen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Chris L. Seitz	600	Omaha, NE	Bennie Peterson

guests. The remainder of the evening was spent by talking and socializing.

Keith Koegler, Vice Pres.

Lodge # 225 and 301, Canton and Akron, OH — The 1987 Michigan-Ohio District Convention, hosted by Lodge No. 301, will be held on Saturday, May 16, at the North Canton Holiday Inn. The cost per person is \$15. The deadline for reservations is May 9. Contact Bob and Dena Pedersen or Russ and Asta Thayer for reservations. Invitations have been extended to members of lodges throughout Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. Please plan on attending.

Members are asked to bring canned goods or other non-perishable items to lodge meetings. These goods will be distributed to churches and other groups in conjunction with the Danish Brotherhood's national charity, Operation Care and Share.

Belinda James, Cor.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Our lodge extends a hearty welcome to Mark Pedersen. At the meeting held on March 11, Mark joined his father, Otto, and grandfather, Willy, as a member of our lodge.



Welcome to Mark Pedersen who joins his father and grandfather as members of Lodge No. 227.

At this same meeting, we launched Operation Care and Share. Scott Larsen is chairing this urgent appeal and has urged all members to participate. Canned goods are being accepted for later distribution and monetary donations are also welcome.

Paul Carlsen, Carl Mayland, Otto Pedersen, and Hans Nielsen enjoyed the hospitality of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on March 6 for their annual bird shoot.

March 11 was the day of our blood drive. A sincere thank you to the 18 donors and to Jack Jensen who organized this activity. Due to the blood drive on that day, our meeting was brief and allowed time for all to enjoy a film on Denmark presented through the efforts of Preben Hansen and Otto Pedersen.

The Michigan-Ohio Bowling Tournament, sponsored by Lodge No. 70 in Greenville, Michigan, was held on March 29. Detroit was represented at this event by three teams, one of which had a very successful day. Congratulations to the team of Ken Rehan, Randy Rehan, Bob Sorensen, John Sorensen, and Eric Larsen, who returned home with a trophy. **Karl Larsen**, Sec.

GCEL

District Scholarships Available

The deadline for the GCEL District \$500 Scholarship is July 15, 1987. For information contact Erling Braumann, 115 White Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 or your local lodge secretary.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — Fleming Hinrichsen is once again hospitalized, suffering from emphysema. Brother Fleming has had a difficult time with this lately, and we send him our best wishes.

A 50-year pin will be presented to one of the lodge's oldest members, Theodore S. Hasle, II. Brother Ted is 87 years old and joined our lodge in 1937. His occupation was machine designing.

Grete Hempel and Erik Koefoed will also receive their 25-year pins at the monthly meeting. Both joined our lodge as juvenile members in 1962. **Niels Malmquist**, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our March 19th meeting was called to order by President Howard Hansen. We had a good turnout. We also had the installation of officers. Howard Hansen was re-elected as President, his wife Evelyn stayed on as Secretary. Fritz Harder is Vice President; Gil Behling, Treasurer, and Grethe Larson, Inner Guard. We also discussed having a recording secretary.

Grethe Larson, Hanah Kaermark, and Tove Parks were on the coffee committee and they set a beautiful table which we all enjoyed. **Eric Behling**, Cor.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our monthly meeting was a very important one for all of us. After our regular meeting, we initiated six new members. We are all working hard to bring more younger people into our lodge.

Recognition was given to Brother Harry Mikkelsen who was declared the national winner in the membership campaign "It's Better to Give Than to Receive." His award of \$300 was donated to the Gregg Thygesen Scholarship Fund at Spaulding High School in Barre. Harry was also presented with a plaque by our president.

We were very happy to have Brother Carl Olsen, 84 years young, with us on this special evening. Carl is the oldest living member of our Danish Brotherhood lodge.

Helen Lunde, Sec.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — This past March we had a buffet dinner with the Sisterhood Lodge in honor of our President, John Christiansen, who received his 60-year membership pin. Brother John has been an active member and backbone of our lodge. The treasurer of our lodge, John



Congratulations to our President, John Christiansen, for 60 years of membership.

Sivertsen, presented John with this pin.

The New Haven Lodge No. 32 was well represented that evening with Past President of the GCEL District, Barry Edmonds; and Trustee of the GCEL District, Chris Simonsen attending, along with Norm Edmonds, Sr., Winnie Edmonds, and Gladys Edmonds.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — We had a good turnout at our meeting March 13. It was a special evening with our guests from Long Island Zone, Sons of Norway. Five couples from their folkdancing group attended our meeting and performed for our members.

Two ladies from the group, Else Marie Griffen and Doris Petersen, celebrated their birthday and had brought in a delicious birthday cake.

Else Marie Griffen and Karen and Anthony Witt were duely initiated into our lodge. Welcome!

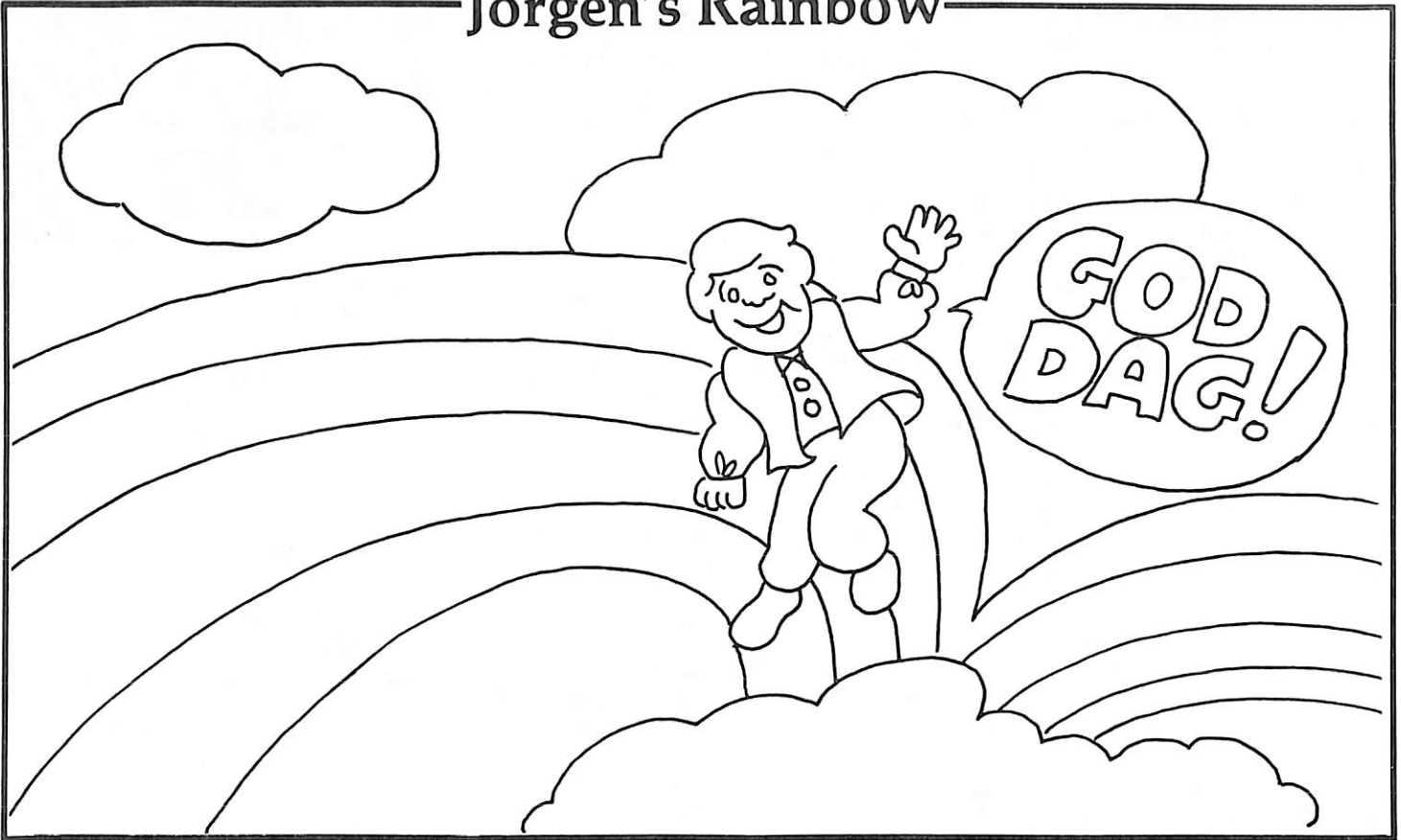
Hans O. Pedersen, our treasurer for 46 years, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his unselfish work for our lodge.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Lodge 342, Bucks County, PA — All of the 80 some people present at our April 17 meeting will agree that the installation of officers affair we hosted in March was truly a wonderful occasion. Foremost, we wish to thank Brothers John Hjulman and Erik Brown for honoring us with their presence and performing the ceremonies. For the Sisterhood, this was the first time their officers were initiated by "men;" a tradition which will probably continue.

Credit for all of the several courses of delightful and totally Danish food served at the sit down smørrebrød goes to Ulla Pedersen. Sisterhood members helped out by preparing tasty desserts. Many members were involved with decorations, serving and clean up. We wish to thank Bob Phoenix, Betty and Marge Jensen, Ulla and Geert Pedersen, Toby Bobman, Rick Trust, and anyone else we might have missed. **Niels Malmquist**, Cor.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen and his rainbow wish you a happy "God Dag" or "Good Day" in English. Like everyone in Denmark, Jorgen is always polite and ready to make new friends.

Jorgen's Rainbow is named BiFrost. BiFrost is the rainbow that lives in traditional Danish folklore and served as a walkway between Asgard (the home of the gods) and Earth.

In the future, Jorgen and his rainbow will be visiting all kinds of places in Denmark and they would like you to come along.

Jorgen would appreciate it if you would color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 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.

April winners: Eddie Frith, Ricky Jensen, and Johnny Jensen.

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in excess of 400% of the Society's retention may be applied for facultatively. The Society also reinsures term life insurance under an automatic coinsurance agreement.

The amount deducted from premium income for business ceded under the agreements was \$12,772 for the year ended December 31, 1986. To the extent that the reinsuring companies are later unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements, the Society would remain liable.

(5) Federal Income Taxes

The Society is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)8 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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On these quiet western beaches, you see the remains of cement bunkers built as lookouts by the Germans when they occupied Denmark during World War II.

On Danish beaches, it is common to see bathers without swim suits. And it is common to find lighthouses to climb for a better view of the North Sea.

When the time comes to leave Aarhus, you can travel south on the Danish railroad. Maybe a stop off at Odense, the home of Hans Christian Andersen. Maybe a stop at Helsingor to see Kronsborg Castle. Maybe on to Copenhagen — or south to Germany and through Europe.

Wherever you go, you take with you the feelings of a compact country with red and white flags flying and brilliant fields of grain around country churches.

How to contact DFDS Seaways: Axelborg, Vestgerbrogade 4A DK-1620 Copenhagen V. Telephone 01-15-6341. Telex: 22983.

Head office DFDS: Latham House, 16 Minorities, London EC3N 1AN. Telephone: 01-481-3211. Telex: 883049.

Aarhus Tourist Association: Town Hall, Aarhus C. Telephone: 06-12-16-00.

Note: Aarhus Tourist Festival, September 5-13, 1987.

Grandma's Kitchen



Paneret Flaesk by Dagmar Jensen

(Breaded Salt Pork)

1/2 lb. of salt pork 1/2 cup crumbs
1/2 cup flour 2-3 tbsp. milk

Cut pork in rather thin slices. Pound with meat hammer. Soak in lukewarm water or milk for a couple of hours. Mix flour and milk to a paste, dip pork in paste, dip again in bread crumbs. Fry in deep fat to a golden brown. Creamed vegetables is excellent as a side dish.

Viking Adventures

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

Law Committee Meets



Law Committee members for the 32nd National Convention include (back row left to right) Kenneth Olsen, Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA; Richard Sullivan, Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL; Ray Nielsen, Midwest District; William Jorgensen, Jr., Nebraska District; Jerome Sonsalla, Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA; (front row) Barry Edmonds, Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT; Sharon Kinder, Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA; Ebba Norby, Lodge No. 332, Ripon, CA; and Kenneth Rehan, Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI.

On March 19, 20 and 21st the National Convention Committee on Laws met at the National Headquarters. It was our pleasure to have them as guests in the office and we hope they enjoyed their brief stay in Omaha.

Their first item of business was to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. The results are as follows: Sharon Kinder, Chairman; William Jorgensen, Jr., Vice-Chairman; and Ebba Norby, Secretary. The committee then went to work reviewing and consolidating all changes submitted to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America. A report on their recommendations will be included in the Thirty-Second National Convention report.

We're sure you will enjoy working with the Law Committee during the 1987 National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa on September 24-26, 1987.

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