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President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

On April 25, 1987, a representative from all DBIA Districts attended a special meeting at the National Headquarters. Even though I personally did not attend, I have been in contact with members of the home office staff and National Director Woodrow T. Petersen. "Woody" had been appointed as the National Board of Directors' liaison for this new program.

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce district leaders to the new District Fraternal Coordinator's Program. Our districts are a very integral part of the Danish Brotherhood and help to strengthen lodges by increasing activities and promoting new programs. The District Fraternal Coordinator program was developed to assist with that goal and has been founded on the following five major ideas:

- (1) The DBIA local lodge is the major scene of the action.
- (2) It is both valuable and viable to encourage lodge members who have been successfully involved in their local lodge activities to share their successes, joys, experience and knowledge with other lodges.
- (3) District Fraternal Coordinators (Teams) do not do the work of lodge officers or representatives. Their purpose is to guide the lodges in taking a more active fraternal posture.
- (4) Lodge officers, representatives, District Fraternal Coordinators (Teams) and the National Headquarters all work together to play a major role in the development of active lodges.
- (5) Everyone connected with this program will have the same major goal: to help the officers of local DBIA lodges increase the quality and quantity of their fraternalism.

We request that at least one volunteer from every district is secured. This DBIA member will be invited to the National Headquarters to attend a training session which will assist in helping, communication and planning skills. The District Fraternal Coordinator or Team — a husband and wife team is strongly encouraged — will then be asked to share this knowledge with lodges in their district.

The National Headquarters staff and the Board of Directors are strongly committed to this program, and, from what I hear, the district leaders have also become very excited and have committed their support. Because of the importance of this program and in order to guarantee that all members will be eligible to serve as a District Fraternal Coordinator (Team), the Danish Brotherhood will reimburse the operational expenses incurred while acting in this capacity. Those expenses would include items such as travel, postage, telephone, etc.

Your assistance and support is also needed to make this program a success. If you would like to serve as a District Fraternal Coordinator or know of someone who would be an excellent candidate, please let the National Headquarters know. Jerry Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer, Pam Dorau, Fraternal Director, or Andy Andersen, Sales Director, have attended or will attend your district convention to further explain the District Fraternal Coordinator's Program. However, should you have any questions, feel free to contact your district representative or simply call or write the National Headquarters. Those who attended the introductory meeting included: Sharon Kinder, President of the Pacific-Northwest District; Ken Nielsen, Vice President of the California-Nevada District; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jorgensen, Jr., President of the Nebraska District; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Christensen, President of the Iowa-Minnesota District; Ray Nielsen, President of the Midwest District; Otto Pedersen, Treasurer of the Michigan-Ohio District; and Waldo Elliott, President of the G.C.E.L. District.

I believe that every lodge in the Danish Brotherhood would greatly benefit from the knowledge, support and training that a District Fraternal Coordinator (Team) will provide. By working together, sharing ideas and success stories, we can guarantee that Danish traditions will be kept intact for years to come. With your support, the Danish Brotherhood will continue to be a viable fraternal benefit society.

1987 IRA Deduction Guidelines

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 eliminates or limits the deductible contributions which may be made to IRAs for people who are covered by pension plans. Married couples filing jointly, one of whom is an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan with adjusted gross income of \$40,000 or less may deduct all contributions up to the maximum of \$2,000 each if both have earned income of at least that amount or they may make a deductible contribution of up to \$2,250 to a spousal plan. Individuals with income of not more than \$25,000 may deduct the maximum allowable contribution.

If a married couple filing jointly has an adjusted gross income of more than \$40,000, only a part of the contribution is deductible. However, they may also make a non-deductible contribution up to the maximum of \$2,000.

If you or your spouse are covered by a retirement plan and your adjusted gross income falls within a certain amount, the chart below shows how you can calculate your IRA deduction for 1987. For example, filing jointly with an adjusted gross income of \$43,000, a couple would each be able to deduct 70% or \$1,400. However, they may also make a non-deductible contribution of \$600 each.

Proportionate Deduction Guidelines

(Adjusted Gross Income)

Individuals	Married, Filing Jointly	Percent Deducted
\$25,000 or less	\$40,000 or less	100%
26,000	41,000	90%
27,000	42,000	80%
28,000	43,000	70%
29,000	44,000	60%
30,000	45,000	50%
31,000	46,000	40%
32,000	47,000	30%
33,000	48,000	20%
34,000	49,000	10%
35,000	50,000	0%

Even though some people will lose the income tax deduction on all or part of the contributions, an IRA is still an excellent retirement plan since earnings are tax deferred.

If neither spouse or an individual is covered by a retirement plan, deductible contributions may be made without regard to income limits.

For information about the Danish Brotherhood family of retirement annuities (currently paying 8½%), and for your IRA needs contact your local lodge representative or call (402) 341-5049 or write: The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

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3:00 p.m. Coffee break - \$1.00
Thursday p.m. Bus tour A - Grand View College and Living History Farms.
Bus tour B - Botanical Center and Living History Farms. Refreshments served. - \$14.50

Free evening

Friday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish - \$3.00
3:00 p.m. Coffee break - \$1.00
5:30-6:30 p.m. Cocktail hour (cash bar)
6:30-7:30 p.m. Iowa pork chop dinner with dancing following - \$14.50
Capital Square Atrium.

Saturday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish - \$3.00
3:00 p.m. Coffee break - \$1.00
5:30-6:30 p.m. Cocktail hour (cash bar) Hotel Marriott

6:30-7:30 p.m. Banquet - Melon with fruit, tossed salad, petite fillet with sauce, two vegetables, grand marnier dessert with raspberry sauce, rolls, and coffee or tea.
8:00 p.m. Installation of officers.
9:00 p.m. Dance to William Tell Band - \$28.00
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The Living History Farms

by Wilber Williamson

One of the options that will be available to the members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood attending the Joint National Convention in Des Moines this fall will be the opportunity to visit the Living History Farms.

This \$6 million, 600-acre historical museum has become one of the major attractions in central Iowa. Tourists and visitors from all over the United States and foreign countries are impressed with the chance of observing first hand the life styles and activities of farm families from the various historical periods of Iowa and midwestern America.

It is through the continuing effort and leadership of one man who turned a vision into reality. Dr. William G. Murray is Professor Emeritus of Economics at Iowa State University where he was a member of the faculty for over 50 years.

In 1967 Dr. Murray helped to organize the Living History Farms Foundation and has served as its research director continuously since that time. He was elected president of the Foundation in 1974 and has served in that capacity since then. Now in his mid-80s Dr. Murray is a classic example of what one can accomplish in living history museums.

Visitors to this museum are transported to the various farms and exhibits by comfortable tractor-pulled hay racks. They are introduced to the earliest farm when they observe an Ioway Indian Village of 1700 with its emphasis on food production — beans, squash, pumpkins, and corn. Iowa's fertile soil has yielded abundant harvests for centuries.

The second farm is the early pioneer farm of the 1840s, showing the log cabin as the home. The family of the 1840s plowed the land with oxen, cooked over the open hearth, spun the wool for the clothing, and visited the Oak Grove Stage Stop which kept the pioneers in touch with the outside world.

The next stop is the 1970 horse-and-buggy village of Walnut Hill. This village with its stately Victorial mansion is complete with craft shops (broom-making and the like), an old-time doctor's office, a blacksmith shop, an old-fashioned store, a law office, an old country bank, and a country newspaper print shop.

Notice

Lodges wishing to extend an invitation to host the Thirty-Third National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be able to do so during the Joint Grand Opening of the 1987 National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Although not required, we encourage lodges wishing to extend such an invitation to notify the Home Office in writing so that we have an indication of the number of invitations to expect.

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The farm of "Today & Tomorrow" features the William G. Murray Solar Farm Home which draws its energy from the sun, wind, and earth with ultra-modern technology. Also featured is the Henry A. Wallace Crop Center which focuses on the challenges of modern agriculture in the 20th century world.

The visitors will also want to visit the Church of the Land built at the time of Pope John Paul's 1979 visit to the Living History Farms. This church has become an increasingly popular site for weddings, complete with horse-drawn carriages.

It is the hope of your hosts at the Joint Convention in September that many of the delegates and visitors will be able to take advantage of the tour to the Living History Farms. It should be a most rewarding and enjoyable experience.

By the time this issue reaches you, the local secretary of each lodge of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood will have cards for those of you who wish to make room reservations at either the Hotel Fort Des Moines or the Marriott Hotel.

Your lodge secretary will also have a number of raffle tickets offering you a chance to win two round-trip tickets to Copenhagen aboard the SAS Airlines. You do not have to be present at the drawing to win, but wouldn't it be thrilling to be there in person when you hear your name called? We'll see you in Des Moines the weekend of September 24-26, 1987.

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A Danish Indian

by Craig A. Doherty



Karina Nielsen and her Zuni friend Sharon Nieto in traditional dress. The Zunis sacred mountain, Dowa Yalanne, is in the background.

When Karina Nielsen left Roskilde, Denmark to come to the United States as an ASSE (American-Scandinavian Student Exchange) sponsored exchange student, she was looking ahead to a year that would be very different from most exchange students. Rather than heading for a typical American community, Karina was headed for a year on the Zuni Indian Reservation in western New Mexico. What little she had learned of the United States in school and from watching American TV shows did little to prepare her for the unique experience of being one of three non-Indians in a high school of almost 500 students.

The hardest thing for Karina to adjust to was the staring. Being the only blonde girl and almost a head taller than most of the Indian girls meant Karina always stood out. Communication was also a problem at first. Karina's English was adequate when she arrived, but most of her classmates speak the Zuni language to each other.

Most exchange students are comforted by the similarities between their homes and life in most of the U.S., which is not surprising since so many in the U.S. have their roots in Europe. The Zuni people, however have been living in the same spot since before Karina's ancestors traveled the seas in their long-boats. The Zunis, Karina quickly learned, have a unique and very different culture.

Their lives revolve around their religion, which is as old as their memories can imagine. They observe a continuing cycle of religious dances that are closely tied to the seasons and the canyons and mesas of their reservation. Many of the boys are initiated into Kiva groups and they participate in the dances. The girls do not dance, but they still have many traditional duties to perform, such as, grinding sacred cornmeal by hand using a sandstone mano and metate and making Zuni bread in outdoor, wood-fired ovens. On special occasions both the men and the women of the community have traditional costumes they wear which includes large quantities of silver and turquoise jewelry. Jewelry making is the mainstay of the community.

The Zuni people also have different attitudes towards dating. Many of the high school students are married, in the traditional way, and often live together at the girl's parents. Teenage

pregnancy is a problem across the country. In Zuni it is an accepted fact, with willing grandmothers caring for children while the teenage mothers return to school. Dating as Karina knew it in Denmark doesn't really exist in Zuni.

Despite the difficulties of being away from home and experiencing a new culture, Karina has done well. She came with an open mind and a desire to learn about Zuni and the United States. Because of her indomitable spirit and her willingness to learn about the community, Karina received a very special honor from the normally xenophobic Zuni people. During New Mexico Indian Week she was made an honorary member of the Zuni Tribe.

This is something the Zuni people take very seriously. Before Karina was made a member of the tribe one of her Zuni friends and her family told Karina some of their sacred legends. These legends are secrets that are guarded by the Zuni people, secrets that will be kept by Karina. The day Karina became a member of the tribe she was asked to wear a traditional costume and speak about becoming a Zuni before a high school assembly and later at a potluck supper where she received a certificate proclaiming her a member of the Zuni tribe. At the presentation, Zuni tribal councilman, Charles Hustito, welcomed Karina as a Zuni and charged her with the responsibility of being Zuni's ambassador to the Danish people. A job Karina expects to pursue happily as she tells her family, friends and countrymen of her amazing year among the Zuni Indians.

One lesson about being a Zuni Karina learned the hard way. The traditional costume she wore included deer skin leg wraps. An old Zuni proverb says, "Always wrap your own leggings." By the end of her day of wearing traditional costume Karina was barely able to walk. If she ever gets another chance I'm sure she'll wrap her own leggings.

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The Loveless Prince

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once there was a prince named Ejnar. He was tall with blonde hair and a deep voice. He was bright, clever and kind.

One day, his mother the Queen spoke with her husband the King about Ejnar.

"It is time," said the Queen, "that Ejnar gets married. I have asked one hundred and one princesses to come to our palace so that our son can choose one of them."

The King agreed and summoned Ejnar into their study to tell him about their plan.

The prince was not at all happy with the news and went out doors to the palace gardens. Next door lived a maiden, Else, who knew Ejnar since they were children. He told her of his plight.

"What shall I do?" he asked Else.

She sighed and said, "Do as your mother suggests, but only fall in love with one of them."

"But I do not feel like falling in love," said Ejnar.

"Love is a wonderful thing," said Else. "I hope you find it." And she went back inside her house while the prince sighed and returned to the palace to meet the one hundred and one princesses.

He couldn't believe his eyes. There were princesses with black hair, red hair, curly hair, golden hair; princesses with blue eyes, green eyes, hazel eyes; princesses that were tall, short, fat, thin, lively, staid and silly.

Ejnar was shy and did not know where to begin. And so, the princesses all came over to him, which was a bit overwhelming, to say the least. But he chatted and smiled and danced and chatted some more until he became exhausted.

The next morning, the Queen asked her son, "Which one do you wish to marry so that I can keep her and send the rest away."

The prince looked very pleased at the remark, "send the rest away," but he did not know which one he would want to marry so he asked, "How do you fall in love?"

"Ask your father," said the Queen. "He'll explain it to you."

But the King said, "Ask your mother. She's more apt to know more about that than me."

Ejnar was more confused than ever, so the Queen and King hired a professor to come and teach him lessons in falling in love.

The professor brought 4 Danish books on love and gave them to Ejnar. Months later, the prince's eyes were bloodshot from studying the books, but was no nearer to falling in love than before.

The professor was asked to leave and another

professor was brought in. He told Ejnar that if he could save the life of any of the princesses he would probably fall in love with her.

And so, the next two months Ejnar saved some princesses from drowning; some from falling off bridges; some from burning houses; and some from runaway horses.

Still, he was no nearer to falling in love with any of them than before.


The Queen and King heard of another professor and they called upon him for advice. He suggested to the prince to listen to romantic Danish songs. Then he would surely fall in love.

The prince listened morning, noon and night to melodious songs and after many weeks he knew every tune by heart, but still was no closer to falling in love than before.

The Queen was puzzled. "I don't understand any of this," she said. "Princes always fall in love. He must fall in love with someone. Even a goose-girl would be better than no one at all."

The King shrugged. "I'll have my messenger fetch her at once," he said. "She is quite pretty. Perhaps Ejnar will fall in love with her."

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Operation Care and Share is an ongoing program. Keep on bringing your food items when you come to meetings. Because we decided to give part of our monthly drawings, Martin Rasmussen has been able to take both food and money to the Food Bank, and it is being accepted with much appreciation. This is one of the most important programs our lodge could be involved in.

We welcome Martin E. Josund and his brother Garry Paul Josund. Hope to see you often!



Welcome, Martin and Garry Josund!

At our April 1 meeting, Jens Nielsen introduced his granddaughter, Katherine Nielsen. She will be our insurance representative for Lodge No. 29. Her address is 9008 21st Avenue, N.W., Seattle, Washington 98117. Please contact her for your insurance needs.

Our April 1 meeting was well attended as we observed the 99th anniversary of our lodge. A bountiful lunch was served following the meeting together with the Sisterhood — open face sandwiches, snaps, and beer. A good time was had by all. Keep in mind that next year we will celebrate our 100th anniversary.

Congratulations to Gunnar Sorensen. At our April 1 meeting, Gunnar was presented with a certificate for his nomination for the Howard E. Christensen Award and for being the most dedicated member of our lodge.



Congratulations to Gunnar Sorensen!

The best idea for June goes to Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI. See page 16 for details.

Recently, Prince Joachim of Denmark, youngest son of Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik, made a quick stopover between Australia and Denmark in Seattle. As some of you know, for the past several months, Prince Joachim has been working as a farmhand on a big ranch in Australia. Martin Metzton tells us that he had the pleasure of picking the Prince up at SeaTac Airport and bringing him in for a quick lunch at the Space Needle, then taking him back to the airport. Thank you Martin for being available and thank you, Prince Joachim, for stopping by. Come back when you can stay longer! **Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — On April 11 our lodge, along with the Sisterhood Lodge No. 75, helped Jens Holm celebrate his 90th birthday. He had friends from Hawaii and Canada and his family to help him reminisce. Jens was born on April 10, 1897, in Balle, Denmark. His hometown was Brabrand, Denmark, and as Jens says, "the prettiest town in the world."



Happy 90th birthday to Jens Holm!

Jens has been a member of our lodge for 64 years and has served as president several times, in addition to serving as secretary for many years.

Howard Abbott, Treas.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Mr. Jack Kramer was initiated into our lodge at our April 1 meeting. A brief intermission followed to welcome Jack to the Brotherhood.

The Young Vikings sent us an invitation for a camping event to be held at Nehalem

Bay State Park on June 26-28. Please let Kris Roley know if you and your family would like reservations.

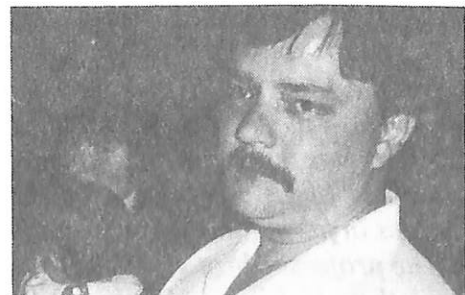
It was brought to the lodge's attention that the convention packets for our delegates should be paid by the lodge. It was voted and approved to pay for all the delegate's packets.

Asbjorn Fisker announced an event being planned at the Art Museum by Virginia Sinclair. This is an arts and craft display for Scandinavians — very nice displays! Each booth will cost \$40 and there will be food for dancing, food from John's Meat Market, and entertainment. Raffle ticket proceeds will go to support the Art School. This event is planned for June 20 and 21.

Tami Hansen reported on the Fact Finding Committee. She made the motion that the results of their committee be posted in the newsletter with a ballot for members to return with their decision on hosting the 1991 convention. Joyce Gimbel seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

As some know, we have conducted a telephone survey of our metropolitan members as to their opinions about Brotherhood functions and to get a vote for hosting the 1991 National Convention here in Portland.

Out of 180 members surveyed, 110 or approximately 50% of eligible members responded, which is very commendable. The results are as follows: 47% voted yes and would like to help, 15% voted yes and declined to help, 13% voted no, and 25% did not vote. President Fisker would like to thank everyone who helped in collecting this information which will be valuable to the lodge in the future.



Welcome new member, Robert Brown.

Also at our April 1 meeting, we welcomed our newest member, Robert Brown. He has always believed in preserving

Danish culture and heritage since his mother was born and raised in Copenhagen, Denmark. He is proud that he is a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America in the Portland lodge. Congratulations, Robert.
Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
 BEST NEWSLETTER**

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — Again this year, there will be a bus trip 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. 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. For more information, contact your tour guide, Herluf Pedersen.

At our last meeting there were 52 members present. Three new Brothers were inducted into our ranks. They were Lars Juul Larsen, Steinar Ericson and Kristian Waaben. Welcome.

The annual Chinese Dragon Boat Race will be held on the weekend of June 20-21. If you are interested in participating, please contact Herluf Pedersen or Peter Praegel.

Our lodge participated in the soccer games in Los Angeles. There were 17 players from Vancouver, ages ranged from 22-57, involved in the tournament. Almost 200 people were gathered at the fields in Rose Bowl Stadium where General Consul Henning Kristiansen held opening speeches.

The first game played was Vancouver vs. Los Angeles Danish Dynamite. We were a little bit older than our opponents so we had to work a little bit more. But as it turned out, we were still outscored 9-0.

The next game was Solvang vs. Seattle.

They were both equal in strength but Solvang pulled out ahead to win the game.

The ladies also participated with their teams with Solvang/Los Angeles coming out ahead with a 2-0 win. We heard the next day that most of the women were a bit sore.

Another game played was Vancouver vs. Seattle. We could see that these two teams knew each other inside and out. Seattle was the winner of this match up. The next game was Solvang vs. Los Angeles which Solvang had hoped to win because the last two times in which these two teams had met, Los Angeles had walked off with both wins. Solvang was disappointed again this time because Los Angeles won again.

Overall, Los Angeles Danish Dynamite placed first, Solvang placed second, Seattle third, and Vancouver placed fourth.

At the dinner following the games, the teams were invited to the second annual tournament to be held in Seattle next year. Approximately 150 people attended a dinner/dance in the Alamo Hall. At the dinner, trophies were awarded to the teams. Then there was dancing to the music of "My Dog Abdul." Everybody had a great time at the tournament and was well organized by the Dynamite Soccer Club.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — Nancy Allen, a member of our lodge, is the recipient of a scholarship from the Northwest Danish Home. Her husband, Jerry Allen, and her father, Brooks Mikkelsen, are members of Lodge No. 268 in Junction City. Her children, Jennifer, Melisa and Michael are Young Vikings in our lodge and her father is an associate member. Nancy left college for 12 years to have a family, but returned and will receive a Bachelors Degree in Public Policy this year from the University of Oregon with plans to get a Masters

Degree also. Her goal is a career in governmental or public relations. She is presently doing required work as an intern aide to Representative Larry Campbell in the Oregon Legislature.

President Niels Nedergard called the April meeting to order with 35 members present. All officers answered roll call except Carl Lynge.

Applications for membership were presented from Patricia and Chris Jensen and it was moved and seconded to accept their applications.

Eva and Vic Nielsen have been asked to act as liaison to a committee working to develop the Danish Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. They suggested we take an active interest in planning this exhibit and invite Marianne Forsblad, Museum Director, to our meeting in June to explain project details. Svend Toftemark moved to offer \$50 travel expenses to encourage her attendance and it was seconded by Mary Stefanson. Peter Jensen agreed to follow up on this invitation.

During the social hour, a local high school student, David Kohl, presented a very enjoyable program on the violin, with music ranging from classical to old-time fiddle tunes. Grace and Homer Hansen and their committee served coffee and lemon cake with whipped cream. **Verna Lynge, Cor.**

**CALIFORNIA-
 NEVADA**

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The potluck on March 20 was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves. The food was great and there was plenty of it, even for seconds. The Bingo, with Hal Mathiasen calling, was a lot of fun, and the prizes were very good.

We were saddened by the news that

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
2-3-87	Hans V. Christoffersen	87	Egerslevmagle, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1926
2-24-87	Niels Christian Ericksen	94	Lystrup, Denmark	107	Chicago, Illinois	1917
3-26-87	Niels Ray Jensen	77	Assels, Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1928
3-28-87	Earl R. Halse	57	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1955
3-21-87	Gary F. Gibbs	47	Tomah, Wisconsin	675	Omaha, Nebraska	1983
1-28-87	Paul A. Kann	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1937
4-22-87	Orval L. Bargaen	69	Superior, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1963
4-15-87	Hans Hansen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1926
4-8-87	Carl Poulsen	87	Tellerup, Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1926
3-21-87	Mae E. Larson	80	Hayward, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1981
3-29-87	Tage R. Guldbrandsen	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1971
4-18-87	Clifford Miller	64	Lafayette, Indiana	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1969
3-7-87	Carlos Petersen	92	Loberia, Argentina	126	Los Angeles, California	1965
12-8-86	Arthur A. Tiedgen	84	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1976
3-18-87	Harold W. Hansen	57	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1979
6-26-86	Else M. Hoyer	83	Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1979

Christian "Aalborg" Jensen passed away on March 13. He had been a member of our lodge for 73 years and died at the age of 94. He will be missed by his family and friends.

At our last "Optional Funding Committee" meeting, Erik Kofod suggested that the members of the committee engage in an information booth at the Grundlovsfest this year. The committee and Andy Andersen unanimously agreed that it was an excellent idea so this year, for the first time, DBIA will have its own booth. Norma Loveday, our insurance representative, will be in charge with the help of the committee. She will have pamphlets, brochures and maybe even a raffle. We are very excited about this project and hope we can be of help to the Danish community.

The travel group of young Danish handicapped people will be in Los Angeles from June 25 to July 8, 1987. Their lodgings will be with June and Hakon (Andy) Andersen. However, donations are needed for a van rental to transport these young people for sightseeing. Please make your check payable to The Danish American Club - Handicap Visit and mail it to Viggo Beck Nielsen, 831 E. Verdugo Avenue, Burbank, California 91501.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — On April 8, this year's first Barbeque Tri-Tip dinner was served by Glen Jacobsen and crew. Fifty members and guests were present and 16 members stayed for the meeting presided by Bent Pedersen. An application for membership by Dan Madsen was accepted. It was decided that the Sisterhood and Brotherhood get together on a 1/2 page convention ad. Peter Weber reported that Ferdinand Sørensen would be home from the hospital shortly, but that daily treatment at the hospital was to be continued.

A motion was carried that Arnold Detmer's granddaughter's application to Skovsøen be accepted and forwarded to Omaha with a \$100 donation.

On the subject of the Fourth of July Queen contest, a motion was carried that Bent Thomsen's daughter be nominated and that the affair be a joint venture of the

Sisterhood, the Brotherhood, and the two Dania associations.

Bent Pedersen reported the wish of the local Rebild Society to become involved with our Grundlovs barbeque on which the members responded favorably.

Fred Nielsen suggested that the Brotherhood should have its own meeting hall. It was agreed that Fred Nielsen and Mark Bates should continue their exploration in that direction. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Unfortunately, neither the Sisterhood nor the Brotherhood had enough members present at the April meeting to be able to hold a formal meeting. Therefore, each respective group opened their meeting to discuss necessary business only.

The Brotherhood elected the following delegates to the State Convention in July at Riverside: Gail Perkins, Karen Suda, and Oscar Jensen. The alternates will be David Suda, Hans Jensen, and Lillian Suda.

At this time, I would like to stress to all members to please start trying at least every other month to come to our monthly meetings. With the convention coming up, we have several important matters to discuss and would appreciate any input you might have.

One of the reasons for putting on the convention in 1988 is to encourage all members to get involved with your lodge again. As all of you know, our membership needs a little help and without yours we can't go far. All of us on the committee would like to encourage you to again try and come out and at least see what we have going on in the lodge at this time. I think you will be surprised.

Please note the District Convention will be held in Riverside this year. We hope to see a good turnout from our lodge as to help encourage everyone to attend our convention in 1988 "By the Sea."

Please note on June 20 we will celebrate St. Hans Fest, better known as the "Burning of the Witch."

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — On April 25 our lodge enjoyed a Progressive Dinner. Cocktails were at Karen and Dick Rowse's home followed by a complete steak dinner at the home of John and Helen Kristensen. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Rowses and the Kristensens for hosting this event.

Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 is looking for old eyeglasses. If you have any old glasses, please bring them to the meeting and we will see that they get to Helga Bjorn. We now have 63 pairs. It would be nice to reach 100 pairs. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for Grundlovsfest

on June 7. This is the biggest event of the year in the Danish colony. The theme this year will be the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Rebild National Park. Reservations are not required and we can handle 1,000 people or more.

Kate Krake, Past Pres.

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Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — We had a wonderful evening during our April meeting with 69 members and friends present. Among those present were six visitors. We are always happy to have guests with us, and the responsibility of each member is to make our visitors feel comfortable and at home. So when you know there is a visitor in our midst, make the effort to make that person want to return again. Also, our Viking attendance is growing. There were 14 present. Toni Gossett, Viking Chairman, is doing an outstanding job but we need to support her with some help. She plans the entire curriculum, the crafts, and often the refreshments. Toni could use an assistant to help with "messaging around control."

We want to thank Soren and Betty Christensen who were the April chairmen for the bingo, refreshments, etc.

We had the election of delegates and alternates to the California-Nevada District Convention and the results are as follows. Delegates include Jim Dwyer, Kaj Bjorn and Gary Gossett, and the alternates are Gerry Olsen, Soren Christensen and Clarence Motz.

Ken Olsen reported that he and Gerry had a great time at the recent National Law Committee meeting in Omaha. A lot was accomplished and it was really worthwhile to visit the National Headquarters. A lot was going on. We were fortunate to be a part of the Axel Skelbeck Memorial Reception, with Rose Skelbeck and daughters Norma Sauter and Evelyn Warner with their husbands present. Our National Headquarters is a building and organization that we can all be truly proud of. The staff was so available to all the needs of the committee. They hosted several extra outings that made the visit and meetings even more eventful. We want to thank our lodge for first of all putting your confidence in Ken, and allowing him to be our National Delegate to the upcoming convention and thus enabling him to be a part of the Law Committee. **Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — During our April meeting, seventeen members and guests welcomed newly initiated member, Carolyn Lindberg, into our lodge. Carolyn

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is Due and Payable to the
Lodge Treasurer
June 1, 1987
and Must Be Paid Before
July 1, 1987
Members failing to pay their local
lodge treasurer as per above will be
considered in arrears.

has already contributed much of herself to Kodan and we are very happy to welcome her as our newest member! We then elected Kodan's delegates and alternates to the 1987 District Convention. They are: Sue Patterson and Knud Andersen as delegates and Carolyn Lindberg and Pete Petersen as alternates. We know you will represent us well! Following the meeting, we were treated to grinders "by the inch" — a fantastic creation by Chef Anelise Andersen. Thank you, Analise! We appreciate your tasty talents. Then we played several games of homemade bingo called by Ken Nielsen and his able assistant, Trish Ramirez.

Poul Dalby Andersen, publisher of the Bien newspaper, recently donated a room full of newspapers to Kodan's paper drive. Members Ken and Nancy Nielsen and Vikki Garrison drove into Hollywood and worked a solid day loading, trucking, and transporting the papers for recycling. We netted a whopping \$121.80 for the Convention Fund! Not bad, huh? A tremendous big thanks to Paul and hurrahs to the worker bees. Kodan really appreciates you.

Poul Dalby Andersen has also generously offered to donate \$4.00 from each new subscription sold through our lodge. This money will be used to defray convention expenses. Offer good until June 30, 1987. Send your checks for \$18.00 payable to Kodan Lodge No. 346 to Vikki Garrison, P.O. Box 918, Highland, CA 92346.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

In visiting with Arne Espersen of Grand Island, it sounds like the State Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood picnic will include lots of good food and fellowship. Mark Sunday, July 19, on your calendar at 12 noon at the Elks Lodge in Grand Island. An earlier meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. for all delegates or alternates, plus anyone planning to attend the National Danish Brotherhood Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Later in the afternoon, a short dual board meeting will be called.

Bill Jorgensen, President

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The 105th anniversary of our lodge was celebrated at a banquet at the Oak Creek Inn on Friday, April 10. The dinner, served family style, was enjoyed by everyone. Florence Hansen served as Toastmistress. Membership pins were presented to Chris Jorgensen (60 years) and Eivind and Dorothy Pedersen and Richard Palle (25 years). The Old Tyme German Band furnished music for dancing. A special thank you to our committee —

Jim and Ardes Weedman, Stephen Oleson, and Barbara Rennert.

Two new members were initiated and welcomed into the lodge at our April 7 business meeting. They are Mary Gulizia and Holger Thomsen. Welcome!

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We held our monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 15, at the Community Action Building. Vice President Harold Christ called the meeting to order.

The Jensen Memorial Library sent a letter to the lodge asking if they would like to become a member of a nonprofit organization group, with the yearly dues of \$5.00, and we decided to join. A discussion was held about the Mother's Day banquet which was held in May. The meeting was adjourned and the evening was enjoyed by playing bingo. The lunch committee served a delicious lunch of a variety of homemade pie, coffee and ice tea.

Shirley Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — Our lodge met at the Ruskin Community Hall on Saturday evening, April 11, for a hamburger fry, salad and dessert supper. Thirty-four

members and two guests were present to enjoy the delicious meal. After a short business meeting, we were pleased to have a lovely young lady from Harby, Denmark, with us. Miss Kirsten Pedersen is an American International Exchange student and has been living with her host parents, Harold and Erna Martens, of Deshler, Nebraska, and attending Deshler High School. Kirsten graduated with the senior class of Deshler High on May 18. Kirsten gave a very interesting talk about her home and family in Denmark and showed many



Our lodge enjoyed visiting with Danish exchange student, Kirsten Pedersen.

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
Donald L. Badgerow	14	Kenosha, WI	James Bohn
Richard C. Keul	14	Kenosha, WI	Edwin Andersen
Thomas J. Richer	14	Kenosha, WI	Don Tredup
Jay W. Knudsen, Sr.	15	Des Moines, IA	Robert Andersen
Martin Erik Josund	29	Seattle, WA	Otto Hansen
Gary Paul Josund	29	Seattle, WA	Otto Hansen
Gust Carlson	35	Chicago, IL	Marie Johansson
John C. Christensen	43	Denver, CO	Norman Wittrup
Ellsworth Kuhlman	43	Denver, CO	Norman Wittrup
Shirley J. Kuhlman	43	Denver, CO	Norman Wittrup
Alan D. Sands	51	Ludington, MI	Charles Peterson
Richard J. Switon	51	Ludington, MI	Arlan Heemstra
Erik Hansen	56	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Birthe D. Hansen	56	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Frank W. Jensen	67	Fresno, CA	L. S. DeLaurant
Tyler Jordan Hansen	84	Lincoln, NE	Paul Hansen
Robert Brown	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Harry Herrmann	170	Rocky River, OH	John Mortensen
James D. Gager	261	Fowler, CO	Don Tillotson
Dennis M. Nelson	261	Fowler, CO	Vern Stahly
Stacey Lynn Wilson	294	Barre, VT	Edith Mikkelsen
Arlene A. Tucker	337	Fremont, CA	Elsy Rasmussen
Myrna Loy Christensen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Jerome Christensen
Lillian A. Block	345	Orange County, CA	Helga Bjorn
Arnold E. Christensen	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	Arthur Wall
Dr. Robert M. Cokinda	600	Omaha, NE	George Godthaab

items from Denmark. This was followed by a question and answer time and everyone enjoyed having Kirsten with us and wished her well on her return trip home in June.

Plans are being made for the Nebraska District Convention to be held in Superior at the Elks Club on August 28-30. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Our lodge Operation Care and Share box of food was on display and will be given to the County Food Pantry.

The evening committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martens. **Grace Thomsen, Sec.**

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our March meeting drew a small crowd due to the inclement weather. Our thanks to Merton for his narration of a very interesting and colorful film of wild flowers growing at Desoto Bend Wildlife Reservation.

Our "Bit of a Bite" luncheon has proved to be very successful. We have had an abundance of food at each meeting. With very little work on anyone's part we had a vast variety. **Harriet Palle, Cor.**

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — Members of our lodge celebrated their 95th anniversary in April. Members were treated to a great dinner and a chance to share memories with old and new members. A special guest, Karen Sorensen, visited the event to share memorabilia from her uncle who was a member of our lodge when it was just getting started. Karen brought photographs that were fantastic in clarity. The photograph showed a dinner meeting in 1923 with some of the original members. Current lodge members were able to identify family members. Karen has agreed to share her memorabilia with the lodge and the Danish Immigrant Museum.



Members view historical documents during our 95th anniversary celebration.

The dinner meeting was followed by a program depicting the history of Lodge No. 56. Otto Larsen and others put together photographs, lodge membership roll books, and minutes of meetings and programs for years past. Included were

badges and a gavel that was presented to the lodge on its 20th anniversary.



Congratulations to Elcar Nielsen and welcome to new member, Eric Hansen.

Word has gotten out that Elcar Nielsen, the Honorary Consul for Denmark in Missouri, will receive the Order of the Knights of Dannebrog from the Queen of Denmark. Congratulations Elcar.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — On Sunday, May 3, the Danish Brotherhood members and guests attended the Sisterhood Lodge No. 102's Champagne Brunch. It was simply delicious! Members and guests numbered about 60. The food was delightful and everyone had a happy time.

At our meeting in April, there was a special program following the business meeting with Wilber and Cleo Williamson showing slides of their African trip. The presentation was very popular and enjoyed by all.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — At our last meeting, we had Helena Kiserud from Norway as our guest speaker. Plans are being made to take part in the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention at Clear Lake, Iowa, and the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Harland Johnson read an article entitled "The Center of Danish Fun in Copenhagen, from Copenhagen Scandinavian Fun Capital." **Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

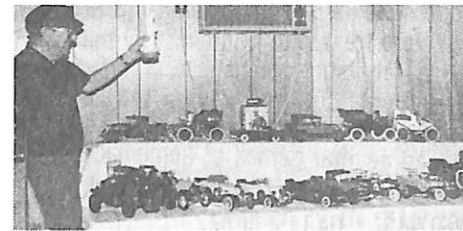
Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Everyone is invited to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood on September 5-7, 1987. It will be held at the Sheraton Inn, Highway 18 West, Mason City, Iowa.

Would you be interested in having a children's party during the banquet at a small fee to help pay for the pizza and movies? Let us know if you are interested in this and if enough sign up, we will make arrangements. **Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We held our meeting on April 27 at the Elk Horn Town Hall. The committee made soup and sandwiches and dessert was also served.

Harvey Sorenson presided at the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. It was decided to have a float in the Tivolfest Parade on May 23 and to also have a coffee stand on May 23-24.

Myrna Christensen was accepted as a new member. Guests from Canada and locally were present.



Our members enjoyed Ted Rasmussen's collection.

Ted Rasmussen had his miniature car collection on display and told about each one. Ella Rasmussen told about the beginning and early days of the railroad between Atlantic and Kimballton.

LaVonne Marcusen of Audubon told of her trip to Scandinavian countries with the 1984 mill tour and showed slides of places of interest. **Verdi Christensen, Cor.**

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — Our April 9 meeting was unusually warm for Iowa. Our Danish language lesson was continued and our program was very informative by one of our members, Alice Gorsch. She took us from the start of the Nazi occupation of Denmark through the end of the war. Nazi occupation started on April 9, 1940, which was exactly 47 years to the day of our meeting. Although it was very trying for Alice to bring back some of the horrible experiences of this period, everyone appreciated her first hand knowledge. Others related their own experiences and some related experiences of relatives. Hearts were painted and decorated for the Ethnic Fair and refreshments consisted of Danish coffee cake and lemon squares.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — On March 21st, we had a delicious roast pork dinner at Dania Hall to celebrate our 110th anniversary. Seventy-three members and wives were present. After dinner, four 25-year members and two 60-year members were presented with their pins. They are as follows: Rudolph Madsen and Wallace Sorensen receiving 60-year pins and Gordon Sorenson, Howard Bassinger, LeRoy Barter and Peter Sommer receiving 25-year pins. Congratulations to all these members. With people like this, the Brotherhood could last forever.

At our May 13 meeting we had a bøj med løj dinner put on by our Sisterhood Lodge No. 5.

We neglected to include John Jensen, one of our oldest members, in our last election of officers. John was elected to fill the position of Inner Guard for our lodge.

Doug Larsen, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — There was a full house for the "Beer Bust" held on March 15. The proceeds from this event go to pay for equipment and uniforms for the softball team sponsored by our lodge. Jeff and Todd Bernhardt want to thank those who bought tickets. Assisting that day were Art Anderson and Frank Holderness. The team will play on Friday nights in City League.

Thirty-five bowlers from Kenosha traveled to Morris, Illinois, to participate in the Midwest District Bowling Tournament sponsored by Dwight Lodge No. 34 with 23 attending the banquet and dance. It is always great to get together with the other lodges and fun was had by all. The men came away with the first place team trophy once again plus a fifth and sixth place team. The women had a seventh place team.

Our 95th anniversary party brought on 230 members and guests for a good night of fellowship. Roger Nelson was our toastmaster and did his usual good job. President Bernhardt brought greetings and introduced his officers for 1987. Lillian Andersen, President of the Sisterhood Lodge No. 20, Al Iversen, Conductor of the Midwest District, Woody Petersen, DBIA Board member, and Bob Ibsen, DBIA National President, all brought greetings to the lodge. Jens Emanuelson received his 60 year pin from Woody. The Pioneer Award went to Peter Pahl and Brother of the Year awards went to Tommy Nielsen, Carl Larsen, and Roger Sorensen. A special Viking Ship award was given to Jack Sorensen. All of these awards were well deserved by dedicated Brothers. We want to give special thanks to Pastor David Hall for giving the invocation and to Father Ed Gastaldi, one of our members, for giving the closing prayer. We thank Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 20 and Hansen's Funeral Home for the floral centerpieces.

President Rudy Bernhardt announced that a fund was being started to install a chair lift in the hall so older members can get up the steps. Woody Petersen then presented the lodge with a check for \$50.00 to kick off the fund. Thanks Woody and Elsa. The Board of Officers and wives were the committee for this event.

About 60 people came to the second "Visit Your Rathskellar" Night for good food and fellowship. This event was put on by Frank Holderness and Art Anderson assisted by Todd and Jeff Bernhardt, John Mikus, Lenore Holderness and Marie Hopkins. Anyone interested in playing golf on Friday mornings at Municipal and lunch at the hall afterwards should contact Frank Holderness for details.

Ben Peterson and Rick Wade are the delegates for the Midwest District Convention with Dave Jensen and Vince Roders as alternates.

Welcome new member, James Nolsen!

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Congratulations to our national scholarship winners, Brian Perschnick and Amy Lund.

A prospective member, Edith Mickelson, was a guest during our meeting on April 13. Our treasurer reported that we cleared over \$1,600 on the aebleskiver/kringle breakfast. Rick Sullivan reported on his trip to Omaha for the National Law Committee meeting. He couldn't say enough good things about our National Headquarters and the nice people he met and worked with for four days. Pictures were displayed from the aebleskiver, bowling, and the Copenhagen Lovelies taken with our new camera. Looks like we made a good purchase. It was suggested that we write an article for the newspaper telling people what the Danish Brotherhood is all about and what we do with our money that they help us to raise. A very interesting demonstration was given by Thelma Oslwald on "Growing Old Gracefully" with the display of her collector dolls.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — President Iversen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance by everyone present. Olavi Virvalo was initiated into our lodge and welcomed by those present.

A letter was read from the Lutheran Family Mission thanking the lodge for their donations of food and clothing.

Paul Sloth was presented a certificate by President Iversen in recognition for being chosen by our lodge for the Howard Christensen Award. Paul accepted the award graciously.

Paul Sloth reported that four teams from our lodge participated in the Midwest District Bowling event. Paul said it was enjoyable and Ed Larsen confirmed this by saying that a great time was had by all. Ed said that the banquet was delicious and the teams didn't win anything, but "wait til next year."

Woody Petersen explained how the recipients for the national scholarships are picked. The whole selection is very comprehensive and thoughtful and is done on a point system. He also told us that there were many applications for the Howard E. Christensen Award and said that names can be submitted over and over.

Ray Nielsen reported that the Trap Shoot takes place on June 20th in Dwight and urged members to participate. "Come even if you do not shoot — it's a nice day and a good meal is served afterwards." Ray will be signing up members for this event at our next meeting so see him if you wish to participate.

Ray reminded us that the Midwest Convention is on July 24-26 at the LaGrange Holiday Inn. Brochures and reservation cards are available from Ray.

Bylaw changes will be presented at the National Convention. Ray Nielsen attended a meeting in Omaha about these changes with nine other members and Ray said "they all knew their stuff."

Henry Jepsen, head of the Midwest Youth Committee, stated he had four applications for scholarships. A vote taken will give \$200 to this fund.

The lodge also voted in favor of giving \$1,000 to our own Scholarship Fund.

The Summer Festival for the Old People's Home is on June 28 and Paul Sloth urged members to attend. After the meeting was closed, a "Dane for the Night" was selected. It was Ivar Johanson.

After the good sandwiches and coffee cake, the Stock Yard Kilty Band played for us in return for some of our good sandwiches. Thanks, fellas! **Elsa Petersen**

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We were proud to witness the awarding of the Danish Brotherhood Certificate of Merit to Reverend Ernest O. Norquist at our April 22 business meeting for his having been recommended by our membership for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Vice President, Inga Hermansen, sitting in for the vacationing President Grace Gertz, told him of the lodge' appreciation for his unselfish and sustained support of the lodge.

And because it was Secretary's Day, Secretary Al Larsen was awarded a ceramic coffee mug marked "V.I.P. — Very Indispensable Person."

We celebrated Queen Margrethe II's birthday during the social program that followed the business meeting. A highlight was the viewing of slides, on loan from the Fraternal Department at the National Headquarters, about the Queen's 1976 visit to Omaha. Thanks to Father Jim and Jan Alby

who furnished refreshments and chaired the evening's social program.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — The April meeting was our annual Torsk Dinner. This is always enjoyed by all members. We also enjoyed the boiled potatoes with the Sennep gravy. After everyone had eaten enough, we had a special event. This was the presentation of several awards. One of our members, Raymond Christensen, was presented with his 50-year membership pin by our President, Einar Danielsen. President Danielsen also presented 25-year pins to his wife, Mary Danielsen, Bob Hansen, and President's Danielsen's daughter, Carol Hunecke. President Danielsen then had the pleasure of presenting his grandson, John Hunecke, with an award and check for 2nd place in the Photo Contest. The lodge then had the honor of presenting President Einar Danielsen with a certificate of the lodge's nomination for the Howard E. Christensen Award.



President Danielsen congratulates long-term members Raymond Christensen, Mary Danielsen, Bob Hansen, and Carol Hunecke.



Einar Danielsen presented John Hunecke with an award for 2nd place in the DBIA Photo Contest.

We will have many more interesting meetings coming up and you all know that June is the aebleskiver month, so please plan to attend the meetings.

Lois Skrabolj, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We would like to announce the following special events in addition to our regular monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our annual picnic supper will be held in Riverside Park on Thursday, July 23, our annual aebleskiver supper will be held on Thursday, Septem-

ber 24, and our annual Mortensaften goose dinner will be held at the Waupaca Country Club on Saturday, November 7.

Our meeting on April 23 featured a narrated slide presentation by a local couple, Joe and Geraine Eisentraut, on their recent trip to Australia where, in addition to their extensive coverage of the continent, they visited two former exchange students, both of whom spent a year in our Waupaca area and one of whom had the Eisentrauts as his host family for a year.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Paul Carlsen reported that he received four applications for Skovsøen and action on them will be taken in the very near future.

Operation Care and Share is still in progress until June 10th when our lodge takes its summer hiatus. We will resume this project when we reconvene meetings in September.

Bob Sorensen headed the committee of delegates to the Michigan-Ohio District Convention in Canton, Ohio in May. Willy Pedersen, Paul Carlsen, Ken Rehan, Carl Mayland, and Randy Rehan attended this convention from our lodge.

The youth of our membership have organized a softball team under the direction of Mark Pedersen. The Vikings play every Sunday evening at Soft Ball City in the Detroit area. Games are all open to the public so anyone can come out and cheer them on!

A reminder to all members — the Grundlovsfest Picnic is scheduled for June 7. Circle your calendars and come to Middle Straits Lake on that day. Last year we hosted about 150 people and hope to enjoy an even bigger turnout this year.

It is with deep sorrow we announce that we have lost three members in death this past winter and early spring. Our sincere sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Hans Christoffersen, Earl Halse, and Tage Gulbrandsen.

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 #116, Newark, NJ — Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. sharp. We have a new meeting place and a new meeting night. The lodge will meet at the

Continental Masonic Temple, 37 Spring Street, Millburn, NJ. The Sisterhood will also share the meeting hall at the same time. We plan to have our social gatherings together. We will have fresh strawberries provided by Brother Chris and Carol Mogensen.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — A bus trip to the Danish Home at Croton-On-Hudson for the Danish Constitution Day celebrations on June 7th is being arranged by Flemming Hinrichsen.

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Niels Malmquist, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — At our April 10 meeting we had guests from Kolding, Denmark, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Olav Heisel. Mr. Heisel is a cousin to our treasurer, Hans Pedersen.

They brought greetings from the Lord Mayor of Kolding and on his behalf presented the lodge with a Royal Porcelain "Kolding" mug, literature about the town and a record of Danish songs by the Men's Choir of Kolding. A delicious Easter dinner was served.

The children had fun with the egg rolling contest. The Easter bonnet contest was won by Susie Lang and Glenn Jacobsen. Elizabeth C. Pedersen was elected as delegate to the G.C.E.L. District Convention in Hartford, Connecticut, over Labor Day weekend. Soren Christensen was elected as alternate.

Again, Marianne Andersen was taking care of what was collected for Operation Care and Share.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — A July 11th boat ride on "The Spirit of Philadelphia" has been planned by Rick Trust. The price is \$25.50 per person and covers the ride and the band. Send your money to Rick Trust. We need at least 20 people. Beef, chicken, and fish will be served buffet style. There is a cash bar available.

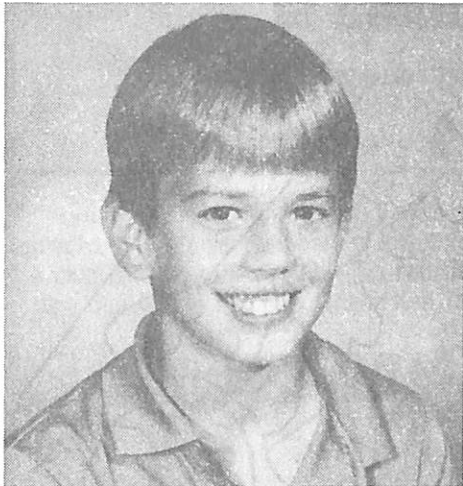
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Introducing . . .

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Welcome Kent!
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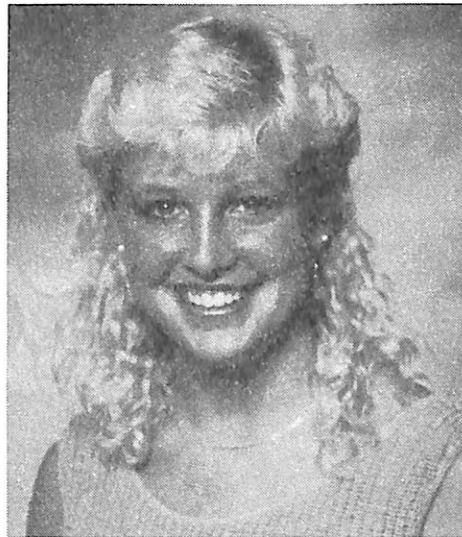


Kent Gordon Thomsen, one of Lodge No. 70's, Greenville, Michigan, newest Young Vikings. Kent has this to say:

My birthday is March 8 and I'm 12 years old. I am in the sixth grade at Stanton Elementary School. I will be in the seventh grade in the fall.

I like to play all kinds of sports. I also belong to a rocket club at my school.

I joined the lodge because I thought it



Stacy Wilson, another one of our newest Young Vikings. Stacey joined Lodge No. 294 in Barre, Vermont, and has this to say:

My great-grandmother and grandfather Thygesen came over to the United States in 1908. Both of them became members and since then three generations of members

have followed them. My grandfather is a member, my mother is also one, and now, my brother and I are.

I am 15 years old and I'm a sophomore at Spaulding High School in Barre, Vermont. I am presently taking all college prep courses along with an art course and I am on the honor roll. I enjoy swimming and taking dancing lessons. For school sports, I play field hockey, run track and am a cheerleader.

I am proud to be recognized as a Young Viking of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Welcome Stacey!

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

Payment to Board Members

APRIL 1987

District Leaders' meeting, Woodrow T. Petersen, \$180.00. Semi-annual Spring Board meeting expense, Robert E. Ibsen, \$18.00.

MAY 1987

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$251.00.

Museum Forms Committee

The Danish Immigrant Museum has begun the preparation of its building fund drive with the formation of an Ad Hoc Campaign Steering Committee. It is the first and therefore the most important of the volunteer committees which will carry out the drive.

The members of the Ad Hoc Campaign Steering Committee have adopted an overall campaign plan and now are developing solicitation strategies and appointing other volunteer committees which will assist in the campaign.

Members of the committee are Judy Andersen of Los Angeles, Signe T. Nielsen Betsinger of St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Erling N. Jensen of Ames, and H. Rand Petersen of Harlan, Iowa.

A committee of volunteers with experience in the areas of design, audio/visual productions and promotion has also been formed and is working with technical consultants to produce materials for the upcoming capital campaign.

Promotional materials are based on an extensive report detailing the Museum's organization and progress to date and also its plans for the building and programs in the future. The brochures, packets, video presentation and other materials under development, however, will briefly and attractively present the Museum's story to possible donors.

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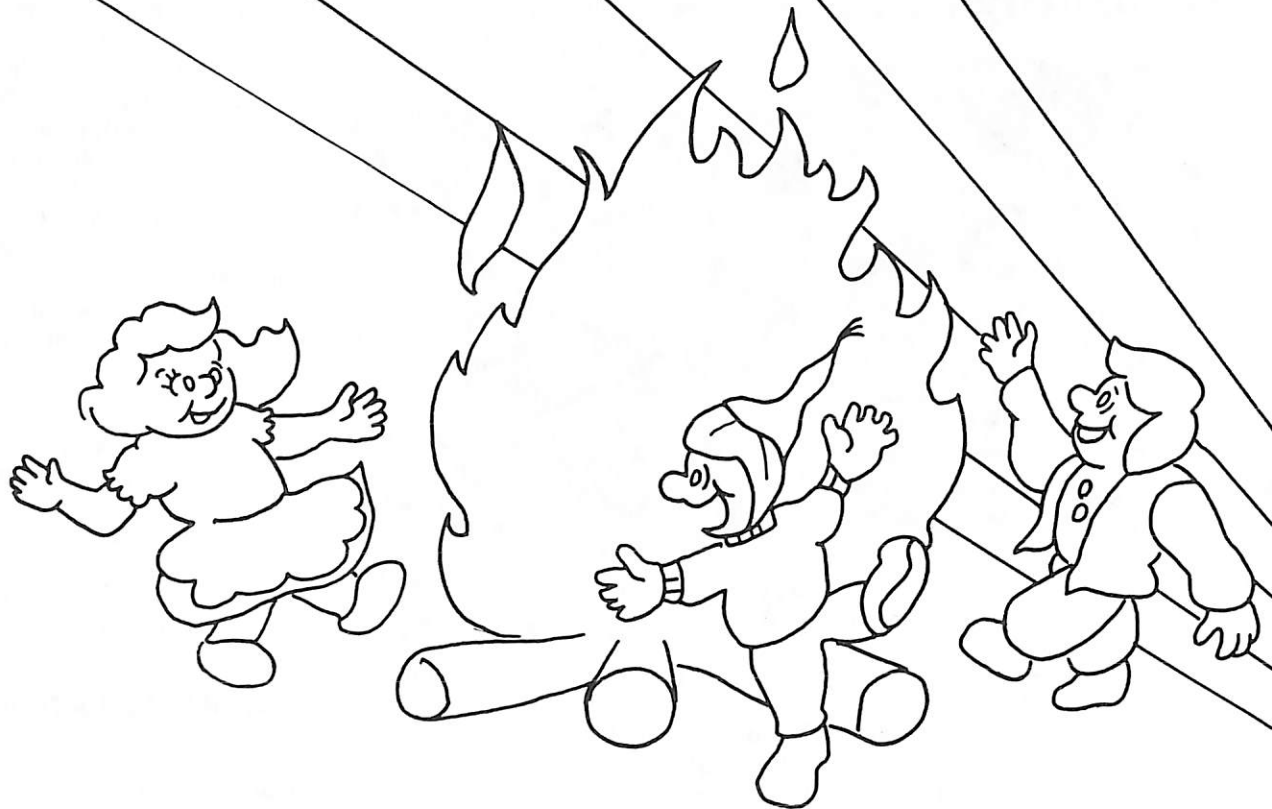
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Jorgen and BiFrost know that the celebration of Saint Han's night on Midsummer's Eve (June 23) is an important Danish custom dating far back in history. Here, Jorgen's friends Sigrid and Stephen join him in the customary bonfire dance. Usually the fire is at the top of a hill and it signifies the burning of witches. Sometimes there are speeches and stories told at the all-night fest but Jorgen and his friends like holding hands and singing "Sankt Hanses Dans, Sankt Hanses Dans . . ." the best.

Please 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.

May winners: Rebecca Shakespeare, Mellissa Kanning, Benjamin Rodriguez, and Matthew Lunde.

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The next day, the goose-girl came. She was indeed very beautiful and Ejnar met with her, but they just stared at each other until he took her back to her village.

When the prince returned he went to see his parents who were at their wits end trying to understand their son.

"I do not have a heart," said Ejnar, sadly.

The Queen gasped. "Then where is it?"

"I think I lost it long ago," said the prince, "and I have not been able to find it."

The King moved closer and looked at his son. "Perhaps it's on your sleeve. A lot of men wear their heart on their sleeve."

"I don't think so, father," said Ejnar, when suddenly, in walked Else, the maiden who lived next door.

The prince smiled and ran over to her and said, "I can never remember the time when I did not love you better than anyone else. But I thought that falling in love would be a new feeling. I couldn't fall in love with anyone else when I have loved you all along."

The Queen and King were delighted, but the one hundred and one princesses were not and the professors decided to take on the assignment of trying to get the princesses married off.

And so, the prince and Else eventually married and lived a most quiet life ever after.

Grandma's Kitchen

Bankekød

(Meat in Bay Leaf Sauce)



by Dagmar Jensen

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| 3 lbs. beef | 4 tbsp. butter |
| 5 bay leaves* | 2 cups water |
| salt and pepper | flour |

Cut meat in pieces, dip in flour, salt and pepper. Fry in butter or shortening until brown. Add water and bay leaves and simmer until well done; about 1½ hours. Thicken gravy. Serve with mashed potatoes.

*2-3 onions, sliced, may be used instead of bay leaves.

Viking Adventures

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

Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, would like to share an activity suggestion. In an effort to get not only local lodge members involved, but to get members of the entire district to join together to participate in the 1987 DBIA National Bowling Tournament, an annual Midwest District Bowling Tournament is held. As you will read, it's much more than just a day of bowling. The National Headquarters would like to thank Ken Jensen, chairman, and Margaret Goodwin, Secretary, for sharing this idea with us.

Midwest DBIA/DSS Annual Bowling Extravaganza



"Jens and His Copenhagen Lovelies" were the hit of the evening.

Another day of fun and fraternalism when a bunch of good Danes get together and have a real fun time. The day was April 4, hosted by Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois. Bowling was at Echo Lanes in Morris, Illinois, with the banquet and dance at the Holiday Inn in Morris.

The day started at 9 a.m. with registration and coffee and kringle, compliments of the host lodge. Fourteen teams bowled in the morning and 21 teams in the afternoon. Lodges present were from Kenosha, Racine, St. Charles, Wood Dale, Chicago, and Dwight. The good times really rolled at Dwight's hospitality room before the banquet and comments heard included "If only I hadn't missed that one pin," etc. A delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by 134 members and guests. National President Robert Ibsen and Midwest District President, Ray Nielsen, were on hand to give greetings to all.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of "Jens and His Copenhagen Lovelies." Jens (actually Betty Currie in disguise) acted as the Master of Ceremonies and was accompanied by Dorothy Dawson. The Copenhagen Lovelies consisted of Pat Smith as Gretha the Stripper, Marge Lauritsen as Sophia the Great Danish Opera Singer, Shirley Holzhauser as Bubbles, and Margaret Goodwin as the Great Entertainer Margarethe.

Dancing was enjoyed by all to Dwight's own "Hansen Band" until midnight. Thanks to all who participated and may this event be even bigger next year. We're a great organization and only YOU can make it even better!

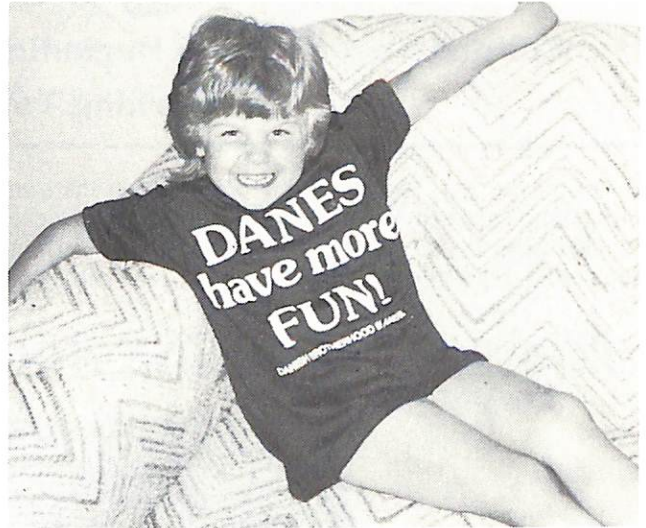
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