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Cover photo: The door at Nordby, Samsø is typical Danish design.
Photo courtesy of Marilyn Hansen Hagerty.



President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

Every July we celebrate Independence Day and honor the heroes of the struggle to secure independence from a distant government insensitive to our needs and to secure the inalienable rights so eloquently described in the Declaration of 1776. This year we will pay tribute to and celebrate the wisdom of our Founders in framing for our Nation a form of government which implements the Declaration of July 4, 1776, and which has for two centuries secured for Americans our natural rights to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." On September 17, 1987, Americans all across the country will celebrate the bicentennial of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

The United States was built upon and remains committed to the foundation of a written constitution designed to establish a government and preserve individual freedom and opportunity. The Constitution established a government of, by and for the people. Similarly, the Danish Brotherhood in America is a government of, by, and for our members. We will have two occasions to celebrate in September, not only the Bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States, but also the 1987 Joint National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America and the Danish Sisterhood of America. How appropriate that we celebrate this great country's constitution and at the same time re-examine the DBIA's constitution — our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Just as the delegates which met 200 years ago in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, realized the importance of their task as they labored hard through the summer and into the fall, so must the delegates to the 32nd DBIA National Convention. Although our delegates will be meeting for a much shorter period, the policies determined will be guiding our organization for the next four years. Because of the important decisions the delegates must make, the Thirty-Second National Convention Report is in the process of being mailed to all the lodge delegates, district delegates, lodge secretaries and district secretaries. The Convention Report will contain all proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and the recommendations of our National Law Committee. I strongly urge all members to carefully consider the proposals and let your opinions be known to your voice at the convention — your delegate.

While we, as members of the DBIA, realize the importance of our National Convention, we must also realize our duties as fraternalists. During the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution we have a unique opportunity to generate a pride of country and to foster a firm understanding and appreciation of America's constitutional heritage and freedom. DBIA lodges can help commemorate the Bicentennial of our Constitution — the oldest in the world — in a meaningful and lasting way by joining the many others all across the country and plant a Living Legacy. Through establishing a new garden, restoring an existing park or garden, planting trees along the avenues in your community, etc., your lodge can create a living tribute to this historic occasion that will return benefits to your lodge, our society, and later generations. Living Legacy parks and gardens across the country will become links to both the future and the past. Today, the only remaining living witnesses to the signing of the U.S. Constitution are trees.

As we plant each Living Legacy, let us be reminded of the great sacrifices made on our behalf by Americans who lived in the seasons past, and let us constantly be renewed in our respect for the Constitution in each new season that comes before us. As we plan for the 1987 Joint National Convention, let us show our gratitude to those who founded the Danish Brotherhood over 100 years ago, and give our unflinching efforts to see that what they have begun is continued through our family and our friends.

It is my most unfortunate duty to inform you of the death of Edna Petersen, Immediate Past National President of the Danish Sisterhood of America. Edna's gracious presence will be greatly missed throughout the land by many. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her family and friends. Blessed be her memory.

Favorable Opinion Given

Standard Analytical Services Inc. is independent of any insurance company. Reports and comparisons such as those found in this report prepared for the Danish Brotherhood are based on statutory financial statements filed with the state insurance departments. The key ratio in this financial report and comparison is the ratio of assets for each \$100 of liabilities.



Financial Stability

The financial condition of a life insurance organization is an important element in public confidence. In this regard we believe the fundamental factors listed below are significant. The following is a COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS of these basic factors, comparing

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA

with the 25 largest United States life insurance companies.

Since these 25 companies have an average of over 100 years of life insurance experience, and own a major portion of the invested assets and life insurance in force of all the companies, a favorable comparison of these factors can be indicative of financial stability.

BASIC SIGNIFICANT FACTORS — AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1986 DERIVED FROM THE ANNUAL STATEMENT

(The 25 Life Companies listed below are the largest by the amount of ASSETS held for the protection of their policyholders.)

Solvency

A wide margin of Assets over Liabilities can be a significant safety factor. This indicates financial soundness and a Company's ability to meet all obligations as they become due.

Assets for each \$100 of Liabilities as of Dec. 31, 1986.

Aetna Life Ins. and Annuity Co., CT	\$102.81
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Connecticut General Life Ins. Co., CT	105.41
Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co., CT	104.50
Continental Assurance Company, IL	110.25
Equitable Life Assurance Society, NY	102.76
Executive Life Insurance Co., CA	102.81
IDS Life Insurance Company, MN	102.84
John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	103.83
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., IN	108.42
Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	106.06
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., NY	103.57
Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co., NJ	103.49
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, NY	104.74
Nationwide Life Insurance Co., OH	105.80
New England Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	104.44
New York Life Ins. and Annuity Corp., DE	103.22
New York Life Insurance Co., NY	106.28
Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co., WI	104.41
Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., CA	104.11
Principal Mutual Life Ins. Co., IA	103.57
Prudential Insurance Co. of America, NJ	103.20
Southwestern Life Ins. Co., TX	103.36
State Farm Life Insurance Co., IL	114.84
Travelers Insurance Company, CT	104.09

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES ... \$104.02

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$133.39

Surplus Funds

(Including Capital, if any) Per \$100 of Policy Reserves: A high surplus ratio may indicate a company's ability to take emergencies in stride. It shows the proportion of surplus funds to the policy reserve liabilities.

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES \$7.12
THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$36.02

Interest Earned to Required

Net Investment Income for each \$100 of Tabular Interest: This ratio shows the proportion of investment income actually earned on invested assets over the amount required to be earned (tabular interest) to maintain policy reserves.

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES \$201.48
THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$285.94

Additional Society Strength

The following ratios are Per \$1000 of life insurance in force. They show further proof of financial strength and stability:

	This Society	Average 25 Largest Life Companies
Assets per \$1000	\$ 396.73	\$165.37
Reserves per \$1000	275.70	89.68
Surplus per \$1000	99.31	6.39

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1986

Admitted Assets	Premium Income
\$7,257,818.00	\$ 720,334.00
Liabilities	Total Income
\$5,441,066.00	\$ 1,287,928.00
Gross Surplus (Incl. Capital, if any)	Insurance in Force
\$1,816,752.00	\$18,294,000.00

Conclusion

Based on the financial results achieved in the year ended 1986, the analysis made of the above organization in comparing it with the aggregate averages of the 25 LARGEST COMPANIES in OUR OPINION is FAVORABLE.

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Joint National Convention, Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, September 24-26, 1987

TO REGISTER: Complete this form (one per person) and mail with your check or money order payable to: 1987 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE.

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8:30 a.m. Joint Grand Opening
10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish - \$3.00
Noon Bar/Buffer Lunch - Cheese soup, sliced roast beef, turkey breast and ham. Sliced cheddar and Swiss cheeses, assorted breads, potato salad, marinated vegetables, fresh fruit in season, brownies or carrot cake. - \$12.50
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

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
Souvenir Program - \$4.00
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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

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1987 Camp Grants

Congratulations to the recipients of the 1987 Danish Brotherhood camp grants. The following were awarded financial assistance to help defray the cost of a camp of their choice along with a Danish Brotherhood baseball cap.

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Todd Sonsalla
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Samsø is for Connoisseurs

by Marilyn Hansen Hagerty



A summerhouse on Samsø, Denmark.



The fishing boats line up at Ballen, Samsø.

He was born 100 years ago in Denmark — on the island of Samsø. On hot summer nights in the 1930s in South Dakota, my father would sit on the back porch and talk about the place where he grew up. He, like many other young men, in the early 1900s, left his home to seek a fortune in America.

When he first saw the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, he was elated. He didn't worry that he had only a few dollars in his pocket. And he made his way in the new country, but he was one of the many who was never able to go home, even for a visit. When he died in 1942, he left with us a love and an appreciation for the Samsø he left in 1903.

Today, the island of Samsø is a treasure for vacationers who come to enjoy the fine vegetables and the unspoiled beaches, along with the rolling countryside. They swell the population of Samsø from 4,500 to 20,000 in July.

There is a saying that Denmark is for tourists, but Samsø is for connoisseurs. The Germans know that the finest white asparagus, the choice tiny white potatoes are grown on Samsø. They enjoy the excellence of the gardens and the unspoiled beaches when they rent summerhouses.

Most of the year, the tiny villages that dot the island are inhabited only by farmers and fishermen who live with their families in white houses with thatched roofs. Inside these houses, many of the old traditions of Denmark are preserved today.

I felt that I was home when I visited Samsø in 1982 and again in 1986. A bit presumptuous, perhaps, but I thought, "Since he couldn't go home, I am going for him."

On each visit we found friendly Danes — first cousins — who took us in and shared with us memories of our grandparents.

You can get to Samsø by a small, private ferry that runs out of Hov, south of Aarhus, the second largest city in Denmark. Or you can get there on a larger, government-operated ferry from Sjaelland, the larger island on which Copenhagen is located.

If you don't have relatives awaiting, you can make reservations — do it well ahead — at one of several small hotels on

Samsø. Information is available from the Samsø Turistforenings Bureau, Langgade 32, 8791 Tranebjerg, Samsø, Denmark.

Tranebjerg is the capital of Samsø where you can find everything from film for your camera to a frisor, or hairdresser. Most of the time on Samsø, though, you will stroll on the beaches or bicycle from one little village to another. On the roads, you are close to the cows and the brilliant fields of grain.

We landed at Samsø in late afternoon. As soon as we drove our car off the ferry, Cousin Ingeborg started to look for vegetables left out in unattended stands along the roadside. The farmers trust you to leave the money.

When the narrow hardtop road shrunk to a gravel trail, she said, "This is the end of civilization." About 100 yards further along, she drove into the parking place by her summerhouse, which is nestled among the trees in the corner of a farmer's field.

Most summerhouses on Samsø are lined up near beaches — but not closer than 100 meters, because the entire coastline is preserved for public enjoyment.

Evenings are long on Samsø in summer. The sun doesn't set until almost 10 p.m., and it doesn't get dark until 11 p.m. By 3 or 4 a.m., it is beginning to get light again.

Dinner is leisurely, and you finish with coffee and cordials. You begin the day with light Danish cheeses, pølsen (sausage) and a soft boiled egg.

And you explore the island at a relaxed pace, taking time to say, "Yah, yah," as you go.

At nearby Kolby Kas (harbor), we bought fish fresh from the North Sea. We explored Vesborg gyr, the lighthouse that is a popular destination for school children on bicycles. We saw one of the two stubmøllen, or windmills, still on the island. At the northern tip of Samsø, we strolled through Nordby, which has the most photographed front door in Denmark in a grouping of typical old Danish homes.

Along with its fields, Samsø has both private and public

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Choices and The Joint National Convention

by Wilber Williamson

The delegates and visitors to the Joint National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood in Des Moines in September will have the opportunity to make a choice of visiting different points of interest in the city. Bus tours will be available on Thursday afternoon, September 24, to see the campus of Grand View College, to observe the activities at the Living History Farms, or to walk among the flowers and plants of the Des Moines Botanical Center. Previous articles in this publication have dealt with Grand View College and the Living History Farms. A few paragraphs describing the botanical center are in order with the hope that they will create an interest in the center and help the convention visitor to make an enlightened choice of the tours that are available.

The Des Moines Botanical Center is located on a 14.4 acre park site on the east bank of the Des Moines River as it flows through the downtown business section of the city. For years the site was used by a brick and tile factory. This eye-sore was eliminated and the Center's construction was made possible by a federal grant from the Economic Development Administration, the city of Des Moines General Sharing Funds, and contributions from more than 900 individuals and businesses in the Greater Des Moines area. The building, in its park river front setting, was opened in December 1979.

Operated by the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department, the Botanical Center has delighted and educated thousands of visitors. It has been the setting for hundreds of private events that have used the dome, the exhibit hall, and the multi-purpose room. Weddings, proms, birthday/anniversary parties, organizational meetings, church functions, fashion shows . . . all take advantage of the unique atmosphere of the Center.

The main feature of the center is the dome. Crystagon in design it is 150 feet wide, 80 feet tall at its highest point, and is made up of 665 triangular Plexiglas panels. Planted in beds situated on either side of the one-fifth mile of walkways beneath the dome are nearly 1,000 different species of plants and flowers. These represent the flora of the tropical, subtropical, and arid regions of the world. Throughout the year a series of seasonal floral displays ensure that masses of brilliant colors and attractive fragrances are always present under the dome. Housed in a special structure in the Garden Court, the Ladany Bonsai Collection includes several specimens that have been in training for more than 100 years. Bonsai is an ancient, oriental, horticultural art form. The word bonsai literally means a tree or shrub raised in a small pot. At the same time, art principles such as shape, harmony, proportion and scale are considered. In bonsai, art and the human hand cooperate with nature to create a thing of beauty.

Unique in concept, the herb garden, located behind the

Garden Court, contains a diverse collection of culinary, medicinal, and fragrant herbs. A variety of herbal trees, shrubs and ground covers make a walk through the herb garden an educational and enjoyable experience.

Several pieces of artwork are on display at the Center including an interesting outdoor sculpture piece by Christiane Martens. The gift shop and the Garden Cafe which can relieve your pocketbook and hunger are additional features of the Botanical Center. The convention visitor should find this tour a rewarding and delightful experience.

The State of Iowa is in the process of building a new historical building. Unfortunately it will not be open to the public until October 1987 which is after the convention. The building of this structure with its enlarged facilities and the proposed building of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa indicate a continuing interest in and an increasing desire to know more of our historical heritage and background. We need not be reminded that one of the important aspects of membership and active participation in the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood is interest in and concern for history. After all, history plays a continuing part in the lives of all of us.

Some of us are descendants of Danes who came to the English colonies and fought in the American Revolution. Some of us are descendants of Danes from Southern Jutland who wished to escape Prussian domination after the War of 1864. Some of us are descendants from Danes who came to America for various religious, economic, or educational reasons. And some of us, as native born Danes from Copenhagen, Aarhus, or the island of Lolland, came here following the German occupation in World War II.

Whatever the diversity of our connections with Denmark as individuals, there is also the collective experiences that is Danish. This collective personality of a people who call themselves Danes is a function of the part interacting with the present, of establishing our identity in space and time. The historical image of ourselves, whether through birth, inheritance, or marriage, creates a perspective and identity that is important. This sense of belonging is one that is encouraged and fostered by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, as their names so aptly express. May the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood continue to contribute to this sense of belonging to and identity of our ethnic tradition. As such they will continue to give diversity and enrichment to our American society and life style.

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Cricket's Wish

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time in the woods lived a cricket. "I wish I could have a nice chirp," he thought, mournfully.

He rubbed his wings together and heard, CREET, CREET, CREET.

"What a terrible chirp I have," he sighed. "How could I be so unlucky!"

As he nibbled on some grain, his friend Bird came by.

"Hi," said Bird. "What's new?"

Cricket told him.

"I like your chirp," said Bird. "It's always so cheery and friendly."

"Thank you," said Cricket, "but I'm going to see Witchet the cricket. She's the only one who can help me get another chirp."

Bird shook his head. "I hope you know what you're doing."

Cricket nodded and crawled away so fast he bumped into Mouse.

"Excuse me," said Cricket, "but I'm in a big hurry!"

"Is anything wrong?" asked Mouse.

Cricket did not wish to chat. He wanted to be on his

way, but Mouse was his friend so he told him where he was going.

"But you have a wonderful chirp," said Mouse. "And it's in the key of A Sharp."

"Thank you," said Cricket, "but it sounds flat to me!"

And he crawled swiftly away.

He was in such a big hurry he almost bumped into Snake.

"Oh, my gosh," said Cricket. "That was a close call. I'm sure glad that he didn't see me or I wouldn't be here talking to myself."

The sky was black and the moon was bright.

Cricket saw Snake move his body slowly across the damp ground and disappear into some tall grass.

Quickly, Cricket crawled to Witchet's home.

"Hello," called Cricket. "Anyone home?"

Suddenly, Witchet the cricket appeared from behind a moldy rock.

"Trick or treat?" she asked.

"A treat," replied Cricket. "I would like to have a special chirp of my own."

Witchet grinned. "That's easy."

And she mumbled some magic words and spun her-

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self around ten times into the soft earth to cast the spell.

"Your wish has been granted," she said, dizzily.

"Thanks," said Cricket. "I'll always remember this night."

"I'm sure you will," snickered Witchet, as she crawled back behind the moldy rock.

"Goodbye," said Cricket, as he crawled back to where his friends were.

He wanted them to be the first to hear his new chirp. He began crawling faster and faster until he bumped SMACK into Snake.

"Oh, oh," thought Cricket. "I'm doomed!"

Quickly, he rubbed his wings together to call for help.

But nothing happened.

Cricket tried again.

Still nothing happened.

"Witchet played a TRICK on me instead," thought Cricket. "I can't chirp at all!"

Just then, Snake saw Cricket and began to flick out his long, thin tongue.

Cricket tried harder than ever to chirp.

Snake felt the ground shake. It was Cricket scraping his wings together.

Snake turned around to see if something was behind him, and Cricket crawled home.

When he saw his friends he told them what happened.

They all agreed that Cricket was indeed a mighty lucky cricket even if he couldn't chirp.

"Now that you are safely home," said Mouse.

"Why not try again."

Cricket agreed.

He scraped his wings together and heard, CREET, CREET, CREET.

His friends were mighty pleased to hear that sound again.

"I have my old chirp back," said Cricket, smiling, "and that's the only one I ever want."

And he chirped happily far into the night.

Iconographic Index Prepared

Dr. James Mills of Lodge No. 325 in Nassau County, New York, has, for the National Museum in Copenhagen, prepared an Iconographic Index to **Danmarks Kirker**. The Iconographic Index to this standard inventory of Danish churches opens up a rich source of iconographic information that will surprise scholars lacking a familiarity with medieval Scandinavian art. Since Denmark did not suffer from iconoclasm during the Protestant era or from the destruction of the baroque era, it presents one of the most complete pictures of medieval church art. **Danmarks Kirker**, while still in progress, prints descriptions and photographs of the remarkable array of ecclesiastical art which should be better known as scholars in various fields, including iconography, art history, and drama. Professor Mills' Index is thus particularly important, since **Danmarks Kirker** will not be available in every research library.

The Iconographic Index to **Danmarks Kirker** has been prepared as part of the Early Drama, Art, and Music project, and each part will be published on demand in simple format in spiral binding. Part I, representing all of Jutland that has been covered by **Danmarks Kirker** to date, is now available (approximately 150 pages) and may be ordered by contacting Medieval Institute Publications, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 48008.

Dr. James Iversen is Honored



Mrs. John Leistad, Dr. James Iversen, and Dana College President, Dr. Myrvin Christopher-son.

Dr. James Iversen, professor of aerospace engineering at Iowa State University in Ames, was recognized as a distinguished alumnus of Dana College at the college's annual Recognition Dinner held last Saturday on the Blair, Nebraska campus. Presenting the award to Dr. Iversen was a former classmate, Mrs. John Leistad.

Dr. Iversen attended Dana College as a freshman and sophomore during 1951-1953. He received his B.S., M.S., AND Ph.D. from Iowa State University and has taught there since 1956. He has also been an aerodynamicist for such organizations as NASA, Boeing, and Skibsteknisk Laboritorium in Lyngby, Denmark, and a consultant to, among others, the U.S. Air Force, Los Alamos National Science Laboratory, Alcoa and Scandia.

Iversen has lectured on aerodynamics and wind engineering extensively in this country and elsewhere, including Sudan, Canada, Italy, and Denmark.

In 1982 he received a Faculty Citation from Iowa State.

Maps to be Produced

The Danish Immigrant Museum has received a grant of \$4,920 from the Iowa Community Cultural Grant program to research and produce a map/brochure of sites with Danish ethnic connections called, "The Danish Villages - A Self-Guiding Tour."

"A Self-Guiding Tour" will consist of a map and entertaining explanations of Danish American homes, churches, farms, community buildings and businesses within approximately a fifteen mile radius of the Danish Villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton. An historian-researcher, Gary Christensen of Elk Horn, working with consultants will select and research the sites and their history. Photographs and drawings will illustrate the map and text.

The 10,000 map/brochures are to be used by families as they tour the sites in their cars or by guides on tour buses announcing points of interest to their passengers. When tourists comment, "It doesn't look Danish to me. Why do they call these the Danish Villages?", this Self-Guiding Tour will help to answer their questions.

Paul Ifversen to be Presented the "Howard E. Christensen" Award

At their recent spring semi-annual meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed all nominations received for the 1987 "Howard E. Christensen" Award. It is their extreme pleasure to announce that Paul N. Ifversen of Lodge No. 116 in Newark, New Jersey, has been declared the recipient of this award.

Paul joined the Danish Brotherhood in February of 1947. He was first elected an officer of Lodge No. 116 in 1957 and has held an office ever since. Mr. Ifversen is also a Past President of the G.C.E.L. District.

Along with his wife Janet, Paul has always enjoyed visiting other lodges and together have been to each lodge in the East at least once. Paul was nominated for this award by the Lodge Secretary, Donald Heckmann, who stated that he has always worked hard for the Brotherhood and has never refused a committee nor an elected position.

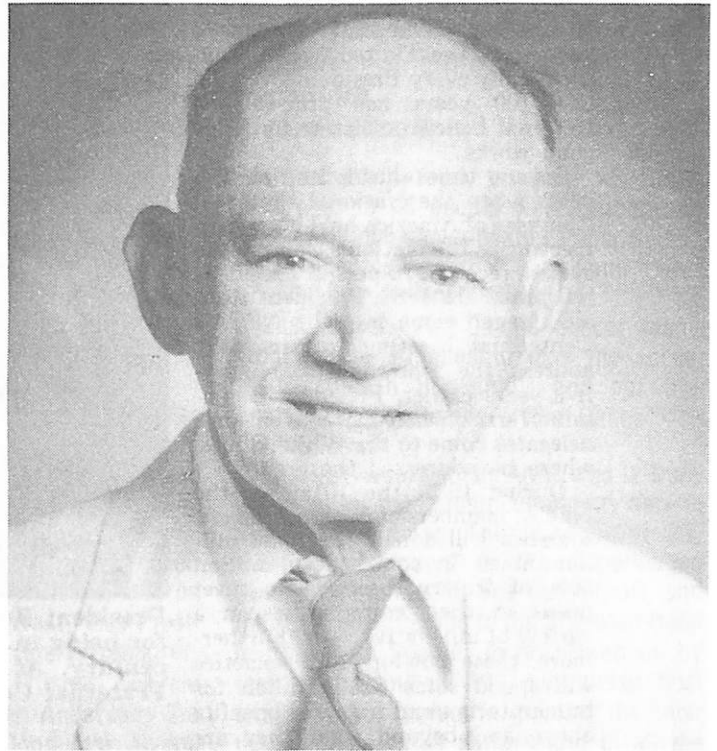
Mr. Ifversen will be presented a plaque at the G.C.E.L. District Convention in Hartford, Connecticut, on September 5. His name has also been added to the plaque which resides at the National Headquarters.

In a letter to the National Board of Directors, Paul expressed his appreciation and vowed to keep working for the Brotherhood as long as he is able.

The entire DBIA membership appreciates and congratulates Paul for his many years of outstanding service and dedication.

The Board of Directors would like to show their appreciation to all who were nominated for this award. It's members like you who keep the Danish Brotherhood alive and growing. A big thank you goes out to:

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Fraternal Benefit System Enters Second Century Benefiting U.S.

The Fraternal Benefit System has entered its second century of service to the United States, and practically every President over the last 100 years has praised the fraternal benefit societies for their good works.

Several times during its first 100 years when the National Fraternal Congress of America held its annual meeting in the Nation's Capital, the system received in-person Presidential praise. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan came into the NFCA's Centennial Meeting to personally address the fraternalists. Ninety-five years earlier, President Benjamin Harrison had the convention's delegates come to the White House, where he addressed the group.

During 1987, the 101st for the NFCA, members of fraternal benefit societies will donate about 36 million hours in some seven million acts of fraternal service to meet needs in their communities in a variety of innovative ways. Furthermore, these not-for-profit societies will spend some \$250 million for humanitarian and fraternal benefits above and beyond what they are required by law to provide in insurance benefits for their members.

By definition, fraternal benefit societies are fraternal organizations without capital stock that are carried on solely for the mutual benefit and protection of their members and their beneficiaries and not for profit, having a lodge system with ritualistic procedures and a representative form of government, and which provide for death, sickness or disability insurance and other benefits.

Louis Engelke, San Antonio, Tex., a former newspaperman who heads the Order of the Sons of Hermann in Texas and who is president of the NFCA, said:



President Ronald Reagan praises the Fraternal Benefit System for being in the forefront for voluntarism in America for a full century. At left is Louis Engelke, president of the National Fraternal Congress of America.

"Purpose of the NFCA is to promote the general welfare of the Fraternal Benefit System in all matters of mutual concern and public interest. The system represents a distinctive, charitable force of nearly 200 individual nonprofit fraternal benefit societies with an aggregate of 10 million men, women and children of various ethnic, religious and vocational backgrounds. Most of the 10 million fraternalists are in the 100 societies holding membership in the NFCA."

Truly cosmopolitan in nature, the system stretches throughout the North American continent, flourishing in small communities as well as in metropolitan areas.

Engelke said: "The ritual and

programs of the individual unit are designed to bring members together. Local lodges provide a sense of community. Some 700,000 locally oriented events are held in the average year."

Fraternal benefit societies maintain and support orphanages, homes for the aged, and youth camps. Motto of the NFCA is "Joining Hands to Touch Lives." A sub-theme this year is "Fraternalism for the Family and Our Nation."

At the request of President Reagan, the NFCA this year is continuing an anti-drug abuse program and celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States. It also is continuing a missing children's project.

Samsø is for Connoisseurs Continued from page 7.

woods. It allows five green covered prairie wagons to transport visitors to camping grounds. The wagons are drawn by horses on the roads that meander through the rolling hills.

Samsø is an island only 26 by 7 kilometers where pheasants, hares, pigeons and wild ducks are hunted in the fall. The people who live on the island are content with life the way it is now. They are courteous to the summer tourists and the tourists who come on one-day bus trips. But they seek no more.

Life doesn't exactly stand still on Samsø, but it is never hectic. There are no police on the island.

Those who spend their lives on the island today aren't anxious to get away. Often those who were born there and worked in the cities have a yearning to go back to Samsø in their old age.

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Pacific Northwest District

The 38th annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Lodges was called to order by President Sharon Kinder, Spokane, in a joint opening with the Pacific Northwest Sisterhood.

President Sharon Kinder and the Sisterhood representative, Anna Lindahl, welcomed everyone to the convention and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and in singing "America the Beautiful." Sharon Kinder introduced Paul Carlsen, National Director from Michigan; Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, and his wife Jenny; Ebba Norby, Secretary from the California-Nevada District, and her daughter; Clyde Langsted, Second Vice President; and Kris Jorgensen, Past National President.

Spokane President Sheridan Perry welcomed everybody also.

The President called for a moment of silence for the brothers who passed away since the last convention.

National Director Paul Carlsen asked someone from Lodge No. 328 in Vancouver to step forward to accept the award for Best Newsletter, co-sharing with West Orange County.

Ebba Norby, our visitor from the California-Nevada District, invited everyone to their convention in Riverside July 17-19.

Karen Bruun made a motion that the Northwest District donate \$100 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Axel Skelbeck. This motion was seconded and carried. The secretary-treasurer will send the money to the fund.

Clyde Langsted talked about the Axel Skelbeck and the scholarship fund. He thanked the convention on behalf of the family and added that more than \$1,000 was received from across the country. \$10,000 was received from a donor in California. He asked the delegates to support the proposal to change the scholarship from \$250 per semester to \$1,000 per year. It will also be proposed to raise the number of scholarships to 16.

Sharon Kinder commented on her chairing the Law Committee in Omaha in March

The best idea for July goes to Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, CA. See page 16 for details.

and read the proposals the committee agreed upon to present to the convention. She asked the delegates to carefully read the material when they receive it in the mail.

The following were elected into their respective offices: Past President, Sharon Kinder; President, Floyd West; Vice President, Bente Noble; Secretary-Treasurer, Asbjorn Fisker; 1st Trustee, Gerald Jensen; 2nd Trustee, Don Anderson; 3rd Trustee, Peter Praegel; Conductor, Svend Toftemark; Inner Guard, Kris Sand; and Outer Guard, Mel Hollister.

Sharon Kinder presented her father with a long overdue 25-year pin. Past Presidents plaques were presented to Clyde Langsted and Walter Reinhard.

District President's Awards were awarded as follows: Single Social Activity, Vancouver Lodge No. 328; Single Civic Activity, Junction City Lodge No. 268; Annual Activity Schedule, Portland Lodge No. 167; and Newsletter, Eugene Lodge No. 348. Honorable mention went to Spokane for their newsletter. The winners receive \$25.00 from the National Headquarters.

Clyde Langsted mentioned that Seattle Lodge No. 29 will be celebrating its 100th birthday on April 9, 1988, at the Stouffer Madison Hotel in Seattle.

Lois Toftemark gave a report on next year's convention in Eugene and showed a videotape prepared by the Chamber of Commerce. The convention will be held at the Valley River Inn on May 20-22, 1988.

Sharon Kinder again thanked the Spokane Sisterhood and Brotherhood and the Walla Walla Sisterhood for the great convention.

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Metz on for hosting the Danish community on the occasion of Her Majesty Queen

Margrethe's birthday on April 16, 1987. About 50 to 75 people were gathered at this lovely home overlooking Puget Sound. Delicious food and champagne were enjoyed by everyone. Thank you!

Last month, our Danish soccer teams went to Los Angeles to play the soccer team "Danish Dynamite" and our big-hearted soccer teams "The Danes" let California win.

The last weekend in April was a busy weekend for the Danish community here in Seattle. Beginning Thursday, April 23, when 72 members of the Copenhagen Boys' Choir landed at Sea-Tac Airport, and then proceeded by bus to the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle, to be picked up by their host families. We owe these host families many thanks for hosting the choir members for three nights, and to all the stores and businesses who allowed us to put posters in their windows for this event. Saturday night was the big evening for the concert at the Plymouth Congregational Church in downtown Seattle, and more than 200 people enjoyed a very fine singing program there.



Members enjoy promoting our lodge.

In the meantime, also the last weekend in April, beginning Friday, April 24, through Saturday and Sunday, some of our members set up shop at the Annual Ethnic Festival at Northgate Shopping Mall. They were Frank Poulsen, Clyde Langsted, Greg Hansen, Bente Noble, and Karlo Thornvig. They had a busy time selling DBIA sweat-shirts, neckties, and caps. Also, they sold coffee and kringle and, mind you, "Frikadeller"! We understand that the word "Frikadeller" is a new name at the Health Department where they had to get a food permit. Whether or not they made any profit, they did a great job of relating our lodge to the public, and they even signed up some new members. We are much

appreciative to Larsen's Bakery for helping us by making up all the ingredients for the "Frikadeller."

Our May 6, 1987 lodge meeting was somewhat sparsely attended. Applications for four new members were accepted and we are looking forward to meeting them at our next meeting. Reports were given of the 38th Annual Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Convention held in Spokane, Washington, on May 1-3, 1987.

Hans Nielsen gave a very comprehensive report on all phases of local lodge activities and programs were well covered.

Attending the convention from the National Board were National Director Paul Carlsen, as well as our own National Vice President Clyde Langsted, and National Secretary-Treasurer Jerome Christensen from the Home Office in Omaha. The newly elected officers for the District are as follows: Past President, Sharon Kinder; President Floyd West; Vice President, Bente Noble; Secretary-Treasurer, Asbjorn Fisker; 1st Trustee, Gerald Jensen; 2nd Trustee, Don Anderson; 3rd Trustee, Peter Praegel; Conductor, Don Bogh and Svend Toftemark; Inner Guard, Kris Sand; and Outer Guard, Mel Hollister.

Hans Nielsen also praised the superb service in both housing and food. Thank you Spokane! **Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — We were pleased to hear from one of our members residing in Sun City, Arizona, Norbert Grove, concerning the Copenhagen Boys Choir which performed in Sun City.

A Danish television crew was pleasant and filmed several sequences of the performance. This film will be shown all over Denmark, so Sun City will have international recognition as an appreciative group of supporters.

There was standing room only and the applause was enthusiastic, especially for the Carl Nielsen Quartet. It was a highly charged crowd that left the concert feeling what a great world this could be if we all had true brotherhood for each other.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — At our last meeting, Rolf Jurgensen of Wilbur,



Rolf Jurgensen received his 50-year pin.

Washington, received his 50-year pin and congratulations from Sheridan Perry, President of our lodge. Congratulations, Rolf! **Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Our May 6 meeting was called to order by President Asbjorn Fisker with 29 members present.

We give our thanks to Jens and Joyce Gimbel for the nice job they did on the Queen's birthday celebration. Asbjorn assured us that the Queen received a telegram from our lodge on her birthday. He also commented on the fine job the Copenhagen Boys Choir did at their Portland concert in April; they were excellent, very professional.

All the delegates who went to the Spokane convention came back very excited. The food, entertainment, especially the enactment of Hans Christian Andersen's stories were superb, and the decorations were beautiful. As one delegate said, "It was the best one I could remember attending." All the meetings were worthwhile. Congratulations to our President, Asbjorn Fisker, who was nominated as Secretary-Treasurer for the Pacific Northwest District. June Pihl has a copy of the convention program if anyone would like to see it. Also, she brought back a pamphlet describing a new emphasis the Danish Brotherhood is introducing to all lodges. The Fraternal Coordinator Program is designed to give a new inspiration to the lodges. Our lodge also received a \$25 reward based upon our annual activities.

Jan Christensen announced that the Sisterhood would like to be included in co-hosting the 1991 convention, if our lodge decides to host it. Tami Hansen gave the results of the Fact Finding Committee, which was based upon three sources, the Greater Portland Convention and Visitors Association, the DBIA National Headquarters and our own lodge resources. Each source had its services to offer, but the local lodge has to do the "actual hands-on work." We would be responsible for the largest portion of this convention. The secretary has a copy of this report in

greater detail. After discussion, the members voted to host the 1991 convention.

July 11 is the annual meeting of the Northwest Danish Home. We will select a representative from our lodge to attend.

Asbjorn Fisker was instrumental in obtaining two films from the Danish Consulate (through our honorary Danish Consul) to show after the last meeting. The Sisterhood joined with us. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Danish National Anthem. **Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting there were 59 members present. One new application was accepted for membership, Hans Peder Gudiksen. Welcome!

After the meeting the Brothers enjoyed open-face sandwiches, beer and snaps. Everybody had a good social time.

The 38th annual convention of the Pacific-Northwest District of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood was held at the Red Lion Inn in Spokane, Washington, on May 1-2, 1987.

Business meetings took place on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. They were presided over by the District President, Sharon Kinder, from Spokane. Present at the meetings from Lodge No. 328 were delegates Peter Praegel, Peter Jensen, and Elith Marcussen; district officers Jens Peder Vestergaard and Al Paquette; and Past District Presidents Poul B. Christensen, Elith Marcussen and Herluf Pedersen. Poul B. Christensen was asked to sit as Parliamentarian during the meeting.

Present from the National Board were Secretary-Treasurer Jerome L. Christensen, Second Vice President Clyde Langsted, and National Director Paul Carlsen. Jerome Christensen presented first hand a new proposal to have a liaison officer in each district.

The Northwest District passed a motion to donate \$100 towards the district's hospitality suite at the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, in September. It was hoped that each lodge in our district would also contribute something.

Another motion was passed that the district will donate \$100 to the Northwest District Bowling Tournament to be used for prizes. We were also shown a video of next year's site for the district convention in Eugene, Oregon.

Lodge No. 328 will only have one member on the district slate of officers for the coming year, Peter Praegel as third

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trustee. Also, we won the district award which includes \$25 as well as a plaque for the Best Single Social Activity which was last year's "Hostfest." The Best Newsletter was won by the Eugene Lodge.

Everyone from Vancouver found the food and entertainment first class. On Saturday night, Hans Christian Andersen and all his characters even dropped in to say "Godaften." It was a very memorable convention.

On May 16, the Brotherhood had their annual soccer games against teams from Seattle. The weather was perfect for soccer and this year there were 19 players. At the first half, Seattle was ahead but we got back into the game by scoring two goals from John Mikkelsen and Arne Pedersen. The final score was 2-2. Being a tie, it went into penalty shots with Seattle coming out ahead.

Afterwards, the ladies took over. It was nice to watch how the Vancouver ladies kept Seattle from scoring. There were no goals scored in game time. This game also went into penalty shots with the Vancouver Ladies coming out ahead.

At this point, it was time for the young guys to play. This was a very close game with many chances for both teams to score. But Seattle got a lucky shot and scored. The final score was 0-1 for Seattle.

In the evening, it was party time. In the Swedish Hall, it started with cocktails at 6 p.m., and the social committee, with the help of Herluf Pedersen, organized a shuttle bus to take the guests to and from their hotel to the party. At 7 p.m., dinner was served. The dinner was marvelous and so the dance floor filled to every song played until 1 a.m.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — On May 14, Hanne and Martin Taekker and their committee of Betty and Hugo Christensen, Birgit and Kris Sand, Gail and Anders Kristiansen and Chris Taekker served a pølse dinner. For a donation of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12, all had their fill of Danish wieners, hot potato salad, soda pop and coffee. Those who wanted beer with their meals brought their own. A number of door prizes were given away.

President Niels Nedergaard called the business meeting to order with 42 members present. Roll call was taken and all officers were present except for Poul Olesen. An application for membership was received from Knud Larsen and it was voted to approve his application.

Mary Stefansen, Secretary, noted that the 1988 Northwest District Convention Planning Committee requested that the lodge apply for a non-profit bulk mail

permit. The members voted to apply for the permit for 1987 at a cost of \$50. Since the Northwest District has decided to host a Hospitality Room at the National Convention in Des Moines, our lodge voted to donate \$50 to help with expenses.

The Danish Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle is in its beginning stage and needs funds for paint, lighting, etc., just to get the room ready. A donation of \$50 was approved by the members.

Reports by delegates to the Northwest District Convention were given and all agreed that it was an excellent convention. Martin Taekker said the weekend had been very rewarding. We won an award for the best newsletter and received a \$25 check for the award. Lois Toftemark participated in the Resolution Committee and Martin Taekker was on the Nominating Committee. Lois explained how the Eugene members had shown a video loaned by the Eugene-Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, to give convention participants a preview of the Eugene area. Buttons advertising the 1988 convention were passed out to encourage members to mark their calendars. Niels Nedergaard noted that 12 Past District Presidents were in attendance. After the business meeting,

the committee served coffee and two beautiful and delicious lagkage (Danish layercake) made by Betty Christensen.

Verna Lynge, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — At our first meeting on May 7, a minute of silence was observed for two of our long-time brothers, Soren M. Johansen of Sylmar, and Laurits Mikkelsen of Pacoima. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Johansen and Mikkelsen families in the passing of their loved ones. Both of these members were well known in the Danish community and will be sadly missed.

The delegates elected to the 66th annual California-Nevada District Convention in Riverside on July 16-18, 1987, are as follows: Villum Christensen, Betty Seale, Anne Kofod, and Doris Christensen. Alternates are Erik Kofod and Lars Westerskov.

Twelve members of the Copenhagen Boys Choir were present at the meeting and joined in at our social — cake and coffee — after the meeting. What a lot of energy these young people have!

The highlight of the evening was the

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
Richard G. Kramme	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Lise Larsen	29	Seattle, WA	Clyde Langsted
Gretchen J. Pembroke	29	Seattle, WA	Clyde Langsted
Erna Rolsehau	33	Tacoma, WA	Knud Hunter
Edith C. Mickelson	34	Dwight, IL	Metha Jensen
Kathryn N. Sorensen	45	Minneapolis, MN	Norma Henriksen
Stephen H. Opperman	51	Ludington, MI	Mike Wagner
Dennis Wayne Dunlap	51	Ludington, MI	Robert Jensen
Warren A. Billings	51	Ludington, MI	Chester Shappee
William Danielsen	75	Albert Lea, MN	Alton Neve
Marilyn Danielsen	75	Albert Lea, MN	Alton Neve
Staci Danielsen	75	Albert Lea, MN	Alton Neve
Brendan Danielsen	75	Albert Lea, MN	Alton Neve
Dale Robert Nielsen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Ewald Damgaard	144	Dike, IA	Svend Koch
Arne Bent Rosenkvist	164	New York City, NY	Martin Olsen
Ruth Rosenkvist	164	New York City, NY	Martin Olsen
Dagmar V. Holst	164	New York City, NY	Herbert Holst
Elizabeth K. Koefoed	172	Philadelphia, PA	Walter Broadbent
Lizzie A. Broadbent	172	Philadelphia, PA	Joseph Jeantet
Anny W. Hempel	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Shawn L. Thygesen	294	Barre, VT	Edith Mikkelsen
Thomas F. Loveday	346	Riverside, CA	Jim Patterson
Laura M. Gleason	600	Omaha, NE	James Gleason

Award Acceptance. Our young member, Ron Mathiasen, son of Raymond and Phyllis Mathiasen and grandson of Harold and Lillian Mathiasen, was presented, by his grandfather Harold, with a scholarship award, The Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence. This is awarded by the Scholarship Committee of the National Board of Directors to the top scholarship applicant for all of the United States. There was picture taking, a very nice speech by Ron and then all the congratulations. We are very proud to have Ron as our member and we wish him only the best. Congratulations, Ron!

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Please note on your calendars that July 25 will be the date for our annual Danish picnic. This year it will be held at Rohr Park in Section No. 3. We hope everyone will try and make it this year. Last year's picnic was a big success. Don't forget, this is when we will be raffling off the AM-FM duo cassette stereo which many of you have already bought tickets for. We will have them on sale at the Burning of the Witch and the picnic in case any of you would like to double your odds. Thank you for participating.

The aebleskiver brunch was a major success. Thanks go out to all who came out and enjoyed everyone's favorite Danish brunch. Special thanks to Alma and Oscar Jensen for offering their home for the event. The day began at 11 a.m. and continued until 3 p.m. We were happy to see a lot of different faces, all of whom seemed to enjoy themselves. We sold a total of 65 breakfasts.

We are now collecting aluminum cans. As of the May meeting, we have a total of \$3.00 from cans donated by Lillian Suda. You can drop them off at the regular monthly meetings and we will take them from there.

We are hoping to get a Bingo Trip together soon at the Sequoia Indian Reservation. If we can get 35 persons to attend, the lodge will receive a check for \$500 pure profit. It will cost \$20 per person and will include a bus pick-up at a designated area and bingo playing cards for a three to four hour session. So keep your eyes open for this if you are interested as we will be contacting you as soon as we get a trip set up. It should be a lot of fun.

The 66th annual convention of the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood and the California General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood will be held July 16-18, 1987, headquartering at the Holiday Inn, 1200 University Avenue in Riverside, California. It will be hosted by

Kodan Lodge No. 346 of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — As has been the custom, a spring breakfast was held at the home of Verner and Birthe Stenderup in a beautiful setting that always draw a good attendance. We would like to see more of our younger members attending. The weather was made to order and the food, cooked by Owen Nelson, Jr. and Bill McDonald, was wonderful. Other committee members were Verner Stenderup, Pete Peterson and Erik Michelsen.

Delegates to the National Convention are Erik Michelsen and Verner Stenderup.

On May 7 we joined the Sisterhood at a dinner in observance of their 40th anniversary. Following the dinner we were invited to the home of our President, Bill McDonald, for a casual business meeting.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The August meeting will be held on August 8 at Kate Krake's house where we will have the Convention Report followed by a swim-barbecue party.

The progressive dinner held April 25 was a great success. As we had promised, \$2.00 from each ticket was earmarked for Kodan Lodge No. 346. A check in the amount of \$100 was turned over to Kodan Lodge to help defray convention expenses. We extend our best wishes for a successful convention. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Rowses and the Kristensens for hosting this event. Thank you. We also want to thank the members who donated articles for the raffle!

Kate Krake, Past Pres.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — May's meeting featured the annual Mother's Day dinner. We had a good attendance at the dinner-meeting. The chairmen of the evening did an excellent job. The feeling of the evening was especially festive, maybe because the room was so spring-looking, maybe because we were all together once again, and maybe because we were in a mood of anticipation, knowing we were about to have a delicious dinner and be entertained royally.

The meeting began about 8:30 having had dinner and making a break prior to the entertainment of the evening.

We want to welcome into membership two new members, Karen Dugas and Lillian Block, who were initiated by Past President Ken Olsen. We know that both of these

ladies will be a vital link in our chain of membership and friendship.

Business was taken care of in reference to the Care and Share Program. Holger Danske Lodge voted to give a substantial gift to the Orangewood Home for Abused Children, and to collect baking goods (packaged) and other items that are listed on the list given to us by the home. President Jim Dwyer asked Kaj Bjorn, Floyd Pedersen and Margaret Motz to assist Chairman Howard Kjellsen with this project.

We want to remind you about the District Convention on July 16-18. Riverside Kodan Lodge No. 346 will host the convention. This will be the 66th annual convention of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Only sixteen members and friends came to our regular meeting this month. I'm sorry more could not be there because I hear it was very interesting! As is our tradition in May, President Anelise Andersen conducted the meeting in Danish, lit candles in the windows and turned off the lights for a moment of silence in memory of May 5, 1945, when Denmark regained its independence from German occupation during World War II. Knud Andersen played part of the BBC broadcast that came over the airwaves on May 4, 1945, telling the Danes that the German troops in Holland and Germany were surrendering. During the smørrebrød that followed, Vikki Garrison showed a slide presentation of the War Museum in Denmark and we watched taped shows of the 20th Century program about the Danish resistance fighters.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

It's a special time to be a District President because of several programs being initiated that I'm sure will help us take gigantic steps forward in our lodges. Merrie and I were invited to Omaha, along with the other seven district leaders, on April 24-25 to hear about the new District Enhancement Program. Everyone agreed that if we are to grow, this is one tool that will help. But it will take every district, lodge, member and coordinator doing his part.

Yes, I said coordinator or coordinators; someone willing to put forth their most precious possession — time. Incidentals will be paid by the National Headquarters. Are you willing to give it your best try, for this program is designated to promote and

perpetuate our Danish culture and traditions. Let me know if you would be interested in being a coordinator!

Yes, you and your lodge working with a coordinator can work as a team in carrying on our heritage. No one person can hope to accomplish this all by himself.

Bill Jorgensen, Jr., District Pres.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our May 19th meeting was held at Vennelyst Park. Following the business meeting, John Mark Nielsen of Dana College gave a very interesting lecture on the American Indians and their relationships to the Danish immigrants. John Mark presented an in depth view of some of these relationships.

We have chartered a 47-passenger bus to the Nebraska State Picnic. It will be held at the Elks Club in Grand Island on Sunday, July 19. Everyone is asked to bring something for the picnic dinner, as well as your own tableware. You will need a reservation for the bus by July 7. Cost per person is \$12.50; children under 12 years of age - \$6.25. Refreshments to be served on the bus are included in the cost. Make your reservations by calling Duane and Delores Hansen, Ray and Joyce Strong, or Svend Greve.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — On May 25 our members enjoyed a game which tested our brains and prizes were awarded to the winners. We thank our coffee hosts, Duane and Karen Nielsen, for the refreshments provided. Our Danish bake sale was discussed and it was again decided that anyone unable to participate be asked to donate \$5.00.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At our May meeting a new member, Jay Knudsen, was initiated and welcomed to the lodge.

The program committee invited many guests for a very good talk by Alice Gorsch of Cedar Rapids. Alice told some of her



Alice Gorsch shares interesting experiences.

experiences during the war years when Denmark was occupied by Germany. It was a very informative and interesting talk. The coffee committee outdid themselves with many kinds of delicious treats.

National Convention committees are meeting often and plans are moving along for a good convention. Hope to see many of you here in Des Moines.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — In observance of the 93rd anniversary of our lodge, 103 members and guests met at the Albert Lea Vocational Technical Institute on May 8. President Don Levisen extended words of welcome, Pastor Roy Mumm offered the invocation, as dinner was served in the spacious dining hall. Following the elegantly served dinner, which satisfied the appetites of all, the evening's program continued in the Lecture Hall.

President Levisen officiated in presenting membership pins, special appreciation certificates and door prizes.



Donald Levisen presents a Certificate of Merit to Soren Sorensen while family members look on.

On behalf of the National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America, a Certificate of Merit and a gift was presented to Soren Sorensen on the occasion of his 96th birthday. Soren has been a member of Lodge No. 75 for 74 years.

Fred Paulsen and Carl Hansen received 50 year membership pins. Robert Bonnerup who had attained 25 years of membership previously, but had not received a pin at the proper time, was presented a 25-year pin at this time.

The Danish Sisterhood had provided plants as centerpieces for the various tables and these, with several other gifts which had been donated anonymously, were given as door prizes. Thirty winners were determined by a drawing in which all present participated.

A committee had selected a lodge member for recognition as the most dedicated member of the lodge. In appreciation for his individual dedication, leadership and outstanding service, Don Levisen was selected to receive our "1987 Certificate of Appreciation." Arnold Levisen, a

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
4-13-87	Soren M. Johansen	81	Fyn, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1941
4-19-87	Kenneth H. Sanborn, Sr.	76	Williston, North Dakota	95	Ferndale, California	1961
4-24-87	Lorraine Malmquist	47	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	1975
4-28-87	Otto Hansen	87	Vester, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1932
3-19-87	Palmer Clarence Lund	83	Alvarado, California	184	Hayward, California	1948
5-6-87	John Frederiksen	87	Horsens, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1928
5-10-87	Merton H. Hanson	62	Superior, Wisconsin	263	Askov, Minnesota	1956
4-24-87	Hans C. Rasmussen	86	Brush, Colorado	268	Junction City, Oregon	1926
4-19-87	Simon P. Simonsen	89	Jylland, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1935
5-22-87	Arnold Edward Hansen	81	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1947
5-12-87	Jens Joseph Andersen	78	Bode, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1935
5-13-87	Ernst J. Romer	85	San Francisco, California	49	San Francisco, California	1938
5-8-87	Kristian Hansen	91	Fodslette, Langeland, Denmark	279	Hunter, North Dakota	1913
2-28-86	Chris Petersen	84	Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1951
12-31-86	Jorgen Andersen	58	Kagerup, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1985
5-18-87	Jerome A. Yanny	77	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1977
4-4-87	Ole N. Olson	78	Oslo, Norway	29	Seattle, Washington	1977
3-30-87	James J. Donovan	72	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	29	Seattle, Washington	1981
5-21-87	Harold Kroman	85	Sønderho, Fanø, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1959
5-16-87	Ann M. Ferguson	52	Aalborg, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1977



Fred Paulsen congratulates Don Levisen for his outstanding service.

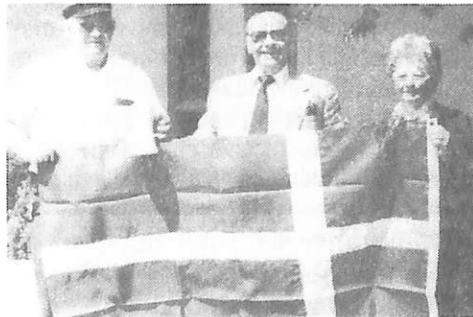
Past President of the lodge and brother of Don Levisen, presented the certificate.

We were very happy to have Violet Jensen back with us. She has been absent from our meetings and activities due to serious surgery and an extended period of convalescence. Seven of our members observed birthdays in May and we all joined in serenading them with "Happy Birthday."

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Mrs. June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum. Her commentary indicated that much has been accomplished and that there is great enthusiasm and support for the museum.

Four applications for membership were received during the evening.

Committee members for arranging the dinner and program included Marge Neve and Marian Hansen from the Brotherhood Lodge and Eunice Jensen, Marge Severtsen and Carmen Opdahl from the Sisterhood Lodge. Thanks to all.



Mayor Harlan Nelson accepts the Danish Flag.

Don Levisen, our lodge president, Mayor Harlan Nelson and Marilyn Reim were on hand to witness a Danish flag donated to the city by Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Reim, in memory of her father, Ernest Sorensen. Mr. and Mrs. Christen Sorensen, father of Ernest, came from Denmark in 1903. The flag will fly in Lincoln Park at the site of the Danish Immigrant Statue.

Viggo Berthelsen, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA — Our May meeting started with an anniversary potluck dinner with a lot of delicious Danish food. Our special program was a demonstration of bagpipe music by Gary Strand. He took the bagpipe apart to show

us how it worked and gave us some history on it.

Our scholarship award went to Krista Andersen.

The last weekend in May found our lodge participating in the Ethnic Fair in Cedar Rapids. A lot of crafts and Danish food were prepared and sold by our group. Our Danish Dancers performed on Sunday afternoon. It was a very rewarding experience as we enjoyed the fellowship with our own members and other ethnic groups.

N. Nielsen, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD

BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Our baseball team has won two in a row! Members on the team are Brian, Wes, Jeff and Todd Bernhardt, Jeff Wamboldt, Rick Wade, John Pecnick and Frank Maletta. They play on Friday nights. Come on out and cheer them on and then come down to the Rathskellar afterwards.

The following letter was received: "Thank you for the donation of canned goods to the Head Start program. We will use the canned goods to refurbish our food pantry which enables us to assist families when they are in need. - Sincerely, Luz Rodriguez-Alvino, Director."

We were pleased to host a special meeting for all area DBIA insurance representatives. Sales Director, Andy Andersen, from the National Headquarters, was on hand to discuss the new insurance and annuity portfolio.



Andy Andersen meets with DBIA representatives.

We are now sponsoring a bow and arrow team: Jim Kirby, Bill Kirby, Bob Johnson and Ron Fechner. Good luck brothers.

Many activities are scheduled for the summer months including the Midwest District Golf Tournament on July 11; the Midwest District Convention at LaGrange, Illinois, on July 25 and 26; the annual Milwaukee Brewer Baseball bus trip on Friday, July 31; the annual Corn Roast-Brats and Dance on August 1; and our annual family picnic on August 16. Join us for all the fun.

The Danish Brotherhood sponsors four

young soccer teams called the Vikings and they play on Saturdays at Anderson Park.

Welcome new members Donald Badgerow, Dick Keul and Thomas Richer.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — On Saturday, July 11, at Maplecrest Country Club in Somers, Wisconsin, the Midwest District Golf outing will be held sponsored by Kenosha Lodge No. 14. Tee off time is 10 to 11:30 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be served at the golf course prior to tee off time. Drinks and sandwiches will be sold in the club house for a nominal cost. Social hour and dinner at the Kenosha Lodge will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Dancing to the music of Betty Jean and the Country Express will follow the dinner.

Our lodge picnic will be held Monday evening, July 13. The swimming pool will be open and the evening will include a potluck, bingo, horseshoes and games.

The Midwest District Convention will be held July 24-26 in LaGrange, Illinois. Delegates elected at the last meeting are Bob Weller and Virgil Holzhauser. Alternates are Dick Perschnick and Glen Blozom.

We welcome our newest member, Edith Mickelson, into our lodge as we add one more link to our chain. \$200 was sent to the Midwest District Focus on Youth.

An officers meeting was held at President Keith Telford's house. Plans were made for a trip to Goodfield in October for dinner and theater, a dance on October 31 and our Christmas party on December 6 with hopes of getting "Garfield" for entertainment.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — On May 19, 1987, Knud Rasmussen, Danish Consul General, 61 years old, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack. He died in the State of Illinois Center in Chicago at an annual reception for the Consular Corps. Mr. Rasmussen will be sorely missed and our condolences go to his family and friends.

At our May 16 meeting Thyra Nussle was initiated into our lodge and made welcome by members present. Visitors were welcomed by President Iversen.

Letters were read from Lutheran Family Mission thanking the lodge for their donations. A letter from the Chairman of the National Convention with 30 raffle tickets enclosed has been received. The raffle tickets are for a round trip to Denmark for two at \$1.00 each. Wando Nielsen promptly sold all the tickets. The Convention Committee requests that members purchase name ads at \$2.00 each in their program. Roger Larsen was

appointed to take charge of this. The Danish Immigrant Museum Committee at Elk Horn, Iowa, sent a letter asking this lodge to join this worthy cause. Cost is \$25 for a contributing membership. The lodge joined. At a later date, Mark and Lori Nussle will present "My Grandmother's Trunk," all about the museum at Elk Horn, Iowa. The golf outing is at Kenosha on July 11.

Ray Nielsen reminded us that the Midwest District Convention takes place on July 24-26. He has information and brochures. Raffle prizes are needed. Bring them to the meetings and give to Doris or Herb Petersen or the Jepsens. Jenny Jensen asked for cookie donations for the coffee hours — you may bring your cookies to the July meeting.

There were quite a few groceries brought to the meeting and Woody Petersen received \$35 in checks and cash. To those of you who donated, thanks!

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

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 the membership for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Vice President Inga Hermansen, sitting in for the vacationing President Grace Gertz, told him of the lodge's appreciation for his unselfish and sustained support of the lodge.

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 event.

During our May 20 business meeting, Vice President Inga M. Hermansen and Secretary Albert Larsen were elected delegates to the 36th annual Midwest District Convention scheduled for July 25-26, 1987. Axel Hermansen and Carol M. Larsen were named alternate delegates.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL — We will be selling raffle tickets from now to September 12 when we have the drawing. Please help us sell as many tickets as

possible. This is our only fund raiser and we want to make it a success so that we can host the bowling for the Midwest District in 1988. We have signed up to sponsor this event next year and we will need everyone's cooperation if we are to make it a success.

On April 4, several of us went to the Echo Lanes in Morris, Illinois, to bowl and participate in the banquet afterwards. Natalie Grochola was the only one to walk away with a trophy. Good job, Natalie. The buffet afterwards was delicious and everyone had a good time. Several of us drove home after the buffet. It was a long drive but we were in such good spirits that it didn't seem bad at all.

I have received a letter recently from Ray Nielsen to attend the 36th annual Midwest District Convention on July 24-26 at the Countryside Holiday Inn. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a delegate to attend.

Our next lodge meeting at Georgetown Clubhouse will be August 5. This will be our annual swim party.

Janet Villacci, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We held our monthly meeting on May 28. Program Chairman, Melda Mortensen, introduced two exchange students, Autti Rannikko of Finland and Bjorn Tylen of Sweden, along with his host family, the Jahnkes of Iola, Wisconsin, where both students attended High School. Autti and Bjorn gave an informative slide presentation of their native country and gave many facts and answers to our questions that many of us were unaware of. Open-faced sandwiches, kringle and coffee were served after the program.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District

The convention meeting was opened by the host President Jim Young of the Akron, Ohio Lodge. He welcomed the delegates and members of the district to Ohio and expressed his hopes for a successful meeting. He then turned the gavel over to Acting District President Darwin Noah who sat in for District President Russell Thayer who was ill.

National Second Vice President Clyde Langsted, along with Pam Dorau from the Home Office, were introduced. Also John Mollerskov, Secretary-Treasurer of the Midwest District, was introduced.

Carl Mayland reported that the Detroit Lodge has several activities each year including golf outings, a trip to Windsor Raceway, hosting the district baseball outing, teen dance, Christmas party, blood



Members of Lodge No. 70 in Greenville, Michigan, enjoy the sights.

drive, installation of new officers dinner/dance, a quarterly 50-50 raffle, and they have started a quarterly newsletter.

Wes Kraft reported that the Greenville Lodge took in two new members but lost four during the past year. The Danish Days Festival is still their big activity during the year but they also have several dinners along with the Sisterhood during the year including an oyster dinner in the spring. Also, they host the district bowling tournament and in October they have their annual Stiftelsesfest. He also reported that several members of their lodge enjoyed visiting the California-Nevada area last year.

Earl Jensen reported that the Ludington Lodge had 214 members and much the same activities which include weekly bingo games open to the public. Once a month they take the game to the Oakview Nursing Home and provide some enjoyment for the persons who are confined there. They, of course, provide all of the prizes. They host the district golf and fishing outing, bowl in the national tournament, sponsor a softball team and have a Christmas party for the kids and also one for the adults. They donated the proceeds from the golf tournament and bowling prize money to the district scholarship fund. They also had three setback tournaments.

Belinda James reported that they usually have a lunch and play cards when they have their meetings in Canton. She also stated that they held two garage sales to help raise funds for this convention. They have a Halloween party and a Christmas party and publish a newsletter.

Jim Young reported that the Akron Lodge has an aebleskiver party and participates with the Canton Lodge in their activities.

The District President's Awards were awarded as follows: Best Newsletter, Canton, Ohio; Best Social Activity, Greenville, Michigan; Best Civic Activity, Detroit, Michigan; and Best Activity Schedule, Ludington, Michigan. All four winning lodges donated their \$25 checks to the district scholarship fund.

Otto Pedersen commented on his trip to Omaha as the representative of our district to hear about a new program that the National Headquarters would like to institute in the districts. He decided to let Pam Dorau take over and explain the

program to all persons at the convention meeting. Pam said the program will be called the District Fraternal Coordinator Program and that they would like to have at least one coordinator in each district but would be very happy if they could get two members to work as a team. Brochures were made available to all in attendance and also for delegates to take back to their local lodges for further explanation of the program to their members.

Paul Carlsen announced that the Detroit Lodge would host the District Baseball outing on August 11.

Ralph Christensen announced that the Ludington Lodge would sponsor the District Golf and Fishing outing on July 11.

Election of officers was held with the following results: President, Darwin Noah; Vice President, Ken Rehan; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen; Secretary, Robert Sorensen; and alternate, Robert Pedersen.

Belinda James announced a 50-50 raffle to raise money for convention expenses with any extra monies to go for the Care and Share program.

Darwin Noah reminded everyone that the Danish Festival in Greenville is the third weekend in August.

Clyde Langsted told us that this was his first time to visit the Michigan-Ohio District because his own district always seemed to have their own convention at the same time as ours. He complimented the district on their willingness to get involved in many projects. He mentioned the fine work the Home Office staff is doing to keep the Brotherhood functioning in a smooth fashion. He also complimented Paul Carlsen on his contributions and efforts as a member of the National Board of Directors. He then spoke on new programs that will be coming up in the future such as changes in the scholarship program and the camp grant programs and also the fraternal benefits program. He encouraged all delegates to the National Convention to know the new proposals that will be coming up at the convention in September so they can vote intelligently on them. Finally, he said he enjoyed attending a convention that was run with the informality as ours is.

He also stated the substantial amounts of monies that have been donated to the Scholarship Fund through bequests. This money will become available for use in time to come and he asked for input from districts and members to the Brotherhood as that is how the National Board and the people in the Home Office find out our feelings and concerns of the Danish Brotherhood.

Russell Thayer thanked everyone for

coming to the convention and expressed his gratitude to Darwin for stepping in for him.

Clyde Langsted, as Installing Officer, and Paul Carlsen, as Marshal, installed the new officers.

John Mollerskov thanked the district for showing him all the hospitality they did and also said he was impressed with our informal way of conducting our convention meeting.

Ken Johnson announced that ten scholarships in the amount of \$125 each were awarded to the following students: Jacqueline Young from Akron; Ken Pedersen, Lisa Peters and Jill Peters all from Canton; James Petersen, Susan Petersen and Louise Ray all from Ludington; and Mark Pedersen, Dana Pedersen and Scott Larsen all from Detroit. This makes a total of 50 scholarships and \$6,400 we have given since we instituted the scholarship program in our district in 1979.

The Acting President, finding no more business to come before the meeting, thanked the delegates for their attendance and declared the meeting over.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular meeting of our lodge was held on Wednesday evening, May 6, 1987, with 20 members attending. At this meeting one new member was initiated. We wish to welcome Richard Switon into the Danish Brotherhood in America.

We sincerely regret the loss of Alfred W. Hansen, Elmer L. Fredericks, John Trembl and James Wicklund, loyal Brothers of our lodge. We extend to their bereaved families and friends our most heartfelt sympathy and consolation.

At our June 3 meeting, Dennis Dunlop, Warren Billing and Steve Operman were initiated. We wish to welcome all three new members into the Danish Brotherhood in America. A lunch of sandwiches and coffee was served by Mike Bray.

On March 14, we bowled in the National Bowling Tournament with six teams participating. It was the Secretary's Team, who some call the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 51 "A" team, leading the pack with a team series of 3036, Tuna's Tea Tottelers second with a team series of 2953, the Old Timers "B" team with 2893, Ken's Clowns with 2717, Sam's Bombers with 2683, and bringing up the rear was Short's Stingers with a not so good 2653. Following bowling, a pizza party was held at the Danish Hall with about 60 people participating in the festivity. A good time was had by all.

Keith Koegler, Past Pres.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Congratulations to Otto Pedersen for receiving our lodge's "Howard E. Christensen" Award!

We have a busy summer of activities scheduled for all interested members to participate in. Circle your calendars and come to these great events!

The weekend of July 10-11, dance and music lovers can enjoy a performance by a group from Thy in Jutland, Denmark. They will be appearing in Ann Arbor. Herluf Iversen can provide more details.

On July 18, a bus trip to Chesaning, Michigan, is planned. This is the Show Boat Festival featuring Roy Clark.

In mid-August we have planned a moonlight cruise on the Detroit River.

Operation Care and Share is now extended to November.

For further details on these and other upcoming events, come to the July 8 meeting to be held at the Club.

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 #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our meeting was held on May 21. Our attendance was not at its high point. This was our last meeting until September due to warm weather and vacationing members. President Howard and Evelyn Hansen, Grethe Larsen, Ellen Jensen and Lilly Klingenberg-Rasmussen gave our group a wonderful smørrebrød. See you all in September.

Gil Behling, Cor.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our monthly meeting was called to order by President Charles Thygesen. After the officers roll call, we all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's report was read and accepted, followed by a report of the treasurer.

One of our members, Richard Zampini, was awarded a scholarship by the National Scholarship Committee. As Richard lives in Poultney, Vermont, the certificate will be mailed to him. A letter from Mr. Clyde Langsted was read congratulating Brother Harry Mikkelsen for his work towards getting new members for our lodge and also for being named "Recommender of the Year."

New copies of the yearbook for 1987 were distributed to our members. Discussion followed concerning our annual picnic

to be held during the summer. Final plans will be made at our next meeting.

The President called upon Brother Harry Mikkelsen for highlights of his trip that he, along with wife, Edith, had taken last month. In Seattle, Washington, they were entertained by their many relatives and friends. While visiting their family in Santa Ana, at a church service, they met the organist and the church soloist. Both of these people were Danish and were so happy to be able to converse with Harry in Danish.

After our meeting was adjourned, delicious refreshments were served by Sister Joyce Christensen and Sister Sharon Lunde.
Helen Lunde, Sec.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — We will host the G.C.E.L. District Convention this Labor Day weekend. The date is September 5-7, 1987. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in New Britain, Connecticut.

This is our first convention to host in many years and we hope to hear from the members that you are planning to attend. Let's make it a successful one. See you in September.
Waldo Elliott, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — During our meeting in March, we were very



Everyone enjoyed the Sons of Norway Folk Dancers.



The winners of our Easter bonnet contest.

pleased to be entertained by the Sons of Norway Folk Dancers.

In April, everyone enjoyed showing off their Easter bonnets.

At our meeting on May 8, we observed a minute of silence for Thomas Mulroy and Anton Christensen.

A visitor, Mrs. Edith Hansen, from Odense attended our meeting. Mrs. Hansen is the mother of our newest member, Else Marie Griffin.

July 12, 1987 will be the date for the picnic at the Danish Home in Metuchen, New Jersey. We celebrated Mother's Day with a delightful meal of "Forloren Skilpade" prepared by Soffy Andersen, Nette Hansen and Margueritta Holmgren. Susie Lang and Jorgen Petersen were a great help to the kitchen crew.

In memory of May 4, the great evening in Denmark's history in the year 1945, Carol Rasmussen sang the Danish song "En Lærke lettet," a song written for this event.
Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Rebild National Park Society Meets

On April 22 at Tampa Airport, twenty-three Danes arrived from Copenhagen, Denmark. They were tired, but happy having arrived safely. St. Petersburg Times photographer and reporter were there greeting the group representing the Rebild National Park Society who came for their annual meeting to be held at the TradeWinds Beach Resort.

The Rebild Board of Directors had their meeting on Saturday which was successful, and Erik Palsgaard was again elected President.

The general meeting was at 3 p.m., and conducted by Erik Palsgaard and Peter Hesselund-Jensen. The representatives of the various Rebild Chapters throughout the country were called on to give their report. Each emphasized the need to get younger persons interested in becoming members and being active in the promotion and continuance of the international friendship between Denmark and America.

As the Chapter President, Gil Behling, bid the Danes farewell on Monday, he said to Rebild President, Erik Palsgaard, "Ten years from now I may do this again."

So, they came, they saw, they departed — with many happy memories.

Payment to Board Members

MAY 1987
Michigan-Ohio District Convention, Clyde R. Langsted, \$398. Pacific Northwest District Convention, Paul Carlsen, \$398.

JUNE 1987
Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$251.

Danish Consul General Dies

On May 19, 1987, Knud Rasmussen, 61 years old, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack. Mr. Rasmussen had been the Danish Consul General in Chicago since 1984. He died in the State of Illinois Center in Chicago at an annual reception for the Consular Corps. He had just finished greeting 100 guests and was standing next to Governor Thompson when he collapsed. An ambulance was summoned and first aid was administered but Mr. Rasmussen was pronounced dead at Northwest Memorial Hospital.

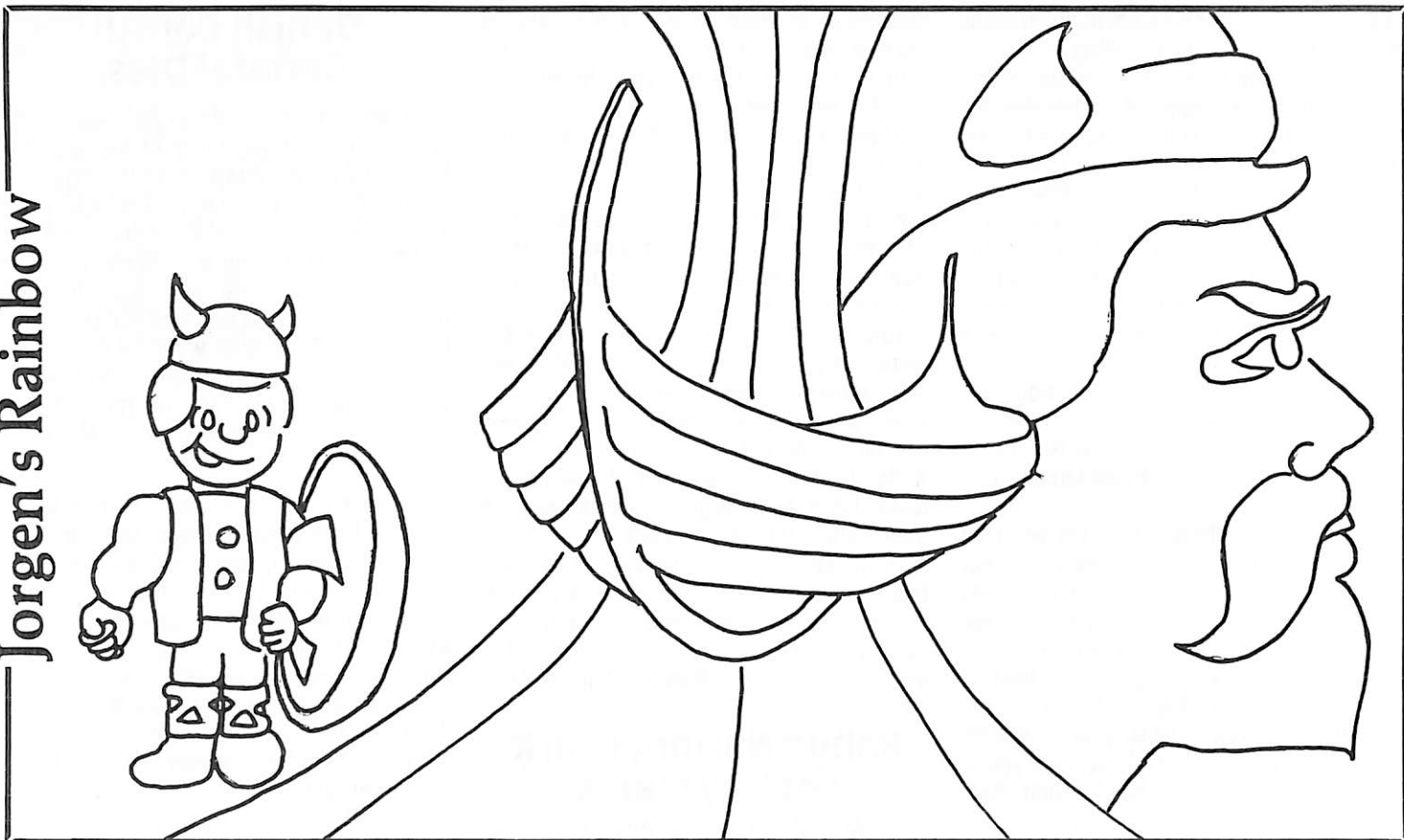
He was born in Funen, Denmark, in 1926 and has been in foreign service since 1950 serving in many places. He was appointed Consul General for the 10-person consulate that covers 13 mid-western states. He has been knighted twice by Queen Margrethe. According to Greek Consul General Emanuel Wlandis, Dean of the Consular Corps, he was probably the jolliest member of the corps, was a fine person and a fine diplomat. He enjoyed life, talking with people and his work. He is survived by a daughter Marianne and two brothers. He was buried in Denmark. Mr. Rasmussen will be sorely missed and condolences go to his family and friends.

A memorial service to honor the late Consul General was held on June 8 at the Danish Home in Chicago.

Young Vikings, Take Note

Peter L. Petersen, a historian with a long-standing interest in the ethnic heritage of American people, has recently written a book entitled **The Danes in America**. This book, designed for fifth graders on up, describes the Danish immigrants who came to the United States in the late 19th century, fleeing from oppression and economic hardship at home. It tells of the industrious Danish farmers who settled on fertile land in the Midwest and other Danes that headed for the large cities like Chicago. **The Danes in America** also notes the descendants of these immigrants and the contributions made in many different fields.

To order, contact Lerner Publications Company, 241 First Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. The price is \$7.95, reinforced library binding and \$3.95, paperback.



Jorgen is constantly aware and especially proud of his Danish heritage. The Vikings are an important part of this heritage. In the Danish town of Roskilde, a group of Viking ships were found in the fjord there. A fjord is a narrow strip of the sea which comes into the land. The Vikings who built the ships found at Roskilde knew much about sea-faring. Ships big enough to carry supplies have been found. These are called "Knarrs."

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.

June winners: Jessica Kinney, Danielle Nielsen, Joel Zabala and Christy Miller.

1987 Photo Contest

Enter your black and white or color photos depicting a DBIA lodge Danish ethnic activity and win cash prizes. The Young Viking 1st place winner will receive \$50 and the 2nd place winner will receive \$25. The prizes for adult entries (17 and over) include: 1st - \$75; 2nd - \$45; and 3rd - \$30. Send all photos by December 31, 1987 to

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Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

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| 1 veal shank | 1 medium sized |
| 1 tsp. salt | chopped onion |
| 1 cup chicken broth | Pepper to taste |

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NOTICE!!! List all family members affected by this change.

I belong _____ My number _____
 to Lodge No. _____ in the lodge is _____

Name _____

New Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Proud To Be A Dane?

We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive *The American Dane* each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

_____	Other Family Members:
Name _____ Age _____	
_____	Name _____ Age _____
Street Address _____	
_____	Name _____ Age _____
City, State, Zip _____	
Mail To:	Name _____ Age _____
The Danish Brotherhood in America	
P.O. Box 31748, 3717 Harney Street	
Omaha, NE 68131	

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