

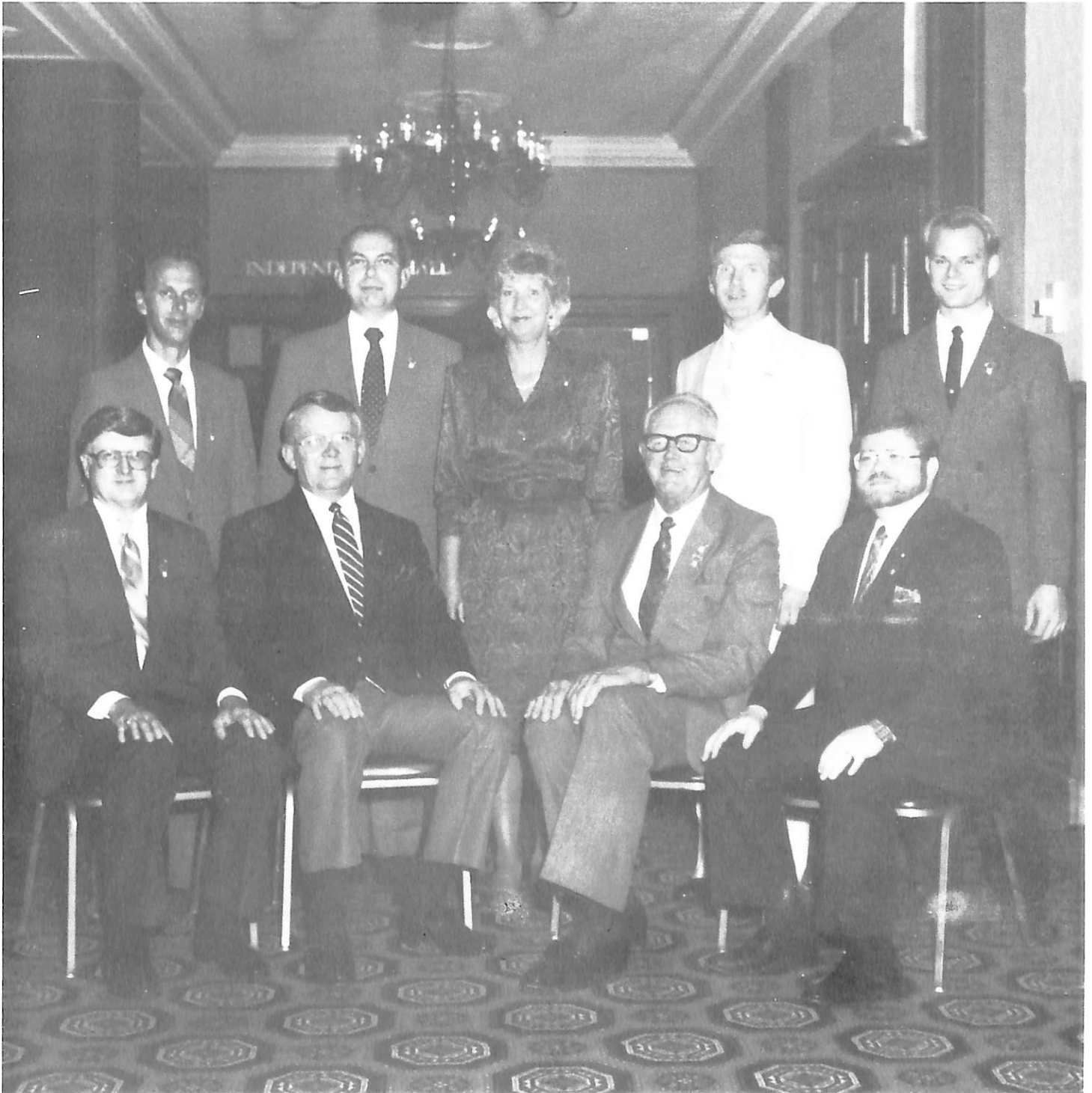
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Cover photo: Seated left to right: Past President, Robert E. Ibsen; President, Clyde R. Langsted; 1st Vice President, Woodrow Petersen; 2nd Vice President, Erling Braumann. Standing left to right: Directors, Paul Carlsen, Barry Edmonds, Ebba Norby and Jerome Sonsalla; and Secretary-Treasurer, Jerome L. Christensen.



President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted
National President**

As I assume the helm of the Danish Brotherhood I must reflect over the past twelve years that I have served this organization as a member of the Board. Without question it is an honor to be selected by your peers to become a member of the Board of Directors but with that honor comes great responsibility, more so than anyone could imagine.

I think of serving with Robert Ibsen and if anyone exemplifies what being a member is all about, Bob is that man, not only as a member of the National Board of Directors but within his local lodge and District as well. He has a great "side-kick" in the presence of his wife, Elaine. I must also single out George Godthaab and George Jacobsen, past National Presidents who served the Danish Brotherhood family with excellence. Their gracious first ladies, Ruth and Birgit were there and supportive of all the efforts and time invested by these two fine men.

Two colleagues chose not to seek another term on the Board. Ken Pedersen and Peter Weber deserve to be acknowledged for their twelve years of dedicated service to the membership. To them we say, thank you! Thanks also to Woody Petersen, Erling Braumann and Paul Carlsen for continuing to serve and welcome new Board members, Barry Edmonds, Ebba Norby, and Jerry Sonsalla and alternates Sharon Kinder, Ray Nielsen, and Flemming Hinrichsen. All of us will work together in the spirit of cooperation and fraternalism. All of us will also work together for the betterment of our Society.

Congratulations to Mary Jean Grunberg on her election as National President of the Danish Sisterhood of America. Mary Jean I will say this: "This President intends to continue working together with the Danish Sisterhood as my predecessors have and I know I can speak for our entire Board."

Thanks also to the combined lodges in Des Moines for a superb convention. All of us were rewarded with a great time. A special acknowledgement to all of the delegates who represented their various lodges. Without those delegates, the highest authority in the Danish Brotherhood, we would be nothing were it not for their time and understanding of their responsibilities. I salute all of you.

There is an exceptional and dedicated staff in the home office and they stand ready to be of service. I am confident that neither Jerry, Pam, Andy or any of the others would object to fulfilling your request.

Collectively all of us need to work for the continued growth of our local lodges. It begins with pride and if you have it, flaunt it. I recall the Lodges in Action section of the September American Dane magazine and the comments of Gerry Olsen, Lodge 345, Orange County, California, responding to that lodge having won so many of the District President's awards. Gerry acknowledged that it was a distinction but commented by exalting all of the lodges, not just taking credit for themselves. How generous and how true an example of Brotherhood and Fraternalism. Thank you Gerry, you said it all.

Continued growth and our youth should be among our top priorities but it does go beyond that. I think our Canadian friends from Lodge 328 in Vancouver, B.C., said it all when they adopted the slogan for the 30th National Convention "Together we are something." For those disinclined toward a spirit of growth and togetherness, we invite you to join with us. You might be pleasantly surprised.

I look forward to more years of service but I cannot do it alone and the Board cannot do it alone. Let's take a little pride in ourselves, pull together toward a common goal and work on preserving our Danish Brotherhood, our Danish traditions, our Danish culture and our love of our American values for many generations to come. Yes, together we can be something!

In closing I would like to wish everyone the best during the upcoming Thanksgiving season and urge you to remember others less fortunate by giving to Operation Care and Share.

Single Premium Immediate Annuities



In addition to the Single Premium Whole Life discussed in last month's American Dane, Single Premium Immediate Annuities have also been added to our life insurance and annuity portfolio.

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32nd National Convention Report Des Moines, Iowa September 24, 25 and 26, 1987



Convention chairman, Willy Christensen welcomes all to Des Moines, Iowa.

Eight members of the National Board of Directors, the Secretary-Treasurer and 87 accredited delegates, including the delegate representing Canada, were in attendance at this, the 32nd National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America. Also present were the National Sales Director and National Fraternal Director.

Delegates began by joining in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States followed by a moment of silence in tribute to all departed members. Special mention was made of the following deceased dignitaries of the Danish Brotherhood since the conclusion of the 31st National Convention in 1983:

Fred Jensen, National Past Director
Hans Andersen, National Past President
Viggo Mikkelsen, National Past President
Howard Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer
Axel Skelbeck, National Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus
Richard Christensen, Chairman, Alternate Funding Study Committee

National Past President, Kristen Jorgensen, was introduced and served as parliamentarian for the convention.

Committee Appointments

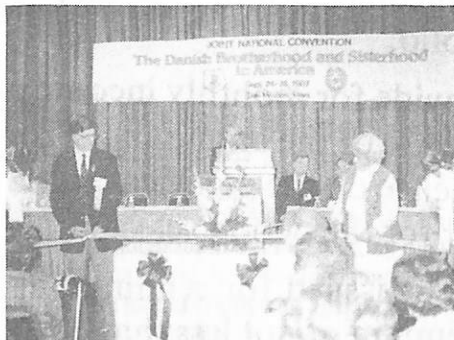
Audit Committee — Ahlmann Iversen, Lodge No. 35, Chairman; Ed Hirsch, Lodge No. 167; Fred Nielsen, Lodge No. 43; Carla Moore, Lodge No. 177; and Darwin Noah, Michigan-Ohio District.

Resolution Committee — Ed Madsen, California-Nevada District, Chairman; Karen Bruun, Lodge No. 155; Albert Larsen, Lodge No. 36; Willis Koeneke, Lodge No. 273; and Gordon Andersen, Lodge No. 14.

Tally Committee — Flemming Hinrichsen, Lodge No. 172, Chairman; Herluf Pedersen, Lodge No. 328; Kenneth Nielsen, Lodge No. 346; and Elizabeth Pedersen, Lodge No. 325.

President Robert Ibsen reported to the delegates on his term as President of the Danish Brotherhood followed by various National Board committee reports including the following:

President Ibsen, Chairman, Executive Committee
Jerome Christensen, Chairman, Investment Committee
Woodrow Petersen, Chairman, Auditing and Securities Committee
Clyde Langsted, Chairman, Scholarship/Camp Grant Committee
Erling Braumann, Chairman, Bylaws Committee



The 32nd National Convention is officially opened.

Kenneth Pedersen, Chairman, Building Committee
Paul Carlsen, Chairman, Retirement Plan Committee

Also reporting to the delegation were Jerome Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer; Andy Andersen, National Sales Director; and Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director. President Ibsen presented a report on behalf of the National Board regarding the Alternate Funding Study resolution adopted by delegates to the previous 31st National Convention. This was followed by a report from the Society's actuary, John Ballard of Taylor, Ballard and Company.

Reported below are changes made to the Society's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as a result of legislation enacted at the Thirty-second National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 24-26, 1987.

All matters acted upon came before the assembled and accredited delegates lawfully and in a manner approved by the convention.

Words and text in parentheses () identify deletions. Words and text in bold face type identify additions.

Articles of Incorporation

Article V

The Society shall consist of local lodges . . . The Board of Directors shall consist of 8 (eight) members(.). **Seven (7) members** duly elected by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the National Convention, **the eighth being the immediate Past President.** (and) **They** shall hold their office as members of the Board . . .

Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America

Article II

Section 14, §1. . . they shall receive (as) a per diem allowance of \$50.00 **for one day of travel to and one day of travel from the meeting,** plus actual cost of transportation by shortest or most convenient route; in no event shall such cost exceed round-trip airline coach fare for one person. **An \$80.00 per day per diem allowance shall be received for days of meeting.**

Section 15, §2(a). (Local lodges not having a qualified insurance representative may submit new member applications to the home office for further contact, solicitation, and processing of insurance policy(ies). Upon issuance of such "initial" policy(ies) the home office will award the local lodge a monetary award equal to 5% of the annual paid premium of such policy(ies) for a period of five years from the policy's date of issuance, while the policy(ies) remain in force during this time.)



National Secretary-Treasurer Jerome L. Christensen offers an appropriate tribute during the memorial service.

Section 15, §8. . . . For attending all official . . . shall receive a **per diem allowance of \$50.00** (per diem allowance) **for days of travel (not to exceed two (2) days)** plus actual cost of transportation by shortest or most convenient route; in no event shall cost exceed round-trip airline coach fare for one person. **An \$80.00 per day per diem allowance shall be received for days of official business.**

Article III

Section 22. . . . decided upon at the foregoing convention by (open ballot and roll call) **written ballot**. A convention may . . .

Section 23, §2. While functioning as . . . shall receive **an (\$50.00) \$80.00 per day per diem allowance** for the period the committee is in session, not to exceed five (5) days. Each member shall be entitled to reimbursement of the actual cost of travel by shortest or most convenient route, but in no event shall such cost exceed round-trip airline coach fare. In addition to travel expenses each member shall receive a per diem allowance of \$50.00 for each travel day, not to exceed two (2) days.

Section 25. . . . committee of (three) **four** members of the Board of Directors who shall examine the credentials of all the delegates and receive any complaint concerning such credentials or delegates.

Section 26, §2. A district with at least (five hundred (500)) **four hundred (400)** insured members . . .

Section 28, §1. Delegates, as well as members of the Board of Directors **and all National Past Presidents**, shall receive a per diem allowance of (\$50.00) **\$80.00 per day** (for one day of travel to and one day of travel from the convention city and for each) of the convention **and a \$50.00 per diem allowance for one day of travel to and one day of travel from the convention city** plus actual cost of transportation by . . .

Section 29, §1. . . . on a separate ballot and at least (three) **two** members shall be initially nominated for each position of director. In the event **that more than two are nominated, the following shall apply: if**



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no nominee shall receive a majority of the votes cast on any ballot, . . .

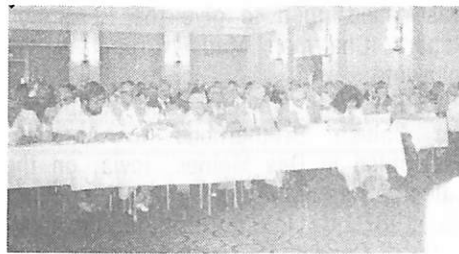
Section 30, §1(a). . . . shall prevail in all cases. (Insured) **Members of a lodge . . .**

Section 30, §1(b). . . . must be elected by the (insured) members of the lodge . . .

Section 34. A member . . . cannot be elected as a delegate to the convention. (and has no vote in the lodge when a delegate is elected.)

Article IV

Section 38. . . . as a liability of the general fund (of) **for all insurance certificates in force (equal to reserves required by the Commissioner's 1958 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality at three percent (3%) interest according to the Commissioner's Reserve Valuation Method or such other table of mortality as may be subsequently adopted by the Board of Directors for certificates of insurance issued hereafter;)** **in accordance with the standards prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and subsequently adopted by the states in which the Society is authorized to transact business; additional liabilities . . . by the Board**



The hard working delegates offer thoughtful advice.

of Directors **and as (shall be) required by the laws of the State of Nebraska and follow (good and accepted) generally accepted practices of insurance accounting . . .**

Section 40, §1. An applicant for membership must enter . . . and must take out at least \$1,000.00 of insurance **or the minimum premium amount of an annuity.**

Section 45, §1(f). Such other person, persons, or entities as are authorized to be designated beneficiary or beneficiaries under the laws of the State of Nebraska. (and who have an insurable interest in the life of the member.)

Section 49. If a member should die without any of his heirs, relatives or members of his family being available, of if they neglect to make the necessary arrangements for his burial, his lodge or any other lodge of the Society shall be authorized to arrange for the funeral, and the expenses, not to exceed (\$1,000) **\$1,500.00**, to be paid by the board of the lodge in question . . . from the insurance, not to exceed (\$1,000.00) **\$1,500.00**; however . . .



Congratulations to Danish Sisterhood National President Mary Jean Grunberg and Brotherhood National President Clyde R. Langsted.

Article V

Section 58, §4. In cases where a financial emergency exists . . . to grant aid in amounts up to (\$750.00) **\$1,000.00**, when the application is recommended by the local lodge . . .

Section 58, §5(b). Up to (eight (8)) **sixteen (16) cash scholarships**, (two) **four** of which (must) **may** be awarded to applicants planning to attend vocational or trade school, may be granted each year. Each scholarship (shall) **may** be in an amount (of \$250.00 per semester) **not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)**. (One (1)) Additional scholarships (in the amount of \$250.00 per semester) may be granted when donations designated specifically to the scholarship fund (total \$2,000.00 or more) **exceed a minimum of \$1,000.00**. If any scholarships cannot be awarded or scholarships are left unused, the fund allocated for these scholarships will be accrued and may be awarded in subsequent years.

Section 58, §5(c). (Each scholarship shall be granted for a period of not to exceed four (4) years. The Board of Directors shall, however, have the authority to terminate a scholarship at any time if the scholarship rules are violated or if, in the judgment of the scholarship committee, a satisfactory scholastic standing is not maintained.) **Any insured member is eligible to reapply annually for a scholarship grant. In the case of a recipient, two years must elapse before a new application may be submitted for consideration.**

Section 58, §5(e). Scholarships shall be paid from . . . Any contribution so received shall be placed (Society, one of whom has at least a \$5,000 permanent life insurance certificate, and both of whom must have) in the fraternal fund . . .



Congratulations to the Danish Sisterhood Board of Directors.

Section 58, §6. (Summer) **Camp grants.** The society may award financial grants to members of the Danish Brotherhood or other deserving youth to enable them to attend a (summer) camp. These awards shall be made in accordance with the rules adopted by the Board of Directors and the total amount awarded in any given year shall not exceed (\$1,000.00) **\$3,000.00.**

Section 58, §7(a)1. Both parents must be insured members of the Society in **good standing**, (one of whom has at least a \$5,000 permanent life insurance certificate, and) both of whom must have been insured members for at least one year prior to the death of the last surviving parent.

Section 58, §7(a)3. In the case of a single parent, that parent must be an insured member of the Society, in **good standing**, (with a minimum \$5,000 permanent life insurance certificate) and must have been a member at least one year prior to the date of the single parent's death.

Article VI

Section 71. Dual membership. Any individual lodge may accept as a social member any (insured) member of any other lodge of the Danish Brotherhood where . . . of the lodge where he becomes a (social) **dual** member.

Section 83, §3. A district shall have the right at its yearly conventions to adopt proposals for amendment of the Danish Brotherhood Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws **through a Law Committee selected at an annual meeting** (and) to submit for consideration by a national convention . . .

Article VII

Section 96. Every lodge that wishes to can elect a librarian(.) (He is elected) at the same time as other officers. (and wears a special emblem.)

Section 105. (If a member has resided for a period of at least twelve months in a community which is more than fifty miles removed from a Danish Brotherhood lodge with insured memberships, he may secure a transfer card from his lodge and still be entitled to all the Society's privileges by sending his assessments and dues direct to the secretary-treasurer.)

Report of the Audit Committee September 26, 1987

Ahlmann Iversen, Lodge No. 35, Chairman of the Audit Committee, was called upon to give the Audit Report. Chairman Iversen reported the following:

The audit committee has reviewed the annual statements for each of the last four years that this society has filed with the insurance departments of the states where it is licensed.

It has also reviewed the Association Financial Condition Report of Examination conducted by the state of Nebraska.

Finally, it reviewed the Financial Statements as of December 31, 1986, together with the auditors report as presented by the public accounting firm of Arthur Andersen & Company.

The Society has complied with the requirements of the various states and the bylaws in completing and filing these various statements.

Report of the Resolutions Committee September 26, 1987

Ed Madsen, California-Nevada District, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, was called upon to give the Resolution Report. Chairman Madsen reported the following:

WHEREAS the delegates and members of the Danish Brotherhood in America, assembled in Des Moines, Iowa, on the dates of September 24 through September 26, 1987, for the purpose of our 32nd National Convention, wish to express our appreciation for the courtesy, hospitality and assistance which has been provided by all those who gave of their time to make our convention a success, do hereby resolve to thank:

Mr. John P. Dorrian, Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa, for his welcome to Des Moines and his humorous and fitting comments;

Mr. Richard D. Spencer, President, Iowa Fraternal Congress, for his appropriate encouragement for more involvement in our communities by our lodges;

Brother Willy Christensen, Chairman of the 32nd National Convention Committee, and members of Lodge 15 of the Danish



Robert E. Ibsen offers his closing remarks.



Past President George Jacobsen installs the newly elected Board of Directors assisted by Past President George Godthaab as conductor.

Brotherhood in America and Lodge 102 of the Danish Sisterhood of America for their extended efforts in making the second joint national convention a successful one.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED we thank Brother Robert E. Ibsen, National President, DBIA, for his dedicated and arduous service over the last four years, and his exemplary execution of the proceedings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we recognize the occasion of the 2nd Joint National Convention with the Danish Sisterhood of America. We express our gratitude to the National Officers, delegates and guests of the Sister Lodges for their participation and contribution to our opening ceremonies, banquet and installation of officers.

Thirty-Third National Convention Bids

Portland, Oregon Lodge No. 167 was the only invitation extended to the delegates to host the next national convention in 1991. A formal invitation by the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood lodges of Portland, Oregon, was extended to all during the Joint Grand Opening of the convention on Thursday, September 24, 1987. By majority vote, the delegates accepted Portland, Oregon's invitation and chose the city of roses as the site for the Thirty-Third National Convention with Lodge No. 167 as the host lodge.

Election of the National Board of Directors

The following candidates were elected by the delegates to serve on the National Board of the Danish Brotherhood in America:

- Clyde Langsted, Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington
- Woodrow Petersen, Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois
- Erling Braumann, Lodge No. 102, Providence, Rhode Island
- Paul Carlsen, Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan
- Barry Edmonds, Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut
- Ebba Norby, Lodge No. 332, Ripon, California

Jerome Sonsalla, Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, Iowa

As provided in the Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Robert Ibsen, Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin, will serve as immediate Past President.

The following candidates were elected by the delegates to serve as alternates to the National Board of Directors:

- Sharon Kinder, Lodge No. 42, Spokane, Washington
- Flemming Hinrichsen, Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Raymond Nielsen, Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois

Note: At an organizational meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors immediately following the close of the Thirty-Second National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America, an election was held and the officers of the Society were elected as follows:

- Clyde Langsted, President
- Woodrow Petersen, First Vice President
- Erling Braumann, Second Vice President
- Jerome Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer

Thirty-Second National Convention Expenses

At the close of the Thirty-Second National Convention, the total cost attributable to said convention was \$60,810.66.

Statement of Expenses

Travel	\$22,322.50
Per Diem	35,930.00
Miscellaneous	2,558.16
TOTAL	\$60,810.66

Travel and per diem costs include expenses incurred for the National Law Committee meeting in March of this year. The miscellaneous expense includes the printing of the convention proposal booklet and delegate credentials.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerome L. Christensen
Secretary-Treasurer

Payment to Board Members

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Semi-annual expense allowance, Peter Weber, \$250; Clyde Langsted, \$250; Erling Braumann, \$250; Paul Carlsen, \$250; Kenneth Pedersen, \$250; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$250; George J. Jacobsen, \$250.

32nd National Convention, Robert E. Ibsen, \$714; Peter Weber, \$663; Clyde R. Langsted, \$662; Erling Braumann, \$692; Paul Carlsen, \$682.50; Kenneth Pedersen, \$420; Woodrow Petersen, \$567; George J. Jacobsen, \$688.

Nebraska District Convention, Erling Braumann, \$437; Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, Kenneth Pedersen, \$329.76; G.C.E.L. District Convention, Woodrow Petersen, \$477.

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$257.

Danish Immigrant Museum Campaign Chairman Introduced

Capital campaign strategy and the introduction of campaign chairman, Lydell L. Christensen of New York were the main features of the meeting of The Danish Immigrant Museum's Board of Directors and Advisory Council held in Elk Horn and Harlan, Iowa, on September 19-20. Melvin Pihl of Portland, Oregon, was elected to the Board, and Cora Fagre of Boulder, Colorado, was named Secretary replacing retiring member Gail George Holmes of Omaha, Nebraska.

The organization for the building fund raising campaign was outlined for the Board by Campaign Manager Stephen Wilhelm, resident consultant from Goettler Associates, Columbus, Ohio. Corporate, family, individual and foundation donors will be solicited within various regions of the country. The smaller Ad Hoc Steering Committee of the campaign also met during the weekend to plan specific activities for the coming weeks.

The highlight of the weekend was the premier showing of a color video presenting the story and plans for The Danish Immigrant Museum.

ORIGINAL ARTWORK

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Series/Title	Description	Price
DENMARK		
'DANMARK'	Denmark map with viking mound	
'H. C. Andersen'	Portrait and Odense home	
	11"x14" museum prints.....	\$15.00
	signed & numbered (limited)	
	10"x12" standard prints.....	\$ 5.00
	4 1/2"x5 1/2" folded notes (10 w/env.)....	\$ 4.50
	3 1/2"x5 1/2" postcards (10).....	\$ 3.50
Accompanying Fairy Tales will include:		
	'The Little Mermaid'-'The Ugly Duckling'-'The Little Match Seller'-'The Emperor's New Clothes'-'The Staunch Tin Soldier'-'Thumbelina'.	
	5"x7" museum prints.....	\$12.50
	signed & numbered (limited)	
	5"x7" standard prints.....	\$ 4.00
	4 1/2"x5 1/2" folded notes (10 w/env.)....	\$ 3.50
	H. C. Andersen/Fairy Tale sets:	
	7 museum prints.....	\$80.00
	7 standard prints.....	\$25.00
NATURE/WILDLIFE		
'Sea Gull'	in flight	
'Owl'	perched	
'Eagle'	three view composite	
'Swan'	two view composite	
	11"x14" museum prints.....	\$12.50
	signed & numbered (limited)	
	10"x12" standard prints.....	\$ 3.50
	4 1/2"x5 1/2" folded notes (10 w/env.)....	\$ 3.50
	3 1/2"x5 1/2" postcards (10).....	\$ 3.00
TREETURES		
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	signed & numbered (limited)	
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	4 museum prints.....	\$35.00
	4 standard prints.....	\$10.50
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A Danish Farm of Two Hundred Years Ago

by Douglas D. Sorenson

Farming is as important in Denmark today as it was 200 years ago. But today's farm is a very different place from the farm of 1780.

You can make some real comparisons from information in old legal documents. Old records from "Tranbjerggaard," a farm between Randers and Hammel in Jutland, give us a look back at farm life two centuries ago. The information comes from the rental contract, "faestebrev," between the landlord and renter dated 3 December 1778, and from the settlement of part of the estate 30 April 1792.

The farm at that time was part of the large Frijsenborg estate (which still exists today) on which Hans Thomassen and Jens Rasmussen were renters. The smaller farms had just been surveyed and laid out as new land parcels. Thomassen's parcel had 5.5 acres of fields and meadows.

The contract stated that Thomassen and Rasmussen should divide the buildings and livestock between them, buy and saw lumber for new buildings, cultivate the land, harvest the crops, and fix the roads.

Each year in November (on St. Martin's Day), they were to pay property taxes to the king and fees to the church.

The inventory in the estate settlement indicates that "Tranbjerggaard" was a diversified farm. The livestock consisted of 7 horses, including two mares with foals; 11 cows and 6 calves; 25 ewes and 2 rams; 3 sows; 2 geese and a gander; and 2 hives of bees. Machinery and equipment included 3 wagons, 2 plows, 3 harrows; assorted hand tools, barrels and kettles; and horse tack. Grain in storage was rye, barley, oats, buckwheat, and peas.

The inventory of household contents tells us that the farmhouse had a living room with three small sleeping alcoves, an upstairs bedroom, two small work and storage rooms, and a kitchen.

The main living room had a stove, table, chairs, benches, dresser, wall cabinet, mirror and clock. The room probably also served as a work room, for it contained an ironing board and iron, two spinning wheels, and storage shelves. The children's beds were in the three alcoves off the main room.

The upstairs bedroom also contained a table with benches, two chests for clothing, chairs, and another spinning wheel.

The kitchen inventory listed many wooden utensils, wooden containers, buckets, iron kettles and pans. The kind of tools and containers suggest that the cooking was probably done at a fireplace. A churn and other butter-making equipment, and two reels for winding wool yarn, indicate that the kitchen was an important work place.

The original farmhouse of the 1770s was torn down and rebuilt 45 years ago.

The small farm rented by Thomassen in 1778 was later named "Ingersminde" by a different owner and carries that name today. "Tranbjerggaard" is still a working farm in the 1980s, with 60 acres of land and an 18-cow dairy herd. The barn and attached sheds made of stone are the original buildings, changed only by modern roofs that have replaced the straw thatch roofs that existed until 50 years ago.

(Note: The author's great-great-great grandfather was the tenant Hans Thomassen from 1778 to 1792. The author visited "Tranbjerggaard" during a trip to Denmark in 1985.)

Cowles Communication Center Dedicated

Dedication of the Grand View College Cowles Communication Center was held Saturday, October 17, at 10:00 a.m. Construction of the Cowles Communication Center was one of the major goals of the Commitment to Excellence and Service fund raising program. Begun in October of 1984, this program has reached and surpassed its \$3.8 million goal.

Funds for the \$1.6 million communication building came from alumni, businesses, corporations, private foundations, board of directors, faculty, staff and friends.

The Grand View College Board of Directors voted to name the building the Cowles Communication Center in recognition of the significant influence of the Cowles family in making Des Moines an important newspaper, magazine, radio, and television market. A gift from the Gardner and Florence Call Cowles Foundation to the Commitment to Excellence and Service campaign was designated for this building.

The Kresge Foundation, Troy, Michigan, an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge, was instrumental in helping Grand

View achieve its goal by awarding a challenge grant of \$200,000 toward equipment and construction costs.

The journalism area of the Cowles Communication Center will be named for Robert W. and Dorothy A. Larson of Albia, who are being recognized for their contribution of time, leadership, and financial support of Grand View. Robert Larson is publisher emeritus of The Albia Newspapers and an honorary member of the Grand View Board of Directors. Dorothy Larson was involved in education for 28 years.

The Board of Directors has also named the photography area of the building for the many years of support of the College by The Rt. Rev. Gordon V. Smith and Florence K. Smith. Bishop Smith was elected to the Board of Directors in 1966 and became an honorary member in 1970. Florence Smith established the Florence K. Smith Art Scholarship at Grand View in 1984.

The Cowles Communication Center contains approximately 12,500 square feet of floor space dedicated to studios and control rooms for radio-television; layout and typesetting rooms for journalism; studio, offices, conference room, and lounge.

Biography of Danish Immigrant Available

In his first biography of Minnesota governor and newspaper editor-publisher Hjalmar Petersen (1890-1968), Steven Keillor focuses on the theme of the Minnesota provincial in politics. Using Petersen's life as an illustrative example, the author examines and explains the complex political behavior of provincials — both those who tried to transcend provincial status and those, who like Petersen, tried to maximize provincial independence. From a rural, Scandinavian-immigrant background Petersen rose to prominence in Minnesota's Farmer-Labor party of the 1930s. His influence continued through the struggles that resulted in the birth of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party and political realignment in Minnesota during the 1940s to the heated 1956 Stevenson-Kefauver presidential primary.

For more information concerning this biography, contact the Minnesota Historical Society Press, 690 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, also available at the American Publishing Company, Box 248, Askov, MN 55704 for \$14.95 plus \$2.50 for postage and handling.

Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the 1988-89 school year will be considered February 15, 1988. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. **No applications received after February 15, 1988 will be considered by the Committee for the 1988 awards.**

Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the recently amended Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America. Please note Article V, Section 58, paragraph 5 states:

"College scholarships. The Society may grant scholarships from the resources of the fraternal fund according to rules adopted by the Board of Directors and subject to the following limitations:

(a) Scholarships shall be available to members of the Society only.

(b) Up to sixteen (16) cash scholarships, four of which may be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school, may be granted each year. Each scholarship may be in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Additional scholarships may be granted when donations designated specifically to the scholarship fund exceed a minimum of \$1,000.00. If any scholarships cannot be awarded or scholarships are left unused, the fund allocated for these scholarships will be accrued and may be awarded in subsequent years.

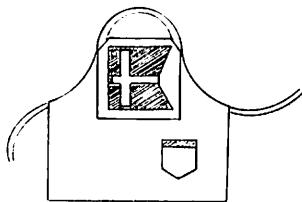
(c) Any insured member is eligible to reapply annually for a scholarship grant. In the case of a recipient, two years must elapse before a new application may be submitted for consideration.

(d) Scholarships may be awarded only for attendance at colleges and universities accredited by one of the six United States regional accrediting associations or accredited technical and vocational schools. Scholarships may apply to attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark upon approval by the Board of Directors.

(e) Scholarships shall be paid from the resources of the fraternal fund. The secretary-treasurer may accept voluntary contributions to be used for defraying scholarship payments. Any contribution so received shall be placed in the fraternal fund and such contribution shall not be used for any purpose except for the payment of scholarship payments to recipients and for any expenses for the maintenance of the scholarship program. The books and records of the Society in the fraternal fund shall be maintained in such a manner as will reflect the amount of contributions so received, the payments made which are chargeable to such contributions, and the balance of such contributions still held available for the support of the scholarship program. The board is authorized to adopt such resolutions not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as are necessary to maintain or restore the tax exempt status of such contribution for the purpose of the maintenance of such scholarship program.

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"What on earth is this?" he said aloud. "What could this huge round yellow thing be?"

He picked it up and looked it over. He smelled it and shook it and decided to take it to his village and let other people decide what it might be.

The first wise man said, "I am the oldest here, and I have never seen anything like this. I have no idea what it is."

The second wise man said, "I have been on this earth a long time, too, but this object is new to me."

The third wise man said, "This is the strangest thing I have ever seen. Maybe it came from another planet."

Suddenly, the three wise men began talking amongst themselves when the Mayor interrupted.

"Excuse me, Sirs," he said, kindly, "but I think I have figured this out. Judging by its shape, it has to be an egg!"

The wise men nodded and said, "Yes, that's exactly what it is. But what kind of egg?"

The Mayor thought. "A dragon's egg," he replied. "Or perhaps an elephant's egg," said the first wise man.

"Or a bear's egg, said the second wise man. "Or a mare's egg," said the third wise man.

The Mayor was insulted. "MAYOR'S do not lay eggs!" he said.

"I know that," said the third wise man. "I meant MARE. A horse of the female kind."

"Oh," said the Mayor. "Could be. But what should we do with it?"

The three wise men thought about that puzzling question.

"Hatch it," they chorused.

"Yes," said the Mayor. "It should be hatched. But how?"

Again, the three wise men thought very hard.

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"We will take turns sitting on it," they said. And so they did.

First, each wise man sat upon the pumpkin, which they thought was an egg. But nothing happened.

The Mayor decided to take it back where he had found it. But it was a long ways a way. He had to walk up a mountaintop and he grew very weary and in turn, he dropped the Egg.

The Egg rolled down the mountain and it continued rolling until it hit a huge stone which made it break into many pieces.

When the Mayor found the broken Egg, he felt very badly until he saw a small mouse spring out of a bush near the Egg.

"So that's what it was," said the Mayor. "It wasn't a dragon's egg, or an elephant's egg or a bear's egg. It was a mouse's egg."

Once the problem was solved, the Mayor headed for home.

On the way he stumbled over a cantalope. "Oh, oh," he thought. "This must be an ant egg, but I'm not going to stay and find out."

He didn't have to because he wasn't the Mayor for nothing.



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Ellis Island — A Brief Retrospect

Ellis Island stands as a constant reminder of our young nation's immigrant saga. Located just a few hundred yards north of Liberty Island in New York Harbor, Ellis Island is a monument to the great traditions of freedom and opportunity in America.

Ellis Island was the major federal immigration facility in America. It processed 17 million men, women, and children who came to the United States from 1892 to 1954, when the facility closed. This was the largest human migration in modern history, and today, more than 40 percent, or over 100 million, of all living Americans can trace their roots to an ancestor who came through Ellis Island.

Through the years, Ellis Island grew almost as dramatically as the nation. Its land area expanded from three acres of slush, sand, and oyster shells to 27 man-made acres housing 33 buildings. The landfill was provided from the ballast of the very same ships that brought the immigrants and from the excavated materials removed from the New York subway tunnels during its construction.

In 1965 Ellis Island was designated part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument, which is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) of the Department of the Interior. Ten years later, Congress authorized funds to clean up and renovate a small portion of the island, but the years of neglect had taken their toll.

Ellis Island Restoration

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan asked Lee Iacocca to set up an organization, The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, that would raise funds and oversee construction for the restoration and preservation of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and plan for the centennial celebrations of each.

The restoration of Ellis Island, which began in 1984, will cost \$140 million and is the largest restoration project of its kind in American history. Its scope is comparable to the restorations done on the Palace of Versailles and Leningrad's Hermitage. Work is scheduled to be completed in 1989, when Ellis Island will reopen and once again receive millions of visitors from around the world.

The Ellis Island Museum

The Ellis Island Museum will be the major institution dedicated to the promotion, advancement, and understanding of America as a nation of immigrants. The new museum will be located in the 200,000-square-foot Main Building — the most historically significant structure on Ellis Island. It was here, in various rooms of the building, where new arrivals — many fearful of rejection — were processed and inspected and ultimately granted permission to enter the country. Many of the rooms are being restored and others are being renovated to meet the needs of the museum. Half of the museum's space will be devoted to telling the story of Ellis Island, and the remaining areas will include displays that portray the immigrant experience.

When visitors disembark from the ferry at Ellis Island, they will find themselves directly in front of the Main Building, standing under the recreated historic canopy — the same point where immigrants began the process towards American citizenship. Upon entering the museum, visitors will walk in the footsteps of their ancestors as they enter a glass-enclosed vestibule that opens to the Baggage Room, where distinct displays and audiovisual programs will begin the recreation of the Ellis Island experience. Included in this room will be a visitor orientation area, and NPS guides will be on hand to provide museum information, organize tours, and make arrangements for the handicapped.

The American Immigrant Wall of Honor

The American Immigrant Wall of Honor is a special exhibit that is expected to evoke the deepest emotional impact for millions of Americans who visit Ellis Island. The exhibit will feature the names of those ancestors who first came to America. Sons and daughters of immigrant heritage will have the opportunity to honor their forefathers through public display at this national monument. In years to come, children who visit the museum will be proud to find the name their grandparent or great-grandparent recorded with others who came and built America.

With a contribution of \$100 or more, donors can place a name of their choice on The American Immigrant Wall of Honor. Contributions of \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 also will receive places of honor. Immigrant names will also be entered together with a country of origin and the name of the donor in a computer register located at Ellis Island. In addition, donors will receive an official certificate honoring their ancestor. The funds raised will be used to complete the Ellis Island project.

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

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — It has been a long hot summer this year and no end in sight yet although the days are getting shorter. Sunday, August 16, our lodge held its annual picnic at Martha Lake. About 150 people, young and old, had a marvelous time. With thanks to our hard working committee — Craig Emmick, Mel Hollister, Kristen Jorgensen, Clyde Langsted, and many others. And, last but not least, a big thank you to Harold Hansen, for again bringing his refrigerator-truck to keep pop, beer, and ice cream cool. There were games and fun for all ages and prizes galore.

Our September 2nd meeting was the traditional Veterans Night at the N.W. Danish Home. Our secretary, Martin Rasmussen, is back again after an extended tour in Europe and Denmark this summer. Martin read a letter from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Food Bank where we take the food we collect under the Care and Share Program. It was most gratifying and rewarding to hear of the appreciation expressed — so don't forget, bring some food with you to every meeting from now on.

Congratulations to Fredrik J. Nielsen upon getting his 60 year pin. Fredrik joined our lodge in 1927. Also congratulations to Otto Brask and Hans Nielsen on getting their 25-year pins. Otto joined the lodge in 1962. Hans is originally a member of a Chicago lodge. Congratulations! After the meeting we joined with the Sisterhood at the Harmony Hall for a delicious "smørrebrød" banquet made by Edith Andersen, Ingeborg Kisbye, Niels Jensen, and Herdis Groth.

Last spring, some of you may recall, a young lady, Doris Loeser, came to our lodge meeting and presented a short video "Sunday on Amager" which was produced the year before on the stage at the old Washington Hall. Doris is working on a documentary of the old time honored dramatic Club "Harmonien." Our National Vice President Clyde Langsted presented Doris with a substantial check to help with the work that she is undertaking. Many of

The best idea for November goes to Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE. See page 17 for details.

us remember some of our earlier members who used to be the performers in the plays with "Harmonien." Most of them are no longer with us, but to be sure, one of the stars is still with us — Grethe Pedersen, who was always one of the lover girls in the plays, and we still love her.

After 12 years, Virginia and I will be retiring as editors of our newsletter. Frank Poulsen and Gary Bang are tentatively planning to be editors. We wish them the best of luck.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Mel Pihl introduced his guest, Franklin Shoy, who will be attending the University of Copenhagen from January next year. Jens Jensen introduced Janice and Carl Petersen and June Petersen Franz, who all will be initiated next month, and Paul Rasmussen and his wife who had just returned from Denmark.

Mag Esrom stated that right now we have a case in our lodge that proves the need for the outreach program. He also reminded of the October 17th Danish Home meeting to be held in Portland.

Debbie Turner reported on Folkfest. In spite of the fact that two hours of sales were lost (they were not allowed to start selling until noon) and that three cases of beer were stolen out of the truck, they still made a profit of \$836.34. There is Carlsberg beer left to be sold at \$20 per case. Contact Debbie or Doug Turner if you are interested. The nail pounding took in \$403.10 and 272 tickets were given out for pop and beer. An itemized list is available to anybody who wants to see it. Approximately \$250 worth of T-shirts were sold. Debbie thanked everyone for their help with special thanks to Carlene Thorkildsen. She also stated that those who are to chair the Folkfest committee next year should start attending the Folkfest meetings right

away. We thank the Folkfest committee for an excellent job.

Don Bogh reported that the Folkfest performed at the Bonneville Dam on July 4. Flags from all nations decorated the area. He also said that Folkfest had been successful, slides and tapes from all the festivities had been shown at the last Folkfest meeting.

Jan Christensen reported on the Seaman Center Festival. They made the best profit ever, \$388.78. Their expenses were very low due to contributions. They sold 231 hot dogs and 31 batches of aebleskiver. She thanked everybody for their help and made the motion that we again donate the profit to the Seamen Center. It was seconded and passed.

George Larsen reported that the picnic was good, but the turnout was poor. The entire cost was \$102 and there was plenty of everything. Everybody who was there had a good time.

Mel Pihl questioned if, in addition to the items that we presented at the National Convention, the Law Committee had considered to initiate an improvement program as far as youth is concerned, for recommendation to the National Board which, he said, totally had been ignoring this very important point. He recommended strongly that some strength in this area be offered and that a good proposal be planned which can be put forth.

Doug Turner reported that many of the organizations belonging to Folkfest do not have their own building. The German organization had suggested that maybe all these lodges should look into pooling their money and get a building for their meetings and activities. It would be a partnership and legally drawn up. Mel Pihl suggested that a committee be appointed to look into this matter and maybe check if other Scandinavian organizations might be interested in participating.

Since the early 1920s, people of Danish heritage located in the Northwest have extended a helping hand to their fellow Danes in many ways. A particular project was the Northwest Danish Home, a facility that offered an Old Country environment for older Danes who many times were without family in the Northwest.

As times and circumstances have changed, it has been realized that services and that "helping hand" must change also. A Northwest Outreach Committee has been formed in Oregon and in Washington. The first goal of the committee is to locate people of Danish heritage throughout the state, to find out their needs and to offer them information and where possible, provide that helping hand. Information on cultural and service programs is also being planned.

To receive information about these programs, please write to Oregon Outreach, Northwest Danish Home Outreach Committee, 12162 S.W. Scholls Ferry Rd., Suite 122, Tigard, OR 97223.

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Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA — Our September meeting was Back to School Night with games, prizes and sack lunches. There were many school pictures and other school memorabilia. We have all changed since grammar school!

This was the first party of our new schedule of events for the lodge, with many new activities planned for our members. In November we will conduct a folk dance party and in December we will decorate the Christmas tree, with Tom and Jerrys afterwards. January will be a birthday party with skits and February is Danish Night and Family History. During March we will have a corn beef cabbage feed. In April put on your Easter bonnet and for May an ice cream social will be held. Take the ladies out for Mother's Day dinner on May 15 with a picnic at Fred Elliotts.

Our bowling chairmen, Clara Sherrill and Dan Barney have gotten our members bowling again on the first Sunday of every month at 1:00 at Fortuna Lanes. All Danes and friends are invited. Look out Petaluma and Hayward!
Francis Sweet, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Summer is nearly over, the children are back to school and we adults are getting down to some serious business — relaxing! We hope all the members and their families enjoyed their summer vacation.

Our annual picnic at the Naverdalen Club Grounds on August 16, 1987, was well attended and was a success. There was plenty of food, even for sharing, good fellowship and most of all, very relaxing.

Since our August meeting, we have lost a very dear friend, Hans Christensen. He was not a member of the Danish Brother-

hood but he was very much involved in our socials.

We were glad to see Karl Duus at the meeting. He has been a member of our lodge for more than 20 years and has supported our socials in many ways. If you have attended any of our bingos, played the Pick Seven portion of the evening for a big basket of fruit, cheeses, and other goodies, these prizes have been donated by Karl Duus and his wife. Thank you, Karl and Louise, and we hope to see a lot more of you at our meetings.

The Operation Care and Share program was discussed and Anne Kofod gave a report on her findings. After many phone calls, the Salvation Army was chosen because they are involved in so many different ways in helping the underprivileged. Their greatest need, at the present time, is in the family services department. This section is primarily concerned with the mothers and their children that are living on the streets of Los Angeles. They do pick up a lot of clothes that have been donated, but very few baby clothes are amongst the clothes donated, mainly because baby clothes can be handed down or passed on to others. We have started a drive for children's and baby clothing but will accept any usable clothing. Another item that is very much in demand is towels. They cannot get enough of them. We would like to accumulate as much in the way of usable children's clothing as possible within the next month to six weeks since the cold weather is just around the corner. The donated items can be brought to the next meeting and they will be stored at the Alamo Hall until pick-up time by the Salvation Army. If you have something to donate but cannot attend either of these evenings, ask a friend to bring the donations in. It is a very worthwhile cause and the children do need our help, so please donate whatever item you can and help our project. That's what Care and Share is all about!

Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 of Orange County, California, has extended an invitation to all members and friends of our lodge to attend their first Tivoli Fair on November 14. This sounds like a whole lot of fun, and I hope you will attend.
Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — Our meeting in August was preceded by a potluck dinner which was held in honor of our delegates to the California-Nevada District Convention held in Riverside in July. There was a delicious variety of food, the dessert being a decorated sheet cake in the convention theme. Table decorations consisted of Viking ship replicas which had been

centerpieces at the banquet in Riverside. Our delegates gave reports of both the business and social events of the convention.

September found us conducting a regular business meeting. Brother Jack Cameron was our delegate to the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

Brother Walt Miller recently suffered a heart attack and is now convalescing. We were pleased that he was able to attend our meeting in September.

Brother Harvey Rasmussen will soon retire from the Board of Directors of "Aldersly," Danish-oriented retirement home in San Rafael, California. He has served on the Board for nine years. During "Aldersly's" annual festival on September 13, he had the good fortune of holding the winning ticket for the first prize in a raffle, that prize being two round-trip tickets to Denmark via SAS airlines. Congratulations to Brother Harvey!

In October Dr. Jim Larsen will be in charge of a Halloween party preceding our meeting, and we hope to see many of our young people come to enjoy this special event.
Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our meeting on September 9 was attended by 39 members and guests who enjoyed Møllekroens famous "Danske hakkebøf med løg," served by Arne Jacobsen and crew. The following business meeting was chaired by our president Bent Pedersen and attended by 19 members.

It was decided that the lodge subsidize the evening's dinner expense due to the unexpected low attendance.

Bob Lassiter reported that the delegates from the California District had decided to obtain a hospitality room at their hotel during the National Convention in Des Moines. A motion was made and carried that Lodge No. 299, like the other lodges, donate \$25 towards the cost. Furthermore that any surplus funds would be used as seed money to provide a District Scholarship Fund.

Leo Mathiasen brought up the subject of the proposal that Ferdinand Sorensen's house be considered for another Solvang Museum. The unanimous opinion of those present was to cancel the idea, and Leo Mathiasen was asked to look after the matter.

The 51st annual Solvang Danish Days was celebrated Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, by an estimated 3,500 people, the biggest crowd ever, and favored by the finest weather possible.

The Boy Scouts opened the festivities at 8:00 a.m. by raising the flag in Solvang Park. Copenhagen Drive was reserved for

preparation of the traditional breakfast, aebleskiver, medisterpølse, orange juice and coffee, which was enjoyed by 3,500 at tables also arranged at the Copenhagen Drive. The guests were entertained throughout the day by roving musicians, the Solvang Singers and the Troubadours from Los Angeles. The Village Band sounded their lively tunes from the Carlsberg Beer Wagons, while the costumed Village Folk Dancers performed on the street.

A stage built on one of the parking lots was without a dull moment, starting with "History in Motion," the history of gymnastic from the 1800s to the present. The interesting program was arranged by Ingrid Hale and beautifully performed by the irresistible 2½ to 4-year-old tots and the more experienced older children up to 12 years of age. Lynne Brook followed up with the latest in exercise, her jazzercise group.

Different dance groups entertained in their beautiful national costumes, "The Kivikasukas," an Estonian dance group, "The Central Coast Cloggers," and a Portuguese dance group.

Adjacent to Hans Christian Andersen's statue in Solvang Park, young and old could enjoy Susan Goff's reading of H.C. Andersen's famous fairy tales.

As usual on Danish Days, "The Air Force Band of the Golden West," from March Air Force Base was one of the big attractions. New this year was the colorful "Los Angeles Police Pipe Band." Both bands had great success and played in Solvang Park for a very large audience.

The annual parade took place Saturday

afternoon and featured a theme of "The Viking Connection." A great deal of ingenuity and fantasy was expressed in many ways. The most original idea in the float category was a jail on wheels, which a group of Vikings used during their pillage and plunder to hold their captive women and children snared along the parade route.

The traditional Danish Days dinner and dance, arranged by the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges, took place on Saturday night. A very delicious smoked pork loin with all the trimmings was served for 225 people. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — A nominating committee will be appointed by President Richard Rowse to set up a slate of officers for 1988. The election will take place at the November meeting.

We express our sincere sympathy to Anelise Andersen on the passing of her beloved husband, Knud Andersen, who passed away September 21. Knud was a Past President of Kodan Lodge No. 346. Honor be to his memory.

Kate Krake, Past Pres.

Lodge #332, Ripon, CA — Des Moines, Iowa... The Surprising Place. What a surprise! Our own Ebba Norby makes history as the first woman to be elected on the National Board of Directors. Congratulations, Ebba! We are so proud of you. Other members from our lodge to attend this convention were Vernon and Bessie Olsen. Bessie was a delegate to the Sisterhood lodge. They had a fabulous time.

Our August meeting was held at the

home of John and Marge Scheuber. Alvin and Gunver Olsen reported on the state convention. They were quite impressed. Gunver displayed one of the cleverly decorated Viking centerpieces that she brought back as a treasured souvenir.

Ebba Norby hosted the September meeting serving a delicious ravioli dinner on her patio. We were glad to see our President John Craig return after recovering from recent surgery. Plans were made for our annual anniversary dinner. All members are encouraged to join us on December 5 at Monocos Restaurant for a fun-filled dinner dance. Bring your friends.

Marge Scheuber, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — At our September meeting Howard Kjellsen, Chairman of Operation Care and Share, reported that enough ingredients to make 40 pizzas, approximately 40 cake mixes, and \$180 worth of game room supplies, redemption coupons have been delivered by Operation Care and Share committee members to the Orangewood Home for Abused Children. Please continue to bring cake mixes, coupons and needed supplies until the end of the year. Each time our lodge takes on a project, we complete it to the fullest. We thank each of you who have been so generous.

We would be interested in receiving from you any fraternal recommendations and suggestions for aid and assistance within our lodge and community for 1988.

Chairman Gary Gossett gave a report on the Tivoli Fair to be held on November 14.

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
9-4-87	Alice I. Brown	76	California	332	Ripon, California	1982
7-7-87	Ole Olsen	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1983
8-22-87	Morris H. Willis	79	Spokane, Washington	322	Santa Barbara, California	1951
9-8-87	Axel P. Nielsen	101	Hjørring, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1912
7-12-87	Hans Madson	85	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1955
9-12-87	Hazel Jorgensen	74	Wisconsin	332	Ripon, California	1967
9-12-87	Jens M. Johansen	97	Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1924
6-2-87	Robert E. Andreasen	66	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1980
6-2-87	Christian Larsen	92	Sandby, Denmark	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1914
8-15-87	Howard N. Lund, Sr.	68	Newington, Connecticut	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1970
5-12-87	Jens C. Jensen	86	Ansonia, Connecticut	41	Derby, Connecticut	1922
7-9-87	Fred K. Jorgensen	87	Kolding, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1942
7-16-87	Harold E. Rasmussen	77	Dagmar, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1937
9-2-87	Hans M. Nyboe	80	Bryrup, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1929
9-9-87	Donald H. Lohse	70	Wesleyville, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1948
8-28-87	Andrew J. Smith, Jr.	77	Troy, New York	183	Troy, New York	1937
7-15-87	Anna J. Hansen	79	St. Paul, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1967
8-22-87	Carl Andresen	84	Karby Mors, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1933
9-9-87	Leland Jacobsen	77	Luverne, North Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1947
9-18-87	Lauritz T. Petersen	68	Brooklyn New York	325	Nassau County, New York	1937
9-24-87	Harold Pedersen	79	Council Bluffs, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1926

Entry forms were given out to those wanting to take part in the fair. Be sure and call Gary Gossett if you need forms or information. Many categories are offered. Lodges in our immediate area have been invited to attend.

Christmas canes with DBIA stickers on them will again be sponsored by our lodge. Our lodge Santa Claus gives out these canes on his annual visits to convalescent homes, schools, etc. Many hundreds have been given out since the project began several years ago. This project contributes to the fraternal hours that are declared each year to the National Headquarters. It was stated at the convention in Des Moines that millions of dollars are given each year to contribute to needy people, but the hours that are given to aid and assist are dwindling down to the thousands. Before the Christmas season gets here, we thank our Santa for his contributions on behalf of our lodge.

The evening's social was bingo and chairmen Clarence and Margaret Motz did an outstanding job. Margaret thanks the ladies that so wonderfully helped her in baking those delicious delicacies that graced the refreshments table. They also thank all those who gave bingo prizes. There were lots of unique, interesting and useful prizes given out.

Congratulations are in order for the newly elected members of the National Board of Directors. It was regretful and with regret that Peter Weber and Kenneth Pedersen had to resign from the Board. We thank Peter and Kenneth for all the years of dedication and love they gave on behalf of the DBIA. Please note that we not only have a first time ever lady on the National Board, but that lady is from our own California-Nevada District. Ebba Olsen Norby goes onto the Board well qualified. She has served on her local lodge board in every position and she has been the California-Nevada District Secretary for a stated eleven times.

Being our first time at a National Convention, we came home with a real positive opinion of the Brotherhood we belong to.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathies to Anelise Andersen, President of Kodan Lodge and her family at the passing on of Knud Andersen, who passed away on September 21. Knud had been fighting inoperable lung cancer for quite some time. Our sympathies are also sent to Ken and Nancy Nielsen. Ken is our current District President.

At our September meeting, plans were finally finalized for the upcoming installations. It seems early to work on installations, especially since the Board has been

working on this since around April, but in order to get the right place, the right price and arrangements that must be made far in advance, we're all glad for the completion of plans. We want to start marking the date and event on the calendar. We'd like the best attendance from both lodges ever. The place is Old World: German Restaurant in Huntington Beach. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Now that's a great price, really as we have looked around. Please plan to attend and support your lodge's installations.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — September's regular meeting was hosted by Jens and Mardi Andersen at their recreational hall. Although attendance was low due to a variety of conflicting obligations, those who came enjoyed the evening which featured plenty of good food and socializing. Thank you Jens and Mardi for your hospitality and thanks to each of the cooks for your efforts.

Get ready for not one, but two, super Kodan bus trips coming up soon. First, on Sunday, November 1, a bus full of Kodan members and friends will be heading once again for Santa Anita. At 9:30 a.m. the bus will depart from Sue and Jim Patterson's home where you can safely leave your car in a fence secured area for the day. While at Santa Anita, we will stay in a reserved section of the "infield," where there are tables and chairs plus a playground for the children. We are permitted to bring our own ice chests with drinks, and everyone should bring a dish of food to share for potluck. Main course, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided. We'll be driven right to the gate and will arrive in plenty of time for the first race.

Our Solvang bus trip is planned for Saturday, November 21, and the bus is starting to fill up. If you want to go, send your check to Vikki Garrison. The price is \$16.00 for adults and \$10.00 for ages 15 and under. Make your check payable to Kodan Lodge No. 346. The bus will depart at 7:00 a.m. and will return approximately 11:00 p.m. We are considering other city pick-up points depending on your response. We'll play bingo on the bus and there will be a pay-as-you-go bar. We expect to arrive in Solvang around 11:00 a.m. and will depart at 7:00 p.m. That should give everyone time to eat and shop. Remember, this is a perfect time to buy your Christmas goodies.

Knud Andersen passed away on September 21. Knud had been fighting an inoperable cancerous tumor in his lung since early 1987 and finally succumbed to its torturous upper hand.

Knud was a charter member of Kodan and held several lodge offices from treasurer to president over the past ten years. He played a significant role in the establishment of our lodge, having recruited more new members than anyone else in Kodan.

He loved Kodan and all of us loved him. Even though he has been released from his cancerous pain, his presence will always be felt among those of us who knew him. Knud is survived by his wife, Anelise B. Andersen, their son, Jens A. H. Andersen, and their daughter, Anelise V. Andersen, all of Highland.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The September 1st meeting included a musical program called "I Remember When" by Wayne Wise. Mr. Wise played tunes from 1910 through the 50s and the audience had to answer questions about them. Most of us recognized the melodies, but to name that tune, artist, or other related questions, proved to be a little more difficult. A very special thank you to Jim and Shirley Rosse who did all of the work for this social evening.

The State Convention was held at the Ruskin Elks Club on August 28-30. The current slate of officers were elected to serve another term. Herbert Nielsen, Minden Lodge No. 16, and Ginny Schultz, Ruskin Lodge No. 161, were selected Monarch King and Queen. The District President's Awards were as follows: Best Single Social Activity, Ruskin Lodge No. 161; Best Single Civic Activity, Blair Lodge No. 206; Best Annual Activity Schedule, Minden Lodge No. 16; and Best Newsletter, Omaha Lodge No. 1.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our August meeting, "Guest Night," was a great success. Our members brought in 14 guests who enjoyed the evening of games and a luncheon hosted by Wally and Anita Johnson. If anyone heard the sounds outside, I'm sure they would have known the theme was "Country Fair" with Old McDonald Farm. Everyone participated, there were many good laughs as contestants tried for watermelon eating, egg catching and numerous other contests. Thanks Anita and Wally for an enjoyable evening.

Progress has begun on our November "Lip Sync" contest to be held at Dana College. Working on it are Jerry and Jenny Christensen, Laurids and Judy Pedersen, Duane and Karen Nielsen, and Ed Myer, Jr. of Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — At our August meeting our guest, Velma Johanson, gave an interesting talk on making pictures, book markers, etc., from pressed flower petals and feathers.

In September we met for a potluck supper. Following our business meeting the elected delegates reported on the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention at Mason City hosted by the Clear Lake Lodge No. 219 on Labor Day weekend. Fourteen people representing the Humboldt Lodge attended.

Our lodge has had the distinction of having two members on the district board. Marvin Christensen is our local president and served this past year as the district president. We were proud of him for a job well done. Also Harlan Johnson is the district treasurer.

Harlan Johnson made two beautiful coffee tables, one was raffled at the district convention and the other was to be raffled at the National Convention in Des Moines.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — We sponsored the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention on September 5-7. Registration got underway on Saturday afternoon with Bev Sorensen in charge. Following the Board meetings on Saturday evening, a social time was held with music provided by Thorvald Sorensen. Steven and Yvette Sorensen entertained by doing an informative skit on the Danes coming to Iowa and they sang songs from the movie "Hans Christian Andersen." Members of the lodge provided baked goods for the coffee breaks during the three-day event. Raffle items were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skene, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sorensen, Yvette Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sonsalla, Wally Johansen, Ev O'Toole, Verner Sorensen (including a 1949 Bing and Grondahl plate), Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Sorensen (including a portable TV), Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Boose (Elk Horn), and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Johnson (a handcrafted table). President Thorvald Sorensen gave the welcome at the Sunday evening banquet. Dr. Steven Sorensen led the invocation. He also sang some songs accompanied by Kelly Henaman (who also played for the Saturday evening social). Senator Alvin Miller was the guest speaker. We are fortunate to have Senator Miller as a member of our lodge. Jerry Sonsalla was toastmaster. Edith Skene

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The Iowa-Minnesota District Convention was fun for both young and old.



Members enjoyed folk dancing.

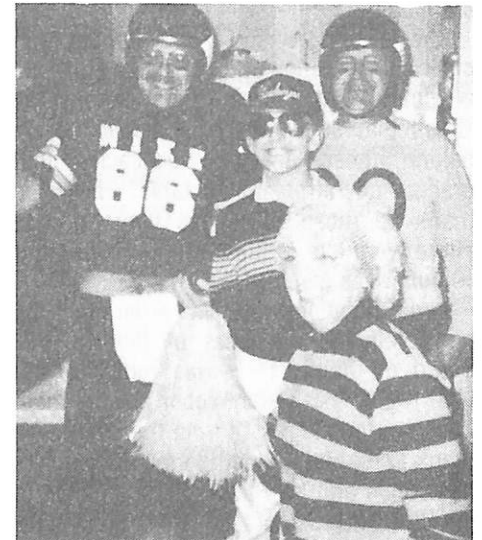


Anker Severinsen of Cedar Rapids was presented the tapestry for 1987-88.

provided the floral decorations of red and white gladiolas. Special thanks goes to all those who helped put on the Brotherhood and Sisterhood District Convention and to Judy, Ruth, John, Wayne, Charlene, Don, Julie, Conni, Tony and Kristen and all the others who gave their time in preparing

food, serving, giving gifts, helping with the youth, etc. The lodge meeting was held immediately following the convention. Plans were made for the October meeting and the National Convention was discussed. Several of the members from Clear Lake were going to attend the National Convention and help with the hospitality room. Steven Sorensen was going to give the prayers at the National Convention. Jerry Sonsalla decided to run for the Board of Directors.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — Our September 13 meeting was held at the Winfred Ross' in Springville with a good attendance. Our delegate to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held in Mason City, Iowa, over Labor Day weekend, gave an excellent report. West Branch will be hosting the 1989 District Convention the weekend after Labor Day in Iowa City.



The Nealsen family came prepared for our Halloween Party.

Our October 5 meeting was a Halloween Party held at the Stewart Arnold's in West Liberty with a good attendance. Our delegate to the National Convention in Des Moines gave an excellent report. Sorry, that none of our members won the trip for two to Denmark, but happy to hear that Jerry Sonsalla from Clear Lake Lodge No. 219 was elected to the National Board of Directors. Winfred Ross had the program, explaining the "art of wine-making." There were six different kinds of wine for lodge members to sample. After a delicious lunch, many listened to and sang Danish folk songs in Danish. **Deloris Ross, Sec.**

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — We met Monday, September 14, with two new members joining our group. During our business meeting we discussed the attendance at the National Convention in Des Moines.

Our program was an update on the Danish Immigrant Museum at Elk Horn, Iowa. June Sampson from the museum showed sketches of the building's various phases and detailed slides of the architect's plans. Those in attendance found Ms. Sampson's material informative and most interesting! Hosts serving delectable Danish delights were Esther and Wilbert Hoegh, Gail and Delores Nelson, and Harriet and Richard Becker.

Marj Holland

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Enevold Anderson, who was recently made an honorary member of our lodge was born July 4, 1891, in Valsgaard, Denmark.

He migrated to the United States in 1914, and in 1917, he joined the U.S. Army and served for one year. In December, 1916, he joined Lodge No. 135 at the



Ed Anderson receives certificate and plaque from Secretary, Dan Christensen.

age of 25, and in 1925 transferred to our lodge in Racine. In 1924 he traveled back to Denmark and married his future bride Elsie. He spent his working years at Harvey Spring and Gold Medal Furniture, retiring from the latter in 1956.

On April 17, 1965, he was presented his

25-year membership pin and on January 26, 1966, he was presented his 50-year pin. On July 4, 1987, Dan Christensen, Secretary of Lodge No. 4, presented Ed with a certificate from the home office in Omaha and a beautiful plaque from the members of our lodge for his 96th birthday.

John Mollerskov, Cor.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — In recent years it has become more and more evident that many members were no longer able to climb the steps to come to our lodge functions. The hall is also rented out for weddings and parties and at one of these weddings, it was noted that five wheelchair guests were carried up the steps.

Thus, an idea was born called "Operation Chairlift" where we would have fund raising events and seek donations from members and friends in order to install a chair lift to the second floor. In looking into the cost we were frustrated to find a price tag of \$6,700.00 but we decided to proceed.



Congratulations to two hard-working members, Jim and Bill Kirby.

The kickoff for this was announced at our 95th anniversary party in April, 1987. Our honored guests, Woody and Elsa Petersen, were the first to donate with a check for \$50.00. Since then, several have donated in honor of their husbands. Many members have written us checks but the one event we wanted to mention was the brainstorm of our good members Jim and Bill Kirby. These two brothers decided to ride up into northern Wisconsin to White Mound Park and took pledges for the miles they completed. They wanted to do this in honor of their mother and nephew who are both in wheelchairs. The stated amount of miles was 165 but with detours and bike

trails they traveled about 210 miles and they made it as evidenced by the sign they are standing under proudly wearing their Viking Power DBIA T-shirts. When all pledges are in they will have earned \$800.00 for the chairlift fund and we are very proud of the efforts of these two fine members.

We had our hot dogs, hamburgers, brats and all the potluck items eaten and then came the downpour. We managed to have our raffle and string pull but it got just too wet to continue our annual picnic. It was fun while it lasted and we want to thank Rick Wade and his committee of Rudy Bernhardt, Sr., Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Jeff and Todd Bernhardt, Ken Learmont, and Ken Learmont II, Dan Ervin, Rich Walker, Rick Smith, Tom, Mary Beth and Julie Nelson. Thank you to Tom Nelson for once again furnishing the truck, to Chuck Kasputis for getting us a good price on the meat, to Jerry Hoeke for the Johnson Was products, to May Beverages and to Jack Sorensen for the door prizes. Thanks to those who donated the potluck items. It worked out really well. A big thank you also to Paul Ferraro from K & K for the children's candy. We were glad to see Dick and Pat Johnson from Florida at our picnic.

Two busloads of racing fans traveled to Hawthorne Park on September 12 for our annual day at the races. Beer, wine, soda and snacks were served on the bus with lunch and reserved seats at the track. We were winners and losers but we were all winners as far as having a great day thanks to our perennial chairman Ed Zydowsky who does such a great job on this every year. Also helping were Duke Ellingham, Gene Keck, Rich Walker and Bob Ibsen. Thanks to Paul Ferraro for the snacks.

Congratulations to our softball team. They finished second with a 9-3 record.

Please note that the Torsk Supper and Dance has been changed to November 21. Contact Bob Ibsen for reservations.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — A special happy 99th birthday to Jens Andreasen. Jens has been a member of our lodge since January, 1914. Congratulations!

The National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24 was attended by Rick Sullivan and Ken Jensen. The Midwest District has two members on the Board of Directors. Bob Ibsen of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha; and Woody Petersen of Lodge No. 35 of Chicago. Also, Ray Nielsen of Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, was elected as alternate Board member.

Since it was too late to have a food booth at Dwight Harvest Days this year, it was

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Members failing to pay their local
lodge treasurer as per above will be
considered in arrears.

suggested we start planning earlier next year. We will be having a kringle sale on November 21 at Sears Store. Marge Lauritsen and Genny Andreasen will be taking orders.

We will be hosting the Midwest District Convention in September, 1988. It's not too early to decide what you'd like to donate for the raffle. We need this to be a success so that we can keep our other expenses down. Ladies, get your handy crafts going; men, something hand made would be nice; home canned items, anything would be welcome. Shirley Holzhauser and Margaret Goodwin are in charge of the raffle.

"Garfield Goose - TV Puppets" has been confirmed for our December 6 Christmas Party. There will be more details later.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Mark your calendars now. The November meeting will be held on the second Friday rather than the third, the date is the 13th. Again in December our schedule will be changed. Our Christmas party will be on December 11 — the second Friday.

The September 18th meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance as usual. President Iversen read two letters from Lutheran Family Mission — one thanking for donations of food and cash and the other asking for contributions to help them replace items lost in flood damage to their property.

Jenny Jensen asked for help to decorate the Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry. She said that Denmark Day is Saturday, December 5. This year we will be decorating an 18 foot tree. Call Jenny if you can help. Jenny is also taking greetings for the Danish Pioneer.

The annual Dinner-Dance is to be held on November 7.

Herb Peterson asked for old trophies for retarded children. They re-use them at their special olympics. Please remember to bring them to the meetings.

Make It, Bake It, Sew It, or Grow It was the name of the auction conducted by Woody Petersen. Lots of nice things brought a profit of \$142 for the Scholarship Committee. Thanks to those of you who brought things to be auctioned and those who spent their money. It was for a good cause and you are a generous group.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We held our aebleskiver supper, which is our annual fund-raising event, on Thursday, Septem-

ber 24, and had a successful evening serving aebleskiver, sausages, apple-sauce, syrup, jams and jellies, kringle and coffee. Thanks to Loyal Lundorf for serving again as chairman of the event as well as doing the decorating of the tables and the hall and for also serving as one of the cooks.

Gladys Peterson, Inga Polly, Evelyn Faulks and Margaret Miller represented the Danish Brotherhood on Saturday, October 10, at the Waupaca Armory as a part of the Pioneer Crafts Festival of Waupaca's Fall-O-Rama. Among the many colorful Danish items, they served Danish aebleskiver (with recipe and samples) and showed how to make Danish woven paper heart baskets and other decorations for the Christmas tree.

Our annual Mortensaften goose dinner will be held Saturday, November 7, at the Waupaca Country Club.

Our annual Christmas potluck supper will be held on Thursday, December 17, in the beautiful new Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church. **Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On November 11, the election of officers will be held. If you want to be a candidate or have someone

in mind for office, be sure to attend this meeting. Remember, without your support, the Brotherhood cannot function.

The Viking softball team, headed by Mark Pedersen and Scott Larsen would like to thank all Brotherhood members for their support. Games are still being held through November at Softball City, so come on down on either Friday or Sunday night and enjoy an evening of softball.

December 13 will be the annual Children's Christmas party, held at the Danish Club. Everyone is invited.

Karl Larsen, Cor.

G.C.E.L.

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On August 1, we had our picnic at Wilbur and Francis Knudsen's home in Jamestown, Rhode Island. New Haven had a pretty good turnout and the weather was great. We also got to meet a lot of our friends from the Providence Lodge there. Thank you Wilbur and Francis once again for the use of your lovely home.

Our Clam Bake was held a week later and it was a very pleasant day on the beach front. Unfortunately we were unable to get any streamers but we had plenty of clams on the half shell. Barbara Larsen also made a great clam chowder. There was plenty of

VELKOMMEN!

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



Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Paul R. Roskres	14	Kenosha, WI	David Jensen
Raymond J. Bieber	14	Kenosha, WI	Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.
John L. Deitche	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Everett Erickson
Jack H. Schroeder	51	Ludington, MI	Arnold Koegler
Robert D. Sladick, Sr.	51	Ludington, MI	Gary Wickery
Christopher J. Jensen	51	Ludington, MI	Robert Jensen
Todd J. Chavalia	51	Ludington, MI	Jack Smith
Frederick E. Rick	56	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Aldred M. Schweder	56	Kansas City, MO	George Schweder
Jessica R. Moore	56	Kansas City, MO	Gerda Wallace
Paul Rasmussen	167	Portland, OR	Jan Christensen
June Petersen Frances	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Karl J. Pedersen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Eric C. Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Larry West
Larry Larsen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Richard S. Messke	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Annie E. Kim	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
George F. Olsen	325	Nassau County, NY	Elizabeth Pedersen
John W. Christensen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	JoAnn Sorensen
Peggy J. Cartmill	600	Omaha, NE	Mary Cartmill
Ivan T. Nielsen	600	Omaha, NE	Tommy Nielsen
Kristian J. Nielsen	600	Omaha, NE	Tommy Nielsen

food for all those who came. Maybe next year we could try getting a basket of shrimp! For everyone who helped plan and work at the Clam Bake, thank you. It was a job well done.

The GCEL convention was held in New Britain this year and put on by the Hartford Lodge. They did a great job of making it a very memorable one. There was a large turnout from all the lodges. The new officers of the GCEL are as follows: Past President, Jim Elliott; President, Norman Hanson; Vice President, Robert Phoenix; Secretary, Chris Simonsen; Treasurer, Sharon Lunde; and Trustee, Eric Brown.

We left the convention with great expectations for making our meetings a larger attraction for everyone in the lodge. Woody Petersen, National Director, was the representative from the Board and told how his lodge is now a strong 65+ each meeting night. He gave us some pointers and tips to help increase participation in our lodge. One of these was to have family nights at the lodge meetings and that is exactly what we did at our September 11th meeting. David Johnson put together a video tape of songs from movies past and present and we had to guess the names of the songs as well as the movies they were in. Debbie Johnson collected an admission charge at the door as well as sold candy bars and popcorn. We also had a raffle that night. It was great! We had a really large turnout and we hope to follow it up with our October meeting.

Next on the things to tell I guess would be our National Convention that was held in Des Moines, Iowa. As the American Dane said, it really is a surprising place. The city was beautiful, clean, and the people were very friendly. We walked the streets late at night and felt good about it.

We put three new people on the National Board of Directors. It is with great pride that I inform you that our own Barry Edmonds is a member of the National Board of Directors. We also have, for the first time, a woman on the Board. I have met her and I can honestly say that I think she will do a very good job.

We lost a friend this summer, Kathrina Sondergaard. Kathrina had been sick for a while but it is still a shock to lose a friend. We will miss her.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — Our September, Saturday afternoon meeting was attended by 27 members and friends. After we heard the committee reports, a lively discussion was held on the advantages for the elderly to live in the Danish Home in Edison, New Jersey. Following this, we heard of the experiences of my two

week stay at Skovsøen, A Danish, American Language Village in Minnesota. This was a wonderful experience for anyone who is privileged to attend. Following the adjournment of the meeting, the members enjoyed a sit down luncheon provided by the Danish Athletic Club.

Rachel Connor, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — During the September meeting, Mark Mussari was initiated as a member. Welcome, Mark. Don't forget our clothing drive as our part of Operation Care and Share. If you clean out your closets remember to bring discarded items to our monthly meeting where our Vice President, Harley Larsen, will be most happy to pass them on to the Seamen's Mission. All kinds of clothing can be used, male as well as female.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — On August 26, a delegation from our lodge went to Putnam Hospital to present Lauritz Petersen his 50-year membership pin. Members of our delegation were Hans Pedersen, Rita Nielsen, Nette and Niels Hansen. We were met in the lounge by Lauritz's wife Dorethy and his brother John and his wife Jeane.



Congratulations to 50-year member, Lauritz Petersen.

Lauritz and John joined Lodge No. 325 at the age of 17 and have been true members ever since. Their father, John W. Petersen, was a very active member of our lodge. John and his wife came over from Barnegat, New Jersey, to participate and to receive his 50-year pin, which was presented by George Jacobsen. George brought up some of the old time history of our lodge and John Petersen and Hans Pedersen (member of 47 years) reminisced from when they were young members.

We welcome our newest member, Kai Deissel and soon to be member, George F. Olsen, who do not live on Long Island, but want to support the lodge his father once belonged to. We appreciate the thought.

We are still participating in the Care and

Share program. Thank you to Matanne Andersen for handling it.

With our September meeting, we started our smorgasbord season. Starting off were Elna Jamison, Jytte Rohl and Wivi Hansen. Thank you.

Niels Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — At the September meeting, Palle Kristensen brought a couple of his Danish friends that were on an extensive traveling vacation. They were Jens Otto Størup of Hirtshals, and Jan Sunds from Nibe. Also visiting was Pia Balling from Aalborg, currently staying with the Godiksens.

Operation Care and Share will continue. A donation can will be on the bar and as planned last spring, we will donate to home care in lower Bucks County.

Tine Shipman, our newest member, moved to Oregon in October to settle. We will miss her wonderful smile and with that we must look for more prospects for membership in our lodge.

Bob Phoenix assumed the post of Vice President of the GCEL as Georg Olesen resigned his participation. This will mean that Bob is in line for the presidency in 1988. He will be the second member of our lodge to hold that position in the last five years. A convention will be planned for Bucks County in 1989.

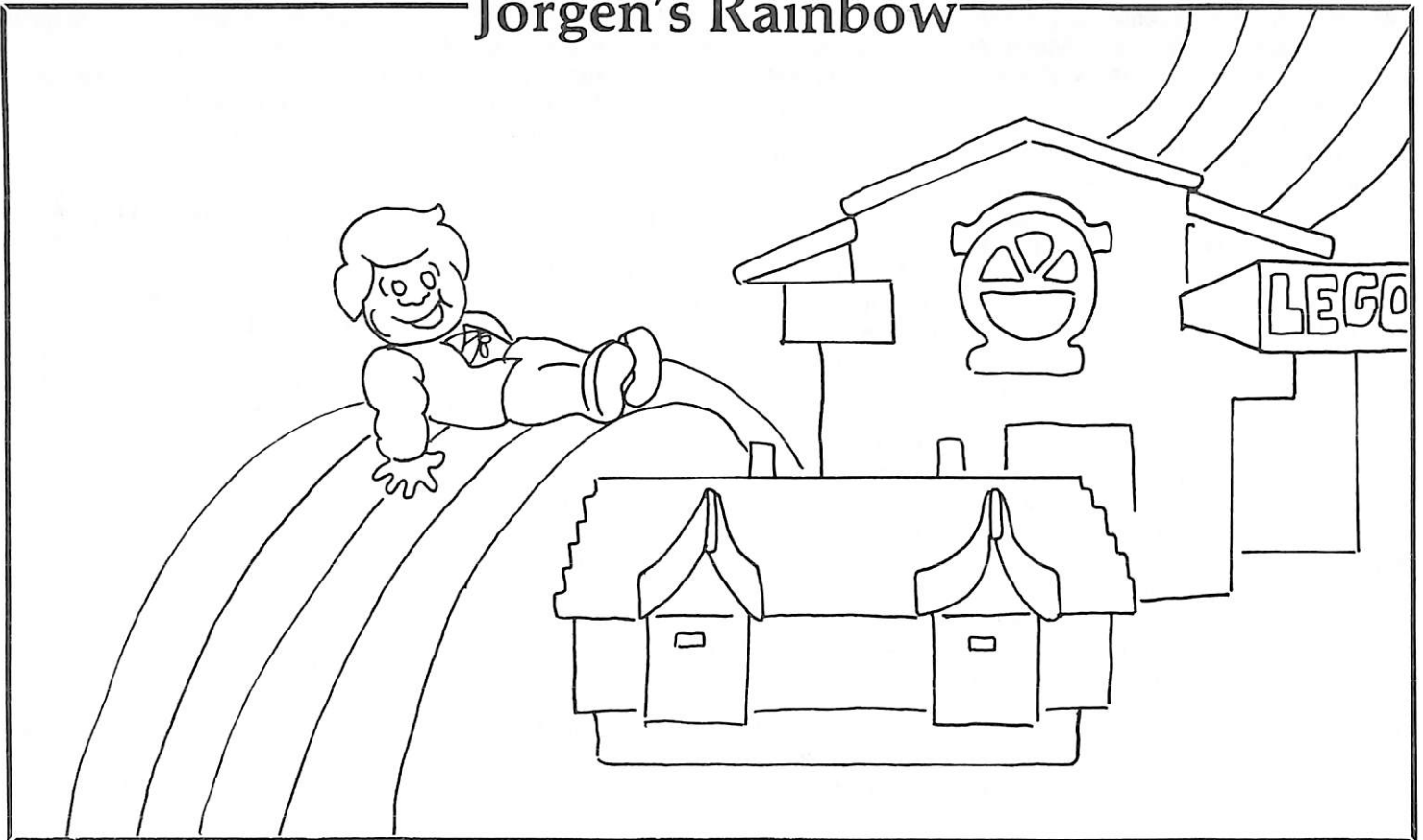
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Jorgen's Rainbow



Legoland is a place in Denmark everyone should visit. Legoland means "Playland" and Jorgen wishes he and BiFrost could stay all day long. This miniature town in Billund is built entirely of Lego toy building blocks. Houses, stores, airports and schools are all there. Before Jorgen leaves he'll be sure to visit the world's most expensive doll house, Titania's Palace.

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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 the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

October winners: Cory Miller, Robyn Burkall, and Stefanie Frith.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Benlose Fugle (Boneless Birds)

6 slices round steak Salt, pepper
6 strips fresh fat pork Onions
Sausage

Cut tender round steak into pieces of suitable serving size (about 6 ounces). Pound well to flatten out each piece. Sprinkle the meat with a mixture of salt and pepper (a little ginger and clove is optional) and, if desired, finely minced onions. Then spread a thin layer of sausage over each piece and in the center put a strip of fresh fat pork. Roll up and secure each roll with a string. Toothpicks may be substituted for string. Roll in flour and brown well in hot fat. Add a little hot water or meat stock or cream. Cover and cook slowly until the meat is tender. Thicken this liquid for gravy and pour over the birds after the string has been removed.

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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Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning Keeping Together — Progress
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Many local Danish Brotherhood lodges have, in the past year, become involved with "Operation Care and Share" which is designed to increase public awareness and understanding of how private citizens can respond to the problem of hunger in the United States. These lodges are to be congratulated for their fraternal actions. The following is just one example of a local lodge's involvement. If your lodge has not yet become involved in Operation Care and Share, please contact the National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131 for further information.

Lodge No. 345 Assists the Orangewood Childrens Home and Emergency Shelter Home



Lodge No. 345 is proud to assist this most worthwhile home for children.



Operation Care and Share Chairman Howard Kjellsen gives a member of the personnel bags of pizza mixes.

Lodge No. 345 is very happy to provide cake mixes, frosting, desserts, pizza mixes, etc. to the Orangewood Children's Home and Emergency Shelter Home. Orangewood provides emergency shelter care to children ranging from 3 days old to 18 years old. Children are referred to Orangewood for several reasons which include: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual molestation-exploitation, neglect, lack of parental care and supervision, unfit home, destitute and abandonment.

We have also donated \$250.00 in table games, toys and items which will stay at the home permanently.

Our lodge has really gotten behind the Operation Care and Share project and we are very pleased to support it. We would like to compliment the National Headquarters for helping lodges get involved in local needs. Unless we are pushed to help, we would probably not do it.

Submitted by
Gerry Olsen, Secretary, Lodge No. 345

Please note: Reporting forms for all Operation Care and Share activities are due in the National Headquarters by December 31, 1987.

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