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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

We move into that festive time of the year in which we also find most lodges deeply involved in their schedules and commitments. Many lodges will also be holding the election of their officers for 1988. Those of you who have been nominated have been so because others recognize your talent. Remember your obligation to our Society as you assume your responsibilities and 1988 will be a banner year.

We concluded last month by reminding all of you to remember those who are less fortunate than we and suggested a big boost to Operation Share and Care. December nor any month is no less significant but this month is special to us all. When you go to the grocery store drop in an extra can to your grocery cart and give it to the chairperson in the lodge. Let's show people that Danes do care! In the Northwest we are in the beginning stages of operation outreach where Danes help Danes. Make this a year around example of people helping people.

This is a good time to look into our latest fraternal offering, the American Dane Card. You first read about it in the October magazine and your lodge delegate to the National Convention was there to hear about it. Don't leave the lodge without it!

December is always a great month for Danish families who share in the many traditions of Denmark and Danish ways. The smell of freshly baked cookies and the fragrance of red cabbage and all the other things that go along with it. I will admit that as a child it took some doing to develop a taste for certain things. I now admit that my mother could make it very well, a taste difficult to duplicate. How we mellow with time. Bonnie Kuhr from Blair, Nebraska along with her husband, Merton and Emily Kuhr Rath, developed an outstanding cookbook that no Dane should be without. Even I can use it! Quoting from the book and acknowledging the people of Jutland it is said: "The Danes eat so much for Christmas that the stomach can't take what the eyes can see, because we have only one stomach but two eyes." I think we would agree that there is a lot of truth in that saying so that all of you are gently admonished to take it easy but enjoy just the same.

Your newly elected Board of Directors held their first meeting in mid November and the following committees have been formed: Executive, chaired by your President; Investments, Jerry Christensen, chairman; Paul Carlsen heading Auditing and Securities; a capable Erling Braumann heading up Scholarships and Camp Grants; Ebby Norby will be scrutinizing your Bylaws and Submissions; Jerry Sonsalla will be looking after our valuable property in the Home Office building and Barry Edmonds will administer the retirement plan for employees. It will require all of these dedicated people, working as a team, to care for the overall operation of your Danish Brotherhood. If there is an area where you, the member, have a question, feel free to contact any of these people. If you cannot find the answer, contact Jerry Christensen at home office or feel free to communicate with me directly. Now, someone is going to ask about Woody Petersen and what he is doing? As First Vice President Woody will sit on several critical committees where his talent and expertise are especially important. Because of the many commitments of this talented man I have asked that he not chair any particular committee but rather devote his energies on a broad basis and give his counsel where it will do the most good. All of us will say that we are members of the Danish Brotherhood first and our titles remind us of our responsibilities to all of the membership.

It was Herbert Spencer in Principles of Ethics who said, "Society exists for the benefit of its members; not the members for the benefit of the society." With that the Danish part will say "Glaedelig Jul" and the American part will say best wishes for the season and have a very Happy New Year!

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Danish Traditions Happily Continue for the Sloths

by Linda Sloth



A long-standing tradition of the Sloth Christmas is the dancing and singing of Christmas carols around the Christmas tree, enjoyed by four generations.

Christmas Eve traditions were established in the Sloth family long before my birth. The holidays for me have always centered around Danish customs as my parents, relatives and friends strive to preserve our Danish culture. Sheltered in this love for ancestry, I grew up thinking everyone knows the meaning of "Glaedelig Jul." I was a few years into elementary school before I realized many of our Christmas activities were not common to all Americans, but came from a mysterious far away land called Denmark and on Christmas Eve somehow that land was not so far away because we did the same kind of things the people do there.

In my childhood, December magic and mystery climaxed on the 24th of the month as Christmas Eve's darkness swallowed the cold snow drifts surrounding our house. Inside the house my brothers, sister and I squirmed with anticipation, shaking packages, sneaking Christmas goodies, wrapping presents and asking, "When is it going to be time, Mom?"

Finally Dad would walk into the house and say, "Is everybody ready? Let's go!" Grabbing coats, gifts, and goodies we would pile into the station wagon and head for Bedstemor and Bedstefar's.

The smell of roast duck warming the porch, along with Bedstemor's hugs upon entering the house preceded smiles and Glaedelig Jul greetings from aunts, uncles and cousins and the festivities began. Bedstemor served her duck with plenty of stuffing, red cabbage and love. However, I could never fully enjoy the meal with thoughts of brightly decorated packages

under the Christmas tree.

Supper dishes washed, the family would gather around the tree centered in the room. Grasping hands we would dance, singing Christmas carols, the youngest child propped on Bedstefar's shoulder. As a youngster it seemed to me the myriad of melodies would never end. When the last chorus of "Nu har vi jul, igen" was sung the confusion of opening packages began.

Bedstemor and Bedstefar passed away years ago, but not their Danish traditions. Instead, their children and grandchildren make a concentrated effort to keep it alive. I learned how much these traditions have enhanced our lives, last Christmas.

On Christmas Eve day I packed clothes, presents, cookies and candy anticipating the usual journey to my parents home with my husband. Outside the snow fluttered to the ground blanketing the season's earlier accumulation. "Nice," I thought, "to have a clean cover for the holiday." As the day progressed the snow continued and shortly before our departure time the phone rang.

"You can't come home," my father's voice announced.

"What?" I said in disbelief. "Have I done something to be excommunicated from the family?" Further conversation led to the conclusion no roads between our apartment and my hometown were passable due to the blizzard.

My heart sank in disappointment at the thought of missing the celebration I had enjoyed with my Danish relatives for years. I went to bed that night feeling as if something were missing. I was experiencing withdrawal symptoms of need much like an alcoholic.

Through the night the snow subsided renewing my optimism of Christmas. Much to my delight the Sloth's Danish Christmas party was rescheduled for Christmas night. The 90-mile trip to the event was an adventure in itself, as remains of the previous day's snowstorm blocked the roads. My husband and I forged away in our beat up pick-up (the only vehicle we owned that could withstand the weather), blazing a trail for other such adventurers joining their loved ones.

Bucking three foot snow drifts we made our way down the hidden highway, wondering if we would make it through the next icy barrier. Hours later we arrived in my mother's kitchen pleasantly surprised by the sweet aroma of aebleskiver. We would have a Danish Christmas after all.

The Sloth party proceeded that evening as it has for decades. Cousins greeting each other with "Glaedelig Jul;" devouring Danish delicacies with joyful reminiscences of past holidays. One cousin who traveled some of the same roads we had remarked, "I'm so glad the party was postponed so we could make it. I hated to think what Christmas would be like without getting together with the Sloths."

The annual ritual around the Christmas tree is somewhat encumbered as the family grows in numbers, making it difficult to circle the tree in true Danish fashion. But we manage to inject it in to our Christmas true Danish spirit. It is this spirit that keeps our family together. I am reassured our Danish traditions will continue by my six year-old nephew who told me proudly, "I couldn't wait to get to Grandpa's and dance around the Christmas tree — because we're Danish." He and the cousins of his generation are experiencing the joy of Danish traditions that we have tried so carefully to preserve.

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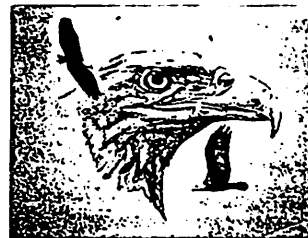
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Reflections on the 1987 Joint National Convention

by Wilber Williamson

It was like Christmas, Thanksgiving, and the family reunion all rolled into one celebration. By the evening of Sunday, September 26 the host lodges of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Des Moines were like Grandpa and Grandma on the day after Christmas. After weeks of writing Christmas cards and invitations, painting banners of welcome, shopping for just the right presents, planning the turkey and goose dinners, making sure that the almond nut was placed in one of the servings of rice pudding, and arranging for the appearance of Santa, the great weekend arrived with all the relatives and in-laws on hand. With all of the activities involving the renewal of friendships, the updating of recent accomplishments, the preparation and eating of meals, the candlelight service, the arrival of Santa, and the distribution of gifts, the days passed as if they were a dream. And now Grandpa and Grandma, relaxing after the noise and excitement had passed, reflect in the warm glow of having been with family and friends and hoping that all were happy with their gifts and that the in-laws were not disappointed with what they saw.

Unlike Christmas, Thanksgiving, and family reunions which occur every year, the 1987 Joint National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood was four years in the making. It was during the Labor Day, 1983 District Brotherhood Convention in Des Moines and the recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Brotherhood lodge that the idea of inviting the next Joint National Convention to Des Moines was presented. When the invitation was made by Willy Christensen, the delegate of the Des Moines lodge, and was accepted by the Philadelphia Convention in September, 1983, the wheels were set in motion through the common efforts of Brotherhood Lodge No. 15 and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 102. Willy Christensen and Svend Christensen with the cooperation of the Des Moines Convention Center confirmed the dates and made reservations in 1984 for the use of Hotel Fort Des Moines and the Marriott Hotel for the 1987 convention.

Under the leadership of Willy Christensen, Chairman of the Planning Committee, several special committees were appointed in 1985. These were: Program and Advertising; Registration and Welcome; Banquet and Luncheon; Decorations; Entertainment. Membership of these committees were made up from both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges.

During the first months of 1987 the major task involved the collection of information for the printing of the convention program booklet. This called for several mailings to all the lodges for delegate names, delegate photographs, and advertising space from the various lodges and other agencies and businesses. After the assembly and editing of all the collected information from all of the contributing sources, the material was sent to Askov, MN where the American Publishing Company printed and delivered the programs in ample time for the convention. They produced an excellent booklet.

Raffle tickets were printed and distributed to the lodges where members could purchase chances to win the two free tickets to Copenhagen that were donated by the Scandinavian Airlines. The generosity of S.A.S. contributed a good deal of financial aid in helping to allay the cost of the convention. Incidentally the winner of the lucky number and the airline tickets was present at the convention banquet. She had found the almond in the rice pudding.

During the summer months of 1987 the Registration, the Banquet, the Decorations, and the Entertainment Committees spent many, many hours preparing for the convention with the hope that the delegates and visitors would find a well organized and smoothly functioning event. Except for a few minor inconveniences it seems that this was largely achieved.

This article will not attempt to mention the names of the members of the local lodges who contributed so much time and effort in preparation for, and the execution of the various duties associated with the convention itself. It was truly a group effort involving the cooperation of a good many people. However, special mention and recognition need to be given to a number of groups and individuals who contributed to the success of the convention.

First of all, special thanks to the member lodges of the Iowa-Minnesota District that provided financial support and a hospitality room at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. Several members from these lodges donated various gifts that were raffled off at the banquet. The Al Nielsen Flower Supply Company and the Nielsen Greenhouse are to be complimented for their donations of flowers. Tom Weinman of the Des Moines Register is recognized for the design of the cover of the Convention booklet, and Paul Stephensen of "Dane Art" for his design of the banquet menu and program. Chris Johnson of Grand View College designed and painted the banners that were displayed during the various sessions and the banquet.

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The young ladies from Chicago are to be congratulated for adding to the color and pageant of the installation of the national officers of the Danish Sisterhood. The various volunteers from the Sisterhood are to be thanked for the preparation of favors and the arrangement of place settings at the banquet. The pessimists among us were doubtful if we would entertain 250 delegates and visitors in Des Moines, but when the joint opening meeting virtually filled the ballroom at Hotel Fort Des Moines, and when 504 place settings were filled for the Saturday night banquet we had to agree that Svend Christensen was right when he predicted 500 reservations for the banquet.

One would be remiss if mention was not made of the excellent contribution of the toastmaster at the banquet. Maurice O'Neill, the Digger O'Dell of Council Bluffs, handled the program of the evening with such professional efficiency and marvelous good humor that it was like icing on the cake after a satisfying meal. For a man who volunteered his services he must truly love his avocation.

In retrospect all of the members of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 15 and the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 102 wish to thank all of the national officers of the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood and all of the delegates and visitors who came to Des Moines for giving us the opportunity for being your host for the 1987 convention. It was like Christmas, Thanksgiving, and a family reunion all in the same weekend. As hosts we were enriched by the experience and we are grateful for the opportunity. Now in December we are approaching the Christmas season, for this we are twice blest. It isn't often that we can say "Glaedelig Jul" twice in the same year.

P.S. The group photograph that was taken outside the hotel the first morning of the convention is a beautiful colored 40x10 inch print with each face in perfect focus. Perhaps some of the lodges would like a copy as a memento of the Des Moines convention. You would not be disappointed. The cost is \$20 and orders can be sent to: Stover Photography, 1305 Sunset Drive, Norwalk, Iowa 50211.

The Treasure

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time there lived a woodcutter named Jakob.

One night he awoke and went outdoors. There was not another person around, except for a troll who hid quietly in a tree.

Jakob sat near the trunk of the tree and sighed, "I've been poor all of my life. If only I could have a single treasure I will be a happy man."

The troll jumped down from the tree. "Just one treasure?" he asked. "What will you give me in return?"

Jakob's eyes bulged from his head. "Who are you?" he asked frightened of the little creature that he saw.

"That's unimportant," said the troll. "I'm willing to give you what you ask for, but what will you give me for the favor?"

Jakob caught his breath. "I will be your servant forever," he replied.

Instantly, a glistening ball appeared in front of Jakob. He never saw anything quite like it before.

"Catch the ball," said the troll, "and you will be

the richest man alive. But remember what you promised ME!"

Jakob only heard the first part of what the troll had said and when he walked up to the ball, the ball rolled away. The faster Jakob moved toward the ball, the faster it rolled away.

When Jakob slowed down, so did the ball. The distance between Jakob and the ball always remained the same.

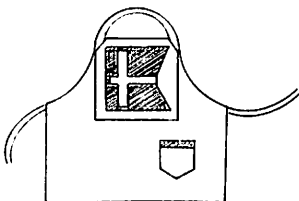
Jakob felt that the ball was his treasure, in some magical way, and would not let it slip away from him. The ball kept on rolling and Jakob kept on following it.

Jakob thought, "If only I could get hold of this secret treasure, I wouldn't have to work so hard; and I would be able to buy clothes for my wife who has worked hard all of her life. I would give my children an education and then I would buy a home."

Soon, he realized that he had left his town and was crossing a field — and the distance between him and the ball had not changed.

Jakob looked for the troll. He was nowhere in sight.

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But he spoke, well, he shouted into the night air anyway. "If you want to give me a treasure, please give it to me, but don't play tricks on me instead!"

Nothing happened.

Jakob was already into another town and his anger made him turn around and head for home.

"I will not follow you anymore," he said to the ball. But as he turned around, the glistening ball jumped ahead of him and began to roll back toward the town where he lived.

"I won't tell anyone about this," thought Jakob. "No one would believe me anyway. Not my wife. Not my children. Not my neighbors. Why should I get so excited about a treasure. I'm better off without it."

Jakob approached his house. The door was open as he had left it and he watched the ball roll ahead of him through the door into the house and under his bed.

Jakob, who was still outside, went over to the tree

where the troll was waiting for him.

"You only teased me with this treasure," said Jakob, angrily. "I do not want it, nor do I intend to be your servant. So take back the ball and leave me alone!"

No one had ever spoken to a troll like that before; and with an astonished look on its face the troll disappeared.

Jakob did not see this happen, as he quietly went into his house and went to bed.

The next morning, when he got up to get dressed, he found that the ball was gone and a sack of gold was under his bed.

Near the gold was a note: **BECAUSE YOU WERE AN HONEST MAN IN NOT GIVING ME YOUR SOUL, THE TREASURE IS YOURS TO KEEP.**

Jakob was stunned but happy and went to tell his family of their new found wealth.

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — On Sunday, August 16, our lodge had 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, and 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.



The children enjoyed the "penny hunt" at the picnic.



Everyone enjoyed the wheelbarrow race.



Congratulations to Fredrik J. Nielsen for receiving his 60-year pin.

The best idea for December goes to Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C. See page 12.

Our September 2nd meeting was the traditional Veterans Night at the Northwest Danish Home. Martin Rasmussen read a letter from 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 membership pin. Fredrik joined the lodge in 1927. Also congratulations to Otto Brask and Hans Nielsen on getting their 25-year membership pins.

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 film of "A 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.

We proudly congratulate our lodge member Clyde Langsted as our National President of the Danish Brotherhood in America. At the risk of sounding a little self-conscious, we are especially proud of the fact that Clyde Langsted is now the fourth National President coming from our lodge. We like to think that we have some dedicated and capable members in our lodge.

The National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, was an historic one, not only for us here in Seattle, but for the entire Brotherhood at large, as for the first time a woman has been elected to the National Board of Directors. Ebba Norby of Modesto, Califor-

nia, is the new Director. She is also the Secretary-Treasurer of the California-Nevada District. Sounds like a very capable lady.

At our October 7 meeting, Kristen Jorgensen gave us some very interesting highlights from the convention, indicating that it was a very efficient and well-organized convention by our National Board of Directors and Home Office Staff in Omaha and our host lodges in Des Moines. The next National Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, in 1991. Come and smell the roses!

After the meeting when we joined the Sisterhood for coffee, Clyde's two brothers, Olaf and James, were on hand. Jim had brought a big cake, enough for 100 people. Olaf had a letter of congratulations from Governor Booth Gardner, State of Washington. Carry on, Clyde!

At the October 7 meeting, the following members were elected as the Nominating Committee of lodge officers for 1988: Craig Emmick, Flemming Sorensen, and Rudy Hansen. Please be willing to serve when the committee contacts you.

Since January, 1987, a group of Danes have been meeting at the Nordic Heritage Museum to plan a Danish Room at the museum. We invite everybody of Danish heritage to become involved. The meeting is every fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the museum. We need support, work, and money. It would be nice if we could have the room ready by next spring when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our lodge. This celebration is not just a one night stand at the Stouffer-Madison Hotel. It is something which should be observed and celebrated through the entire year of 1988. So come to the meeting — your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

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Lodge Treasurer

December 1, 1987

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January 1, 1988

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

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Mark Saturday, December 12, on your holiday calendar. Have the children participate in the program and each family is asked to bring some cookies, candy or cake. Adult admission is only \$1.00 and all ages 18 and under are free. Plan to play a tune, sing a song, recite a piece or dance up a storm for the entertainment of everyone present.

Agnes Perry and Sharon Kinder represented Princess Marie Lodge No. 117 and Wind Lodge No. 42 at the 32nd National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-26. Sharon was introduced to the assembly during the opening session by DBIA President Robert Ibsen as Chairman of the National Law Committee. And, in the election of the National Board, Sharon received the most votes of all running for alternates to the Board. Thanks to you both for representing us.

Hail to our new President of the National Board of Directors, Clyde Langsted, of Seattle Lodge No. 29. And serving on Clyde's Board is Ebba Norby of California, who visited us during this year's District Convention. Ebba is the first woman to serve the Brotherhood as a Director at the national level. And the Sisterhood delegates re-elected Edna Oslund of Portland Lodge No. 81 as Supreme Treasurer of the Danish Sisterhood of America.

Pjuske went to Des Moines with Sheridan and Agnes Perry. Pjuske, wearing an authentic Viking hat with horns, took a card in his mouth up to the toastmaster. The audience exploded in loud applause when the toastmaster finished reading the card, "Greetings and congratulations to the new officers from Wind Lodge No. 42 and Princess Lodge No. 117 of Spokane, Washington."

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — We were happy to have several new members initiated into the Brotherhood. We gave a warm welcome to the following: Larry Larsen, June Petersen French, Aksel and Ellinor Mikkelson, Maryellen Olson and Donna Brooks. We had a brief intermission to allow members present to greet and welcome these new members into our lodge.

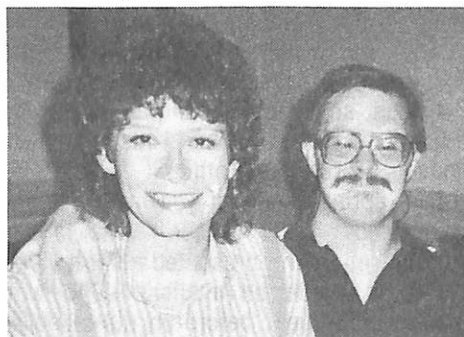


President Fisker welcomes six new members!

Correspondence was read, including a thank you letter from Fort Vancouver Seamen's Center for the contribution our lodge gave to them during their Seamen's Festival in July.

Ed Hirsch gave a report on the National Convention held this year in Des Moines, Iowa. The members at the convention were very impressed with our banner advertising the 1991 convention to be held in Portland. Ed was elected to the Audit Committee; Portland received two plaques; one was "Best Activity Schedule" along with \$100, the other was "Development of Youth Program." We also received \$100 back from Des Moines — a refund for the \$100 we had sent four years ago to them for convention needs. Des Moines is offering us any help we may need.

Absjorn Fisker appointed Tami Hansen as chairperson of the 1991 convention committee. She will be asking for help from all of us. Each of us needs to help in whatever way we feel comfortable and can do our best. It was suggested and approved to set up an expense account of \$1,000 for initial expenses for Tami; we will also be sending a letter to other districts for their financial help. We will have a monthly financial accounting from the committee at our meetings.



Welcome Janice and Karl Pedersen.

We welcome new members Janice and Karl Pedersen. Janice and Karl are sister and brother and both really enjoy the ethnic, heritage and culture of the Danish Americans. Initiation took place in October at the Danish Brotherhood lodge meeting. They are visiting relatives in Denmark at this time.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our September meeting, there were 53 members present. We installed four new brothers. Their names are Bjarne Nielsen, Helge Nielsen, Karsten Jakobsen, and Paul Jakobsen. After the meeting, the Brothers enjoyed an open face-sandwich, a beer and snaps. Everybody had a good social time.

On September 19, we had our annual Høstfest. The attendance at the party was

110 people. The Fest Committee had Rødspætter flown in from Denmark. On Wednesday, the fish boat went out to the North Sea to catch our dinner. They were cleaned, skinned, and shipped to Aalborg on Thursday. We received them in Vancouver on Friday. On Saturday, the girls in the kitchen were busy frying the Rødspætter. That evening at 7 p.m. dinner was served. The atmosphere was high when the eleven-man band began playing at 9 p.m. The dancing continued until 1 a.m. Everybody had a wonderful time.

The Fest Committee had done a wonderful job. Thanks to the young people who served: Marianne, Dorte, Eva, Mark, and Kenny, and to the girls frying: Kate, Bente, Vicki, Bea and Tina.

Also this year, we received 100 kg. of Rødspætter, and the Fest Committee have been busy taking names of Brothers who would like to buy Rødspætter for their own use. They all went fast and, at this time, there are none left.

We hope to continue this kind of party in the future years.

At our October meeting, there were 69 members present. We voted on a new application for membership. His name is Borge Pedersen.

Our delegate to Des Moines gave a short report. Our lodge won for the outstanding Single Social Activity. This prize was received for our Soccer and Harvest Party in October, 1986, when Seattle was visiting us. With the President's Award, we received a plaque and cash reward in the amount of \$100.

The site for the 1991 National Convention was selected to be Portland, Oregon — "Portland for Fun in 1991" is their slogan. I hope lots of Lodge No. 328 members will be able to attend the 1991 convention in Portland.

It was good to see a Brother from the Northwest District was elected President of the National Board. A big congratulations to Clyde Langsted.

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

We sponsored a bus trip to Reno. This year we had 39 passengers, both Brothers and Sisters riding along. As you all know, the weather was perfect. Not one rain drop fell on our trip. Our first stop was outside of Eugene where we had a wine and cheese party provided by Maverick Tours.

On Sunday, we reached Reno, and so began our adventure in neon city. On Monday, we visited four different casinos. Each casino providing us with free ticket coupons. Some of us were lucky and others were not. On Tuesday, most of us

took a tour to Lake Tahoe where we were for three hours. After that, we went to Carson City where we gambled at the Golden Nugget. We were served a buffet style lunch that was marvelous. On Wednesday, it was a day of relaxation. Everybody did what they wanted to do. Some went shopping, others just kept on gambling.

On our way home to Vancouver, passing time on the bus, we played bingo, horse-racing, and lots of jokes and stories were told. Everybody had a wonderful time, new friendships were made, and old ones renewed. Many thanks to Herluf Pedersen for coordinating such a wonderful trip, and we hope that we can all do it again next year.

On the weekend of October 10, some of our Brothers went to Seattle to play soccer. The weather was perfect. The first Vancouver team to play was the Over 35 team. They played a good game. The Seattle team again beat Vancouver. Vancouver tried but could not succeed. Seattle won 4-0.

Then the Ladies took over. The Ladies played a marvelous game. In the first half, it was all Vancouver, coming to the second half, Seattle started to move, but Vancouver kept on pressuring Seattle. The final score was Vancouver coming out on top with a score of 2-0.

At this point, it was time for the young guys to take over. It was a close game with both Vancouver and Seattle trying to out-smart one another. But again, Seattle came out winning 3-2.

Well guys, it looks like the girls are just too good. We do give free lessons to any of the Brothers that would like them. Better luck next time, guys.

Our Brothers in Seattle gave a wonderful party on Saturday night, with great food and dance music. We would like to say a big thank you, and we'll meet again.

Peter Praegel, Cor.
Jorgen Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — President Niels Nedergard called the September 10 meeting to order with 40 members present. He conducted initiation of Glenn and Betty Matson in the customary way. A moment was taken to welcome them to our lodge.

Peter Jensen read a letter from Marianne Vorsbladt, thanking the lodge for their contribution for the Danish Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle and giving an update on progress with the different ethnic rooms. She would like to come to a fall meeting and make a presentation to the lodge. Peter agreed to look into scheduling for an upcoming meeting.

A big thank you was given by the lodge to Karen and Knud Toftemark for hosting

such a great time at their place for St. Hans Aften and to Hanne and Martin Taekker for inviting the members to an overnight beach trip at their cabin in Florence. According to reports, it was an interesting weekend.

After discussion the lodge voted to cancel this year's October brunch as members are busy with plans for the 1988 Northwest District Convention. Lois Toftemark requested that the lodge open a checking account for the Northwest District Convention. Poul Olesen has agreed to be convention treasurer. The request was approved. A reminder was made to contact Svend Toftemark with suggestions for prospective advertisers for the convention booklet and Hanne Taekker encouraged members to contact her if they have items to contribute to the raffle.

President Nedergard announced that due to his going to the National Convention and other vacation plans, Peter Jensen will be conducting the next and possibly the next three meetings. Discussion was held about hosting the Tinguliti Folklore Ensemble from Denmark next summer. The lodge voted to have Lois Toftemark write for more information on scheduling.

The committee for the month, chaired by Bernice and Otto Jensen served coffee and dessert, while the Misty Valley Cloggers entertained with dances.

Vice President Peter Jensen called the October meeting to order with approximately 30 members present. Lois Toftemark introduced Kristina Hansen, a high school student from Aarhus, Denmark, who is staying with Lois and Svend while she attends Churchill High School. Kris Sand introduced Floyd West, a member of the Junction City Lodge who is Northwest District President this year.

A short note was read from Niels and Rita Nedergard describing their trip to Des Moines. A full report is anticipated upon their return. A letter from the American Heart Association was summarized thanking us for our recent contribution.

Historian Hanne Taekker reported that she has brought the scrapbook up to date and encouraged members to look at it during the social hour. Lois Toftemark announced that Poul Olesen is just back from Denmark with lots of goodies that may be used for the 1988 Northwest District Convention. District President Floyd West stated that he is looking forward to visiting the other lodges in the district and helping out with the installation of officers. He will be leaving for Denmark just after our 1988 convention, as his wife Viola won two tickets in the raffle at the Junction City Scandinavian Festival this year.

Martin Taekker stated that we needed to

elect five members for the Nominating Committee. Henning Christiansen, Peter Jensen, Otto Jensen, Karen Toftemark and Kris Sand were nominated and a motion to accept the slate as announced was passed by the membership.

Peter Jensen introduced his wood carving of a stork and asked for suggestions for a name. Hanne Taekker suggested "Langeben."

Linda and Allen Ranch and committee served coffee and kringle to the members. Bingo games were played with the Danish exchange student being very lucky and winning three prizes.

On October 8, a planning meeting was held by the 1988 Northwest District Convention Committee. **Verna Lyng, Cor.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT **CALIFORNIA- NEVADA**

Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA — Our Italian dinner on October 23 chaired by John Mottoros became a big success with delicious food and a good attendance of Brothers and Sisters.

At the dinner, our President Cecil Hedrick presented 50-year membership pins to Jack Riis, Bob Langeberg, William Jensen, and Ed Kerr. Everybody present that evening enjoyed themselves.



President Cecil Hedrick congratulates 50-year members.

The next big event for the lodge will be the Christmas party on December 11, together with the Sisters and members of Dania and Dannebrog Lodges, at our meeting place.

Installation of newly elected officers for the coming year will take place at our meeting hall on January 22, 1988. Mark your calendars for this coming event.

Pacific Lodge No. 39 wishes everybody Glaedelig Jul og godt Nytaar!

Aage Lundquist, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Because our fall meeting fell on the very day of the earthquake, our attendance was small, and a lot of the business was postponed to the November meeting. In addition, our President, Villum Christensen, was absent due to illness. We hope you're feeling better now, Bill. We missed you! Harold Mathiasen acted as President on Bill's behalf, and

as usual, did a perfect job. Thanks, Harold.

Doris Christensen, chairman of the entertainment committee, gave her report on the Anniversary Party. We did miss many of our Brothers, but all in all, it was a great party and everyone had a good time. The food was excellent and plenty of it. The band was super as before. Our thanks to the committee for an enjoyable evening.

Harold Mathiasen, a delegate to the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, reported that the alternate (optional) funding for new members was voted down. We must now try to enlist new members in other ways. I suggest that each member bring a guest to one or two meetings and/or socials. This is certainly not a new idea, nor is it mine, however, it is a good start in contacting prospective members, so let's make every effort.

We congratulate the following newly elected members of the National Board of Directors: President, Clyde Langsted; First Vice President, Woodrow Petersen; Second Vice President, Erling Braumann; Directors, Paul Carlsen, Barry Edmonds, Ebba Norby, and Jerome Sonsalla.

Members of Lodge No. 126 would like to personally congratulate Ebba Norby for being elected to the National Board as a Director and for making history as the first lady to be elected to the Board. Ebba has served on the California-Nevada District Committee as a Secretary for about eleven years and that's where a lot of us got to know her. It has been reported that the 1991 National Convention will be in Oregon.

The Operation Care and Share program has been continued for another six weeks so contributions will be accepted for a while longer. Every little bit helps!

Any member who enters a convalescent hospital will stop paying dues. This has been voted on and passed some time ago. If there is such a member that we are not aware of, please notify Secretary-Treasurer Harold Mathiasen or Secretary Betty Seale.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — On October 14 we enjoyed a fine barbecue steak dinner before the meeting which was chaired by our President Bent Pedersen.

A National Convention report by Ed Madsen touched on such subjects as funding proposals, mandatory insurance, which apparently is here to stay, standing ovation for retiring Board members, and naming of the newly elected slate of officers, etc.

Regarding the Danish Days Dinner/Dance, Ron Odell suggested that an increase in the bar tickets would be

necessary in the future, as the cost of running a bar turned out to be higher than anticipated. It was also suggested that the bar be located in the large hall, closer to where the action is.

The festivity was still termed a success, even though the final dollar figure was not yet available. Jorgen Hansen noted that Dania donated \$100 to the American Legion toward the \$1,500 bill for the new curtains in the Veteran wing and suggested that our lodge do the same. Furthermore, that Santa Barbara County possibly may pay half of the cost, which seems reasonable since they own the building.

A committee for nominating the new officers was created: Max Hanberg, Peter Weber and Ken Fitzgerald. The installation will take place January 16 at the Dolphine Club. It was decided that we again this year have a free Christmas dinner and that our spouses or girl friends should be included and that Erik Pedersen again agreed to organize the entertainment.

Erik Pedersen noted that a wheelchair ramp is needed on the corner of Laurel and Atterdag Road, with Bethania Lutheran Church and suggested that it should be a joint project for the Brotherhood, the Sisterhood, and Dania. It was decided that the Brotherhood should sign up for 1/3 of the cost.

Ed Madsen announced that a five-member delegation from Denmark will be arriving in January-February to explore the possibilities of investing by local people in factories in Hjorring, Denmark, which is considered a depressed area.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — On September 23-27, three brothers, Art Norgaard, Anchor Norgaard and Gail Perkins, and two sisters, Petra Ferullo and Dorothy Myrick, represented our respective lodges at the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

We learned a great deal about the working of the National Headquarters, our insurance program, and given a lot of information on other types of programs which our lodge should and hopefully will implement in the future.

As a fraternal organization, the Brotherhood is required to show not only monetary contributions to charities but hours of volunteer time to help our fellow mankind.

The meeting was opened on Thursday, September 24. Robert Ibsen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to Des Moines, Iowa. There were a total of 86 delegates, 11 of which were women. We concluded that day at noon as they had

tours for us to take of Des Moines in the afternoon.

The meeting was again called to order on Friday morning. It was at this time that Aage Jespersen received a Danish plate — Centennial plate of the home office — for being the oldest delegate in attendance, and then after a coffee break, Gail Perkins received the same award, only for being the youngest delegate. We then had a report regarding optional insurance, which was not in the least favorable. The bylaw change, which California was backing, submitted by the Modesto Lodge, was then discussed and the result written in the minutes as follows: "After considerable amount of discussion, the consensus of the delegates proved to stand out that the insurance requirement for membership in the Danish Brotherhood is not the culprit for lack of new members, but instead, lodges not providing quality programs and activities for prospective members. It was pointed out that alternate funding for the DBIA, other than life insurance and annuities, simply does not exist. Based upon this discussion, the motion and second to adopt the new section as proposed, was defeated."

So now that it's back in our laps, let's see everyone try to make a concerted effort to come to our monthly lodge meetings so that we can get this lodge rolling again.

Please mark January 8 for the installation of officers.

Well, our Convention 1988 Golf Chairman, Ray Beard, has been hard at work, and boy we appreciate it. We have most all the golfing arrangements made at this point. I would like to thank Ray for all of his hard work in putting this together for us, on behalf of the committee.

We have chosen the site of the Chula Vista Municipal Golf Course and I'm sure that anyone who participates in that event will have a great day to look forward to. Thanks again, Ray!

We hope to see everyone of you brothers this month to help celebrate the giving of two 25-year pins to "Fitz" Fitzgerald and Leo Kruse. We certainly appreciate their many years of long term devotion to our lodge in helping to preserve our fast fading heritage. At our meeting we discussed ways of getting the members to start coming to meetings again and then of course signing up new members. We had a lot of good ideas. So watch out, you may even find yourself coming to a meeting soon, again.

In this month of December, we will be holding an election of officers. Anyone interested in holding one of our prestigious offices, especially with the 1988

convention being held in San Diego, please contact Gail Perkins. Your participation will be greatly appreciated and rewarded.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — The Fall Barbecue proved very successful both financially and socially. The committee, Bill McDonald, Erik Michelsen, and Verner Stenderup, did a fabulous job on the tri-tip and beans and the Sisterhood members furnished salads and desserts. Many others helped in various ways with just about all Brotherhood members taking part.

Slides of Inge Schoinning's trip to Denmark and Germany highlighted the evening after the October meeting.

Elton and Ethel Nelson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Rio Bravo Resort. A champagne social preceded the buffet which was served poolside. Earlier that week, they were serenaded at 6 a.m. with Danish and English songs by 25 Sisterhood and Brotherhood members. A delicious breakfast was served including medisterpølse, cheeses, breads, and pastries.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST NEWSLETTER**

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — October was a busy month for many of us, and a time for reflections and thinking about the holiday season fastly approaching us.

The October meeting was a big success. We had our annual luau which is always a fun time, with a great dinner. We thank the committee for the great job completed. It always seems so easy when you just sit back and enjoy, without the work and worry involved with presenting a special evening. The tables were nicely arranged with delicious smelling pineapples as

centerpieces, intertwined with ivy. The serving table was laden with a fine array of Hawaiian type foods, beautifully prepared. Thank you ladies of Holger Danske for being such good cooks.

After the dinner and business meeting, Jim Dywer shared with us his slides from New Zealand, which were really interesting and beautiful.

Howard Kjellsen stated that his committee had taken another 18 cake mixes to Orangewood Home, and he asks that we continue to save the store coupons, bring cake mixes and he would continue to deliver them. Orangewood Home told him that we were the only group that furnishes them with cake mixes and the kids love them. So keep them coming.

The National Convention report was given by Ken Olsen, the delegate from our lodge. We had received the completed minutes from the National Headquarters already and they are filed in the Secretary's files for your reading. Ken presented the lodge with a special award given to Holger Danske Lodge by the National Headquarters. It was for our involvement in Operation Care and Share. Great work lodge members! We also received the national award for Best Newsletter along with two other lodges. We gratefully accept this honor from Omaha, feeling very humble for their considering our newsletter worthy of this award. When we read all the fine professional newsletters written within the different states, we can only say again, thank you so much.

Whittier, California, suffered a very hard earthquake on October 1, 1987. The officials called it a moderate earthquake, but when you are at the center of the shake, millions of dollars of damage was

sustained. Thank the Lord that not more lives were lost. We of Holger Danske Lodge wanted to help in some way. A motion was made to send the \$100 we received from the home office for the newsletter award to the Whittier Red Cross. A plate was passed among those present at the October meeting and another \$88 was received. So a check was delivered by our President for \$188 to the American Red Cross the next day.

We regret to inform you of the passing away of Kim Irvin. This young lady touched our hearts in 1986, when her plight became known to us. She was a good part of our fraternal action that year.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Our October meeting was a success. The food was so good! Darlene Petersen fixed the best tasting ham, complimented by Carolyn Lindberg's great scalloped potatoes, salad and topped off by apple pies brought by Kaja Del Grippo. Thanks to you all and to Norma for bringing the rolls and butter.

We had 23 members and guests at the meeting. Some of them were really dressed tacky. . . tacky. Jens Andersen won a pair of red suspenders as a prize for the best men's costume and Sue Patterson won a new pair of red and white stockings for the best women's costume. I still think Bill Johansen should have won a prize. He had on a miniskirt and you wouldn't believe. . . Thanks to Pete and Darlene Petersen for the good cooking and good hospitality and to Bill Del Grippo for being our moonshine runner.

We had six guests from Holger Danske Lodge, Ken and Gerry Olsen, Toni and Gary Gossett and Howard and Hazel Kjellsen. Ken Olsen along with Ken Nielsen gave us

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
9-20-87	Albert Scott	97	Manistee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
9-15-87	Walter F. Sievers	79	Newell, Iowa	147	Newell, Iowa	1966
9-21-87	Knud H. Andersen	61	Viby, Denmark	346	Riverside, California	1978
9-30-87	Richard E. Obetz	60	Manheim, Pennsylvania	346	Riverside, California	1978
10-19-87	Harry Schaffer	84	Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1977
10-1-87	Karl Vilholm Furst	98	Randers, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1912
5-31-87	Jens Rasmussen	94	Kolding, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1960
9-9-87	William J. Petersen	78	Albany, New York	190	Schenectady, New York	1963
8-23-87	Niels J. Nielsen	93	Horsens, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1923
9-2-87	Richard M. Teilborg	78	Fowler, Colorado	261	Fowler, Colorado	1946
10-5-87	Gordon A. Hansen	59	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1952
9-22-87	Gordon Andreasen	88	Cozad, Nebraska	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1932
10-19-87	Paul S. Sorensen	77	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1958
10-14-87	Svend Andersen, Jr.	48	Sandstone, Minnesota	263	Askov, Minnesota	1957
10-6-87	Elmer Ussing	82	Sejerslev, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1934
9-14-87	Hazen Clair Kidder	78	Sheridan, Wisconsin	70	Greenville, Michigan	1950
8-29-87	Alvin C. Jensen	85	Trufant, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1949
10-13-87	George L'Hote, Jr.	75	Menominee, Michigan	675	Omaha, Nebraska	1938
10-7-87	Chris N. Knudsen	80	Hamden, Connecticut	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1951

a little report on the National Convention along with a few jokes they picked up in Iowa.

We also will be having our Joint Installation of 1988 officers with Holger Danske. It's going to be at Old World: German Restaurant, in Huntington Beach off of the 605 Freeway and Beach Blvd. It's going to cost \$15.00 per person.

There were a total of 97 delegates from throughout the USA, Canada and one delegate from Denmark at the 32nd National Convention. Ed Madsen was our representative from the California-Nevada District, and proudly accepted the President's Award for the Best District, something we can all be proud of! Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 won the award for the Best Newsletter; Vancouver Lodge No. 328 for Outstanding Single Social Activity; Penn Yan Lodge No. 71 and Ruskin Lodge No. 161 received the awards for Best Single Civic Activity; and Portland Lodge No. 167 was recognized for the Best Activity Schedule. Orange County Lodge No. 345 also was awarded a certificate for achievements in the Operation Care and Share program. Congratulations to all!

We are also proud of Ebba Norby for being selected as the first female member of the National Board of Directors.

Our proposal for alternate funding introduced by Modesto Lodge did not pass. The fraternal insurance benefits are the only means for survival for the Danish Brotherhood. In the planning stage is a liability insurance for the local lodges. We should receive further information on developments later on.

The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, is in full swing. A scale model of the building was on display and ground should be broken sometime late this year. They are asking for donations of money and Danish immigrant artifacts.

The site for the 1991 convention was selected to be Portland, Oregon. "Portland for Fun in 91" is their slogan. I hope lots of Kodan members will be able to attend the 1991 convention in the City of Roses! The Des Moines Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges worked hard to make this year's convention a good one! **Nancy Nielsen**, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

The Nebraska District Convention was held in Superior, Nebraska, on August 28-30, 1987, hosted by Ruskin Lodge No. 161. The morning session was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President William Jorgensen, Jr., with the flag salute.

Kenneth Pedersen, President of Ruskin Lodge No. 161, extended "Greetings and

Best Wishes" for a successful district convention.

President Jorgensen introduced National Director, Erling Braumann, to the convention.

He also reported that four meetings of the Nebraska General Committee were held during the year: in September, November, February and July. Two scholarships of \$200 each are to be given, two scholarship applications had been received. Scholarship recipients for 1988 are Timothy Mann, Blair Lodge No. 206, and Dan Beecher, Cordova Lodge No. 177. Each lodge in the district had been asked to participate in the Care and Share program. Delegates and alternates to the National Convention had a meeting prior to the state picnic in Grand Island, Nebraska, to discuss the proposals for the National Convention. He had set a goal of a 5% membership gain for the past year. The General Committee had initiated "Den Lille Pioneer," the Nebraska District Newsletter sent monthly to each lodge. He had visited six lodges during the year and conducted the initiation of officers. He asked the convention for a bylaw requiring the District President to visit each lodge in the district at least once a year. He urged all members to attend the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, September 24-26, and to come away with the thought "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director, talked to the convention about the new District Fraternal Coordinator's Program designed to assist lodges in fulfilling the purpose of the Danish Brotherhood in America: "To promote and perpetuate Danish culture and traditions, and to provide fraternal benefits and family protection." That by working together and offering good activities, perhaps more members would attend lodge meetings.

Erling Braumann spoke to the convention, stating that we should be proud of being from Nebraska, where the Danish Brotherhood started, and that the National Board cares about each lodge. He asked the delegates and alternates to the National Convention to study the proposals, that these are recommendations made by individual lodges.

Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, talked about lodges taking in new members, under fifty, for one year, without insurance and then that member could decide to take annuity or insurance. The sponsor should be responsible for the new member, seeing that they come to meetings, etc.

President Jorgensen showed the Growth Award Pin that he designed as an incentive for new member promotion. A bar would be

added each year for promoting new members.

Presented to the convention at this time was Lillian Huddleston, District Sisterhood President, who introduced her slate of officers for 1987. Elizabeth Garde, National Sisterhood Trustee; Mary Jean Grunberg, National Sisterhood Vice President; Margaret Larsen, National Sisterhood Historian; Bill Jorgensen, Jr., District Brotherhood President; the 1987 District Officers; Erling Braumann, National Director; Kenny Pedersen, National Director; Jerome Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer; Andy Andersen, National Sales Director; and Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director.

It was moved and seconded to amend the bylaws requiring the President, or an officer appointed by the President, to visit each lodge in the district at least once a year; mileage to be paid at the discretion of the district board. Motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded to establish a Nebraska District Youth Fund. This could be given in the form of donations, memorials, wills, etc. Motion was carried.

The convention accepted invitations from Minden Lodge No. 16 to host the 1988 District Convention and Cordova Lodge No. 177 to host the 1988 District Picnic.

It was moved and seconded to retain the same slate of officers for the ensuing year. Motion was carried.

Faye Petersen reported that ten (five king and five queen) applications for Monarch King and Queen had been received.

President's awards and \$25.00 from the National Office were given to the following lodges: Best Local Lodge Single Activity, Blair Lodge No. 206; Best Local Lodge Civic Activity, Ruskin Lodge No. 161; Best Local Activity Schedule, Minden Lodge No. 16; and Best Local Lodge Newsletter, Omaha Lodge No. 1.

President's Visitation traveling plaques were not presented as many lodges do not send reports.

Selected as reigning Monarch King and Queen (1988) were Herbert Nielsen of Minden Lodge No. 16 as king and Ginny Schultz of Ruskin Lodge No. 161 as queen.

Being no further business, the 1987 District Danish Brotherhood Convention was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Ginny Schultz, Sec.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — We met at Vennelyst Park on Tuesday, October 6. The evening began with a smorgasbord of open-faced sandwiches, brought by those in attendance. Following the smorgasbord, Poul Steffensen and the Scandinavian Folk

Dancers took us, through their dances, on a fairy-tale trip through Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, and Finland. A special thank you to our committee chairpersons, Bob and Marilyn Storms and Walt and Donna Granholm, as well as the Scandinavian Folk Dancers for this outstanding evening.

Armand Thomsen gave a report on the National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-26, 1987. Three new directors were elected to the National Board. They are Barry Edmonds, Ebba Norby, and Jerome Sonsalla. Ms. Norby is the first woman to be elected to the National Board of Directors.

A folklore-ensemble from Copenhagen including singers, dancers and an orchestra plan a tour of the United States in 1988. We have offered to assist this group if they include Omaha in their itinerary, by providing housing, food and transportation for them while they are in Omaha.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met September 17 at the Community Action Building for a salad and sandwich supper. The committee furnished open-face sandwiches and the rest of the group each brought a salad. Drinks were furnished by the lodge. Per Lysthauge from Hastings showed a film on a gathering of Danish people that have come to Nebraska and settled. It was very interesting. Chairpersons for the evening were Duane and Minna Newbold. Committee members were Per Lysthauge, Kenny and LaVonne Bundgaard, and Peter and Chris Jensen. The meeting was called to order by President Glen Haselbarth. He reminded the group of Lydia and Elmer Christensen's 65th anniversary on September 27. A discussion on the state convention held at Ruskin on August 28-30 was held. Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Bill and Merrie Jorgensen, and Alan Jorgensen attended. Gerald and Margert Sorensen, and Shorty and Ruth Burchell were also Friday evening guests at the convention. Herbert Nielsen was crowned Monarch King for 1987 for the state and Ginny Schultz was crowned Monarch Queen. Minden received the Best Activity Schedule for the year. Two new members were received at the September meeting. Welcome Christopher Newhouse and Dorrit Jones.

Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Bruce and Valerie Shepherd, Glen Haselbarth, and Bill and Merrie Jorgensen all journeyed to Des Moines, Iowa, for the National Convention on September 24-26. A feature of the convention were Danish dancers from Denmark which performed at the conven-

tion. Hosting the couple were Herbert and Shirley Nielsen. We stopped at the Danish Windmill in Elk Horn, Iowa, a gift shop, and enjoyed a Danish smorgasbord at the Danish Inn on Sunday. Then they journeyed to Minden with the Niensens for two nights and one day. They were then taken through Pioneer Village, Fort Kearney, and were also shown the Fredricksburg Church site. They were taken to the Omaha airport early Tuesday morning.

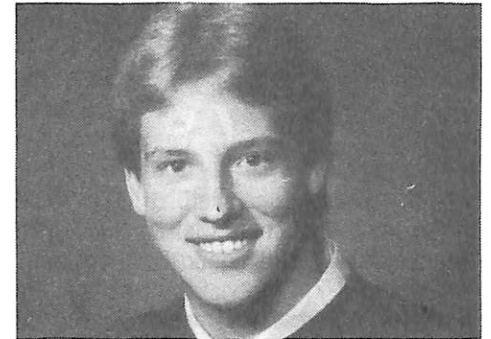
Herbert Nielsen would like to thank each and every one from the Nebraska District who helped and spent time in the Nebraska hospitality room at the National Convention. Also for the food that was donated by the Nebraska members and for the support that was received from the Nebraska delegates.

Shirley Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #177, Cordova, NE — We met on Sunday, September 13 at the Community Hall in Cordova for the purpose of presenting membership pins. A 60-year pin was presented by President Jim Moore to Bernard Rasmussen. Others receiving 25-year pins were Richard Thomsen, Fay Petersen, Bergitte Petersen, Marie Thompson, Dean Beecher, James A. Moore, Jinger Eberspacher, Jeri Splichal and



We applaud our long-service members.



Congratulations to district scholarship recipient Dan Beecher.

Helga Jensen.

The Nebraska District of the Danish Brotherhood has awarded a \$200 scholarship to Dan Beecher of Shenandoah, Iowa, son of Karen and the late Larry Beecher. Dan was eligible for this scholarship through his father who was a member of

VELKOMMEN!

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



Lodge

Member	No.	Location	Sponsor
Robert A. Prudom	14	Kenosha, WI	Jim Nolen
Richard W. Jensen	29	Seattle, WA	Ken Jacobsen
Harry L. Johnson	34	Dwight, IL	Charles Johnson
Mary F. Johnson	34	Dwight, IL	Charles Johnson
Douglas R. Caswell	51	Ludington, MI	John Oszust
Matthew C. Jensen	51	Ludington, MI	Thomas Jensen
Jeffery A. Jensen	51	Ludington, MI	Gary Jensen
Michael T. Jensen	51	Ludington, MI	Thomas Jensen
Ona N. Millington	56	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Sherman W. Wollesen	62	Sioux City, IA	Irving Jensen
Susan M. Wollesen	62	Sioux City, IA	Irving Jensen
Kimberly A. Wollesen	62	Sioux City, IA	Irving Jensen
Kirsten S. Wollesen	62	Sioux City, IA	Irving Jensen
Erika K. Wollesen	62	Sioux City, IA	Irving Jensen
Julie J. Wollesen	62	Sioux City, IA	Irving Jensen
Maryellen Hviid Olson	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Mark Mussari	172	Philadelphia, PA	Flemming Hinrichsen
Virginia E. Petersburg	186	Luck, WI	Norman Pedersen
Kristin A. Nielsen	206	Blair, NE	Anita Johnson
Merritt Nelson	206	Blair, NE	Anita Johnson
Dwight Nelson	206	Blair, NE	Anita Johnson
Jodina K. Nelson	206	Blair, NE	Anita Johnson
Benjamin W. Holstein	206	Blair, NE	Anita Johnson
John W. Nelson	349	Atlantic, IA	Gail Nelson
Lucille M. Nelson	349	Atlantic, IA	Delores Nelson

the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 177 in Cordova. He is currently enrolled in the School of Engineering, University of Nebraska at Lincoln. **Carla Moore, Cor.**

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Fall has arrived so we will be opening our meetings at 7:30.

Our program last month was enjoyed by all. Thank you Jens Krogh for your splendid talk about your trip to Denmark, Norway and Sweden. **Harriet Palle, Cor.**

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Iowa-Minnesota District

The Iowa-Minnesota District Convention was held over the Labor Day weekend, September 5-7, 1987, at the Sheraton Inn in Mason City, Iowa, with Clear Lake Lodge No. 219 hosting.

National Director, Kenneth Pedersen, representing the National Board brought greetings from the National Board and wished the district a great convention.

Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, representing the Home Office, spoke on the new program instituted by the National Board of Directors.

Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 3 in Davenport, conducted the very impressive memorial service for all departed brothers and sisters since our last convention over Labor Day weekend.

The district's traveling Super Lodge Rug Award went to Cedar Rapids Lodge No. 347.

The following lodges won the National President's Awards: Best Single Civic Activity, Dike Lodge No. 144; Best Annual Activity Schedule, Atlantic Lodge No. 349; Best Single Social Activity, West Branch Lodge No. 326; Best Newsletter, Clear Lake Lodge No. 219; and along with these awards go \$25.00 checks from the Home Office.

The district awarded two scholarships to Tanya Moody, West Branch Lodge No. 326, and LaVonne Sorensen, Clear Lake Lodge No. 219. The district also awards a scholarship to a worthy student from the district attending Dana College in Blair, Nebraska.

Much discussion was had by all in attendance as to the upcoming National Convention to be held in Des Moines on September 24-26. The district felt it an honor to host such an event.

The following officers were elected for 1987-1988: Past President, Marvin Christensen; President, Herluf Pedersen; Vice President, Mervin Andersen; Secretary, Deloris Ross; Treasurer, Harlan Johnsen; 1st Trustee, Edward Harris; 2nd Trustee,



Congratulations to the 1987-1988 Iowa-Minnesota District Officers.

Melvin Booze; 3rd Trustee, Howard Christensen; Conductor, Elvin Reim. The officers were installed by National Director, Kenneth Pedersen, and National Sales Director, Andy Andersen, acting as Conductor.

The district wishes to thank Clear Lake Lodge No. 219 for putting on a good and successful convention. A good time was had by all, some meeting new friends, others getting re-acquainted with old, dear friends.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The National Convention is over and we think it went well. I hope some of you ordered a copy of the huge photograph of the big group taken outside the Hotel Fort Des Moines. It is very good! Our convention delegate, Margaret Gee, is having one framed as a gift to our lodge and it will be hung in the meeting hall for prosperity.

We have had one meeting since the convention and decided to have a party soon for all members of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood in honor of the convention being over and having gone well.



President Karl Langrock greets a group of delegates and friends outside Old Main. Photo courtesy of Mohammed Al-Zamanan.

Grand View College people enjoyed the visit of the Danes during the convention days.

Thanks to all of you delegates and friends who helped make the convention a happy and memorable one.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — Des Moines was indeed the surprising place. The Joint National Convention of the Danish Sisterhood and Danish Brotherhood was held on September 24-26. Marilyn Hansen represented our lodge while Marvin Christensen represented the Iowa-Minnesota District. Carl Hansen, Mabel and Harold Jensen and

Lucille Christensen were visitors there. So many things to see, do and many miles we walked. Tours were available for everyone to take to the Botanical Center, Living History Farms, Grand View College and several places of interest in Des Moines.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We held the October meeting at the Kimballton Town Hall. Eighty people attended the aebleskiver supper.

The business meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mabel Madsen gave a report on the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. Raymond Johnsen gave a report on the National Convention held in Des Moines. Stephen Wilhelm, fund raising chairman of the National Danish Immigrant Museum, gave a film presentation and talk.

Verdie Christensen, Cor.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — In December there will be no meeting but we will have our Christmas party together with our wives and members of the Sisterhood on December 9, 1987, at Elmwood Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge in Racine. Cocktails will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. The menu will be turkey and roast beef with all the trimmings.

Starting with the January meeting, we will meet at the home of John Mollerskov.

John Mollerskov, Treas.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — The Danish Brotherhood-Danish Sisterhood National Convention held in Des Moines is now history. We had a good showing at the festivities: Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Gordon and Lillian Andersen, Rich and Marie Walker, Ben and Ardys Peterson, Eleanor Baas and Anna Hahn. Des Moines lodges are to be congratulated for a very fine and well organized convention. The new Board of Directors are Clyde Langsted, Seattle, WA, President; Woodrow Petersen, Chicago, IL, First Vice President; Erling Braumann, Providence, RI, Second Vice President; Paul Carlsen, Detroit, MI; Barry Edmonds, New Haven, CT; Ebba Norby, Modesto, CA; and Jerome Sonsalla, Clear Lake, IA, as Directors; and Bob Ibsen, National Past President. We have a very fine board and congratulate them all. Of special note is the fact that for the first time in our 105 year history, we have a woman on the Board which is great. They are an integral part of our organization and rightfully so they should be represented and Ebba Norby is very well qualified to hold that position. A special congratulations to our new president who is an outstanding individual, Clyde Langsted.

The Midwest District Dart Extravaganza took place at our lodge on October 10th with 44 participating — 30 men and 14 women from Lodge Nos. 14, 171, 34, 35, and 340. First place men's team was Dan Ervin and Virgil Holzhauser and women's first place team was Janet Villacci and Shirley Holzhauser. Thanks to the committee — Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Ron Jensen, Dan Ervin, Gordy Andersen, Shirley Roders, Mat Young, and Jeff Bernhardt.

After the darts we had to set up for a big evening party. Thanks to Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Todd Bernhardt, Jeff Bernhardt, Roger Sorensen for helping Bob Ibsen. A big thank you to Rich Walker for picking up and returning chairs to the church.

For information of all members, we are sorry to report that Dania Hall in Racine has closed their doors for good on September 30, 1987.

Thanks to the following Brothers, the big screen TV in the Rathskellar is now paid for: Glen Hopkins, Rich Wicks, Vince Roders, John Sokow, John Mikus, Harvey Schmidt, Carl Warnock, Charles Kreuser, Charlie Allen, Whitey Frederick, Jack Sorensen, Jack Angelo, Frank Holderness, Ed Gastaldi, and Clarence Keul. Thanks to all of you for your help. These fellows believe in keeping the Rathskellar going — how about you?

Welcome to our new members, Todd Barnett, Mark Sadowski, and Jack Angelo!

The Adult Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 12. Each person is requested to bring one non-perishable item of food or warm article of clothing for needy families. "It is better to give than to receive."

The Children's Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 20 from 1 to 4 p.m.

On December 31, plan to attend the gala New Year's Eve party. Contact Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. or Roger Nelson.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Thirteen men and five women from our lodge competed and 1½ cheerleaders went along at the Dart Extravaganza. Dwight fared very well: Virgil Holzhauser, Ray Holzhauser, Chuck Johnson, Ron Holzhauser, Mike Dunlap, Elmer Jacobsgaard, and Keith Telford placed in the men's division. Shirley Holzhauser and Genny Andreasen were on the 1st and 4th teams for the women. Kenosha is to be congratulated for another fun event and a job well done.

A bus load (49) of us went to the buffet dinner and play on October 18. A beautiful day, a delicious dinner, and a very enjoyable play. Bill Corrie gave everybody a ticket as they got on the bus and then had

drawings for some terrific prizes. Fun by all!

We held a dance on October 31. The crowd was enough to pay for the band. As usual, a good time was held by all. Thanks to Genny, Dorothy, Joanne, Jackie, Barb, Pat, and Methe for the cakes, etc., for the cake walk. Barbecue and chips were served after the dance.

The Midwest District Convention will be held on September 24, 1988, at the Holiday Inn, Kankakee. It's not too early to make plans. Raffle items are needed. Contact Margaret Goodwin or Shirley Holzhauser if you have items to donate.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Eight new applications for membership were received at our October 16 meeting. Welcome to David, Janice, and Nicole Boyd, and John, Peggy, Brian, Megan, and Kimberly Riley, all sponsored by Ray Nielsen.

A letter was received from Michelle Sloth thanking the lodge for her scholarship.

Ray Nielsen reported on the Dart Tournament at Kenosha. Ethel Orszulak came in second as did Herb Peterson, and Grethe Jepsen came in fourth. Ray said the food was good and a nice time was had by those who attended.

Al Iversen gave a report on the convention in Des Moines, Iowa. He told us that the matter of associate social memberships was voted down. He gave a run-down on those lodges that had won awards for various activities that involved social, civic, newsletters, etc. Our newsletter along with Lodge No. 219 and Lodge No. 345 won awards for the best newsletters over the past year. Al presented Woody Petersen with a lovely plaque and the lodge received a check for \$100 that accompanied the award. Al also informed members that 16 scholarships will be awarded by the National Headquarters instead of eight, each worth \$1,000. Part will be for vocational schools and the rest for regular academic scholarships. If a person has received a scholarship, he may reapply in two years to be considered again. Al told us that the election of national officers went as follows: President, Clyde Langsted; First Vice President, Woodrow Petersen; Second Vice President, Erling Braumann; Directors, Paul Carlsen, Barry Edmonds, Ebba Norby, and Jerome Sonsalla. Sharon Kinder, Flemming Hinrichsen, and Ray Nielsen were elected alternates. For the first time in DBIA history, there is a lady on the Board. Ebba is from California and comes well-qualified for the position.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of 1988 officers for our lodge as follows: Past President, Al Iversen; President, Paul Sloth; Vice President, John Jorgensen; Recording Secretary, Charles Jespersen; Financial Secretary, Audrey Christiansen; Treasurer, Henry Jepsen; 1st Trustee, Doris Peterson; 2nd Trustee, Rudolph Rosetto; 3rd Trustee, Eric Jensen; and Conductor, Hermina Richards.

Thyra Nussle donated \$20 to the Scholarship Fund and Karen and John Trankar donated \$25, all in honor of their birthdays. Sven Sorensen donated a bottle of akvavit for his birthday. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Mark and Lori Nussle delighted everyone with their rendition of "Grandma's Trunk." Thanks. Great sandwiches and other refreshments were served.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our September 13 bus tour turned out to be another successful event. Forty-two people rode in luxury to attend Scandinavian Days at Vasa Park in South Elgin, Illinois. Thousands enjoyed good food and entertainment as well as shopping at the many booths.

Highlights were appearances of Sweden's Prime Minister, Ingvar Carlsson, and tennis great Bjorn Borg, as well as Miss Denmark-USA for 1987, Jette Hansen of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

We extend a hearty thanks and congratulations to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 15 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 102 of Des Moines, Iowa, for their hard work in planning and executing the 2nd Joint National Convention.

Following the convention, Al and Carol Larsen, drove to Elk Horn, Iowa, and visited the Danish Windmill there. Then on to Omaha! They were made welcome at the Home Office and had the grand tour of the Headquarters. All members may be justly proud of our Headquarters building and staff which is second to none!

We will be supporting Wisconsin Heritages, Inc., during "Sugar Plum Days" at the Pabst Mansion again this year, at 2000 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee. Dates are December 5 and 6, 12 and 13, 19 and 20. Saturdays from 10 to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. We are proud to be among the ten participating ethnic groups.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We met on October 22 and made further arrangements for our potluck supper on December 17 in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church. Instead of members exchanging

gifts, we voted that each member will make a donation of \$2.00 or more towards a Christmas party for Tomorrow's Children, a local home and school for autistic children from the State of Wisconsin.

Past President, Evelyn Doerr, initiated our newest member, Vivian Nelson, of the Waupaca Chain o'Lakes area. Charter member, August Christensen who was born in Denmark, introduced his wife, the former Eleanor Hansen, whom he married on September 7. We were happy to receive her application for membership in our lodge. Congratulations and may you have many years of happy marriage.

Our program consisted of a number of Norwegian folk dances by the Norse Dancers of Iola, Wisconsin, in costumes.

Delicious open-face sandwiches, cake, cookies, and coffee were served by Ken and Eva Townsend who did double duty when the Aage Lindholms were to be bringing two cakes but were snowbound in Eleand, Wisconsin, with a severe traveler's advisory. We missed you, Aage and Vivian.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Operation Care and Share is still going on. Bring your non-perishable goods, or your checks to each meeting through the December 13 meeting.

Circle December 13 on your calendar. Old St. Nick will be at the Danish Club on this date. As usual, our good friend from the North Pole will arrive well stocked with candy canes and presents for all good little boys and girls from age 1 through 15.

Our sympathy and sincere condolences are extended to the family of Axel Nielsen. Axel passed away this past August.

Results of November's elections will be announced in January, 1988. The installation of officers dinner will be held at the Danish Club at 6 p.m. on January 23 1988. Contact Paul Carlsen for reservations.

A very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to one and all from Lodge No. 227.

Karl Larsen, Sec.

GCEL

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — We will not have a December Wednesday meeting. It will be on Saturday, December 12, which will be our Christmas party.

A letter from our President was sent to all participating lodges in the Danish Home in Metuchen. The concern is the underuse of the facility and the operating in the red.

The Nominating Committee has selected a slate of officers for 1988. They are the same as those for 1987.

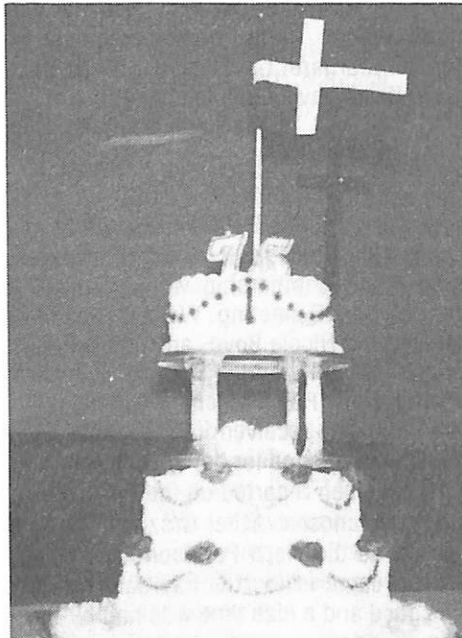
Brother George Godthaab has had

another operation. We pray he has a speedy recovery.

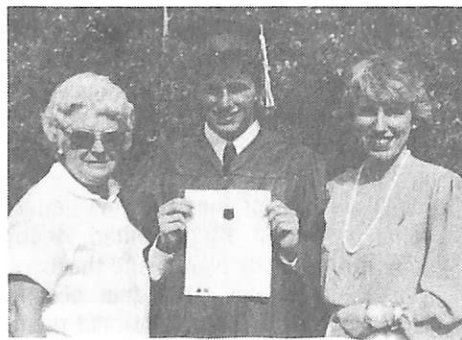
Paul Ifversen received the "Howard E. Christensen" award at the GCEL District Convention. Congratulations, Paul.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our October meeting was a very important meeting. On the evening of October 13 the lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary.



Congratulations to our lodge for 75 happy years!



Congratulations to scholarship recipient Richard Zampini.

The evening opened with a social hour followed by a dinner served to 55 members and guests. The tables were decorated with red and white flowers and we used Danish napkins brought back from the National Convention. One of our members, Mrs. Joyce Christensen, made a beautiful three-tiered anniversary cake, decorated in the Danish colors. Our president, Charles Thygesen, extended greetings to everyone and to our guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and Rev. and Mrs. Lutz. Andy Christensen, one of our members, and his new bride were welcomed.

A short business meeting was held after

the dinner. Greetings were read by the secretary from the President of the National Board of Directors, Robert Ibsen, and from Jerome Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Headquarters staff congratulating the lodge on its 75th anniversary and wishing us continued success.

A report of the National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, was given by our delegate, Arthur Lunde, followed by comments of the social activities at Des Moines by Helen Lunde.

Harry Mikkelsen reported on a visit to one of our members, Gertrude Mikkelsen, our long-time treasurer who is now in a nursing home in New Hampshire.

A picture of the oldest members of the lodge was taken and then everyone joined in the salute to the flag and the singing of "God Bless America."

After the meeting was adjourned, we all enjoyed visiting and reminiscing about our meeting of the past.

Helen Lunde, Sec.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — This past September over the Labor Day weekend, our lodge hosted the GCEL District Convention. It was well represented by the lodges in the East.

It was an honor to have Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director, and Woodrow Petersen, National Director, representing the Home Office, at our convention. Also in September, twelve lodge members traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, to the National Convention. A good and rewarding time was had by all. We thank the super committee out there for a job well done.

On December 6, we will have our annual children's Christmas party.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy Happy New Year.

Waldo Elliott, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Our October meeting was attended by 70 members and guests. We began the meeting with a minute of silence in memory of Brother Lauritz Petersen, a 50-year member who joined our lodge in 1937 at the age of 19.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Karen Hasselriis, daughter of Casper Hasselriis. During World War II, Mr. Hasselriis spoke up for Denmark, explaining to the American people that even Denmark was overrun by the Germans, they were not friendly toward the occupation forces, on the contrary they were united against their oppressor. In 1912, Mr. Hasselriis was also involved in creating the Rebild Baaker Park in Jutland, Denmark. For all his activity, Mr. Hasselriis earned the name "Mr. Denmark" and was known

as such among many important people during the years he was telling the public about Denmark's struggle against the enemy. Mrs. Hasselriis excellently told the story about her father's life and read some of his poems and short stories. An evening we will long remember.

To top off the evening, Tom Sullivan entertained us with humor and folk songs.

As usual, we had our delicious smorgasbord prepared by Birgit and George Jacobsen, Johnna Bedell and Else Marie Bekker. **Niels B. Hansen**, Sec.

Rural Crisis Photographed

Shattered Dreams: A Rural Crisis, an exhibit featuring the Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs of David Peterson the **Des Moines Register**, will be in the gallery of Cowles Communication Center at Grand View College, 1331 Grandview Avenue, from now until December 23. Hours for viewing are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The public is invited at no charge.

Shattered Dreams: A Rural Crisis is a photographic documentation of the impact on Iowa's people and towns as the economic erosion of failed farms and ailing

Firmly believing that foreign study should present more than a change of scenery and study with other Americans, Scandinavian Seminar, a non-profit international educational organization, offers **College Year in Scandinavia** (CYS), a full-year study-abroad program combining liberal arts study and independent study at a Nordic Folk School with total immersion in Scandinavian culture and language. Programs are offered in Denmark, Finland,

Norway, and Sweden to high school graduates, undergraduates, and graduates.

Since its inception in 1949, over 2,100 Americans have participated in Scandinavian Seminar's programs, which also include The College Semester in Scandinavia and Nordic Summer Seminar. Although no prior foreign language experience is required, the intensive language courses and program structure ensure that all participants will acquire functional proficiency in either Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, or Swedish. Further information and application forms are available from Scandinavian Seminar, Box CYS, 24 Dickinson Street, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002. Applications are accepted between December 1, 1987, and April 1, 1988.

Although language acquisition is a primary aim of **The College Year in Scandinavia**, students also take a broad range of liberal arts courses and are required to plan, research and prepare a scholarly, creative, or experimental independent study project.

Payment to Board Members

NOVEMBER 1987

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$251.

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.

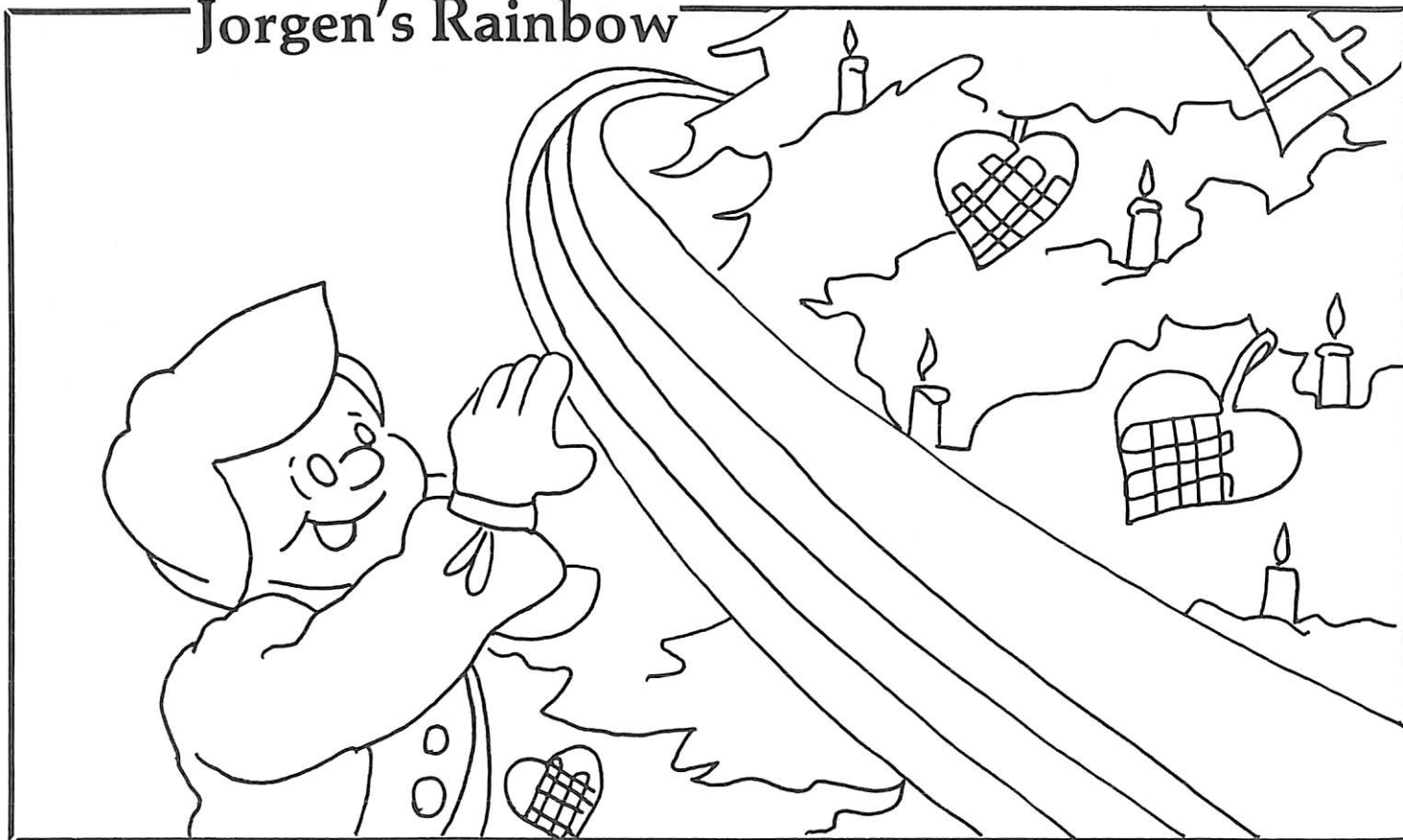
(c) Any insured member is eligible to reapply annually for a scholarship grant. In the case of a recipient, two years must elapse before a new application may be submitted for consideration.

(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.

(f) The scholarship program shall be administered by a scholarship committee consisting of at least four (4) members of the board."

Jorgen's Rainbow



Christmas is everyone's favorite time of year in Denmark. Traditional dances around the tree and gift giving happen throughout the Christmas season, not just on Christmas day. Tree decorations include woven handmade hearts of paper, lit candles, apples, and "nisser" (the elves of Christmas). Apparently Jorgen thinks that a rainbow is a good decoration too. Do you?

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Grandma's Kitchen

Dansk Julekage (Danish Christmas Coffee Cake)



by Dagmar Jensen

2 cakes yeast
2 tsp. salt
½ cup sugar
2 cups lukewarm milk
2 beaten eggs
7 ½ cups flour

½ cup softened butter
1 cup raisins
¼ cup chopped citron
½ cup chopped blanched almonds
grated rind of one lemon

Crumble yeast into large bowl. Add milk and stir until yeast dissolves. Add salt, sugar, eggs, flour and softened shortening or butter and knead in bowl until smooth. Grease top, cover and let stand in warm place

until double in bulk, about 2 hours. Punch down in bowl and add fruit, nuts, and lemon rind. Grease top again, cover and let double in size. Divide dough into two parts. Place on floured board and flatten each part to oblong piece about one inch thick. Brush with melted butter. Then fold long edges toward the center, pressing down well. Let rise a few minutes on greased baking sheet. Then bake 45 minutes in a moderate oven of 350°-375°. When done, brush top with powdered sugar and water icing. This dough may also be rolled and shaped into a wreath on a baking sheet.

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