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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

Among the many fraternal things we have going for us is our local lodge meeting and how to make some of them very special. I think of Woody Petersen and his group from Lodge 35 in Chicago and what they have done to make for exciting and uniquely different meetings. I am privileged to read various newsletters and note how some lodges have set up committees for many of their monthly functions. While I single out Lodge 35 I could also mention Dwight, Eugene, Orange County, Milwaukee and many more who are doing something to keep their lodges alive and functioning. An important benefit is the friendship and camaraderie generated through these meetings and fellowship. I am sure that all of us can agree that this important benefit has gone well beyond the meeting hall as evidenced by our circle of friends.

While attending a Board meeting in Omaha this past November, my colleagues and I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of Lodge 161 in Ruskin, Nebraska. Included with the meeting was one of the finest potluck suppers anyone could have participated in. Our own Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, put on an outstanding program as a one man show of guitar and song. What a talented young man and what a magnificent evening. What was also unique that evening was that seven applications for membership were submitted. My only regret was not to be able to be there and assist in their eventual initiation. Danes love to sit by the table and in addition to eating, they love to talk, sing and do whatever it takes to make a memorable evening. I've never seen a bashful Dane when it comes to his duties at the table. I will take the liberty of saying that the Danes are the epitome when it comes to good food, how it is prepared and how it is served.

Do you know what I am getting at? Why not call a few people in your local lodge, get something going and set up a potluck supper some evening and, should it come to that, come up with the best kind of local lodge talent and put on a program. The more laughs the better and more importantly, you will have a group of people anxiously awaiting to see what you do the next time. Like those non-attendees I once invited to a lodge meeting, you may be pleasantly surprised. Most important is to keep it going and couple that with continued support. I know it isn't easy when the same people do it all the time. It's time to change that. Be sure to invite a friend to attend with you. We will all benefit from it.

It is gratifying to learn of the response to Operation Care and Share with many food banks and other worthy organizations receiving contributions and support from the Danish Brotherhood in America and its members. For those lodges not yet in the program, contact Pam Dorau for full information and then appoint a permanent chairperson to take care of it. It will reinforce to others as we already know, that Danes are a caring people.

The Danish Brotherhood in America is a Fraternal Benefit Society. Next month we will go into what a fraternal benefit society is all about and why we must do some of the things we do in order to remain in that status. I think you will find it interesting.

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What, Me Need Insurance?



Why should a young single person buy life insurance? He or she doesn't have the same needs as a married person with young children; income protection for the family, a fund for the children's college education, mortgage insurance, income for the spouse during a readjustment period, etc.

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Two Brothers

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME two brothers decided to go for a walk together.

After walking around for more than two hours, they sat down on the ground beneath a tree. Soon they went to sleep.

When they awoke they found a stone laying beside them with something written on it. They tried to read the writing and this is what it said on the stone:

"Whoever finds this stone must go through the forest towards the east. There he'll find a river which he must swim. Then he'll see a mother bear with her cubs and he must take the cubs and run as fast as he can to the mountains. On the mountain will be a house and in this house he will find happiness."

After the brothers read the stone over and over again, the younger brother said, "Let's go together. Perhaps we can swim across the river and carry the cubs to this house where we can find happiness."

The older brother thought about it and said, "I don't want to go to the forest for the cubs, and I don't advise you do it either."

"Why not?" asked the youngest brother.

"Because," replied the older brother. "No one knows if what was written on this stone is the truth or if it was meant as a joke."

"I think you are reading too much into this," said the younger brother. "What could happen?"

The older brother looked serious. "What if what is written is true. We'll go into the forest and night will fall. We might not find the river and we can lose our way."

The younger brother listened. "Go on," he urged.

"And even if we find the river," said the older brother, "how do we know that we can swim across. The river might be too rapid and we could drown."

"And maybe," said the younger brother, "we wouldn't."

"All right," said the older brother. "If we do survive the river and swim across, it may not be so wise to take the bear cubs from the mother bear. She could attack us."

The younger brother nodded. "But what if all those things don't happen?"

"Well," said the older brother, "the mountain might be too high for us to climb."

The younger brother did more thinking. "But what about the happiness that we will find in this house?" he asked. "Isn't it worth the effort to try and find it?"

"It may be something we do not need at all," said the older brother. "Happiness is found in your own

heart."

The younger brother wasn't listening. "I don't think that someone would write all of this on a stone without a reason," he said. "There must be a purpose to it."

The older brother folded his arms. "Tell me what you think we should do."

"First," said the younger brother, "I think we should do what is written on the stone. There's no harm in trying. Right?"

"Go on," said the older brother. "Tell me more."

"Secondly," said the younger brother, "if we do not go, somebody else will read this stone and find the happiness — which will leave us out in the cold."

The older brother reflected and said, "I'm listening."

"Thirdly," said the younger brother, "you must have courage in life and try to succeed."

The older brother nodded and said, "Convince me with better logic!"

"All right," said the younger brother. "I wouldn't want anyone to think that I was a coward and scared of life."

The older brother shook his head. "Remember the old proverb, LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP."

"True," said the younger brother. "Also there is a proverb that says WATER DOESN'T FLOW UNDER A LYING STONE. It is my belief that we should follow the instructions on this stone."

The older brother decided against going, but the younger brother went ahead.

As soon as the younger brother got into the forest he found the river, swam across and saw the bear sound asleep. He took the cubs and climbed up the mountain. When he reached the top, a crowd of people came to welcome him. He was driven to the village and made king.

There he ruled for several years. He was happy but bored and left the village.

He returned to where his older brother lived.

The older brother was neither rich nor poor.

The two brothers were glad to meet again and told each other all that happened since the day they had rested beneath the tree where they found the stone.

The older brother said, "I believe that I was right in staying where I am. I have lived a quiet and simple life and I'm quite content. Can you say the same?"

The younger brother smiled. "I don't regret a moment of how I lived," he said. "I have something to remember all of my life. I took a chance!"

Which brother was right?

Perhaps both of them — don't you agree?

The Three Languages of the Danes

by Pamela Ruppert

During the early years of recorded history, the Vikings raided and ruled England. One of these groups known as the Jutes, came from what is now southern Denmark and northern Germany. Their language influenced the development of the English language as Americans know and speak it today. Many commonly used English words such as **law**, **egg**, and **sky**, came from the Vikings. Even the days of the week are named after Norse Gods. The words **ugly**, **sister**, and **window**, all sound remarkably like the same words spoken in modern Danish. Another interesting note is that all the Scandinavian languages can be understood by other Scandinavians. A Norwegian and a Dane, for instance, can converse easily without being able to speak the listener's tongue. The Danish language itself has two main dialects and an unofficial third dialect.

Jutland Danish is spoken by the people on the largest land-mass, the peninsula of Jutland. Incidentally, this is the language the Jutes carried to England between 800 and 1050 A.D. Because of close geographical location, German influences shaped some words of these farming folk. Although it is spoken rapidly, the sound of Jutland Danish is comparable to the drawl and slur of words heard in the southern United States. Due to an agricultural lifestyle, the Danes of Jutland were not exposed to foreign languages and culture. For that reason, their dialect did not change very much after the eighteenth century. It is ironic that Jutland Danish could affect Old English with words such as **are** and **take**, and yet be so resistant to foreign influence in Denmark.

Zealand Danish is the second main dialect and is spoken by the people living on the island of Zealand, who are primarily business people, merchants and traders. This dialect is clearer and more precise than the Jutland speech. Due to the location of the government in Copenhagen, Zealand Danish became the norm for the common Danish language. This dialect has had French and Latin as well as German influences. German was spoken in the King's court during the last half of the seventeenth century because of political factors; however, most of the absorbed German words were later discarded. Like Jutland Danish, Zealand Danish has been strongly resistant to foreign language influence.

Chicago Danish is the third and unofficial dialect. Used to ease of conversation between Scandinavians, Danish immigrants found language problematic when they arrived in the United States. Chicago Danish was born on this side of the Atlantic Ocean as a result of a reluctance to let go of the old while learning the new. Many of these newcomers found work skills learned by the North Sea were needed near the American Great Lakes; thus, the Danish population of Chicago and the surrounding areas grew. The dialect is called "Chicago" Danish for that reason; but a Dane in California can speak it as well as a Dane in New York, whether that person's origin is Jutland or Zealand; so Chicago Danish is really an American Danish dialect. This dialect developed as a result of Danes speaking English, not knowing the English word, then just using the Danish for that word. It is amusing when one is listening to heavily accented English conversations, sprinkled with Danish, that suddenly switch completely into the mother tongue. Whether out of habit, or exasperation with English, this slipping back and forth between the languages is done without conscious thought.

The two main dialects of the Danish language reflect a

fascinating history which in turn affected the development of both Danish and English. Chicago Danish is the result of Danish Americans coping with the difficulties of the English language. Study of the history of English indicates that many words assumed to be English were originally Danish. It is interesting to find a dialect developed by Danes, learning modern English, whose words have their origins in the ancient language of the Vikings.

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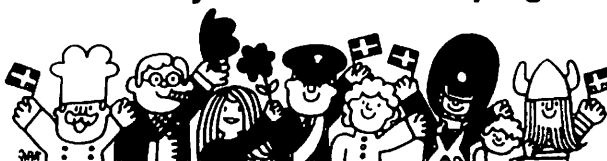
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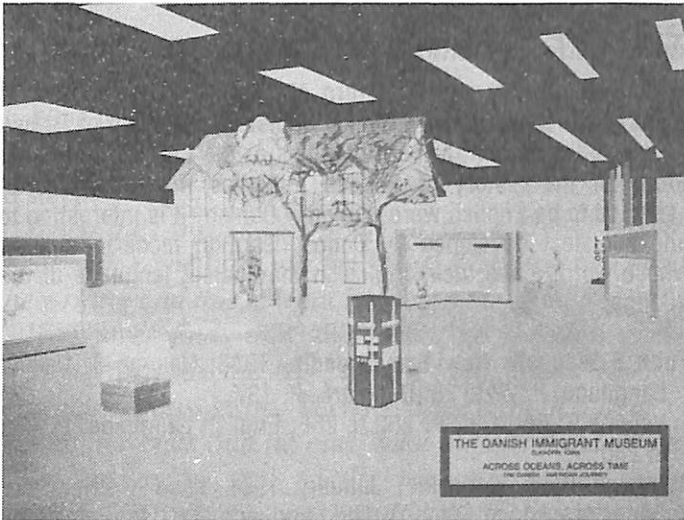
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Museum Begins Exhibit Plans



"The Danes in America" area of The Danish Immigrant Museum's first major exhibit "Across Oceans, Across Time" will include the recreation of a two story building resembling the folk schools and forsamlingshuse (gathering halls) where early Danish Americans kept their traditions alive.

The Danish Immigrant Museum unveiled plans on December 10th for the exhibits which will be installed in the first phase of its proposed new building at Elk Horn, Iowa.

The high point of the evening celebration was the presentation of a check for \$4,780.00 by Georgia Sievers, a Board member of the Iowa West Racing Association. The Association grant matched contributions by individual donors to support the cost of the exhibit plans.

Exhibits will be the most dramatic way in which the Danish Immigrant Museum will carry out its purpose to tell the story of the Danes in North America. By using authentic artifacts, photographs and maps, dioramas and period settings and exhibits will

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1988 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America and be nominated at a regularly scheduled lodge meeting.

Revised nomination forms, along with revised guidelines and procedures will be forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to receiving a nomination form from every Danish Brotherhood lodge by the deadline of February 15, 1988. Please note, the same member may be renominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the *American Dane*. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

For further information, contact your local Lodge President or Secretary or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

lead visitors through the experiences of a Dane becoming an American. This journey, both physical and cultural, will be the theme of the first major exhibit called "Across Oceans, Across Time."

The map or plan for this journey within the Museum was developed this summer by Deigl Designs of Moline, Illinois, working with Dr. John R. Christianson; John Mark Nielsen; Dr. Peter L. Petersen; Ron Ericson, Museum Architect; Lisa Riggs, Manager of the Danish Windmill Gift Shop in Elk Horn and tourism and promotional consultant; and Birgitte Christianson, a Danish immigrant who offered her first hand point of view. Dick Schrad of the exhibit fabrication firm of Schrad/Murphy consulted with designer Paul Deigl and attended the first of the series of exhibit meetings. The interpretive and educational prospective was given by educator Ann Deigl.

The meetings, research and long telephone conversations resulted in large, color drawings, an exhibit elevation, floor plan, an outline of the subject areas and interpretive techniques, and a listing of the artifacts needed to complete the story. These materials will be used in literature about the new building as well as providing a foundation for further detailed design and research.

Paul Deigl led people on a "tour" of the exhibit plan as a part of the unveiling program. More than fifty area residents attending provided their own entertainment by singing together some favorite Danish American songs such as "Dejlige Jorden," "Evening Star," and "Unafraid Ere We Go."

The list of artifact needs for the exhibit prepared as part of this planning is available by writing The Danish Immigrant Museum, Box 178, Elk Horn, Iowa 51531.

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A Custom of Friendship

by Gayle Sondergard Kasper

Tucked away in the Nykøbing Museum of Local History on the tiny island of Mors in northern Jutland I recently discovered a fine collection of brightly colored clay pots, called bauselspotte or "birthing pots." Curious about their name I inquired and learned that these quaint pieces with their bold curved handles are relics of a tradition that was popular with the women of the nearby farming communities in the late 1800s.

It was the custom in those days to fill one of these clay pots with homemade soup and carry it to the home of a neighbor who had given birth. The soup was an offering not only of strengthening nourishment for the new mother but of friendship as well. The women kept the pot only until she heard of another birth then she used it to carry soup to yet another new mother.

In this manner the soup pots passed from person to person, establishing a tradition that persisted throughout many decades.

Today in northern Jutland this custom is being revived. Once again the "birthing pot" as a symbol of caring and friendship is making the rounds from young mother to young mother as it did in the previous century for their great-great-grandmothers.

It's Time For Camp

Every year The Danish Brotherhood awards camp grants to youngsters to help them attend a camp of their own choosing. Your application for a grant must be received by April 15. Request the form from: The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

The camp grant program provides you with a cash award to be used to help reduce the cost of the camp you will attend.

The camp grant program is not related to the Skovsøen grant program being sponsored by local lodges of The Danish Brotherhood.

Our Lodges in Action

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PACIFIC— NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Our December 2 meeting was well attended. Application for a new member was accepted so please be at hand at the next meeting to bid our new member a welcome. We enjoyed having a visitor, Thorvald Jensen, from Lodge No. 26, Fremont, Nebraska, attend. We were happy to see Viggo Paulsen at the meeting and receive his long overdue 25 year pin. Congratulations, Viggo! Also visiting with us was Lars Pedersen, an exchange student from Denmark. Thank you for coming!



A U.S. Marine comes to our meeting to pick up "Toys for Tots" for Christmas.

Election of officers for 1988 was held and is as follows: Past President, Frank Poulsen; President, Gerald Jensen; Secretary, Clyde Langsted; Treasurer, Edith Andersen; Financial Secretary, Craig Emmick; Conductor, Rudy Hansen; First Trustee, Greg Hansen; Second Trustee, Frank Larsen; Third Trustee, Hans Ras-

The best idea for February goes to Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA. See page 16.

mussen; and Guard, Niels Jensen.

Operation Care and Share has not been as well supported as it should be. But at our December 2 meeting, the chairman for the program, Martin Rasmussen, was overwhelmed when he counted 165 food items to be given to the Food Bank. Nice going! Let's keep it up. This is an ongoing program.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The December 3rd meeting of our lodge opened with 20 members present. We read a cheerful thank you note from Ed Hirsch for all the cards, and the concern the lodge has shown to him since his illness. We had an initiation of a new member, Mr. John Martinsen. Mr. Martinsen was approved by the membership and the lodge had a short intermission to welcome him into our lodge. The Martinsens have an exchange student from Denmark living with them, Naja Bianco, who is going to David Douglas High School and really enjoys the United States.

The slate of new officers has been drawn up. There were no new names added from the floor and the following members were re-elected for 1988: President, Asbjorn Fisker; Vice President, Jan Hansen; Secretary, Sylvia Hurst; Treasurer, Larry West; Conductor, Norman Powell; 1st Trustee, Debbie Turner; 2nd Trustee, George Larsen; 3rd Trustee, Jan Christensen; Inner Guard, Robert Brown; Outer Guard, Karlene Thorkildsen; Young Viking Chairperson, Kris Roley; and Portland Dane editors, Diane Fisker, Cathy Bjork, and Kris Roley.

The Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle is starting a Danish Room. At the museum the exhibit "Dream of America" tells how the emigrants came here. They need old artifacts that may be laying around your home, your knowledge, time or your money to help put this together.

The Scandinavian Club is involved with the Americanization Council and will be holding a reception on February 22 at PSU for new immigrants that have been sworn in as citizens of the U.S. Mel Pihl has more information on this and we will support the American Citizen Council.

All Young Vikings and their families are invited to our annual Snow Bunny Lodge Day planned for Sunday, February 28, 1988. Even if you don't want to go down the hill, bring a lunch and eat with us. For further information, contact Kris Roley.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — At our meeting on October 8, Lois Toftemark introduced Kristina Hansen, a high school student from Aarhus attending Churchill High School this year and Kris Sand introduced Floyd West, a member of the Junction City lodge and Northwest District President this year.

A letter from the American Heart Association was summarized, thanking us for our recent contribution.

At our meeting on November 12, Bernice Jensen introduced her guest Helene Kaldahl.

Martin Taekker reported that Al and Marilyn Nyegaard would be showing their slides tonight. They spent one month this past fall touring 11 countries in Europe, also visiting Al's father's place of birth in Denmark. Good pictures. Thanks.

Our delegate to the National Convention, Niels Nedergard, reported that he and Rita had a "surprising" time in Des Moines and the convention was well planned. He participated in voting for the National Board of Directors, and announced several awards that were presented to lodges across the country. The 1991 convention will be held in Portland, Oregon. They have a new Dane Card, there was discussion of a blanket liability insurance for all lodges in the future, and a report that DBIA is facing serious financial problems in the future if insurance sales don't increase. Niels was thanked for representing us.

Peter Jensen has tickets to sell for an SAS drawing. This will help finance our convention in May.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA — At our last meeting we dedicated our new display case to the memory of Past President, Kenny Sanborn. Kenny was a hard worker in our lodge and will be greatly missed by all of us. Following the meeting we had folk dancing. The dancing was under the direction of our able teachers Erla Chance, Jorana Sweet and Marion Christiansen.

Francis Sweet, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The Fish Dinner and Bingo on November 20 was well attended and we all had a great time. Bill Knudsen, the chef for the evening, did a wonderful job and his two helpers served us well. I am sure we will be asking Chef Bill to cook for us in the very near future. The special game — Pick 7 — which again was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Duus,

was won by Pauline Frederiksen. Congratulations, Pauline.

Some meetings ago, the officers and members had voted and passed that our lodge donate \$100 to the Salvation Army for the needy. A check was mailed the first week of December. Also, a check for \$25.00 from Betty Seale and a check for \$25.00 from Erik and Anne Kofod were sent along. Thanks!

We would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their hard work and at the same time, congratulations to the new officers for 1988. They are as follows: Past President, Villum Christensen; President, Karl Duus; Vice President, Upton Hansen; Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Mathiasen; Treasurer, Owen Miller; Secretary, Betty Seale; Trustee Chairperson, Madelle Pedersen; Second Trustee, Roy Christophersen; and Inner Guard, Peter Pedersen.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — November found us in a regular meeting. The usual business was performed. During the course of the evening, it was decided to make a donation to the local Soup Kitchen, an organization of volunteers who feed residents unable to enjoy a regular nutritional meal. Plans were discussed for our annual Christmas party which was held on December 18, and a committee was also

appointed to make plans for our installation of new officers.

Our Christmas party was held at Cinnabar School. Greeting everyone at the door were Gayle Rasmussen and Dorothy MacKinnon. We each brought a food contribution for a Christmas basket which was later delivered to a member. As the evening proceeded, we sang Christmas carols, after which Cay Jensen read Christmas stories to the children. Santa and his gift bearing sleigh then appeared upon the scene, and the children gathered around the bearded gentleman to eagerly receive their gifts. We all joined hands and sang carols as we walked around the beautifully decorated tree which had been donated by Brother Bob Larsen and his wife Marilyn. We then all enjoyed refreshments which had been furnished by the Sisters, and another enjoyable Christmas party was brought to a close. **Alice Rasmussen, Cor.**

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VELKOMMEN!

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



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Jay R. Sorensen	14	Kenosha, WI	Francis Zuehlsdorf
Christopher R. Newhouse	16	Minden, NE	Herbert Nielsen
Edward M. Mitchell	29	Seattle, WA	P. Sten Jensen
William Kempf	95	Ferndale, CA	Francis Sweet
Roy D. Rieck	113	Enumclaw, WA	James Nielsen
Leslie Erickson	161	Ruskin, NE	LaVern Erickson
Beryl Erickson	161	Ruskin, NE	LaVern Erickson
Wilma F. Dominy	161	Ruskin, NE	Wayne Schultz
Patricia J. Leach	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
David R. Schulte	195	Omaha, NE	Ed Terkelsen
Kevin J. Jepsen-Grant	323	Alhambra, CA	Beatrice Jepsen
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Martha J. Eskov	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Gwen Block
John N. Leistad	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Gwen Block
June E. Sampson	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Ray Johnson
Eleanor M. Christensen	343	Waupaca, WI	Aleine Miller
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Timothy A. C. Herrmann	600	Omaha, NE	John Newman
Emily R. Seitz	600	Omaha, NE	John Newman

The Danish Language Village *affiliated with*
Concordia Language Villages, Moorhead, Minnesota

SKOVSDØEN '88



Sometimes it's hard to tell which is more fun – making Danske smørrebrød (open-faced sandwiches) or eating them!

Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village, is looking forward to another outstanding session next August. Established in 1982, Skovsøen is one of nine villages in the distinguished Concordia Language Villages program founded in 1961. The longstanding success of this program is due to its innovative and exciting methodology of learning a language through everyday use.

What is Skovsøen like? Skovsøen is special! It is like a visit to Denmark. When you arrive at the village, you will be greeted by customs inspectors, your American money will be exchanged for real Danish kroner and you will choose your own Danish name. Each day you will hear Danish spoken, and with the help of trained language instructors, you'll begin understanding and speaking Danish before you realize it, even if you've never spoken Danish before in your life.

You will learn Danish songs, crafts, sports, folk dances and customs. You will eat Danish food and learn about Danish traditions, such as those associated with Jul (Christmas) and Midsommer (midsummer). And you will discover the rich heritage your parents, grandparents or great-grandparents knew in Denmark.

In addition to learning the language and culture of Denmark, you will enjoy all the other activities one would expect to find at a northern Minnesota lakeside program – swimming, canoeing, hiking, volleyball, soccer and campfires. You will share a cabin with other villagers of the same sex and age and with cabin counselors.

VELKOMMEN TIL SKOVSOEN

Where:	The Danish Village will be held at Camp Emmaus on Morgan Lake, about one and one-half miles northeast of Menahga, Minnesota, which is approximately 12 miles south of Park Rapids, Minnesota, on Highway 71.
When:	August 8-20, 1988
For whom:	Young people aged 8-17 who are interested in Denmark, the Danish language and culture.
Costs:	The cost for the two-week session is \$475, but no one using the attached application form need pay the full price because of a variety of scholarships available (see below). The cost includes tuition, food, lodging, insurance and instruction. A deposit of \$75 (\$25 non-refundable) is required with each application.
Transportation:	Villagers must pay transportation costs to and from the village. Transportation by chartered coach will be available from Minneapolis and from Moorhead. Further information will be sent once your application has been received.
Cancellation Policy:	Should a reservation need to be canceled, full refund less the \$25 nonrefundable deposit will be made until July 15, 1988.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Described in this brochure are three different scholarships available for attendance at Skovsøen in 1988.

The criterion for receiving a scholarship is interest in learning the Danish language, culture and heritage. Scholarships are not awarded on the basis of financial need and are available to anyone regardless of race, creed, sex or national origin. All scholarship applications will be acted upon in the order of postmarking.

I. Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Scholarships

1. A limited number of scholarships for \$125 each will be granted.
2. Anyone may apply.
3. You and your parents must complete and sign the attached application form.
4. Send the completed application form and a check for \$75 made out to Skovsøen to:
Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc.
c/o Danish-American Center
4200 Cedar Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55407.
5. The scholarship application deadline is May 1.
6. The final payment, which is due July 15, should be sent to the above address.
7. This is the only form necessary for enrolling. Please **do not** send another application to the Concordia Language Villages office. We will send a copy of this application to that office, which will then send you further information.

II. Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge Scholarships

1. If your Danish Brotherhood lodge awards you a \$100 scholarship, the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters will match that amount for a total scholarship of \$200.
2. Members, children of members or grandchildren of members of Danish Brotherhood in America may apply.
3. You and your parents must complete and sign the attached application form.
4. Submit the completed application, a letter explaining why you would like to attend Skovsøen and a check for \$75 made payable to Skovsøen to your lodge secretary, who should forward them to: Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha NE 68131. Please **do not** send another application to the Concordia Language Villages office.
5. The scholarship application deadline is June 1.
6. A check for your final payment, which is due July 15, should be made payable to Skovsøen and sent to Skovsøen, 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407.
7. Skovsøen Inc. and Danish Brotherhood in America scholarships are mutually exclusive; therefore, if you receive one, you will not receive the other.

III. Concordia Language Village Scholarships

1. Scholarships of \$30 each will automatically be given to anyone who registers in accordance with I or II above.
2. This scholarship is given **in addition** to any other scholarships you may receive.

IV. Important

The Concordia Language Villages has requested Skovsøen Danish Village Inc. (described on page 4) to coordinate all Danish Village scholarship applications and tuition payments. It is important, therefore, that you observe the following instructions:

1. You must use the Danish Village application form on the next page. **Do not** use the Concordia Language Villages application form found in the summer brochure or the Interpreter.
2. Process your application and payment through either Skovsøen in Minneapolis or through the Danish Brotherhood in America in Omaha. **Do not** send your money or application directly to the Concordia Language Villages. All checks should be made payable to "Skovsøen."
3. Failure to process your application and payment according to the above instructions will result in your **not** receiving a scholarship.
4. The only payment to be sent to the Concordia Language Villages should be for transportation. All requests for transportation **must** be made to the Concordia Language Villages, 901 South Eighth Street, Moorhead, MN 56560.

SKOVSDØEN APPLICATION FORM 1988

Concordia College Danish Language Village

I. VILLAGE SESSION

Danish 1

August 8-20, 1988

Session No. and language

Dates

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name _____ Sex: M F Birth date _____ Age _____ Grade attended _____
First Middle Last Month Day Year '87-'88

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Mother's occupation _____ Work telephone () _____

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Address of school _____
Street City State ZIP

*Unless otherwise requested, all mailings will be sent to your home address.

III. LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

Have you ever attended the Danish Language Village before? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, which years? _____ Which color level did you complete? _____

Have you attended any of the other Concordia Language Villages? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, give language(s) and years _____ '79 '80 '81 '82 '83 '84 '85 '86 '87

Foreign language studied in school, if any _____ Amount of instruction (1/2 year, 1 year, etc.) _____

Name of language teacher, or other interested teacher _____

Have you studied Danish elsewhere? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, how many years _____ Where did you study? _____

Have you ever been to Denmark? _____ Residence abroad? _____ Where? _____ Years _____

Is Danish spoken in your home? Quite a bit _____ Not too much _____ Not at all _____

IV. Skovsøen SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (If you are granted a scholarship through your Danish Brotherhood, you will not be granted one through Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc., Minneapolis)

I hereby apply for a scholarship to the Skovsøen Danish Language Village:

Name _____ Parents' or guardian's name _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Applicant's age _____ Sex _____ Address _____
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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Are you the recipient of any other scholarship? _____ If so, how much _____

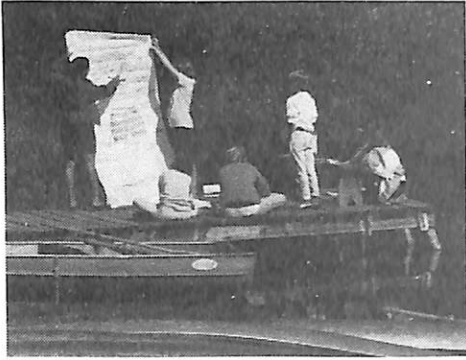
And from whom _____

Please make checks out to Skovsøen and SEND application plus deposit either to:

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Minneapolis, MN 55407

Or to your **Danish Brotherhood** lodge secretary who in turn will mail it along with the lodge's scholarship check to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131

Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc.



Learning is fun at Skovsøen.

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Skovsøen Inc., in its support activities, seeks funds for scholarships, grants scholarships, promotes the village and villagers, aids in seeking counselors and staff, assists in providing materials for projects for use at the village and has been requested by the Concordia Language Villages to coordinate all Skovsøen Village applications, scholarships and tuition payments. Skovsøen Inc. has no employees or paid solicitors, and all officers and directors are volunteers. All contributions to it are tax-deductible for those who itemize.

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Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Our Christmas party turned out to be a huge success. Thanks again to all of you who attended, donated food to our Care and Share Program and brought a dessert.

We managed to collect quite a bit of food which was in turn given to Robert Jensen as he is heavily involved with the Salvation Army and we are sure will put it to good use. We hope to continue these kinds of programs in the future and appreciate all of your support.

Santa Claus visited once again and brought all of our children their annual Christmas slippers. Thanks to all those little elves for making them and filling Santa's sack.

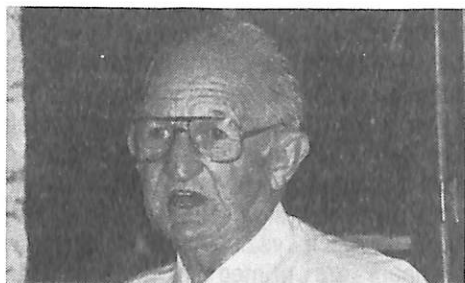
Sandwiches were made by the committee and were gobbled up as quickly as they were set out.

The children once again did their 12 days of Christmas song. Thanks to Sandy Norby for taking charge of the program this year.

The adults were also entertaining doing their own rendition of the 12 days of Christmas. They were great sports about it. Next time, you might not be so quick to raise your hands!

Gail Perkins, Cor.

Lodge #332, Ripon, CA — Happy anniversary to us! We celebrated 41 years of being Lodge No. 332. This happy occasion was held at Monacos Restaurant in Modesto on December 5. Many lodge members demonstrated nostalgia as they spoke about



Vernon Olsen contributes his memories of our beginning.

delightful events over the past years. Some were children at the time and have remained faithful members now in their adulthood. Special thanks to Alvin and Gunver Olsen who chaired this event. Then lucky guests left with a bright red poinsettia that had served as a table decoration. Colorful Viking computer print-out banners were placed on the walls welcoming Brotherhood and Sisterhood members. John Craig thanked out of town guests who traveled to Modesto to help us celebrate. He also asked all members to keep Ebba Norby in our thoughts and to wish her well after her recent surgery.

Marge Scheuber, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — The December meeting was a combination dinner, party and business meeting. We were happy to have with us 108 members and friends.

The evening began with people arriving to help set up tables and decorate the Christmas tree. The tables were all creations suited to the occupants, interests and creativity. Several were automated, with walking Santa and musical centerpieces which could be heard throughout

the room. Some tables were beautifully decorated with candles and wreaths. All in all, the room looked festive and everyone was in a good partying mood.

We have so many thank yous once again for a successful party. First and foremost, we want to thank Vice President Gary Gossett, and his dad, Bob, for being the cooks of the evening, arriving very early to cook the turkeys, hams, potatoes, gravy and the dressing. Not only the cooking, but arranging the buffet in the kitchen and staying late to clean up, scrub and put away all the kitchen utensils needed to

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cook for more than 100 people.

Thanks also to a well organized board that set up the tables and chairs, to Helga Bjorn for taking care of the Christmas tree, decorating and then taking it down, that's a big job in itself. Special thanks to Soren Christensen. Gary says he is a helper-par excellence. Jim Wiegandt again did a masterful job bartending for such a good group.

Thanks to Rosemary Allison who acted as M.C. for the evening and leading the carols, to Hazel Kjellsen for helping at the registration desk and for the story time for the little ones and the Danish customs given for the adults. We thank the Barber Shop Men's Group for all the wonderful entertainment throughout the evening, with their merry Santa hats. **And speaking of Santa, we thank once again our lodge Santa, Jim Dwyer. When Santa appears, the little ones' eyes sparkle in anticipation. Santa gave out 2,000 candy canes, made 18 appearances to three schools, one church, and 14 convalescent homes. This counts for many, many fraternal hours for the lodge.**

So often when you are thanking people for helping, it's the hardest worker that's overlooked, not intentionally, but it happens. So I'll just thank everyone now for coming out and making the evening a success.



Everyone had fun at our very well attended Christmas party.



Welcome to the newly initiated Christensen family.

After dinner, we had a regular business meeting with flag presentation and roll call of officers. All officers were present. To shorten the meeting, the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report were waived. We had an initiation of three members. They have been members for quite a few years, but somehow they had never been initiated. We now officially welcome Kenneth, Elaine and Ingrid Chris-

tensen. Glad to have this nice family with us. Introduction of guests showed we had 30 guests with us and we heartedly welcomed them.

Election of officers went smoothly with the outcome being: President, Gary Gossett; Vice President, Soren Christensen; Conductor, Kaj Bjorn; Secretary, Gerry Olsen; Treasurer, Candice Chappell; Trustees, Rosemary Allison, Sherman Nielsen, and Elmo Andersen; Inner Guard, Jim Wiegandt; and Outer Guard, Howard Kjellsen.
Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Our family Christmas party had something for everybody. Especially the children who received wonderful gifts from Julemanden, Jens Andersen, selected and wrapped by No. 1 Jule-Nisse Kaja Del Grippo. Participating were a total of 61 members and guests. What a fantastic turnout! We even held initiation of our newest members, Richard and Grethe Perez. We are very lucky to have these two among our members. They helped immensely with our convention and have contributed many other hours of work to us. Welcome Richard and Grethe. Special thanks to Linda Jones who donated the beautiful Christmas stockings which she made and filled for each child. Thanks also to Pete Petersen for organizing the gift exchange; Richard and Grethe Perez for the delicious homemade medisterpølse; Vikki Garrison for the red cabbage; Nancy Nielsen for the glugg; Anelise Andersen and Sue Patterson for the aebleskiver; and everyone who brought the fabulous cookies and cakes. A big thank you to Sue and Jim Patterson for making all other arrangements, including buying the Christmas tree, setting up two Puffs, and letting us use their barn for our party. Some of you probably don't realize how much work and preparation time is spent to provide you and yours good food and good times. Kodan is very grateful to its reliable worker bees. The worker bees would sure like to add some more helpers to the crew. Join the fun.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, Kodan officially decided to "adopt" the Riverside Horizon House (a home for battered women and children) as our Operation Care and Share project. We voted at the Christmas party to donate \$100 to buy needed items for the home. Sue Patterson then shopped for the lodge, purchasing quantities of coffee, pasta, canned sauces, vegetables, soups, crackers, juices, baby food, diapers, baby wipes, tissue, sanitary napkins, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, etc., which she then delivered last week. In addition to

the above items, the shelter also needs used clothing, dishes, pots and pans. This enables the home to help the women set up minimal housekeeping when they are able to leave the home and make it on their own. Bring your donations to any Kodan function. This is a wonderful opportunity to help those who are less fortunate than we are!
Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

MONTANA

Lodge #273, Dillon, MT — Election of officers for 1988 was held during our December 5 meeting. They are as follows: President, Tom Andersen; Vice President, Ron Nielsen; Conductor, Niel Benson; Secretary, Harry Abernethy; Treasurer, William Hawkins; Trustee, Randy Tommerup; Inner Guard, Hansine Hansen; and Outer Guard, Judy Brown.

Plans for the lodge Christmas party were given. It was held December 26 at the Catholic Family Center. An invitation was sent to the local Sons of Norway Lodge for its members and families to attend.

A "Retention Committee" consisting of Bill Koeneke, Chairman, Clifford Bay, Ethel Martinell and Randy Tommerup, was selected for the purpose of contacting members with poor attendance at the meetings and try to encourage better attendance in the future.

Harry Abernethy, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

My resolution and hope is that our Danish heritage will continue to be alive. To carry on our heritage we all need to say to ourselves, "If it is to be, it is up to me." As your President, I have set for myself and you a 5% membership increase. A growth "Viking" membership pin will be presented for bringing in a new member; one pin each year. Sponsors of new members are printed in the American Dane. Presidents need to appoint a membership chairman to reach that goal.

Our National Board and Home Office staff have initiated a new District Fraternal Coordinator Program to use as a tool to assist lodges to become more active. Two teams have been selected in our district. These teams will visit each lodge and set up training schools for officers.

Duane and Deloris Hansen will work the eastern lodges and Minden Lodge No. 16. Merrie and I will work the western lodges and Omaha Lodge No. 1.

Bill Jorgensen, Pres.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Seventy members and guests attended our annual Christmas party, at Vennelyst Park on December 17.

Everyone joined in singing around the Christmas tree. Sacks of candy were distributed to everyone. The evening closed with everyone enjoying Christmas cookies, coffee and cider. Thanks to Bob and Marilyn Storms, Florence Hansen, Armand and Eloise Thomsen, Karen Cordes, Annette Andersen, Leonard and Jean Marie Davidson, and Amelia Johnson who worked to plan this evening.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — The IOOF Hall in Lincoln, Nebraska, was decked out in the joy of Christmas for 55 brothers, sisters and their friends Saturday evening, December 12. The big event began at 7:00 p.m. when the participants assembled in the great hall decorated in the Danish fashion. "Talle Lit Dansk?" was led by Agnete Pechous. Mildred Rising at the piano played the Christmas songs. The children and those who could marched around the tree, decorated with Danish ornaments. The gift exchange was unique as ladies and gentlemen had to match cleverly cut Christmas cards to receive their gift. The children received a treat of candy, fruit and nuts.

Sharyn Hansen recited "Twas the Night Before Christmas" graciously furnished by

Ingrid Hansen, followed by the group singing Christmas carols.

By this time, everyone had worked up a healthy appetite for food. Cookies, sandwiches, coffee, tea and the other goodies were eagerly consumed by both young and old.

A special "Mange tak" goes to the party committee chairmen, Ingrid and Erik Hansen, and their members, Bertha and Olga Andersen, Sharyn and Greg Hansen, Jean Matteson and Agnete Pechous.

Also to the lunch committee "Mange tak" to chairlady Bertha Jensen and her members Marilyn Hasselbalch, Adela Holck, Lucille Wouff and to all the members bringing the cookies, sandwiches, coffee, tea and the other goodies.

The 39 reservations were filled in the special chartered Arrow bus for the December 6 excursion to Dana College for the "Sights and Sounds of Music." Gladys Sorensen, the tour organizer, did a marvelous job of making everyone happy.

Even if the day was foggy and damp for the whole trip, the bus got off to an early departure before the 9:00 time. And what a wonderful and courteous driver, too, which added to the enjoyment of the trip.

We arrived at Dana College ahead of our 11:00 time, and the bus parked near the

Campus Center and remained there until we departed again around 5:30 p.m. after the day's festivities. Many other buses were parked around this same area, which tells you that this is the event of the year for the Danes and all their friends. The smorgasbord, bookstore, coffee shop and reservation desk was all located in the Campus Center.

At 12:00 noon, our group was scheduled for the smorgasbord and what an abundance of food. What a menu!

The bus return departure for Lincoln was on time and everyone was back in their homes by 7:00 that evening, happy, satisfied, and even looking forward to a return trip next year.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — We held our Christmas supper at the American Legion Club in St. Paul on Wednesday night, December 9. Music was provided by Alison Alderman and Jill Schmaderer accompanied by Mrs. Suzanne Philippi.

Tom Hansen, Danish exchange student attending St. Paul High School, showed slides and told about his life in Denmark.

Then we all enjoyed coffee and cookies served by the committee of Walt and Betty Alderman and Mabel Christensen.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

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Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — Our December 13 Christmas party complete with J.O. White as Santa was a big success. The hall was nicely decorated and the snacks and food were just great. The committee, Doug Lary, Edith Paulsen, Erik Sorensen, Jane Gillaspay, and Elisabeth Ibsen did a lot of work and need to be thanked for a job well done.



We were happy to have Santa visit us.

The new slate of officers for 1988 are: Curt Sorensen, President; Erik Sorensen, Vice President; Harvey Andersen, Secretary; Edith Paulsen, Treasurer; Svend Christensen, Conductor; Roland Jensen and Wilber Williamson, Trustees. Congratulations to all of you.



Welcome new members!

Four new members were initiated and we welcome Richard Terp, Paul Steffensen, Bobbi Jensen and Richard Jensen.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN — In the fall, we began a very busy social season. In order to bring in new members, we had a Promotional Dinner on October 24, providing a free dinner to anyone joining that evening. It was a big success with everyone enjoying the dinner and dancing. With the applications received that evening, plus a few that applied later, we are happy to welcome 16 new members.

As in the past few years, we had our cookie exchange and dinner on December 9 with about 30 members and friends attending.

Our Christmas party was on our regular meeting night December 18 with about 100 members and guests joining in the festivities. It was a special occasion as we had the opportunity to welcome most of the 16 people who had recently joined. As usual, the roast pork dinner with all the trimmings was superb. Several people

were fortunate enough to receive a gift after finding an almond in the Ris ala Mand. Santa Claus was there too with his bag full of gifts. Music for dancing was provided by the Varitones.

We are so fortunate in Minneapolis to have as one of our members Hanna Poulsen who is always so willing to prepare the food for our get-togethers, whether big or small. She is an excellent cook and we all look forward to her dinners. Her competent helpers — including two daughters, a grandson and some of the lodge members — are also much appreciated. She even inspires the rest of us at times and had Holger Fisher and Harold Chrysler baking aebleskiver for us at one of our monthly meetings.

Officers for 1988 are as follows: President, Jens Hoj; Vice President, Robert Brown; Secretary, Louise Anderson; Treasurer, Katherine Chrysler; Financial Secretary, June Hoj; Conductor, Hans Nathan; Trustees, Margrethe Brown, Dick Keller and Bill Aagaard.

Norma Henriksen, Sec.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — The DBIA annual Christmas party was held in the Senior Citizens Center on Saturday evening, December 5. A potluck supper began the festivities. The Christmas story was read by Therkel Jorgensen followed by a program of music. Piano solos were played by the Sorensen girls, Penney, Kim and Sara. A solo was sung by Sara Nielsen and group singing followed with Jack Burk at the piano.

Santa made a visit and greeted young and old and presented each one with a bag of goodies.

The climax of the evening fun was the traditional dance around the Christmas tree, singing "Nu har vi Jul igen."

The program committee was Mr. and Mrs. David Nielsen and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sorensen. They served coffee and dessert to top off the evening.

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — The Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood Christmas dinner and party was enjoyed by 43 members, family and friends Saturday evening, December 19th at Nain Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Special guests were two Danish exchange students, Eva Anderson and Al Jensen and their host parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fondroy of Albert City and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rasch of Newell.

Following the dinner a program with Leon Haahr as chairman of the program committee, consisted of all singing Christmas carols with Maxine Grau playing the piano and Arnold Grau led the singing. Karen Grau gave a Christmas reading, Eva

Anderson and Al Jensen told of Christmas customs in their native country and answered questions. Russell Eddie informed the group of some facts of the work of the Iowa legislature. Laurie Rasmussen was in charge of a contest, win, lose or draw using Danish words to describe the objects to be drawn, by the members who were divided into two groups. They proved to be very competitive and amusing.

The evening concluded with dancing around the Christmas tree singing Christmas carols and lunch and more visiting.

Elmer Jensen, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — November and December are always busy and exciting months in our lodge. November began with a Harvestfest potluck supper. Mr. and Mrs. Les Graversen of Plymouth were guests. They had visited Denmark recently and told us about it and his other visits there. They also shared pictures with us.

Jerry Sonsalla, National Director, gave a report of the National Convention and of his recent visit to Omaha.

The December meeting was our traditional Christmas get-together. The traditional singing and dancing around the Christmas tree decorated with Danish ornaments was followed by bingo. Todd Sonsalla won the top prize of a turkey and Bev Sorensen won a large tin of Danish cookies. There were prizes for everyone.

We will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 1988 on the second Saturday of the month. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Thorvald Sorensen, President; Steven Sorensen, Vice President; Kathy Sonsalla, Secretary; Edith Skene, Treasurer; Helen Bergman, John Smeby, and Wally Johansen, Trustees; and Todd Sonsalla, Conductor. Alvin Miller is our insurance representative and Jerry Sonsalla is the Entertainment Chairman.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We held our Christmas potluck supper and party Monday night, December 28 at the Elk Horn Town Hall with about 70 attending. Entertainment consisted of singing Christmas carols and dancing around the Christmas tree and playing bingo. Chris Petersen sang two Danish songs and lunch was served.

Payment to Board Members

DECEMBER 1987

Woodrow T. Petersen, District Fraternal Coordinator's Planning and Training Session, \$167.00.

JANUARY 1988

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$251.00.



Congratulations to the new slate of officers.



We enjoyed seeing Danish exchange student Christian Petersen with his hostess, Lisa Riggs.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Ray Johnsen, President; Signe Madsen, Vice President; Gwendolyn Block, Secretary; and Mabel Madsen, Treasurer; and Ted Rasmussen, Trustee.

We voted to accept as members John and Kathy Leistad and Roland and Martha Eskov.

Verdie Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — We held a festive Christmas party on the evening of December 6. The November-December meeting was held at the home of Ken and Mary Lou Hoegh.

Members were greeted with a friendly "Glaedelig Jul" and favored with several Danish musical selections by a trio from our own membership. The group of 30 sang Christmas carols under the direction

of Don Nelson, and accompanied by Helen Molgaard at the piano.

All enjoyed a Danish meal seated at tables decorated with Danish Christmas souvenirs.

A short business meeting included the approval of monetary gifts to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, and to a local family this Christmas season.

The committee for the evening was Fern and Don Nelson, Ken and Mary Lou Hoegh, Lillie and Louie Johnson and Chet and Marj Holland.

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Our annual torsk supper and dance was attended and immensely enjoyed by 180 people. The food was great and plenty of it along with akvavit and beer. Music was very danceable provided by Brother Jay Nelson and his trio. The hall was decorated nicely in red and white and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the hard working committee of Bob Ibsen, Ron and Eleanor Jensen, Edwin and Angie Andersen and Roger and Henrietta Sorensen.

That same lady from the Sisterhood who made the cushions for the Ladies Room has now donated some kitchen towels which were sorely needed. She wishes to remain anonymous but we sincerely thank her. We can always use more kitchen dish towels if anyone wishes to do the same. Thank you. A big thank you to Bob DeHaan for donating the poker table to the Rathskellar.

The annual food and clothing drive we held at the adult Christmas party was very successful and will go to a good cause, helping the needy. Thanks for all your support.

We congratulate Bob Ibsen on his Knighthood from the Queen of Denmark. This is a great honor for Bob which he deserves for his hard work in promoting and preserving the Danish heritage in America. A Sunday afternoon reception will be held in April for this great honor for Bob.

Election of officers took place on December 1 with the following results: Past President, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; President, Richard Wade; Vice President, Malcolm Young; Secretary, Roger Nelson; Treasurer, Ronald Jensen; Head Trustee, Jack Sorensen; 2nd Trustee, Ray Zieth; 3rd Trustee, Anker Adelsen; Conductor, Todd Bernhardt; Inner Guard, Roger Sorensen; and Outer Guard, Jeff Bernhardt. Our sincere thanks to those officers leaving the board: Head Trustee, Ken Learmont; Inner Guard, Larry Sauer; and Outer Guard, Arnold Lehto. Congratulations to all as we look forward to a successful 1988!

Our adult Christmas party was attended by 220 people on December 12. We were entertained by the Bradford Singers with their excellent young voices. Following this, some gifts were given away from Hansen's Funeral Home, Oage Thomsen's Restaurant and our lodge. Thanks to Brothers Richard Johnson, Jim Barrett and Oage Thomsen. The food was great, the dancing wonderful and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who brought non-perishable food items and articles of clothing that will be given to the Head Start Program as part of the Care and Share Program of the National DBIA. Thanks to the board of officers and their wives who were the committee. Our thanks to Sisterhood Lodge No. 20 also.

Bring her to the Sweetheart's Party on Saturday, February 20 at the lodge hall!

Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance Of Their Service and Fellowship, We Honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since The Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
4-9-87	Niels Okholm	55	Denmark	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	1958
10-18-87	Christian Mide	77	Denmark	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	1980
10-15-87	Adolf Munster	74	Denmark	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	1982
11-30-87	Pat K. Gilbert	80	Coulee City, Washington	42	Spokane, Washington	1973
3-14-87	John R. Tremi	75	Manistee, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1982
9-29-87	Edward W. Sukus	83	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1976
12-21-87	Merrill E. Jones	91	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1970
12-25-87	Willis E. Plaehn	86	Reinbeck, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1963
10-28-87	Peter N. Ohrt	83	Ribe, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1945
7-9-87	Axel Lohmann	90	Randers, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1938
11-7-87	Paul W. Andersen	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	279	Hunter, North Dakota	1952
11-25-87	Paul Paulsen	82	Maribo, Denmark	263	Askov, Minnesota	1943
12-8-87	Harlan Nielsen	70	Askov, Minnesota	263	Askov, Minnesota	1942
12-17-87	John H. Nissen	79	New York, New York	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1951
11-23-87	Kenneth V. Larson, Sr.	53	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1975
10-19-87	Elmer H. Kruger	65	Austin, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1961
12-24-87	Svend A. Nielsen	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1955
11-24-87	Paul E. Muller	65	Schenectady, New York	190	Schenectady, New York	1942
12-12-87	Enevold Andersen	96	Tofte, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1916

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — We tried to count the number of children and adults at our Christmas party and stopped at 150, so there must have been more than that. It was an evening filled with the anticipation of Christmas. The food was great and the tables looked so pretty. All those who brought food are to be thanked as well as the committee who provided ham, rolls and set the whole thing up. The Iversens provided those wonderful cakes for dessert; they were delicious. Paul Sloth led the singing of Danish and American Christmas carols and Ellen Haukedahl was his accompanist at the piano. Santa paid his annual visit to the children and each child received a present. He read a story to the children as they gathered around him and it was such fun to watch their little faces as he read to them — especially one little boy who was Santa's grandson. Thanks to all who helped make it a very special evening.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We met on December 17 for our annual Christmas potluck. A new member, Mrs. Eleanor Christensen, was initiated and welcomed into our lodge.

A free will offering was taken to be donated to Tomorrow's Children, a local school for the handicapped.

Melda Mortensen, our program chairperson, gave a reading on the customs of Christmas followed by the members singing Christmas carols while marching around our Danish decorated tree.

Bingo concluded the evening with the prizes of homemade Danish Christmas tree ornaments made and donated by Melda Mortensen.

Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Congratulations to our Danish Brotherhood softball team, who after 9 years of managing to



Congratulations to our winning team!

stay above last place, finally came from behind to win the 1987 post-season softball tournament. A huge trophy and game

winning ball are proudly displayed down at the hall.

In November, we had a delicious lasagna dinner put on by Vic and Onie Samuels and Ralph and Pat Carroll and their committee. Great turnout.

On December 5, our annual Christmas parties were held. The children's party, complete with a visit from Santa, was probably one of the best we've ever had. In the evening, we had a full course swiss steak dinner followed by dancing to our own Sound System. A special thank you to Lois Soneral and Esther Weinert for their presentation of Danish and Scandinavian holidays and to Lois for spending the afternoon helping the children make Danish ornaments that were proudly displayed on the Christmas tree. The parties were put on by Rob and Sue Jensen and their committee of Jack and Sue Smith, Tom and Linda Schneider, Randy and Linda Ray, and Don and Edith Bentz. Thank you all, we had a tremendous turnout.

There's a new look in the hall thanks to Bill Kraus and his committee. They have installed a new bar complete with bar top imported from the U.P. Stop in and tip a few when you're in the area.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On December 13 we held our annual Christmas party. Approximately 65 young people were entertained by a magician. Santa Claus came with candy and gifts. Our thanks to all the Brotherhood and Sisterhood officers for their assistance in making this successful.

Our Operation Care and Share came to an end with \$335 going to the Dearborn Heights Salvation Army.

Karl Larsen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — Congratulations are in store for all the hard workers in our lodge. When we look back, one can see that the hard work, effort and devotion on everybody's behalf made this past year a most successful one.

At our December 9 meeting, President Eric Brown and his staff of officers were again re-elected by popular demand for 1988, and if the 43 members attending were an indication of things to come, it certainly looked promising. After a short business meeting, a smorgasbord was served of Danish delicacies together with chilled akvavit and beer and finished off with coffee and wienerbrød, occasionally interrupted by a Glaedelig Jul and Godt Nytaar. A very fitting way to finish a good year. Skaal!

On December 12, our annual lodge Christmas party was held in Sayreville,



The lucky ones join the Winners' Circle at our Christmas party.

New Jersey. Chairman Ed Gorman and his committee deserve a four star ranking for this one. Fun, frolic, dancing, good food, and cold drinks together with the joy of seeing and being together with old friends and members, made this an evening that can only be complemented by an encore. The fine music and the Danish traditions set the blood running at a faster pace and made the participants perform extraordinarily on the dance floor. Congratulations Ed and committee.

To all of you, tak for det gamle, og paa gensyn i det nye aar.

Kenneth Nielsen, Sec.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — At our Christmas party we had some 24 members and guests. One guest who came with Leif Larsen was visiting from Denmark. The food was all prepared by the members or their wives. Christmas carols were sung both in English and in Danish. John Jensen brought in a Christmas tree decorated with Danish ornaments and Santa distributed the gifts to all that attended.

A short meeting was held to elect the 1988 officers. The slate the nominating committee presented was elected for 1988. Delegates to the Home were elected. They are Ib Olsen and Willy Hansen. Alternate delegates are Carl Wilhjelm and Viggo Nielsen.

Don Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #183, Troy, NY — Greetings! At Christmas time, we joined with our Sisterhood Lodge No. 78 and enjoyed a Christmas dinner and party at "Casey's East" in Troy. It was a fun evening with music and lots of noise, led by Jim and Paul Christensen, Irving and Harry Jensen, and Bob Nelson. Brother Gary Burk helped Santa with his gifts.

In January we held an installation of our officers after a dinner served by our Sisterhood lodge.

Mark your calendar now as we look at the new year ahead. We meet the second Saturday of every month. See you there!

Betty Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — At a recent meeting, members were discussing that our lodge here on the east coast of

Florida has many unique characteristics. We have members from Fort Pierce to Miami, a distance of 160 miles; some of these members, therefore, travel quite a distance for the meetings in Lake Worth, a town approximately in the middle of this area. Our members also illustrate quite a lot of variation in age and experiences. We range in age from 19 to 97 years. Some of us were born in Denmark and some in America. We do not have a lot of members, but do have a lot of years in both physical age and lodge membership. There is a family feeling among us, because we are not together by accident but rather by desire and with brotherly love.

One of our members, Carl Rasmussen, shared with us interesting memories of his life. Carl was born in Denmark on December 26, 1897, in Aalborg and came to America in 1920. In 1926 Carl originally joined the Brotherhood when it was still the Dansk Brodersamfund. He became Brotherhood President in New York City in 1938.

Carl has worked hard in acquiring skills over the years. He earned a chief-engineer's license and has held many jobs including dairy work in Denmark, fireman on a ship, sireman in a state institution, and college engineer at Glassboro State College in New Jersey. According to Carl, he finally "quit and came to Florida." We are grateful for that because he is an outstanding member and is currently our efficient and active secretary-treasurer.

Gaye Mouritzen, Cor.

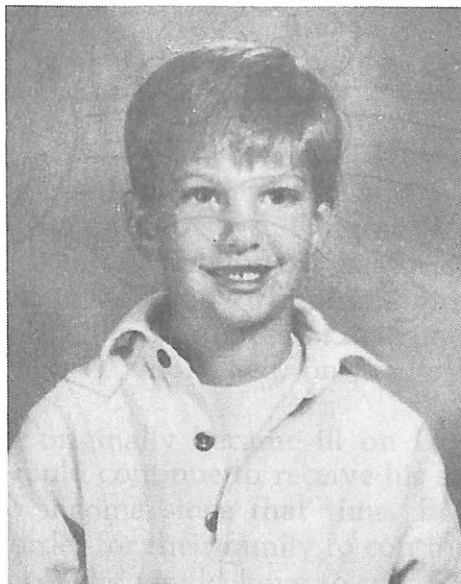
Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Our meeting on December 11 was a great success with about 80 people in attendance for our traditional Danish Christmas dinner, prepared by Jorgen Pedersen, Esther Moeller, Otto Andreasen, Susie Lang, Jorgen Lytje and Soren Christensen. After the dinner, we were entertained by a show created and directed by Leif Clemen Pedersen who was also the master of ceremonies.

Carol Rasmussen started the events by singing Christmas carols, getting us into the right mood for Christmas. Tom Sullivan entertained us with folksongs. John Christian and Ian Rasmussen performed the Swedish Ox Dance. Evelyn Jensen read a space poem based on "The Night Before Christmas." Susie Lang performed a dance set to Latin music. Helen Kofod and John Rasmussen gave a rendition of the song about two guys immigrating to America. The next number was "Swing Away" with Rita Nielsen. Then Helen Kofod followed with the song "Praemie Whist" assisted by Evelyn Jensen.

Santa Claus arrived with his reindeer from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The performers and the officers dressed as Santa Claus. The meeting was the best event of the year.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Introducing . . .



Benjamin "Ben" Holstein, one of our newest Young Vikings. Ben joined Lodge No. 206 in Blair, Nebraska, and has this to say:

I joined the Danish Brotherhood because I have Danish ancestors. My birthday is February 19, 1980. I am 7 years old. I was born in Blair, Nebraska. I moved to California 7 months ago. I like it here. I joined the Cub Scouts. I am working on my Bobcat patch. I like to climb mountains. I like riding my bike a lot, too.

Welcome Ben!

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

1988 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1988 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1988 and June 1, 1988.

Prize money will be awarded for the 20 highest teams, high men's individual game, high men's individual series, high women's team, high women's individual game, and high women's individual series.

New "Danmark" Magazine



"Danmarksstuen," meeting facility in Søborg for Skoleskibsforeningen "Danmark."

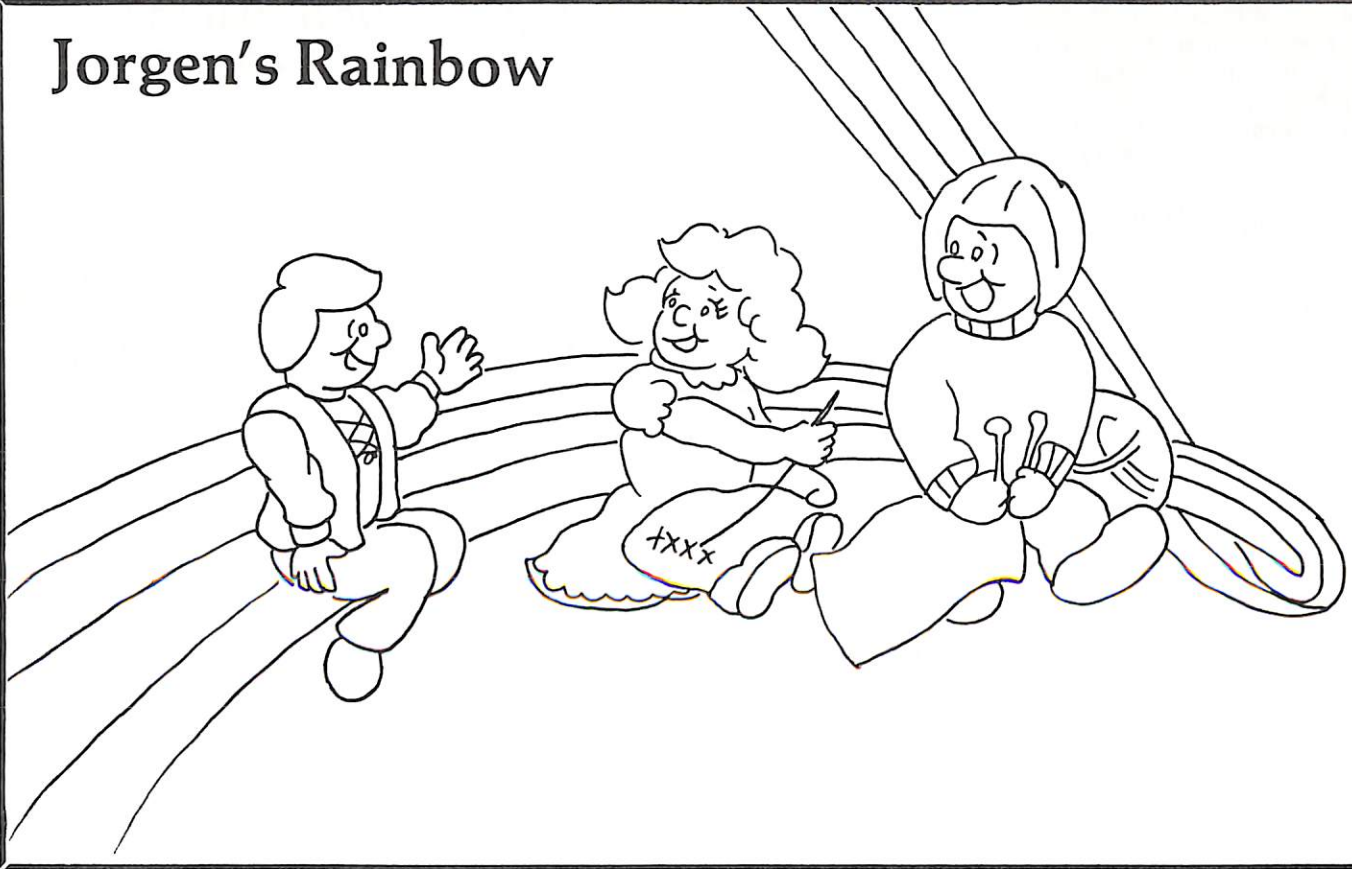
Members of Skoleskibsforeningen "Danmark" received a new and revised magazine from the Association this month. Last fall the Board of Directors voted in favor of the publication being in both Danish and English in order to better provide news and information to its American members.

Chairman Poul Danielsen, who has given bold and innovative leadership to the Association in the past years, hailed the move. Editor of the publication, Ole Christiansen, says the enlarged format will carry not only news of the "Danmark" but of other training ships and maritime information as well.

The Association has two membership categories. Regular membership is open to all former cadets and officers who have served in the ship. Associate membership is given to those persons interested in supporting the Association and its work to promote the ship. The dues are \$25.00 or 150 Danish crowns annually. Membership includes ten issues of the "Danmark" magazine. All members are eligible to wear the Association's blazer crest and pin as well as visiting "Danmarksstuen" in Søborg, where monthly meetings are held the second Friday of every month except in June, July and August.

For additional information, interested persons can call or write the Association's U.S. representative: Suzanne McMurray Ko, 65 Ridge Street, Eastchester, New York 10709, (914) 779-8242.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Visiting friends is an important part of Danish life. Here Jorgen waves to Sigrid and Stephen who are practicing their "Haandvaerk" or hand crafts. Hand crafts including sewing, knitting and embroidery are taught in all Danish elementary schools. Sigrid likes embroidery while Stephen likes to knit. Sewing is most fun for Jorgen, so all have something fun to do.

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Be

sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

January winners: Joni Christensen and Kristen Larsen.

Classified Advertisements

Anyone who has any information on Grethe Hansen; born August 23, 1842; left Denmark after 1860; her father Hans Christian Jensen; born July 9, 1812 at Mern; left after 1880; please write **Bolette B. Hansen, Øksen 19, 2t.v. Bol93, 2630 Tastrup, Denmark.**

Anyone who has any information on my grandfather, Frederick Danial Emanuel Oldenburg, born November 6, 1860 at Viborg, Denmark; came to America in 1887; his father, Christ W. Oldenburg; mother, Christina Nelsen; a brother - name unknown; please write **Verla Dudgeon, Rt. 1, Box 36, Davenport, Nebraska 68335.**

WANTED IMMEDIATELY: Looking for a talented Dane or Danish American, male, who holds a current Danish passport to play basketball in Denmark in February. All expenses paid for 3 to 4 weeks stay. Must be capable of playing first division caliber. Contact **Drew Byers (612) 861-1232** day, or **(612) 925-9453** evenings.

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Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Brown Sugar Coffee Cake (Brun Sukker Kaffe Kage)

2 cups flour
2 cups brown sugar
¼ lb. butter

Mix until crumbly. Take one half of mixture (about two cups) and put in bottom of pan. Reserve one cup for topping.

To remaining one cup of crumbs, add:

1 cup sour cream
1 egg slightly beaten
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. nutmeg

Mix, spread over crust and sprinkle on topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning

Keeping Together — Progress

Working Together — Success

DBIA Family Needs Assistance

In the January, 1988 issue of the American Dane it was briefly mentioned that Flemming Hinrichsen, recently named District Fraternal Coordinator in the G.C.E.L. District had been hospitalized. Since that time it has been noted that Flemming had suffered a major heart attack in addition to multiple strokes. Flemming's condition passed from critical to being placed in a progressive care unit where he was beginning to walk again, talk again, feed himself, etc. Then, on January 23, 1988 Flemming passed away due to cardiac arrest.

At the time Flemming originally became ill on December 18, 1987, his wife, Bobbi, was notified that he would continue to receive his salary for two weeks. Therefore, the family has had no income since that time. Bobbi was also informed by Flemming's employer that in order for their family to continue the coverage afforded by the employer's health insurance, she would have to pay \$251 a month. Bobbi usually babysits in her home but, due to obvious circumstances, currently does not do so. The Hinrichsen's financial condition is considered desperate.

As benevolent fraternalists, we realize that we cannot just sit back and do nothing. Fellow G.C.E.L. District Fraternal Coordinator Elizabeth Pedersen has recognized the need to help this family and has urged DBIA local lodges to pass the hat at local meetings. Hinrichsen's local Lodge No. 172 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania has also recognized this need and has begun the paper work for special and general aid. Many other fund-raising ideas are just in the beginning stages. However, much more help is needed.

Remember the promise you made during your initiation ceremony — "to stand by each other when illness or sorrow comes to (one of) our homes." The Hinrichsen family needs us to stand by them now. The Hinrichsen's including children, Ann and Erik, are all insured members of Lodge No. 172. Flemming was very active in the Danish Brotherhood since he joined in 1963. You may recall that Flemming was the Co-chairman of the 31st National Convention held in Philadelphia, PA. At the most recent National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, Flemming was elected alternate to the National Board of Directors. Flemming's most recent devotion towards the Danish Brotherhood was proved by his willingness to serve his district as a District Fraternal Coordinator.

It is very unfortunate when a situation like this arises but, at the same time, it is also fortunate that we, as members of the Danish Brotherhood, can do something about it. This is an opportunity for all to show our appreciation to the Hinrichsen family for what they have contributed to our society. A special fund for the Hinrichsens has been established at the National Headquarters. Please send your check or money order to The Danish Brotherhood in America/Flemming Hinrichsen Fund, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131 for weekly distribution to the Hinrichsen family.

Together, through our support of a family in need, we can prove how strong the benevolent and fraternal attitude of the Danish Brotherhood is.

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Because pens are always needed and always appreciated, DBIA pens will make a perfect gift for prospective members, officers and long-service members. These low-cost pens contain long-lasting blue ink with a nickel finished clip, plunger and band. Each pen lists the address and telephone number of the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters for easy reference.

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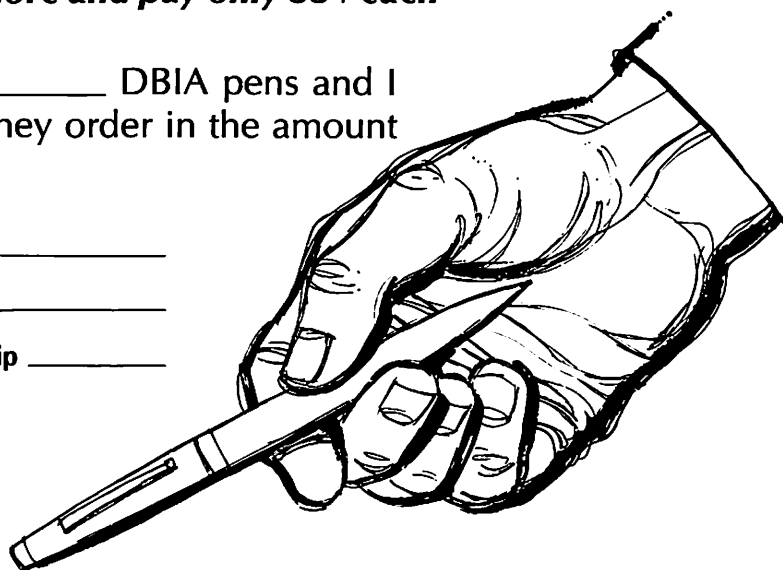
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