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President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted
National President**

A number of fraternal benefit societies, including the Danish Brotherhood, were established over a century ago and in that period of time have evolved from those early beginnings into what we currently recognize today as organizations helping their members. Fraternal societies began before many insurance companies when it was recognized that people needed potential help beyond the scope of what neighbors or friends could provide. Initially they provided small benefits to tide a family over through a period of loss. Some were designed whereby members were assessed at the death of a fellow member but that system did not prove desirable. Many societies were geared to the ethnic image and was an attraction for individuals who migrated from other parts of the world and came into communities where societies existed and where that individual found a common bond in language and culture. Because of the many restrictions placed on immigration those societies which geared themselves solely on an ethnic basis had to look for new resources to gain membership. The Danish Brotherhood is such an example.

The important thing to remember is what the society represented in help, strength and tradition to the member. Many individuals have their own perceptions as to how any organization should work but what is done is done for the benefit of **all** members, not just a few.

Fraternal benefit societies have a membership of over 10 million with insurance in force of over one hundred billion dollars and combined assets of over eighteen billion dollars. There are nearly 200 individual non-profit fraternal benefit societies. Their members provide almost seven million acts of fraternal service which involved the expenditure of almost 37 million hours of time. The combined societies expend almost 290 million dollars on fraternal activities yearly. Fraternal societies are a membership of men and women representing many nations and many walks of life. In addition to our charitable, educational and patriotic works we provide fellowship and protection for our members. While the financial benefits of fraternal insurance are most important, the non-material benefits rank just as highly. The rituals and programs of the individual lodge are designed to bring members together in a closer bond.

The Danish Brotherhood in America also subscribes to and is active in the National Fraternal Congress of America which is open to any fraternal organization which meets the requirements of the Model Fraternal Code, that is, "...one without capital stock, carried on solely for the mutual benefit of its members and their beneficiaries and not for profit; having a lodge system with rituals and a representative form of government. . ."

The NFCA is vital to all fraternal societies as its affiliate groups watchdog state legislatures for law proposals which may be detrimental and the national organization watches the congress. Their success is noted in the recent attempt to tax fraternal benefit societies which failed in Congress. All of us must remain alert to any efforts to diminish the effectiveness of these collective societies.

I have heard many comments about the lodge ritual and must confess that some are justified and that some of the rituals are probably outdated, cumbersome and poorly done. However, give it some thought. It reminds the lodge officers and members of their responsibilities to the society. It only takes a short time to begin and close the meeting in that manner and if it is done with care and feeling, it can be a beautiful thing.

As a contributor to the overall picture, this will give you a capsule idea of the involvement of the Danish Brotherhood in America and what fraternal benefit societies do and what they are all about. The annual report of the lodge Secretary assists in compiling these statistics.

Perhaps we can sum up our society this way and in the words of Alexander Pope in "An essay on criticism" . . . Whoever thinks a faultless piece to see thinks what ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er shall be.

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Cash Value and Dividends** At age 65 - \$22,175.25	
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1988 Danish Brotherhood Lodge Directory

NOTE: Information for this list is in this order — number and location of the lodge, the secretary's address, the meeting date and meeting place of the lodge. Where no city is mentioned in the secretary's address, it is the same as the city in which the lodge is located. The zip code is given in parenthesis. Secretaries who find an asterisk (*) behind their lodge number are asked to send their 1988 lodge officers' list to the Home Office as soon as possible.

CALIFORNIA

- 39 Oakland, CA** Aage Lindquist, 1159 Island Drive, Alameda, CA (94501). Fourth Friday, Oddfellows Temple, 1349 Hayes St., San Leandro.
- 49 San Francisco, CA** Kenneth N. Larsen, 4175 Berdina Rd., Castro Valley, CA (94546). Fourth Wednesday, Swedish Hall, 2174 Market St., San Francisco.
- 67 Fresno, CA** L. S. DeLaurant, 1505 N. Lafayette (93728). Second Thursday, 2540 E. Floradora, Fresno.
- 95*Ferndale, CA** Francis Sweet, Rt. 1, Box 382 (95536). Fourth Tuesday, Danish Hall, Ocean Ave., Ferndale.
- 126 Los Angeles, CA** Betty Seale, 708 N. Avon St., Burbank, CA (91505). First Thursday, Alamo Hall, 6401 Ruby St., Los Angeles.
- 143 Petaluma, CA** Henry C. Brown, 302 West St. (94952). Third Friday, Petaluma Veterans Memorial, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. So., Petaluma.
- 184 Hayward, CA** Signe Ann McNeill, 40759 Creston St., Fremont, CA (94538). First Friday every other month, members homes.
- 230 Arcata, CA** Laura Schuler, 3223 U St., Eureka, CA (95501). Second Thursday, Dows Prairie Grange Hall, McKinleyville.
- 255 Selma, CA** Walter Hoegh, 1071 E. Nebraska Ave. (93662). First Thursday, Vance Center, Selma.
- 299 Solvang, CA** C. W. (Bill) Rasmussen, 55 Hickory Way (93463). Second Wednesday, Veterans Wing-Memorial Hall, Mission Blvd., Solvang.
- 306*San Diego, CA** Lillian Suda, 4564 39th St. (92116). Second Wednesday, Norway Hall, 3875 43rd St., San Diego.
- 319 Bakersfield, CA** Jacob Jeppesen, 905 Montclair (93309). First Thursday, Labor Hall, 200 W. Jeffery St., Bakersfield.
- 322 Santa Barbara, CA** Carl Lauritsen, 2162 E. Valley Rd. (93108). Third Tuesday, 1232 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara.
- 323 Alhambra, CA** Frank E. Jepsen, 457 W. Almore St., Monterey Park, CA (91754). First Friday, Service Center, 440 S. McPherrin St., Monterey Park.
- 332 Ripon, CA** Vernon Olsen, 1001 Strathmore Dr., Modesto, CA (95355). Third Friday, members homes.
- 337 Fremont, CA** Elsy Rasmussen, 5317 Eggers Dr. (94536). First Wednesday, members homes.
- 345 Orange County, CA** Geraldine Olsen, 10416 Midway, Bellflower, CA (90706). Second Saturday, 14272 Hoover St., Westminster.
- 346 Riverside, CA** Nancy Nielsen, 1291 W. Sunset Dr., Redlands, CA (92373). First Saturday, Provident Fed. Svcs. & Loan, 6th and Citrus, Redlands.

COLORADO

- 43*Denver, CO** Susan Jensen, 10201 Riverdale Rd., #265, Thornton, CO (80229). Second Tuesday, Eastern Star Building, 225 Acoma St., Denver.
- 254*Brush, CO** Lance S. Christensen, 20101 Rd 27 (80723). First Monday, members homes.
- 261 Fowler, CO** Mike Pharr, 32973 County Rd 3, (81039). Second Thursday, Danish Hall, 3½ miles west of Fowler, on Dotson Road.

CONNECTICUT

- 32*New Haven, CT** Chris Simonsen, 18 Ann St., North Branford, CT (06471). Second Friday, Dunbar Hill Firehouse, Hamden.
- 37*Bridgeport, CT** Erik Garde, 26 Brooklawn Pl. (06604). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Cemetery Dr., Stratford.
- 41 Derby, CT** Allen C. Miner, 184 River Rd., Shelton, CT (06484). Third Thursday, American Legion Hall, Derby.
- 314*Hartford, CT** James W. Elliott, 135 Chimney Sweep Hill, Glastonbury, CT (06033). First Wednesday, 302 White St., Hartford.

FLORIDA

- 257*St. Petersburg, FL** Evelyn J. Hansen, 98 E. Louisiana Ct., New Port Richey, FL (33552). Third Thursday, Pinellas Park Club House, 6026 75th Ave., Pinellas Park.
- 321 West Palm Beach, FL** Carl Rasmussen, 7 North C St., Lake Worth, FL (33460). Second Saturday, 202 N. H Street, Lake Worth.

IDAHO

- 264*Pocatello, ID** Shaun Watson, Rt. 1 N., Box 68 (83201). First Saturday, 1365 N. Main, Pocatello.

ILLINOIS

- 17*Chicago, IL** Albertice C. Nylen, 97 Carriage Rd., Barrington, IL (60010). Second Thursday, 5844 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.
- 34 Dwight, IL** Margaret Goodwin, 304 E. James St. (60420). Second Monday, V.F.W., Old Route 66, Dwight.
- 35 Chicago, IL** Charles Jespersen, 163 Strieff Ave., Chicago Heights, IL (60411). Third Friday, 9701 S. Kedzie Ave, Evergreen Park.
- 64 Rockford, IL** Sofus T. Sorensen, 3126 Nadine Ave. (61111). Third Wednesday, Baltic Lodge, 1524 9th St., Rockford.
- 92 St. Charles, IL** Andrea Mylin, 6N899 Crestwood Drive (60175). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, 2nd Ave. & E. Main, St. Charles.
- 107*Chicago, IL** Wilbur Jensen, 3110 W. 114th Place (60655). Second Tuesday, Harold Petersen's Hall, 14537 Chicago Rd., Dalton.
- 182*Waukegan, IL** Janet Petersen, 1933 N. Jackson (60087). Second Friday, Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County, Waukegan.
- 340*Wood Dale, IL** Janet Villacci, 7231 S. Wolf Rd. C-8, Indian Head Park, IL (60525). First Wednesday, 301 Prospect Dr., Wood Dale.

INDIANA

- 245 South Bend, IN** Donald B. Lynch, 405 Sugar Pine Dr., Mishawaka, IN (46545). No meeting.

IOWA

- 3 Davenport, IA** Carl Christensen, 528 W. 12th Ave., Milan, IL (61264). Second Thursday, American Legion Hall, Davenport.
- 10 Council Bluffs, IA** E. A. (Bud) Grunberg, 2315 S. 11th St. (51501). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Temple, Council Bluffs.
- 15*Des Moines, IA** Erik Sorensen, Rt. 1, Box 235, Monroe, IA (50170). Second Monday, Dania Hall, 715 E. Locust, Des Moines.
- 62 Sioux City, IA** Charles W. Boulden, 3226 4th Ave. (51106). Third Tuesday of April, June, August, October, and December, 1801 4th St., Sioux City.
- 134*Ringsted, IA** No meeting.
- 144 Dike, IA** Lyle R. Refshauge, Box 272 (50624). Second Monday, Dike Community Hall, Dike.
- 147 Newell, IA** Elmer Jensen, RR 1, Box 5 (50568). Third Wednesday, Allee Building, Main St., Newell.
- 217*Humboldt, IA** Violet Bergeson, Plover, IA (50573). Second Monday, Senior Citizen's Building, Humboldt.

219 Clear Lake, IA Kathleen Sonsalla, 741 Odell, Webster City, IA (50595). Second Saturday, I.O.O.F. Hall, 309½ Main Ave., Clear Lake.

326*West Branch, IA Deloris M. Ross, 806 Mill Ave., Box 232, Springville, IA (52336). First Saturday, members homes.

341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA Gwen Block, 2306 9th St., Harlan, IA (51537). Last Monday, alternating Kimballton and Elk Horn.

347*Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA Ulla Wall, 362 E. Post Rd. S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA (52403). Second Thursday, Marion Community Center, 10th Ave. & 6th St., Marion.

349 Atlantic, IA Mary Ann Christensen, RR #2 (50022). Second Monday every other month, no definite place.

MICHIGAN

30 Muskegon, MI Gordon Barrett, Jr., 1886 Dyson (49442). Second and fourth Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 2330 Barclay Ave., Muskegon.

51 Ludington, MI John Perez, P. O. Box 882 (49431). First Wednesday, 1014 S. Madison St., Ludington.

70 Greenville, MI Darwin Noah, 2769 Sidney Rd., Sidney, MI (48885). Second and fourth Friday, DBS Hall, Greenville.

106*Trufant, MI Mary L. Nielsen, 121 First St. (49347). Fourth Saturday, DB Hall, Second St., Trufant.

227 Detroit, MI Karl Larsen, 6535 Kingsbury, Dearborn Heights, MI (48127). Second and fourth Wednesday, Danish Club, 22711 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

MINNESOTA

45 Minneapolis, MN Louise Anderson, 10441 Greenbriar Rd., Minnetonka (55423). Third Friday, 4200 Cedar Avenue So., Minneapolis.

75 Albert Lea, MN Grace Tomson, 711 North Shore (56007). First Saturday, Senior Citizens Center, 146 W. College, Albert Lea.

121 Tyler, MN Ilene Sorensen, RR 1, Box 36, Arco, MN (56113). First Saturday, Senior Citizens Center, Tyler.

263 Askov, MN Edna Petersen, Box 85 (55704). First Wednesday, Partridge Cafe, Askov.

MISSOURI

56 Kansas City, MO Otto M. Larsen, 328 N. 13th St., Kansas City, KS (66102). Third Saturday, 6428 McGee St., Kansas City.

MONTANA

273 Dillon, MT Harry Abernethy, 421 South Dakota St. (59725). First Saturday, Diana Rebekah Lodge Hall, Dillon.

283 Dagmar, MT Gregg Nielsen, 333 N. Jackson, Plentywood, MT (59254). Second Monday, Lodge Hall, Dagmar.

NEBRASKA

1*Omaha, NE Barbara Rennert, 11812 Arbor #11 (68144). First Tuesday, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st St., Omaha.

16 Minden, NE Thurza Nielsen, 720 N. Minden (68959). Third Thursday, Community Center, 403 N. Colorado, Minden.

26*Fremont, NE Larry L. Ludvigsen, 1619 E. 16th St. (68025). When called.

84 Lincoln, NE Erik Hansen, 3912 J. Street (68510). Second Saturday, Odd Fellow Hall, 1111 N. 56th, Lincoln.

110*Winslow, NE Anton Pedersen, Pres., 409 Dearborn #33, Wayne, NE (68787). When called.

117*Plainview, NE Louis Petersen (68769). Third Tuesday, Legion Club, Plainview.

125*Weeping Water, NE Kenneth Lauritzen, Rt. 1, Box 9 (68463). Second Tuesday, secretary's home, Weeping Water.

161 Ruskin, NE Grace Thomsen, RR 1, Box 132, Superior, NE (68978). Second Saturday, Ruskin Community Room, Ruskin.

177 Cordova, NE Faye M. Petersen, RR 1, Box 42, McCool Junction, NE (68401). Third Thursday, members homes.

195 Omaha, NE Edward Krause, 1308 S. 165th Ave. (68130). First Thursday, American Legion Hall, 61st and Maple Streets, Omaha.

206 Blair, NE Merton Kuhr, 637 N. 23rd St. (68008). Fourth Monday, River-view Grange Hall, 21st and Jackson St., Blair.

211 Grand Island, NE Vera Petersen, Rt. 1, Box 120, St. Paul, NE (68873). Second Monday, Blue Flame Room, 515 W. Third, Grand Island.

213*Ord, NE Marlea Kittle (68862). When called.

288 Cotesfield, NE Doris Simpson (68829). When needed, members homes.

NEVADA

339*Las Vegas, NV April Gerrity, P. O. Box 72211 (89170). Last Monday, 3527 Montego Dr., Las Vegas.

NEW JERSEY

46 Perth Amboy, NJ Kenneth Nielsen, 95 Ira Ave., Colonia, NJ (07067). Second Wednesday, 855 Durham Rd., Edison.

90*Port Reading, NJ Ejlf H. Kjems, 11 Kilfoyle Avenue, Fords, NJ (08863). Third Tuesday, Danish Home for Aged, 855 New Durham Rd., Edison.

116 Newark, NJ Donald Heckman, 32 Rector St., Milburn, NJ (07041). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Town Green, N. Trivett Ave., Springfield.

241 Sayreville, NJ Arne Jensen, 21 Thomas St., South River, NJ (08882). First Monday, 21 Thomas St., (Rear Bldg.), South River.

NEW YORK

71 Penn Yan, NY Clarence Jensen, 1179 Townline Rd. (14527). Third Saturday, Lodge Home, 100 E. Elm St., Penn Yan.

164*New York, NY Barbara Perrin, 38 Prospect Park S.W., Brooklyn, NY (11215). Third Saturday, Danish Athletic Club, 735 65th St., Brooklyn.

183 Troy, NY Robert E. Nelson, 11 Downey Rd., RD 6 (12180). Second Saturday, DB Hall 37 112th St., Troy.

190 Schenectady, NY Willy Willendrup, 27 County Fair Lane, Scotia, NY (12302). First and third Wednesday, Elks Club, 1410 State St., Schenectady.

300*Oneonta, NY Ivan Kollgaard, Box 222, Laurens, NY (13796). Second Saturday.

325 Nassau County, NY Niels B. Hansen, 14 Roberts St., Farmingdale, NY (11735). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Franklin Ave. and Legion Place, Malverne.

NORTH DAKOTA

260*Williston, ND Walter Jensen, RR 2 (58801). Third Saturday.

OHIO

170 Rocky River, OH John Gormsen, 19324 Royalton R., Strongsville, OH (44136). First Friday, American Legion Hall, 695 Cahoon Rd., Bay Village.

225 Canton, OH Audrey Pedersen, 3615 Frazier Ave. NW (44709). First Friday, First Federal Savings Bldg., 1000 N. Main St., North Canton.

301*Akron, OH Ejnar Madsen, 1602 Fairfax Rd. (44313). Third Saturday, D of A Hall, South and Allyn Sts., Akron.

OREGON

167*Portland, OR Sylvia Hurst, 18460 S.W. Almonte Ct., Aloha (97007). First Wednesday, Norse Hall, 111 N.E. 11th Ave., Portland.

194 McMinnville, OR Marie Jensen, 1313 Brooks St. (97128). Second Saturday, 1010 Alpine St., McMinnville.

268 Junction City, OR Norman Christensen, 560 Blackfoot, Eugene (97404). First Tuesday, 195 W. 5th St., Junction City.

348*Eugene, OR Mary Stefansen, 952 W. 10th St. (97402). Second Thursday, 1936 Alder, Eugene.

PENNSYLVANIA

172 Philadelphia, PA Katrina Gudnitz, 421 Bonsal Ave., Yeadon, PA (19050). Second Friday, IAM Union Hall, Jansen Ave., Essington, PA.

202*Warren, PA Lawrence A. Andersen, 179 Davis St., Youngsville, PA (16371). Second Wednesday, Warren Grange Hall, Crescent Park, Warren.

242 Erie, PA Henry Jensen, 2656 Sigsbee St. (16508). Third Wednesday, Danish Club, 1146 W. 8th St., Erie.

342 Bucks County, PA Betty Jensen, 44 Roundabout Lane, Levittown, PA (19055). Third Friday, Sons of Norway Hall, 187 State Rd., Bensalem.

RHODE ISLAND

102*Providence, RI Carl W. Sorensen, 421 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI (02910). Once a month at members homes.

SOUTH DAKOTA

139 Viborg, SD Raymond Jespersen, Treasurer, Rt. 1, Box 167 (57070). No meeting.

UTAH

78*Salt Lake City, UT Maurice Nelson, 4059 S. 895 East, Ogden, UT (84403). Second Tuesday.

VERMONT

294 Barre, VT Helen Lunde, 5 Beech St. (05641). Second Tuesday, Knights of Columbus Hall, Pine Hill Rd., Barre.

WASHINGTON

29*Seattle, WA H. Martin Rasmussen, 2030 Minor Ave. E. (98102). First Wednesday, The Swedish Club, 1920 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle.

33 Tacoma, WA Signe Wenness, 1213 N. Verde (98046). Second Saturday, 3025 Pacific Highway E., Tacoma.

42 Spokane, WA Lawrence Charneski, E. 3324 15th (99203). First Thursday, W. 120 Mission Ave., Spokane.

113*Enumclaw, WA Einer Bruhn, 613 Myrtine St. (98022). Second Saturday, Danish Hall, 1708 Porter St., Enumclaw.

155 Bellingham, WA Karen Bruun, 2737 N. Park Drive (98225). Third Saturday at members' homes.

WISCONSIN

4*Racine, WI Daniel Christensen, 2731 Fleetwood Dr. (53403). Second Wednesday, Dania Hall, 1019 State St., Racine.

9*Oshkosh, WI Richard Segor, 424 W. Nevada Ave. (54901). Fourth Thursday, Eagles Hall, 405 Washington Ave., Oshkosh.

14 Kenosha, WI Roger Nelson, 2016 76th St. (53140). First and third Tuesday, 2206 63rd St., Kenosha.

36 Milwaukee, WI Albert L. Larsen, 2571 S. Shore Dr. (53207). Third Wednesday, International Institute, 2810 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee.

89 Superior, WI Marion L. Christensen, Box 288, Wentworth, WI (54894). Third Monday, Polish Club, Superior.

186 Luck, WI Esther M. Nies, 405 Lake St., Rt. 3, Box 60A (54853). Third Monday, DBIA Hall, 300 1st St. So., Luck.

343 Waupaca, WI Gladys D. Petersen, E 1758 Garfield Lane, (54981). Fourth Thursday, Trinity Lutheran Church, 206 E. Badger St., Waupaca.

344*Janesville, WI Alice Barlass, RR 1, County A E (53545). Fourth Thursday, V.F.W. Club, Janesville.

WYOMING

148*Cheyenne, WY

CANADA

328 Vancouver, B.C. Peter Jensen, 1721 Laurier Ave., Port Coquitlam, B.C. (V3B 2C3). First Wednesday, Swedish Hall, 1320 E. Hastings St., Vancouver.

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318*Copenhagen, Denmark Helge Aasted, Sortedams Doessering 59, C 2 tv., 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark. When called.

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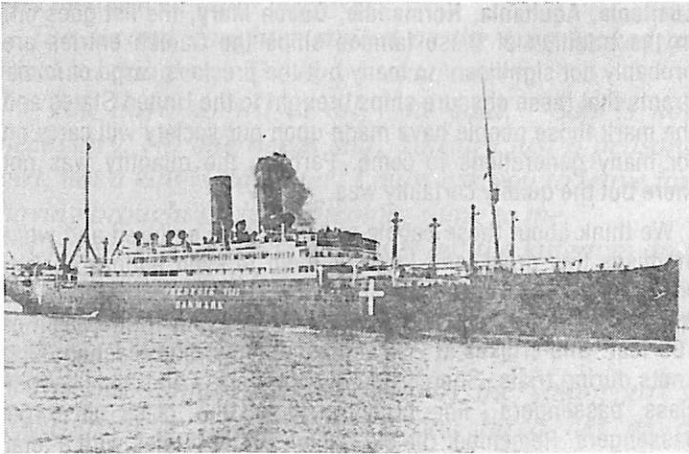
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1988 District Convention Schedule

District	Host Lodge	Date
Pacific-Northwest	Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR	May 20-22
California-Nevada	Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA	July 28-30
Iowa-Minnesota	Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN	Labor Day Weekend
Midwest	Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL	September 24-25
Nebraska	Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE	September 16-18
Michigan-Ohio	Lodge No. 70, Greenville, MI	May 14
G.C.E.L.	Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, NY	Labor Day Weekend

The Atlantic Ferry

by Clyde R. Langsted

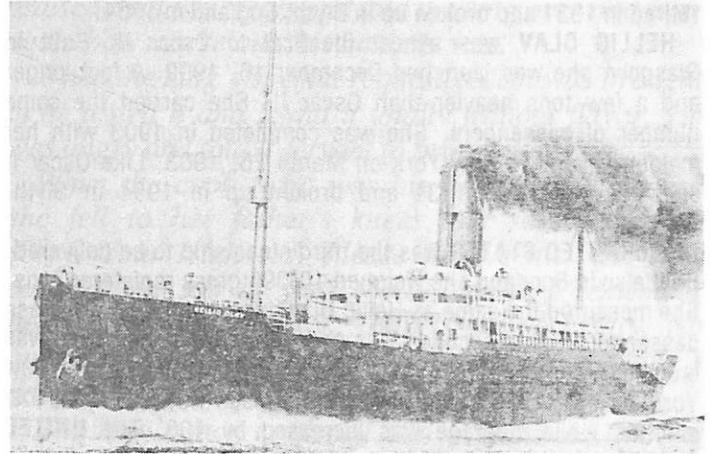


Frederik VIII, the Flagship of the Danish North Atlantic Service.

In these days of modern and comfortable jet travel (usually within 12 hours from most parts of the continental USA to Copenhagen) it is difficult to comprehend the trials of those who preceded us, traveling by sailing or steam ship. Some, like this writer, complain about the cramped cabin of a jet. There are a number of individuals alive today who traveled the early part of this century by steamship to the United States, some by way of Germany on the Hamburg-American Line or North German Lloyd. Some ventured to England and made their way from there on Cunard, White Star or Canadian Pacific. Cunard and White Star later merged. Yet others went forth on the Swedish-American or Norwegian American Lines. Sometimes the voyages were not successful with the loss of the ship and its precious cargo of passengers. The Titanic was such an example. There were others who encountered sinkings who survived but returned to their homelands in frustration, never to go forth again. If they were lucky enough to have some wealth (those immigrants who did save their hard earned money for future well-being in the new land) one could travel first or second class but there were precious few of these spaces available. Many of the steamship companies geared themselves to the immigrant trade whose shear numbers made the line 'profitable.' Imagine six, eight or even ten to a cabin in a rough Atlantic storm. Seasickness would certainly be the order of the day. Imagine the hot, stuffy summer crossings with limited ventilation, stifling heat and no air conditioning several decks below in steerage. On many vessels deck time for steerage passengers was limited. Imagine, too, arriving after many days at sea, weary, in a strange new land and not being able to communicate the language and with few who would help, even if they could. My mother crossed under such circumstances with three little children, my two older brothers and a sister. Luckily they were met by my father who had emigrated before. This was certainly no 'Love Boat' for any of them as their crossings were simply to get from one point to another.

Let us take a look at a few of these ships with emphasis on the Scandinavian-American Line which operated from 1902 until 1935 with the service between Copenhagen and New York. How quickly these old ships disappeared and it is a shame one was not saved and kept as a reminder for us to visit and try to understand just how difficult it was.

In 1898 the old United Steamship Company of Copenhagen assumed control of the Thingvalla Line together with the four



Steamship United States, launched on March 30, 1903.

steamships it owned. The company was renamed Skandinavien-Amerika Linien.

Three new ships were ordered, the first of which was the **OSCAR II** and which made its initial sailing in 1902. A fourth liner was purchased from the Holland-American Line in 1904 but was sold in 1913 to make way for the new **FREDERICK VIII**.

OSCAR II was built in Glasgow, Scotland, and was launched November 14, 1901. She weighed 10,012 gross registered tons, was 515 feet long and 58 feet wide. She had two propellers and cruised at 15 knots with a maximum speed of 16 knots. When we refer to a 'knot' it is the equivalent of a nautical mile or

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approximately 1.15 land miles. The ship was completed in early 1902 and had her maiden voyage to New York on March 12, 1902 from Copenhagen. **OSCAR II** carried 130 first class passengers, 140 second class and 900 in steerage. She was retired in 1931 and broken up in Blyth, England in 1934.

HELLIG OLAV was almost identical to Oscar II. Built in Glasgow, she was launched December 16, 1902. A foot longer and a few tons heavier than Oscar II. She carried the same number of passengers. She was completed in 1903 with her maiden voyage to New York on March 26, 1903. Like Oscar II she was retired in 1931 and broken up in 1934 in Blyth, England.

The **UNITED STATES** was the third steamship to be delivered. Built also in Scotland she weighed 10,095 gross registered tons. She measured the same as Hellig Olav but carried 131 first class passengers, 76 in second class and 1306 in steerage. She was launched March 30, 1903 and made her maiden voyage to New York June 3, 1903. Note how second class was cut by almost one-half while steerage was increased by 406. The **UNITED STATES** was retired in 1934 and broken up in Leghorn, Italy in 1935.

FREDERICK VIII was the flagship of the Danish North Atlantic service. She was built in Germany at 11,850 tons with a length of 544 feet and 62 feet in width. Her speed was 17 knots and she carried 100 first class, 300 second class and 950 third class passengers. During the 1920s this was altered to 218 first class, 293 second class and 696 third class. **FREDERICK VIII** was launched May 27, 1913 and completed later that year with her maiden voyage to New York February 5, 1914. She was retired in 1935 and broken up in Blyth, England in 1937.

It was the depression of the early 1930s which caused a

drastic reduction in passenger traffic and this, combined with the fact that three of the ships were nearly 30 years old, resulted in their withdrawal from service. Many passenger steamships have been built and some we remember like **Mauretania**, **Lusitania**, **Aquitania**, **Normandie**, **Queen Mary**, the list goes on. In the tradition of these famous ships the Danish entries are probably not significant to many but the precious cargo of immigrants that these obscure ships brought to the United States and the mark those people have made upon our society will carry on for many generations to come. Perhaps the quantity was not there but the quality certainly was.

We think about these people and what they endured and what promises this great land held for them to even endure such a crossing. Compare the present day **QUEEN ELIZABETH II**, weighing in at 65,800 tons. She is 963 feet long with a beam of 105 feet. She cruises at 28½ knots although she reached 32.6 knots during trials. She carried 564 first class and 1441 tourist class passengers. For cruising it is one class at 1400 passengers. Remember the old Danish **United States** with a total of all class passengers at 1513.

It is said that steamships are the world's largest man-made moving objects. I think we can agree. Today it is status to take a cruise and the liners are certainly elegant. How many of us would like to 'cruise' aboard the Hellig Olav under the same circumstances as our immigrant ancestors? Wow, they were some people indeed!

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The Most Important Thing

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a foolish king who had three lovely daughters.

He loved them very much and they in turn loved him. He had no sons, and it was the custom for wives and daughters to inherit the crown. The king no longer had a wife and he had to choose one of his daughters to succeed him.

He found it difficult to choose among them so he decided to put all three to a test and choose the cleverest as the future ruler. He told his daughters of his decision and they understood what he felt he had to do.

The next day, he called his daughters together and said, "Whichever one of you brings me the most important thing in the world will be the next ruler."

Each daughter went to her room and thought about what she could bring to the king that would be important.

After several weeks, the eldest daughter brought the king a fine purple robe.

The king looked surprised. "Why this?" he asked.

"Because," replied the first daughter. "We are all born naked, so clothing is the most important thing in this world."

The king thought about that and asked to see his second daughter.

She brought a golden goblet filled with milk, and a loaf of bread that she had baked herself.

The king looked surprised. "Why this?" he asked.

"Because," replied the second daughter. "We need food and drink more than anything else in the world. We cannot live without it. It is the most important thing in the world."

The king thought about that and requested to see his third daughter.

She brought a little heap of salt on a platter.

The king looked surprised. "Why this?" he asked.

"Because," replied the third daughter. "Salt is the most important thing in the world. Salt is sacred."

The king looked at all of the things his daughters brought to him and then he asked them to sit beside him.

"The robe," he said, "is an important thing for a king. If he has that then he has all else, too. However, if he loses it he is no longer king and no better than other men. You meant well and I love you, but it is not the most important thing."

The eldest daughter smiled as the king looked at his

second daughter.

"Food and drink," he said, "is necessary, my child, but certainly not the most important. However, you meant well and I love you."

The second daughter smiled as the king looked at his third daughter. The king looked angry.

"You have no wit at all," he said. "Salt is not necessary. No one needs salt. You are just a peasant girl, not a king's daughter. I must ask you to leave for having brought such a ridiculous thing to me."

Crying, the youngest daughter left the kingdom and went far away from his country. She came upon an inn where an old woman took a liking to the youngest princess.

The old woman was touched by the young girl's youth, beauty and innocence and hired her as a servant.

The princess proved herself to be such a trusting maid that the old woman decided to teach the young girl to cook. Word spread about this wonderful cook, who was also young and very beautiful. Whenever a banquet was held, the young princess was called in to cook the feast.

Now it so happened that the eldest princess of the king was getting married and it was going to be a lavish wedding. The king summoned the cook (not

knowing it was his own daughter) to prepare the most elegant of dishes.

Food was prepared for the wedding feast. Everyone praised the tasty treats and told the king over and over again how marvelous this banquet was.

When the king's special requested dish was brought in he tasted it and found it totally without flavor. He was angry and told a servant to bring in the cook.

When the cook (who was his daughter) appeared she fell to her father's knees and said, "I'm so sorry, Your Highness. Please forgive me. But how could I put salt in your food. I think I remember hearing a king once say, "Salt is not necessary. No one needs salt. Salt is for a peasant girl, not a king's daughter."

The king's face reddened and he realized that, of course, that these were his own words and recognized that the cook was his very own daughter whom he told to leave. He was so ashamed of himself (and he desperately missed his daughter for he over reacted in the first place) he embraced her and had her sit by his side.

He then told everyone of his foolish mistake by insisting that his daughters present him with the most important thing in the world. For he had it all along.

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — On January 16, 1988, Kris Knudsen of Mountlake Terrace in Washington celebrated his 96th birthday. On that occasion, President Gerald Jensen, Secretary Martin Rasmussen, and Ted Kofoed went out to congratulate him. We presented Kris with a birthday card, a beautiful potted plant, and a certificate of congratulations from the Home Office in Omaha, Nebraska.

Kris joined our lodge in the later years. The fact that he is a member is what counts. It is never too late to join the Danish Brotherhood. Kris says that he has nothing else to do so he just keeps on living. Kris comes from the area around Viborg, Jutland. He came to the U.S. as a young man of 20 years in 1912. In the beginning, he worked at different jobs but soon settled for the building trade in the area where he lives now. He has built 21 houses.



Happy birthday, Kris Knudsen!

Kris uses one cane when he walks. He still drives his car on short trips and does not wear glasses. He says that he hopes he will be able to attend our 100th anniversary celebration. We hope he can. Congratulations, Kris!

We wish to thank Ted and Virginia Kofoed for their 12 years of hard work in editing and publishing the newsletter. Their work and organization have provided a good foundation for the new editors to continue to serve the members with this informative paper. We look forward to theirs and everyone's contributions in the coming year. Again, many thanks.

The Brotherhood wishes to thank Mel Hollister for again taking time to distribute poinsettias to a group of older Brotherhood members this past holiday season.

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The best idea for March goes to Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia. See page 6.

The Danish Christmas party was held December 13 at the West Seattle Masonic Lodge Hall. It was again a success with more than 300 people attending. Santa Claus greeted 140 children with a bag of treats and the adults enjoyed coffee and pastries. For many this traditional gathering is the real start of the Christmas season. Thanks to Edith Andersen for hosting the party and to her many helpers and to Barfods Nursery for the beautiful tree.

On December 23 Christmas was celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church. The church was beautiful with its decorations and the sounds of old Danish carols which many remember from their childhood. Thanks to the Happy Singers under the direction of Prof. Louis Christensen, to Kris Jorgensen, Karl Olsen, Paul R. Olsen, Prof. Svend Rossel, and Ola Sorensen for their contributions and to Pastor Jorgen Kappel-Hansen from The Savior Lutheran Church in Bellingham who brought the Christmas message in Danish. Special thanks to Grethe Petersen who for the past ten years has hosted the planning of this beautiful Danish tradition and to her assistants who served holiday cheer.

The Brotherhood will soon be selling raffle tickets to support our 100th anniversary celebration. The first prize will be two round trip tickets to Denmark on SAS. The second prize will be a trip for two to Reno courtesy of Scan Travel. Five additional prizes of \$100 savings bonds will be awarded. To buy or sell tickets, please contact Flemming Sorensen. The drawing will be held at the anniversary banquet on April 9. Winners need not be present to win.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — We deeply regret the passing of Brother Pat Gilbert, one of our most active members. Loving sympathy is being extended to Edith and the entire Gilbert family.

The Pacific Northwest District Presidents have been invited to join us at the Town and Country Restaurant on Saturday, March 5. Sisterhood President, Anna Lindahl, Enumclaw, Washington, has accepted and we expect Brotherhood President, Floyd West, Junction City, Oregon, to do likewise. They were asked to be our installing officers in a joint ceremony following dinner. Cost per person for the evening is \$6.00 so plan to join us for a great evening. This takes place of our March meeting.

Four local Brotherhood members who will attain their 25-year membership anniversary this year have been invited to join us as guests at the Town and Country Restaurant in March. Records show Lola-belle and Fred Nielsen joined December 20, 1962; Edith Gage became a member February 2, 1963, and Karen (Eskeberg) Fieldman joined November 2, 1963. We look forward to seeing you receive your commemorative pins from Pacific Northwest District President, Floyd West, at the March 5 dinner meeting.

Don't forget the 39th annual Pacific Northwest District Convention to be held in Eugene, Oregon, on May 20-22, 1988. We received raffle tickets for two SAS round-trip tickets to Copenhagen for a drawing at the convention. These tickets will be available at our March meeting. Incidentally, they were donated by SAS to the Portland Danish lodges to help defray the costs of the convention. **Lawrence Charneski, Cor.**

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — We had the privilege of having Clyde Langsted, National President, initiate our officers on January 9. Sister Ann Lindahl, District President and members of our local Sisterhood, installed the ladies. The evening was started with a delicious beef dinner cooked by Myrna Rieck. We are happy to have installed a few of our new members including Myrna's sons, Dana and J.C. We are hoping to have a good year in 1988 and are making plans to have entertainment at every meeting. **Howard Abbott, Pres.**

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**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — We are happy to welcome Carol J. Elwood of Vancouver, Washington, to our lodge. Born in Carroll,



Welcome new member, Carol J. Elwood.

Iowa, she is of Danish parents and wants to learn more about her heritage and the culture program of the Danish Brotherhood. We are happy to have you with us, Carol.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our December meeting, there were 72 members present. This was also our general meeting. We began with our usual meeting procedure. We accepted two new applications for membership. They were Flemming Tholl and Jorgen Jensen. At our last meeting, we appointed Poul B. Christensen as Chairman for our general meeting. We began with the President's report and then the Treasurer's report.

The elections began. The Board for 1988 is as follows: Past President, Karl Kristensen; President, Peter Praegel; Vice President, Jens P. Vestergaard; Secretary, Peter M. Jensen; Treasurer, Herluf Pedersen; Trustees, Axel Johannsen, Jorgen Larsen and Villy B. Andersen; Conductor, Bent Jensen; Inner Guard, Karl Madsen;

Outer Guard, Conny Vinther; First Alternate, Julius Nicolaisen; and Second Alternate, Uwe Bruhn.

A thanks was given to Poul B. Christensen for conducting the general meeting in a proper fashion. As we continued with the meeting, a motion was made by Uwe Bruhn, seconded by Sven Gerslund, that the Brotherhood donate \$100 to the Community Center for the Children's Christmas party.

The Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Vancouver is hosting the Pacific Northwest District Bowling Tournament in Enumclaw, Washington, on March 12, 1988. If you are interested in participating as a bowler, please contact Uwe Bruhn.

We held our annual smoker on January 16. This is the time where all the Brothers attend their own party. There was a nice turnout. There were approximately 90 people attending. As usual, we started with our cocktail hour, then proceeded to Det store kolde bord med lune retter. This was prepared by Henny Andersen. After the dinner, we all danced to the disc-jockey music. This was the last party given by our old Fest Committee of 1987, and they have out done themselves.

At our January meeting, there were 46 members present. We began with our usual meeting procedure. We accepted one new application for membership for Henning Jensen.

At this meeting, our new Board of Directors was installed. We had the pleasure of having Floyd West, our Pacific Northwest District President, attend.

After the meeting, the Brothers enjoyed an open face sandwich, a beer and a snaps.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — The December meeting was called to order on December 10 by Vice President Peter Jensen with 32 members present. A short Christmas note was read from Niels and Rita Nedergard. Historian Hanne Taekker had the scrapbook out for those members who wanted to look at it.

Peter Jensen gave an update on progress for the raffle for funds for the Pacific Northwest District Convention. Peter is in charge of tracking ticket sales and Poul Olesen is treasurer. Martin Taekker reminded the membership that he is still collecting items to be donated to the convention for both the fish bowl and to the raffle. Members should be prepared to answer the call for volunteers for various projects for the convention.

The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee was accepted as presented and voted into office.

Martin Taekker made a motion that we make our usual donation of \$50 to the Eugene Mission and \$50 to St. Vincent de Paul for assistance to the poor and homeless during the winter season. Mary Stefansen suggested an announcement to be put in the newsletter each month requesting one type of food item to be brought to each business meeting in keeping with the Brotherhood's Operation Care and Share.

The December committee, chaired by Phyllis and Walter Reinhard, served cookies and coffee at tables decorated with holly. Members shared memories of Christmases past, which were very interesting especially to our younger members.

The Christmas party was well attended with 80 members and guests. Children and

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
1-6-88	Jens Andreasen	99	Hjørring, Denmark	34	Dwight, Illinois	1914
1-5-88	Ernest O. Vincent	91	Portland, Oregon	167	Portland, Oregon	1985
1-17-88	William H. Nissen	84	Castana, Iowa	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1975
12-13-87	Frances E. Holmgaard	70	Bronx, New York	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1983
10-31-87	Arthur M. Sorensen	81	Minnesota	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1982
1-23-88	Peter Pahl	83	Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1924
1-27-88	Edward A. Yankus	75	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1977
9-9-87	James M. Anderson	76	Palmer, Kansas	283	Dagmar, Montana	1929
12-27-87	Thomas C. Mekkelsen	63	Barre, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1954
12-27-87	Andrew B. Loft	89	Clinton, Iowa	155	Bellingham, Washington	1942
12-15-87	Regnar Brochner	85	Silkeborg, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Washington	1929
1-7-88	Margaret B. Esrom	72	Billings, Montana	167	Portland, Oregon	1963
12-9-87	Niels Merrill	83	Herning, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1947
1-3-88	Russell C. Thayer	74	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	301	Akron, Ohio	1953
1-18-88	Jens A. Emanuelsen	81	Aalborg, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1927
12-14-87	Ejner P. Christiansen	87	Newell, Iowa	268	Junction City, Oregon	1942
1-23-88	Flemming T. Hinrichsen	50	Kalundborg, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1963
5-2-87	Hans O. Nissen, Jr.	82	Bethany, Connecticut	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
1-23-88	George H. Olsen	82	Asnaes, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1946
1-3-88	Carl Thomsen	88	Esbjerg, Denmark	39	San Leandro, California	1918



All joined in the caroling.

grandchildren of members helped make this year's party a special time for all as they lined up to trim the tree with handmade ornaments of red and white. With Martin Taekker as master of ceremonies, the program followed. Al Nyegaard read the story of the birth of the Christ Child. Grace Hansen narrated the tale of "The Littlest Angel." Santa Claus stopped by to visit and hand out sacks of goodies. This Santa, Henning Kristiansen, was extremely generous as he left three handmade reindeer and a rocking horse for an impromptu raffle. The singing and visiting with rice pudding and cookies finished out an evening of fun and fellowship. A special thank you to Karen Toftemark and Bernice Jensen for all their work on this event.

Verna Lynge, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — It was reported that Frants P. Schutz of Apple Valley, California, passed away. He was 94 years young and a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 57 years. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Our Christmas party on December 18 was a very good one and was attended by about thirty people. The Christmas spirit was definitely present with a beautiful tree, much caroling and lots and lots of goodies to eat.

Villum Christensen, our President, won the raffle for the evening. Because Sofie Christoffersen had a birthday, she treated everyone at the meeting to a drink and each wished her a happy birthday.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — At the January 13 meeting, 43 members and guests were served a tasty Danish "Hakkebof med Log" by Bob Lassiter and crew. The business meeting following, chaired by our President, Bent Petersen, was attended by 23 members. Monti Farrell's application for membership was approved and Max Vorms was initiated.

A report by our local Bylaws Committee indicated no progress to date, but a more

promising effort for the new year. Regarding a proposed memorial for the late Ferdinand Sorensen, Ed Madsen indicated his willingness to represent our lodge in a combined effort with community groups to commemorate our illustrious late lodge brother. Max Vorms indicated the Rebild Society's willingness to participate.

A motion was carried that Peter Weber be nominated for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award. The responsible committee included Ed Madsen, Johannes Jaeger, and Steen Webber.

Ernst Poulsen, who came from Denmark to Milwaukee in the twenties and became a member of DBS Lodge No. 36, was presented a 60-year pin. He moved to Solvang in 1976 with his wife Barbara who is a many year very active member of the Sisterhood.



Congratulations to 60-year member, Ernst Poulsen.

Bent Petersen closed the meeting and his presidency, thanking officers and members for their support and help in making the past year a great year for him and the lodge.

Installation of officers for the Sisterhood Lodge No. 177 and our lodge took place in the Elks Club in Solvang on January 16. The following were installed: Past President, Bent Pedersen; President, Bent Olsen; Vice President, Mark Bates; Secretary, C. W. "Bill" Rasmussen; treasurer, Arnold Detmar; Conductor, Mark Anderson; 1st Trustee, Ken Fitzgerald; 2nd Trustee, Max Hanberg; 3rd Trustee, Johannes Jaeger; Inner Guard, Roy Alexander; and Outer Guard, Brian Oleson.

A delicious dinner of New York strip steak, baked "filled" potato salad, chocolate mousse and coffee was served by the Elks Club followed by dancing to Holger Larsen's lively group. Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Well, now that it is 1988, the "Convention Steering Committee" is in full swing getting plans finalized with the help of Ray and Mary Beard and Kris and Sandy Norby. Committee members include Gail Perkins, Brotherhood Chairman, Lillian Suda, Karen Suda, Johanne Chapin, Sisterhood Chairman, Petra Ferullo, Secretary, Alma Jensen, Treasurer and Dorothy Myrick.

Raffle tickets are being printed now and

will be ready for distribution soon. If you have been wondering how you can help out on the convention committee, this is your chance. We will be distributing tickets to anyone interested in helping sell them up until convention time. The prizes will include a color TV, set of luggage, auto-focus camera, plus many more. Also, anyone wishing to donate any items to our raffle will be greatly appreciated. Remember, homemade items are sometimes nicer than anything you might purchase. For anyone wishing to donate something, please call Gail Perkins.

Installation was very successful and we now have a full slate of officers. Some of you know that we still did not have an official treasurer at the installation, however, at the January meeting we were very glad to have Rick Carlson come forward and accept the office of treasurer. We would like to thank him for taking enough interest in the lodge to hold a position and greatly appreciate him filling this position for us. We are sure he will be a great asset to this position. Thank you Rick!

Our slate of officers for 1988 now stands as follows: Past President, Gail Perkins; President, Karen Suda; Vice President, Heidi Jensen; Secretary, Lillian Suda; and Treasurer, Rick Carlson. We appreciate all of you taking these positions, without you we would not be able to continue.

Several awards were also given out at our installation dinner to several who we felt stepped forward and went out of their way to do something different and give a little extra effort for the convention committee. Without their help, our year might not have gone as smoothly as it did. Thanks again.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — Close to 100 members and guests attended our Christmas party and from all reports everyone enjoyed it. Anna Stroud was the chairman and did a wonderful job of coordinating the party.

The cold and fog kept January attendance low but new officers were elected and installation was held February 13 at the Casa Royale.

Hope the New Year will bring good health to Viggo Stenderup who was not able to be at the meeting and to all shut-ins who are missed. Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Our Christmas party was a success and well attended, although there was a limit to how many John and Helene's house could accommodate. We are so fortunate to have members with such a lovely home and who

so willingly open it when the lodge is in need. Thank you John and Helene.

The following members will receive their 25 year pin in 1988: Roy Johnson, Esther Johnson, Dick Rowse, Karen Rowse, and Elena Pinza. Congratulations!

Inger Dix, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — At the January 9th installation of Holger Danske and Kodan Lodge No. 346 officers for 1988, there were 73 members and guests in attendance. Attitude Adjustment Hour began at 6 p.m. with everyone greeting each other with a hearty skoal! About 7 p.m., Ken Olsen, Master of Ceremonies, opened the evening with a welcome to those in attendance. It was really nice to have members from Solvang, Alhambra and Las Vegas with us.

Ken gave special recognition to the California-Nevada District officers and their spouses present. Those with us were: Ed Madsen, Past President and wife Betty; Ken Nielsen, President and wife Nancy; Karen Rowse, Vice President and husband Dick; Sue Pattersen, Inner Guard and husband Jim; Howard Kjellsen, Past President and wife Hazel; and Alice Pinkerton, Past President.

This was a great representation of our district officers and we appreciate their attendance. Ken Olsen did a great job of being M.C. for the evening, keeping things rolling along smoothly. Thanks Ken for all those funny jokes and interspersing the raffle drawing during the dinner hour. Special thanks was given to all those who worked to make the evening successful.

Toni and Gary Gossett spent a lot of time making arrangements with Old World Restaurant. Hazel Kjellsen spent hours making the beautiful flower baskets that were the centerpieces. Margaret Motz also worked on the tables. Betty Christensen, treasurer, took all the reservations and called many people to see if they were attending. Programs were made by Kaj Bjorn and Gerry Olsen. It takes a lot of time when you have this type of a meeting, but it is always worth it. After installation, the partying began with the disc jockey spinning the platters and the dancing began. Many made the remark that this was a

good installation and that they really enjoyed it. Once again, thanks for joining us.

A big thank you to those faithful members who went to the Westminster Mobile Home Park on January 2 to clean up the floors in the recreation room. This has become a thank you to the park for several years now for allowing Holger Danske to use their facilities for our lodge meetings. This is a big job and we appreciate that special group who strip, wash and wax the floors.

Recently we received a letter from Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director, describing the new District Fraternal Coordinator's Program. We have written briefly about this in past newsletters but now it is in action. The purpose is to help develop and improve local lodge performance. Pam states "We are very pleased to inform you that Howard and Hazel Kjellsen, 423 S. Deming St., Santa Ana, California 92704, have agreed to serve our lodge as a District Fraternal Coordinator Team. You will be hearing from them within the next couple of months with some exciting new ideas your lodge may want to try. Feel free to call on your District Fraternal Coordinators should you have any questions." Congratulations are in order for Howard and Hazel. We know you will do an outstanding job. We'll look forward to your meeting with our board and bringing us new ideas that we can implement into our programs.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Fifteen members and one guest from Kodan Lodge attended the joint installation of Holger Danske and Kodan Lodges January 9 at Old World Restaurant in Huntington Beach. The new officers were installed by District President Ken Nielsen of Kodan. As a special present, Ken Nielsen was presented with a gavel with his name and office engraved on it from our lodge along with wishes for a very productive and successful year. Those of us who went enjoyed the good food, music and most of all the good company. Congratulations to all my new officers and all the officers in the California-Nevada District. Let's have a super year!

Don't forget to put the April Fool's Party down on your calendar also. We couldn't do it last year but it's for sure this year. It



Sue Patterson is packing the "Kodan Van" to deliver our donation for our Operation Care and Share project.

will be held April 16 at the Loveday's Psycho Ward.

Our lodge is pleased to participate in Operation Care and Share by donating items to the Riverside Horizon House, a home for battered women and their children.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA Nebraska District

Last year we did not award the Nebraska Visitation and Activity plaques at the State Convention, because of poor participation from most lodges. We have made the report much simpler, and hope each secretary will take a few minutes at each meeting to complete the report and return it to me. A new method of tabulating the reports at the end of the year will give all lodges regardless of size, an equal chance to win one of the three plaques to be awarded at the 1988 convention.

The Nebraska District officers met at York, Nebraska, on Sunday, January 17. We had a good meeting. We outlined the plans for the coming year. It should be an exciting year for the district but it can only be so if every lodge gets actively involved in all of the programs that are planned.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — On January 5 we met at Vennelyst Park. Following the business meeting, which included the installation of the officers for 1988 by William Jorgensen, Jr., Nebraska District President, we were invited to enjoy tasting some delicious wines and cheeses. The wines were furnished by Phillips Distributing Company of Omaha. Dan Burns, Wine Sales Manager for Phillips, was on hand to give us some insight about the

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different wines. The cheeses, mostly Danish, were a delightful compliment to the wines. A special thank you to Dan Burns and the Phillips Distributing Company, as well as the committee — John and Eleanor Norton and Walt and Marie Madsen — and all who assisted them.

The committee for April has met and began making plans. The anniversary banquet will be held at Vennelyst Park on April 16. They are planning an authentic Danish dinner. More information will be available at a later date so mark your calendar. Keep the date open and plan to attend.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met for our annual Christmas party on December 17 at the Community Action building with a co-op supper. About 90 members and guests were present. A short discussion was held about the 1988 convention which will be held here in Minden. The state picnic was also brought up which will be at Cordova in July. President Glen Hazelbarth was elected to take fruit baskets to the shut-ins.

A Danish exchange student and his American family from Gibbon, Nebraska, were our guests. Jesper Jensen from Fuhn, Denmark, gave the group remarks about Denmark and of his family which was very interesting.

The group sang Christmas carols and each member received an apple and a candy bar from the lodge.

The committee for the evening was Bill and Merrielle Jorgensen, Chairmen, Dale and Vivian Space, Bill and Mabel Meier, Alan Jorgensen, Lois Nelson, Marshall Christensen and Delores Christensen.

We held our January meeting on Thursday, January 21. Wisthi Thomsen, President, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and minutes and treasurer's report given. An invitation was extended to our lodge from Seattle, Washington, as their lodge was celebrating their 100th anniversary.

A thank you was received from Elmer Christensen for the fruit basket that was given to Lydia and Elmer for Christmas. Installation of the new officers was performed by Bill Jorgensen, District President. Bill suggested we have a contest in the lodge to bring in new members. Bill also played some Danish tapes of Denmark. Merrielle Jorgensen gave a report on the school visitations she and Bill are doing at school for the 3rd grade. Merrielle suggested that the Brotherhood sponsor a coloring contest for the group. It was suggested we give each child a small coin of Denmark and a small Danish flag.

Lyra and Haldine Johnson were guests for the evening. A Danish film about Danish people who came over to the U.S. to make their home was shown by the serving committee. Lunch of coffee, hot chocolate and Danish pastries was served.

Shirley Nielsen, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — We met at the Ruskin Community Hall Saturday evening, January 9, for our annual aebleskiver supper attended by 33 members and 10 guests. The committee in charge of preparing and serving the meal were Arnold and Betty Smith, LeVern and Grace Erickson and Harold and Erna Martens. Ten guests were present — they were Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Mickelsen of Superior, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell of Shickley, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nielsen and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burchell all of Minden and the German student who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marten.

District President Bill Jorgensen installed the 1988 officers for our lodge. They are as follows: Past President, Bill Erickson; President, Ken Pedersen; Vice President, Neil Thomsen; Secretary, Grace Thomsen; Treasurer, Edith Meyer; Trustee, Willard McCutcheon; and Conductor, LeVern Erickson. District President Bill Jorgensen also initiated the five new members present. They were Leslie and Beryl Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ridle and Walter Petersen.

The Care and Share Program was discussed for 1988. It was decided that each member was to bring a can of fruit or fruit juice to the next meeting to be sent to the County Food Pantry.

Our annual dance will be March 25 at Ruskin. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$5.00 a couple in advance, \$6.00 at the door.

Grace Thomsen, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Thanks to our November committee for their evening of entertainment. It was educational and fun testing our imaginations. A big thank you also to Merton, Bonnie and their efficient crew for planning a delightful Christmas supper plus a Santa Claus and entertainment. The meal was delicious, dancing around the Christmas tree and singing carols put everyone in the Christmas spirit. This is an annual event both young and old look forward to and enjoy.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — At the February 8 meeting, Vera Petersen of St. Paul was presented with a check and a

Certificate of Merit from the National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America stating she had won first place in the adult division of the 1987 Photo Contest. The winning photo showed Harriet Nielsen preparing aebleskiver for members of the Grand Island lodge when they met at Harriet's place in Dannebrog last year.

Plans were made for a covered dish supper for the March 14 meeting. Besides bringing a vegetable or salad for the meal, members are asked to bring canned goods for the food pantry. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jorgensen of Minden will be special guests.

The state picnic will be held on July 24 at Cordova and the state convention will be held on September 16-18 at Minden.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At our last meeting, installation of officers was held. We look forward to working with Svend



Congratulations to our newly elected officers.

Christensen, Past President; Curt Sorensen, President; Erik Sorensen, Vice President; Edith Paulsen, Secretary; Harvey Andersen, Treasurer; and Roland Jensen, Trustee.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — At our last meeting, the following officers were elected for 1988: Therkel Jorgensen, President; Delno Hansen, Vice President; Ilene Sorensen, Secretary; Agnes Nielsen, Treasurer; David Nielsen, Conductor; Ed Jensen, Oliver Johnson and Orval Hansen, Trustees; Albert Nielsen, Outer Guard; and Mrs. Orval Hansen, installing officer.

The program committee, Mr. and Mrs. David Nielsen and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sorensen, presented a skit and mock wedding with their children playing the major roles. The skit was entitled "This Is For You" and honored Mr. and Mrs. Therkel Jorgensen. It produced a great deal of hilarity.

Mrs. Orval Hansen baked and served the traditional kranssekage wedding cake and led the group in singing the Danish Skaal song, "Han Skal Leve."

Ilene Sorensen, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — On November 24, 1987, two books were placed into the public library by our lodge

in memory of Niels Jensen, Fremond Nielsen and Magnus Larsen who passed away in 1987. The books are *The Ballad of Bishop Hill* and *The Heather and the Rose*.

In March, our meeting will be shared with the Sons of Norway Lodge as a potluck supper. A fifteen minute program will be presented by each group. Be sure to attend.

Our lodge Christmas party was held at the meeting hall on December 14 as a potluck supper. The supper featured turkey and dressing prepared by Hedy Sorensen and Mary West, and potato casserole prepared by Charlotte Schultz. Members brought a salad or dessert to round out the meal.

Members brought a present for the gift exchange which were placed under the decorated six-foot Christmas tree furnished by Marilyn and Carl Hansen. The gifts were handed out by Rachel Hansen, a Young Viking. Twenty-two members were led in carol singing by Vi Bergeson with Peg Hansen playing the piano.

At the January meeting, the officers for 1988 were installed. National songs "America the Beautiful" and "Det Er Et Yndigt Land" were sung. Harold Jensen was presented with a 25-year membership pin. Carl Hansen, Chairman, conducted several quiz games. One concerning history of Humboldt on a "Name It" quiz.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST NEWSLETTER**

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — We met in January with the meeting being called to order by President Thorvald Sorensen. National Director Jerry Sonsalla installed



Congratulations to newly installed officers.

the officers for 1988. He also presented 50-year pins to Harry Eliassen and Thorvald Sorensen and a 25-year pin to John Smeby. The members voted to send \$100 for the Flemming Hinrichsen Fund. We will continue with the collection for non-perishable food items for the food banks. This has been done for several years. Helen and Henry Bergman were presented with a cake in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary along with many congratulations. An aebleskiver supper was held before the February meeting. Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — On Sunday afternoon, December 6, 25 members and guests met at the home of Durward and Arlene Keith in West Liberty for our lodge's traditional Christmas potluck. The home looked so festive, decorations of the season everywhere. Election of officers resulted in a unanimous vote for all officers to continue on for another year. The Program Committee of Glenn and Helga Jensen was many fold. Glenn sang a solo, "O Holy Night," accompanied by Helga at the organ. Then, each lodge member and guest were asked to reminisce about a Christmas that stood in their minds, whether from childhood or adulthood. Angie and Christine Dickey then pantomimed a "cute skit." Angie and Christine are granddaughters of Glen and Helga Jensen. Lodge members then sang numerous Christmas carols. And lastly, Santa presented surprise gifts of

homemade cookies, candies, popcorn balls and jellies for all present. It was a fun afternoon for all.

On Sunday afternoon, January 3, 18 members and guests met at the home of Stewart and Ruby Arnold in West Liberty. Installation of officers took place for those officers present. Much discussion was held on how plans are progressing for West Branch hosting the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Iowa City in September of 1989. Our meeting was also a "surprise party" for the hosts for their 50th wedding



Happy 50th anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold.

VELKOMMEN!

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



Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Theodore W. Billings	14	Kenosha, WI	Donald Everett
Delbert H. Wegner	14	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Donald P. Scott	14	Kenosha, WI	Carl Swanson
Margaret Mikkelsen	35	Chicago, IL	Charles Jespersen
David L. Boyd	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond Nielsen
Nicole L. Boyd	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond Nielsen
Janice R. Boyd	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond Nielsen
John J. Riley	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond Nielsen
Kimberly M. Riley	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond Nielsen
Megan L. Riley	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond Nielsen
Brian M. Riley	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond Nielsen
Peggy L. Riley	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond Nielsen
Virgil H. Hentz	45	Minneapolis, MN	Hanna Poulsen
Vickie L. Klemmensen	45	Minneapolis, MN	Hanna Poulsen
Guy A. Wrege	51	Ludington, MI	Theodore Woebeking
Paul J. Miller	67	Fresno, CA	Howard Petersen
Jacob F. Lehn	84	Lincoln, NE	Donald Lehn
Gayle L. Miller	84	Lincoln, NE	Erik Hansen
Chauncey B. Mickelsen	161	Ruskin, NE	Erma Miller
Esther J. Mickelsen	161	Ruskin, NE	Erma Miller
Mary Lou Marshall	161	Ruskin, NE	Grace Thomsen
James D. Lyons	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Carol J. Elwood	167	Portland, OR	Emma Powell
Lisa R. Peterson	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Edith R. Grabe	206	Blair, NE	Harriet Palle
Alvan E. Andersen	206	Blair, NE	Jens Krogh
Connie Andersen	206	Blair, NE	Jens Krogh
Stephen W. Martin	261	Fowler, CO	Rick Sharon
Monti Farrell	299	Solvang, CA	Bob Lassiter
Max Michael Vorm	299	Solvang, CA	Bent Olsen
Reidunn Ostergaard	342	Bucks County, PA	Ulla Pedersen
John P. Bell	349	Atlantic, IA	Paul Williamson
Doris J. Bell	349	Atlantic, IA	Paul Williamson
Ryan M. Gerlach	600	Omaha, NE	Dean Gerlach

anniversary. The program committee of Durward and Arlene Keith had the group playing various games pertaining to what the lodge members knew of the hosts before and after their wedding leading up to the present day. Lodge members then presented the Arnolds with a \$50 money tree and a kransekage baked and decorated by Deloris Ross. Happy New Year to all Brotherhood members in the United States, Canada and Denmark!

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — We met on January 11 with 37 members present and welcomed four new members to our lodge! Our business meeting was conducted by President Richard Becker, and new officers were elected. The following officers will preside for the coming year: President, Folmer Molgaard; Vice President, Gail Nelson; Secretary, Mary Ann Christensen; and Treasurer, Harvey Hansen retained his office.

Our lodge was proud to receive the district award for best social function in 1987. The lodge made the decision to have March as Care and Share month. Regular volunteers of the municipal food pantry, Wilbur Hoegh and Donald Nelson, have assisted with this event.

Our program and serving committee for the evening was Robert and Frances Nelson, Folmer and Helen Molgaard, Paul and Ina Sien, Lois Petersen, Marian Pedersen and Ardis Knudsen. A member of our lodge, Nadine Williamson, and her husband, Paul, told of their recent travel to Denmark. Nadine shared pictures and entertained us with highlights of her trip from one Danish coast to the other using various modes of transportation to accomplish this travel. She related some particulars of the cities and of the countryside, comparing farmsteads and farming methods. Nadine's Danish relatives spoke either Danish or English, but all entertained her in the same manner, with good times and good food. It was evident by the listener's questions that everyone enjoyed these Danish glimpses of Denmark in September!

Marj Holland, Sec.

MIDWEST

District Scholarships Available

Midwest District Scholarship applications for the 1988/89 school year will be considered May 1, 1988. Eligible members wishing to apply should write the Midwest District Secretary, Albertice C. Nylén, 97 Carriage Road, Barrington, IL 60010 for an application. Applications received after the deadline of May 1, 1988 will not be considered by the committee for an award.

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Lodge #4, Racine, WI — At our January meeting we met at the home of John and Betty Mollerskov. Thanks very much to them. A great time was had by all with a great lunch served. In lodge business, we had election and installation of officers for 1988. They are as follows: John Schroeder, Past President; Glen Nyboe, President; Doug Larsen, Vice President; Daniel Christensen, Secretary; John Mollerskov, Treasurer; Martin Andersen, Conductor; and Wayne Kavaliauskas, Guard.

We are still active and getting better. We should have a good program for 1988. Members, remember the Midwest District Golf Outing will be held in July in Racine and on September 24, Dwight Lodge No. 34 will host the Midwest District Picnic.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Thank you to the outgoing officers for doing a tremendous job this past year. A very special thanks goes out to Past President Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., for his leadership and dedication to the position of president of our lodge. Rudy has done much to improve our lodge these past two years. Thanks to Rick Sullivan and Ken Jensen of Dwight for installing the officers on a very bitterly cold evening.

We would like to welcome our new officers: 3rd Trustee, Anker Adelsen; Guards, Roger Sorensen and Jeff Bernhardt; and Conductor, Todd Bernhardt; and welcome back continuing officers Treasurer, Ron Jensen; Secretary, Roger Nelson; 1st Trustee, Jack Sorensen; 2nd Trustee, Ray Zieth; and Vice President, Malcolm Young. We will be looking forward to working with them in this upcoming year.

With your continued support and involvement, let's work together and make 1988 a great year for Lodge No. 14!

One hundred thirty children and many adults came to our children's Christmas party which was well received by all with a magician, Santa's visit with gifts for everyone, cookies and soda. It is always great to have the little ones as our guests — thanks to the hard working committee chaired by Rick and Chris Wade, ably assisted by Ken and Martha Learmont, Todd Bernhardt, Marie Hopkins, Ron and Barb Elliott, Rudy and Glori Bernhardt and Bill Kirby. We thank Frank Holderness for volunteering his services in the Rathskellar that day.

A repeat of last year's successful New Year's Eve Party took place with 190 people present having lots of fun. The evening started out with a beautiful meal followed by the Night Shift band playing popular music for all age groups. Favors, hats and horns were distributed and

balloons were dropped to usher in the New Year. Hot snacks and coffee were served after midnight and the band played until 2 a.m. Thanks to our reliable New Year's Eve committee — Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. and Roger Nelson who were co-chairmen plus Jerry Wamboldt, Ken Learmont and wives and Jeff Bernhardt and Chris Willems.

Thanks to Brothers Ben Peterson, Jens Emanuelson, Ray Zieth, and Duke Ellingham who once again delivered wine to our shut-in Brothers during the holidays. They visited 11 Brothers who were most grateful.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner/dance will be held Saturday, March 12. Friends are welcome! Call John Hosmanek or Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., for reservations.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — December was a very busy month. We held our Christmas dinner meeting on December 5 at the Scandinavian American Culture Society in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

The evening began with our President Merle Nylén serving his homemade "Glogg" putting all in a festive mood.

A delicious goose dinner and all the trimmings was served to 32 members and friends. The dinner was topped off with our favorite Danish apple cake, coffee and homemade cookies thanks to Marie Thorsen.

The tables were decorated in the traditional white tablecloths and red napkins. White and red carnations with the Danish and American flags adorned all the tables. Candles were lit at each end of the tables.

Thanks to Elsa Steffensen for bringing her Danish and American tapes. Singing was led by Pedar Larsen, keeping us all in song. This made for a wonderful happy party.

A short meeting was held with election of officers. All officers were re-elected making this the 12th year for all the same officers having served our lodge.

On December 16 our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 4 jointly distributed Christmas gifts of money and handmade Christmas heart ornaments that the Sisters had made. These gifts were distributed to the residents of the Danish Old People's Home at 5656 N. Newcastle, in Chicago. The Brothers and Sisters served the residents coffee and Jule Kage and had a sing-along.

Albertice Nylén, Sec.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — We held our Christmas party on December 6. The food was excellent and "Garfield and Telepuppets" were very entertaining. We had a good time, sacks of goodies were passed

around to all. A short meeting was held and the slate of officers as presented at our November meeting were elected.

Paul Smith had volunteered to take over the aebleskiver breakfast on Sunday, March 20. We need volunteers to work and/or donate some of the supplies needed. We also need someone to make the posters and distribute them around town, help to lay the cardboard on the floor, set up the stoves and gas tanks, set up tables, etc. Let's give Paul our support by a phone call.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — There were 12 initiations at the last meeting. Those welcomed into our lodge were: John J. Riley, Peggy L. Riley, Brian M. Riley, Megan M. Riley, David L. Boyd, Janice R. Boyd, Nicole L. Boyd, Sten Hult, Nancy Hult, Margaret Mikkelsen and Jacob Mikkelsen. Jacob Mikkelsen had been transferred from Lodge No. 299 of Solvang, California. A few moments were set aside for all the new members to be welcomed by everyone.

Installation of officers took place. Rick Sullivan, President of the Midwest District, was the installing officer while Ken Jensen acted as his Conductor. The following officers were duly installed: Past President, Ahlman Iversen; President, Paul Sloth; Vice President, John Jorgensen; Secretary, Charles Jespersen; Recording Secretary, Audrey Christiansen; Treasurer, Henry Jepsen; 1st Trustee, Doris Peterson; 2nd Trustee, Rudolph Rosetto; 3rd Trustee, Eric Jensen, and Conductor, Hermina Richard. The new president then presented the outgoing president with his Past President's pin. Al thanked all the officers and members of the lodge for their support over the past two years.

An application for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award has been mailed to Omaha and our candidate for this award is again Carl B. Meyer, a long-time member of our lodge who resides in New Port Richey, Florida. Our best wishes to Carl go with the application.

Ray Nielsen read a letter from the National Headquarters about Flemming Hinrichsen, an alternate delegate to the National Board of Directors and also a District Fraternal Coordinator for the GCEL District. After some deliberation, it was decided that the lodge send \$300 for the benefit of that family. Thank you to all lodge members who at our January 15 meeting made donations to the Hinrichsen

family. All together we collected \$735 from members and guests (this includes a \$200 donation from one individual member and the lodge's contribution).

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed the usual good sandwiches and liquid refreshments.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Thanks to Past President Ozzie Christensen who, assisted by Lillian S. Jensen as Conductor, installed the 1988 lodge officers at our January 20 business meeting. Newly installed President, Inga Hermansen, thanked the 1987 board and praised Past President, Grace Gertz, and Treasurer, Alice T. Andersen, for their long service. Thanks to Carol and Al Larsen for refreshments served following the meeting.



Al Larsen, Axel Hermansen and Inga Hermansen display Danish crafts during "Sugar Plum Days 1987."

Thanks to the following who upheld the dignity of Lodge No. 36 for setting up displays, trimming a Danish ethnic Christmas tree, and manning tables in support of Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. during the "Sugar Plum Days" at the Pabst Mansion on the first three weekends in December: Elsa Berlin, Grace Gertz, Lisa Hansen, Elsie Hein, Axel Hermansen, Inge Hermansen, Lillian Jensen, and Albert and Carol Larsen. Along with demonstrating Danish cross stitch and the weaving of Danish heart baskets, we sold pastry from Racine's O&H Bakery as well as jam and jelly imported from Denmark.

Carol Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — 1987 came to a good close. At the November meeting the following officers were elected: Past President, Ernest Espelien; President, Lauritz Jensen; Vice President, Storker Kleven; Secretary, Esther Nies; Treasurer, Mavis Petersen; Trustees, Aage Petersen, Arlie Hansen, Floyd Hansen; Conductor, Edna Lawsen; and Inner Guard, Walter Konopacki. They were installed at the January meeting.

Christmas was celebrated with a Danish

dinner featuring pork, beef and Danish sausage. Andrew Petersen won the bottle of wine for having found the almond in his aebleskage. The dinner was catered by Ruby's Bakery at our lodge building. Fun also was the New Year's party held at our lodge building. Potluck supper, cards and dancing were enjoyed by those in attendance. Thanks to Ellen Jepsen for her accordion music and to Tom Linsey and his three piece band.

Esther Nies, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — At our January 28 meeting, President Harold Rasmussen announced dates of our special events for 1988. In addition to our regular meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month, we will have our annual picnic in Riverside Park on July 28, our aebleskiver supper on September 22, and our Mortensaften dinner at the Waupaca Country Club on November 12. Members, please mark your calendars.

Past President, Evelyn Doerr, installed our 1988 officers: President, Harold Rasmussen; Vice President, Carroll Jensen; Secretary, Gladys Peterson; Treasurer, Vera Yorkson; Conductor, August Christensen; Outer Guard, Kenneth Townsend; Inner Guard, Inga Polly; and 1st Trustee, Aleine Miller.

Our guests for the evening, Ann-Helen Lian, an exchange student from Norway, and Conny Wullings, an exchange student from Holland, told of their homeland and of their year in the United States.

Delicious open face sandwiches, kringle, and coffee were served as we enjoyed the fellowship time.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Our regular meeting was held on Wednesday, January 3, and was attended by 14 members. New officers installed for 1988 were Jack Smith, President; Keith Koegler, Vice President; Erv Kissell, Treasurer; John Perez, Secretary; Arnie Koegler, First Trustee; Ralph Christensen, Second Trustee; Gary Wickery, Third Trustee; Carl Graber, Outer Guard; Carl Soneal, Conductor; and John Laird, Past President.

We celebrated New Year's Eve with a delicious prime rib dinner followed by dancing, a midnight lunch, and more dancing. We had a tremendous turnout with 160 members and guests present. Thanks to Arlie and Kathy Heemstra and their committee for all their hard work. A great time was had by all.

A set-back tournament was held on Saturday, January 15, for members and guests. Check at the lodge for the date and time of the next tournament.

Repairs on the kitchen upstairs are finally complete. The new sinks, counter top and window blinds look real nice, and so do the doors and counter top behind the bar which were put on by Ted Petzak.

Robert Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On January 16, we had a very nice turnout for our annual installation of officers dinner and dance. It was very good to see that more members expressed interest in our lodge by their attendance at this annual event.



National Director Paul Carlsen presents a plaque to Marshall Fredericks, Danish Consul for the State of Michigan.

On January 22, we combined an 80th birthday dinner with a Certificate of Merit awarded to Marshall Fredericks. Marshall is Danish Consul for the State of Michigan and we thank him for his outstanding work with and dedication to the Danish community.

Over 200 people turned out to pay honor to Marshall. We were especially pleased to have as our guest speakers the Icelandic Consul, Mr. Arthur Rubiner; the Finnish Consul, Mr. Harri Virgo; Acting Danish Consul, Mr. Jorgen Gulev from Chicago; and a special address from Mr. Donald Petersen, President of Ford Motor Company.

The above mentioned event marked a new first for our lodge. It marked the first "Social Night" of 1988. We will have a monthly Social Night every fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Come early, stay late, enjoy good company! We look forward to seeing all of our members frequently this year.

The warm up for the annual National Bowling Tournament will be held on Sunday, April 10 at Hawthorne Valley in Westland. Get your teams together and contact Jim Crocket for further details.

Karl Larsen, Sec.

GCEL

District Scholarships Available

The deadline for the GCEL District \$500 Scholarship is June 15, 1988. For information contact Erling Braumann, 115 White Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 or your local lodge secretary.

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Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — At our December meeting we had our children's Christmas party. Boy, were there children. It was not one of our quieter meetings. First we had some aebleskiver made by Berit Mann and Winnie Edmonds. Then we walked around the tree and sang Christmas carols. Finally, Santa came and gave out all sorts of presents to the kids who were good all year. It was nice to see some of the children's reactions to Santa as well as to the presents. Special thanks to Santa's helpers. I would also like to thank Jacki Hansen who brought some of his Glogg, and Edward Hansen of Torrington for making a contribution to the Christmas fund.

Our March meeting will be a little bit different from years past. This year we will put on a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

We should have had installation of officers at our January meeting, however, it snowed and snowed that night. We were expecting many people from out of town and out of state to take a chance on the weather so the day before we canceled it. We put it on the radio. I can only hope that no one tried to come to the meeting that night.

Norman Hansen, GCEL President; Erling Braumann, National 2nd Vice President; and Jim Elliott, GCEL Past President were on hand at our February meeting for installation of officers. After the installation, Norman held a discussion on the District Fraternal Coordinator's Program. Open face sandwiches were provided by Gerda Sorensen.

I want to remind you about two International Festivals coming up soon. One will be March 27 (Palm Sunday) from 1-4 p.m. at the Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford. The other one will be the Willimantic Rotary Club International Festival at Eastern Connecticut State University on April 23 and 24. The time for that one will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. We would like to have volunteers to help out with the coffee and pastry that we will be selling. Please consider giving us a hand.

It is with deep sorrow that I inform you of the death of two of our Danish Brothers in other lodges. Flemming Hinrichsen passed away on January 23 following a month of hospitalization. He is survived by his wife Bobbi, daughter Ann, and son Eric.

The second death is that of Georg T. Olesen on January 26th. Georg had been fighting a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Birthe and daughters Bente, Annette and Linda. It is indeed sad to think of the Philadelphia lodge without both of these fine men.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — On January 26, Georg Olesen died after a long illness. Born in 1928, in Herning, Denmark, one of six children, Georg immigrated to this country in 1954 and shortly thereafter joined the Danish Brotherhood. He was from the beginning an untiring worker and soon became president of our lodge.

During the years that followed, he held many important posts during his more than 32 years of membership. For years he was the treasurer of his lodge, he held officership in the GCEL and was always very interested in The Home for the Aged in Metuchen, New Jersey. He was the committee chairman for the very successful National Convention of the DBIA and DSS held in Philadelphia in 1983.

It will be difficult to envision our lodge without Georg for he was at its very foundation. He was well-liked and a friendly and helpful person throughout his life.

Our heartfelt condolences and sympathy go to his wife Birthe and his daughters Bente, Annette, and Linda, and a grandchild Michael Cloud from all your friends in the Danish Brotherhood.

Flemming Hinrichsen passed away on January 23, following a month of hospitalization. And with him died an era of dedication to the Danish Brotherhood. Flemming was the current president of our lodge and had not yet reached his 51st birthday.



Farewell to our dear friend.

Flemming was initiated in November of 1963 and has for the past 24 years been a tireless worker for our organization. During these years he had been elected as president four times, he had been a very active member of the GCEL and had served a term as president of this organization. And at the last National Convention, he had been elected as an alternate delegate to the National Board of Directors.

During the past years he had also been our correspondent for Den Danske Pioneer and had represented the Delaware Valley well for this Danish newspaper. His

untiring efforts in promoting Denmark took him outside our group. He worked for the "Leif Ericson Society" and "People to People." He was an advisor in lingual matters to the Danish Consulate in Philadelphia. He was involved with the International House, and cultural committees within the Swedish Museum.

In private life, Flemming worked in retailing; his last job was with Mr. Goodbuys in their new South Philadelphia store. He called this "the best job I've ever had. . . ." And now this opportunity was cut short for him.

During the past couple of years, he had suffered severely from respiratory problems, but had still taken an active part in the Brotherhood. His last attendance was on December 13 when his lodge celebrated Christmas. A week later he was taken to the hospital with a heart attack.

Surviving Flemming is his wife Beatrice (Bobbi), daughter Ann Margaret, and son Eric. For us at Lurblad et and surely from all the members of the Danish Brotherhood everywhere, we send our heartfelt sympathy and condolences for Flemming was well known throughout the land.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — The January meeting was a special occasion in several ways. We met for lunch at Tu-Tu's, a local restaurant, instead of the senior center as usual. The menu fit well into Danish traditions for many enjoyed the fish special or a tasty fish gumbo. Isabel Larsen brought special guests from Wisconsin who were visiting in her home in Fort Pierce. It was our delight to meet Sister Benedicta Ritchie and Sister Marjorie Schukelmann from Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee. They shared with us concerning their lives and work for 50 years each as Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi. Also attending was the youngest member of our lodge, Miss Donna Gay Mouritzen, who was on Christmas vacation from college. She told us about her studies at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, as a math education major. She appreciates the help of the Brotherhood scholarship in her education.

The meeting itself was also a special time for it included the installation of the 1988 officers. Dr. Wayne W. Mouritzen installed the following slate of officers: Past President, Carl Rasmussen; Vice President, Gladys Jorgensen; Secretary-Treasurer, Carl Rasmussen; Assistant Secretary, Eva Stevens; and Trustees, A. Clarence Andersen, Bertha Hiltz, and Marie Jensen.

This installation was especially meaning-

ful because it marked the 50th anniversary of the first time Carl Rasmussen was installed as president of this lodge.

Gaye Mouritzen, Cor.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — Due to the unfortunate circumstances that has befallen Lodge No. 172 in Philadelphia, the officers and members of our lodge have volunteered to take over the joint installation ceremonies at the March meeting. The program for the evening will be led by installing officer, Past National President, George Jacobsen. This will take place at a sit down smørrebrød dinner and followed with dancing to Al Nielsen's popular band.

The cost will be \$10 per person and you can buy your own drinks. For reservations see or call Geert Pedersen.

Ken Malmquist received his 25-year membership pin in abstentia at the meeting in January. Ken is currently serving as a nuclear engineer on the USS Guardfish, stationed in San Diego, California. During the meeting, he was on a month long mission somewhere under the Pacific Ocean.

The April 15 meeting will be a beef 'n beer evening from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The lodge will provide the beer and beef as well as set-ups for your own drinks. There will be dancing to the tunes of a disc jockey and it will be a real fun night. Come, celebrate the completion of your tax return and cry if you must. The cost will be \$12 per person and tickets are on sale now. Contact Rick Trust for reservations.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Foreign Study Programs Offered

Beginning July, 1988, Scandinavian Seminar, a nonprofit international exchange organization founded in 1949, will offer **The College Semester in Scandinavia**, a fall semester study-abroad experience emphasizing language acquisition and cultural immersion. This new program, created in response to the growing reluctance by today's college student to commit to a full year of foreign study, will incorporate the best of the long-established and respected **College Year in Scandinavia (CYS)**, now in its 39th year. Individuals may be high school graduates, undergraduates or graduate students and must be minimum 18 years old. No prior foreign language experience is required although all participants will acquire "better than social 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 until April 1, 1988.

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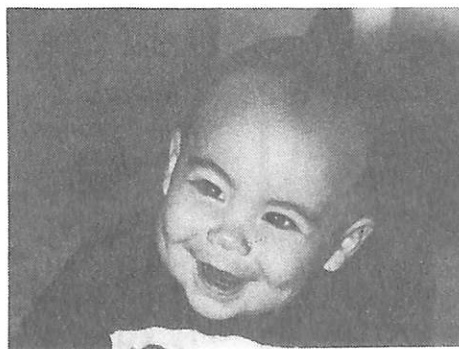
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Introducing . . .



Kevin J. Jepsen-Grant, one of our newest Young Vikings. Kevin joined Lodge No. 323 in Alhambra, California, and has this to say:

"Hi! I am 8½ months young. I live in Walnut Creek, California, with my mom, Julie, and my dad, Bill, and my dogs Snoopy and Aquavit. I joined the Danish Brotherhood in America to follow in the footsteps of my parents and grandparents (Frank and Bea Jepsen). And also because of my Danish heritage.

At the present time (my likes change from day to day) I enjoy reaching for and crumbling paper, banging two objects together and smiling at people.

As you can see by my smile, I am happy to become a Young Viking at such a young age! Does that mean I have to move to Minnesota?"

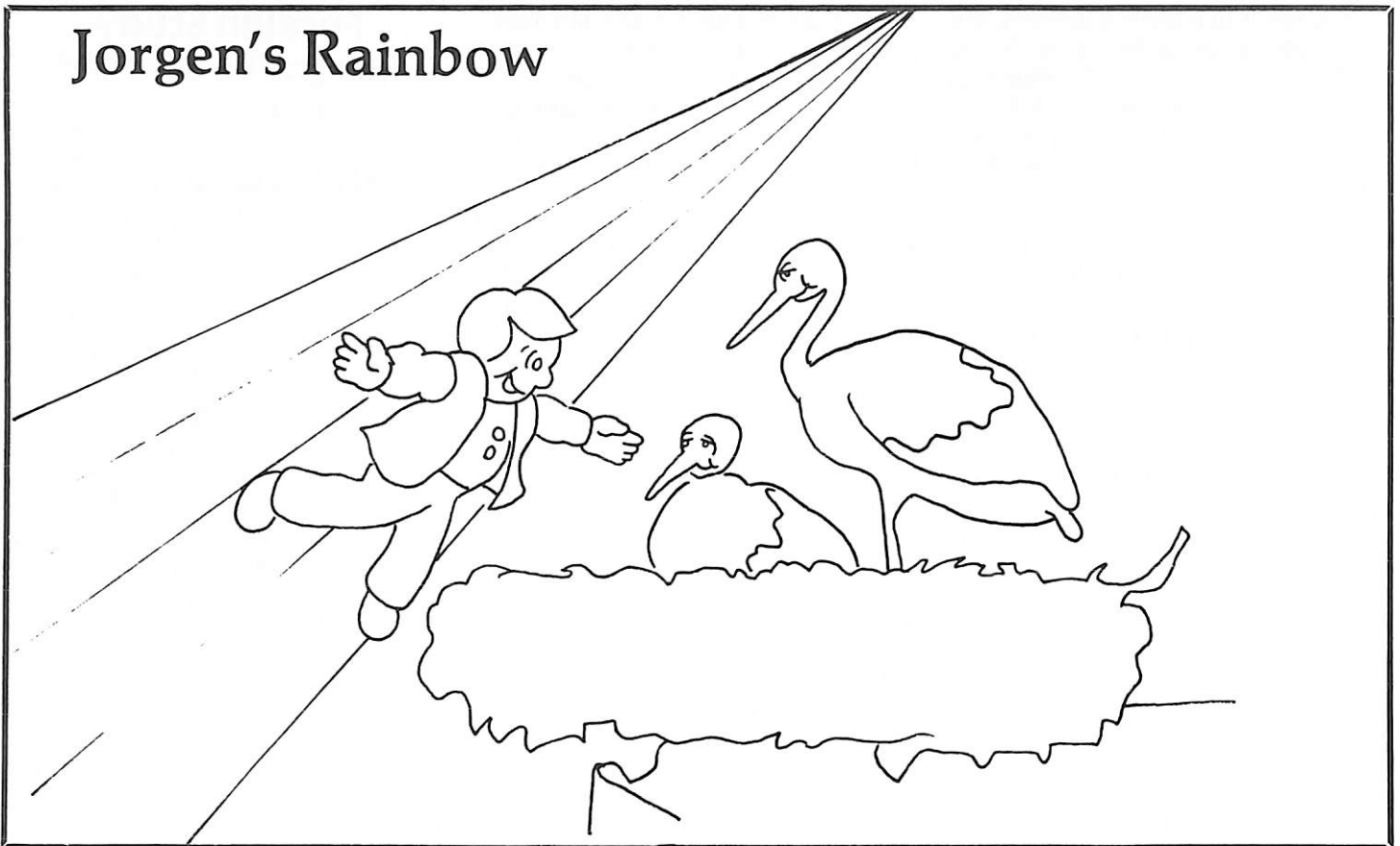
Welcome Kevin!

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.

Semi-Annual Board Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood will begin on April 21, 1988 at the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131.

Jorgen's Rainbow



In Randers, Jorgen flies with his friends, the stork family. In the spring, the storks make Randers one of the few Danish towns to which they return after winter's end. Nests can be seen during the spring and summer on the roof of the "House of the Holy Spirit." Jorgen and BiFrost like the storks of Randers and wonder what their names are. Can you name them?

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.

February winners: Kai Busch-Petersen, Anna Cash and Deanna Burk.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Stuffed Spareribs (Stegte Ribben)

4 lbs. spare ribs 4 apples
1 cup prunes (cooked) 1 tsp. flour
salt and pepper

Brown spare ribs, place on bottom of roaster. Season with salt and pepper. Place prunes and apples on spare ribs and sprinkle with flour. Bake in 325 degree oven until well done, serve with small brown potatoes.

1 tbsp. butter ½ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. brown sugar 10 small potatoes

Melt butter in frying pan. When melted butter is hot, add the sugar and stir. When it is brown, add the boiled potatoes stirring constantly. When brown, sprinkle a little salt over the potatoes and serve with spare ribs.

1988 Search Begins

The Miss Denmark-USA National (All-round) Contest is now operating in its sixth year, the fifth as a national organization with the purpose of finding a worthy and capable representative for the Danish-American people in the United States. The candidate must be willing to travel to Denmark to the Rebild National Park on the Fourth of July 1988, to represent the organization on the 76th Rebild Society Festivities.

If you are a young woman of Danish descent or nationality, currently living in the United States, are between 17 and 25 years of age, you should participate in this contest. It is not a beauty contest! What counts are intelligence, good will, ambitions, and a little knowledge of Danish and American history and culture. For complete rules and an application, write to the Miss Denmark-USA National Contest, Inc., P. O. Box 489, Plainsboro, NJ 08536 as soon as possible. (Only applications mailed to this address before the deadline of April 5, 1988, will be accepted.)

If you become the winner in your regional area, you will be invited to New Jersey on June 3, 1988, where the finals will take place. You will attend a VIP dinner following the finals and be a guest of honor at the Danish Constitution Day Celebration at the Danish Home on Croton-on-Hudson, New York on Sunday, June 5, 1988. You will return to your hometown the same evening.

The winner will receive a one week VIP trip to Denmark, including airfare, hotel and sightseeing.

Viking Adventures

Congratulations to the Photo Contest Winners



Vera Petersen of Lodge No. 211 in Grand Island, NE received 1st place honors and a check in the amount of \$75.00 for her "tasteful" submission of members preparing aebleskiver.



Second place was awarded to Eugene Schultz of Lodge No. 161 in Ruskin, NE for his photograph of his lodge's Viking Ship Float. Mr. Schultz received a check in the amount of \$45.00.



Steven L. Sorensen of Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, IA was awarded 3rd place and a check in the amount of \$30.00 for his photograph of Pauline Cramer winning the Danish cookie cottage door prize at the 1987 Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. His 9-year-old daughter, Yvette, spent over two months making the cottage.



Proving that DBIA conventions can be fun for members of all ages Todd Sonsalla of Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, IA took home the Young Vikings 1st place award and a check for \$50.00.



Jamey Gossett of Lodge No. 345 in Orange County, CA was awarded \$25.00 and the Young Vikings 2nd place award for her photograph of all her fellow Lodge No. 345 Young Vikings at the 1987 picnic.

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