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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

It was with anticipation and excitement that we inaugurated the District Fraternal Coordinator's program for our membership. We were especially pleased with the number of members who came forward to volunteer and serve in that capacity.

Pam Dorau developed a special program that is patterned to meet our specific system of local lodges and then invited all the volunteers to a seminar in Omaha where the concept was reviewed, discussed and put into practice with improvised circumstances. At first there was some skepticism but that soon faded as participants realized that the concept of people helping people would work. The participants left Omaha with a feeling of accomplishment and enthusiasm to implement the program for the membership in their respective districts. The program will soon be available in every district with annual refresher training for the Fraternal Coordinators. The program is an extension of the Fraternal Department with the latter being a resource for the coordinators. Our First Vice President, Woodrow Petersen, serves as liaison with the Board of Directors. The coordinators will also have each other as a resource. It will ultimately involve a lot of time and effort on the part of the District Fraternal Coordinators and I hope lodges will welcome them and their help.

Volunteers came from almost every district and among the first were Elizabeth Pedersen of Ringwood, New Jersey and Flemming Hinrichsen of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth is a member of Lodge 325, Long Island, New York and Flemming with Lodge 172, Philadelphia. These two individuals met with the other volunteers early in December and then returned to their respective homes. We never know how fate will work for us or against us but in Flemming's case it proved to be something totally unexpected. Shortly after his return home, Flemming suffered a massive heart attack followed by a series of strokes. Flemming, as you may recall, was in his early 50s. It didn't take long for his employer to limit and then cut off his benefits and the family was unable to get needed assistance from the State. Right after Flemming was stricken, Elizabeth went to work to assist the family with every available resource from the Danish Brotherhood. Elizabeth gave daily reports of Flemming's status to the home office with that information being forwarded to the members of the Board of Directors. As a trained District Fraternal Coordinator, Elizabeth began the process of requesting Fraternal Aid through the local lodge. This was a monumental task considering the logistics with Elizabeth being in Ringwood and the Hinrichsen family in Drexel Hill. What is demonstrated is the dedication of a member to the Danish Brotherhood in America coupled with compassion when a fellow member is in need. Remember your initiation when you were instructed to be prepared to offer assistance to a member in distress. It appeared that things were improving for Flemming and he was subsequently moved from intensive care to a hospital ward. In January we received word that Flemming's battle was over and that he had died.

The work that Elizabeth did continues, and assistance has been provided by the Danish Brotherhood to the Hinrichsen family through the local lodges and home office.

Flemming was a member of the DBIA for 24 years. He was an active member of the GCEL, was elected President of his local lodge on several occasions and was also a past District President. His lodge had elected him a delegate to three National Conventions. Flemming was asked what he thought the main benefit(s) and main reason for joining the DBIA and his answer was: "To protect yourself and your family and to give more than you can get. All benefits should be reason to join." We are saddened to lose Flemming but we acknowledge an affiliation that was a credit to him. Flemming left his mark on the Danish Brotherhood and on all the lives he touched.

Elizabeth Pedersen has been a member for four years and in that time she has been elected a trustee, vice president and subsequently President of her home lodge. The rapid rise suggests that her colleagues recognize an outstanding member. Elizabeth was also elected a delegate to the National Convention just concluded in Des Moines. Elizabeth is a business executive with many responsibilities outside the DBIA yet she still manages to find time for her lodge, to assist members in distress and volunteer to be a District Fraternal Coordinator. No small task for any ordinary person. I know Elizabeth and she is not an ordinary person. She is something very special when it comes to her involvement within the Danish Brotherhood. Elizabeth has stated that among the good reasons for membership is "to keep our 106 year old organization alive, keep the old traditions going and teaching them to the younger generation. Being with friends who are in the organization for the same cause. Sharing with them. finding new friends nationally within the DBIA."

In my own district, the Pacific Northwest, I had a call from a member in early December who was concerned about the status of his own lodge. Our District has not instituted a coordinator program yet although we have two fine people ready to commence their

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A Little Rose in Texas

by Ove R. Nielsen

Dave and Wendy Osterholm had left Port Lavaca in the morning. By now they had driven through Houston and were cruising on highway 67 toward Tyler, Texas. In Tyler they would enjoy the renowned rose festival. They had thought often of going but somehow other travel opportunities had taken preference.

Dave was a businessman. Things had gone well for him. His parental home near Danevang had not been one of special opulence, but neither had there been want. Dave had graduated from both high school and college and his farmer father had helped him get established. For his grandfather, who had moved to Danevang in 1915, there had been no real element of pioneering. The Dane field colony, for that is what Danevang means, had long been well established by then. People had long ago learned to grow southern crops as opposed to those which they had grown in the mid-west. Most of the Danevang settlers had begun with few material possessions when the colony had been founded by the Danish People's Association in the mid 1890s.

Dave and Wendy appreciated the Danevang community with its Danish roots. In fact, as they would drive occasionally from Port Lavaca to Danevang, they could tell when entering the community, no matter from which direction, for buildings, fields, lawns and flowerbeds were very well kept. In fact, the two people would sometimes play a little game of approaching from various directions and then see who could first be right by saying "Here Danevang begins!" Invariably who ever spoke up first was right for the boundaries were marked by contrasts. Although their church membership was in Port Lavaca, the Osterholms liked to come to Danevang several times each year to attend worship services and continue acquaintanceships.

As they drove toward Tyler and the rose festival that morning, Dave suddenly remembered that his grandparents had lived in Tyler for a few years and that his grandfather had been a section foreman on the railroad. He had checked rails and railbeds and, with the help of his crew, had made replacements and repairs as needed. His grandfather had even hired a few immigrants from Denmark. One, David remembered being told, had been desperate for a job. That had not been an unusual circumstance in parts of the country during the years before America entered World War I.

As they drove on, still conversing and with Dave reminiscing, he suddenly remembered something that had emerged from the deep recesses of his mind. He had heard it only once and that had been a quarter of a century ago. Nonetheless, he remembered that his grandparents had lost a four year old daughter while living in Tyler and the little girl had been buried there. Wendy remarked about how soon the dead are often forgotten; how little, if any, part they have in the life that goes on.

Entering Tyler, they saw the beautiful roses in bloom, roses that would bloom for several months and attract people from near and far. Fragrance of the roses lifted into the noon-day air and gave it a special quality.

After enjoying the flowers for a number of hours, Wendy, in a somewhat pensive mood, said, "Dave, dear, I wonder what that little girl's name was. It would be of interest to know."

Dave thought for a while, then smiled and said, "I think her name was Rose, yes, I am quite confident that it was. My grandparents must have named her for the beautiful flowers that grow here. To them she would have been a very special rose, even though now she will be remembered by no one here. Hers is just one grave among many in the cemeteries of this town of 16,000 inhabitants."

As they ate their evening meal in a restaurant, the two visitors from Port Lavaca talked about Rose and the life that might have been lived out, the life that closed so early, the rose that faded and died.

Next morning as the two were eating breakfast, Wendy said, solemnly, "Dave, last night I lay awake for awhile because the thought of little Rose in her grave kept occupying my thoughts. Do you think we could find her grave? If we could, how nice if we could place flowers on it, for there would have been no one to do that since your grandparents left here 71 years ago." Dave replied that the chances of finding the grave were remote but that it would be good to try.

Breakfast finished, they inquired about cemeteries and were told of one that was generally thought to be the oldest in the immediate vicinity. They went there. As they wandered about they saw hundreds of graves, but none with the name Osterholm.

Toward noon, still walking in the cemetery, they met an elderly lady who was placing flowers on a grave. They stopped, introduced themselves and, after chatting a bit, told her why they were walking in the cemetery. The woman, who had a kindly face, said, "I think it will be quite difficult to find a specific grave from long ago, for some of them have no markers and others have only the first names of people whose bodies were laid to rest here. What was the little girl's first name?" Wendy responded that in so far as they knew the name had been Rose. The new acquaintance then said, "Many girls in Tyler were named Rose, for this is a place of roses, but follow me and I shall show you something quite unusual."

Beginning to walk, she led them toward the center of the cemetery. When she stopped, it was beside an old grave that had a small headstone with the name "Rose" inscribed on it and, under the name, the words "Sov i ro." "This," the lady said, "is the grave of someone named Rose. But I do not know from which language the other words have come. They are not Spanish."

Dave studied the words for a few moments before speaking. Looking first at Wendy and then at the elderly lady, he said, "I am quite certain the words are Danish and that they mean 'sleep in peace'." "But," he added, "there are fresh flowers on this grave. Who could have placed them here?" The lady replied, "That is why I led you to this grave. It is the only one in the cemetery on which there always are fresh flowers and have been for as long as I have been coming here." The faces of Dave and Wendy had a bewildered look. Soon the lady bade them farewell and returned to the grave where they had found her.

After conversing quietly for a little while, Dave and Wendy sought out the cemetery's caretaker and asked if he could tell them who kept fresh flowers on Rose's grave. They were told that it was done by a retired rancher who had brought flowers regularly for as long as the caretaker had been employed in his post. The caretaker did not remember the man's name, but had seen his car parked at a beautiful home on several occasions and supposed that was where the man lived. The couple from Port Lavaca asked for directions and then drove there.

As they drove up they saw a house which had been built in beautiful Danish style, half-timbered and all. On the roof was a stork of ceramics. There appeared to be flowers everywhere. Dave remarked, "What a hearth this home must have."

The couple went to the front door, rang the bell, and waited. The door was opened by a tall, erect man with white hair and

clean shaven face. His eyes were kindly as he greeted the unexpected visitors and asked if he could be of help to them. When they explained they were in Tyler for the rose festival, and then related what they had learned about the grave of little Rose, the gentle man invited them indoors. Having seated them, he walked to the kitchen and returned accompanied by his wife. Both people were in their late eighties. After bidding the two welcome, the aged lady excused herself. Soon, however, she invited the guests and her husband to join her at a table in an adjoining room. There she served coffee with kringler.

When refreshment had been enjoyed, the tall, distinguished looking host, his face showing fond remembrance, said: "In 1914 I came as a very young man from my native Denmark. I just happened to come here to Tyler, Texas, in my search of employment. I was in dire need of work for what little money I had earned other places was used up and I did not want to beg. Here I fortunately learned that a man named Osterholm was section foreman on the railroad. I asked him for a job. After a few moments he said that he unfortunately already had a full crew.

"When he saw disappointment on my face, he said, 'Landsmand, which means compatriot, you look not only young, but strong. You SHALL have work. I shall think of something. I think you will work with the kind of commitment and thoroughness that will make your parents in Denmark proud. You can begin work tomorrow at 7 in the morning.' He then invited me to live with him and his family in their small house until I could afford something on my own.

"The Osterholms had a beautiful 4 year old daughter, so full of life, so precious. But she got dyptheria and died. Shortly after that the Osterholms moved down to west of Houston a ways, but I stayed here. From the time when little Rose died, and until the Osterholms moved, they kept fresh flowers on her grave. Now, for 71 years, I have been doing it. First, I think, in gratitude to the Osterholms who had taken me in, but then gradually to keep alive the memory of a beautiful child."

The wife of the retired rancher reached over and softly patted his hand. The Osterholms smiled to each other, very tenderly.

Annual Report of the Lodges December 31, 1987

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1*	Omaha, NE	135	102	DB	565,717		
3	Davenport, IA	7	6	DB	15,000	1,525.00	
4*	Racine, WI	139	58	DB	290,500		
9*	Oshkosh, WI	10	1	1.77	9,000		
10	Council Bluffs, IA	51	7	32.22	62,969	2,000.00	
14	Kenosha, WI	176	216	DB	635,366	14,926.00	103,572.00
15	Des Moines, IA	44	38	16.38	89,750		21,205.66
16	Minden, NE	115	65	184.50	676,500		
17	Chicago, IL	48	30	55.19	171,375		541.30
26*	Fremont, NE	12	0	DB	10,750		
29	Seattle, WA	179	35	55.46	461,827	126,143.58	
30	Muskegon, MI	32	2	12.31	27,250		
32*	New Haven, CT	69	9	18.65	96,500		
33	Tacoma, WA	19	27	DB	16,500		7,956.23
34	Dwight, IL	187	60	DB	237,500		17,976.74
35	Chicago, IL	88	79	8.29	234,210	239.10	68,186.57
36	Milwaukee, WI	35	25	5.15	47,750		5,454.83
37*	Bridgeport, CT	16	0	18.57	27,500		
39	San Leandro, CA	48	5	18.14	34,125	765.00	80,926.07
41	Derby, CT	15	1	10.73	10,125		3,411.89
42	Spokane, WA	42	15	23.56	52,125		11,186.72
43*	Denver, CO	51	28	DB	55,875		
45	Minneapolis, MN	46	46	19.22	48,222		23,163.00
46	Perth Amboy, NJ	48	115	11.50	109,750	325.00	40,747.27
49	San Francisco, CA	60	26	31.06	36,000	300.00	21,019.00
51	Ludington, MI	132	73	38.93	179,375	10,916.00	81,887.70
56	Kansas City, MO	31	32	8.44	24,500		3,632.98
62	Sioux City, IA	19	9	15.97	54,500		6,515.03
64	Rockford, IL	21	10	DB	25,125		1,072.73
67	Fresno, CA	34	13	34.01	57,765		27,205.10
70	Greenville, MI	57	11	32.68	69,875		17,947.29
71	Penn Yan, NY	61	12	49.57	94,625		38,350.00
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The Squire's Bride

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a squire who had a large farm. He had plenty of money in the bank, but he felt that something was missing from his life: a wife.

One day, the daughter of a farmer was working for the squire in his field. The squire saw her and fell in love with her. Because he was a squire, he thought that if he just asked her to marry him she would accept him at once.

He went up to her and told her about getting married.

The maiden blushed. "I guess that I would like to some day."

The squire smiled. "I think you should be my wife!"

The maiden giggled. "No, thank you," she said. "When the time comes I'll have something to say who will be my husband."

Now the squire was not used to having someone talking to him like this and it made him more determined to marry her.

The squire went to see her father and told him that if he could arrange a marriage with his daughter that he would not foreclose on his farm.

The farmer was delighted. "I will certainly talk

some sense into her," he said. "She is so young that she doesn't know what is good for her. She will be your wife, for sure!"

The farmer tried to persuade his daughter, but to no avail. She wouldn't marry him if he gave her all the gold in the world.

The squire waited and waited for an answer from the farmer, but neither the farmer or his daughter appeared at his house.

Finally, the farmer came to the squire's house and told him to get ready for a wedding even though his daughter was not ready for one. He told the squire that he would send over his daughter to work on his farm and with the wedding guests there she would have to get married right away.

The squire thought about this and he called to his servants to prepare for a wedding.

Finally, the day came for his marriage. He told one of his farm boys to go to the farmer's house and fetch what he had promised to send him for the wedding.

The boy ran as quickly as he could to the farmer's house where he saw the daughter feeding a little mare.

"Hello," said the boy. "I'm here to get what your father promised my master."

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"Well," said the boy. "What am I supposed to bring back?"

The maiden smiled. "This mare," she said. "Take her to your master."

And off the boy went, back to the squire with his house full of guests waiting impatiently for a marriage to take place.

The boy left the mare in the squire's field and reported back to his master.

"Did you bring her back with you?" asked the squire.

"Yes," replied the boy. "She is standing in the field."

"Good," said the squire. "Now take her upstairs to my sister's room so that she can dress properly for this magnificent day."

The boy looked puzzled. "I don't think she will go," he said.

"Do as I say," said the squire. "If you need any help ask the other guests to help you. Now hurry up!"

The boy tried to pull the mare up the stairs, but he had to find others to help him push the mare upstairs

into the squire's sister's room.

The boy went back to his master and told him, "The job is done, sir, but it was the worst I had ever done on the farm."

"Forget about that," said the squire. "Now go and get the women guests to help dress her in the wedding gown that is hanging in the closet."

The boy looked more confused than ever.

"Don't stand there, lad," said the squire. "Just do as I say!"

The boy ran and told some of the women guests, "You must go upstairs and dress the mare as a bride. I guess the squire wants to give everyone a good laugh today."

The women giggled and dressed the mare and returned downstairs with the other guests.

The boy told the squire that she was ready.

"Good," said the squire. "Bring her downstairs. The wedding is about to begin!"

There was clunking on the stairs and when the mare appeared in all the wedding finery, the guests roared with laughter.

The squire stood red-faced and made up his mind never to go courting again.

First Commemorative Reserved and Site Preparation to Begin

The Danish Immigrant Museum took two important steps towards the building of this major new cultural institution in Elk Horn, Iowa. The Information area in the new building was designated as a commemorative gift from a local business as the result of their substantial gift. Other areas of the facility will honor future donors for their gifts of \$10,000 to \$333,333. The Building Committee also met to outline the specific steps toward construction which will probably take place this year.

The first commemorative gift opportunity has been reserved by an area business. The donor will be permanently recognized for its \$25,000 gift at the new museum's Information Area. Commemorative gifts honor businesses, families, groups or individuals by recognizing major gifts throughout the facility. Names will be displayed in an architecturally appropriate manner in suitable public areas.

The Museum Board of Directors Architects Building Committee met in Omaha February 27 to plan on-site activities for 1988 and beyond. Shelby County is being asked to grade the right-of-way to fill a ditch alongside the country road fronting the building site. Detailed design work, contract documents preparation and construction bidding will probably occur

during the following six months. Depending upon both weather conditions and the quickness of the architects and engineers, on-site grading is expected to take place at the end of the summer. Schedule dates will be posted on a new sign to be erected this spring at the site.

Subsequent Changes Made to Recently Revised Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws

The State of New York Insurance Department has mandated additional changes to our recently revised Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to bring them into compliance with their state laws. These changes are summarized as follows:

Section 38 of Article IV was further amended so that the second sentence now reads as follows:

"An insurance reserve shall be maintained as a liability of the general fund for all insurance certificates in force in accordance with applicable state laws in those states in which the society is authorized to transact business and/or standards prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners where permitted by said state laws; . . ."

In anticipation of on-site activity, no corn will be planted on the 20 acre site. Annual grasses will be seeded to control soil erosion during the start-up of action. The museum's land was donated by the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and has been rented out by the church until this spring.

The remainder of this section is unchanged.

Section 49 of Article IV was further amended with the addition of this final sentence to the bylaw:

"Further, if the amount herein provided is not permitted by the laws of the state in which the lodge is located, then said provision will be strictly prohibited."

The Danish Brotherhood in America has made the above changes to its national bylaws in accordance with Section 15, Paragraph 12 of Article II of our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Further, said changes now supercede those affected changes of our bylaws which were originally amended at the 32nd National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Please make note of these changes.

DBIA Member Knighted

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark has conferred the Royal Order of Knight of the Dannebrog upon Professor Sven H. Rossel, Chairman of the Scandinavian Department, University of Washington, in recognition of his most valuable services to Denmark. Professor Rossel is a member of DBIA Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington.

The presentation was made by Henning Kristiansen, Consul General of Denmark in Los Angeles, at a reception at the Faculty Club of the University of Washington on February 17.

An esteemed lecturer and author, Professor Rossel has received many grants and awards in recognition of his endeavors for advancement of Scandinavian Studies in the United States.

He has had numerous articles as well as reviews published in Danish, German and American literary periodicals and magazines. His authorship includes many books, among which are his translated works of Hans Christian Andersen, and one about another famous Danish author, Johannes V. Jensen, as well as a Nordic History of Literature for the period 1870 to 1980.

Honorary Consul Dies

Jens O. Gimbel, Honorary Consul of Denmark for the state of Oregon and Past President of Lodge No. 167 in Portland and DBIA Pacific Northwest District passed away March 11, 1988 at the age of 62.

Mr. Gimbel was appointed Honorary Danish Consul for Oregon in January of 1986. He served on the executive committee for the Northwest Danish Home and also was vice president of the Portland chapter of the Danish-American Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the Council of American Master Mariners, the World Trade Club, the Propeller Club of the United States and former commodore of the Small Yacht Sailing Club of Oregon.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Joyce; a son, Jay of Los Angeles; his adoptive father, George Gimbel of Madeira, Portugal; two brothers, Henrik and Flemming, both in Denmark; and a sister, Grete Warrer, in Spain.

The family has requested that remembrances be contributions to the cancer treatment unit fund at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center.

New President Elected

A man with a strong business and academic background was elected as the new president of Grand View College. Dr. Arthur E. Puotinen of Washington, D.C. was selected by the Board of Trustees as successor to Karl F. Langrock, president of Grand View for the past 16 years.

The action of the Board followed the recommendation earlier this month of a presidential search committee and the Executive Committee of the Board, which unanimously selected Puotinen over two other finalists for the position.

Puotinen, who is expected to begin his duties in early August, is currently executive director of College/University Services and executive director of Lutheran Educational Conference of North America, headquartered in Washington. He has held these positions since 1984. His academic credentials include being vice president of academic affairs at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, from 1978-83, and associate dean of academic affairs at Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, from 1983-84.

Dr. Puotinen has a bachelor of arts degree from Augustana College (Illinois), a master of divinity degree from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, a master of arts and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, and a master of business administration degree from Wake Forest University.

He is a member of the American Council on Education, the American Association of Higher Education, and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Both he and his wife, Judy, are natives of Minnesota. They have three daughters.

Payment to Board Members

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$251.00.

Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference

The 1988 Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference will be held June 24-26. As usual, it will take place at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center overlooking the Columbia River near Corbett, Oregon.

In observance of the tenth anniversary of the Conference, the Royal Danish Consulate General residing in Los Angeles will be in attendance and will speak on the economic and political news from Denmark. There will also be lectures on Norse culture, Danish-American "cowboy

artists," and the life and music of Carl Nielsen.

The program includes Danish language and literature classes, nature walks, singing, folk dancing, and special sessions for a limited number of children and young people. The Conference begins at noon on Friday and ends on Sunday.

For information, write Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference, 410 Laurel, Junction City, Oregon 97448 or call (503) 726-7869.

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

Our Lodges in Action

Material for publication must be received at the Danish Brotherhood in America National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131 by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue.

The American Dane is mailed by the sixth day of the month.

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

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — We are now selling raffle tickets to support the 100 Year Anniversary celebration. The first prize will be two round-trip tickets to Denmark courtesy of SAS, second prize is 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, 1988. Winners need not be present. The 100th Year Anniversary Celebration will be held at Stoffer Madison Hotel. For information and reservations, please contact Greg Hansen.



We were pleased to welcome DBIA District President Floyd West and DSS District President Anne Lindalh.

The 1988 officers of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29 and the Danish Sisterhood Evergreen Lodge No. 40 were installed together at the Swedish Club on January 20, 1988. Officers are as follows: President, Gerald Jensen; Past President, Frank Poulsen; Vice President, Mel Hollister; Secretary, Clyde Langsted; Treasurer, Edith Andersen; Financial Secretary, Craig Emmick; First Trustee, Greg Hansen; Second Trustee, Frank Larsen; Third Trustee, Hans Rasmussen; Conductor, Rudy Hansen; and Guard, Niels Jensen.

Prior to the installation, a no-host cocktail hour and roast pork dinner was enjoyed with wine donated by Wilhelmina Parker. The red and white tables were decorated with red and white bouquets. After the installation, a presentation award was given to Ted and Virginia Kofoed for their 12 years of splendid service as newsletter editors.

The best idea for April goes to Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE. See page 16.

Flemming Sorensen has been nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award and we all wish him the best of luck.

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — We were very pleased to learn that our member, Mark Cooper, has earned a presidential commendation for his assistance with the Enumclaw Community Center.

Each morning around 11, Cooper loads several lunches into the back seat of his late-model Buick. He has a few regular stops, such as at Potter's, but his route often varies. He distributes the lunches to people who are convalescing from hospital stays, or who will eventually become part of the larger Meals on Wheels program that provides frozen meals.

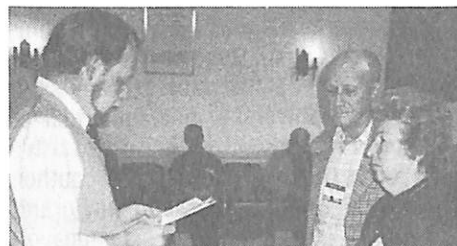
The 89-year-old volunteer became involved at the senior center the same way many do — out of necessity. His wife was in the hospital during the mid-1970s and he had to eat. The low-cost lunches at the center proved the solution. Soon, he discovered the center's library, its classes and its regulars always ready for conversation.

His wife Vera is also a volunteer and teaches a crocheting class and each day serves hot tea for the senior citizens.

Congratulations, we're so proud of your willingness to help others in need.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The February 3 meeting of the Danish Brotherhood opened with 28 members present. We had a new applicant for membership present for initiation. The Brotherhood made the motion to accept Loraine Petersen Newell as a new member. She was initiated and welcomed into the Brotherhood. Floyd West, Pacific Northwest District President from Junction City, sent us a note thanking us for the opportunity to be our installation official.



Welcome, new member Loraine Newell!



Lodge officers are installed at an impressive ceremony.

We have lost a wonderful member of the Sisterhood and wife of one of our faithful members, Mrs. Margaret Esrom, Mag's wife. We will be giving \$50 in honor of Margaret to the Northwest District Scholarship Fund. We interrupted our meeting for the draping of the charter in memory of Margaret Esrom and had a moment of silence.

The following people were nominated as our delegates to the Pacific Northwest District Convention: Lois Johnson, George Larsen, Jan Christensen and Don Bogh. The following will be alternate delegates: Tami and Stig Hansen, and Doug and Debbie Turner. Everyone is invited to attend this convention. It is very informative and full of entertainment. This convention will be held in Eugene on May 20-22, located at the Valley River Inn. We discussed taking out a full page ad for the convention booklet, and sharing it with the Sisterhood along with the price of \$85.00.

Doug Turner mentioned that a great place to hold fun events is a new hall in Milwaukie called Kellogg Park. We need to keep this place in mind for future events. The committee for the National Convention has projected that it will be held the first week of October, 1991. There will be a meeting of this committee in the next couple of weeks to start organizing funding from other districts. Thanks Tami for your update. We discussed the costs of Lille

Juleaften for the church and would like to help defray this cost with the church.

We closed the meeting with the singing of the Danish National Anthem.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — We will again this year participate in the Dragon Boat Race with the Vikings Team, sponsored by our lodge. As of now, we do not know on which weekend the races will be held. There will be practices prior to the races. If you have been a part of the past two races, you would know what the fun of participating is like.

If you have not already signed up on the Vikings Team as of yet, you still can do so. If you are interested, please contact Herluf Pedersen or Peter Praegel.

At our last meeting there were 43 members present. We began with our usual meeting procedure. We installed two new brothers into our lodge. Their names were Flemming Tholl and Jorgen Jensen. That brought our members present up to 45.

A letter was received from Lodge No. 29 regarding their 100th anniversary on April 9, 1988. Brother Herluf Pedersen made a motion and was seconded by Julius Nicolaisen that we should send a representative to the special occasion.

The Fest Committee reported that there could have been a better turnout for the smoker and the financial statement will be ready at the next Brotherhood meeting. The next party will be the soccer party on May 14 where the soccer match against Seattle will be played.

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

We are participating in an International Soccer Tournament between Los Angeles, Solvang, Seattle, Vancouver and maybe New York. The games will be played in

Seattle in August. We are looking for young soccer players that will be interested in playing on our team for this special event. For more information, please call Herluf Pedersen, Keld Christiansen, or Peter Praegel.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — The January 14 regular meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner in honor of the lodge anniversary and installation of officers combined. It's lucky to be able to share potluck with those Danish cooks. The December committee, aided by a lot of volunteers, soon had the clean up done.

Then the meeting was called to order by Vice President Peter Jensen with 45 members present. Kris Sand introduced Northwest District President Floyd West and his wife Viola of Junction City.

The installation ceremony was performed by Floyd West after Conductor Knud Toftemark called the roll of new officers.

Fred Thomsen showed slides of Denmark during the social hour and the December committee, chaired by Helga Nagygyor and Ingrid Horvath, served applecake and whipped cream and coffee. It was noted that the impromptu raffle held at the Christmas party netted \$67 for the lodge.

Thanks to all the 1987 officers who served us so capably during their term in office.

President Peter Jensen called the regular meeting to order on February 11 with 30 members in attendance. Kris Sand introduced his brother-in-law, Vigo Rasmussen. June and Mel Pihl were visiting from Lodge No. 167 in Portland, and John Tottrup was also a guest.

The lodge received three applications for membership, Susan Applegate and son Daniel Applegate and Dan Staats, soon to marry our new secretary, Susie Pedersen.

President Peter Jensen announced the members of committees for 1988 and with the exception of the program committee

were the same as last year. Al Nyegaard of the education committee is planning on re-organizing the conversational Danish class if enough members are interested in participating.

Lois Toftemark gave an update on the convention plans and things are looking good. Two delegates were chosen for the convention, Susie Pedersen and Walt Reinhard and alternates, Hanne Taekker and Bob Nielsen. Svend Toftemark moved that the lodge pay the registration fee for both delegates. Kris Sand seconded the motion and it was approved by the members.

Kris Sand was honored with the presentation of his 25-year membership pin. He became a member of Junction City Lodge No. 268 in 1963.

Visitors June and Mel Pihl talked about the Seattle Nordic Heritage Museum and the Danish Room planned for it. They also talked about the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, that is being built. An article in the American Dane February issue had an excellent report on it and items needed for exhibits. This will be something our children can enjoy as they learn about some Danish heritage and the experiences of a Dane becoming an American.

Many of the members, at the suggestion of the February committee, wore Danish costumes or red and/or white clothes to join in the Fastelavn celebration. Tony Toftemark made the barrel for Slaa Katten at Tønden. Children and adults took turns trying to smash the barrel with Hanne Taekker being the one to spill out the first goodies. She became Katte Dronning and chose the oldest member, Hans Lynning, to be Katte Kong and were presented with Cat Queen and Cat King crowns. Lois and Svend Toftemark and their committee served coffee, hot chocolate, Fastelavnsboller and macaroon cake.

In keeping with the DBIA's Operation Care and Share, the lodge has been collecting canned food for the needy. A

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novel idea of designating a specific item to simplify the collection and distribution was carried through.

Karen and Knud hosted a shower on February 28 for Mary, Scott and baby Poul Stefansen. A small clothesline was put on a table for pinning money gifts to help with a big item they might need. A cake decorated with a bassinet and tiny rattles, etc., with "Welcome Poul Michael Stefansen" was served with some pastries and coffee. It was a delightful way to introduce us and get a chance to hold the tiny one.

Verna Lynge, Cor.

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

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Our combined installation with Princess Marie Lodge No. 68 and Alhambra Lodge No. 323, with the latter hosting, went very well. Ken Nielsen of Riverside Lodge and President of the California-Nevada District did the honors with Howard Kjellsen of Orange County Lodge assisting.

The 1988 officers of our lodge who were installed include Past President, Villum Christensen; President, Karl Duus; Vice President, Upton Hansen; Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Mathiasen; Treasurer, Owen Miller; Secretary, Betty Seale; Trustee Chairperson, Madelle Pedersen; Second Trustee, Roy Christophersen; Third Trustee, Doris Christensen; Conductor, Sophia Christophersen; and Inner Guard, Peter Pedersen.

There were guests from as far away as Riverside. Also members from Kodan Lodge of Orange County. The food was excellent as was the band. We would like to thank members of Alhambra Lodge for doing an excellent job. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to have a successful installation.

As we found out at the last meeting, we have a very enthusiastic group of officers, under the leadership of our new President, Karl Duus. We should see more socials, trips to Laughlin and Las Vegas, etc. Please keep in mind that the third Friday of the month is our social evening. There are two exceptions to the rule and that is our anniversary party and our installation.

Upton Hansen, Vice President, is the new Entertainment Committee Chairman, and his committee includes the following: Doris and Bill Christensen, Sofia and Roy Christoffersen, Gurli Breum (our favorite bartender), Hal Mathiasen, and Lars Westerskov.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — The installation of new officers was held at the Petaluma Golf Country Club on February 6. Kenneth Nielsen, President of the California-Nevada District, installed our officers, with Aage Lundquist, a Past President of the California-Nevada District, performing the duties of installing conductor. We were led by four young ladies who made up the efficient escort team, namely Betty Hansen, Inga Brown, Lydia Hansen and Maria Martens. Our slate of officers is as follows: Past President, Jim A. Larsen; President, Dick Hansen; Vice President, Jim P. Larsen; Secretary, Henry Brown; Treasurer, Walter Miller; Trustees, Harvey Rasmussen, Iven Iverson and Jim P. Larsen; Conductor, Frank Taddei; and Guard, Jack Cameron.

After the installation ceremony took place, we enjoyed no-host cocktails, followed by a buffet-style pork roast dinner, with all the trimmings. "Tusind tak" to Dr. Jim Larsen for furnishing the wine! During the dinner, dignitaries and guests were called upon for remarks. Ebba Norby, of the National Board, was present to give us messages and greetings from the Board. Following dinner, we enjoyed a cozy atmosphere as a fire was burning in the fireplace — although the weather had been warm during the day, once the sun disappeared behind the hills, the temperature dropped considerably and we appreciated the warmth of the fire. Our own "Jimmy," the D.J. (Dr. Jim Larsen) furnished music to which we all enjoyed dancing. Later in the evening, home-made cookies and coffee were enjoyed. There were 70 in attendance, including our out-of-town visitors. On Sunday morning, Brother Dick Hansen and his wife Betty graciously opened their home and made breakfast for out-of-town guests and officers of the local Brotherhood and Sisterhood. We thank them for their gracious hospitality.

Our first meeting of the new year was held on February 19. We enjoyed sandwiches, cake and coffee furnished by the sisters. It was then time for the social part of the evening, and this had been planned by Brother Hank Brown and his wife Inga. They gave each of us a sheet of paper upon which the words "Be My Valentine" had been typed. From that phrase, we were to form as many words as possible, with 60 possibilities. This was about the most quiet bunch of Danes which you couldn't hear! In fifteen minutes the winners were declared as Brother Jack Cameron and Sister Donna Larsen, each having come up with 40 plus words.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — The first two months of 1988 has been quite an interesting time for us. January 30 was our turn to host the annual installation of the three lodges in our area. This affair, which was held at Bella Vista Inn, north of Arcata, was preceded by a delicious dinner served to 63 members and guests.

Following dinner a short program was held. The adult dance team from Ferndale who were dressed in Danish costume put on some dances which delighted the group. This group consisted of the Francis Sweet family and Fred and Helen Elliott.

Our District President, Kenneth Nielsen, and his charming wife Nancy, drove up from Redlands, and Petra Ferullo, General Committee President from San Diego, rode up with Supreme Trustee, Dorothy Petersen of Petaluma. Brother Ken and Petra were the installing officers and were assisted by Junior Past President, Walter Miller of Petaluma as conductor, and Eunice Sanborn of Ferndale, also a past president of the General Committee, served as marshal for the evening.

Our escort team consisted of our good friends from Petaluma, Lillian Bostrom as pianist, Lil Miller, Cay Jensen, Dorothy Petersen, and Betty Hansen.

The following officers from our lodge were installed: Past President, Dorothy Kjer; President Judie Walton; Vice President, Jeff Walton; Secretary, Laura Schuler; Treasurer, Earl Kjer; Trustee, Hans Bruhn; Conductor, Emma Dudal; and Guard, Hans Dudal.

Sunday morning breakfast was served to the "out of town" guests at the home of Laura Schuler and before our friends departed for the south. Since the weather cooperated so beautifully, it was a delightful sunny day for their trip homeward.

February 14 was a very special day for our President, Judie Walton. She became the bride of Bruce Denney of Eureka. They were married in St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Reno. This is the same church where her parents, Earl and Dorothy Kjer, were married 48 years ago.

Laura Schuler, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our February meeting started off with a typical Danish dinner "Gule aerter med skinke og polser." It was a great success, cooked by Paul Dalby and crew and served for 60 members and guests.

The following meeting was attended by 28 members and chaired by our new president, Bent Olsen. There was one application for membership and it was reported that Arne Madsen was returned to the nursing home from the hospital and that he

would accept visitors.

The Scholarship Committee for 1988 is Bryan Olesen, Mark Bates and Jørgen Hansen. It was discussed how to attract the younger generation and how to augment the meetings in general by incorporating some form of programs or entertainment. The idea was met with a positive reaction by the few members present and it was decided to make a survey including all members before the next meeting.

The following entertainment committee was created: Fred Nielsen, Bent Pedersen, Max Hanberg, and Max Vorms. A representative of our lodge will be appointed by our president to preserve our interest in the Coordinating Council's decisions as to how the money is spent. A request from Denmark concerning a 2 days and 3 nights stay in private homes of 30 elderly visitors from Denmark, was brought up by Jacob Ravn. It was met with divided feelings and was decided to table the question until the next meeting.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — We had a very good turnout at the meeting this month. It was great to see a lot of different faces. Let's keep coming to meetings. It's been a good start at getting members out again, now let's keep up the momentum.

Everyone on the steering committee has been working very hard for the last 1½ years to get us ready for our upcoming convention in July.

As many of you know, we have been looking around to some different hotels to possibly change our location from the Kona Kai. In our findings, we came across a brand new hotel in Mission Valley called the Doubletree. This hotel has much better accommodations and prices for everyone. The prices on the hotel for room rental will be \$75.00 for single/double occupancy and children under 17 are free. Each additional person will be \$10.00 more.

We are in need of anyone 18 or under who is interested in being in our drill team or a folk dancer. This is a wonderful way for your children or grandchildren to get involved in the lodge and learn more about their Danish heritage just as you did. They will be wearing the traditional Danish folk dancing costumes as that is fun in itself.

Sandy Norby is also in charge of getting the children's events together. All the plans are coming right along, but she will need some volunteers.

This will involve the terrible task of going to Seaworld on Friday, helping Sandy keep an eye on the children — head count, lunches, etc. On Saturday, we are thinking along the lines of Presidio Park, so as not to increase the cost for them. Please keep

this in mind when trying to think of a way to help us out as she can't do it by herself and the rest of the committee will be busy back at the hotel with the meetings and evening events. Saturday afternoon and evening already have volunteers, Diane Perkins, David Suda and Hans Jensen, so no one has to worry about missing installation or evening dances. We thank them for helping out.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — Our new officers were installed following a champagne social and dinner on February 13 at the Casa Royale.

General Committee President Kenneth Nielsen of Riverside installed the following: William McDonald, Past President; Owen Nelson, Jr., President; Verner Stenderup, Vice President; Jacob Jeppesen, Secretary; Erik Michelsen, Treasurer; Raymond Sprehn, Conductor; Elton Nelson, Viggo Stenderup and Louis Jacobsen, Trustees; and Vernid Peterson, Guard. Johannes Jaeger of Solvang was the installing conductor.



Thank you to Kenneth Nielsen and Petra Ferullo for installing our officers.

We were happy to have out-of-town guests, Sisterhood General Committee President, Petra Ferullo, San Diego, Nancy Nielsen, Annelise Andersen and Vickie Garrison of Riverside, Marie Jaeger of Solvang and Mabel Petersen of Storm Lake, Iowa.

A beautiful counted cross stitch Easter runner was made and donated by Sisterhood President Inge McDonald. Owen Nelson III was the lucky winner.

Dancing to the Bob Fowler Duo rounded out the evening.

Events for the year will be discussed at the March meeting. A spring breakfast has been tentatively planned. We are going to make a renewed effort to entice new members and are looking forward to a great year.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Please mark your calendar for April 30, 1988. We plan to have a barbecue steak dinner at our favorite place — the Kristensen home. The price is \$12.00.

The installation is now past history. It was well attended and everybody seemed to have a good time. Bill Knudsen served

us an excellent dinner as usual. Two of our former members, George and Marguerite Schytz, now living in Oregon, attended the installation and also helped us before and during the event with all the various tasks the host lodge has to do. Thank you to everyone who helped.

There will be no regular meeting in April due to Easter, but we will have a Board meeting Thursday, April 14, at Helene and John Kristensen's home. This will be a pot-luck dinner. Everyone is welcome.

The following members will be presented with their 25-year pins: Karen Rowse, Richard Rowse, Elena Rowse Pinza, Esther Johnson, and Roy Johnson. The pins will be presented at the barbecue dinner. Congratulations!

Inger Dix, Treas.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Recapping the February meeting, we had a good number of members, friends and guests with us at the meeting, and we were in a cheerful mood. There were a few in costume since we celebrated Fastelavn. This meeting was also the first meeting of the year for the new officers. We take the opportunity now to thank the 1987 board for their fine work accomplished for the lodge. Those leaving the board were Ken Olsen, Helga Bjorn, Crystal Nelson, Clarence Motz, and Betty Christensen. Each of these fine people worked hard to fulfill their duty of the office they served in and we would like to let them know that we really appreciate them.

Margaret Motz, new chairman for Operation Care and Share, reported that we would be continuing in our aid to the Orangewood Home for Abused Children this year. We are the only group that provides cake mixes and frostings to them, and they can use all we can donate. Margaret asks that we bring the donations to any regular lodge meeting and when she has a supply she will deliver them. Margaret stated what a good feeling it is to help others.

We were sorry to report that Howard Kjellsen has had a rough time lately. He suffered a slight stroke the first part of February and was hospitalized for several days and going through a series of tests. Though he was at the February meeting, he is having to take it easy for a couple of months.

We want to thank the committee who helped with the February social. Slaa Katten af Tønden was enjoyed by the children. Daniel Gossett succeeded in smashing the barrel and was named Katten Queen. She chose her brother Bryce to be



Congratulations King and Queen!

Katten King. Thanks for making this a fun time for the Vikings.

The cake walk was once again a lot of fun and the treasury is \$69 richer. That figure means that we sold 276 tickets for the walk.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — At our last meeting we had 14 members and guests present. It was brought up at the meeting that Flemming Hinrichsen of Lodge 172 in Philadelphia, has passed away after 24 years of work for the Danish Brotherhood. He had also been a correspondent for Den Danske Pioneer and was involved in several organizations promoting Denmark. We were asked to help the family, who had been left with a very large debt after his illness. It was motioned and voted on to send a donation in the name of Kodan to his wife and family which has been done. The rest of the night we enjoyed a silent auction and pizza. Thanks for the nice donations and to Tom Loveday for being our bar-keeper.

We had 33 out to the barn for Fastelavn. Mike Stolzman hit the cat out of the barrel. Helene Piehl was in a Danish costume, wooden shoes and all, and won \$5.00 as a prize for best girls' costume as did Grethe and Richard Perez's grandson, David, for best boys' costume as a priate. Thanks to everyone who came through for the lodge again to make this a nice day for the children. Thanks to Vikki for making "Katten af Tønden" again this year. Thanks to Doris Thompson for the puppet show and refreshments, to Linda Jones for making Dutch Ollie Bollen and candy, to Grethe Perez for the traditional Fastelavn-boller, and to Carol Lindberg and Norma Loveday for the help and cupcakes and cookies. We had lots of goodies and the weather was so warm that punch was the drink of the day instead of the Irish coffee we usually have on this usually cold day. Thanks to everyone for the help and support.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

MONTANA

Lodge #273, Dillon, MT — Our banquet was held at the Elks Hall on Friday, February 5, which took the place of our Page 16

monthly meeting. There was a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m. The dinner was prepared and served by Marc and Beverly Oebing and their staff. There were reservations for 114. Widows of deceased members were guests.

Several Danish ladies accompanied by Helen Shafner at the piano sang the Danish anthem. This was followed with the singing of God Bless America by the audience. W.F. Koeneke gave the table prayer. During the dinner hour Joe Marsteen favored us with a number of guitar selections.

Paul Hansen and Einar Soyland received 25 year pins. In the absence of Mr. Soyland, his pin was presented to his daughter. Mr. Soyland had sent greetings to friends.

Several bottles of liquor donated by businesses were raffled off along with table centerpieces from Stephen's Floral.

Thanks to the Banquet Committee of Randy Tommerup, Chairman, Bill Anderson, Ron Nielsen, John Hawkins, Art Christensen, Thomas Andersen and the wives who helped make this an enjoyable evening.

Our winter picnic was held February 21 at Cameihwait campgrounds on Chark Canyon Reservoir. Forty-five adults and children attended. The children skated and played on the ice while the adults visited and played cards. Chili, hot dogs, and refreshments were furnished with all the wonderful desserts brought by the guests.

This year's picnic was put on by a self-appointed committee consisting of Buster and Helen Brown, Randy and Helen Tommerup, and Ron and Pam Nielsen. A special thanks to Leonard Hansen whose advice and equipment was especially appreciated. Everyone had a very good time and they want to do it again next year.

Harry Abernethy, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

I know your lodge has received the new Nebraska Visitation and Activity reports. I hope you will help your secretary by turning in to them your visitations and your visits to the sick and elderly members. You and I must ask and remember to re-ask prospective members, if we are to grow. Several lodges are in the process of a rebuilding program. The race between Ruskin and Minden lodges for new members is in full swing. Duane and Deloris Hansen, District Fraternal Coordinators for the eastern half of Nebraska, are busy visiting lodges and setting up meetings with their officers. The new Lodge

Handbooks are now available and will be of help in our Brotherhood growth.

Merrie and I have been busy since the first of the year teaching a 3rd grade Danish Ethnic class in the Minden school system. It's been a challenge but so much enjoyment. They learn things easy at that age. We are now finished and hope to get busy again visiting the lodges and setting up officer meetings in our half of the district. Together we can make things happen for the good of our society.

Bill Jorgensen

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — At the January meeting, it was decided we should once again publish a membership list. Such a list, complete with names, addresses and telephone numbers, could be updated yearly and mailed with the January or February newsletter each year.

To assist us in preparing a membership list, we would like to have you complete and return a questionnaire, providing us with your name, address and telephone number. If you would like to become active in lodge activities such as serving on a particular committee, or if you have special talents or hobbies you would like to share with us, please let us know. Also, if you have friends or relatives you would like to recommend for membership, complete the referral section and we will make sure the prospective members are provided with information on how to make their membership effective. You may bring the questionnaire to the next lodge meeting.

Forty-eight members and guests attended the February meeting and Valentine's Party. Carl Winkler presented a "Hey-Day" program, including a sing-along of music prior to the 40s. The tables were decorated with Gaekkebreve, made by Lillian Granholm. Gaekkebreve are sent to friends in Denmark when the first snow appears. Gaekkebreve are made by cutting out paper designs, then mounting them on another sheet of paper. This is accompanied by a verse written to the person to whom you send the Gaekkebreve. No name is signed but one dot for each letter in the sender's name is included leaving it up to the recipient to figure out who sent it to them. Cookies and cake were served by the committee. Special thanks to those who worked on the committee: Jim and Ardes Weedman, Lillian Granholm, Edna DeFreece, Steve Oleson, Florence Hansen and Emma Nelson.

Chris Larsen was selected to represent our lodge for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Chris has been active in our lodge since 1947. He has held many offices both in our lodge and at the district level.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met February 18 at the Community Action Building with a soup supper of chili and potato soup, dessert, relishes and drink with an attendance of around 60. Harold Christ, Vice President, called the meeting to order. It was voted we give \$200 to the Flemming Hinrichsen Fund. It was also voted we go to direct billing for the insurance from the home office. It was voted that we pay for six small Danish plates bought from Don Thomsen for the 3rd graders that Bill and Merrie Jorgensen are teaching. We decided that we would furnish food for the Friday evening of the state convention in September at Minden. Kirk Nielsen, son of Lonney and Sue Nielsen, was taken in as a new member. Duane and Deloris Hansen, District Fraternal Coordinators, were guests from Lodge No. 1 in Omaha.

The committee for the evening included Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Chairpersons, Clarence and Marion Johnson, Lyle and Doris Mauer, and Charlie and Dorothy Petersen.
Shirley Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — The evening was cold and icy spots on the parking lot of the IOOF Hall did not keep the lodge members from attending the monthly meeting on Saturday, January 9.

Our lodge president, Quentin Johnson, opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, then requested past president, Donald Lehn to install the officers for 1988.

Accepted as a new member to our lodge is Jacob Lehn. Erick Hansen read the

minutes, Paul Hansen transferred the treasurer's books and records to Greg Hansen, who in turn gave the report of the lodge's financial standing.

Following the business meeting, the brothers joined our sister lodge in a social time of talking about the hard times all the members are living with this past year. Not really, but most members are attired in garments in accordance with the evening's theme, Hard Time Party. Elaine Muggy and Quentin Johnson won the prize as the most hard up dressed member.



Congratulations to our "Hard Up" members.

Pie, coffee and tea were the refreshments for the evening, followed by card playing.
Don Lehn, Cor.

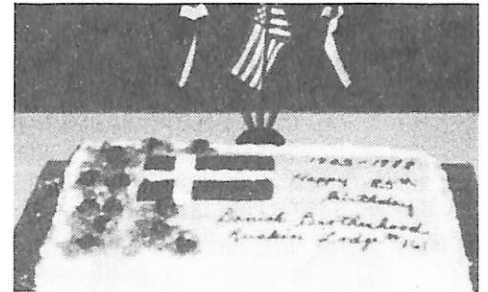
**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY**

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — We met on February 13 for a soup and pie supper with 41 members and two guests present. Mrs. Terrie Petersen and Mrs. Becky Kleen presented a slide presentation, set to music, for the Ruskin Women of Today, entitled Right Where We Belong. It showed the

businesses, people and places in Ruskin and was very interesting.

Five new members were initiated by our Vice President Neil Thomsen. They were Chauncey and Esther Mickelsen, Mary Lou Marshall, and Richard and Wilma Dominy.

As it was our 85th birthday this month, a decorated cake was the centerpiece on the serving table. At the close of the meeting, it was served to the members and the birthday song was sung.



Happy 85th birthday to our lodge!

Committee for the evening was Bill and Joyce Erickson, Arden and Cheryl Russell, Neil and Barb Thomsen, Margene Eitzmann and ReJean Elting.

Grace Thomsen, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Due to the cold weather, our attendance was low at the January meeting. Jim Christiansen of Omaha Lodge No. 1 installed the following officers: Past President, Morris Palle; President, Laurids Pedersen; Vice President, Jerry Christensen; Secretary, J. Merton Kuhr; Treasurer, Harriet Palle; Conductor, Jens Krogh; and Trustees, Kai

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
1-26-88	Georg T. Olesen	59	Herning, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1955
1-26-88	Arthur L. Pedersen	66	Ellendale, Minnesota	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1940
1-24-88	Anton M. Jensen	90	Wisconsin	268	Junction City, Oregon	1936
10-1-87	Edward J. Carpenter	80	Rouge, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1949
2-4-88	Ole George Cortsen, Jr.	63	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1943
1-28-88	Gerhart Rasmussen	92	Copenhagen, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1922
2-18-88	Lloyd H. Thomassen	61	Weeping Water, Nebraska	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1962
1-28-88	Herbert O. Hansen	76	Chicago, Illinois	675	Chicago, Illinois	1951
2-24-88	Johannes Nielsen	88	Hjørring, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1932
2-9-88	Otto Thompson	95	Hjørring, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1925
11-26-87	Ivan Erlandsen	83	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1943
1-31-88	Carl A. Miller	86	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1965
10-27-87	Niels P. Westergaard	99	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1914
1-13-88	Gordon Peterson	56	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1982
1-22-87	Therese P. Nelson	82	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	1976
2-5-88	Esther N. Schmidt	74	Concordia, Missouri	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1965
9-25-87	Jessie P. Johansen	96	Shelby, Michigan	155	Bellingham, Washington	1963
1-31-83	Einar F. Henriksen	85	Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1963
3-15-87	Hans R. Nielsen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1963
6-10-87	Eguene T. Turley	71	Chihuahua, Mexico	143	Petaluma, California	1975
10-8-86	Edward Olsen	97	Minneapolis, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1907
12-31-87	Kenneth L. Larsen	84	Slagelse, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1961
12-31-87	Laurits A. Mikkelsen	79	Veddum, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1965
12-31-87	Otto A. Beck	77	Silkeborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1965
12-31-87	Dagny S. Larsen	83	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1981

Kastrup, Wally Johnson and Tage Christensen.

Does anyone have any lodge pictures they would like to have in our historical book? If so, please bring them.

Harriet Palle, Treas.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — We have had a busy time this past winter. We enjoyed the Christmas party with special singing and piano music following a great Christmas dinner. Many thanks to Einer Swanson for the great job he has done in arranging for programs this year.

In February, the lodge was treated to a special soup dinner prepared by lodge members. A local genealogist presented a program on tracing your family tree.



President Norm Danielsen presents Mike Olsen with his 60-year pin.

A special recognition was given to our friend Mike Olsen who has completed his 60th anniversary of membership in the lodge. Ruth Larsen and Jean Prinds celebrated their 25th anniversaries of membership.

The charter was draped by Hans Prinds, Sergeant of Arms, in honor of our friend, Esther Schmidt.

Plans are being made to celebrate the lodge's 96th anniversary in April. Congratulations to our brothers and sisters at Lodge No. 29 in Seattle on their upcoming 100th anniversary!

Bob Wallace, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — We had a fun-filled afternoon in February with a party celebrating Fastelavns. There were about 10 children dressed in costumes. Kari Steffensen won the prize for the most original girl and Scott Olsen won the best boy costume. Steve Olsen, a guest from Madrid, Iowa, and Todd Haggstrom, a guest from Council Bluffs, Iowa, won the prizes for knocking down the barrel which was filled with sweets. It didn't take the children long to clean up the candy strewn all over the floor!

The committee, Paul and Donna Steffensen, and Doug and Rae Ann Lary did a super job of not only decorating the hall for the occasion, but arranging for all kinds of snacks and goodies for all of us. Rae Ann and Doug Lary deserve a prize for the delicious leverpostej they made and brought along for us to enjoy.

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Scott Olsen won first prize for the best boy costume. First prize for the best girl costume was won by Kari Steffensen.

Even though there were not a lot of people, we had a good time and enjoyed watching the kids hit the cat out of the barrel, scramble for the candy, and enjoy the afternoon of fun.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — A 25-year pin was presented to member Roy Shoemaker, RFD 4, Cedar Falls, Iowa, by Past President George Olsen, recently. Roy has been a faithful and enthusiastic member, a retired farmer, and pretty spry for nearly 85 years old. Roy and his wife, Edna haven't been in the habit of migrating South for the winter.



Congratulations Roy Shoemaker!

As a matter of fact, Roy was present for the annual oyster stew and chili supper held in February. It was a wintery night and we called off our bingo game at 9 p.m. and all went home because of the weather. That's Iowa! But about 42 brothers and sisters enjoyed the evening. Newly installed President, Mervin Andersen directed the activities.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — We held an Everybody's Birthday Party in February with a domino contest, singing, gifts being exchanged, a decorated cake and ice cream, as well as birthday balloons hung from the ceiling. A super evening.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — We met in February and honored several birthdays and an anniversary. An aebleskiver and



Congratulations photo contest winners!

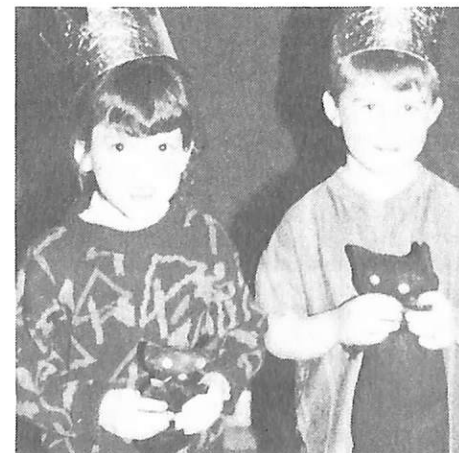
sausage supper was served before the meeting. Julie Sorensen learned to make aebleskiver that evening and said she really enjoyed making them. Most of the ladies helped in preparing the meal. During the meeting, Don Sorensen received his 25-year membership pin. Steven Sorensen was presented a certificate and \$30 for placing third in the National Photo Contest. Todd Sonsalla received a certificate and \$50 for placing first in the youth division. Each had taken photos of the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention which was sponsored by our lodge. Helen Bergman served birthday cake following the meeting. Those with birthdays were to blow out the candles — magic candles that would not go out.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We held our Fastelavns party on February 29 at the Kimballton Town Hall. Raymond Johnson, President, had charge of the meeting. June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, was installed as a new member.



President Ray Johnson installs new member, June Sampson.



Lindsey Johnson and Jacob Christensen were crowned as the 1988 Fastelavns Royalty.

Our guests from Omaha, Nebraska, included Andy and Annette Andersen and Jerry and Jenny Christensen and family. Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, presented a computer to June Sampson to be used at the Danish Immigrant Museum.

It was decided to have a float in the Tivoli Fest parade on May 28-29.

Signe Madsen gave a reading telling of the story of Fastelavns. The "Slaa Katten af Tønden" part of the program ended with Jacob Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Christensen, as King and Lindsey Johnson, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, as the Queen for the party and grand march. Fastelavnsboller was served for coffee.

Verdie Christensen, Cor.

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. Nylen, 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.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — At our last meeting held February 10, election of officers was held with the following members being elected: Past President, John Schroeder, Sr.; President, Glenn P. Nyboe; Vice President, Douglas Larsen; Secretary, Dan Christensen; Treasurer, John Mollerskov; Conductor, Martin Andersen; Guard, Wayne Kavaliauskas and Alternate, Kenneth E. Janssen. Other important items brought up were discussed and are to be discussed at two more meetings before being put into effect. They are changing our lodge to a family lodge and changing our dues structure so everyone pays the same. We will be discussing holding a combined banquet with Dania, The Norwegian Club, and other interested organizations.

Mark April 9 on your calendar for the Midwest District Bowling Outing at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois. Team entry fee is \$45.00 and banquet cost is \$15.00 per person.

On July 16, the Midwest District Golf Outing will be held at Bristol Oaks Country Club and the golf banquet will be held at Kilbourn's Wharf.

John Mollerskov, Treas.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — A crowd estimated at 275 people came to our annual

aebleskiver breakfast on January 24. Eighty-five members and wives served on the committee. With fear of missing someone's name, we will just say that we sincerely thank you all for working and making it a very successful day for your lodge. Special thanks to Chairman Ken Learmont for taking on this assignment.

Welcome new members Theodore Billings, Peter West, Jay Sorensen, Randall Kesenich, Henry Anderson and Paul Roskres. You are cordially invited to the Bob Ibsen Recognition Luncheon on Sunday, April 24 from noon to 4 p.m. Danish sandwiches, kringle, coffee, Carlsberg beer, and akvavit will be served. Call Rudy Bernhardt for reservations before April 16.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — At our last meeting, Robert F. Weller was voted on and approved for membership. Welcome

Robert! A donation was sent to the National Headquarters for the Flemming Hinrichsen Fund. A check for \$210 was presented to the lodge as a memorial for Jens Andreasen.

The Midwest District Bowling Outing will be held Saturday, April 9 at the Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois. All teams start promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — President Paul Sloth opened the meeting with a welcome to the many guests that were present. Those welcomed were the Richard Sabey, Mrs. Irene Sabey, Jodie Harrison, the Bob Robinsons, Keith and Corey, and the Jim Felds. Lillian Larsen, the Ralph Neilsens and daughter Beth Anne, Alan Iversen with children Erik and Chelsea were also

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
Richard R. Jorgensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Clark Rasmussen
Kirk M. Nielsen	16	Minden, NE	Lonney Nielsen
Robert F. Weller	34	Dwight, IL	Roy Hoegger
Arthur H. Nann	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Eric Brown
Vernon L. Winiecke	51	Ludington, MI	Jim Nastold
Theodore Hermann, Jr.	51	Ludington, MI	Keith Koegler
Hugo C. Madsen	51	Ludington, MI	Arlan Heemstra
Danny D. Gipe	51	Ludington, MI	Dean Samuels
Leo Anders Riggs	56	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Hans L. Andersen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Agnes M. Andersen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
William A. Sieber	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Marjorie A. Sieber	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Harold P. Christensen	144	Dike, IA	Delmar Danielsen
Lorraine Petersen Newall	167	Portland, OR	Asbjorn Fisker
Bent Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Pearl Jensen Jones	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Lyla R. Peterson	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Ruby L. Gormsen	170	Rocky River, OH	John Gormsen
Ebenhart Nilsson	170	Rocky River, OH	John Gormsen
Charles R. Hokanson	184	Hayward, CA	Harold Heiser, Sr.
Vivienne E. McDonald	206	Blair, NE	Jens Krogh
Kenneth F. Johannsen	227	Detroit, MI	Cortland Book
Mark W. Graham	261	Fowler, CO	Rick Sharon
Ryan A. Thygesen	294	Barre, VT	Charles Thygesen, Sr.
Paul Lemming	299	Solvang, CA	Svend Pedersen
Kristianna S. Bertelsen	322	Santa Barbara, CA	Carl Lauritsen
Peter Hesse	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Anna M. Rohde	600	Omaha, NE	P. Carson Rohde
Michael A. Heemstra	600	Omaha, NE	Arlan Heemstra
Marsha K. Andersen	600	Omaha, NE	Ray Johnson
Cari L. Svensson	600	Omaha, NE	Tage Peter Praegel
Kent A. Jarman	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Janet L. Petersen	600	Omaha, NE	Robert Petersen, Jr.

present.

Woody Petersen announced that the Midwest District Bowling Event will take place on April 5 and is sponsored by the Wood Dale Lodge. Please call Woody or Ray Nielsen if you want to bowl or if you want to come to the dinner/dance afterwards without bowling, that has to be called in too.

Grethe Jepsen announced that she has tickets for the Medistepolse Dinner in April. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Call Grethe Jepsen to reserve your ticket.

Woody Petersen announced that Flemming Hinrichsen had died and that the family is still in dire need of monetary help. See Woody if you can help. A letter was read from Pam Dorau thanking the lodge for their generosity to this fund.

Woody Petersen is chairman for our 100th anniversary party in 1989 and is making up four committees to work out the events.

Al Iversen was appointed chairman of the Law Committee per President Sloth. A certificate from the lodge will be presented to Carl Meyer for his being chosen for the Howard Christensen Award from this lodge. The national winner has not yet been announced.

After the meeting, the Fastelavns festivities began. There were many costumes, both on adults and children, but not as many as we usually have. Those dressed up made it fun for those not dressed up. Next year, let's have more costume participation. Start thinking now of what you can wear next year. Kristen Connery came all banged up and was on crutches — she was given the prize for the most original costume for children. Erik Iversen was a darling Danish Christmas tree ornament and Kristopher Jensen was a cute little cowboy. They all received McDonald certificates. Bottles of wine were won by Freida and Grant Rau as an Arab couple — the most original costumes — and Elsa and Woody Petersen, a bag lady and her bag man were the funniest while the prettiest were Joyce and Eric Jensen, a gangster and his moll.

The Kat Queen in the children's division for knocking the cat out of the barrel was Kristin Connery and she chose Erik Iversen for her Kat King while Ralph Nielsen, in the adult category knocked out the black cat and was crowned Kat King and picked daughter Beth Anne for his Kat Queen.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #182, Waukegan, IL — Twenty members and four guests gathered recently at the Country Squire Restaurant in nearby Grayslake, Illinois, to celebrate

the lodge's 84th anniversary. After enjoying a wonderful dinner, recognition was made of those members who have longevity in the lodge.

Of those members present, Laurits Petersen has 59 years in the lodge; Raymond Laursen has 47, Alfred Beck, 46; Raymond Sorensen, 41; Carl Petersen, 39; Peter Nielsen, 27; and Viola Christensen with 22 years.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50 year pin to Howard Petersen. Mr. Petersen has been a member since March, 1938, and during the past 50 years has continued to be an active and enthusiastic member. Over the years he has held several offices and has served on many committees. His wife, Cleone, is also a member and is presently our third trustee. Howard's father, Peter Petersen, was a charter member of our lodge.

Janet Petersen, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our lodge met on February 25 for our usual monthly meeting on the fourth Thursday evening of the month. Our annual Mortensaften dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 12 at the Waupaca Country Club. A good attendance was on hand to see the slides and hear of the home of our guest speaker, Helena Vivhuld, exchange student from Sweden to the Iola-Scandinavia High School. Helena told us that she enjoyed the United States very much and hopes to come back later for a visit after her return to Sweden. Open-faced sandwiches, kringle and coffee concluded the evening's fellowship.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District

These are dates for our district members to put on their calendars: May 14, District Convention in Greenville, Michigan; June 18, District Golf Tournament, Ludington, Michigan; July 9, District Baseball Outing, Detroit, Michigan; and August 6, District Family Picnic, Muskegon, Michigan.

Please contact secretaries of above lodges if you need additional information.

On a sad note, the Detroit lodge just lost their financial secretary, Howard Olsen, to death. He was a past lodge president as well as a past district president (1985). He was a worker for the Brotherhood and I know many of our district members remember him and will miss him as we will in Detroit. He passed away on March 6. We will all miss Howard and our sympathy goes out to his family.

Bob Sorensen, Sec.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Our regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday,

February 3 with approximately 25 members in attendance. There were applications for four new members and one juvenile member. A donation was given to help sponsor "Scandinavian 88."

Our annual Valentine's Party was held on February 13 with everyone bringing their sweetheart and having a great time. There was dancing until 1:30 and a delicious lunch put on by Roger Hansen, Geri Klaft, Rich and Lou Trembl, and Paul and Janice Danielson. There were door prizes and raffles held with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

On Friday night, February 19, we had a very impressive magic show put on by magician "Ver Lou Win." Not only did the kids enjoy this, but all the adults as well.

All proceeds from the above activities, as well as the "Bartender of the Year" contest were all donated to the American Cancer Society.

The third set-back tournament was held on Saturday, February 27 with Don Bentz as chairman.

Rob Jensen, Cor.

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.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13. Please plan to attend.

At our last meeting it was decided to continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the meeting place in Millburn.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — Thirty-nine members and friends gathered at the Danish Athletic Club in Brooklyn for our monthly meeting in February. The highlight of the meeting was the presence of the president and secretary of the Danish Retirement Home from Edison, New Jersey. The president of the Retirement Home, Eric Brown, pointed out the many advantages of retiring to the home.

Also under discussion was the possibility of hiring a larger bus for the transportation to the Edison Home picnic in the month of July. A miniature television set was donated by Clare Sorensen to be raffled. Tickets will be sold and proceeds will subsidize the price for the bus.

We held our annual Cod Fish dinner on the last Saturday in February. It was attended by 49 members and guests. A lovely time was had by all.

Rachel Connor, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — Three 25-year pins will be awarded this year and the lodge officers have decided to make the presentation at the April 8th regular meeting. After the meeting the recipients will be our guests for Danish smørrebrød. Our new 25-year members are Erik D. Nielsen, Bendix F. Christensen, and Lars Gamborg-Nielsen.
Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — The February 13 meeting was held at the Tu-Tu Restaurant in Lake Worth. The ten people who attended enjoyed the meeting and Tu-Tu's home style meals and home made desserts.

Our attendance was low since this was both Valentine's Day weekend as well as a long weekend with a school holiday on the 15th for All President's Day.

Our recent articles in Den Danske Pioneer and the American Dane were responsible for Tove and Verner Vollquartz of Port St. Lucie, Florida, attending our lodge for the first time in February. We hope that these good people keep attending our meetings and join the lodge. They came to Florida by way of Detroit from Denmark. Verner told us he is a Jute and speaks that form of our Danish language. We welcome Tove and Verner to Florida and to our lodge.
Gaye Mouritzen, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — We finished 1987 with a Christmas party for the children. The start of the new year was not according to plan. We had to cancel our codfish dinner party because Mother Nature put a stopper on that by sending a snowstorm.



Leif Clemens Pedersen acted as master of ceremonies.

We finally had our first 1988 meeting on February 12. George Jacobsen initiated our newest members Audrey and Bill Herbst. Welcome to our lodge. George also installed the officers for 1988. We are looking forward to a good season.

After the business meeting, we celebrated Fastelavn. We had to settle for a pinata since we could not use a barrel as we had no place to hang it. But the kids enjoyed it just the same — candy is candy in any language.
Niels Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — On Friday, April 15, we will hold a Beef 'N' Beer Night at the Viking Lodge. The cost is \$12 per person and will include beef, beer and dancing.

On Saturday, June 11, we will participate in a river cruise on "The Spirit of Philadelphia." The cost is approximately \$25 per person for food, fun and dancing. For reservations call Rick Trust.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

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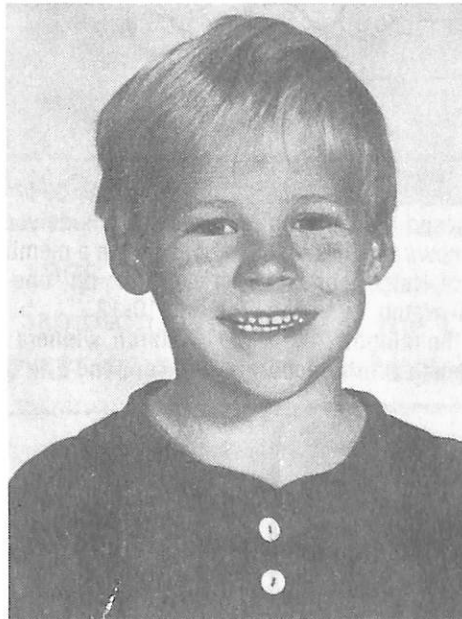
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May 1, 1988

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

Introducing . . .



Ryan M. Gerlach, one of our newest Young Vikings. Ryan joined Lodge No. 600 and has this to say:

I am six years old. I really like school and love to learn. I love to play soccer and am on a local team. I also like cross country skiing, swimming and golf. I joined the Danish Brotherhood because I think it's a great organization and the insurance.

Welcome Ryan!

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, Nebraska 68131.

**Danish Honorary
Consul Appointed**

Martin D. Metzton has been appointed Honorary Consul of Denmark for the State of Washington by Her Majesty the Queen of Denmark.

His appointment was announced at a reception Tuesday, February 16, 1988, by Henning Kristiansen, Consul General of Denmark in Los Angeles. He succeeds Hartly Kruger, who resigned his post since he no longer lives in Seattle.

Martin Metzton, a Seattle resident for some 34 years was appointed Honorary Vice Consul of Denmark in Seattle in 1977. Together with Paul O. Nielsen who was Honorary Danish Consul from 1964 to 1977, Metzton was very instrumental in securing the Danish participation in the Seattle World's Fair in 1962.

He serves on the Board of the Nordic Heritage Museum, and is a member of the Advisory Board, University of Washington Scandinavian Department and the Danish-American Chamber of Commerce (West Coast).

He is a former president of Temple Beth Am, the Danish Club of Seattle, Nordic Festival, Scandinavian Music Festival, and the American-Scandinavian Foundation-Seattle Chapter.

Mr. Metzton has also been secretary-treasurer of the Seattle Consular Corps in 1981-1987.

Songs From Denmark

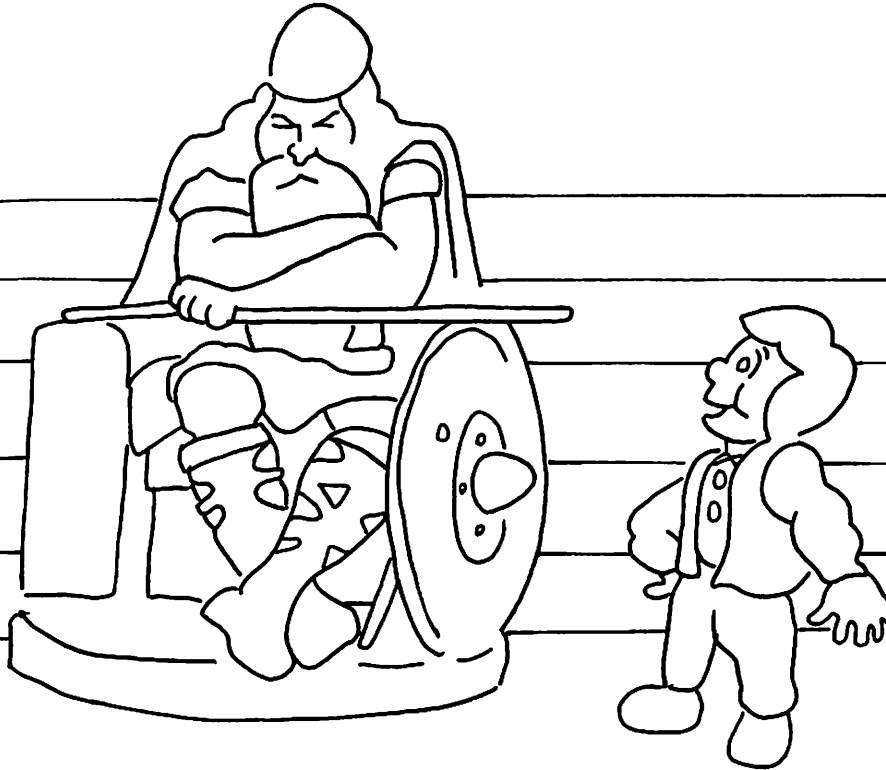
A new book, Songs From Denmark, has been announced for spring publication by the Danish Cultural Institute of Copenhagen. The book is edited by Peter Balslev-Clausen and has been created through the thoughts of many distinguished Danish music lovers.

The collection of 83 Danish lyrical and narrative ballads, hymns of the Church of Denmark, songs for special occasions, including a few for children have all been translated into English and are presented with notes to help establish the tune.

Songs From Denmark will be invaluable to students of Danish songs, libraries, institutions, and as a resource for the many Danish organizations throughout the country.

The new book will be ready in the U.S. in June and is available from Nordic Books, P.O. Box 1941, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105. Pre-publication orders will be accepted at a 10% discount. Postage is additional at \$1.25 for the first book plus 30 cents for each additional book.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Holger Danske or "Holger the Dane," a national hero in Denmark who sleeps in Kronborg Castle, is supposed to wake up whenever he is needed by the people. Jorgen knows that it's just a story, but he also knows that two statues of Holger, one in Kronborg, and one in Marienlyst, exist and watch over the country they love. Just like Jorgen and BiFrost the rainbow.

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.

March winners: Kevin Olesen, Stephanie Eliassen, Elizabeth Jensen, and Erik Christiansen.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Danish Omelette (Aeggekage)

12 strips of bacon	1/3 pint of cream
2 tsp. flour	salt and pepper
6 eggs	chopped chives

Fry the bacon until crisp. Save the fat and wipe the pan clean with paper. Beat the eggs together with the flour beaten up in the cream. Season with salt and pepper. Pour a little bacon fat into the pan and add the egg mixture. Leave it to set over a gentle heat, raising the edges from time to time to allow the egg to run down into the hot pan. When nearly set, decorate with bacon and sprinkle with chives. Serve direct from the pan with rye bread and mustard.

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DBIA Donates Computer to Danish Museum



Jerome L. Christensen presents the Apple II Plus computer to June Sampson.

On February 29, 1988, Jerome L. Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer presented June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum, with an Apple II Plus computer on behalf of the National Board of Directors. In presenting the computer during a meeting of Lodge No. 341 in Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa, Mr. Christensen reminded all in attendance of the purpose of the Danish Brotherhood in America — “To promote and perpetuate Danish culture and traditions, and to provide fraternal benefits and family protection.” The computer was donated to the Danish Immigrant Museum in support of their substantial interest in Danish heritage and the close ties between the organizations. The computer will be used to assist with their mailing lists.

Members of Lodge No. 341 were doubly pleased as they also had the opportunity to initiate June Sampson that same evening.

If you would like more information concerning the Danish Immigrant Museum, please feel free to contact June at the following address: 4228 Main Street, Elk Horn, IA 51531.

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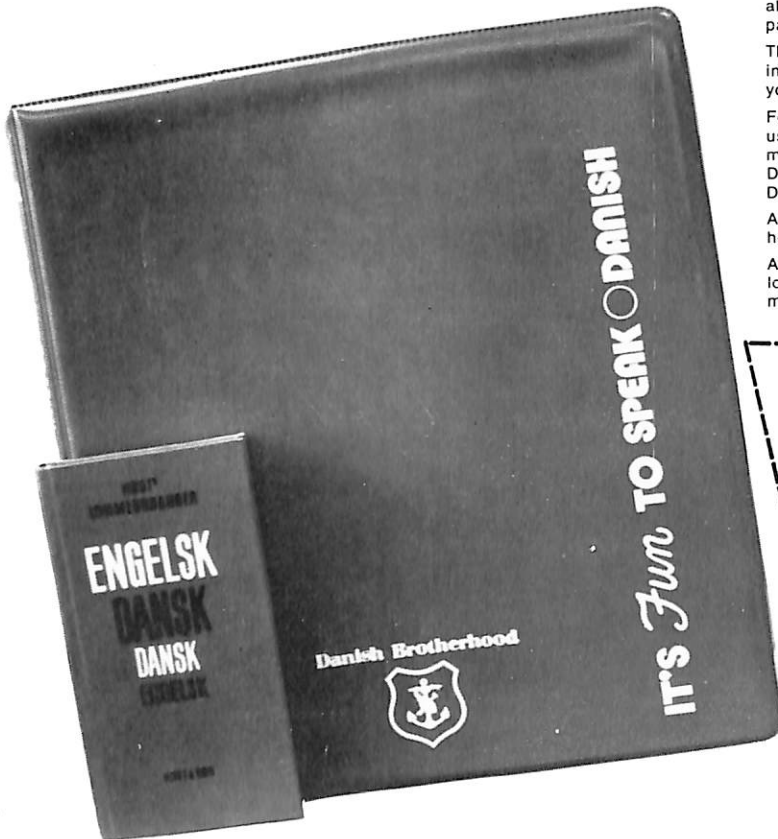
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