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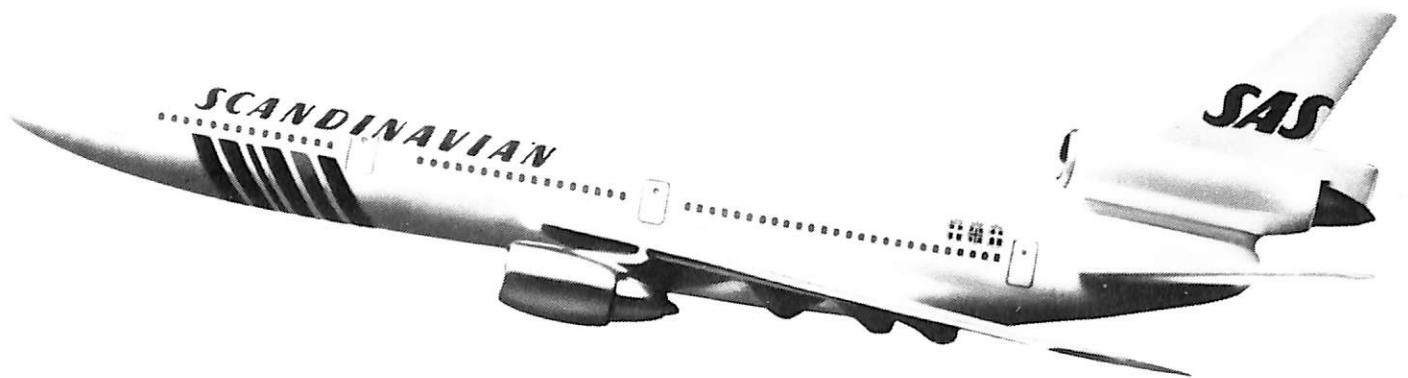
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# President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted  
National President**

## Annual Report

A year has passed since Bob Ibsen gave his last annual report to the membership of the activities of the Board of Directors during that year as required by our bylaws. It is my responsibility to do the same for our membership. Because 1987 was a National Convention year many additional things were discussed, resolved and finalized. Of particular interest to the membership is the fact that the Societies 'books' were audited by representative of Arthur Andersen & Company and found to be in excellent order. Much of that credit must go to Jerry Christensen, our National Secretary-Treasurer, for keeping our finances in order with your Board of Directors reviewing financial statements on a monthly basis. Our statement is always available in the American Dane. As a Fraternal Benefit Society we rely heavily on the services of actuaries who will keep us abreast of our financial condition and at the same time make responsible recommendations and give guidance that will help sustain the Danish Brotherhood in America. Our Society uses the firm of Taylor-Ballard and, in particular, John Ballard for his important advice and service. Delegates to the 32nd National Convention in Des Moines had the opportunity to hear John Ballard and the valuable report he gave to us.

I am sure that you are aware of the requirement that the Board meet twice a year in Omaha to conduct the business of the Society. Our semi-annual meeting is usually held in April with the annual meeting in October. Because this was the year of our National Convention and in keeping within the time frame of our bylaws, the Board met in March and made ourselves available to the National Law Committee for their deliberations. That important committee reviews all of the proposed bylaw changes submitted by the lodges and compiles recommendations that are subsequently studied, discussed and approved or not by the delegates. The National Law Committee is comprised of members who have been elected delegates from their own local lodge law committee and who volunteer to serve on that committee. The Board makes the ultimate decision as to who will serve from that list of delegate volunteers. All of those individuals deserve a special compliment for the work they did and the presentation they made to the delegate body at the National Convention. In the twelve years I have been involved with the Board of Directors, I have seen many positive suggestions made for bylaw changes. I have also seen proposals made by various local lodges that would suggest certain changes be made that would be deemed positive to our Society as a whole. One of the things all of us should appreciate is the fact that all proposed bylaw changes have an opportunity to be reviewed and passed upon by the delegates. Sometimes decisions are made by delegates that members may not agree with but I find that like it is with any democratic organization, we must live and abide with the decisions of the majority of our lawfully elected representatives. To not participate is to disenfranchise ourselves. Among some of the changes in bylaws that directly affect the membership is in our scholarship program with an increase in the numerical number with greater financial aid up front; camp grants that assist our youth have also been increased and so has our fraternal aid to members been increased. I have alluded to these important benefits in a previous article.

The December American Dane announced various committee assignments for members of the Board of Directors. I don't mind telling you that these committees and their respective members are already hard at work performing their duties. Their reports, which pass my desk, make me proud of what they are doing and more importantly, make me proud of the right perceptions that you as members had in electing them to serve you. At times it can be a difficult choice. Yes, they are "The Right Stuff!"

We had a very special occurrence this past year when our home office building was dedicated to the memory of Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus. Who more could exemplify what being a member of the Danish Brotherhood should be than Axel Skelbeck! What is sad is that many of you probably never had the opportunity to personally meet this fine man. Axel's lovely wife, Rose along with his daughters and sons-in-law were present for the dedication along with many members of our society. We were pleased to be a part of the dedication of the building that was so much a part of himself. Birgit Jacobsen, a fine artist and wife of Past National President, George Jacobsen, painted a magnificent portrait of Axel which was presented to him at the National Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. Axel received that portrait while he could enjoy it and it now becomes more meaningful to all of us as it hangs in a place of honor in the home office building. We currently dedicate our scholarship of academic excellence to Axel.

In previous publications you have been made aware of our new computer system and the fact that many things which were previously done manually are now being accomplished by that device. It has improved accounting capabilities. We ultimately expect to utilize our computer system to include such items as master file maintenance for both insured and social members, direct and lodge billing, assistance with our annual statement, reserves and various mailing capabilities.

In presenting an annual report to the membership there are many things which could be discussed and which could consume an entire American Dane publication so we attempt to consolidate everything into one comparative brief report. 1987, however, was something special with the introduction of the District Fraternal Coordinator program. In its short life we have already had positive results. I covered that area in the April American Dane. This program and those involved deserve your complete support for its continued success. We hope to have it implemented in every District by the end of the year and I know all of us will be talking about it when we attend various District Conventions.

We are pleased to announce that the Danish Brotherhood in America has a new revised insurance portfolio, one which makes us very competitive with other insurance organizations and companies. We can thank our Agency Director, Andy Andersen for development of this portfolio. Sure, Andy is an insurance man and that is his responsibility as a part of the home office team. More importantly, however, is his membership in the Danish Brotherhood which makes him a team member for all of us. The membership must understand that any new or revised insurance program must also be approved by the various States in which we do business. It is a very complicated process. We are proud of our record with the various individual States. I know Andy will invite your inquiries. When you consider additional insurance, consider the Danish Brotherhood in America.

I would like to conclude with some acknowledgements. Board members may come and go but we will still have a magnificent home office staff for the membership. Their dedication represents something very special and it doesn't take too much to motivate these great people. To them I say, "thank you" for being there. I would also like to thank the members of Lodge No. 167, Portland, and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 81 for 'volunteering' to host our next National Convention. I know the City of the Roses will do a magnificent job and I have heard that plans are already being formulated for that event which is going to be something special.

By the time this column has been printed I will have had the pleasure to have been in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to participate in the program for Past National President Bob Ibsen wherein he was knighted. A worthy award for a worthy member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

I would also like to congratulate Lori Meier on her upcoming wedding. As you may know, Lori is the secretary/receptionist at the National Headquarters and you may have had the opportunity to meet her at the National Convention. On May 7, 1988 Lori will be marrying Dale Mitera. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Mitera!

It has been a very busy year and I expect the next three and a half years to be likewise. I appreciate your support and will continue to seek your advice. Thanks also to those who have made Operation Care and Share such a success this past year.

## 1987 Top 20 Lodges

Lodge No.	1986	Total Membership	Lodge No.	1987	Total Membership	Gain or Loss
1.	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1.	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	392 - 25
2.	227	Detroit, Michigan	2.	227	Detroit, Michigan	354 - 26
3.	167	Portland, Oregon	3.	167	Portland, Oregon	263 - 10
4.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	4.	34	Dwight, Illinois	247 - 3
5.	34	Dwight, Illinois	5.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	237 - 14
6.	29	Seattle, Washington	6.	29	Seattle, Washington	214 - 24
7.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	7.	51	Ludington, Michigan	205 - 6
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8.	126	Los Angeles, California	8.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	197 - 14
9.	16	Minden, Nebraska	9.	16	Minden, Nebraska	180 - 10
10.	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	10.	126	Los Angeles, California	174 - 24
11.	35	Chicago, Illinois	11.	35	Chicago, Illinois	167 + 8
12.	299	Solvang, California	12.	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	163 - 10
13.	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	13.	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	152 + 12
14.	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	14.	299	Solvang, California	148 - 5
15.	325	Nassau County, New York	15.	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	131 - 18
16.	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	16.	325	Nassau County, New York	125 - 3
17.	92	St. Charles, Illinois	17.	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	122 + 5
18.	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	18.	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	105 - 2
19.	263	Askov, Minnesota	19.	345	Orange County, California	101 + 1
20.	345	Orange County, California	20.	348	Eugene, Oregon	100 -
				263	Askov, Minnesota	100 - 3

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# Susanna's Dream

by Martha E. Collins

Sometimes it seemed to Susanna Maria Brahe-Pedersen Virden that Denmark was more real than California, where she grew up. Sometimes Denmark was a ghostly place that shimmered in misty dreams. Yet not once did the young woman doubt she would someday see the land of her father.

Divorce had torn Susanna at age three from her Danish relatives and set her in Southern California. But because her mother, once an American exchange student in Copenhagen, still loved Denmark, Susanna was always encouraged to respect her heritage. And, as long as she can remember, she nursed a secret dream: she would search for her grandparents, the aunts, uncles, and cousins who were lost to her; she would explore the beautiful Danish countryside on a bicycle, meeting the people firsthand; she would go to Denmark!

For many years it was only a dream, but by the time Susanna was sixteen, the statuesque blonde had saved enough from baby-sitting, distributing advertising flyers, and working odd hours in a printing shop to believe her dream could come true. Each summer she worked full-time, sometimes as a waitress, sometimes a restaurant hostess; during the school year, she worked the same jobs part-time. Her mother and stepfather insisted she keep her grades up — she maintained a B average — and she also found time to play on her high school's championship soccer team.

Still, by her senior year, she realized she would fall short of her goal. Her mother had been watching proudly from the sidelines, but now she wanted to save her determined daughter's dream. She and her husband offered to provide round trip airfare to Copenhagen as a graduation gift; Susanna's hard-earned nest egg would keep her there for an entire summer.

The dream was coming closer and closer to reality, but there was another important matter to deal with. Where were her Danish relatives? And even if she could find them, what would they think of her?

Hesitantly her mother handed Susanna an old address she'd saved through the years. Trembling with nervousness and excitement Susanna sat down to write to her grandparents. She didn't know if they would receive her letter, if they were dead or alive, or if they might refuse to answer, but she knew she had to try. A week went by, then another. Every day she eagerly checked the mailbox; every day her mother worried.

But Susanna had been faithful to Denmark for eighteen years; she would not stop believing now. When a letter bearing a Danish stamp finally arrived, she ripped open the envelope. The handwriting inside was small and elegant, the letter short and to the point. Too much time had been lost: Grandmother would soon be eighty; Grandpa was dying. Hurry, Susanna! Come home to Denmark!

When she stepped onto the plane, Susanna immediately set her watch on Copenhagen time. When she disembarked hours later, her first sight was of Aunt Birgitte and Uncle Per, a middle-aged couple that stood apart, holding a rose from their garden and waving a little Danish flag — though she'd never seen them before, she had no doubt who they were. She wasn't tired, she told them: she was ready for anything!

Cousin Steffen, their eighteen-year-old son, appeared and shook her hand, then hugged her, and together they began to sightsee. At Dragør Harbor they looked across the water at Sweden and discussed power plant difficulties. At a fish market,

they bought smoked mackerel, then found delectable pastries at a nearby bakery. Ambling down a cobblestone street, they were invited inside by an old woman, who showed them a historic house filled with antiques.

Grandmother Gerda's strength and sparkling eyes belied her age — Susanna liked her immediately. But Grandpa Olav was confined to a rest home, unable even to sit up in a chair without assistance. She wasn't sure he knew who she was, but she was grateful to meet him.

Sightseeing continued with trips to Roskilde and the Viking Museum and lots of shopping. At every opportunity Susanna practiced converting dollars to kroner! Uncle Bendt's small children sat on her lap and taught her to count in Danish, and cousin Steffen took her to a Jazz House at Tivoli for an all-night jam session. More than once they sat up till dawn, talking about life and dreams, and he told her about Danish traditions, about garden teas and dancing around the Christmas tree, about cheers and toasts and the warmth of family.

The second week, Susanna and Steffen gathered maps and books, bought bike bags to carry their belongings, and set out on a month's biking tour of Denmark. They began near Nykøbing, then ferried to Ebeltoft, where they stayed in a youth hostel. From Randers they went to Aarhus, where they found a circus, then to Ry and Bryrup, Brande, Grinsted, and Vejle to Kolding, where they stayed with another cousin. They spent four nights at Rinkenæs at Uncle Per's summer house and took time to visit a castle in Glücksburg, Germany. The island of AERØ impressed Susanna with its lush green fields and pristine farm houses, and managed to find another Jazz House in AERØSKØBING. At last they made their way to Odense, not only to see the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen, but also of Susanna's own father. Ferrying from Nyborg to Korsør, they ended their trip in Slagelse, where Aunt Birgitte and Uncle Per met them and drove them back to Roskilde.

On August 27th, the entire family gathered for Grandma Gerda's eightieth birthday. It was the first time her thirteen grandchildren had ever been all together. A photographer snapped pictures while everyone sang a special song composed for the occasion, a story of Grandma and Grandpa's life. Cheers and toasts followed, speech after speech, with horns blowing; then Grandpa Olav was wheeled in. Though he couldn't speak, he was kissed in turn by each of his children and grandchildren and watched solemnly as Grandma distributed one hundred kroner to each of their grandchildren. Later the festivities wound down and tears began to fall. This was Susanna's farewell, too, and who knew when she would be able to return.

At the airport Susanna cried again. She'd found a wonderful family, and it was painful to leave them. Back home in California, life would go on as it always had, but she would begin college a different person, a young woman who remembered the glowing faces left behind, a young woman who knew her Danish family was real.

In the months since then, Grandpa Olav has died, but Grandma Gerda continues in good health. Cousin Steffen is making plans to fulfill his dream of seeing America and hopes to visit Susanna soon in California. And Susanna dreams of returning to the land and the people who will forever be a very real part of her.

## IRAs After Tax Reform Act of 1986

Prior to the Tax Reform Act of 1986, anybody who had an earned income could put up to \$2,000 each year into an Individual Retirement Account, and take an income tax deduction for the full amount.

For a married couple, the amount which could be put into their Individual Retirement Accounts depended on whether both the wife and the husband had earned income. If both worked, each could put up to \$2,000 a year into his/her IRA. If one did not work outside the home, the couple could set up a "spousal IRA" for the non-working spouse and put up to a total of \$2,250 a year into the two plans.

The nice thing about having an IRA prior to 1987 was that it was like having your own tax-favored pension plan. The full amount of the contribution went into the plan each year tax free, the interest accumulated tax free and, in fact, no tax was payable on the plan until the person began taking money out of his/her IRA account at retirement.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 put some limitations and restrictions on contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts which may or may not affect your own plans for saving for retirement. Let's take a look at IRAs today, under current tax law, to help you determine your own level of eligibility.

### If You're Not Under A Pension Plan

If you're single, and not under a pension or some other type of qualified retirement plan, nothing has changed for you. No matter how high your income, you can still put up to \$2,000 into your Individual Retirement Account each year and deduct the entire amount.

If you're married, file a joint income tax return, and neither you nor your wife/husband is under a qualified retirement plan, nothing has changed. You can still put a total of either \$4,000 a year (if you both have earned income) or \$2,250 (if one of you does not have an earned income), and deduct the full amount.

### If You're Under A Pension Plan

If you're single, under a qualified retirement plan, and have an adjusted gross income of less than \$25,000 a year, you can still put up to \$2,000 a year into your Individual Retirement Account and deduct your full contribution from your income tax.

If you're single, under a formal pension plan, and have an adjusted gross income tax of between \$25,000 and \$35,000, you can put up to \$2,000 a year into your IRA — but you cannot deduct the full amount of your contribution. The amount you can deduct is gradually reduced from \$2,000 (if you're making \$24,999) to \$300 (if you're making \$34,999). If you're making over \$35,000 a year, you cannot deduct any of your IRA contribution.

(NOTE: It is important to realize, however, that you can still contribute up to \$2,000 a year to your IRA and the interest the account earns is tax-sheltered.)

If you're married, you and your wife file a joint return, and either one of you is under a qualified retirement plan, the two of you can still deduct the full amount of your IRA contributions — providing your joint adjusted gross income is under \$40,000. If your income is between \$40,000 and \$50,000 the amount you can deduct is reduced from \$2,000 each (at \$39,999) to \$300 each (at \$49,999). If your joint income is above \$50,000, you

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cannot deduct any of your annual IRA contributions.

### **Preferential Tax Treatment**

How attractive is it to accumulate additional retirement income through an IRA? Most taxpayers who are in a position to put the full \$2,000 into the plan, and can qualify to deduct the entire contribution, can save \$500 or more annually on their income taxes.

Also, IRA funds accumulate tax free (whether or not a person is eligible to deduct all or part of his annual contributions). None of the interest earned goes to Uncle Sam at tax time. All of it can stay in the IRA, which means that your retirement fund grows much faster than it would in a fully taxed savings plan or investment.

For example, someone in his/her mid-thirties who is putting \$2,000 a year into an IRA and earning, say, 10% interest on it can count on having approximately \$300,000 in his/her account by age 65. Double that if a working spouse contributes the full amount to his/her own IRA earning 10% interest for the same period of time. That's a tidy sum, don't you think?

### **Tax Treatment Of Pay-Out**

When you start taking money out of your IRA at retirement, the tax treatment will depend on how your contributions were put into the plan. If all or a portion of your contributions were not deductible, then you will not have to pay taxes on that portion of the pay-out. However, you will be taxed on contributions that were put into the plan on a tax-deductible basis, as well as on the interest portion of the pay-out.

Even though part or all of the money in your IRA will be taxed as income when it is withdrawn at retirement, you should be in a much lower tax bracket by then, so it's still a most attractive proposition.

### **Taking Money Out**

It's important to note that IRAs are a long-term investment. There is a stiff penalty on any tax-sheltered funds taken out of an IRA before age 59½ — in addition to the normal income tax you'd have to pay. So don't put money into an IRA unless you can afford to leave it there until you retire. Also, withdrawals must start by age 70½ and have to be at a fast enough rate to be completed by the end of your normal life expectancy.

At retirement, money from an IRA can be received as income (the usual method) or in a lump sum. Most IRA owners arrange things so that their IRA payments begin at the time they retire, when their regular earned incomes stop, so that the money is taxed at their newly reduced rates.

### **IRA Investment Vehicles**

IRAs can be set up in a number of different ways which have the approval of the Internal Revenue Services. Life insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies offer an IRA Flexible Premium Retirement Annuity (IRA Annuity, for short). Banks, savings and loans and credit unions have various types of IRA savings accounts or certificate of deposit arrangements. Mutual funds and other money management firms also have special IRA investment accounts.

It is important to point out that no single retirement savings plan is best suited to every individual in every situation. Different financial needs and objectives, along with different ages and income levels, can call for different approaches to retirement planning. Various factors such as safety of principal, yield, money management experience, administrative fees and the convenience and flexibility of both pay in and pay out methods should all be carefully considered in deciding which IRA investment is best for you.

### **Advantages Of An IRA Annuity**

For many people, though, the IRA Annuity available from life insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies earns high marks on all counts. It's a simple approach which gives the owner (annuitant) considerable leeway in deciding how much money to put into an IRA, how often to do it, and how to take money out when the time comes.

In addition, beyond writing premium checks, the IRA owner has no money management or administrative responsibilities with an IRA Annuity. The insurer's investment management and service departments do all that. And, over the years, IRA Annuities interest earnings have performed competitively with other comparable IRA investment vehicles.

But perhaps the most attractive features of an IRA Annuity for most people are the guarantees provided by the insurance company or fraternal benefit society. There is no risk involved.

Safety of principal is assured, as are a minimum a yield and a pre-retirement death benefit for your named beneficiary (the cash value which consists of the deposits or premiums you've paid in, plus the interest accumulation). The most important guarantee provided by an annuity, however, is a specific income which can never be outlived by you or by your spouse. After all, creating a guaranteed income is what an annuity is all about and no other IRA investment even comes close.

### **Save For Your Retirement**

The passage of recent tax laws has radically changed the area of tax-favored retirement planning. The message from the government is clear: save for your own retirement; don't depend on Social Security benefits or pension plans alone to see you through.

It's a message worth heeding. If you're ready to do some serious retirement planning, an IRA Annuity is an excellent way to do it. If you're looking for an easy, convenient and safe way to set up an IRA, see your insurance representative. He or she has an IRA Annuity that may be just what you're after.

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Note: Failure of items to add to totals shown is due to dropping amounts less than one dollar.

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
<b>Admitted Assets</b>			
Bonds, at amortized cost .....	\$169,748	\$6,427,266	\$6,597,015
Real Estate, at cost: Land, Building and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$114,188 .....	—0—	217,638	217,638
Certificate Loans .....	—0—	162,340	162,340
Cash, including \$131,287 of CD's & savings accounts .....	122,052	68,804	190,857
Short-term Investments .....	—0—	509,977	509,977
Electronic Data Processing Equip., at cost, net of depreciation of \$11,492 .....	—0—	38,109	38,109
Premiums Receivable from Lodges ..	—0—	3,953	3,953
Investment Income Due & Accrued ..	2,788	149,399	152,188
Other Assets .....	—0—	96	96
<b>TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$294,589</b>	<b>\$7,577,587</b>	<b>\$7,872,177</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
Aggregate Reserve for Life Certificates and Contracts (Note 4) .....	\$ —0—	\$5,598,115	\$5,598,115
Reserve for Employee Retirement Plan Group Annuity (Note 3) .....	—0—	134,147	134,147
Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingencies .....	—0—	14,554	14,554
Certificate and Contract Claims .....	—0—	22,055	22,055
Refund Accumulations .....	—0—	51,655	51,655
Estimated Refunds to Members for 1988 .....	—0—	73,510	73,510
Premiums Received in Advance .....	—0—	61,382	61,382
Liability for Premium Deposit Funds ..	—0—	38,098	38,098
Accrued General Expenses .....	—0—	6,159	6,159
Accrued Taxes, Licenses & Fees .....	—0—	8,373	8,373
Other Liabilities .....	—0—	3,025	3,025
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$ —0—</b>	<b>\$6,011,076</b>	<b>\$6,011,076</b>
Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve .....	—0—	80,777	80,777
Fund Balances (Note 2) .....	294,589	1,485,733	1,780,322
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES .....</b>	<b>\$294,589</b>	<b>\$7,577,587</b>	<b>\$7,872,177</b>

## Statement of General Expenses For Year Ending December 31, 1987

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Rent .....	\$ —0—	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
Salaries and Wages .....	—0—	121,213	121,213
Insured Benefit Plan for Employees ..	—0—	12,371	12,371
Legal Fees .....	—0—	215	215
Medical Examination Fees .....	—0—	258	258
Travel .....	—0—	28,965	28,965
Advertising .....	—0—	805	805
Postage, Express, Tele. & Telegraph ..	—0—	10,939	10,939
Printing and Stationery .....	—0—	17,614	17,614
Cost or Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment .....	—0—	2,339	2,339
Fraternal Products/Lodge Supplies, net	—0—	9,935	9,935
Books and Periodicals .....	—0—	1,527	1,527
Bureau & Association Dues .....	—0—	2,249	2,249
Insurance, except on Real Estate .....	—0—	2,148	2,148
Collection & Bank Service Charges ..	—0—	1,396	1,396
Sundry General Expenses .....	—0—	3,170	3,170
Actuarial, Audit & Statistical Fees ..	—0—	53,634	53,634
Data Processing Expense & Fees .....	—0—	27,416	27,416
Field Expense Allowance .....	—0—	5,510	5,510
Official Publication, net .....	—0—	37,758	37,758

Expense of National Convention .....	—0—	14,911	14,911
Fraternal Aid (Special & General) .....	6,618	—0—	6,618
Scholarship Awards .....	14,978	—0—	14,978
Fraternal Donations .....	500	—0—	500
Membership Awards .....	—0—	4,034	4,034
District Fraternal Coordinators Prog. .	—0—	9,473	9,473
<b>TOTAL GEN. EXPENSES INCURRED .....</b>	<b>\$ 22,096</b>	<b>\$378,388</b>	<b>\$400,484</b>

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For Year Ending December 31, 1987

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
<b>Income:</b>			
Premiums & Annuity Considerations	\$ —0—	\$ 866,588	\$ 866,588
Considerations for Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingencies & Refund Accumulations ..	—0—	21,433	21,433
Net Investment Income .....	23,017	550,911	573,928
Miscellaneous Income .....	12,854	49	12,904
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$ 35,872</b>	<b>\$1,438,983</b>	<b>\$1,474,855</b>
<b>Benefits and Expenses:</b>			
Death Benefits .....	\$ —0—	\$ 129,027	\$ 129,027
Matured Endowments .....	—0—	25,478	25,478
Annuity & Old Age Benefits, including \$5,562 in Retirement Benefits under Employee Group Annuity Contract (Note 3) .....	—0—	28,921	28,921
Waiver of Premium Benefit .....	—0—	504	504
Surrender Benefits .....	—0—	75,841	75,841
Interest on Certificate or Contract Funds .....	—0—	2,581	2,581
Payments on Supplementary Contracts with Life Contingencies ..	—0—	5,055	5,055
Payments on Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingencies and Refund Accumulations .....	—0—	3,318	3,318
Increase in Reserves for Life Certificates & Contracts, Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingencies and for Refund Accumulations .....	—0—	707,771	707,771
Commissions .....	—0—	25,874	25,874
General Expenses, per accompanying statement .....	22,096	378,388	400,484
Taxes, Licenses & Fees .....	—0—	14,030	14,030
Depreciation Expense/Data Processing Equipment .....	—0—	9,862	9,862
<b>TOTAL BENEFITS &amp; EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$ 22,096</b>	<b>\$1,406,652</b>	<b>\$1,428,749</b>
Gain from Operations, before Refunds to Members .....	13,775	32,330	46,106
Refunds to Members .....	—0—	73,455	73,455
Gain (Loss) from Operations .....	13,775	(41,124)	(27,349)
Fund Balances, beginning of year	280,813	1,535,938	1,816,752
Net Capital Gains .....	—0—	1,001	1,001
Change in Non-admitted Assets ..	—0—	(5,757)	(5,757)
Change in Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve .....	—0—	(3,850)	(3,850)
Miscellaneous Adjustment to Fund Balance .....	—0—	(473)	(473)
<b>FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)</b>	<b>\$294,589</b>	<b>\$1,485,733</b>	<b>\$1,780,322</b>

## Cash Flow For Year Ending December 31, 1987

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
1 Premium & Annuity Considerations .....	\$ —0—	\$ 869,367	\$ 869,367

## Notes to Financial Statements

2	Other Premiums, Considerations & Deposits	—0—	21,433	21,433
3	Investment Income Received (excluding realized gains/losses & net of expenses)			
		22,695	510,317	533,013
4	Other Income	12,854	141	12,995
4.1	Subtotal (Items 1-4)	35,550	1,401,259	1,436,810
5	Life Claims paid	—0—	146,593	146,593
6	Surrender Benefits paid	—0—	75,841	75,841
7	Other Benefits to Members	—0—	39,939	39,939
7.1	Subtotal (Items 5-7)	—0—	262,373	262,373
8	Commissions, other Expenses & Taxes	22,096	474,837	496,934
9	Refunds to Members paid	—0—	79,629	79,629
10	Net Increase in Certificate Loans	—0—	14,206	14,206
11	Other Operating Expenses paid	—0—	9,862	9,862
11.1	Subtotal (Items 9-11)	—0—	103,697	103,697
11.2	Net Cash from Operations (Items 4.1 minus 7.1, 8 & 11.1)	13,453	560,350	573,804
12	Proceeds from Bonds Sold, Matured or Repaid	—0—	453,911	453,911
12.1	Subtotal (Items 11.2-12)	13,453	1,014,261	1,027,715
13	Cost of Investments in Bonds	9,903	1,469,881	1,479,785
14	Other Applications	—0—	5,008	5,008
14.1	Subtotal (Items 13 & 14)	9,903	1,474,890	1,484,793
14.2	Net Change in Cash & Short-Term Investments	3,549	(460,628)	(457,078)
RECONCILIATION				
Cash & Short-term Investments:				
15	Beginning of the Year	118,502	1,039,411	1,157,913
16	End of Year (Items 14.2 plus 15)	122,052	578,782	700,835

(1) The Danish Brotherhood in America is incorporated in the State of Nebraska as a non-profit fraternal benefit society. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. These financial statements are unaudited. The applicability of general accepted accounting principles to financial statements of fraternal benefit societies has not been determined. The principal accounting practices followed by the Society are as follows:

- Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.
- Policy reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration of withdrawals.
- Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost, preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.
- The mandatory securities valuation reserve is reported as a liability.
- Certain assets designated as "non-admitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to surplus.

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1987, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	\$ —0—	\$ 294,589	\$ 294,589
General	655,762	829,971	1,485,733
	<u>\$ 655,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,124,560</u>	<u>\$ 1,780,322</u>

The contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with the bylaws of the Society for the following purposes:

- to provide for fluctuations of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.
- to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership and charitable and educational activities.

(3) The Society has a retirement plan for employees meeting certain minimum eligibility requirements. The plan is funded through a group annuity contract with the Society. Contributions for 1987 were zero.

(4) The Society reinsures certain of its life insurance business with other insurance companies. The retention limit on any one life is \$10,000. Under the primary reinsurance agreement, the reinsuring company has agreed to accept automatically all amounts on any one life in excess of the retention limit not exceeding 400% of that retention. Amounts in excess of 400% of the Society's retention may be applied for facultatively.

The amount of insurance in force ceded under the agreement was \$2,844,624 at December 31, 1987. To the extent that the reinsuring companies are later unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements, the Society would remain liable.

(5) The Society is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)8 of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Mr. Frusen's Foolproof Tool Kit

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Mr. Frusen went to a lumber store.

He bought a large piece of wood and some tools.

"I can't make a mistake using this new saw and hammer," he said. "It's foolproof. It says so on the box."

Mr. Frusen went home and had lunch.

Then he had some Rødgrød for dessert. An almond got stuck in his tooth.

"I can't worry about that now," he thought. "I'm going to make a small boat."

He got the lumber and tools from his car.

He began to saw and hammer.

Buzz, buzz, Clunk, clunk went the tools.

"This is fun," said Mr. Frusen.

Time passed.

Mr. Frusen's hands became tired.

He stopped sawing and hammering.

"Oh, oh," he said. "I cut off too much wood for a boat. What should I do?"

Mr. Frusen thought and thought.

"I'll make a floor lamp," he said. "Mrs. Frusen needs one in the living room."

Again, he began to saw and hammer.

Buzz, buzz, Clunk, clunk went the tools.

"This is fun," he said.

More time passed.

Mr. Frusen's hands became tired.

He stopped sawing and hammering.

"Oh, dear," he said. "I cut off too much wood for a floor lamp. What should I do?"

He thought and thought.

"I'll make a mailbox," he said. "My neighbor needs a new one."

Again, he began to saw and hammer.

Buzz, buzz, Clunk, clunk went the tools.

"This is fun," he said.

Some more time passed.

Mr. Frusen's hands became tired.

He stopped sawing and hammering.

"Oh, my," he said. "I cut off too much wood for a mailbox. What should I do?"

He thought and thought.

"I'll make a birdhouse," he said. "The sparrows will have a new home."

Once more, he began to saw and hammer.

Buzz, buzz, Clunk, clunk went the tools.

"This is fun," he said.

Hours passed.

Mr. Frusen's hands became tired.

He stopped sawing and hammering.

"Oh, no," he said. "I cut off too much wood for a birdhouse. What should I do?"

He thought and thought.

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# 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.**

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## **PACIFIC-NORTHWEST**

### **Pacific Northwest District**

You are invited to attend the 39th annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Sisterhood and Danish Brotherhood in America on May 20-22, 1988. It is being hosted by DBIA Centennial Lodge No. 348. For more information or reservations, contact the Pacific Northwest District Convention, 4250 5th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97402.

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — Rudy Hansen was recognized in an article and photo in the Seattle Times for his participation in the Volunteer Transportation/Escort Program. Using his own car, he and others in the program help those older citizens of the greater Seattle area who need assistance in various everyday tasks to reach their destinations, whether that be a doctor's appointment or simply getting to the store to buy groceries. If you are interested in participating in this program, the staff at the Senior Services of Seattle/King County would like to hear from you. Our hats off to you Rudy!

The Pacific Northwest Bowling Tournament was held in Enumclaw, Washington, on March 12. Seventy bowlers from the Pacific Northwest District met to show their talent and to have a good time. After the tournament a fine pork roast dinner was enjoyed by the participants followed by awards. We will play host for this event in 1989.

Flemming Sorensen was presented with an award of Recognition in honor of his contribution to Lodge No. 29 and his nomination to the Howard E. Christensen Award.

A district convention committee is being formed to coordinate efforts for the 1989 convention to be held in Seattle. At present, the following individuals have volunteered to provide assistance: Sisterhood: Karen Favero, Ruth Jensen, Vivi Hammond, Anne Hollister, Marie Mauritsen, Wilhemina Parker, Virginia Kofoed; Brotherhood: Flemming Sorensen, Edith Andersen, Martin Rasmussen, Craig Emmick, Gerald Jensen and Clyde Langsted.

**The best idea for May goes to Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI. See page 15.**

Jens Offer Gimbel passed away on March 11. He was involved in many Brotherhood activities as well as the Northwest Danish Home. Remembrances may be sent to the Cancer Treatment Unit Fund at St. Vincents Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Our condolences to his family.

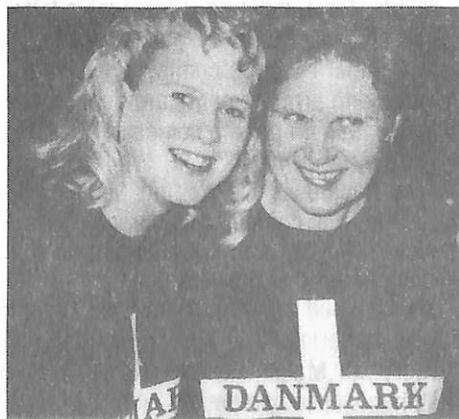
The Danish Soccer teams will be playing in Canada on May 14.

Our donation of food and cash was acknowledged with a kind thank you note from Emanuel Lutheran Church. Please remember to bring your donations for the local Food Bank when you come to the monthly meeting. Even our small donations make a difference.

**Gary Bang, Cor.  
Frank Poulsen, Cor.**

### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — The March 2 meeting opened with 26 members and several guests present. The Salvation Army sent a thank you for the donation we gave to them at Christmas for their "Dress-A-Child" program. We welcomed guests Ken Zuschlag, from Lodge No. 116, transferring here from Newark, New Jersey, Carl Nielsen and Marion Buckles, a prospective member. Lyla and Lisa Peterson (Lisa is the Lucia Bride for this year) joined our lodge meeting. Welcome to all. The



Welcome new members, Lyla and Lisa Peterson.

Young Vikings' Snowbunny Day was great fun — excellent weather, good food and a nice turnout made it a fun day for everyone. The Danish costumes' workshop was a big success, and there will be other ones in the future.

Tami Hansen, 1991 National Convention Chairperson, brought us up to date — site inspection is still going on, we will have a logo contest, we will be investing in a button machine for \$250-\$300 which will include kits for the first 1,000 buttons, a notice will be going out to all lodges to invest a loan of \$100 for the National Convention expenditures.

We would like to help defray the costs of Lille Juleaften for the church, and it was voted to send them a check for \$200 with the Sisterhood contributing \$100, to cover the remaining costs of \$274. We also will send a contribution to the family of Flemming Hinrichsen for \$100. We also will help contribute to PSU's Scandinavian Studies with a new series of Danish heritage books, **Danish Classical Literature**. We have voted to contribute \$250 for this essential need of studies at PSU. The one stipulation to this contribution is that any Danish Brotherhood member may be able to check out any of these books. Mel Pihl will get this in writing from Portland State University for the lodge.

Jens Offer Gimbel, a retired sea captain and honorary consul of Denmark for Oregon, died Friday, March 11, 1988, in a Portland hospital. He was 62 years old. A memorial service was held at Finley's Sunset Hills Mortuary on Tuesday, March 15, 1988. 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 requests that remembrances be contributions to the Cancer Treatment Fund at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center. Honor to your memory! **Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — Peter Jensen, President, called the meeting to order on March 10, 1988, with 40 members present. We had one guest, Ruth Jorgensen. Initiation rites were held for four new mem-

bers, Susan Applegate, Daniel Applegate, Dan Staats and Christine Larsen. Time was taken to welcome the new members into our lodge.

At the request of Kris Sand, the letter from the Home Office regarding the family of Flemming Hinrichsen was read. Since the death of Flemming in January, his family has been facing a financial crisis and the letter urged all lodges to donate to a fund set up for the family. Birgit Sand moved that the hat be passed and that the lodge match whatever was collected. It was seconded by Lyle Jacobsen and passed. The members' collection was \$81 and with the matching funds, the total was \$162 to be donated to the Flemming Hinrichsen family fund.

This month's planned donation for Operation Care and Share was a canned meat product (high protein). This has been a very effective program. Each month a large number of items have been collected.

A reminder to sign up if interested in starting Danish conversational class before the regular monthly meetings; or the possibility of starting a beginner or intermediate formal Danish class.

Carl Lynge reported that he contacted the Scandinavian Festival Committee regarding the possibility of renting a booth. There is one available for \$100 rent.

Henning Kristiansen announced that he had some Danish posters which could be used for the convention and Lois Toftemark accepted them for decoration.

Knud Toftemark announced that the annual St. Hans Fest at their place in the country will be held on July 2, 1988. Be sure to mark your calendar and join in this fun activity and, if possible, camp overnight on Saturday.

The crabbing party was held on March 19 in Waldport. Some went over and spent Friday night and all met at the docks at 10 a.m. About 25 enjoyed the crabbing and eating the crab, which they cooked over a fire built on the beach. Although they weren't real successful, there was enough for everyone to have a good helping of crab.

Information and registration forms were sent to everyone in the Northwest District for the District Convention on May 20-22. A lot of fun activities have been planned to go along with the business meeting. One of them is a tour of the Hendrick's Park Rhododendron Garden which should be at its peak of blooms at that time. Eugene is a clear beautiful city and we are going to be proud to show it to you. The Valley River Shopping Center is just across the road from the convention headquarters with some great shopping if you need anything.

The monthly committee chaired by Mona and Henning Kristiansen served coffee and Danish pastries for the coffee hour and Hans Linning showed slides of his trip to Europe.

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

**Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA** — At our last meeting, 50 members and guests enjoyed a corn beef and cabbage feed prepared by Evie Sanborn and Lorana Sweet. We were pleased to have 60-year members Niels Soundal and Niels Holgersen present. We also welcomed 12 new members to the lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. William Seiber, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. John Henriksen, Christian Nielsen, Ronald Hagquist, Annebelle Shaw and Fred Elliott.

Our members are busy preparing for the annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival to be held in Ferndale June 18-19, with craft and food booths, folk dancing, barbecue, and aebleskiver at the Danish Hall on Saturday.

Coming up is our annual Past President's Aebleskiver Brunch. Come to the meetings. There is lots going on at Lodge No. 95 these days. Norwegian Constitution Day will be celebrated at Fred Elliott's with potluck picnic on May 15.

**Francis Sweet, Sec.**

**Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA** — Our year's activities were planned during a meeting of officers at the home of Elaine Fauser, and we look forward to these events. In May the annual Mother's Day dinner (Brothers' treat) will be held and in June the yearly Father's Day potluck will be held. We want to invite everyone to our annual chicken barbecue which will be held at Penngrove Park on Sunday, June 26. This is a popular event and we hope that you will mark the date on your calendars.

At our March meeting, there was a letter stating that a group of "golden agers" from Denmark will be coming to California in June, and arrangements are being made to house them in private homes in Petaluma while they are in this area. While Brother Harvey Rasmussen is visiting Denmark in April, he will contact the person who is planning the trip and will advise him that we look forward to the visit.

We learned that our Brother Frank Taddei is seriously ill and has undergone surgery at Marin General Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**Alice Rasmussen, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — The typical old-fashioned Danish dinner, Frikadeller with Rodkaal and all the trimmings, was recreated by Jorgen Hansen and crew and enjoyed by 50 members and guests at our March 9 meeting. The following business meeting, chaired by our president Bent Olsen, was attended by 23 members. Monti Farrell and Poul Lemming were initiated.

Ed Madsen reported that his father Arne Madsen was in stable health. Visitation with a bouquet of flowers was offered by trustee Johannes Jaeger.

It was decided that the donation to the Hinrichsen Fund be increased to \$200. It was furthermore decided that solicitation for the 4th of July Queen contestant should be included in our monthly mailing.

**Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — Our meeting on Thursday, March 3, was well attended and there was quite a bit of business covered. Lars Westerskov and Upton Hansen represented our lodge at Martin Astrup's 90th birthday party. They took with them our very best wishes for a happy birthday and hope that he has many more. He was presented with his 25-year membership pin by our two members.

We had our spaghetti anniversary dinner last month and for those of you who were not there, we had a great dinner. There wasn't too good of a turnout, but we all enjoyed ourselves.

The 67th annual convention of the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood in America and the California General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood will be held July 28-30, 1988, at the Doubletree Hotel, located at 901 Camino del Rio So., in San Diego. This is being hosted by the Silvergate Lodges No. 136 and 306 of San Diego, California. We would greatly appreciate anyone who is interested in helping out.

For information regarding any of the events, or any questions you might have, you can contact the chairperson of the Brotherhood, Gail Perkins, or the chairperson of the Sisterhood, Petra Ferullo, and they will be happy to help you in any way possible.

**Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA** — The year is off to a good start with many events being planned to make it an interesting one. The annual spring breakfast was held on Sunday, May 1, at the Verner and Birthe Stenderup residence. Serving began at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds were given to philanthropy.

The committee members were Verner

Stenderup, Owen Nelson, Jr., Bill McDonald, Erik Michelsen, and Pete Peterson. These brothers have worked on the breakfast for many years and have it down pat. The menu consisted of scrambled eggs, ham, rye bread, poppy seed rolls, cheese, coffee cakes, juices, coffee and milk... and "Viking Vitamins" (akvavit). Thanks for a terrific time.

Viggo Stenderup is doing much better and is able to be up and enjoying his favorite pastime — playing cards.

**Dorothy Peterson, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — The following were presented with their 25-year membership pins at our annual barbecue on April 30: Richard Rowse, Karen Rowse, Elena Rowse Pinza, Esther Johnson, and Roy Johnson. Congratulations!

Our next meeting has been planned at Inger Dix's home on Wednesday, May 4. Delegates will be selected at this meeting to the 67th annual convention of the California-Nevada District. Any member in good standing may be nominated for this. The California-Nevada District Convention will be held in San Diego on July 28-30.

At our last meeting, the club was honored with the presence of Howard and Hazel Kjellsen who have been appointed District Fraternal Coordinators. Karen Rowse volunteered to be the "go-between" for the club and the coordinator team. The purpose of the coordinators is to help develop and improve local lodge performance.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — Our March meeting was our first potluck dinner of the year and many arrived early to get the hot dishes in the ovens and get their table set. The table was laden with a vast

array of delicious food. We want to thank all of you wonderful cooks in the lodge for contributing to such a delicious dinner. We saved the desserts until after the business meeting, at which time we enjoyed cakes, pies, cookies, bars, etc.

We also had a silent auction after the meeting and this is always such fun. These auctions bring in a pretty good amount to the treasury and we can unload a few white elephants that we all seem to accumulate.

Kandy Chappell used a newly adopted committee involvement system. Kandy is new to the Board and did an excellent job as chairperson. Unbeknown to many in the lodge, all of us were put on a committee! There are five separate committees, each of which will be headed by a Board member. In order to get everyone involved in lodge activities and work, we felt this would at least be tryable. We are happy to say that many were contacted by Kandy and with real successful results. So when you're called, please be receptive.

In the absence of President Gary Gossett, Howard Kjellsen led the meeting and did an excellent job. We had several visitors with us that evening, Lillian Rafferty, Gerta Nielsen, Ebba Nilsson, Bob and Maxine Gossett, Bent Junker, Harold and Elsie Bastrup and Kyle Robertson. Applications for membership were received from Bob and Maxine Gossett, Harold Bastrup, and Bent Junker. Glad to have these great people want to join our lodge. Margaret Motz, chairman for Operation Care and Share, said that Ardie Wiegandt has agreed to be co-chairman. Thanks, Ardie.

The recognition award that will be given to a worthy member of our lodge at the anniversary barbecue in August has been given a fine title. The award will be known as Spencer Nielsen Award, in honor of our dear friend. Gertrude said that this would have pleased Spencer so much. Be

thinking of someone to nominate for this award. We want everyone to participate. Only one name will be chosen. Tell us who you are nominating and why you feel this person should be awarded this recognition.

Howard Kjellsen presented our lodge with four lodge handbooks. These are a real asset to any lodge. We now have concentrated guidelines for the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — We had a short meeting on March 5 prior to our "Night at the Races." We had a good turnout. We had 40 members, guests and youngsters in the "Club House." Two of our guests were Howard and Hazel Kjellsen, our Fraternal Coordinators. Kaja Del Grippo has volunteered to be the lodge's representative between our lodge and our coordinators. Thanks for coming Howard and Hazel.

Norma Loveday, our chairman for the evening's program, did a fantastic job organizing the fun evening. She made individual programs, put together the beautiful horses Kaja made and figured out the way to bet, set up the track and have an all around fun evening with the help of Carolyn Lindberg. Tom Loveday donated \$100 for the "Pick 4" winner but unfortunately (or fortunately for Tom) no one won the "Pick 4." Thanks to Bill Jones for being our track announcer, Tiger Lindberg our die thrower and to Patricia Ramirez for being our jockey. We had lots of fun and made a few dollars for the lodge. Thanks to her, Bill Del Grippo, and Carolyn Lindberg for helping in the snack bar, Tammie Lindberg for the signs and to all who helped clean up. It was a great evening. Eileen Ramirez was our attendance winner.

After the first race, Norma and Tom Loveday received news that Norma's

# 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
3-5-88	—Thorvald L. Nielsen	84	Stubbekøbing, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1951
3-9-88	—Harold Von Qualen	77	Dwight, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1940
2-24-88	—Vannard E. Christensen	86	Des Moines, Iowa	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1922
2-29-88	—Ellsworth P. Jensen	75	Menominee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
3-6-88	—Carl T. Hansen	89	Tyler, Minnesota	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1925
3-11-88	—Jens O. Gimbel	62	Aarhus, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1979
2-26-88	—Kathy J. Learmont	26	Kenosha, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1974
3-16-88	—Julius L. Thomsen	74	St. Paul, Nebraska	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1974
2-27-88	—Stanley H. Andersen	74	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1945
3-11-88	—Harold R. Schmidt	66	Nunica, Michigan	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1965
3-6-88	—Howard A. Olsen	64	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1976
1-1-88	—Walter C. Nielson	86	Brooklyn, New York	227	Detroit, Michigan	1976
3-10-88	—Walter C. Rasmussen	80	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1974
12-6-87	—Wendell R. Oliver	77	Wadena Co., Minnesota	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1969
1-29-88	—Jens M. Segor	101	Denmark	9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	1909
12-31-86	—Frances S. Jacoby	75	New York City, New York	126	Los Angeles, California	1982

mother had passed away and they had to leave and did not get to see the finished results of all their hard work and how well it turned out. Our sympathies go out to Norma and her family for their loss and our get well wishes to Howard Kjellsen who suffered another stroke a day after coming to our meeting.

This year the Kodan Lodge will be ten years old. I have not been in that long but the years I've belonged I've seen this lodge develop a personality and character like anything that ages and grows. I hope all of the members who've been much too busy to participate in the meetings and activities will try to come to our 10th anniversary party. It's going to be a "swell affair." All of you might have been offended one time or another by the lodge over the years, but please give us another try and come to our anniversary party and see how we've grown. It's going to be September 24 at Kaja and Bill Del Grippo's lovely back yard. If we do not hear, we do not know how things are going. The lodge feels bad when we find out distressing news about our members long after they have happened. If you hear or know of something concerning members that might be of importance, please let one of the officers know.

**Sue Patterson, Pres.**

## MONTANA

**Lodge #283, Dagmar, MT** — On February 21 at the Danish Brotherhood Hall, an Appreciation Day and Dinner was held to honor James Johnson, long-time member and secretary for more than 18 years. He has also held most of the other offices at various times. Also, for many years of doing carpenter work, much of which was donation work such as at the Nathanael Church, our hall, etc.



President Carl Westergaard and Vice President Kenny Nielsen congratulate James Johnson for his many years of work.

Eighteen of the members combined efforts to put on the party which 150 attended. A short program consisted of speeches by Kenny Nielsen and Alvin Christensen. A bus load of senior citizens from the nearby county seat of Plentywood, Page 14

Montana, joined in the festivities and the afternoon's entertainment — a card party — where whist, bingo, and smear were played.

**Gregg Nielsen, Sec.**

## NEBRASKA

### Nebraska District

Spring is a new and beautiful beginning, much like the new Fraternal Coordinator Program. Merrie and I are really enjoying visiting lodges, especially those we have not previously had an opportunity to visit. So many wonderful people out there.

A new member is also like a breath of fresh air, for they add new ideas and added friendship. I'm sure glad someone asked me to join; how about you? Every lodge should try to add a few new members each year. Someone must have really put forth a lot of effort 20 some odd years ago, as there are many receiving 25-year membership pins. You are the life line of your lodge; now it's up to you to add new growth.

Be sure to mark July 24 on your calendar for it's state picnic time. This year it is being hosted by the Cordova Lodge and will be held in the Cordova Community Hall. It's a great time to greet old friends and meet new ones. Thanks, Cordova; it will be fun to visit a new place.

**Bill Jorgensen, Jr., District President**

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — A special thank you to our February committee, Poul and Elie Steffensen and John and Lois Hansen, for bringing June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, to present a program on the progress of the museum. Isn't it great to be in on the ground level, and now see a dream become a reality.

There still seems to be considerable interest in a Danish language class. Ruth Herman Nielsen has indicated she would possibly be willing to be an instructor. Sign up at the next meeting, so we can have an indication of just how many would be interested in attending such a class.

**Jim Christiansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — At our February meeting, District Fraternal Coordinators Duane and Deloris Hansen from Lodge No. 1 of Omaha, were guests. They shared several ideas with us on how to make our meetings and programs more interesting. After the business meeting and program, lunch and coffee were served.

On March 8, President Pedersen called a Board meeting at the Pedersen home. Duane and Deloris were present. Many ideas were exchanged, and programs were set up for 1988. They will be furnished and

all members will be informed in our newsletter.

**Harriet Palle, Cor.**

**Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE** — We enjoyed a covered dish supper at the Blue Flame Room. The committee — Helen Johnson and Joy Holechek — had decorated the tables with Danish Brotherhood placemats and small Danish flags.

Bill and Merrie Jorgensen of Minden showed slides of their trip to Denmark. Bill presented Rose Larsen with a 25-year pin. Ras Baasch has moved to Rochester, Minnesota, so his 25-year pin will be mailed to him.

Members brought items for the food pantry. Joy Holechek will deliver them.

**Vera Petersen, Cor.**

## MISSOURI

**Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO** — The Ethnic Festival planning is underway by the Ethnic Commission. The festival will be in August in Swope Park again. Although the Park and Recreation Department is still negotiating with the city regarding their budget for the festival, it appears the cost of the booth and the rules of operation will be similar to last year. We hope you all will plan to work a few hours in our booth this year.

We extend our sympathy to Ruth Larsen whose sister passed away recently.

Treasurer Jean Prinds will be collecting Brotherhood dues at the meeting from those who haven't already paid. Please see her then or mail your check to her.

**Norm Danielsen, Pres.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #147, Newell, IA** — At our last meeting Jens Pedersen received his 60-year membership pin. Presenting it was the President of the Iowa-Minnesota Dis-



Congratulations to 60-year member, Jens Pedersen!

trict, Herluf Pedersen, of Newell, Iowa. Jens has been President of the local lodge and has been delegate to the national and district conventions. His wife, two sons and daughter and two grandsons are also members of the DBIA.

**Elmer Jensen, Treas.**

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — Twenty-four members and one guest, Andy Andersen, attended the March 14 meeting of our lodge at the Atlantic Fire Station meeting

room. March had been designated as Care and Share Month and in response to this, members brought items for the local Food Pantry, took up a collection for the Fleming Hinrichsen Fund and made a donation to the Atlantic Fire Department.

Harvey Hansen invited volunteers to help with the fund drive for the Danish Museum in Elk Horn. A discussion was held on a possible project for the lodge to raise money for this cause during the Atlantic-fest in August.

Melanie Hayner, naturalist with the Cass County Conservation staff, took us on an interesting slide tour of Cass County parks and wildlife areas. She reminded us that we are fortunate to have an abundance of natural resources available for our enjoyment with more than 200 different kinds of plants and as many animals and birds inhabiting our country.

Lunch was served by the committee of Wilbert and Esther Hoegh, Gladys McCrory, Chet and Marge Holland, and Cliff and Mary Ann Christensen.

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — Our deepest and sincere sympathy to Ken and Martha, Ken II and Susan Learmont on the passing of Kathy. She leaves behind a five year old daughter. The Kenosha News has started a

fund for her education. The lodge has made a donation and we ask that you consider doing the same. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**February 27th found the lodge trying something new — a sock hop which attracted 150 people both young and old at heart who said that they had not seen such limber people as those doing the limbo dance. Thanks to chairman Rick Wade, Todd and Jeff Bernhardt, Chris Willems, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Roger and Virginia Nelson and Mark and Kathy Sadowski for working on this one. We need more activities like this to attract the young people who are the future of the lodge.**

Thanks to Bob Preston for donating and installing the new light and wiring over the upstairs poker table. Thanks to Neal Rusecki for installing the outlet for the new chairlift.

The 1988 National DBIA Bowling Tournament is well underway. Get your team together and bowl three games between now and June 1, 1988, and give your scores to Rich Walker. You can use the Midwest District bowling scores if you wish. Prize money will go to the top 20 teams and also for high individual series and game. You must be a member of the Danish Brotherhood to participate.

The Fleming Andersen Memorial

Target Shoot for the Midwest District was once again hosted by our lodge. Forty-four shooters came from all over the district. The first place team trophy was a repeat of last year — Bob, Wendy, West Bernhardt, and Mike Burditt.

Thanks to the hard working committee — Dan and Dan Ervin, Jr., Bob O'Neal, Ron A. Jensen, Louis DeFord, Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Ron C. Jensen, Mat Fosbinder, Frank Holderness, Jeff, Todd, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., and Ted Billings.

A small but enthusiastic group attended our corned beef and cabbage dinner/dance, March 12. The hall was superbly decorated in green. The food was very good and those who attended had a fun time. Thanks to the committee chaired by Mike Burditt along with Carol Burditt, John, Angeline, Joan and Jean Hosmanek, Peggy and Gary Starr, and Bob Bernhardt. Thanks also to "MC" Roger Nelson and singer Duke Ellingham.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Our aebleskiver breakfast was a nice day and hopefully about 550 people went away full. All went well, thanks to Chairperson Paul Smith. Thanks to all who worked, donated or gave their time to make this another successful lodge event. Thanks to Debbie and Kelly Mortensen for making all the posters.

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Thanks to Marge Lauritsen and Genny Andreassen for taking care of the kringle sales of which 215 were sold.

The Midwest District Convention will be held on September 24 and 25 in Kankakee, sponsored by our lodge. We have been notified from the Home Office that Director, Barry Edmonds, and National Fraternal Director, Pam Dorau, will be attending the convention. Have you been working on something for our raffle? This helps defray the cost of the convention for us.

At our meeting on March 14, we welcomed Robert F. Weller, who was initiated. Twelve members attended the Target Shoot on March 5 in Kenosha. Although no shooting prizes were brought home, Dwight fared well on the door prizes. A good time was had by all. November 4, 1989, is a tentative date for Lodge No. 34's 100th anniversary celebration. We are sponsors for the Trap Shoot in June. Virgil Holzhauer will be chairperson. Ken Jensen will take care of the Youth Bowling again this year.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Fourteen shooters attended the Target Shoot in Kenosha. Minnie Richards won a trophy as did Paul Eric Sloth in the Young Viking category.

Wanda and Ray Nielsen and Grethe and Henry Jepsen, District Fraternal Coordinator, have been and will be visiting all the Midwest District lodges.

Woody Petersen reported that our lodge's Howard Christensen Award nomination had been presented to Carl Meyer in Florida. Carl was pleased.

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Because we had to cancel our February 10 business meeting due to inclement weather and hazardous driving conditions, we had much business to conduct at our March 16 meeting. Some highlights follow.

We agreed to support the Saturday, June 18, 1988, picnic sponsored by the Nordic Council of Wisconsin. It will be held on the Schwabenhof Grounds, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. We also decided to participate in the 1989 "City of Festivals Parade" to be staged in Milwaukee; this will be part of our 100th anniversary celebration as our lodge was chartered November 22, 1889.

A scholarship was provided for Lisa Hansen to attend the Danish Language Village Skovsøen, August 8-30, 1988, in northern Minnesota.

Thanks to Elsie Hein and Barbara Larsen who served refreshments following the meeting.

Our members supported Public Television and the Friends of Channels 10/36, by answering telephones, on camera, during their membership/fund drive "Festival '88" on Saturday afternoon, March 19 and we had fun doing it!

We enjoyed Carol Larsen's presentation about the Danish West Indies (the Virgin Islands) during our March 16 meeting. It was based on an article which appeared in the March 17, 1986, issue of **Den Danske Pioneer**.  
**Albert Larsen, Sec.**

**MAY ASSESSMENT  
NUMBER 1067**  
is Due and Payable to the  
Lodge Treasurer  
**May 1, 1988**  
and Must Be Paid Before  
**June 1, 1988**  
Members failing to pay their local  
lodge treasurer as per above will be  
considered in arrears.

**MICHIGAN-OHIO**

**Michigan-Ohio District**

On March 26, 1988, the Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament was held in Greenville, Michigan. Eighteen teams participated representing four different lodges. Three of the lodge's representatives should have stayed home because both the men's and ladies' trophies were taken home by the good people from the Ludington lodge. Golly, they had a good time!

The tournament was followed by a banquet and a dance, all hosted by Greenville Lodge No. 70. Our thanks to them for their efforts in making this a fun weekend for all.

To Keith Koegler in Ludington, I hope you people are able to find a place for the trophy in your trophy case. It's been six years since you had this problem to contend with. **Bob Sorensen, Dist. Sec.**

**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
Herluf W. Christensen	10	Council Bluffs, IA	Ervin Grunberg
Alta L. Petersen	45	Minneapolis, MN	Hanna Poulsen
Mavis A. Hogstad	45	Minneapolis, MN	Hanna Poulsen
Joseph A. Billich	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Eric Brown
Buster L. Miney	51	Ludington, MI	Paul Danielson
Ezra S. Payne	67	Fresno, CA	Howard Petersen
Orville N. Jensen	84	Lincoln, NE	Donald Lehn
John P. Henriksen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Melba K. Henriksen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Robert W. Nielsen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Beryl A. Nielsen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
AnnaBelle Shaw	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Christian L. Nielsen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Fred W. Elliott, Jr.	95	Ferndale, CA	Fred Elliott, Sr.
Rudy Nelson	113	Enumclaw, WA	Einer Bruhn
Ronald D. Evans	113	Enumclaw, WA	Howard Abbott
Lillie H. Miller	143	Petaluma, CA	Walter Miller
Philip Kryck	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Raymond K. Zuschlag	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Edwin D. Meyer	206	Blair, NE	James Donahue
Sharon A. Meyer	206	Blair, NE	James Donahue
Henry N. Petrak	227	Detroit, MI	Paul Carlsen
Jay A. Pearson	263	Askov, MN	Roberta Pearson
Ray W. Beard	306	San Diego, CA	Oskar Jensen
Ingrid L. Nielsen	314	Hartford, CT	Poul Nielsen
Matthew J. Elliott	314	Hartford, CT	Waldo J. Elliott
Jeffrey J. Elliott	314	Hartford, CT	Waldo J. Elliott
Harold A. Bastrup	345	Orange County, CA	Alf & Ruth Jorgensen
Robert B. Gossett	345	Orange County, CA	Gary Gossett
Maxine Gossett	345	Orange County, CA	Gary Gossett
Bent T. Junker	345	Orange County, CA	Howard Kjellsen
Dan R. Staats	348	Eugene, OR	Susie Pedersen
Susan J. Applegate	348	Eugene, OR	Peter Jensen
Daniel E. Applegate	348	Eugene, OR	Peter Jensen

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — We as a lodge are also slowly letting our Danish heritage be eaten away. By the act of staying an active and growing lodge, we are losing sight of our unique customs and traditions.

Every individual must remember the ideas of continuing his obligation as presented to him at his initiation. Therefore, our challenge as Danish Brotherhood members, and especially those of us who are of Danish descent, should be how we can better present and preserve the Danish traditions and customs at all lodge functions and also by attending our monthly meetings.

We have prospered over the last few years through hard work and dedication of many individuals. However, if every member was willing to donate one hour of work toward continuing our Danish heritage, we would be an even stronger fraternal society.

The 1988 Michigan-Ohio District Convention will be hosted by the Greenville Lodge on May 14.

On June 18, our lodge will host the annual District Golf Tournament at Lakeside Links. The price will be \$16.50 per person for 18 holes of golf and rental of a cart. (\$10.00 per person without a cart.) We will have a steak fry at the Danish Hall at 6:30 p.m. at \$7.50 per person. Everyone grills their own! Music and dancing to our own Sound System will follow. Dinner and dance is open to all Brotherhood members. Reservations for dinner must be in by June 11. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the bar. For further details, please contact Rob or Sue Jensen.

Detroit Lodge No. 227 will again host a Tiger baseball game on July 9th.

Please set aside Saturday, August 6, for the annual District picnic to be held by the Muskegon Lodge. Plan to bring your family and join us in Muskegon for a great time.

Bob Sorensen, District Fraternal Coordinator, attended our March 2nd meeting at which time he discussed local lodge functions, activities, and duties of officers. We thank Bob for his time.

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — Our monthly social night seems to be off to a good start. We welcomed over 100 people to our gathering on February 27. The event scheduled for May 25 is a Square and Folk Dance. Put on your dancing shoes and come out for a rousing evening of exercise and good fun!

On March 6, Howard Olsen passed away. We extend our sincere sympathies and condolences to his family. Howard served our lodge in many capacities since

he joined in 1976. He has been our President, President of the Michigan-Ohio District, and was currently serving as our Financial Secretary.

On a brighter note, we welcomed new member Ken Johansen on March 9th.

**Karl Larsen, Sec.**

## **GCEL**

### **District Scholarships Available**

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

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — On March 11 we had our first Corn Beef Dinner put on by Barbara Larsen. I can only say that it was great! There was plenty to eat and drink for everyone who was there. There were many friends that we had not seen in a while and some new friends too. As always, Barbara did a great job.

It was also our installation of officers. Remember we had to cancel two months in a row. Norman Hanson came down from Schenectady and with the help of Jim Elliott, we were finally installed.

On March 27, we went to the Hartford Historical Society for their International Festival. We were amazed at how many people were there. This was an excellent way for us to spread the word that there are Danish people out there. We also made a nice profit from selling coffee and pastry. I would like to thank Berit Mann, Roberta Edmonds, Alicia Mann, Gerda Sorensen, Winnie Edmonds, and Barry Edmonds for the work that they did that day. Also for the members that showed up and supported us.

Also a reminder that the GCEL District deadline for its scholarship applications is June 1. If you are interested, please see Chris Simonsen for an application.

**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

### **Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA, and Lodge**

**No. 342, Bucks County, PA** — With a festive background and more than 80 people attending, former National President George Jacobsen, assisted by John Hjulman, installed the officers of the lodges. Accompanied by the traditional clapping, each newly installed officer was marched around the room before being seated. The evening was followed with dancing until the early morning hours.

We have a change in the date for the Spirit of Philadelphia trip. It is now Friday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations with Rick Trust and come and enjoy this three hour bash. **Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY** — Our new president, Elizabeth Pedersen, chaired our March meeting and did a superb job. Also being the Fraternal Coordinator in the GCEL District, she spoke about the help the coordinator could give the lodges in planning to increase membership, etc. Informatives were given to our members about the American Dane Card.

John Hjulmand informed us about the Scandinavian Festival to be held July 3, 1988, in the Garden State Art Center.

Our able crew in the kitchen including Else Marie and Ted Griffen, Karen and Antony Witt, and Helen Kofod, supplied us with a real St. Patrick' Day dinner of corn beef and cabbage. We sang a few Irish songs; after all, the Vikings reached Ireland too.

We finished off the evening with our "White Elephant Sale." Auctioneer Leif C. Pedersen assisted by Elna Jamiso and Niels Hansen did a superb job. Nice piece of work.

**Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**

## **Payments to Board Members**

APRIL 1988

Semi-annual expense allowance: Woodrow T. Petersen, \$250; Erling C. Braumann, \$250; Paul Carlsen, \$250; Barry F. Edmonds, \$250; Ebba L. Norby, \$250; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$250; Robert E. Ibsen, \$250. Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$244.

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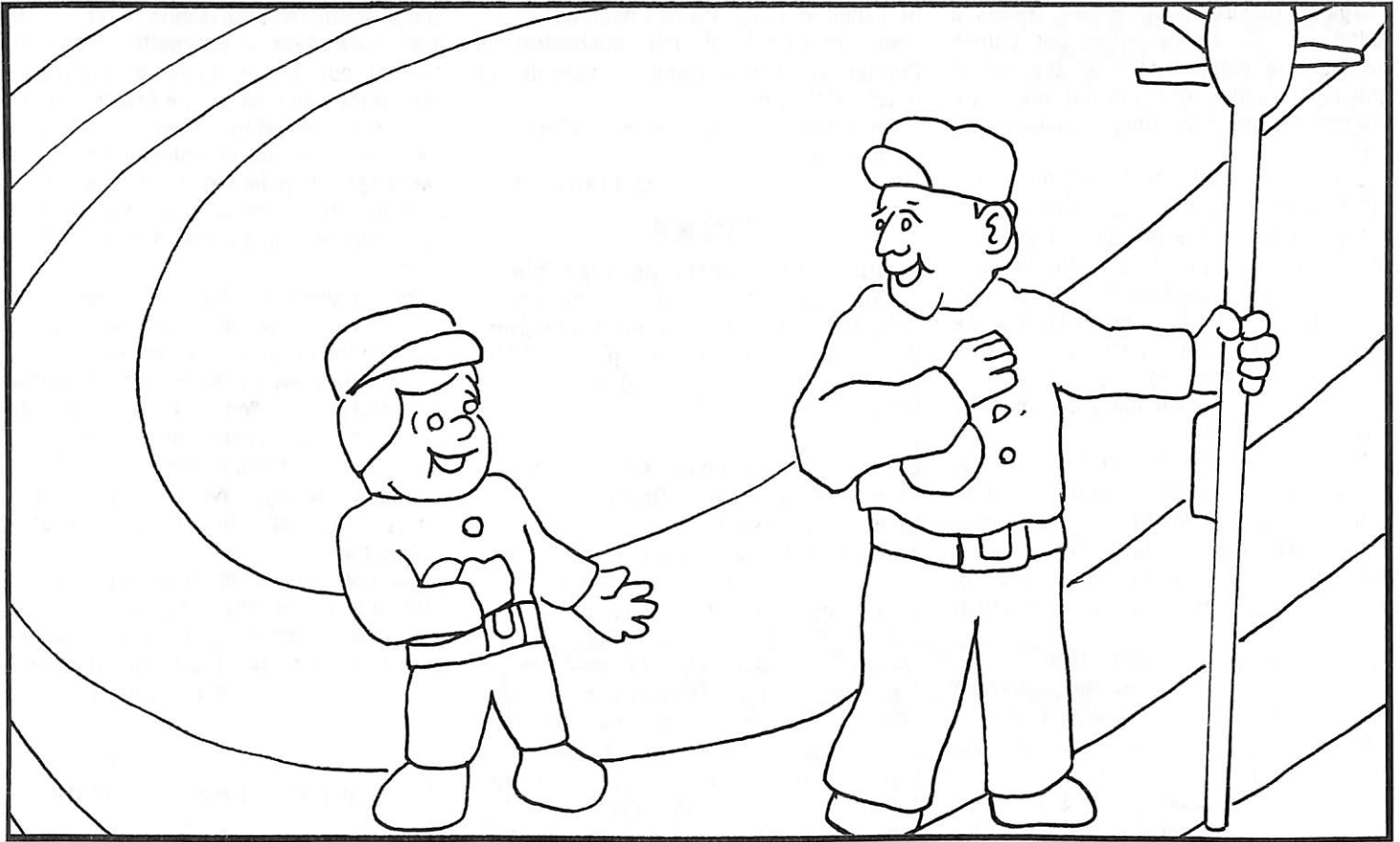
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Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood

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.

**April winners: Morgann West, Niel Danki and Erin Burger.**

## Mr. Frusen's Foolproof Tool Kit, Continued from page 10

"I'll make a picture frame for Aunt Inger," he said. "She would like that."

Mr. Frusen began to saw and hammer.

Buzz, buzz, Clunk, clunk went the tools.

"This is fun," he said.

More hours passed.

His hands became tired.

He stopped sawing and hammering.

"Good grief," he said. "I cut off too much wood for a picture frame. What should I do?"

Mr. Frusen thought and thought.

"I'll make a ruler," he said. "Then I will be able to measure the things I make."

Mr. Frusen began to saw and hammer.

Buzz, buzz, Clunk clunk went the tools.

"This is so much fun," he said.

Several more hours passed.

Mr. Frusen's hands became very tired.

"Oops," he said. "I really cut off much too much wood this time. I only have a sliver left."

Mr. Frusen sighed and rubbed his aching tooth.

He had an idea.

He even started to laugh.

"This is a foolproof tool kit after all," he said. "I have just what I need. A toothpick!"

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## Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

### Honey Cake (Honning Kage)

1 cup honey	1 tsp. crushed cinnamon
1 ¼ cup sugar	1 tsp. crushed ginger
½ cup water	1 tsp. crushed cloves
1 ½ tsp. baking soda	chopped orange peel
2 eggs	4 cups flour

Warm the honey, sugar and water but do not allow to boil. When cool, stir in the baking soda previously dissolved in a little water, and the two eggs beaten together. Add cinnamon, ginger, cloves and the finely chopped orange peel. Finally, add sifted flour and mix thoroughly. Pour the batter into two greased and floured cake pans and bake in 300 degree oven for about one hour. When the cakes have cooled, cut into slices and butter.

# **Viking Adventures**

**Coming Together — A Beginning      Keeping Together — Progress  
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## **The Danes Care and Share**

*In 1987 lodges were introduced to Operation Care and Share, a program designed to increase public awareness and understanding of how private citizens can respond to the problem of hunger in the United States, and to mobilize greater human, financial and in-kind resources in support of local food programs. Many DBIA lodges immediately became involved with several local community projects.*

*From the reporting forms received in the National Headquarters it has been determined that a total of \$2,735.00 and over 1,708 pounds of food was donated to the needy in addition to numerous articles of clothing, paper products, etc.*

*Congratulations goes out to the following lodges that proved Danes really do Care and Share:*

<b>Lodge No. 1</b>	<b>Omaha, Nebraska</b>
<b>Lodge No. 14</b>	<b>Kenosha, Wisconsin</b>
<b>Lodge No. 29</b>	<b>Seattle, Washington</b>
<b>Lodge No. 36</b>	<b>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>
<b>Lodge No. 56</b>	<b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>
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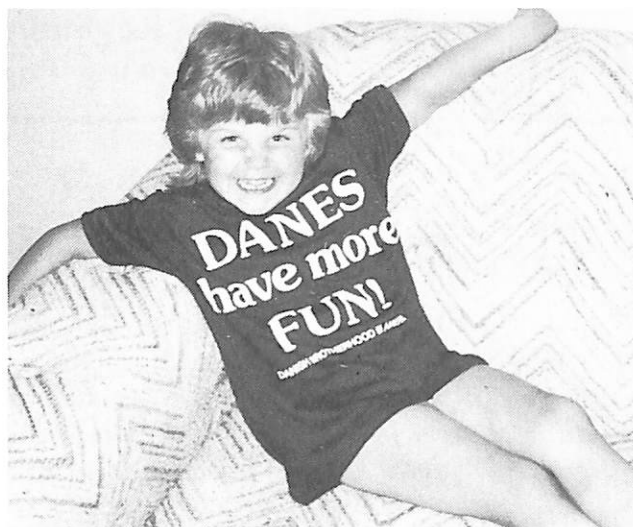
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