

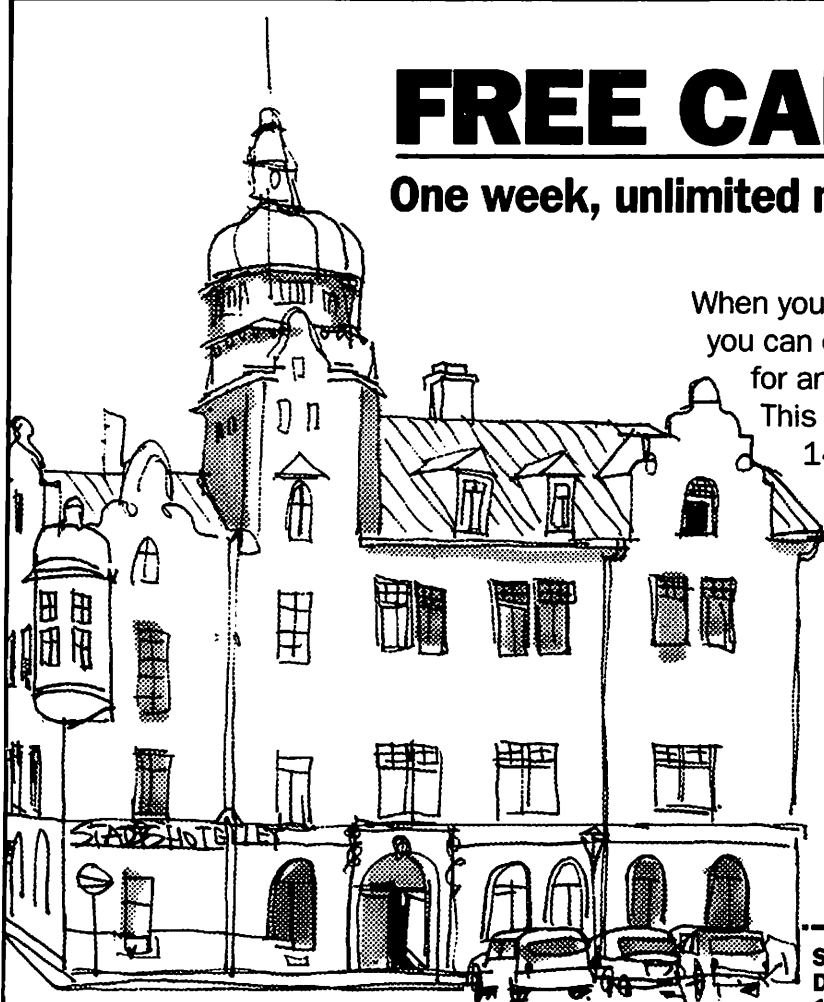
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Cover photo: This scene of the Independence Day celebration in beautiful Rebild National Park, Denmark, also reminds us of the 211th birthday of the Flag of the United States of America and the 769th birthday of the Danish Flag - Dannebrog, both of which takes place in June.



President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted
National President**

It is late fall and it's a quiet evening at home. You've just settled into a favorite chair when the telephone rings. The caller is a fellow lodge member and chairman of the nominating committee. He, along with other committee members are meeting in an attempt to solicit people who will serve the lodge as officers for the following year. Sometimes it is not easy to come up with a full slate. Many individuals have reasons for not wishing to serve and that is understandable. They are good lodge members just the same as they attend meetings regularly and support lodge programs and functions.

A lodge nominating committee is often appointed, one each by the Past President, President and Vice President. In many cases the nominee declines so it goes down the line until someone agrees to serve. It is an important committee and one that should not be chosen lightly. People who serve should not agree to do so unless they fully understand the duties and responsibilities associated therein. It requires study of individual members and to be able to recognize potential officers, some of whom will serve a lodge for many years.

Selecting people to serve and being the selectors is not an easy task. I have heard of instances where people have been coerced just to fill a spot. That does not do the individual nor the lodge any good. "Just take the job, you won't have to do anything!" Well, the committee has done its job and a full slate of people have been obtained and the report is subsequently made at the next lodge meeting. In many cases it is moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee and even though the presiding officer calls for nominations from the floor, none are heard. There could be members interested in assuming a position as a lodge officer but no one considers that interest. While I haven't heard of too many instances of people nominating themselves, I do recall such an instance at a National Convention.

The slate of officers is elected and many compliments are made to those who will serve the following year. It is a happy moment for the lodge and, perhaps, some relief for those who thought they might be nominated. In reality, have we done ourselves justice? I could answer that but I won't! Supposing there is a year when no one is willing to serve? What then, does the lodge fold? Highly unlikely a scenario. There always seems to be a number of decliners. There was an often used quotation, "let George do it!" If your lodge has a lot of Georges, you have no problem.

The committee has done its work, the lodge members in attendance have done theirs and after a brief holiday respite, the installation dinner or party takes place. The presiding officer of the District or a person designated by that individual or, perhaps, someone else with qualifications is asked to install the new lodge officers. Being a courteous individual, the installing person will ask the chairman of the festivities as to how things should be done. In many cases and after traveling many miles, he or she is asked to keep it short. As a result, the newly elected and installed officers of the lodge have really not been charged with their individual responsibilities. I think it is most important that those responsibilities are recited to the individual officer in the presence of others just the same as when we attend a wedding. Yes, there is a difference between the two events but the issue is publicly acknowledging responsibility.

In my March column I briefly referred to the Lodge ritual at which time the elected officers remind others of their responsibilities to our Society and to the local lodge. If they do not understand it to begin with, how can they possibly carry out their functions? Do trustees actually understand the responsibility they are charged with? Do they know that they are looking after the lodge property and finances? Do they truly understand the fiduciary responsibility of that office? I hope so! Does the Vice President understand that he or she will take over in the absence of the President? Does the conductor understand the responsibility with respect to the lodge meeting? How about the guard? Do lodge officers actually use the council of the Past President? You are elected President. It is quite an honor and in almost every case, a deserving award for a hard working member of the lodge. I can recall reviewing lodge records when an individual went "through the chairs" and it could take eight years from time of being elected outer guard until assuming the Presidency of the lodge. Maybe that was the wrong way to do it. Usually the lodge is blessed with a Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary who have been in that position for a number of years. . . they know their job but they cannot do it all alone.

Some may call this a 'soap-box' and if so, I'm proud to stand on it because I believe it is important to have interested people who are willing to assume lodge responsibility. In the vast majority of situations we have people who exemplify what being

an officer is all about. Keep in mind that when the committee begins its search to look for those best qualified. I use this to remind everyone that they did assume responsibilities that may involve their time. I know they didn't accept that for the pay, they accepted it because of the love for their lodge and the purpose for which we exist. I must presume upon you again by including a verse from my local chamber of commerce newsletter. It says a lot about committee work in a light way and one that we can relate to. At the same time it does give a message.

Oh give me your pity!

I'm on a committee,

Which means that from morning to night

We attend and amend

And contend and defend

Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur,

We defer and demur,

And reiterate all of our thoughts.

We revise the agenda

With frequent addenda

And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose,

We suppose and oppose,

And the points of procedure are fun;

But though various notions

Are brought up as motions,

There's terribly little gets done.

We resolve and absolve;

But we never dissolve,

Since it's out of the question for us.

To bring our committee

To end like this ditty,

Which stops with a period — thus.

Leslie Lipson, University of California at Berkeley

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that June 14th marks the 211th birthday of the Flag of the United States of America. To the more than 10 million members of America's fraternal benefit societies, it is a day of special meaning because it forms the cornerstone of Fraternal Week, a seven-day period, ending June 14, Flag Day. Of course, the month of June also reminds us Danes of the 769th birthday of the Danish Flag — Dannebrog.

Flemming Sorensen Presented the 1988 "Howard E. Christensen" Award



The Sorensen family congratulate their father and husband, Flemming.

At their recent spring semi-annual meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed all nominations received for the 1988 "Howard E. Christensen" Award. It is their extreme pleasure to announce that Flemming Sorensen of Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington, has been declared the winner of this award.

Flemming joined the Danish Brotherhood on January 14, 1959 and quickly worked his way through the offices of Lodge No. 29. Mr. Sorensen has been an **active, positive** member of the lodge, always willing to serve on various committees such as the building committee, picnic committee, dance and banquet committee and numerous others. He exemplifies what membership is all about by simply being there for support, participation, and, in his own quiet way, calming what can sometimes be stormy meetings.

Mr. Sorensen is heavily involved in the entire Seattle Danish Community serving as founder and president of the Soccer Club, President of the Danish Dancers (Dannelag), and Vice President of the Northwest Danish Home.

Flemming was born in Skivholme, Denmark. He, along with his brother, immigrated to Canada on May 2, 1955 and then went on to Toronto and later, New Jersey. Flemming came close to returning to Denmark (as his brother had done) but decided

that he would like to see the West Coast area of the United States. In August of 1957 he came to the Seattle area and liked it so well, he decided to stay. Mr. Sorensen joined the Danish Brotherhood shortly thereafter.

He now resides in Bellevue, Washington with his wife, Lexie; a son, Troy; and a daughter, Tove Lise, both of whom are members of the Danish Brotherhood.

In presenting the plaque to Flemming at a meeting of Lodge No. 29, DBIA National President, Clyde Langsted commented, "I was initiated into the Danish Brotherhood by Flemming when he was President of the Lodge. I know his dedication and he joins a unique circle of outstanding members of our Society."

When asked to comment on the Danish Brotherhood, Flemming stated, "I feel the Lodge is moving in the right direction," but added, "we must work collectively to ensure that it continues."

The entire DBIA membership appreciates and congratulates Flemming for his many years of outstanding service and dedication.

The Board of Directors would like to show their appreciation to all who were nominated for this award. It's members like this who keep the Danish Brotherhood alive and growing. A big thank you goes out to:

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Lodge No. 35

Fred E. Matheny

Lodge No. 42

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Lodge No. 219

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Lodge No. 299

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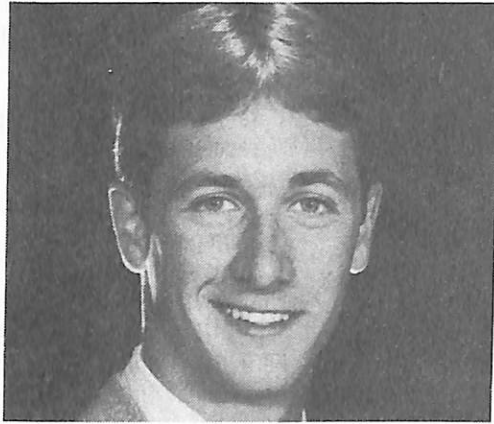
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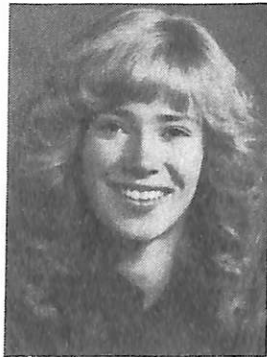
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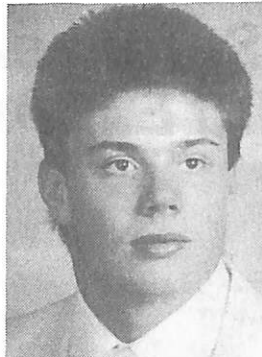
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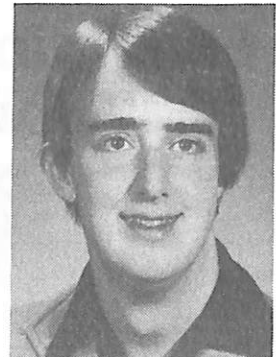
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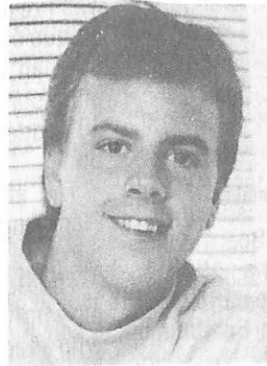
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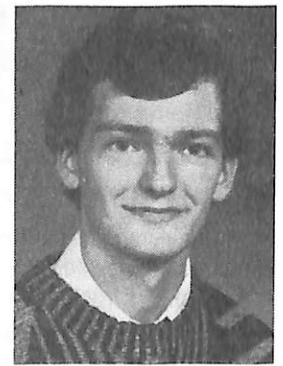
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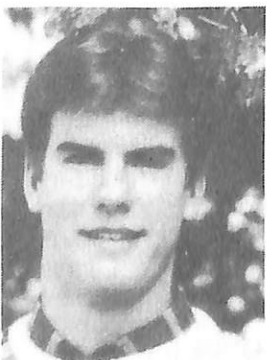
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The Legend of the Dannebrog

by Peter F. Stevens

Of all the banners that wave from poles and rooftops throughout the world, the large white cross on the field of red will forever remain unique, for the Danish flag, the "Dannebrog," is the world's oldest extant flag. The saga of the "Danes' cloth's" origin is every bit as remarkable as the flag's longevity.

In 1219 A.D., Northern Europe faced one of the greatest threats in the region's history. The Slavs, fierce warriors who left a trail of fire and blood wherever they struck, swept into Denmark's Baltic Sea colonies, deep into what is present-day Estonia. King Valdemar II of Denmark, one of the greatest rulers to wear the crown of the Danes, exhorted his people to join his crusade to drive the pagan invaders once and for all from Danish lands. At stake was the fate of Northern Europe, as a Slav victory would leave the region wide open to the invaders. Determined to save both Denmark and Christianity from the rampaging Slavs, Valdemar assembled a strong army and enlisted the help of the Prince of Rugen and his German warriors.

If there was one man in Europe with even a remote chance of stemming the onslaught of the Slavs, it was Valdemar II. The Dane had battled fierce northern tribes since his coronation in 1202 A.D. and had conquered much territory along the Baltic Sea, including a great deal of modern-day Estonia. Europe's most powerful monarchs, such men as the Holy Roman Emperor and France's Philip Augustus, who offered an alliance through marriage into Valdemar's family, the Skjoldungs, recognized the Danish ruler as perhaps Europe's only bulwark against the Slavs. According to Pope Innocent III, Valdemar was "the highest man in Europe," and a period chronicler wrote: "No man had any wrong in all the lands Valdemar ruled."

Valdemar led his mail-coated warriors with their broadswords and double-edged battle-axes ashore at Lindanissa, near the future site of Revel, Estonia, in 1219 A.D. and laid out a camp on a steep bluff overlooking the cold waters of the Baltic Sea. Like their proud and fierce Viking ancestors, the Danes geared themselves for battle, a battle they realized would be the decisive clash for Northern Europe. They would march into a fray for the survival of both their church and their nation.

Sometime after dawn of the following day, the Danes awoke to the shouts of sentries and the clang of swords, spears and axes against shields and mail. Hordes of Slavs had crawled into the woods and shrubs flanking the camp and were spilling into the midst of the startled Danes. Achieving nearly total surprise, the Slavs slaughtered scores of men still trying to rub sleep from their eyes. Arrows hissed through the air and shields rang and buckled from swords' and battle-axes' ferocious blows. The bluff, soon resembling a slaughter-pen, echoed with the screams and the moans of the dying.

Despite the onslaught of the Slavs, wave after wave of screaming tribesmen flinging themselves at the Danes, Valdemar and his men fought on. As the morning dragged on and the sun rose high above the corpse-strewn bluff, the desperate Danes began to regroup and to rally around their king. The battle raged throughout the afternoon, the metallic ring of weapons and the grunts and cries of warriors slackening little as the Christian and the pagan armies locked in a struggle to the death. It must have seemed as though both sides somehow willed their minds and their limbs to ignore fatigue.

According to legend, as the sun began to set and the Danes

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refused to yield. Valdemar glanced at the sky and gaped at the vision above him. Billowy white clouds had formed a huge white cross set against the blood-red sky. Certain that the heavenly banner was God's sign that the Christian Danes would ultimately defeat the pagan Slavs, Valdemar exhorted his beleaguered warriors to heed the heaven-sent message and to fight even harder against their foe. "Then rose the hearts of all the Danes; in the morning they had fought like boys and in the afternoon like men, but in the evening like devils."

The rejuvenated Danes tore into the Slavs, the crash of men and arms echoing all through the night. Like some deadly species of fireflies, sparks from blades striking shields and armor flashed through the darkness as men lashed their weapons at virtually anything that moved.

Despite their numbers, the Slavs, perhaps stunned that the enemies they had surprised early that morning were still fighting like men possessed long after the sun had gone down, began to buckle and lose ground. Whether it was desperation not to be taken captive by the fierce Slavs, whether it was love of Denmark, or whether it was the appearance of that heavenly white cross against the red sky, the Danes fought with a fury and a resolve seldom — if ever — surpassed on any battlefield of the Middle Ages.

As men continued to flail away at each other in the darkness, what was unthinkable hours before began to happen. The Danes were turning back the Slavs. By morning the grueling battle was over, the Danish knights exhausted but victorious, the Slavs

retreating eastward. Valdemar and his valiant warriors, allegedly inspired by the white cross, had forever halted the Slavs' assault upon Northern Europe.

But the Danes had gained more than a momentous victory: they had a banner that they believed symbolized God's favor — the Dannebrog, "Danes' cloth." Long after Valdemar the Victorious was dead, the same white cross against the field of red would still flutter above the land he had saved from the Slavic invasion of 1219 A.D. In the countless wars that would ravage Europe throughout the following centuries, Danish troops would do their part with courage and often brilliance. But no matter where they would fight, the men of Denmark would march beneath the red and white of the Dannebrog.

As with most legends, even those with a strong historical foundation, skeptics will scoff at the story of the Danish flag's origin. There is no denying, however, the fact that the Dannebrog has existed as the national symbol of Denmark since the thirteenth century A.D. No other nation can make such a claim. And whatever King Valdemar II actually saw in the sky above the bloody bluff of Lindanissa on that afternoon nearly eight hundred years ago, he and his men must have believed they had seen the sign of God's blessing upon Denmark.

There are those of Danish heritage who are undoubtedly among the skeptics of the Dannebrog legend. But somewhere deep in their hearts, where their Danish blood runs red as their ancestral land's flag, they might secretly believe in the miracle of the Dannebrog, history's oldest flag.

National Past President Knighted



Consul General Niels Julius Lassen congratulates Robert Ibsen upon his knighthood.

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark has graciously conferred upon Robert E. Ibsen, Immediate Past President of the

Danish Brotherhood in America, the Royal Order of Knight of the Dannebrog, in recognition of his most valuable services to Denmark.

The Royal Order of the Dannebrog was presented to Mr. Ibsen by the Danish Consul General for the Midwestern States, Niels Julius Lassen, Chicago, during a reception at the Danish Brotherhood Lodge Hall in Kenosha, Wisconsin on April 24, 1988 with well over 200 in attendance. Also during the reception, Mr. Ibsen received plaques from Kenosha County Executive; Kenosha County Board of Supervisors; the Kenosha Mayor and Common Council; the Wisconsin State Legislature; the Wisconsin Governor, Tommy Thompson; and from DBIA Lodge No. 14.

In addition to many friends and family, others in attendance included National DBIA President, Clyde Langsted; National First Vice President Woodrow Petersen, and National Past President Einer Danielsen.

Bob, as he is more commonly known, was secretary of Lodge No. 14 for 15 years and later elected president. He headed the Midwest District, served as DBIA National President, and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1975.

He has also served on the advisory council of the Danish Immigrant Museum; and currently on the advisory board for the Danish language camp in Minnesota.

Congratulations, Bob!

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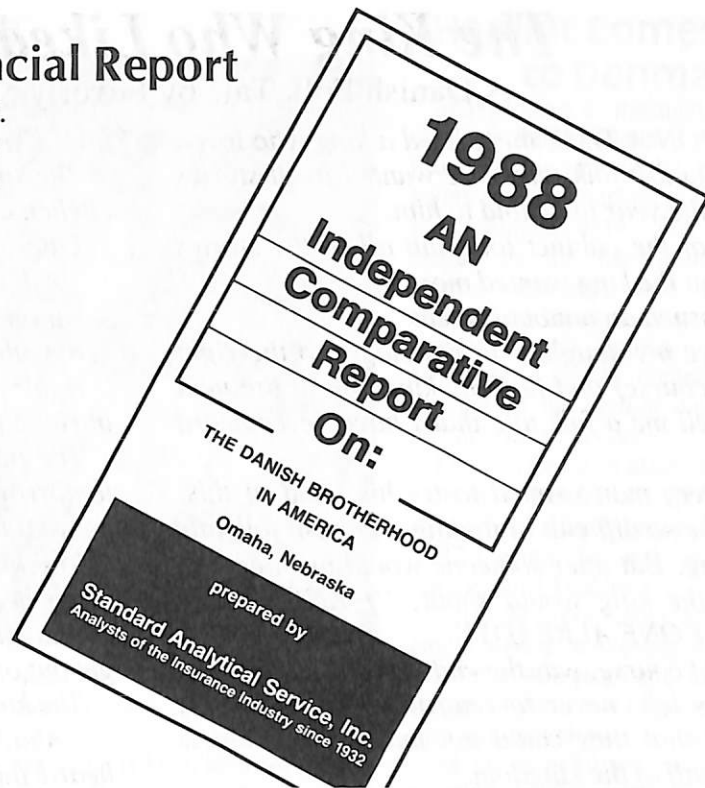


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A Comparative Financial Report

Standard Analytical Services Inc. is independent of any insurance company. Reports and comparisons such as those found in this report prepared for the Danish Brotherhood are based on statutory financial statements filed with the state insurance departments. The key ratio in this financial report and comparison is the ratio of assets for each \$100 of liabilities.



Financial Stability

The financial condition of a life insurance organization is an important element in public confidence. In this regard we believe the fundamental factors listed below are significant. The following is a COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS of these basic factors, comparing

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA

with the 25 largest United States life insurance companies issuing life insurance to the general public.

Since these 25 companies have an average of over 100 years of life insurance experience, and own a major portion of the invested assets and life insurance in force of all the companies, a favorable comparison of these factors can be indicative of financial stability.

BASIC SIGNIFICANT FACTORS — AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1987 DERIVED FROM THE ANNUAL STATEMENT

(The 25 Life Companies listed below are the largest by the amount of Assets held for the protection of their policyholders.)

Solvency

A wide margin of Assets over Liabilities can be a significant safety factor. This indicates financial soundness and a Company's ability to meet all obligations as they become due.

Assets for each \$100 of Liabilities as of Dec. 31, 1987.

Aetna Life Ins. and Annuity Co., CT	\$102.22
Aetna Life Insurance Company, CT	102.74
Connecticut General Life Ins. Co., CT	104.79
Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co., CT	103.59
Continental Assurance Company, IL	109.69
Equitable Life Assurance Society, NY	102.60
Equitable Variable Life Ins. Co., NY	104.35
Executive Life Insurance Co., CA	101.83
IDS Life Insurance Company, MN	102.46
John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	103.84
Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	105.34
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., NY	103.53
Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co., NJ	103.84
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, NY	103.83
Nationwide Life Insurance Co., OH	105.17
New England Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	103.80
New York Life Ins. and Annuity Corp., DE	102.03
New York Life Insurance Co., NY	106.18
Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co., WI	104.84
Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., CA	103.11
Principal Mutual Life Ins. Co., IA	103.48
Prudential Insurance Co. of America, NJ	103.29
Southwestern Life Ins. Co., TX	104.32
State Farm Life Insurance Co., IL	114.54
Travelers Insurance Company, CT	103.47

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES ... \$103.83

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$129.22

Surplus Funds

(Including Capital, if any)
Per \$100 of Policy Reserves:

A high surplus ratio may indicate a company's ability to take emergencies in stride. It shows the proportion of surplus funds to the policy reserve liabilities.

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES \$6.78

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$31.06

Interest Earned to Required

Net Investment Income for each \$100 of Tabular Interest: This ratio shows the proportion of investment income actually earned on invested assets over the amount required to be earned (tabular interest) to maintain policy reserves.

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES \$214.04

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$271.90

Additional Society Strength

The following ratios are Per \$1000 of life insurance in force. They show further proof of financial strength and stability:

	This Society	Average 25 Largest Life Companies
Assets per \$1000	\$ 439.05	\$170.52
Reserves per \$1000	319.70	92.95
Surplus per \$1000	99.29	6.30

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1987

Admitted Assets	\$7,872,177.00	*Premium Income	\$ 866,588.00
Liabilities	\$6,091,854.00	Total Income	\$ 1,474,855.00
Gross Surplus (Incl. Capital, if any)	\$1,780,322.00	Insurance in Force	\$17,930,000.00

*With Annuity Deposit

Conclusion

Based on the financial results achieved in the year ended 1987, the analysis made of the above organization in comparing it with the aggregate averages of the 25 LARGEST COMPANIES in OUR OPINION is FAVORABLE.

The King Who Liked Folk Tales

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a king who loved to listen to Danish folk tales. He wanted fresh stories every day of the year to be told to him.

Members of the cabinet told him all of the stories they knew, but the king wanted more.

The king issued an announcement:

"I will give my daughter in marriage (to the right suitor, of course) and half my kingdom to the man who will tell me a folk tale that I have never heard before."

Well. . . every man wanted to try his hand at this. What could be so difficult in finding a Danish folk tale to tell the king. But after someone would just begin to tell a story the king would shout, "I KNOW IT! I KNOW THAT ONE ALREADY!"

And that, of course, was the end of that.

The suitors left, never to return, to their country, disappointed that they could not marry the princess and receive half of the kingdom.

Now. . . there was this poor peasant who lived near the kingdom. He did not have a home or money. He slept where he could and ate whatever a kind soul fed him.

One day, he came to an inn to warm himself from the bitter cold. The innkeeper frowned and said, "Why don't you go and tell a folk tale to the king. The princess is waiting for you to marry her. Go, why don't you!"

The peasant thought about this and said, "Why not. I may just become the king's son-in-law."

He went to the palace to see the king.

"Why are you here?" asked the king, looking the peasant over, frowning at his tattered shirt and pants.

The peasant smiled. "I want to tell you a folk tale," he said. "But may I have some food first?"

The king was uneasy, but felt that he had nothing to lose.

The peasant was given food and drink until he felt quite satisfied.

The king then ushered the peasant into the royal chambers and said, "Well. . . tell me a story!"

The peasant settled back in a cushioned chair and began:

"My father," he said, "was the richest man in the kingdom. He built large houses. Birds walked on the roofs of these tall houses and plucked stars from the skies — that's how very high they were. The courtyard was so huge that birds couldn't fly from one end to the other."

The king seemed intrigued, but remained silent.

"But," said the peasant, "I'll go on with my story

after I've had something to eat."

The king agreed and the peasant went into the royal kitchen and ate to his heart's content.

Later, the peasant went on with his folk tale:

"A bull lived in our yard," he said. "A shepherd sat on one of his horns and another shepherd sat on the other. That's how large the bull was."

Again, the king was silent because he was so intrigued by the story the peasant told him.

The peasant stood up and said, "I'll finish my tale tomorrow after I've had a good night's rest." And off he went to sleep.

The king stared at the peasant and thought, "I've never heard this story before, but I don't want to give my daughter to this peasant. I must think of a way to get out of this."

The king paced back and forth. Forth and back.

"Aha," he thought. "I'll just tell him that I've heard this story before. I'll have a document saying that this is a story that I know and it will be more convincing."

The peasant was not dumb. He discovered what the king was up to in order to get rid of him, so he began to tell the last part of his tale.

He began: "My father had a mare that ran around the world in three days. She had many foals that she kept in sheds that were filled with gold and silver. And you, Your Highness, borrowed a trunk of gold from us and never bothered to return it."

The king cried out, "I know the story!"

The peasant was shocked. How could the king have heard this story before when he made it up as he went along.

"Well," said the peasant, "if you do indeed know this tale and sign a paper saying so, then you must pay your debt. Right, Your Highness?"

The king realized the peasant had got the better of him. There was nothing he could do but fill the trunk with gold and give it to him. For what is once written with a pen, not even an axe can destroy.

The peasant lived happily ever after with the gold, even if he didn't win the princess.

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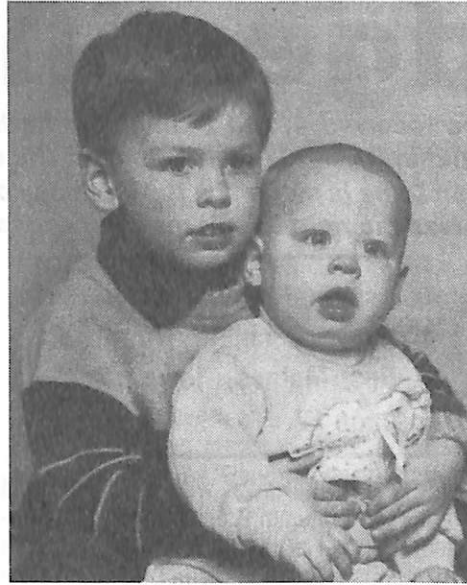
Introducing



Brian Allen Jensen and Kelly Shay Jensen, members of Lodge No. 600.

I was born on March 15, 1984, and am 4 years old and live in Ludington, Michigan. I joined the Danish Brotherhood in 1984 when I was 2 months old. My Daddy, Rob, my older brother, Eric and both my Grandpas are all members of the Danish Brotherhood. I enjoy going down to the Danish hall with my Dad and playing pool with my cousin, Evan. I will start school next year.

My sister's name is Kelly Shay Jensen and she is 1½ years old. Kelly joined the Danish Brotherhood in November, 1987. She also enjoys going down to the Danish Hall with Mom and Dad and me and just running around.



Evan Michael Jensen and Angela Michele Jensen, also members of Lodge No. 600.

Hello. My name is Evan Michael Jensen. I am 3½ years old and have been a member of the Danish Brotherhood since shortly after I was born. I came from a long line of Danish descent. I love to go down to the Danish Hall with my Daddy, Mike, and play with my cousin, Brian.

My sister is Angela Michele Jensen and she is 10 months old. She was born on the 4th of July, 1987, on my Grandma "Dorothy" Jensen's birthday. My mom says she will be able to go down to the Danish Brotherhood more when she can walk.

Welcome Brian, Kelly, Evan and Angela!

Museum Ground Breaking Planned

The Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn, Iowa, is looking forward to Labor Day, September 5, as the official ground-breaking for the new building.

At its March 12-13 meeting in San Francisco, California, the Board voted to authorize a contract for the architect to begin the schematic design work. This is the second design phase, and is scheduled to be completed by Astle/Ericson Architects by June 30.

When the schematic design is completed

and approved by the museum, preparations for the earthwork may begin. First, contracts will be prepared. Next, bids will be requested. Then, a bid will be accepted. Finally, ground will be moved. All earthwork should be completed before winter.

Danish Americans around the country and Danes around the world have been waiting anxiously for the official announcement of ground-breaking. A large crowd is expected at the site on September 5. Plans for the festivities will be developed and announced during the coming months.

Hamlet Comes Home to Denmark

Shakespeare's melancholy (and thus atypical) Dane, Hamlet, returns home to Kronborg this summer for 10 days only in a series of performances in the castle courtyard, August 4-14. The play is being staged by the Renaissance Theatre, a British company, and produced and directed by Derek Jacoby, who starred as Hamlet in the Kronborg production of 1979. Mr. Jacoby recently won critical acclaim for his performance on Broadway in "Breaking the Code."

Kenneth Branagh stars as Hamlet in this summer's production. He performed with the Royal Shakespeare Company until 1987, when he left to organize the Renaissance Theatre.

"Hamlet" premieres at Kronborg, the castle where Shakespeare set the action more than 400 years ago, on the evening of August 4 and will be played every night through August 14.

As far as is known, Shakespeare never traveled to Denmark. He heard of the extraordinary beauty of Kronborg Castle from soldiers and sailors and used it as the setting for "Hamlet." In the 16th century, Kronborg was Denmark's main stronghold on the narrow sound that separates the nation from Sweden. Today, the castle, in the town of Elsinore, is a national treasure in Denmark and one of the nation's most-visited attractions. It is open to the public most days of the year. Elsinore is a 40-minute drive from Copenhagen.

Public Invited

The Board of Directors of The Danish Immigrant Museum invite Danish Americans, friends and family in the Kansas City area to join them for dinner and a special evening on Saturday, June 25 at the Embassy Suites Hotel on the Plaza (220 West 43rd Street), Kansas City, Missouri.

This National Board is looking forward to meeting with people in the region and sharing with them the news of the most recent progress in the capital campaign and the building of this major international facility.

Please call your reservations to Board Member Robert Wallace, (816) 942-1222. The cost of the dinner will be \$16.00 per person including tax and gratuity.



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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — On April 9, 1988, we celebrated our 100th anniversary at the Stouffer Madison Hotel here in Seattle with over 275 in attendance. It was a day that we all had been looking forward to.

On our arrival in the lobby, we were met by Flemming Sorensen and his wife Lexie who saw to it that all the guests signed their names in a beautiful guest book which had been presented to the lodge by the Northwest Danish Home, who also furnished a beautiful flower arrangement of red roses for the head table.

Also in the lobby was a display, a collage of pictures of earlier events of the lodge. Along with this, was our original charter and the membership book from the earlier years.

At 7:00 p.m., after everyone had cocktails, the doors opened into the big dining room, and all the guests, nearly 300, went in and took their places at the tables. The tables were all beautifully decorated with tulips, carnations, daisies, etc., by Edith Andersen, a member of the Danish Brotherhood, and its treasurer. Thanks a million, Edith!

Olaf Langsted bid the gathering welcome with his usual gallow-humor.



Danish Consul Martin Metzen congratulates our lodge during our 100th anniversary.

At the head table were the following guests: Northwest District President Floyd West with his wife Viola from Junction City, Oregon; National Secretary-Treasurer Jerome Christensen who brought greetings from the Home Office; Lodge President Gerald Jensen with his wife Ruth; our Danish Consul Martin Metzen and his wife Ruth; and Danish Sisterhood Evergreen Lodge No. 40 President Norma Jean Ruttan with her escort. Norma presented the lodge

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The best idea for June goes to Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa. See page 17.

with a beautiful gavel with engraved gold band. Our National President, Clyde Langsted, also set at the head table along with Olaf Langsted with his wife Beatrice. Clyde is also our lodge secretary.

There were letters of congratulations from President Ronald Reagan, our Washington State Governor Booth Gardner, and City of Seattle Mayor Charles Royer.

Speeches and greetings were given by many individuals and Danish and English songs were sung throughout the evening. We had guests from Ohio, Nebraska, Oregon, and Canada.

In the months before our anniversary, raffle tickets were sold to subsidize the cost of the festivities and nearly 3,000 tickets were sold. The drawing was held here at the feast and some lucky people won: (1) a trip for two to Denmark, (2) a trip for two to Reno, and five other people each won a \$100 bond. After the program, there was music for dancing from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. So now we turn the page and begin another 100 years.

On Sunday, June 5, the Danish Choir from Vancouver, B.C., will present a Constitution Day (Grundlov's Dag) Concert at the Nordic Heritage Museum. The Happy Danish Singers will join with the Danish Room Committee to sponsor the evening with proceeds to benefit the Danish Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — We were filled to capacity for Fastelavns. Everyone had a good time and good food came from our kitchen. Myrna Rieck's granddaughter was Cat Queen.

In March we had a Hawaiian program that really got us "shaking." We gained a new member, Rudy Nelson, and Harry Krogh transferred from Wisconsin. That's a great party.

In April, J.C. Rieck entertained us on the piano and his jokes had us all laughing. We celebrated Fred and Esther Madsen's

golden wedding anniversary with a beautiful cake and sang Happy Birthday to Einer Bruhn and Jens Holm even though Jens was in the hospital. We wish him well.

Our ladies are busy sewing wind socks and other items for the bazaar in November. Thanks to their busy fingers and money making efforts, repairs to the hall are in sight.

We are mourning the passing of Brother Jack Oakley. **Howard Abbott, Pres.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The April 8 meeting began with a moment of silence after draping the charter in memory of Jens Gimbel, Honorary Consul of Denmark in Oregon and fellow Brotherhood member. Helene Hirsch fondly remembered Jens with some nice comments about him.

Cathy Bjork reported the Scandinavian Bowling Tournament had 16 teams with four of them Danish. The Young Vikings did especially well and Cathy will work on having kids' teams from other lodges next year. Mag Esrom reported the Enumclaw Northwest District Tournament had a good turnout and he took first place. Mag has wine and whiskey from the Canadians for the convention in Eugene. Unfortunately, both events were on the same day.

Don Bogh reported on Folkfest's International potluck dinner with good attendance and entertainment. Our own Norm Powell performed with his trio.

Tami Hansen reported on the National Convention and said she received a button machine. She would like ideas for buttons. There will be a logo contest and letters to other lodges will go out soon. The Jantzen Beach Red Lion will likely be the site.

The Folkfest is to be held on July 17 and the Folkfest group will march in the Starlight Parade on June 4. Since Folkfest doesn't want us to only sell beer, we need to discuss this at the next meeting.

Mel Pihl said the Portland Americanization Council has existed for 66 years and holds a celebration for new citizens on Washington's birthday each year. Usually 600 to 1,000 persons attend, each a new citizen, and each are given an American flag. Most ethnic groups donate money

to fund this by paying \$10 a year to join and \$15 a year for dues to membership. We would have a representative attend the meetings. The lodge voted to pay the dues and join.

Mel also reported the money (\$250) we donated to PSU for Danish books was appreciated. The members of our lodge will be able to check out books through the Multnomah County Library, with a library card. It takes a few days to get the books after a request is made. The American-Danish Chamber of Commerce is not going to donate at this time. Anyone else wanting to contribute further to this purchase can contact Inger Olsen, Longview, Washington, or Mel Pihl.

Asbjorn Fisker thanked Grete Kasch for the nice article on Jens Gimbel that was in the last newsletter. Karlene Thorkildsen mentioned that we make a motion to send \$100 to the St. Vincent Cancer Unit in memory of Jens Gimbel. It was approved by the lodge.

The Scanfair date has been changed to November 18.

A telegram was sent to Seattle Lodge No. 29 on April 9 to congratulate them on their 100 year anniversary.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Danish National Anthem.

Debbie Turner, Cor.

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

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our March meeting there were 61 Brothers

present. At this meeting, we installed a new Brother; his name is Henning Jensen. That brought our total to 62 Brothers present.

During the meeting, we elected our new Sports Committee. The committee consists of Keld Christensen, Herluf Pedersen, Peter Praegel, Jorgen Larsen, Claus Larsen, Kurt Baarts, Tommy Johansen, and Conny Winter.

Also during the meeting, we elected our delegates to the Pacific Northwest District Convention. They are as follows: Elith Marcussen, Herluf Pedersen, and Peter Praegel. The alternates are Peter Jensen and Karl Kristensen.

A motion was made by Villy Andersen and seconded by Gary Elmberg that the Brotherhood pay \$100 in dues to the Federation of Danish Clubs in Canada.

The Gold Pot, in the amount of \$26.50 was won by Svend Pedersen. After the meeting, we all enjoyed open-faced sandwiches, beer and snaps. Everyone had a good time.

Again this year there will be a bus trip to Reno sponsored by our lodge. Your tour guide will be Herluf Pedersen. Herluf has informed us that the bus will be leaving Vancouver on Saturday, October 8, 1988. For those of you who need to make arrangements for holidays, now is the time. For more information, contact Herluf.

There were 53 present at the April meeting. Jens Peder Vestergaard reported from the Fest Committee that the statement from last year is finished and brought in

\$1,550 for the past two years. Jens also reported that his Committee for the upcoming year consists of Kalle Moser, Herluf Pedersen, and Per Hansen. A report was given by Keld Christensen from the Sports Committee regarding the Young Soccer Team Over 30 would be starting shortly for the summer season, the Over 40 Team started in May. We are still looking for some young players to participate in the International Tournament between teams from the U.S. and Canada, taking place in Seattle on August 13.

The Annual Chinese Dragon Boat Race will be held on the weekend of June 11-12 at the East Wharf. If anyone wishes to be a part of our team, please contact Herluf Pedersen. We hope that those who are not participating will come out and cheer us all on.

Our Over 40 winter soccer league held a Trophy Night for players and their wives and the sponsors. The winners were selected by the team players. The trophies were given to the following: Most Valuable Player, Fin Sorensen; Most Improved Player, Jorgen Schroder; and Sportsmanship Award, Keld Christensen. We all enjoyed the sandwiches which were made by Bente Pedersen. Thank you Bente. Good luck in the upcoming season.

Seventy people from the Pacific Northwest District attended our yearly bowling tournament in Enumclaw, Washington. The Sisterhood Lodge No. 179 won with the team "Pussy Willows." We also won the team "Court Jester." That team consisted

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
3-27-88	Walter M. Rissman	74	Hinckley, Illinois	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1961
3-29-88	Christrian P. Jorgensen	90	Ringsted, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1925
3-30-88	Alvin Andersen	71	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1938
1-28-88	Hans A. Lorentzen	85	Utterslev, Denmark	164	New York City, New York	1927
4-14-88	Erik Ostergaard	52	Tøndering, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1961
12-7-87	Agner Pedersen	80	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1930
3-20-88	Jens H. Jonasen	68	Randers, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1951
4-15-88	Sven Stribolt	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1942
4-3-88	Erik B. Mikkelsen	63	Hjørring, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1962
12-31-87	Harriet A. Tobin	72	Huron, South Dakota	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1980
3-31-88	Jack D. Oakley	75	Norfolk, Virginia	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1968
11-17-87	Harvey J. Hansen	80	Chicago, Illinois	325	Nassau County, New York	1940
4-13-88	John R. Madison	56	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1982
12-31-87	Kurt E. Lindahl	86	Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1945
12-31-87	Charles O. Taus	78	Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1946
12-31-87	Adrian G. P. Dalleris	85	Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1954
12-31-87	Hans J. Jensen	90	Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1965
7-1-87	Rigmor K. A. Nielsen	89	Denmark	348	Eugene, Oregon	1982
3-28-88	Clarence N. Johnson	85	Waupaca County, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1976
2-29-88	Berger E. Nielsen	70	Denmark	346	Riverside, California	1978
2-2-88	Poul S. Conrad	61	Fredericia, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1966
4-14-88	Alfred S. Christensen	65	Oudrup, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1954
4-26-88	Jorgen Hoy	68	Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1948
4-25-88	James O. Chandler	73	Bloomfield, California	143	Petaluma, California	1975
4-17-88	Phyllis L. Anderson	61	Farmington, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1980

of Borge Eskesen (captain), Henning Jensen, Hans Jensen, Hans Vestergaard, and Villy Andersen.

The high scorers for the tournament were both from Vancouver. For the ladies it was Tulle Marcussen with 182; for the men it was Villy Andersen with a score of 198.

That evening we attended a dinner/dance. We all had a wonderful time. Next year, the Pacific-Northwest District Bowling Tournament will be sponsored by Seattle Lodge No. 29.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — President Peter Jensen called the March 10 meeting to order with approximately 40 members present. Four members were initiated: Susan and Daniel Applegate, Dan Staats and Christine Larsen. Welcome to Lodge No. 348!



Peter Jensen welcomes his wife Susan and son David to our lodge.

A birth announcement from Mary and Scott Stefansen was read thanking the lodge for the flowers and balloons. A letter from Howard Rasmussen of Lodge No. 92 in Illinois was read which requested any information on renting a cabin at the Oregon coast for about a week. Mary Stefansen responded to their letter and gave them some names and phone numbers of people to contact. They also wrote they are considering retiring to Oregon and perhaps joining our lodge.

There was discussion on whether anyone would be interested in starting a conversational Danish class before the regular monthly meetings or the possibility of starting a beginner or intermediate formal Danish class. There was a sign-up sheet for people interested.

Carl Lynge reported that he contacted the Festival Committee regarding the possibility of renting a booth for the Scandinavian Festival. There was a booth avail-

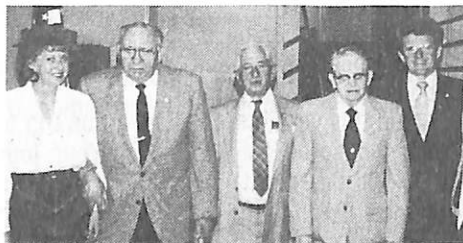
able for \$100. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Please bring to the next meeting one or two cans of fruit juice. The Food for Lane County people suggest cans because many volunteers handle our donations in preparing food boxes and bottles are more likely to get broken.

Susie Pedersen, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA — On Sunday, April 17, we had a special luncheon at noon in our meeting place. During the luncheon, the President of our lodge, Cecil Hedrick, presented 50-year membership pins to Melvin Oredsen and Henry Pedersen and a 25-year pin to Peter Caroe.



President Cecil Hedrick along with National Director Ebba Norby congratulate long service members.

Fifty Brothers, Sisters and guests were present at the luncheon, which was enjoyed by all. Meetings were held after the luncheon.

Don't forget to come to the meeting on June 24 and mark your calendar for the potluck supper on July 22.

Aage Lundquist

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The Fish Dinner and Bingo was a great success with a full house. The dinner was excellent and the bingo and prizes were really great. We have our Vice President, Upton Hansen, and his committee to thank for such a super March social. We would also like to thank our President, Karl Duus, for his supervision and for the time and the work he put into this evening. Our sincere thanks go to Karl Duus' wife, Louise, and their lovely daughter, Dianne. Louise was responsible for making up the big Easter basket won by Roy Christoffersen and the large fruit basket won by Hal Mathiasen. Daughter Dianne made up all the rest of the baskets used as prizes for bingo. It takes a lot of time and effort by many people to make an evening such as this a huge success. Again, our thanks to all of you. This is the annual Fish Dinner that hosts the "Freebees." Any member who had attended eight out of the twelve meetings

the previous year got a free dinner.

We had a good meeting in April with a good attendance and much accomplished. If there are any members who are interested in bowling for a score to be turned into the District Convention, call Hal Mathiasen. He is in charge of all arrangements.

The "Sing-Along" for the April social was a very refreshing change. When our President Karl said he had a surprise for us, it was just that. A sing-along had never been tried before and much to our surprise, some 50 people had joined us and not all of them were members of the Brotherhood, either. Under the musical leadership of Helen and Winstrup Olesen, everyone joined in and had a great time, singing both Danish and English songs. Thank you, Helen and Winstrup, for helping us during the evening and hope you can do it again. It was so enjoyable. And thank you, Karl, for the excellent suggestion.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Bent Olsen opened the April 13 meeting which was informal. A very good typical Danish dinner "Medisterpølse" with potatoes and red cabbage was provided by Jack Larsen and crew.

Steen Weber accepted to represent the Danish Brotherhood at the meetings of the Santa Ynez Valley Coordinating Council. It was decided to support Lisa Kunkel as a candidate for the 4th of July Queen contest.

Johannes Jaeger will be in charge of the barbecue planned for June 5 this year. The Rebild Society will contribute \$200 and put on a program.

Johannes Jaeger also donated flagpoles to the Danish Museum in Solvang in the hopes that the Brotherhood will donate a Danish flag.

Entertainment was provided by Max Hanberg, who presented a video tape on automobile racing — an endless destruction of automobiles, but with unbelievable few loss of lives!

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Following is an update on the plans for the upcoming convention to be held in San Diego, California on July 28-30. Thursday night you will enjoy meeting some of San Diego's own dignitaries as well as introductions of officers in our district and national level. We will have an evening of folk dancing with children of all ages and at 9:00 p.m. will be serving some light snacks. This should be a wonderful way to start off this year's convention with some Danish cultural activities.

Friday night's activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with no-host cocktails and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. This evening we would like to encourage all of you to dress to fit the theme which is "Beachcomber Night." In other words, go through your closets and find the greatest outfit you might have ever worn to a picnic on the beach and we should have a great time. We will be dancing to the sounds of "The Connection." They will provide an array of music to fit with our theme, as well as catering to all generations. Most of us in San Diego learned how to do the polka and waltz to this band over the last ten years and we are sure you will enjoy them as much as we have.

Saturday night will open at 6:00 p.m. with no-host cocktails and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. This evening our theme of "By-The-Sea" will be in force and we would like everyone to dress semi-formal to formal for this occasion. We will be introducing the new officers of our great district and of course the big winners of the golf tournament. Our raffle will also take place on this evening. Any of you wishing to purchase tickets, please check with your officers. We will appreciate your support. The music will begin at 8:00 p.m. with introduction etc. during each band break. Once again, the music will be per-

formed live by "The Connection" and will play until 1:00 a.m. for your dancing pleasure.

The children are certainly going to have a wonderful time here in San Diego. Friday we will start them off with a trip to the world famous "San Diego Zoo." They will be departing around 8:30 a.m. and for the sum of \$12.00, they will have the following: roundtrip transportation, entrance to the zoo, a guided bus tour, a ride on the Skyfari, lunch, and then entrance to the Children's Petting Zoo.

Saturday they will have a picnic at Presidio Park and again will be on the road by 8:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. to prepare for installation. For those of you who have children not interested in attending the installation, we will have a trained attendant at the pool side to supervise water activities. Saturday night they will have pizza and games in the hotel.

Gail Perkins, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At our last meeting, held April 14 at the John Kristensen's home, the following were elected to represent our lodge at the California-Nevada District Convention: delegates, Richard Rowse and John Kristensen; alternates, Helene Kristensen and Inger Dix. The convention will be held July 28-30,

hosted by Lodge No. 306 in San Diego.

The Naver Club will be having a picnic on the third Sunday of every month through the summer, and we have been asked to join them. Everyone is to bring their own picnic lunch.

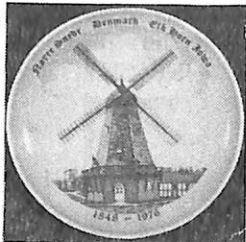
PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — We were happy to have so many with us at the April 9 meeting. We enjoyed a fun evening of bingo. We want to thank the committee headed by Jim Dwyer for a well planned evening. The desserts served were plentiful and delicious.

The business meeting was called to order by President Gary Gossett. The usual opening was observed. Visitors for the evening were introduced: Norm and June Jessen. We were happy to have the Jessens with us again. Gary did a fine job with the first initiation of his term and it was a nice touch that his parents were two of those initiated. Bob and Maxine Gossett and Harold Bastrup were initiated. We will put these nice people on committees so they can get right into the action of the lodge. Welcome new members!

By action from the floor, it was agreed to send in another year's membership to "Our Saviors Historical Society." Cor-

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President Gary Gossett welcomes new members Bob and Maxine Gossett (his parents) and Harold Bastrup.

response read came from several different sources but one we enjoyed especially was a note written from Gertrude Nielsen thanking the membership for instituting the Spencer Nielsen Award. Part of the note said "Spencer would have enjoyed the award in his name so much, and if you listen, you will hear his laughter." Indeed, we listened and we heard his hearty laughter.

We want to give a special thanks to Kaj Bjorn for creating a beautiful hand lettered certificate of congratulations to Robert Ibsen on his knighthood. This certificate was signed by the current officers and was sent to Bob.



Congratulations to Jamey Gossett for winning second place in the DBIA National Photo Contest.

Jamey Gossett was so happy when he was presented with a certificate and a check for \$25.00 from the National Headquarters for being a winner in the national photo contest. He came in second in the

Payment to Board Members

APRIL 1988

Semi-annual Spring Board Meeting expense: Clyde R. Langsted, \$557.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$488.00; Erling C. Braumann, \$528.00; Paul Carlsen, \$498.00; Barry F. Edmonds, \$588.00; Ebba L. Norby, \$548.00; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$376.10; Robert E. Ibsen, \$537.00.

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$244.00.

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youth division. Congratulations Jamey!

Nominations and elections of delegates and alternates for the 1988 California-Nevada District Convention resulted in the following: delegates - Gary Gossett, Gerry Olsen, and Howard Kjellsen; and alternates - Ken Olsen, Jim Dwyer, and Soren Christensen. The meeting was closed. Refreshments were served and then bingo began.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Thank you to all 40 members and guests we hadn't seen in a while for your great sportsmanship in attending our April Fool's Mystery Dinner. Everyone got into the feeling of the night, even the weather fooled us. We had expected it to be hot and it was cool and overcast, but we kept warm by our wood burning "Puffs" and Nancy's fools punch.

A lot of foolish people came. We had a witch, a big baby, a very pregnant lady with her own doctor in attendance, cowboys and gals, a fisherwoman, a flasher and a variety of really tacky dressers. Sexy "Wacko" (Bill Jones), "Daffy" (Jens Andersen), and "Nuts" (Hank Loveday) were super topless waiters, but "Krazy" (Ken Nielsen) needs more practice! He let his table keep their silverware (if they had any).

The cooks and the kitchen help were the following: Carolyn Lindberg, Marty and Anelis Andersen, Norma Loveday, Kaja Del Grippo, Nancy Nielsen, Vikkie Garrison, Richard Perez, and Sue Patterson. Bill Jones' Uncle Glenn won a lovely clock donated by Bill and Kaja Del Grippo and Monica Christensen won a camera donated by Carolyn Lindberg. Our Kings and Queens of Fools won foolish prizes (what else) — toilet paper, Alka-Seltzer, dead flowers and a box of rocks and snails. A big thank you to all who participated so good-naturally with this crazy party and a very big thanks to the Lovedays for opening up their home to us and of course to Nancy Nielsen for the idea and the coordination of this once in a lifetime mystery dinner.

Sue Patterson, Pres.

COLORADO

Lodge #43, Denver, CO — We met April 11 at the Eastern Star Hall. A splendid authentic Danish dinner was served that consisted of Flaeskesteg Med Rødkal, Og Brune Kartofler and all the trimmings, topped off with Aebleskage. Thank you to the fine cooks at the Eastern Star who prepared the dinner under the supervision of Svend Pedersen. Tak for mad Svend.

Flowers, candles, red and white tablecloths and Danish flags dressed the tables so beautifully, thanks to Maria Nielsen who

always does something special for our meetings. Thank you Maria and Svend for a great evening.

Following our dinner we held a short meeting and welcomed our guests. We had over 40 members and guests in attendance.

Several of our members brought photographs of their homes in Denmark, pieces of china, old maps, history books and lots of conversation about Denmark.



Mrs. Jacobsen provided us with a look back through time.

We were taken back in time to the stone age thanks to Miller Jacobsen who brought tools and weapons that were discovered on his family's farm in Denmark, his wife was dressed in a "National Dragt" and adorned with amber jewelry that was just beautiful.

A very festive and educational evening was had by all.

Susan Jensen, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — At a recent Board meeting, it was suggested we allow no more than 45 minutes for the business part of our monthly meetings, so that members will know exactly when the social program starts. We will therefore attempt to start the social program at 8:15 p.m. at future meetings. Exceptions will be made if and when additional time is required such as for installation of officers. The business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. as usual.

Thanks to all who helped make the annual banquet an enjoyable event. Sixty-nine members and friends took advantage of an evening of fun, a home-cooked meal and dance — all for \$8.50.

The Ethnic Spirit Award was presented to Armand and Eloise Thomsen as members of the Scandinavian Folk Dance group at the Ethnic Festival held at the Civic Center. The emcee congratulated Armand on his 80th birthday and his brother, visiting from Denmark, was introduced to the audience. Our congratulations to Armand and Eloise. Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Past President Palle initiated the following nine members at our March meeting: Alvan and Connie Andersen, Vivienne McDonald, Edith Grabe, Jodina, Merritt and Dwight Nelson, Benjamin Holstein and Kristin Nielsen. Congratulations to each of you. We are very happy to have you as our members.

Discussion was brought up regarding our participation in "Gateway to the West" Days in June. We are in need of ideas for entry of a float. We will also be planning a fund raiser bake sale and serve Danish coffee cake and coffee at the Eagles Hall on Saturday of the above days.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — We met at Harriet's Danish in Dannebrog on Monday evening, April 11. We enjoyed an aebleskiver supper. Entertainment was a video tape of "Portrait of America" about Nebraska. Part of it featured Dannebrog with Harriet Nielsen a main character.

At a short business meeting we approved four applications for membership. We were fortunate to have guests from both eastern and western Nebraska. Andy Andersen from Omaha said a few words. Faye Benson from Crawford, who has been a member of our lodge since 1979, said she was glad to finally be able to attend a meeting. Forrest Nielsen invited us to attend Grundlovs Fest in Dannebrog on June 4 and 5.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — We celebrated our 96th anniversary in April. A unique treat was provided by members who prepared a special menu for the event. Ruth Larsen provided the turkey and the Danes of the North, Lise Andersen, Olga Hansen, Birthe Hansen and Edith Nielsen, brought the rest.



We welcomed National Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Christensen and his wife Jenny and new members Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riggs.

Jerry Christensen from the National Headquarters and his wife, Jenny, were our special guests. Jerry's music and singing as well as the "down home" humor kept the audience asking for more. Thanks to both of you, Jerry and Jenny, for

being with us on this special event! The lodge is already planning for the 100th.

Erik and Lise Andersen were celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary this month. Congratulations! New members, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riggs were welcomed into the lodge and other new member applications were processed. We will begin making plans for the 1988 Ethnic Enrichment Festival soon. This annual event provides festival-goers with a taste of Danish culture and provides funding for the many charitable causes supported by the lodge.

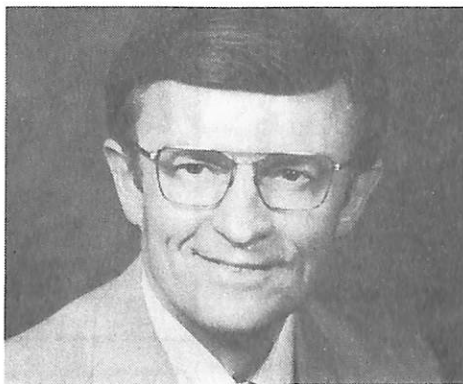
Lodge members were brought up to date on the Danish Immigrant Museum and advised about the Board meeting to be held in Kansas City on June 25-26, 1988.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — Vannard Christiansen, our oldest Brotherhood member, died February 24 at the age of 89. During our last meeting, we had a time of silence remembering our friend.

The "Danish" St. Patrick's Day celebration with green beer, chips, dips, popcorn, etc., was very successful. The committee members, Jane Gillaspay, Liz Ibsen, Howard Hansen, Margaret Gee, Svend and Ely Christensen, and Guy and Marguerite Lary, planned a great evening. We played fun games of bingo. Everyone brought a prize and everyone went home with a prize. It was great to see many of our members attending, old and new.



Congratulations to newly initiated member, Richard Jorgensen.



Welcome new members Richard and Marilyn Kramme.

We welcome Richard Jorgensen who was initiated as a new member. There were a number of guests including Al and Francis Miller from Ventura, Iowa, who are members of the Clear Lake lodge.

I failed to mention in the last news note Paul Steffensen gave a very interesting talk at our Fastelavns party about the history of Fastelavns in Denmark. We all enjoyed that very much.

Our new board has named the following chairpersons for the year 1988: Program - Liz Ibsen; Newsletter - Jane Gillaspay and Goldie Sorensen; Youth Programs - Paul Steffensen; Building - Svend Christensen; Membership - Clark Rasmussen; Community Affairs - Ed Harris; and Transportation - Jim Breining.

At our April meeting Clark Rasmussen, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported on the plans to make a concentrated effort to attract new membership to the lodge. A goal of 25 additional members has been set. Elizabeth Ibsen reported that the Program Committee had completed the plans for programs and activities for 1988.

The highlight of the April meeting was a talk by Lotte Møer, a foreign exchange student from Billund/Legoland, Denmark. She had been at Valley High School this past year, and she gave an interesting report of her impressions and experiences in this country. She is a very personable young lady who fielded dozens of questions with humor and self-assurance. We wish her the best as she returns to her home in Denmark.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Wilber J. Williamson

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Everyone is invited to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood on September 3-5, 1988. It will be held at the Albert Lea Inn, 2301 E. Main Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota. The registration form on page 7 of this issue of the American Dane is to be completed and submitted to the Albert Lea Inn before the August 15 deadline. The banquet and dance will be held Sunday evening, September 4, at 6:30 p.m. If you can not attend the convention, try to come and enjoy the fellowship of the dinner and dance.

Soren Sorensen, 97, a resident of Albert Lea's Senior Towers, has been selected as the entry of the Albert Lea-Austin Life Underwriters Association in the statewide search for the oldest living insurance policyholder. Mr. Sorensen has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood since 1913.

The search for the oldest living policyholder is part of the observance of Life

Insurance Week. Albert Lea Mayor, Harlan Nelson, also a member of our lodge, presented Soren a copy of the proclamation he later signed for Life Insurance Week.

Gracè Tomson, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — We had another good meeting with lots of Danishness and enthused members on April 4. We read the biography of Hans Christian Andersen to the group and then played a Wendy Craig tape of "The Ugly Duckling." Then we showed the rental slides from the National Headquarters entitled "Food, Fun and Fairytales." There were many comments expressing pleasure with it all. Those are good slides and tapes!

We tried another "Name It" contest before the meeting started. People come in now and look for the evening's activities. We have noticed we don't have latecomers much anymore.

Our lodge and area Svenska Club members shared in a Scandinavian Smorgasbord as guests of the Sons of Norway Club. Fourteen members and guests of our lodge shared the potluck and fellowship on March 8 at the St. Oluf Lutheran Church ALC in Fort Dodge, to create a combined attendance of more than 125 people.

Mr. Dean Olson, Sons of Norway President, hosted the evening's program in which foreign exchange students from Norway and Sweden were introduced. They told of their parental homes and their American homes for this school year.

Mr. Skip Christensen of Humboldt presented a slide program that he had photographed in Russia in May of 1987. He showed artifacts and scenes of Leningrad and Moscow. Our lodge commends Mr. Christensen on the clear photography and interesting artifacts. Thank you, Skip!

Lodge #341, Kimballton—Elk Horn, IA — We held a soup, sandwich and dessert supper April 25 at the Elk Horn Town Hall. Eighty-five people attended.

Maria Petersen, Staci Sorensen, and Dwight White entertained with their school contest speeches. President Ray Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance before the business meeting.

We voted to accept Ross Mardesen of Elk

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Horn and Ruby Jensen of Watsonville, California, as new members. Initiated new members were Viola Sanders, John Christensen, John and Kathy Leistad, and Roland and Martha Eskov. Welcome to all.

Verdie Christensen, Cor.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — It was a real pleasure to see so many members at our last meeting. It is our hope that many of you will return to our meetings to make them more interesting and informative. We have so many important issues coming up that concerns us all, such as becoming a family lodge and revising our dues structure. We would like to see even more members come to our next meeting and let us know your feelings. We hope that by working together, we will again have the best lodge anywhere. After meetings we always have something good to eat, with liquid refreshments, both are usually great. We have so many wonderful members in our lodge and it is nice to get together with everybody.

There will be no meeting in July or August so don't forget our annual picnic with the Sisterhood Lodge at Pritchard Park on August 10. We are also hosting the Midwest District Golf Outing at Bristol Oaks

Country Club on July 16. Please sign up a golf team with John Mollerskov or Ken Janssen. There will also be an excellent meal at Kilbourn Gardens Eatery following golf.

We would like to thank Erik Raahauge and his wife, Edna for the wonderful platter of Danish open faced sandwiches they prepared for our April meeting. They were great!
Glenn P. Nyboe, Pres.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — On April 19, 21 members from our lodge attended the Midwest District Bowling Outing at Addison, Illinois, sponsored by Lodge No. 340 who did an excellent job of hosting this event. A good time was had by all.

On March 27, a beer bust was held at the lodge with all proceeds going to the youth fund. Todd Bernhardt and our ball players handled this event and they thank all who came and supported them. Come out and cheer our team on and then come back to the Rathskeller after the game on Friday nights.

On March 30 we had our semi-annual men's Smoker Night which was once again highly successful. This is a good money maker for the lodge. The only comment the committee would like to make is if more of our own membership would participate, it

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
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Glen D. Hollister	14	Kenosha, WI	James Gleason
Sven K. Ljaamo	33	Tacoma, WA	Villy Laursen
Anthony Tredon	35	Chicago, IL	Charles Jespersen
Margaret V. Tredon	35	Chicago, IL	Charles Jespersen
Gary L. Bauer	51	Ludington, MI	Richard Samuels
Jose (Jens) P. Andersen	67	Fresno, CA	Howard Petersen
Harlan M. Nelson	75	Albert Lea, MN	Alton Neve
Beverly J. Nelson	75	Albert Lea, MN	Alton Neve
Ramona M. Engelbrecht	121	Tyler, MN	Russell & Leona Jensen
Marion F. Buchholz	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Edgar VanRosen	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Ruth M. Christensen	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Merle Thomsen	211	Grand Island, NE	Harlan Petersen
Delores K. Ritz	211	Grand Island, NE	Vera Petersen
Seth B. Boring	225	Canton, OH	Vern Christensen
Lyda M. Nelson	273	Dillon, MT	Harry Abernethy
Virginia A. Miller	273	Dillon, MT	Thomas Pedersen
Betty A. Madsen	273	Dillon, MT	Clifford Bay
Nola R. Andersen	273	Dillon, MT	Andrew Andersen
Frej H. Lundgren	314	Hartford, CT	Waldo Elliott
Ruby A. Jensen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Harold Jensen
Ross H. Mardesen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Ray Johnson

could be twice as successful. The next one will be Thursday, October 27. Please try to be there. Thanks to the great committee — chairman Louis Mellone, Harve Cecil, Mat Young, Rick Wade, Todd, Jeff and Rudy Bernhardt, Jack Sorensen, Gordon Andersen, Harry Brookhouse, Lloyd Tritt, and Bob Ibsen.

Our heartiest congratulations to Ronald C. Jensen who was recently elected President of the Board of Directors for the Danish Home in Racine.

Upcoming events include the Midwest District Trap Shoot on June 18 in Dwight, the annual Milwaukee Brewer baseball bus trip on July 2, and the Midwest District Golf Tournament on July 16.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — We entered 14 teams at the Midwest District Bowling Tournament on April 9 in Addison. Thirty-five teams were entered from the District and we fared very well bringing home 8 first places. What a fun event! Thanks to Bud and Margaret Goodwin for lining up the teams.

The Midwest District Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, July 16 at the Bristol Oaks Country Club hosted by Lodge No. 4 in Racine, WI.

Congratulations to Rick Sullivan who

was nominated by our lodge for the Howard E. Christensen award and who was presented a certificate from the National Headquarters by our President, Keith Telford.

We will host the Midwest Trap Shoot on June 18 with Virgil Hozlhauer as the coordinator. Plan to attend.

Margaret Goodwin, Cor.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST NEWSLETTER**

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — There were at least 150 people taking advantage of the delicious Medisterpølse dinner served last month. Al and Herta Iversen, Grethe and Henry Jepsen, and Wanda and Ray Nielsen made the 85 pounds of sausage and stuffed it under the able direction of Al who supplied the recipe. Boiled potatoes, red cabbage, mixed vegetables, salad, gravy, apple or lemon tarts accompanied the pølse, and everything was excellent. Thanks to all who worked so hard to put this together. A great job!

After everyone was filled to the brim, Mark Nussle led in folk dances and round dances. His mother, Thyra, played the piano and it was great fun. Thanks to Mark, Lori and Thyra for supplying the great entertainment.

Best of all, the evening brought in a profit of \$694 for the Scholarship Com-

mittee. Thanks to all who came!

Those who attended the annual Midwest District Bowling event sponsored by Wood Dale, Lodge No. 340 had a great time. Besides having fun, we even had some winners. There were 32 teams bowling. The dinner that evening was delicious and we thank the Wood Dale Lodge for all their effort in making it such a nice occasion for everyone.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We congratulate our member, Joel W. Wickert, Jr., who was awarded a scholarship by our National Board of Directors.

A congratulatory letter was sent to Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA expressing our best wishes as they celebrated their 100th anniversary on April 9.

Plans go forward for our lodge's 1989 Centennial celebration. Part of that celebration will be our participation in Milwaukee's 1989 City of Festivals Parade.


The recognition luncheon honoring Robert E. Ibsen, Past National President, was held on Sunday, April 24 in Kenosha. Six of our members were indeed proud to witness Bob being presented The Order of Ridder of Dannebrog by Consul General Niels Julius Lassen, Royal Danish Consulate General, Chicago. National, Midwest District, and local lodge officers and mem-

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bers of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, as well as national, state and local dignitaries and friends, were also in attendance. Congratulations are extended to Bob who has worked hard promoting our Danish heritage. "Sir Robert" has a nice ring to it!

Plans are nearing completion for the first Nordic Council of Wisconsin-sponsored picnic to be held Saturday, June 18, on the Schwabenhof Grounds. Please mark this date on your calendar.

After adjourning our April 20 business meeting, our members attended the Swedish Linde Lodge No. 492 social meeting. All were entertained by musician/singer Mr. Par Sorman from Sweden. It was a "foot-tapping" experience. We thank them for their hospitality.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our monthly meeting was held on April 28 with a good attendance. It was announced that the Viking Ship float which we had used in previous Fourth of July parades is beyond repair for use this year. Members are asked to submit suggestions for the 1988 Fourth of July parade entry.

We were honored to have at our meeting the presence of Sonja Migge, an exchange student from Hamburg, Germany now attending Waupaca High School. Sonja gave a slide presentation of Hamburg, Germany. She told of the differences, likes and dislikes between the two school systems.

We are saddened by the death on March 28 of charter member, Clarence Johnson. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Dorothy and his family.

On April 25, friends and co-workers honored our member Fred Rasmussen with a retirement party at the Oakwood Villa. Fred, age 54, retired on April 30 after thirty-two years on the Waupaca City Police force. 30 years of which he served as Chief of Waupaca Police. We think Fred is the greatest of Danes and we are proud to have him as a member of our lodge. To Fred and his wife, Debbie; may every day hold for them something new and special.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — June is upon us and we're all looking forward to the upcoming golf tournament. Please return your reservation forms to Robert Jensen by June 11. Members wishing only to come to the steak dinner in the evening must either sign up at the bar or contact Robert Jensen by June 11.

On April 28 an old fashioned polka party was put on by Earl and Dorothy Jensen and Joe and Mary Sielski. We had a variety of

potluck dishes along with bratwurst and ham. DJ's for the evening were Eric Jensen and Jack Smith, Jr. The participation was tight but the spirit was strong and those that came enjoyed themselves.

Detroit will be hosting a Tiger baseball game on July 9. Please sign up at the bar.

We thank Bob Sorensen for finally giving up and allowing us to win back the bowling trophy. It looks great in our trophy case, Bob.

On these long summer nights approaching, stop on down at the hall and check into what events and activities the Brotherhood has to offer. **Robert Jensen, Cor.**

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Jim Crockett seems to be having a hard time getting members out to bowl this year. The turnout for the May 1st National Tournament was a disappointing 23 this year. Those who participated in the tournament had a good time and the mystery games were won by Otto Pedersen and Karl and Scott Larsen.

There will be a 50/50 raffle on June 22. Let's get behind this fund raiser and all do our part. If anybody out there has a better idea, we want to hear from you! The floor is open to suggestions on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

On a more positive note, we want to report that it is encouraging to see the fine attendance that our social nights are receiving.

July 9 is the date for the Michigan-Ohio Tiger baseball game. Paul Carlsen is the person to contact for tickets. On July 15, a Friday night Chesaning Michigan outing is planned. Jack Jensen is the contact person for this event. **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 — Our April meeting was well attended by about 20 members. We held a long overdue business meeting. One of the topics for discussion was our up and coming 100th anniversary. Paul Christensen will act as chairman, and Jackie Hansen, Vera Holmes, Barry Edmonds, Berit Mann, and Chris Simonsen are on the committee. Any other interested members willing to serve on the committee please contact Paul. Some of the things to decide will be where to hold it and who will cater the affair. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

At our June meeting we will play bingo. We have not done this in quite a while so it

should be fun. Remember to bring a few small gifts or food items that we can use as prizes.

On April 23 and 24 we participated in the rotary International Festival in Willimantic. The lodge made a small profit from the two day event, but more important is the fact that the Danish community was there. We met several people that were Danish and did not know of our lodge.

Special thanks to Berit Mann, Alicia Mann, Robert Edmonds, Winnie Edmonds, Jackie Hansen, Vera and John Holmes for helping out on those two days.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — Did you ever take a trip to Denmark in the summer? Did you venture outside Tivoli and Copenhagen? If you did, you found that within a short space of time you were out in the country, in the farmland, away from the hustling and bustling. Where time seems to have a difference pace and where tranquility makes itself known.

Such is the place in Edison, New Jersey, commonly known as the "Danish Home for the Aged" and where Thor Lodge No. 46 meets. Where the Danish and American flags fly side by side. Where they wave to one another, where they bend in the breeze together, whether gently or rough, though harmoniously, where the grass seems to be greener, where the trees seem to blossom more in appreciation of the surroundings, the area, the acres, the well kept facilities, where a brotherly love for one another is recognized, where respect for the aged and the frail is practiced, where charity is foremost, where American patriotism stands out, and where our Danish heritage is remembered.

The above is not a tall order of something unrealistic, but of something we would like to share with you.

Put the following events on your calendar for 1988 as a must: June 11 - 6 p.m. - outdoor meeting with wives of members invited; August 13 - 2:30 p.m. - potluck picnic, don't miss this one, let's see what you can dish out, join the fun, frolic and games; December 10 - Christmas party - Gladelig Jul - set in holiday mood by dancing to Danish and American melodies; and December 14 - election of officers, smorgasbord and coffee to follow.

At our picnic last year, we had visitors from Pennsylvania, South Jersey, New York and a great time was had by all. Join us. Make this your meeting place. Paa Gensyn. **Kenneth Nielsen, Sec.**

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — The June 8 meeting will be as usual with strawberry

shortcake. The strawberries are hand picked by Brother Chris Mogensen and his wife Carol. This is also a great treat and worth coming out for.

Congratulations to Brother Carl Ingeholm and August Swanholm who celebrated 50 years in the Danish Brotherhood on April 1.

On March 13, 1988, the convention for the Danish Home was held. In order for the home to operate without a loss, the delegates were asked to go back to their lodges and help members to become residents in the home. It would only take four new members to break even. Eric Brown promised to visit each lodge and explain the cost of the home.

An entertainment committee has been selected and consist of Don Heckmann, Helen Smedorf, Virginia and John Jensen. If anyone has any ideas please contact Don Heckmann.

At our April meeting we all enjoyed several games of bingo supplied by the Jensens. All the money taken in was given out.
Don Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — The lodge welcomes Soren Spring as a member. Soren transferred from Lodge No. 325. An engineer at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, he now lives with his wife Lori in Westville, New Jersey.
Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — We met on April 9 at the Senior Citizens Center in Lake Worth. Our much loved Secretary-Treasurer Carl Rasmussen fell and struck his head which resulted in a concussion that sent him to the hospital for five days. Since returning home, he has noticed that he can't remember anything and his hearing is worse. He walks with a limp. He confessed to all of us that he knew he should resign, but he didn't want to.

So Clarence Andersen, a kind understanding member suggested that we not have any meetings until November when our "snowbird" members will be back and Carl will have time to recover and decide what he wants to do. We all agreed that was a good policy.

We had a guest who thought he probably would be coming next fall when he comes back from Connecticut. His name is Otto Rytter of Lake Worth.

There were twelve present at our meeting. Bertha Hilts served delicious homemade apple cake and coffee.

We invite all readers to meet with us for our next meeting at the Senior Citizens Center in Lake Worth. That meeting will be at noon on November 12, 1988.

Gaye Mourtizen, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — At our meeting in April we had visitors from Denmark, Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Jensen. This was our Easter meeting with egg-rolling for the children and a parade of Easter bonnets with Kirsten Marie Witt declared as winner. Our Treasurer Hans Pedersen received a certificate of merit from the DBIA. Hans has been our lodge treasurer since 1941 and has seldom missed a meeting. "Nice piece of work" Hans.

Elna Jamison and Zytte Rohl spent hours in the kitchen to prepare a great spread of food. We thank them and their helpers for their great service.



Miss Witt spent many hours making her Easter bonnet and took home first place.



Our fearless leader, Elizabeth Pedersen, runs our meetings in style.

We would like to congratulate our first woman President, Elizabeth Pedersen, for doing such a great job. You would think she's been at the podium for years.

Niels Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — Applications for membership have been received from Vicki and Timothy Armstrong. Vicki is Bob Lindemann's daughter and we hope to

be able to initiate this couple soon.

The April meeting was devoted to a beef 'n' beer party. With plenty of beef drowned in beer, more than 60 people enjoyed a super evening with a lively disc jockey and door prizes.
Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Danish Club Being Formed

The Danish American Junior Club (USA Branch) is just getting started and we need the help of all Danes, Danish-Americans and Americans to spread the word to young people throughout the United States. The idea behind the club is to unify the Danish-American youth and to make them more aware of their Danish heritage. All Danish-Americans between the ages of 17 and 35 are eligible for membership.

As the Danish-American youth are spread out, a newsletter has been developed to encourage communication and education about the Danish heritage and that heritage at work in America.

For more information and a sample of the newsletter, contact Linda Steffensen, Danish Pioneer Newspaper, 1582 Glen Lake Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195, or call (312) 882-2552.

Grand View Elects New Trustees

Seven new members have been named to the Grand View College Board of Trustees. Selected at the group's February 23 meeting were the following: John Bachman, Reporter, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa; John P. Dorrian, Mayor of the City of Des Moines, Iowa; Theodore M. Hutchison, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, The Principal Financial Group, Des Moines, Iowa; Roland J. Jensen, President, Hartland Construction Company, Des Moines, Iowa; Michelle Parker, Reporter, KCCI-TV, Des Moines, Iowa; James E. Rasmussen, President, Jensen Construction Company, Des Moines, Iowa; and Denise Essman, Vice President, Essman/Associates, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.

Honorary Degree Candidate Dies

Olaf Wieghorst, internationally known artist of the Old West who was scheduled to receive an honorary doctor's degree from Dana College during the 1988 commencement ceremonies on campus in Blair, died at his home in California on April 27 — just three days before his 89th birthday.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Music is a large part of the Danish "livslyst" or "joy of living." Here, Jorgen meets the father of modern Danish music, Carl Nielsen. He lived from 1865 to 1931. He has not only one type of music associated with his name, but many. Next time, Jorgen has lunch, and enjoys another popular event which deals with music.

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.

May winners: Danielle Nielsen, Dane Schultz-Andersen, and Christina Del Grippo.

Grandma's Kitchen

by Dagmar Jensen



Grandma's Crescent Rolls (Smør Horn)

1/2 cup sugar	1/2 cup lukewarm milk
1/2 cup butter	2 pkgs. dry yeast dissolved
1 tsp. salt	in 1/4 cup lukewarm water
2 eggs	4 cups flour

Mix together sugar, butter, salt and eggs until smooth. Stir in milk, add dissolved yeast, and beat in flour using a wooden spoon. Scrape dough from sides of bowl and cover bowl with a damp cloth. Let rise until double in size. Shape as crescents (cut in pie shaped wedges and roll up starting with side end). Place on greased cookie sheet, cover and let rise again until double in size. Bake in preheated 425 degree oven for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Makes about 1 1/2 dozen rolls.

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Your Opinion is Needed

It has been suggested that the DBIA National Headquarters develop a directory which would contain names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBIA members who would be willing to house fellow DBIA members while on vacations, business trips, etc. Therefore, the following survey has been developed to determine the feasibility of such a directory. The results of this survey will be featured in a future issue of the American Dane.

1. Are you a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America?
 ___ Yes ___ No
2. Do you believe a directory such as proposed above would be utilized and considered a benefit of membership?
 ___ Yes ___ No
3. Would you be willing to open your home to DBIA members?
 ___ Yes ___ No

If you answered yes to number 3, please answer the following questions:

4. Would you expect payment for this service?
 ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, how much per night? \$_____

5. Do you feel a directory such as this should be made available to all members of the Danish Brotherhood in America or just to those listed in the directory?
 ___ all DBIA members ___ those listed in the directory only

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We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive *The American Dane* each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

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