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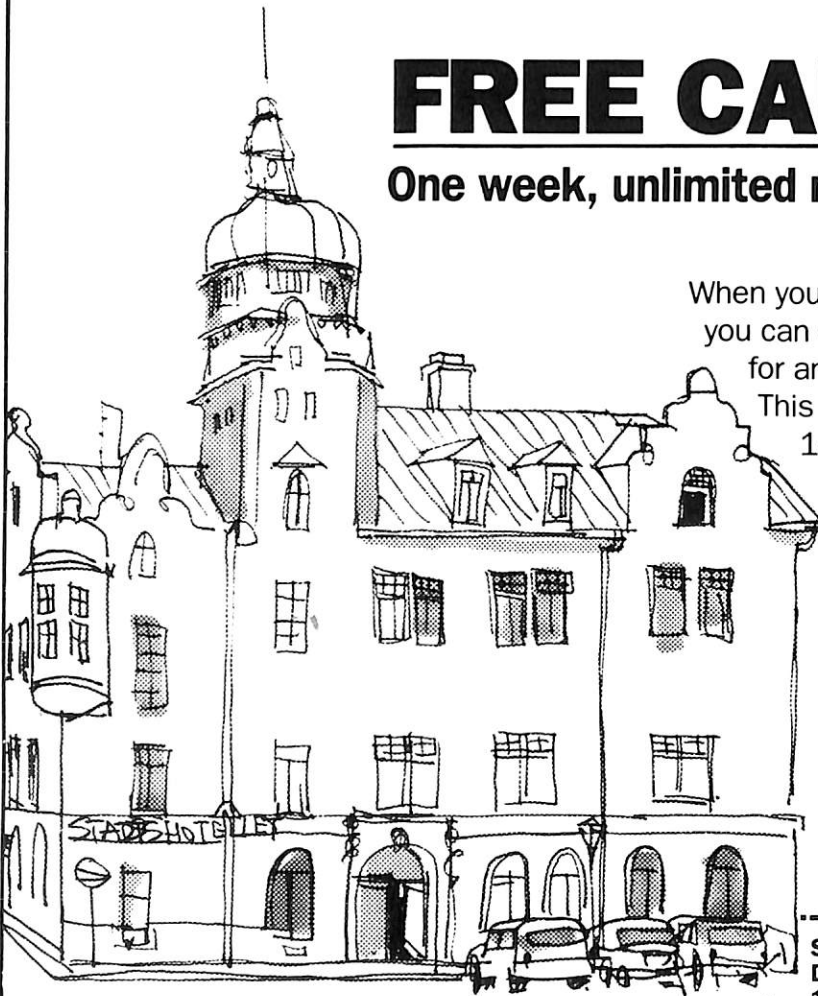


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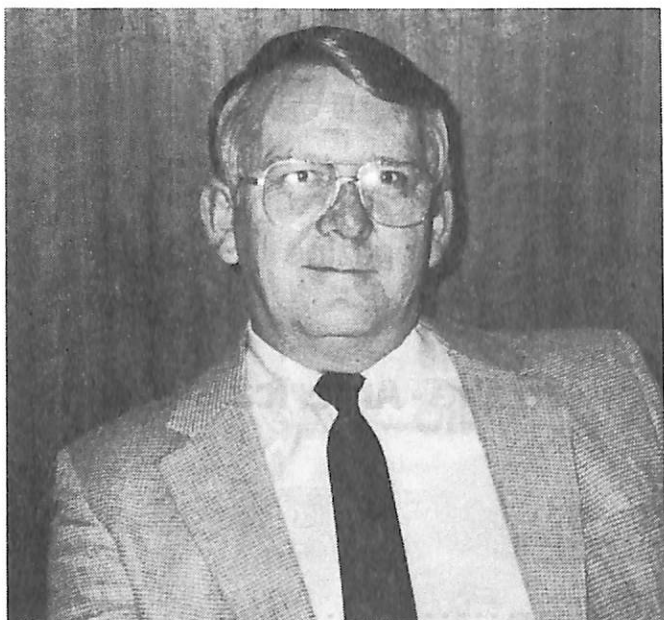
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# President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted**  
**National President**

We enter the month of the year which has a very significant meaning for the United States of America. We celebrate our independence from Great Britain and birth as a nation. When the National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America was held in Philadelphia, I had the pleasure of visiting a few of the historic sites that that great City holds for all Americans. After all, it was our first capitol. In particular I recall touching the Liberty Bell and visiting Independence Hall. These are places we often read about and sometimes we tend to take it all for granted. It is a part of our history and it is there for us. It was my first visit to these historic places and it is difficult to describe the feeling that one has in actually touching the Liberty Bell or standing in the hallowed spaces of Independence Hall, knowing what these things represented to all Americans over 200 years ago. It is an experience I will never forget and I am sure those who visit and those who live there share the same. I could imagine how those who saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time felt as they sailed into New York harbor from distant lands. There are many significant places to visit in the United States and even in Canada where events occurred that ultimately lead to the establishment of these great nations. To me, Philadelphia was something special because of what occurred there and the great Americans who lived there. I've always been a 'history buff' and my own children cannot understand why I place so much emphasis on learning about it. "After all," they say, "It happened so long ago." Someone in their school system is not making this subject exciting. That could be another page but sadly, one I must reluctantly stay away from.

Interestingly enough there is another place in this world of ours which acknowledges the American Independence and isn't it also interesting that such a place would be in Denmark? Why does that little country acknowledge this special date in American history by having the Rebild Fest? They do it because they appreciate what America has done and what America represents to the rest of the world. There has always been a strong bond between Denmark and the United States of America. In our modern world the Danes may be sticking their neck out in view of the attitude of less informed people of the world and that is sad. Although I have never had the privilege of attending the Rebild Fest I look with pride on this obscure place in the world for what they have done and for what they acknowledge. I have asked many people if they know of which country in the world, outside of the United States, which celebrates American Independence? Sadly, not too many are aware. That doesn't matter in my book. It is important for Danes, Danish Americans and their offspring to know within themselves what all of this means. I think they do. I also feel they will never lose sight of it. We are a unique 'brand of cat' as the saying goes. That we are!

As you celebrate the American Independence, take a moment to acknowledge how all of this came about and what it represents to all of us as a free people. We should think about it all year, not just the 4th of July. We are very fortunate.

I had recently covered the area of our newly formed District Fraternal Coordinator program. Have any of you taken the time to call upon these fine people for assistance or a boost? I have heard it said that some members (sadly, officers in some areas) feel we have too much 'paper work' and too many forms to complete. The District Fraternal Coordinator can help ease that burden by assisting with questions. I must admit that I am astonished that someone would find it cumbersome to complete a form nominating a member for the Howard Christensen award! It is an honor for a lodge member to be so nominated by his or her peers. The same applies to District and/or National President's awards. Without the paper work we would have little communication. Remember, too, that it helps with our status as a non-profit fraternal benefit society.

As summer begins, many lodge activities will be put on hold. Please take time, though, to remember Operation Care and Share. Our people helping others. Take a few moments during this month to remember the importance of this great nation of ours and acknowledge and honor those who made it possible for us to enjoy today. Have a good summer and travel and play carefully.

# “If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me”

Our National President, Clyde Langsted, has declared this the year of increased membership. Show your family and friends the pride you have in being a member of the Danish Brotherhood by joining us in a national drive for new members. “You will never regret having done so and will be supporting your Danish Brotherhood in America for the future; yours, mine and our youths.”

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# **The Wonderful Clock**

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

*ONCE UPON A TIME in a small village a town hall was built with a tower and belfry. The hall was lacking in just one thing: a clock.*

*The people of the town decided to complete it by installing a clock. They wanted the most unique and beautiful clock in the world.*

*The people of the village sent out calls to clock-makers everywhere. Designs of clocks were sent to the village, but none of them met with the approval of the people.*

*Then one day, a young craftsman came to the village from another country. He saw the town hall without a clock and went to the Mayor and said, "I can make the most unusual clock in the world. It will be so different that no other village will have one. Please let me build a clock for you and your people. I assure you it will be a masterpiece."*

*The Mayor spoke to the people and they all agreed that this young craftsman should make the clock.*

*And so, the young man went to work immediately making plans and getting the necessary tools to prepare for this great work of art.*

*For ten years the young man worked night and day until he finished. He removed the scaffolding which hid the wonderful clock from view. Soon the people would see one of the remarkable wonders of the world.*

*The people gasped when they saw it. It kept perfect time and sounded each hour and minute every day, month and throughout the year. The clock followed the movement of the stars and changes of the seasons.*

*The clock chimed when the sun set and when the moon rose. The clock played tunes at dawn and in the evening hours. People looked forward to seeing and hearing the clock everyday. News of the clock spread to other countries and others came from far and near to see it.*

*As happy as the people were, they became disturbed by the influx of people. They feared that some other*

*village would order a similar clock and that theirs would not be unique anymore.*

*The young craftsman finally asked for payment of his labor and artistry only to be told that he was going to prison.*

*"What have I done?" he cried. "What did I do wrong?"*

*The Mayor and the people had a ready answer.*

*"You practiced and used magic," they said. "That is how you devised such a clock. For that crime you are to be punished!"*

*News spread throughout the country of the horrible deed done by the craftsman.*

*Finally, the king was called upon to make the final decision as to the fate of the young man.*

*"GUILTY!" said the king, without batting an eyelash.*

*When the young man heard the verdict he asked the king to allow him to see his clock one more time.*

*"Let me say goodbye to a friend that I spent ten years creating," said the young craftsman.*

*The king who was beginning to feel guilty for sentencing the craftsman told the Mayor to make the decision.*

*The Mayor who was beginning to feel guilty also told the people that they had to make the decision whether or not the young man could say farewell to his clock.*

*"That is the least we can do," said the people.*

*They carried the young man to the tower and allowed him to stay an hour with the wonderful clock he made.*

*As they carried him down the tower he said, "I am not guilty of any crime. I did not receive payment for my labor of love, but you will pay for your misdeeds!"*

*As soon as he was put in prison, something remarkable happened.*

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## **1988 DBIA Camp Grants**

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Todd Sonsalla

Yvette Sorensen

Danny Stone

Lillie Stone

# Flag Day for Jana \*

by Virginia L. Kroll

When Jana's teacher announced that it was "free time," everyone around her buzzed with conversation and exploded with activity. Jana sat quietly, daydreaming of her native Denmark.

She remembered the day when her parents had first told her that they were moving to the United States. "America!" she had yelled excitedly, thinking she had never been as thrilled by such an adventure. "I can't believe it!"

Her father, whose new job was the reason for their relocation, had said it was the chance of a lifetime. Her mother had called it a dream come true.

Jana had felt confident as she dressed for school on that first morning. She had taken English since first grade and was sure she would impress everyone with her knowledge of their language.

The reality of her experience, however, was a shockingly different matter. "I feel like I'm on another planet, not just in a different country," she cried that afternoon.

"What happened?" asked her mother sympathetically.

"Everyone talks so fast and sounds so different; it doesn't even seem like English!"

"Well, Jana, sometimes learning a foreign language in a classroom isn't nearly the same as actually speaking it. Even regions of the same country have different accents and expressions," said Jana's mother, who often felt overwhelmed by her new way of life. "I'm sure you'll learn quickly."

"That's easy for you to say, Mama. You don't have to go to school all day and feel left out."

"No, I don't, and I realize that it is hard for you right now, but you don't have a choice. Just listen carefully and be your normal friendly self. I'm sure your schoolmates will understand."

"I'm not so sure!" stomped Jana to her room, feeling frustrated and forlorn.

"No one understands," she regretted. Suddenly she thought of her best friend in Denmark and missed her more than ever.

"Ilva will understand," thought Jana silently. She sat at her desk and wrote Ilva a long, long letter.

It made her feel so much better that, at dinnertime when her father asked her how school was going, she responded, "Oh, it's not so bad; I think I can handle another day."

Jana's mother raised her eyebrows and continued eating, secretly wondering about the change of heart that unfortunately would not last long.

The next day, the door slammed and her daughter entered, red-faced and determined. "I won't go back to an American school ever again!"

Jana's mother waited patiently for an explanation. "Why?" she finally asked.

"There's some kind of Flag Day celebration next week, and I don't even know what it means."

"Why don't you ask, Jana?" her mother tried to be helpful. She ached for her daughter, but she knew she had to be firm as well if Jana was to adjust.

"Forget it!" Jana answered. "I'll never learn all their customs and holidays anyway. I can't even understand half of what they're saying."

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"I hate it here. Please, can't we go back to Denmark?" Jana pleaded desperately.

"You know that's impossible now, Jana, and you are going back to school. That's the only way," she said sternly. Jana gave up her argument. She knew better than to talk back when her mother spoke in that tone.

The next day, Jana listened sullenly as her teacher began assigning roles for the Flag Day presentation. Suddenly she paused and addressed the class.

"I'm not sure Jana knows what Flag Day is," said Mrs. Gavin. "Who would like to explain it to her?"

Hands shot up, and everyone talked at once. Mrs. Gavin was pleased with her students' eagerness and let them explain for a while. After an interval, she asked the class to settle down and said, "Jana, do you understand Flag Day a little better now?"

"Yes, thank you," answered Jana politely.

Mrs. Gavin continued, "If you don't want to take part in the program this year, it's perfectly all right. Coming to a new country is overwhelming, and we all understand that your heart is still in Denmark."

Jana felt a lump rise in her throat. She didn't want to cry, but she couldn't stop the tears from moistening her eyes. She didn't know what to say, so she just looked down at the floor. Mrs. Gavin understood that, too. She simply continued assigning parts and giving directions.

At lunchtime, all her classmates discussed the situation.

Pamela told Jana, "If I suddenly moved to Denmark, I'd be

having a terrible time. I'd never adjust as well as you have."

"I think you're doing great," Melissa added.

"Me too," said Matthew.

"You're fantastic!" Beverly continued. "I'd probably hide in my room and never come out." Now Jana couldn't help but smile.

After that, going to school was easier for Jana. When Flag Day came, she was eager to watch the program and learn more about her new country. She felt good that people actually understood and accepted her feelings about Denmark. She wasn't so confused any more, now that she knew it was all right to long for her birthplace and belong to a new nation at the same time.

When Jana walked into school on Flag Day, she knew she was late. The hall outside her classroom was quiet, and everyone was already seated. Jana hurried into class and took her seat.

When she looked toward the front of the room, she gasped. Strung across the board next to the "Stars and Stripes" was a red flag with a white cross.\* Twenty-three voices shouted in unison, "Happy Flag Day, Jana!"

Jana's joyful smile broadcast the thrill she felt. Her heart bubbled over with emotion, and she suddenly felt at home. She longed to say something, but for the moment, she was lost for words.

And once again, everyone understood.

\*Jana is pronounced YAH'NA

\*The flag of Denmark

## Introducing . . .



**Michael A. Heemstra**, one of our newest Young Vikings. Michael joined Lodge No. 600 and has this to say:

I have blue eyes and brown hair. I enjoy baseball, football, soccer and basketball. I like Science and I'm good in Math. I joined the Danish Brotherhood because of insurance.  
and



**Seth Benjamin Boring**, another one of our newest Young Vikings. Seth joined Lodge No. 225 in Canton, Ohio, and has this to say:

My great-grandfather, John Christensen, was born in Andkjoer Skovby, Denmark, in 1895 and joined the Canton Lodge in 1924. He was a member for 59 years until his death in

1983.

My grandfather, Art Boring, is a 31 year member and has been treasurer of the Canton Lodge for 20 years.

My father, Ben, has been a member for 28 years and my Grandmother Pearl for 25 years. I have three uncles, two aunts and eight cousins who are all members of Lodge No. 225. So I am happy to have truly joined a Danish family in America.

### Welcome Michael and Seth!

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

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On behalf of myself, Ann Margret and Erik, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your most generous help during what has been such a difficult time for our family. I don't know what would have become of our family had it not been for your help and concern for us.

The Danish Brotherhood is the true meaning of the word fraternalism. I know Flemming was very proud of his most beloved Danish Brotherhood and he had every reason to be. He truly loved the Brotherhood and working for it.

We will never get over the loss of Flemming, but it does help to ease the pain by having such wonderful friends as each of you in the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

*Bobbi Ann Margret and Erik Henriksen*

**The Wonderful Clock**, Continued from page 6

*The clock stopped.*

*The glory of their clock ended.*

*Everyone in the village felt guilty, but it was much too late.*

*Since the craftsman worked with tools and without, he used his ingenuity to escape from prison and fled to another village.*

*His clock remained silent forever.*

*Clockmakers were brought in to repair, sharpen and install parts — but the clock would not work.*

*The Mayor tried to find the young craftsman to apologize and beg his forgiveness, but the young man could not be found.*

*The wonderful clock remained silent rebelling against the people's act of ingratitude.*

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# Miss Denmark-USA 1988 Selected



Chairman Niels Olsen declares Tina Marie Petersen to be the winner of the Miss Denmark-USA 1988 contest.

Eighteen-year old Tina Marie Petersen of Bloomington, Minnesota, has been selected Miss Denmark-USA 1988 during the annual Danish Constitution Day festivities held in New York/New Jersey in June.

More than 60 young ladies mailed entries to the Miss Denmark-USA National Contest in 1988. The other regional winners participating in the finals at the Scanticon-Princeton Hotel, Princeton, New Jersey were 1st runner-up Julie Nagygyor of Eugene, Oregon; 2nd runner-up Tina Zimmerman of Pomona, California; 3rd runner-up Annette Andersen of Greenville, Tennessee; and 4th runner-up Elizabeth Sorensen of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

There was great excitement when the announcement took place at the Danish Constitution Day Celebration at the Danish Home in Cronton-on-Hudson, New York. The winner and the runners-up were presented to more than 3,000 people gathered at the Home, where Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte of Denmark was the guest speaker for the "Grundlovstag" festivities.

The Miss Denmark-USA contest encompasses all states and the five regional winners were selected to come to Princeton, New Jersey, for the finals June 3. Chairman Niels R. Olsen explains that the contest is not a beauty pageant. It is an all-around contest for young women of Danish descent, up to four generations, who have a knowledge of Danish and American history, how the United States and Denmark all through American history have been partners and significant events or famous people related to the past and present.

The new Miss Denmark-USA 1988, Tina Marie Petersen, a

Midwest Regional contestant, wins \$1,000 in cash, prizes from main sponsors in Clairol, Scandinavian Airlines, and the Danish Tourist Board, a full week in Denmark and she will be an ambassador for Danish-American youth at the 76th Annual Celebration of the American Independence Day on July 4, 1988, in the Rebild National Park in Denmark.

Tina Marie is the daughter of Svend and Grethe Petersen, Minnesota. She has two brothers and one sister. The new Miss Denmark-USA presently attends the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where she plans to major in business management. Tina's parents are originally from Denmark and almost all of Tina's relatives still live in Denmark. The Petersen family is active in the Minnesota Danish community and is closely tied to Denmark, the Danish traditions and customs.

## Odense Celebrates its 1000th Anniversary

Odense celebrates its anniversary in 1988 to commemorate the city's name being mentioned for the first time in a 1000 year-old letter from the German Emperor Otto III. The city's "birth certificate" bears the date March 18th, 988. In his letter the emperor granted exemption from taxes to the churches of Schleswig, Ribe, Aarhus, and Odense. The letter also makes it clear that Odense was the seat of a bishop at this time and this in turn proves that Odense, judged by the standards of that period, was a large town. And so, 1988 has been declared a year of celebration for Odense both as a town and as the seat of a bishop.

The city's name, Odense, is in fact made up of two words "Odins Vi," which means "Odin's shrine" — proof that the god Odin must have been worshipped here in pre-Christian times. The town was situated on high ground near the important road which crossed the island between the river to the south and the now dried-up lake at Naesbyhoved to the north.

The wealth of activities during the anniversary year is so large that there is not room for them in this magazine. Even so, one thing is sure — should you be traveling to Odense during this anniversary year, it will be difficult to avoid enjoying some of the lighthearted or serious contributions to be made by thousands of people. Odense will be vibrantly alive — by day and by night. For further information or to obtain a schedule of activities contact the Royal Danish Consulate General, 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601-3850.

## "The Scandinavian Heritage" Now Available

A book entitled **The Scandinavian Heritage** is now available from North American Heritage Press. Written by Arland O. Fiske, it contains 100 interestingly told stories about the people, places, traditions, and history of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

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To order a 248-page softbound copy, mail your check or money order in the amount of \$9.95 to The Scandinavian Heritage, North American Heritage Press, P. O. Box 1, Minot, North Dakota 58702.

# Our Lodges in Action

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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

### Pacific-Northwest District

The 39th annual convention was called to order by President Floyd West, Junction City, in a joint opening with the Sisterhood. Floyd West and Anna Lindahl welcomed everyone and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and we all sang the Danish National Anthem "Der er et Yndigt Land."

Peter Jensen, President of Lodge No. 348 in Eugene, welcomed everyone to Eugene. Floyd West introduced Pamela Dorau, National Fraternal Director; Clyde Langsted, National President; Stephen Wilhelm, Danish Immigrant Museum; William Koeneke, Lodge No. 273, Dillon, Montana; Kris Jorgensen, Past National President and Parliamentarian for the convention; Niels Nedergaard, Vice President pro tem; and Walter Reinhard, Past President, pro tem.

Mary and Martin Rasmussen, Seattle, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and Floyd West asked everyone to sign a card from the district and Ed Hirsch would take it to them.

National Second Vice President, Erling Braumann, expressed the real pleasure of he and his wife to visit the Northwest and offered his help with any question that might arise. Pam Dorau also expressed her pleasure to visit the Northwest and was glad to meet people on a one to one basis. Kris Jorgensen, as National Past President, mentioned how nice it is to meet old friends at conventions across the country and was pleased to be asked to be the parliamentarian for this convention.

Lodge reports from the following lodges were read: Seattle Lodge No. 29, Tacoma Lodge No. 33, Spokane Lodge No. 42, Enumclaw Lodge No. 113, Bellingham Lodge No. 155, Portland Lodge No. 167, Junction City Lodge No. 268, Vancouver, B.C. Lodge No. 328, and Eugene Lodge No. 348.

Stephen Wilhelm, representing the Danish Immigrant Museum, presented a 9-minute video about the museum which includes Danish Ambassador Eigil Jorgensen

**The best idea for July goes to Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Washington. See page 12.**

and Victor Borge.

Flemming Sorensen of Lodge No. 29 in Seattle was recognized as the 1988 recipient of the Howard E. Christensen Award.

Herluf Pedersen thanked the district for donating \$100 for the district bowling tournament. It was suggested to continue that tradition.

Flemming Sorensen was asked to report on next year's bowling tournament in Seattle on March 11, 1989. Flemming again thanked everybody for honoring him with the Howard E. Christensen Award. He was sure our National President Clyde Langsted was behind the fine presentation at the last lodge meeting in Seattle.

Flemming also reported on the 2nd National Soccer Tournament in Seattle on August 13, 1988, with teams from New York, Toronto, Chicago, Los Angeles, Vancouver, B.C., and Spokane. Sweatshirts are available for \$20 to help fund the event.

It was moved and seconded to pay \$100 to the District Bowling Tournament.

Clyde Langsted asked for money for the building in Enumclaw for badly needed repair. It was moved and seconded to pay \$100 for the building. Howard Abbott of Enumclaw spoke to the motion and the desire to keep the building.

Erling Braumann thanked everyone again for a great convention and spoke on the importance of belonging to the Danish Brotherhood and its benefits including a full line of insurance, scholarships, camp grants and special aid.

Stephen Wilhelm was asked to continue his presentation from Friday's meeting. Stephen talked of the planned ground breaking ceremony on Labor Day, September 5, 1988, and future plans for the museum. He also offered literature and use of the video for any group who was interested.

Erling Braumann reminded everybody of

the benefits of the use of the American Dane Card. Clyde Langsted spoke of the honor of being selected by your peers to National Board of Directors and the responsibility that goes with it.

Pam Dorau again commented on the nice convention and details that went into putting this event together. Pam gave a mini workshop on how to put together an annual activity schedule and various members gave their suggestions and inputs. Pam reported on the District Fraternal Coordinators Program.

Mel Hollister reported the committee's choices regarding the District President's Awards. They are as follows: Best Single Social Activity, Seattle Lodge No. 29 for their 100th anniversary; Best Single Civic Activity, Junction City Lodge No. 268 for their Meals on Wheels; Annual Activity Schedule, Portland Lodge No. 167; and Best Newsletter, Eugene Lodge No. 348.

Gerald Jensen informed us that the 40th District Convention will be held in Seattle on May 19-21, 1989, hosted by Lodge No. 29. Their theme will be "Nyhavn."

Peter Praegel, on behalf of Vancouver Lodge No. 328, offered to host the 1990 convention if Tacoma was not able to do so. Bent Frydendahl, on behalf of Bellingham Lodge No. 155, offered to host the 1991 convention. Portland Lodge No. 167 is hosting the 1991 National Convention.

William Koeneke, Dillon Lodge No. 273, was introduced again and expressed the desire of their lodge to become part of the Pacific-Northwest District. Sharon Kinder moved to accept Montana into the Pacific-Northwest District. It was seconded and the motion carried. William Koeneke thanked everybody and was proud to take the message back to his lodge.

**Asbjorn Fisker, Sec.-Treas.**

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — At the Seattle Center on Saturday, July 16, a concert will be given by the Sjaelland Accordion Orchestra. This is a group of 32 men, ages 17 to 45 years old, currently on tour throughout the U.S. Host families are desperately needed, so won't you help in filling the need? Please call Flemming or Lexie Sorensen for details.

A concert will be given on July 12 by

Silkeborg Men's Choir who are a very talented group of men. They sing a variety of music including barber shop music. The group came in 2nd in 1985 at the Shubert Choir competition in Vienna, Austria. The concert in Seattle on July 12 will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 6th and University, at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 16, the Danish Club celebrated Queen Margrethe's birthday at the home of Danish Consul, Martin Metzton. Speeches were given by Viggo Berbelun of the Danish Club, Paul Nielsen, former Consul, and Consul Martin Metzton. A big buffet dinner was enjoyed by many. Happy Birthday, Queen Margrethe!

During our last meeting, Flemming Sorensen was presented with the Howard E. Christensen Award, honoring his contributions to the Danish Brotherhood. Flemming left Denmark in 1954 spending one and a half years in Canada before moving to Seattle in 1956. In 1958, he was initiated into the Brotherhood by Sam Fredericksen. Flemming moved into Washington Hall in 1959, becoming a member of the "rowdy bunch" for several years.

He was elected President for the 1966 and 1967 terms, during which he initiated Clyde Langsted. Clyde is currently our National President as well as secretary for our lodge. This time, the tables were turned with Clyde presenting Flemming with the award. Congratulations Flemming, a big thank you for all your hard work!

Erik Noble recently received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Danish Brotherhood. We all know Erik's mom, Bente Noble, who was very active in our lodge before moving to California. Erik is currently attending the Maritime Academy in California and earning good grades. Congratulations Erik!

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

**Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA** — Our lodge was saddened by the recent death of one of our most dedicated members, Martin Rasmussen. Mr. Rasmussen, a Puyallup engineer and machinist, built a telescope out of junkyard scraps during the Great Depression.

Rasmussen's "Junkyard Telescope," which he built by hand during the 1930s, is now on display at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Smithsonian officials once described Rasmussen's creation as "one of the finest and most beautiful amateur telescopes we have ever seen." The 12½ inch telescope was fashioned out of 30 automobile flywheels that Rasmussen said he bought at

junkyards for 25 cents apiece. Its lens was ground and polished from a piece of port-hole glass. The flywheels were used as gears. Its maximum magnification was 1,300.

He worked on the telescope in his spare time after he was laid off from the machinist job.

**Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA** — We are really busy raising money to redo our lodge hall. When we acquired our building in 1900 it cost us \$125 plus \$20 for two wagons to bring the dismantled pieces to the present location. We now need \$15,000 to replace the siding and windows.

**On July 16, we are planning a Danish Fair from 10 to 5. We will serve an aebleskiver brunch. We will also have a bake sale and anyone with a craft or hobby can rent a table from us to sell their wares. We appreciate the contributions from the District Sisterhood and Brotherhood at the convention. Several sisters and brothers from other lodges have sent checks for which we are very grateful. We are a small group but we are thinking BIG!**

Call Howard Abbott for further information and mail any contributions to Danish Brotherhood, 1708 Porter St., Enumclaw, WA 98022.

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

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — The May 4th meeting of our lodge opened with 24 members.

Asbjorn Fisker related that Joyce Gimbel thanked us for the donation made in honor of Jens Gimbel to the cancer society at St. Vincent's Cancer Unit and a plaque will be made to this effect.

We welcomed two guests, Gregory and Tina Parker. Tina is from Denmark, and Gregory, who is American, speaks fluent Danish. Irene Cameron reported that Reno Night was a great success and also a lot of fun for those who gambled.

Don Bogh brought the following report on the Starlight Parade and the part the Danish Brotherhood may have. There will be no more marching units, only floats. Ethnic groups, such as the Scandinavian Club may contribute as one unit. It will be proposed at the next meeting to use a 40-50' tractor-trailer putting various nationalities with their native costumes in small groups (3-4 in each group) on the trailer.

Tami Hansen gave us a report on the National Convention that Portland will host in 1991. We have spent \$185 for the button machine, buttons and material. We will use the following logo: the Sisterhood

heart, the Brotherhood anchor and Portland 1991. These buttons were available at the convention in Eugene in May. The purpose of the button machine will find many other uses, among which the Young Vikings will use for some of their projects.

We will have our annual hotdog potluck at the July meeting. All members of the family are invited. We will make posters and get the kids involved this year. There will be no August meeting.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the Danish anthem.

**Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

**Lodge #273, Dillon, MT** — At the May 7 meeting, three new members were initiated into our lodge. They were Betty Madsen, Lyda Nelson, and Nona Andersen. The lodge also voted to accept the invitation from a group of senior citizens from Denmark that plan to stop for a few days' visit in Dillon when they will be touring the Northwest part of the United States. A committee will be appointed to make preparations for this group.

The lodge charter has been draped for a period of one month in memory of our departed member, Kenneth J. Eliassen, who passed away on May 3 in a rest home in Butte, Montana, where he and his wife Sylvia have been making their home the past few years. Clifford Bay, Dr. William Hawkins and Howard Andersen were appointed as a committee and placed memorial banners on the graves of departed members.

Members felt we should have another float in the September Labor Day Parade and the following volunteered to help: Randy Tommerup, Hansine and Leonard Hansen, Anna Tovey, Holger Carlson, John Hawkins, Tom Andersen, Howard and Nola Andersen and Clifford Bay.

**Harry Abernethy, Sec.**

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

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — There were 56 Brothers present at the meeting in May. During the meeting we installed a new Brother, Knud Fabricious. We also received three applications for Frederick Christensen, Carsten Jensen and Dan Olsen.

It was reported by the Sports Committee that the Over 30 and 40 Soccer Teams had started their summer season.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed sandwiches, beer and snaps. As usual, there will be no meeting in July due to holidays. We hope to see all of you at the August meeting.

The Second Annual Danish-American

Soccer Cup will be held the weekend of August 13. Confirmed teams from New York, Seattle, Spokane, Los Angeles, Toronto and Vancouver will be in attendance. Games will be played on Saturday from approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The intention is to have a round-robin tournament with shorter than regulation games. There will be four soccer fields to be played on.

We will be sending an Open Age Team and our Old Team. If you have not signed up for these teams, please call Steve Barts, Aksel Jensen, Herluf Pedersen, or Keld Christensen.

On Saturday, May 14, we held our annual soccer game with teams from Seattle. The Over 35 Team started at noon with 18 players. It was an even match. Vancouver won the game 3-2.

The Ladies then took to the field. There were 15 Vancouver ladies playing. It was an evenly matched game. Again, it went into penalty shots with Vancouver the winners.

At this point, it was time for the young guys to play. It was a very close game. Vancouver won 3-1.

This year there were many Brothers out to watch all three Vancouver teams win their games. The spectators were rewarded with the Sisterhood who were selling Danish hotdogs. We thanked the Sisterhood for their support.

In the evening it was party time. There were 160 partiers in the Swedish Hall. It started with cocktails at 6 p.m. At 7:30 dinner was served. Tor Import had donated a little bottle of Gamel Dansk to each person along with two glasses of snaps each. We thank Tor Import for this generous donation and support. The food was wonderful. Later in the evening the trophies were presented to the winning teams. The Social Committee sold raffle tickets. Prizes were donated by Tor Import, Flowers by Judith, Elite Bakery, Peter Praegel, Karl Madsen, JP Vestergaard, Eric Esmann (Jolly Foods) and Miller Nielsen.

During the evening, the dance floor was always packed until the wee hours. The sponsors for the soccer teams were announced. They are Fred Mortensen (Danfoss Courier), Gunnar Madsen (Canada Process and Control Ltd.), Axel Jensen, and Henny Hall. We would like to thank the Social Committee for a great party.

**Peter Praegel, Cor.**  
**Jorgen Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — On April 14 the monthly committee chaired by Hanne and Martin Taekker prepared a pølse

dinner for lodge members and guests. The Danish wieners, rolls, hot potato salad, pop, coffee and dessert were served to 51 people.

President Peter Jensen called the business meeting to order. Karen Toftemark's sister and brother-in-law, Margrethe and Jørgen Hansen were visitors from Denmark.

Flemming Pedersen read a letter in Danish from Ejler Nørgard about a club from Denmark that is going to travel to the U.S. this year. They would like to plan a trip to the Pacific Northwest in 1989 and requested us to consider letting the travelers stay in our homes to observe how American Danes live. Susie Pedersen will write to them and Flemming will be the contact person for them.

A thank you letter was read from the Eugene Mission in appreciation of our \$50 donation.

It was decided to look into renting a booth for the 1989 Scandinavian Festival. The booth will feature handicrafts. Plans are being made to have classes to teach the crafts to those who want to learn. Poul Olesen, Allen Ranch and Marianne Hinman are on the committee.

After dismissal in our customary way, members were treated to dessert and coffee. Martin Taekker thanked all those who helped with the pølse dinner.

President Peter Jensen called the May 12 meeting to order with approximately 40 members present. Hanne Taekker's father, Kristian Jensen, and Marianne Hinman's penpal, Jeppe Berge, were visiting from Denmark. Also Bebe Nielsen was present.

Karen Toftemark reported that a plant was sent to Carl Lyng because he was under the weather and his mother, Selma Ettrup Nielsen, passed away at age 95.

Martin Taekker reported that 51 people attended the pølse dinner and there was a profit of \$55. Everyone was reminded to wear their DBIA pins at the convention. After dismissal in the usual and customary way, the members adjourned for the social hour where the monthly committee chaired by Mary and Scott Stefansen served muffins with cream cheese and coffee.

What beautiful weather we had in Eugene for our Pacific-Northwest District Convention of the DBIA and DSS as registration opened at 8:45 a.m. At 9 those who wanted to play golf, teed off at the Oakway Golf Course. Most of the rest of the day was filled with business meetings of the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood and committee meetings. With Flemming Pedersen as Master of Ceremonies, the program before the dinner started at 7



Members and guests were warmly welcomed at the registration table.



Chairman of the District Convention, Lois Toftemark, is congratulated by Past President Niels Nedergard.

p.m. Northwest District President Floyd West introduced guests at the dinner. Then Al Nyegaard presented the golf awards and Hanne and Martin Taekker drew numbers for several door prizes. We were very fortunate that the Valley River Inn had a Danish chef so we were treated to a fantastic and authentic Dansk Koldt Bord.

The Gammel Dansk Folk Orchestra of Vancouver, B.C. played for folkdancing.

What a colorful sight that was as so many had costumes from their home area or Danish national or wore red and/or white clothes. There were 160 at the dinner.

They say that in Denmark the storks return in the early spring. But in Eugene they returned on May 20. President Peter Jensen and his wife Susan Applegate made table decorations of storks with nests on chimneys. The nests were filled with flowers and fern instead of straw.

Saturday morning was filled with meetings of the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Dillon, Montana Lodge No. 273 with 68 members had requested that they become part of the Pacific-Northwest District and they were voted into and welcomed to the district. They were represented by Willis Koeneke and his wife. While some took a bus ride at 1:30 to "See Eugene," others played soccer. Teams were formed by players' original home area in Denmark, with Sealand and Funen versus Jutland with about 25 people on the two teams. Since it was such a hot day, the halves were short and the intermissions (complete with cold beer and pop) were quite long.

At 6:15 p.m. the joint installation of district officers was held for the following: Past President, Floyd West; President, Gerald Jensen; Vice President, Kris Sand; Secretary-Treasurer, Asbjorn Fisker; 1st Trustee, Don Andersen; 2nd Trustee, Peter Praegel; 3rd Trustee, Knud Svend Tofte-mark; Conductor, Mel Hollister; Inner Guard, Bent Frydendahl; and Outer Guard, Merle Kinder.

At the Saturday banquet, the trip for two via SAS to Denmark drawing was held with a retired Norwegian couple from Springfield, Oregon, Roy and Lorraine Erickson, as the winners. They were delighted to be able to go to Norway and Denmark. Also drawings were held for the rest of the many door prizes Martin and Hanne Taekker had worked so hard to get. After the banquet there was dancing to "Street Legal."

District and national officers present were Anna Lindahl, President, Pacific-Northwest District, DSS; Floyd West, President, Pacific-Northwest District, DBIA; Betty Bergstresser, National Trustee, DSS; Edna Oslund, National Treasurer, DSS; Erling Braumann, National Second Vice President, DBIA; Kristen Jorgensen, National Past President, DBIA; Pamela K. Dorau, National Fraternal Director, DBIA; and Clyde Langsted, National President, DBIA. It was a pleasure to be your hosts!

**Verna Lynge, Cor.**

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

# CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — At our last meeting, May 5, we enjoyed the company of five guests. Members Pauline and Fred Frederiksen invited their friends, Karsten Hansen Petersen and wife Ellen, to the meeting. They are from Orby, Denmark. It was very nice meeting them and we will say: Welcome back the next time you are visiting Pauline and Frede. Howard and Hazel Kjellsen, the District Fraternal Coordinator Team from Lodge No. 345 of Orange County, visited us. They suggested some new ideas to help develop and improve local lodge performance. We found the talk interesting and we all know that there is much room for improvement, especially in trying to persuade our members to attend as many meetings as possible and above all, getting involved. We are trying! We are always glad to see you, and we hope you'll come back again soon. Our fifth guest that evening was Louise Duus, the President's wife.

Delegates were elected for the 1988 convention as follows: Karl Duus, Betty Seale, Lars Westerskov, and Erik Kofod. Alternates are Madelle Petersen and Anne Kofod.

It was voted on and passed to pay \$250 to each delegate going to the convention this year. This will certainly help with the expenses.

**Anne Kofod, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — At our May meeting, a tasty ham and sausage dinner was enjoyed by 52 members and guests. A very interesting film on the construction of the Trans-Alaska pipeline was shown by Bill Rasmussen.

The following meeting, chaired by our President, Bent Olsen, was attended by 22 members.

An application for membership by Steffen Bramsen was approved. Among other things, it was decided to donate \$200 to the Lutheran Home's Endowment Fund and to contribute \$200 for Michelle Detmer's and Inga Nelson's Skovsøen attendance. It was also decided that the following members would represent our lodge at the convention: delegates - Mark Bates, Peter Weber, and Bent Olsen; alternates - Bent Pedersen and Jorgen Hansen. Johannes Jaeger reported that work on the bylaws is progressing, but not completed.

The Grundlovsfest on June 5 in Hans Christian Andersen Park was co-sponsored

with the Rebild Park Society. The Brotherhood, with Johannes Jaeger in charge, took care of the food, while the Rebild Park Society furnished the entertainment.

**Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — Delegates to this year's convention have been elected and are as follows: Rick Carlson, Anchor Norgaard and Rick Lobner as delegates, and Ray Beard, Heidi Jensen and Asger Becker as alternates. We are very proud to have all of those chosen represent our lodge at our convention here in San Diego this year.

We have been increasing our attendance at our meetings and this is very encouraging after two years of work in this area. Thanks again for those giving your support lately.

Congratulations to Robert Jensen for graduating from UCLA summe cum laude. He will be continuing his studies at the University of Minnesota to obtain his masters degree in engineering. We congratulate you for graduating with such high honors.

With Convention '88' right around the corner, we are looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Joint District Convention for the California-Nevada District on July 28-31 at the Doubletree Hotel.

**Gail Perkins, Cor.**

**Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA** — We are grateful to Owen Nelson for arranging a bus trip on April 16 to California Lutheran College's Scandinavian Festival at Thousand Oaks. It was a fun day with folk dancing, foods, a large display of crafts for sale, an outstanding musical concert and many other ceremonies.

We toured our new Kern County Beale Memorial Library with Kristie Coons as our guide. Several years ago our lodge and the Sisterhood donated books on Danish culture and crafts to that branch.

Congratulations are in order to Johnnie and Beth Petersen who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at an open house on April 30. They will leave for Denmark later this month for more celebrations with Johnnie's family.

The breakfast on May 1 at the Stenderup residence was a big success. Proceeds will be given to Special Olympics. We always

## Payment to Board Members

MAY 1988

Jerome B. Sonsalla, Michigan-Ohio District Convention, \$412.18.

JUNE 1988

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$244.00.

enjoy the good food and fellowship. A big thank you to the committee, Owen Nelson, Bill McDonald, Erik Michelsen, and Pete Peterson, but most of all to Verner and Birthe for their gracious hospitality.

**Dorothy Peterson, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — Delegates to the California-Nevada District Convention are Richard Rowse and John Kristensen. Alternates include Helene Kristensen and Inger Dix. At the last meeting, it was voted and passed to pay each delegate \$150 for the convention.

A memorial service was held Friday, May 20, at the "Alamo." Three clubs attended which include Brotherhood Lodges No. 126 and 323 and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 68. Red carnations were placed on the charter in memory of each departed Brother.

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #332, Ripon, CA** — Please take note our schedule has changed. Our new location for meetings will be the Eagles Hall at 126 Camillia Way in Modesto.

On July 15-17 we will hold our annual Lake Tahoe weekend. California-Nevada District President Ken Nielsen will be present to install the officers. Other events to note include the California-Nevada District Convention in San Diego to be held on July 27-30 and our 42nd anniversary party to be held on November 9, 1988.

**Vernon Olsen, Sec.**

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — The year thus far has been very good for the lodge. We've had very good attendance at the meetings, not too many illnesses

among our people. Plans for the remaining half of the year look great. The family picnic will be coming up along with the district convention in San Diego. We hope you plan to attend both of these events. We usually have quite a few in our lodge that attend the conventions and that makes it a lot more fun when we can all get together on these special occasions.

The May 7 meeting was our annual Mother's Day dinner. We want to thank Rosemary Allison for all the hard work she put into this meeting to make it so successful. We had 63 attend the dinner. Rosemary and her committee made beautiful wooden baskets, decorated with tiny flowers as centerpieces. Balloons were scattered around the room making the room look festive. The tables were draped in soft spring colors. Everything looks so nice. We also want to thank Floyd Pedersen who donated the door prize which was a handmade wooden centerpiece. We want to thank Bill Knudsen who catered the dinner. We had our typical Danish dinner. He started us off with the open faced Danish sandwiches. Were they ever delicious! We could have stopped there, they were so large and filling, but of course, we went on to complete a great dinner. We were invited to return as often as we liked to the buffet table.

Throughout the dinner, Rosemary kept the entertainment going. She had several mothers reading which were touching and some very humorous. Thank you to Perry Pedersen who sang so beautifully for us. Perry is so talented and is so gracious to sing for us when we ask. Thanks Perry!

The dinner was followed by a short business meeting.

Did you notice that we were among the

1987 top 20 lodges of the DBIA? We are at the bottom of the list but, none-the-less, we are there. What bothers me is that we only came up by one member. Each year we win a few new members, but unfortunately, we also lose a few. The figure proves we are not going ahead at a very rapid pace. At the last meeting we had 13 guests with us. If its possible, why not invite these guests to join into the membership. Let's all make a concerted effort to bring in new members this year and maybe we can bring ourselves up on the list for 1988.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — Thank you all forty members, guests and visitors and also members we hadn't seen in a while for your great sportsmanship in attending our April Fools 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 big thank you to all who participated so



Our topless waiters were the hit of the evening.

# 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
3-15-88	George V. Pedersen	82	Grand Island, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1934
4-29-88	Peter S. Madsen	94	Racine, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1913
3-20-88	Ejler Nielsen	91	Henne, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1916
5-9-88	Karl B. Meyer	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1926
4-1-88	Andrew Lamb	86	Sidney, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1932
5-15-88	Einer R. Sorensen	77	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1958
5-9-88	Arthur J. Hansen	76	Pipestone, Minnesota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1930
5-10-88	Earl R. Appel	77	Juhl, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1931
6-23-87	Jens B. Madsen	90	Hundstrup, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1928
5-14-88	Chris Mathiesen	88	Jestrup, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
5-3-88	Hans Sandau	95	Maribo, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1927
3-29-88	Christian Storm	92	Esbjerg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1926
5-2-88	Albert M. Larson	68	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1986
5-3-88	Kenneth Eliason	79	Deer Lodge, Montana	273	Dillon, Montana	1946
8-30-87	Katrina C. Sondergaard	84	Viborg, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1981
5-18-88	John Koch	88	Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1962
5-14-88	Martin N. Rasmussen	92	Germany	33	Tacoma, Washington	1962
1-31-87	Ann Borgisen	76	Horsens, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1973
10-26-87	Niels Lillethorup	85	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1982



Our "foolish" people included a very pregnant lady and her doctor.

good-naturedly 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.

At our May 7 meeting we received applications from Eric and Inga Mathiesen for membership and we elected Norma Loveday and Carolyn Lindberg as our delegates to the convention with Vikki Garrison and Nancy Nielsen as alternates. We were all happy to hear that Tina Del Grippo won the coloring contest in the American Dane last month in her age group. Congratulations Tina!

After the meeting we enjoyed a potluck and then Eric Mathiesen narrated a film taken by a fellow fighter in the Danish Underground. There are only three copies of the film which were taken at the very end of the war and a little part of the year after. Eric was active in the underground and had many interesting stories to share with us. Thank you so much Eric. We really got a lot out of the film by having you share your experiences and feelings at the time.

We had about 54 members and their family and friends attend our annual barbecue. Many thanks to the Danish folk dancers for coming out again to our barbecue and dancing for and with us. It's really appreciated by our lodge that the dancers will come all the way out here mostly from the Los Angeles area to spend time with us. Chef Jim Patterson and Chef Tom Loveday did a great job on the pit

barbecue. They started the fire at around 6 p.m. and put the meat in at midnight the night before. Chef Tom's wife Norma put some potatoes in the pit as an experiment and it turned out just great. It was all you could eat and there was plenty of food for all. Thanks to the cooks Tom and Jim for all the hours they put into the preparations, Gil Heck for the oak wood, Dale Patterson and Mark Meyer for bartending and the dancers for the entertainment. We had three winners in our Chicken Drop contest. The winners received half the money collected on the chances and a dozen eggs. So thanks to Nancy Nielsen for making up and selling the chances for the Chicken Drop. Thanks, too, to the chickens for their donations.

We charged a little more this year for the barbecue than we usually do because it was a fund raiser. **Nancy Nielsen, Sec.**

## NEBRASKA

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — The Nebraska District of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, July 24, at the Cordova Community Hall. Cordova is about 100 miles west of Omaha.

Four social members were accepted into Lodge No. 1 at our May 3 meeting. They were Clara Froker, Galen and Marcy Lillethorup and Urban Z. Thomsen. Clara and Urban were present and initiated into Lodge No. 1. Urban, a brother of Armand Thomsen, was visiting here from Denmark. President Andy Andersen conducted the initiation in Danish.

At our May 3 meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing Mildred Sic of Fremont. A graduate of Midland College, she returned to Fremont to serve as Dean of Women for 25 years before retiring a few years ago. Mildred spoke on immigration to Nebraska. She told where the different nationalities settled throughout Nebraska, beginning around 1850. A special thank you to our committee chairpersons, Charles and Louise Johnson and Ted and Ruth Stollard, for this interesting and educational evening.

**Jim Christiansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — The state convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood of the Nebraska District will be held in Minden this year, hosted by our lodge. Dates for the convention are September 16-18, 1988.

Motel and camping facilities are available at the Pioneer Village Motel. They have reserved an entire floor of their motel but

reservations must be received by September 1.

The Pioneer Village is celebrating their 35th anniversary this year. You might enjoy visiting the village while you are here in Minden.

Should you have any questions, please contact either of the convention co-chairmen, Herbert Nielsen or Glen Haselbarth. We are looking forward to having you come to Minden for the convention. Hope to see all of you in September!

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

**Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE** — We met at the Ruskin Community Hall on Saturday evening, May 14, for a fun-filled evening. Twenty-six members were present.

John Duprey, Jr., one of our young members, was honored and presented with a beautiful plaque for being the winner of the Axel Skelbeck Award and the \$1,000 scholarship.

Plans were made for a bus tour to Omaha on July 31 for a dinner theatre.

Wayne Schultz and Leotta Pedersen were elected as our candidates for Monarch King and Queen. We also elected our delegates and alternates to the district convention in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martens were honored on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary in June. They were presented a gift and a beautifully decorated cake.

Eugene and Gerry Schultz showed slides of our tour to Elk Horn, Iowa, and also of the 1987 Ruskin Centennial celebration.

Our next meeting will be August 13 in the Superior Park and will be our annual steak fry. **Grace Thomsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — April brought a good attendance to watch the Danish Dancers perform. A big thank you to Paul Strand for arranging the event. They were well pleased with our acceptance. Also, thanks to the members for their donation.

President Laurids Pedersen has been informed of a new annuity insurance now available from the Home Office. If anyone is interested, please contact him.

**Harriet Palle, Cor.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — After the regular business meeting on May 9, 1988, Svend Christensen, Past President of the lodge, gave an interesting and emotional account of life in Copenhagen during the years of German Nazi occupation, 1940-

1945. The fortitude and determination of the Danes during this trying time was most impressive.

The special event of the month was the joint Brotherhood-Sisterhood annual Champagne Brunch sponsored by the local chapter of the Sisterhood. About 75 people enjoyed a delicious meal. Among the group present were 25 invited guests who were considered to be potential members of either the Sisterhood or Brotherhood. Following the meal, the Sisterhood conducted a raffle of donated gifts and plants. The income from this raffle is being used to support the ongoing Bingo program that the Sisterhood conducts at the Valbory Home for the Aging in Des Moines.

Considering the favorable response to the brunch party by everyone present, there is no doubt that new names will be added to the membership lists of both the Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

**Wilber J. Williamson, Cor.**

**Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN** — The May meeting was the occasion for the 94th anniversary celebration of the lodge with a banquet dinner held at the Albert Lea Elks Club dining hall with 102 members and guests in attendance. The Rev. Roy Mumm, President, extended a welcome to all, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. The Rev. Fred Jacobsen said the invocation, followed by a delicious dinner with tables beautifully decorated with a miniature Danish flag windsock blowing at each table surrounded by miniature vases of red and white flowers. The windsock flags were designed by Marcella Minear and hand sewn by her and the committee. Steve Wilhelm, representing the Danish Immigrant Museum to be built in Elk Horn, Iowa, presented an interesting video presentation showing the plans and anticipated stages of the construction.

Viggo Berthelson read the ritual of initiation for new members: Erliss Jensen, Wess and Mae Jensen, William and Marilyn Danielsen, Staci Danielsen, Brandon Danielsen, Harlan Erickson, and Albert Lea's Mayor, Harlan Nelsen and wife Beverly.

A moment of silence was observed in respect to Earl Anderson, departed member, who passed away May 3, 1988.

A delightful program was presented by folk singer, Becky Bye Thompson, who has now returned to her home area. Becky has been an entertainer with the Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home show as a singer and guitarist. After singing numerous songs and folksy narrations, she led group participation singing.



Our President, Rev. Roy Mumm, presented an award certificate to Staci Danielsen, recipient of a national scholarship.

A Certificate of Merit Award of the Danish Brotherhood Scholarship was presented to Staci Danielsen, daughter of William and Marilyn Danielsen.

A thank you message was read by President Mumm from the Alpha School for the Developmentally Disabled for the lodge contribution to their building and remodeling project.

Immediate Past President, Donald Levi-son, chairman for the Iowa-Minnesota Convention Committee announced the convention for September 3-5, 1988, and the sale of raffle tickets as a money raising project for convention expenses.

Following the benediction by Rev. Jacobsen, the drawing for the door prize was held and names were then drawn for the Danish flag windsocks as well as the table floral decorations. This made an exciting time to climax the evening.

The committee planning the banquet were Roy and Florence Mumm, Alton and Marge Neve, Grace and Jim Tomson, Marcella and Jim Minear and Harlan and Irene Hansen. **Grace Tomson, Sec.**

**Lodge #121, Tyler, MN** — Our June meeting was held on Saturday evening and a potluck dinner was enjoyed by all.

A short business meeting was conducted by President, Therkel Jorgensen. He had the privilege of introducing a special guest from the Home Office, Andy Andersen. His friendly and courteous personality was enthusiastically enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. Jack Burk of Lake Benton was initiated into the lodge as a new member by Andy Andersen. Andy also made some interesting comments about the Danish Brotherhood which is steeped in a proud legacy of friendship, custom, service and heritage. He said, "We aim to strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual understanding between our members and the people of America to honestly support and abide by the laws of our country and to preserve precious customs and traditions

originating in Denmark."

Joyce McColm of San Rafael, California, had made application for membership and was accepted.

Several ladies presented a program of Father's Day readings in honor of Father's Day. Coffee and desserts were served at the close of the meeting.

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — At our meetings, the films "The Ugly Duckling" by Hans Christian Andersen and "Scandinavia" by Chip Taylor, were seen.

Our guest speaker at the May meeting (May being Governmental Month) was Chuck Hinkle, of the Humboldt County Disaster Services. He provided the videotape "Unheard Sirens" which showed tornadoes in Minnesota and Oklahoma as recorded by news services and by unique photography at the scenes. Defensive action was explained for the safety of the general public.

Harvey and Winona Jensen provided the program. He had a large display of 16 wall clocks he made from Skil saw blades, heirloom plates, seashell faces, tree branch wood, and planter plates which had been covered with an epoxy coating.

Winona displayed 10 dolls she had assembled, painted and dressed fashionably. Each was resting in a doll buggy, cradle, or high chair. She also displayed three fancy wall decoration hats.

**Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA** — The May meeting included a Mother's Day and Graduation supper. Todd and Jerry Sonsalla were the chairmen of the event. They prepared a turkey and potatoes and also provided cake. The other men of the lodge provided the salads and vegetables. The men also served the meal and cleaned up afterwards. The mothers were especially appreciative of this special way to spend a Mother's Day celebration. Graduates honored were Dan Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Miller, who graduated from NIAC in Mason City and is planning to continue his education at UNI; LaVonne Sorensen graduating from Buena Vista College with an education degree; and Allen Eden, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bergman. Congratulations to these students and a wish for continued success. A business meeting followed the supper.

**Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

**Lodge #349, Altantic, IA** — Twenty-seven members and two guests attended the May 9 meeting at the Atlantic Fire Station meet-

ing room. President Folmer Molgaard presided.

Harvey Hansen passed out memorial envelopes for the Danish Immigrant Museum and pledge cards for donations to the museum. June Sampson reported that 55 people met at the Country Kitchen on May 5 and called on businesses which resulted in \$10,000 in pledges. Our lodge made the decision to pledge \$500 for the campaign to be paid off over five years at \$100 per year. A committee to suggest projects for our lodge to raise money for this cause was appointed by President Molgaard. Doris Bell, Mary Lou Hoegh, Gladys McCrory, and Chet Holland will lead our efforts.

June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum, showed a videotape of the proposed museum and invited members to take pledge cards to be taken to various businesses.

It was suggested that we try to bring prospective members to the July meeting.

Richard Knudsen entertained the group by telling of vacations he and Ardyce have taken since their first vacation 48 years ago when they took care of the farm for her folks for a week. They had precious memories recorded in photographs and pamphlets of trips to Europe and cruises they have taken.

Ken and Mary Lou Hoegh, Ardyce and Richard Knudsen, Harriet and Dick Becker, Paul and Ina Sien were on the May committee and served Rabarbergrod, the Danish pudding that greets the spring, and other goodies. We all learned one Danish word with the help of their sign above the beautifully decorated table.

Mary Ann Christensen, Cor.

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — At our last meeting held on May 11, the dues structure was voted upon and passed unanimously. Starting on January 1, 1989, dues will be \$20.00 per year for all members under the age of 65. All members 65 and over will pay \$15.00 per year.

Remember on July 16 we will host the Midwest District Golf Outing. Golf will be at Bristol Oaks with dinner at Kilbourn Gardens Eatery in the evening. We welcome all golfers to join us for this day of fun. You don't have to be a good or great golfer to play in this event. Its purpose is for having a good time and good fellowship. If you don't care to golf, why not join us for dinner that evening. Contact John Mollerskov or Ken Janssen if you are interested in golfing or coming to the dinner.

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We thank John and Betty Mollerskov for the great tasting barbecue they provided for us after our last meeting. It was enjoyed by all.

Remember our next meeting is September 14. Try to make it a point to join us.

Election of delegates for the Midwest District Convention was held at our May 11 meeting. Glenn Nyboe and Martin Andersen were elected as delegates and John Mollerskov and Erick Raahauge as alternates.

Don't forget to send your reservation sheet for our picnic by August 3 to be held August 10 at Pritchard Park.

Glenn Nyboe, Pres.

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — On April 26 a group of Brothers came and painted the walls in the ballroom, hallway and basement ceiling. Thanks to Chairman Roger Nelson, Ed Gastaldi, Rich Walker, Carl Swanson, Anker Adelsen, Roger Sorensen, Ted Billings, Rich Wicks, and Arnold Lehto. It looks great. Thanks to Marty Petersen for donating the metal corner for the store.

Our 95th anniversary party brought 225 members and guests for a night of fellowship. Roger Nelson was our toastmaster and did his usual great job. President Wade brought greetings and introduced his officers for 1988 and gave Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., his Past President's pin for his outstanding service to the lodge. Lillian Andersen, President of Sisterhood Lodge No. 20, Woody Petersen, First Vice President of the Brotherhood, and Reverend Siersbeck brought greetings to the lodge. Bob Ibsen presented Woody Petersen with one of our Viking ships for all he had done for Lodge No. 14 including the free labor and purchasing the drapes at cost for installation at the hall. Bob also presented a plaque to niece Lillian Andersen that will hang in the lodge in honor of our dearly departed Brother Jens Emanuelsen. Past President Rudy Bernhardt presented the Life Achievement Awards to Bennie Peterson and Ronald C. Jensen who received his at the next lodge meeting. Brother of the Year Awards went to Duke Ellingham, Tony Gober, and Bill Kastman. Twenty-five year pins went to Ben Peterson and Ronald C. Jensen and a 60-year pin to Myers Ibsen who was not present. All of these awards were well deserved by these fine Brothers. President Wade presented a plaque to Bob Ibsen in honor of his knighthood that will hang in the lodge building.

Fifty-five couples enjoyed a fine Sunday of Scotch Doubles. We had four games of bowling at Sheridan Lanes and went back to the lodge for a delicious meal. There were plenty of raffles and string pulls and

free beer and soda. We thank this great committee headed by Duke and Winnie Ellingham and assisted by Tom, Donna, Julie and Mary Beth Nelson, Angie Patton, Pete Wildenberg, Roger Nelson, Al and John Pecnick, Larry Sauer and Gene Keck. There were 15 more couples than last year. Keep up the good work.

We were visited by Brothers Albert Larsen and Axel Hermansen from Lodge No. 36 in Milwaukee informing us of the Milwaukee City of Festivals Parade this summer.

The Midwest District Golf Tournament sponsored by Racine Lodge No. 4 will be held at Bristol Oaks C.C. on July 16. Get your teams together and call Todd Bernhardt.

The annual Family Picnic Pig Roast-Potluck will be held on July 24 at Alford's Park. Beer, soda, coffee, ice cream and plates will be provided but please bring your own silverware plus a dish to pass.

Don't forget about the Hawthorne Horse Race bus trip on August 6. Call Ed Qydowsky by July 19. Robert Ibsen, Cor.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Ten youths bowled in the DBIA Youth Bowling at the Dwight Lanes. They were treated to pizza and pop at Feddersen's afterwards. Thanks to Diane Jensen, Pat Smith, and Marge Lauritsen for taking care of this event.

Don't forget about the Midwest District Golf Outing on Saturday, July 16, hosted by Racine, Wisconsin.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Visitors were welcomed at our May 20 meeting and among them was Jerry Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer of the Danish Brotherhood.

Two members were initiated into our society and they were Anthony and Margaret Todon. They were made welcome by members present, and it is hoped that their association with this lodge will be a good one.

The obituary and resolution of Carl B. Meyer of Florida who passed away on May 9, 1988, was read and a moment of silence was observed in his memory.

Bills were paid and some of them were \$100 to the National Convention Committee in Portland, Oregon to be paid back; Danish Immigrant Museum donation of \$25; Midwest District Youth Fund for \$200; \$60 to the National Committee for a full page ad in their program for the Danish Home; and a camp grant to attend Skovsøen for Paul Erik Sloth for \$100. The

medistepglse dinner netted a profit of \$704 for the Scholarship Committee.

Woody Petersen informed us that the 100th anniversary party in 1989 will be on November 18. Plans are underway to serve dinner at no cost to members.

A report was given about the festivities and honor surrounding the knighting of Bob Ibsen of Kenosha.

A certificate for a college scholarship of \$1,000 has been awarded to Marc Connerly by the National Headquarters and Mark's folks accepted it with thanks in his behalf.

Jerry Christensen from the Home Office spoke briefly and complimented the lodge on all our activities and participation and the coordinator's program.

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Twenty-two members and four guests enjoyed an excellent frikadeller supper on May 18, 1988. Axel Hermansen's birthday was celebrated by song and a delicious Danish cream layer cake made by Inga Hermansen. Thanks to Chairman Elsa Berlin and all the other good cooks!

We were very pleased that Midwest District Fraternal Coordinators, Henry and Grethe Jepsen and Ray and Wanda Nielsen were able to join us for supper and our business meeting. In addition to new lodge handbooks, they brought us greetings from the National Headquarters in Omaha, called our attention to various events, scholarships and camp grants, available to members through the Home Office as well as the Midwest District.

During our May 18 business meeting, Axel Hermansen and Albert Larsen were selected as delegates to the 37th Midwest District Convention, September 24 and 25, 1988, at the Kankakee Holiday Inn, Kankakee, Illinois. Inga M. Hermansen and Carol M. Larsen are the alternate delegates. Lodge No. 34, Dwight, is the host lodge.

A scholarship was provided for Christian T. Schoewe to attend the Danish Language Village Skovsøden on August 8-30, 1988, in northern Minnesota.

The Mitchell Park Domes has asked the International Institute to co-sponsor a Scandinavian or Nordic Festival during the month of July, 1988. We were pleased to receive the invitation and we hope that the institute can help promote the Scandinavian cultures at the Domes this summer.

Tentative plans include a display of the U.S. flag and the Scandinavian flags starting Friday, July 1, ending with a fish boil and Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concert on Friday, July 22. Exhibits of artifacts are also in the offing. The Danish and Norwegian program is scheduled for

Sunday, July 10, from 1 to 4 p.m., whereas the Finnish and Swedish program for Sunday, July 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. Several committees are at work coordinating the various aspects involved.

Al Larsen, Sec.

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — Our lodge met on May 26 at the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church. Plans were made to have Danish costumed members on a horse-drawn wagon for the Waupaca Fourth of July parade. Our annual picnic will be at Riverside Park on Thursday, July 28, with a potluck supper.

Our program on May 26 was presented by two Neenah area exchange students, Mette Holmstøel of Denmark and Maarit Haaninen of Finland, who told us of and compared their American schools and their schools and life in Denmark and Finland. A Waupaca area student, Jaci Durrant, concluded the program with several violin selections. Open faced sandwiches, pickles, donut holes and coffee were

served by our hosts and hostesses of the evening.  
Evelyn Doerr, Past. Pres.

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

### Michigan-Ohio District

The convention was opened by the host President Wes Thomsen of the Greenville, Michigan lodge. He welcomed the delegates and visitors and expressed his hopes for a successful convention after which he turned the gavel over to the District President, Darwin Noah. A roll call showed there were 18 delegates representing four lodges along with 19 other members of the Brotherhood in attendance. Also present were Andy Andersen, representing the Home Office in Omaha, Jerry Sonsalla representing the National Board of Officers, and Paul Carlsen, also a member of the National Board. Darwin Noah welcomed them to our convention meeting.

All communications were read and it was suggested that a letter from the Danish

## 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
Urban Zahle Thomsen	1—	Omaha, NE	Armand Zahle-Thomsen
Clara E. Froker	1—	Omaha, NE	Walter Granholm
Galen Kragh Lillethorup	1—	Omaha, NE	Lela Kragh Lillethorup
Marcy Lillethorup	1—	Omaha, NE	Lela Kragh Lillethorup
William H. Anderson	14—	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Charles W. Woelffer	14—	Kenosha, WI	Thomas Nelson
Louis C. Andrea	14—	Kenosha, WI	Thomas Nelson
Donovan C. Wuolo	14—	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
Edwin C. Turner, Jr.	14—	Kenosha, WI	Thomas Nelson
Irene B. Sabey	35—	Chicago, IL	Woodrow Petersen
Richard H. Sabey	35—	Chicago, IL	Woodrow Petersen
Eleanor E. Sabey	35—	Chicago, IL	Woodrow Petersen
Lola L. Danielsen	56—	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Maxwell C. Ross	56—	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Margaret E. Ross	56—	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Mary L. Rick	56—	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Karl E. Deede	56—	Kansas City, MO	Ejlif Schmidt
Sharon K. McClendon	95—	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Melvin L. Thomsen	95—	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Gregory A. Thomsen	95—	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Rachel A. Thomsen	95—	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Gregory J. Parker	167—	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Laura O. Esmond	186—	Luck, WI	Mavis Petersen
Clyde A. Barth	211—	Grand Island, NE	Vera Petersen
Laura M. Petersen	211—	Grand Island, NE	Vera Petersen
Nancy S. Petersen	211—	Grand Island, NE	Vera Petersen
Jennifer D. Christiansen	294—	Barre, VT	Stanley Christiansen
Erik J. Mathiesen	346—	Riverside, CA	Kenneth Nielsen
Kjer Christensen	600—	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen

Immigrant Museum be forwarded to each lodge secretary in the district. Greenville Lodge donated \$50 to the Scholarship Fund. These monies were proceeds from the district bowling tournament.

The District President's Awards were as follows: Social Activity, Muskegon Lodge No. 30; Civic Activity, Greenville Lodge No. 70; Annual Activity Schedule, Ludington Lodge No. 51; and Newsletter, Detroit Lodge No. 227. All four of the winning lodges donated their \$25 awards to the District Scholarship Fund.

Jack Smith invited everyone to Ludington to participate in the upcoming district golf outing on June 18, 1988.

District Fraternal Coordinator Bob Sorensen gave a report on and also talked to the delegates about the District Fraternal Coordinator program during which time he made a couple of suggestions and also was able to cite a couple of things that are taking place in a couple of the lodges in the district. He stated that he feels people are becoming very aware of this program and that the desire to make improvements in the local lodges is very real. He also stated that he had spent some time talking to several of the delegates one on one and tried to answer any questions they might have had about the program.

Election of officers was held with the following results: President, Kenneth Rehan from Detroit; Vice President, John Laird from Ludington; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen from Detroit; and Secretary, Robert Sorensen from Detroit. Jerry Sonsalla, assisted by Paul Carlsen, installed the new officers.

Jerry Sonsalla brought greetings from the National Board and thanked everyone for the hospitality that was being shown to him and his wife. He talked about new revised fraternal applications, a bed and breakfast program survey, and the District Fraternal Coordinator Program. He also stated that only four of the top twenty lodges had a gain in membership during the past year which means there is a lot of work to be done to keep the Brotherhood prospering in the future.

Andy Andersen then took the floor and spoke a little about new insurance programs available. He offered to answer any insurance questions anyone might have had. He spoke about the District Fraternal Coordinator Program and why it is important to support it. He also stated that it is the responsibility of lodge members to get new members.

Paul Carlsen spoke a few words about the District Fraternal Coordinator Program and its importance to the Brotherhood. Detroit extended an invitation to the district

to meet in Detroit in 1989. The invitation was accepted.

Ten scholarship awards in the amount of \$125 each were approved. The recipients are as follows: Susan Peterson, James Peterson, Paul Keson, Michael Forman, Christina Keson and Jodi Miney all from the Ludington Lodge No. 51; Lisa Carlsen, Mark Pedersen, and Dana Pedersen all from Detroit Lodge No. 227, and Nathan Noah from Greenville Lodge No. 70. Dana Pedersen lives in Detroit but is a member of Lodge No. 600 in Omaha.

Ken Johnson put a thought on the floor for everyone to think about next year. The thought being that because Detroit is the district lodge that could handle a National Convention, we ought to try to do it as a district with a neutral city such as Grand Rapids being the convention city. He asked us to think about it and maybe we could talk about it at the next district convention.

The President finding no more business to come before the convention, turned the gavel over to the new President. The incoming President presented Darwin with a Past President's pin for his efforts during the past year.

**Robert Sorensen, District Secretary**

**Lodge #51, Greenville, MI** — The Michigan-Ohio District Convention was held in Greenville on May 14. Delegates and alternates attending were Rob Jensen, Jack Smith, Gary Wickery, John Perez, Earl Jensen, and Carl Soneral. John Laird was elected Vice President of the district for the upcoming year. Ten scholarships were awarded. The Greenville Club has a new look, decorated in red and white — very impressive and very Danish.

Now that the golf tournament is behind us for another year, we are looking forward to the upcoming "Tigers vs. Oakland A's" baseball game in Detroit on July 9.

With summer finally upon us, places to go and things to do, why not stop on down at the Danish Hall and check out what events we have to offer.

Softball season is now under way. Come on out and cheer your team on!

**Robert Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — Our lodge is chartering a bus to attend the 100th anniversary of Lodge No. 30 in Muskegon, Michigan on August 6. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from the Danish Club. For more information contact Paul Carlsen.

Circle your calendar for our September 21 bingo night to be held at the Danish Club at 7 p.m. A \$1.00 donation will be requested at the door.

**Karl Larsen, Cor.**

**GCEL**

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — At our last meeting on May 13, we had a short business meeting. It was agreed that we send Portland, Oregon, a check for \$100 so that they can start to get ready for the National Convention in 1991. We will be getting the money back then.

The Eastern General Convention will be held in Schenectady, New York, over Labor Day, September 3-5. Those interested in going can contact the Holiday Inn, 100 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12305 for reservations.

Vera Holmes was elected to be our delegate with Kris Larsen as the alternate. It was voted that from now on, no matter how close or far the convention is, the delegate would be getting \$100 for the Eastern Conventions.

On August 6, we are once again invited to Wilbur and Francis Knudsen's home in Jamestown, Rhode Island. They will provide the corn, coffee and pastry along with the beautiful view. You supply the rest of the food.

The annual Clam Bake will be held on August 13 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Gerda Sorensen's home. Remember that it is right on the water and even in the summer, it can be chilly. Dress appropriately. We are talking about having steak, baked potatoes, steamers and this year a bushel of shrimp instead of the clams.

**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge #164, New York, NY** — Our Saturday afternoon meeting began as any regular meeting would and ended in surprise. At the start of the meeting, there were 35 members and guests. We had a surprise visit from Jacob Kallesoe of Bradlington, Florida. He has been a member of our lodge for many years.



**Members donned vests from the original uniforms of DBIA officers.**

We learned that we had received vests from the original uniforms of the DBIA officers. The vests were donated.

At the end of the meeting, while sitting down to an enjoyable luncheon, we were joined by visitors from the Danish container ship "Laura." Three Danish sailors, who were in port for a few hours, came to the Danish Athletic Club to meet other Danes while our meeting was in session.

Rachel Connor, Cor.

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — Secretary-elect Kathrina Gudnitz has resigned due to a change in her job that made it impossible to perform the secretarial function. She has been replaced by former secretary, Knud Koefoed. Harry Andersen has resigned as Vice President and was replaced by Len Gottliebson.

The lodge received a donation from co-workers of Erik Østergaard at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. The money was placed in the activity fund.

Our condolences to Axel Rasmussen for the loss of his wife in March. She was 75 and suffered from cancer.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY** — Our May meeting was a special evening in honor of George Jacobsen who received his 25 year member pin. Our President, Elizabeth Pedersen, in a speech talked about George's involvement in our lodge, in the GCEL District, and being President of the Danish Brotherhood on the national level at the time the DBIA turned 100 years old. President Elizabeth read a letter from Past National President George Godthaab and presented George with a plaque from the Home Office in appreciation of his effort on behalf of the Danish Brotherhood. GCEL's District President Norman Hanson presented the 25-year pin to George Jacobsen. Our treasurer, Hans Pedersen, talked about the time George put in and still does for our lodge.

The second big event of the evening was when Leif Pedersen lead us all singing "De Skal Leve" for Edna and George Rostrup who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 20. They were toasted in champagne donated by the golden anniversary groom.

After a delicious Italian dinner prepared by Evelyn and Leo Jensen, Eleanore and

John Hjulmand and Leif Pedersen, the Rasmussens, Carol and John, showed a tape about the underground in Denmark during the occupation of the Germans. We also had the pleasure of having as our guest the Danish Consul General Leif Donde.

Niels Hansen, Sec.

**Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA** — Unfortunately, Erik Brown of the Old Peoples' Home was unable to make the May meeting. Elected as delegates to the General Committee of Eastern Lodges Convention next Labor Day were Geert Pedersen with Charles Robinson as the alternate. It is assumed that Bob Phoenix will be elected as President of this organization for the next year. We also hope that a lot of members will join in the festivities in Schenectady, New York, for the convention. Motel reservations should be made no later than August 20, preferably sooner. Contact the Holiday Inn, 100 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, New York 12305.

Aside from the business meetings, there will be a tour of Albany and a special program Saturday night presented by the Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn, Iowa.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

## Danebod Fall Meeting Scheduled

It is time to plan to come to the annual gathering of old and new friends at the Danebod Fall Meeting held at Danebod Folk School in Tyler, Minnesota, August 31 through September 4, 1988. The meeting begins with supper Wednesday evening and ends with dinner Sunday noon.

Otto Hoiberg will begin the sessions by telling us about "Old Jules, Indians and Buffalo Hunters." On Thursday, Astrid Ravenholt will speak about "The Other Palestinians — who are they, where are they?" Miriam Showalter will tell about her impressions received on a visit to Central America. On Friday, Thorvald Hansen will acquaint us with A. S. Nielsen, one of the first pastors of the Danish Lutheran Church in America. David Nass will give the first of two lectures on "The Changing Scene in Rural America." Saturday we will hear from Sonja Walker, who will make us acquainted with the functions of the left and right brains.

The story periods this year will be held before the afternoon coffee and will feature Ingrid Jensen, Kirstine Toft (Danish) and Fylla Kildegaard, in that order. Ingrid Jensen will also speak to us on Thursday as well.

After breakfast we will begin our day with singing led by Asta Ibsen followed by morning devotions by Karl Lunder, Axel

Kildegaard, and Thorvald Hansen respectively. Saturday evening we will have the usual variety program. Each evening will close with devotions and, for those still able to trip the light fantastic, folk dancing under the direction of Clayton Nielsen.

The regular Sunday morning service led by the Danebod pastor will be followed by a Danish service led by Willard Garred.

The cost for all this, including meals in the folk school dining room and a room in the dormitory is \$70. There are hookups for campers in the back of the school.

To register or request additional information, contact Elsie Hansen, RR 1, Box 14, Tyler, Minnesota 56178.

## Conference to be Held

The 1988 Folk-School of America Conference will be held October 12-16 at Berea, Kentucky. A registration fee of \$20 is needed to cover program expenses and rental for the exciting new Folk Recreation Center where meetings will be held.

Housing can be arranged by the Berea Homestay Association in private homes which provide bed and breakfast at a cost of \$12.50 per night. Reservations for such accommodations must be sent to John Ramsay, Box 287, Berea, Kentucky 40404, by September 15. If you prefer, you may make your own direct reservations at the famous Boone Tavern or at one of the several Berea motels.

Most meals other than breakfast will be

taken at the college cafeteria at a cost of \$11 for the two meals daily.

The conference is expected to deal with questions of popular education in America — its content and its relations to "mainstream" higher education. We hope to discuss the trend toward a world-view in education, education for the powerless and other topics.

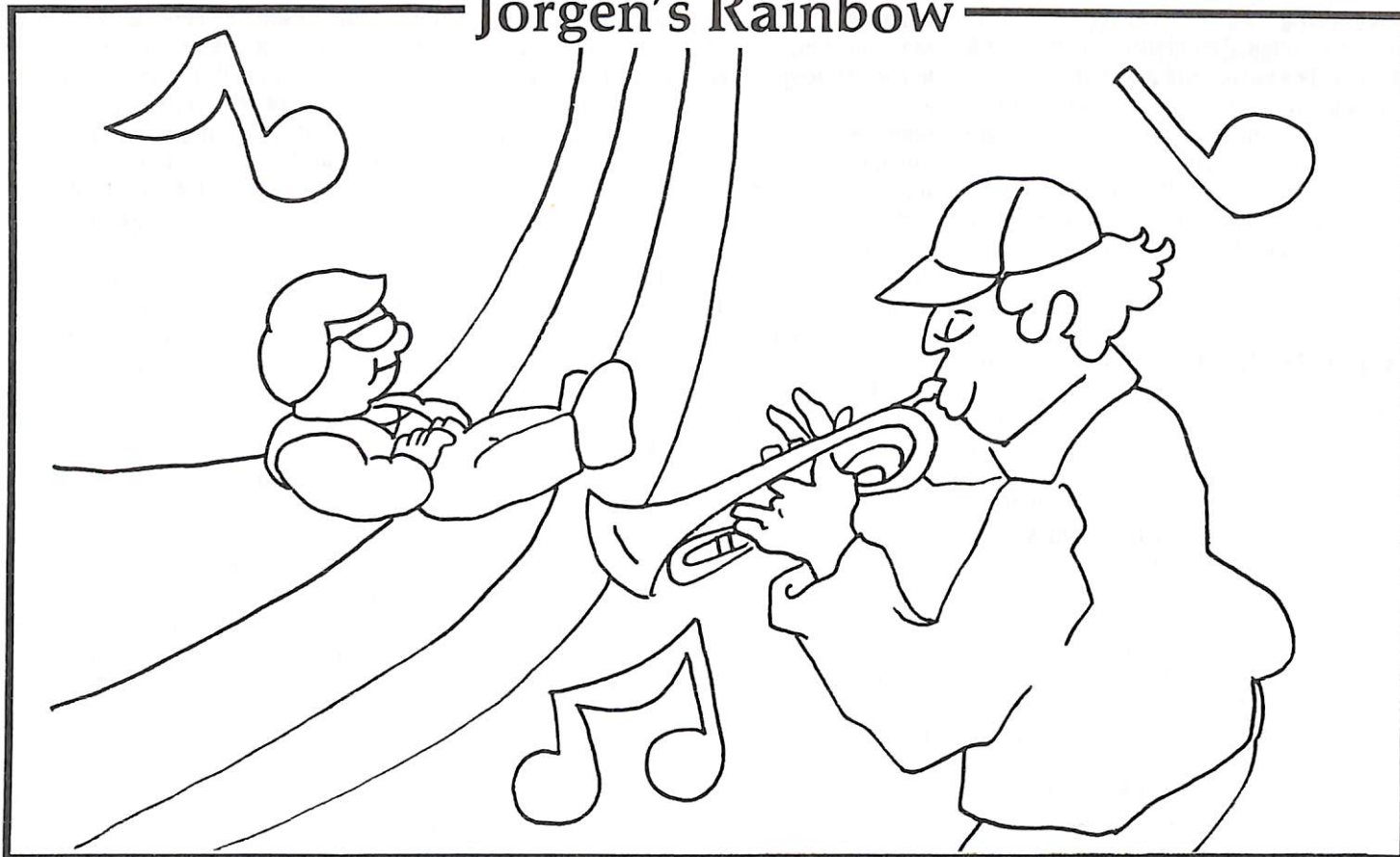
Important business will include plans for the Association's future and for an international conference it hopes to sponsor in 1990.

Wednesday, October 12, is Mountain Day at Berea College. There will be special events to enjoy that day as well as settling in. It is expected that most of the formal program and business will take place on October 13, 14, and 15 with Sunday morning reserved for overflow and wind-up matters.

This is autumn color time in Kentucky. Our hills should be at their glorious best. An excursion to Pleasant Hill, the Shaker Museum Village not far from Berea, can be planned if enough registrants want it. Walking tours of Berea College are always available. The college is famous for its unique system whereby students give work on a weekly schedule in place of tuition payments. Its history as a center for Appalachian education and culture is no less interesting.

Contact John Ramsay, Box 187, Berea, Kentucky, for additional information.

# Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen likes to have a summer lunch, his "frokost" at the annual summer Jazz Festival in Copenhagen. Big name jazz performers play here and in Copenhagen's jazz clubs. Another festival Jorgen is sure to attend is one of Europe's largest events, the Roskilde Festival. Do you like music as much as Jorgen does?

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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.

**June winners:** Autumn Jensen, Michelle Andersen, Carly Olesen, and Erik Jensen.

## Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

### Kaffe Kage

(Sunday Morning Coffee Cake)

1 cup sugar	2 eggs (separated and beaten)
¼ cup butter	2 tsp. baking powder
½ cup milk	½ tsp. salt
¼ cup flour	

Cream butter and sugar. Sift flour with salt. Add egg yolk to milk. Then add liquid and dry ingredients, including baking powder, alternately. Fold in egg whites last. Pour into well greased baking pan.

**Topping:** Sprinkle with mixture of ¼ cup sugar, ½ tsp. cinnamon and ¼ cup chopped pecans. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

## 1988 Photo Contest

Enter your black and white or color photos depicting a DBIA lodge Danish ethnic activity and win cash prizes. The Young Viking 1st place winner will receive \$50 and the 2nd place winner will receive \$25. The prizes for adult entries (17 and over) include: 1st - \$75; 2nd - \$45; and 3rd - \$30. Send all photos by December 31, 1988 to

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# Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning      Keeping Together — Progress  
Working Together — Success

## DBIA Fraternalism at Work

In the February, 1988 issue of the *American Dane* an article appeared asking for assistance to the family of Flemming Hinrichsen who had passed away after suffering a major heart attack in addition to multiple strokes. A fund drive at the National Headquarters was established for this family who faced financial crisis due to Flemming's extended illness, loss of employment caused by his medical condition, and insurance costs. At this printing, the drive is coming to a very successful ending with members of the Danish Brotherhood fulfilling their promise made during individual initiation ceremonies — "to stand by each other when illness or sorrow comes to (one of) our homes."

DBIA members proved that the Danish Brotherhood is a true fraternal organization by raising \$8,938.00. An additional \$430 was given directly to Flemming's wife, Bobbi, by DBIA members. In addition to the above mentioned donations, Bobbi and her son, Eric, were granted Special Aid and General Aid by the National Board of Directors.

A total of \$11,368.00 was given to the Hinrichsen family by members who can honestly say that the fraternal spirit is alive and growing at the Danish Brotherhood in America.

You will find a letter from the Hinrichsen family on page 9. However, in addition, the National Board of Directors and the Headquarters Staff would also like to offer their appreciation to the following who have shown how strong the benevolent and fraternal attitude of the Danish Brotherhood really is:

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