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**Cover photo:** Thanks to DBIA Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington for supplying these photographs of their fine city. Scenes include: policemen, dressed in 19th century costumes, which patrol the city's historic Pioneer Square; pleasure boats "locking through" Hiram M. Chittenden locks which raise and lower vessels more than 20 feet between fresh and salt water; and a panoramic view of Seattle featuring the famous Space Needle and Mount Rainier. Photo credit goes to the Seattle-King County Convention and Visitors Bureau.



# President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted  
National President**

I have alluded a number of times about receiving (and reading) newsletters from various lodges in various parts of the country. I see many positive things going on, some of which I have shared with you in the past. I plan to continue doing that. I do not hear from every lodge because I am sure there are many which do not have a newsletter but rather a good mean to get their message out to the membership. I am also sure there are some who are not interested in any sort of communication. Since many lodges will begin the fall season I would like to ask your indulgence and give some purely hypothetical examples of minutes from two distinctly different lodges beginning with Hot Air Lodge No. 999 in Anytown, USA. "The meeting was called to order at the hour of 8:00 p.m. by the President. There were no applications for membership. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after much discussion, they were amended. The Treasurer gave the report on the finances of the lodge. There was much discussion regarding the three certificates of deposit and in which institution they could be placed to get the greatest interest rate. A letter was read from the home office suggesting that each lodge support the District effort for a summer camp program. After much discussion it was voted not to send a delegate to the meeting and not to support this project. The chairman of the function committee gave that report and questioned why we should be involved with what we do. After much discussion it was moved and seconded not to become involved in anything. The motion carried. It was also decided to cancel the annual lodge picnic because of lack of attendance. Wednesday's have always been bad days for this event. It was also decided to cancel the installation party and simply install the officers at a lodge meeting. This would eliminate the expense for paying for the hall and dinner. Some people do not drink anyway and they would like a discounted dinner in lieu of the hosted cocktail hour. The President couldn't get a nomination committee together so he said he would take care of it. It was suggested that more than likely the Johnsen family would fill the various positions. After much discussion it was moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. with 7 members present. Respectfully submitted. . . Secretary." Or, the minutes of Fresh Air Lodge No. 666, Anytown, USA. "The President called the meeting to order at the hour of 8:00 p.m. following our regular potluck supper. Three new members were initiated into our order and the President called a brief recess for everyone to greet these new members. The Secretary then read four new applications for membership and the lodge voted to accept them. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer gave his report and the lodge decided to use the interest, which had accumulated, for the scholarship fund. A letter was read from the home office suggesting that each lodge support the District effort for a summer camp program. Two members volunteered to serve on the committee and the lodge agreed to offer whatever support it could. Committee reports for picnic, harvest party, Christmas party, Ethnic Fest, installation along with monthly programs were given. The President thanked those committees for their involvement and support. He was pleased that we have a full slate of officers to be elected for the following term. The lodge members passed the hat for Operation Care and Share. With nothing more to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with 35 members present. Respectfully submitted. . . Secretary."

Do these hypothetical minutes sound familiar? They could, in fact, be examples of what is actually happening within our organization. I know we are capable of so much good (I see that in those lodge newsletters which I receive) I wonder why it isn't contagious. There are examples of lodges within miles of one another which are as different as night and day! Why? Why doesn't one become envious of the others' successes and say, "let's give that a try." Perhaps they do become envious but they don't know how to attempt to turn it around. No one is willing to give it a go. Why not reach out and say, "help us get things turned around"? It must, however, start from the inside. When the membership gets excited for positive change, the resource is available to get it going in the right direction. Call upon the home office, your District Coordinators, your National Officers and Directors and yes, upon that competing local lodge as well. We are fraternalists and it's about time we begin to acknowledge that fact!

Well, I'll step down from my soap box for this month but you can expect me to climb upon it from time to time. I do hope you will consider Operation Care and Share or any other worthwhile community effort in your area. In the Pacific Northwest District at our recent convention in Eugene, Oregon, one lodge included in its annual report of several thousand services for meals on wheels. I would like to hear about your involvement and what you have going.

I observed an excellent example of fraternalism when, in the company of Jerome Christensen, I attended the California/Nevada District Convention in San Diego the last week of July. My sincere thanks to Gail, Lillian and Petra and their respective committees for an excellent convention and to Ken Nielsen for his conduct of the meetings.

A special acknowledgement is in order for the community of Solvang, California, for the establishment of the Danish Elverhoy Museum which is a handsome addition to that community.

Please note the front cover of this issue of the American Dane features scenes from the city of my home lodge, Seattle, Washington. A few months ago, all lodge secretaries were requested to mail a photograph of their lodge city and famous landmarks therein to the Home Office for this purpose. You may wonder if my Presidency has anything to do with the fact that Seattle is being featured first. However, it just so happened that my lodge was the first to respond. In fact, as of this printing, only three other lodges have given the Home Office a photograph.

I have been fascinated by the number of cities I have visited along with the many famous landmarks seen during my travels for the Danish Brotherhood and I would think all lodges would want to show their city off. Most Chamber of Commerce offices or convention bureaus are more than happy to supply photographs free of charge. Just keep in mind that black and white photographs are preferred but not required and the size requested is 8" x 10" or 5" by 7". Be sure to include a small paragraph describing the scene(s).

## *The Wise Queen*

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

*ONCE UPON A TIME there was a very wise queen. Everyone in her kingdom loved her as she did her best to see that her people were happy.*

*The queen had seven sons who grew up to be fine young men.*

*As the years went on, the aging queen decided that she would bestow the crown upon the one son who was the wisest. So she called her seven sons together and told them of her decision.*

*"My sons," she began, "I will test you. The one who is the wisest will be given the kingdom to rule. But, first, tell me the wisest thing you would do if you became king."*

*Each son wished to become the ruler and each outdid the other in promising to do great things. Each son declared that he was the wisest and the queen felt she was getting no where in making a choice.*

*"You can't all be equally wise," she said. "If you were that wise you wouldn't be so adamant about it. No, my sons, you aren't very clever, but maybe we can find the one who has the best heart. So tell me what you would do if you were one day to become king and show your goodheartedness."*

*Once more, each son tried to outdo the others to no avail.*

*The queen became disheartened by the competition and said, "You can't be equally goodhearted, otherwise you would not try to show that you are better than anyone else. That is a sign that you are not so kind and thoughtful of others. You do not have good hearts, my sons, and you are not very wise. Perhaps, though, one of you is mightier than the others."*

*And again, each son boasted himself the best warrior and most heroic of all men.*

*One said he had slayed a dragon, another said he trapped a troll, another son declared he wiped out the enemy in battle and so on.*

*The queen sighed. "You cannot all be heroes, my*

*sons, because the true hero does not praise himself." She sent them away feeling disappointment in her children.*

*Time went on and she felt she could no longer rule her kingdom. She made a decision.*

*She would test them differently. Instead of her sons coming together at one time, she would speak to each one alone.*

*The first born son entered the room and the Queen told him, "You and your brothers will scatter throughout the world. You will all return in one year.*

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*Each one of you must bring me a present. From what you bring me I will know who is best suited to rule the kingdom. Go my son!"*

*The sons returned to the palace in a year. The Queen kissed and hugged each one of her sons and asked to see what presents they had brought her.*

*The oldest son said, "I found a rare garment made of silk and gems."*

*The second son said, "I found these shoes made of the purest gold."*

*The third son brought his mother pearls; the fourth son, beautiful tableware carved of silver; the fifth son, a lovely painting of great worth; the sixth son, a blanket woven with diamonds.*

*Only the seventh son came empty handed.*

*The youth blushed and said, "I did bring you something, Mother, but..."*

*"What is it?" she asked, anxiously.*

*The seventh son ran out of the room and returned with a little girl.*

*Everyone in the court wondered what kind of a present is this for the Queen.*

*The Queen held up her hand. "Please," she said. "Let my son explain. What is the great worth of this unusual present that you brought me."*

*The son smiled. "I searched many lands," he said, "and found all kinds of things of great value. The*

*more I saw the more I realized that these things were not fitting for a Queen. A gift that can be bought with money will not please one who is generous and a kind ruler."*

*The Queen listened intently.*

*"Only," continued the son, "something very special, something that you cannot buy should be presented to the Queen. One day, on my travels, I found this little girl crying and I asked her why she was so sad. She told me that she did not have a mother or father or a home. I looked and asked around if she was an orphan and I learned that she was."*

*"Oh dear," said the Queen, with tears in her eyes. "And you brought her to me?"*

*"Yes, Mother," said her son. "This is the gift that you cannot buy with money."*

*The little girl stopped crying as the Queen reached out to her and took her in her arms.*

*Suddenly, something strange happened. The Queen felt younger again, and a glow came upon her face. She looked at her youngest son and said, "You have goodness in your heart, you are worthy and wise. You, my son, will inherit the throne."*

*The other sons said nothing, for they saw with their own eyes that what they had bought with money could never equal what was presented to their mother by the youngest son — a gift from the heart.*

## \$2.5 Million Birthday Wish Granted



Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, President of Dana College, celebrates 49th birthday and successful "Dana Fund" campaign.

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, President of Dana College, celebrated his 49th birthday

and was granted his birthday wish — the announcement by college officials that their two year fund raising campaign, the "1986-88 Dana Fund: Positioning for Progress," had reached and surpassed its goal of \$2.34 million. Christopherson later announced the total of cash and pledges was over \$2.5 million.

Officials of the college felt the announcement of surpassing the goal was an appropriate birthday gift to Christopherson. A cake was presented to Christopherson with 250 burning candles, one candle for every \$10,000 raised during the campaign.

As a result of the campaign, the college has no operating deficit, and has been able to strengthen student financial aid, enhance the college's computer facilities, improve the library collection and facilities, and increase and improve student services. It will also make possible the completion of the final phase of the renovation of the college's historic Old Main building. Renovation of Old Main is scheduled to begin during the summer of 1989 with an anticipated completion date later in the fall.

"As the title of this campaign indicates, we were positioning ourselves for progress," said Christopherson, "and I believe that we were successful in that regard. Dana College is stronger today because of this campaign and stands ready to continue a long tradition of excellence in Christian higher education."

Dana College, located in Blair, Nebraska, is the oldest college founded by Danish Lutheran immigrants in the United States. Dana was founded in 1884.

### Annual Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood will begin on October 20, 1988, at the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

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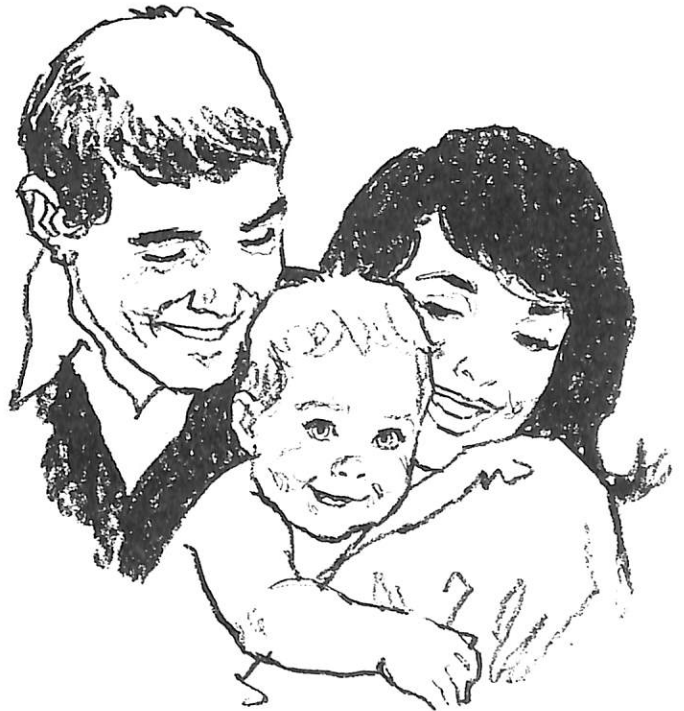
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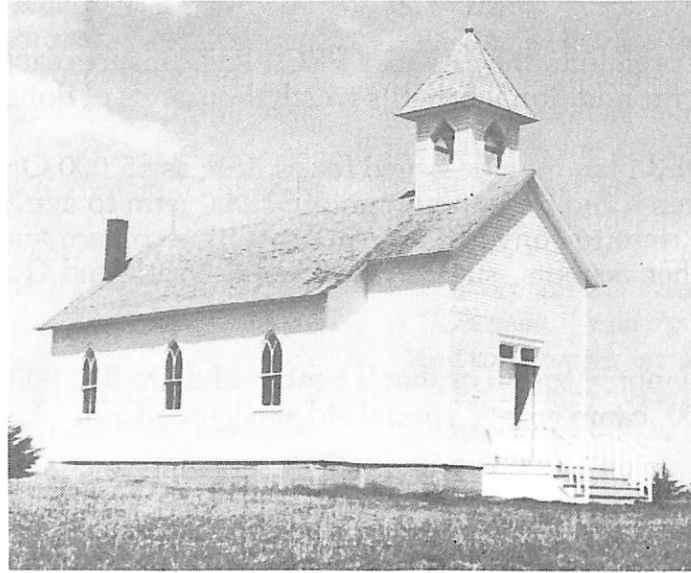
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# The Vigil of the Dane Church

by David Mellinger



The Dane Church as it appears today when approaching from the southeast.

The white frame church and adjoining cemetery sit alone atop a rolling hill on the divide between the Republican and Little Blue River valleys, the only reminders of the small group of Danish settlers who came to the area in the 1870s. It was a time of unrest in their home country and they came, as all immigrants come, in hope of a better life. The divide proved to be a hard place, without trees for building and relief from the blazing sun, and without water for crops, animals, and people. In spite of hardship, the Danish immigrants stayed and left the Dane Church as testimony to their hope and industry.

The Danish settlers crossed the prairie in slow, creaking wagons. No one is alive to say why they came to this small point on the vast midwestern plains. Hans Christian Hansen arrived at 14, after sailing from Denmark. Svend Lindquist and his wife Marien left an already established community in Iowa with three year old Emma Martine. The Danish farming community never exceeded 100 people and never grew large enough to support craftsmen or tradesmen.

But it was a community. Hans Christian and Emma Martine married and raised a family. Ted Hansen, their son, was born in 1901. He was about six when his Grandfather Lindquist acted as master carpenter on the church. Lumber was hauled in by wagon possibly from Red Cloud, ten miles away in the Republican River Valley, and stacked on a rise within sight of the Hansen homestead. Ted was there to watch as his family and neighbors took time off from plowing and planting, harvesting and surviving, to erect a place to worship and congregate.

The impetus for building the church may have come from the growing cemetery, the need for a center for community activities, or the simple need to express hope in the face of hardship.

St. Stephenie Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church was a simple structure. Flat slab sides, each with three lancet arched windows, supported a high sloped roof. A small front entry, capped by a 48 foot bell tower, faced the rising sun and the cemetery across what is now a gravel road. One of Ted Hansen's earliest memories is "Mom with her bread pan full of sandwiches for some church doing."

Two details served as symbols of the future. The builders hired an itinerant Czech housepainter named Ondrak to paint a

mural in the apse. His subject, "Christ in the Garden," covered the back wall, evidence of hope for a beautiful future. The other symbol was more prophetic. There was no bell in the steeple.

Even in the first years the Dane Church could not support a full time minister and was served every four to six weeks by a minister who came from Superior 40 miles away. If he visited during the week, the Danish children took off from the nearby regular school for "Sunday school." In 1915 the circuit was taken over by ministers from the American Sunday School Union. Sermons weren't any more frequent, and they were in English.

Over the next dozen years the Dane Church served as the scene for the Danish community's weddings and funerals. Ted Hansen married and began raising a family. Across the road, names were added to the list of those who would no longer have to struggle against the divide.

The peace of the Dane church was shattered on May 26, 1927 when a tornado came through. "It picked that church up and carried it northwest about forty feet, then dropped it. Smashed it to smithereens," said Ted. The fragile church was totally destroyed including the Ondrak mural. Ondrak's grief is recorded in his cry, "My Yesus! My Yesus! Blown all to hell!"

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The church building was destroyed but hope was not. Rebuilding began in 1928 with Yance Jorgensen, a local bachelor, providing much of the capital. As they had since coming to the divide, the community labored together. The new church was dedicated on the same site in 1930. There were changes. The entry was larger, with double doors; the bell tower was not so high; a three sided aspe was added; and a rope led to the bell tower, though there was still no bell.

As the thirties began, many of the second generation Danish immigrants were moving off to "Scully Land," 30 miles to the east. Perhaps, they thought, as they loaded their possessions, "Life will be better there." A Lutheran church was built in Red Cloud, and the town minister came out on Sunday evenings to take over from the circuit riders. The congregation was small, not over 50 at the most. Sunday School was taken by local ladies. Classes never numbered over 10 with six being a more usual number. In the mid 1950s the Lutheran minister from Red Cloud stopped making the ten mile trip, and services at the Dane Church ended.

By that time Ted Hansen had moved his family into Red Cloud. There were too few Danes left to support the church and it sat empty, waiting. The end almost came in 1972. The owner of the land, a life long member of the parish, sold the building for scrap. Before it could be razed, the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation heard of the threat to the historical site.

A Red Cloud resident bought the church and turned it over to the Foundation. Though the interior is stripped of decoration, exterior painting and repairs are kept up through donations. The site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Willa Cather Thematic Group.

The Dane Church keeps its vigil over Svend Lindquist, Yance Jorgenson, Hans Christian and Emma Martine Hansen, and many of the others who came from Denmark to make a new home. While the community did not grow into a town or keep its Danish heritage, the descendants of those early Danish settlers have built a home in the land originally settled by their forefathers and watched over the Dane Church.

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# Our Lodges in Action

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

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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — The September meeting and Veterans night will be held at the Swedish Club on September 7 at 8 p.m. The Past President will serve as the officer that night. Following the meeting, open face sandwiches will be served. There will be a nominal charge. There are many members that will receive 25 and 50-year pins. Please come and celebrate.

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — Mitchell Rice, grandson of Ronald Jurgensen of Wilbur, Washington, applied to and received the requested sponsorship of our lodge and the National Danish Brotherhood office to attend Skovsøen's Danish Language Village in Minnesota. Mitchell expressed an interest in becoming an exchange student in Denmark as a part of his future schooling and found Skovsøen's summer experience in a Danish atmosphere a valuable beginning toward preparation for his exchange student goal. Congratulations!

Congratulations also goes to our member, Thomas Gilbert, Jr., of Pasco, Washington, for having applied to and receiving one of the Danish Brotherhood National Scholarships which will help him in furthering his education. Recognized as our

The best idea for August goes to Lodge No. 155, Bellingham, Washington. See this page.

outstanding member of the year, Fred E. Matheny received this year's Howard E. Christensen Award. Congratulations to Fred and also to Merle Kinder for having been elected to a Northwest District Danish Brotherhood office. Merle became the new District Outer Guard at this year's Northwest District Convention in Eugene, Oregon.

Sharon Kinder represented the Spokane Danes at Seattle Brotherhood Lodge No. 29's recent 100 year celebration in Seattle. Thanks for being our ambassador to the rest of the world, Sharon. We appreciate it!

**Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA** — We are very happy to say that we have the contracts for our hall with work to begin as soon as the contractors are able. We have worked together and it has paid off. We have not raised all the money we need but our own members are loaning the rest of the money. We will have to keep our noses to the grindstone to pay off the indebtedness but we can do it. We are so grateful for the many hours and dollars our ladies

have raised and we do want to thank all of you for your financial assistance. Several lodges have sent donations as well as individual members from other lodges.

Our aebleskiver brunch was a terrific success. Thank you all. We are looking forward to the fall season and have many programs already planned.

We had a good time at the lake in July when we burned the witch at President Lucille Hansen Merchant's place.

**Howard Abbott, Pres.**

**Lodge #155, Bellingham, WA** — The "Danish Heritage Awareness Program," a reunion of all those individuals who used to attend the meetings with their parents when they were kids, got a bang-up start at our picnic on July 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nielsen at the shores of our beautiful Lake Whatcom.

Our gratitude for all the work of preparing the abundance of the traditional "picnic eats" goes to Erna Jensen, Inge Funch, Karen Bruun and Mary Nielsen. Our Canadian members, Kate Praegel and Bente Pedersen (with husband Herluf) added to the feast by bringing lots of wienerbrød.

Bill Nielsen did most of the entertaining in the form of "Captain Bill" providing water skiing and sightseeing tours in his speed boat.

The weather was outstanding and the

water inviting for swimming, a feature enjoyed mostly by the youngest guests.

We had a good turnout of second generation "guys and gals," which of course was the goal of Dan Colpitts when he initiated his idea: for the younger generation to keep in touch with one another through the Danish Brotherhood.

Bent Frydendahl, Pres.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — The July 7 meeting came to order with 35 members present. We joined the Sisterhood for our annual July hotdog and beer picnic downstairs in the Norse Hall. There was good food and socializing for everyone. Following the picnic, Asbjorn Fisker showed us a documentary from Denmark, of the 4th of July celebration in Rebild, Denmark, two years ago. It was excellent. We all moved to the meeting room upstairs for a short business meeting.

We received a note from the Enumclaw lodge thanking us for the \$100 donation toward renovation of their building.

We had several guests present, George Larsen's brother and his wife; Norman Powell's daughter, Kathleen, here from Seattle; and Dana Nielsen's parents. We are always glad to have guests visit with us.

Lisa Peterson, one of the members who received a scholarship, was present to receive her certificate and to thank the Brotherhood. She will be going to Smith College in North Hampton, Massachusetts this fall. Tami Hansen, chairperson for the 1991 National Convention to be held in Portland, has received around \$5,000 from other lodges. She is looking for the best



President Asbjorn Fisker presents Scott MacHaffie with a certificate for a 1988 DBIA scholarship.

way to invest this money to gain interest for the lodge until the convention.

The Young Vikings hiked from Seaside over the Tillamook Head into Cannon Beach on August 21.

The Good of the Order was contributed to by June Enevoldsen and George Larsen.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

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

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — Again this year there is a bus trip to Reno sponsored by our lodge. Your tour guide will be the same as last year, Herluf Pedersen. He has already informed us that the bus will be leaving Vancouver on Saturday, October 9-15. For those who need to make arrangements for holidays and vacation and want to join us others for a fun-filled, 7-day bus trip to Reno, now is the time. For more information, please contact your tour guide, Herluf Pedersen.

Are you interested in playing 10 pin bowling at Brentwood Lanes on Sundays from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m.? The season begins on September 11 and ends on the last Sunday in April. We have a few openings so if you are interested, please call Herluf Pedersen.

There were 46 Brothers present at the meeting in June. During the meeting, we received two applications for membership. They were Poul Sorensen and Borge Pedersen. They were both accepted.

Also during the meeting, Hans Christophersen received his 50-year pin for being a member of our lodge. He enjoyed his evening tremendously.

We elected a committee for the Pacific Northwest Convention, 1990, in Vancouver. The committee consists of Herluf Pedersen, Elith Marcussen and Bent Jensen.

We also received a report from the

Federation of Danish Clubs in Canada given by Villy Andersen. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a nice sandwich, beer and snaps.

If you like the game of soccer but think you are too old, think again. This September, a new league will be starting for players 50 years and older. So if you are 50 years old and would like to play a little ball and have some fun, or if you need some more information, please call Herluf Pedersen. If you have a friend who would like to play, he is more than welcome to join us.

Again this year, the Danish Brotherhood participated in the Third Annual Dragon Boat Races. We had practiced a few times prior to the races. On Saturday, June 11, we had our first race. We raced against the Lotus Eaters, Flying Horseman, and Chau Luen Dragons. The time was very fast. We came in fourth. It was a good try. This placing brought us into Race #14, Chinese Cultural Centre Men's Cup Final. There was stiff competition.

We entered the boat fine; we rowed to the starting line fine; we even started paddling fine; but, before we knew it, our boat turned into a submarine. Our rowers were up to their armpits in water. We did manage to get to the dock before we went under. But, you all must realize that the Vikings were carrying approximately 600 extra pounds than any other team. Hopefully, next year will be different.

The celebration of the Danish Community Centre's picnic was attended by many people. The weather could not have been better! As usual, the picnic was held at Peace Arch where lots of Brothers attended with their families. There were races for all ages including the tug of war. The men's tug of war, between the Brotherhood and Community Centre, could not have been closer. They had to tug four times because an outsider jumped in on the Community Centre's side making the teams unfair. The Brotherhood won the fourth tug. It was a long race to the finish. Great going guys. All kids, big and small, had a great time. The day went so fast and everybody enjoyed themselves. We hope to see you all next year.

Peter Praegel, Cor.  
Jorgen Larsen, Cor.



Lyla Peterson congratulates her daughter, Lisa, a 1988 DBIA scholarship recipient.

**SEPTEMBER ASSESSMENT  
NUMBER 1071**  
is Due and Payable to the  
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**September 1, 1988**  
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**October 1, 1988**  
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lodge treasurer as per above will be  
considered in arrears.

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — On July 2, Karen and Knud Toftemark hosted our lodge and Junction City Lodge No. 268's annual St. Hans Fest at their "little country park" near Triangle Lake. Only two motor homes plus Karen in her trailer spent the night on July 1. Saturday morning, July 2, it started to mist and it continued for most of the day. As usual, it cleared up late in the afternoon before Marcia and Bob Johnson arrived to set up their big barbecue. They barbecued chicken halves for all those who had ordered them. Soon cars, vans, trucks and motorhomes started arriving. Everyone brought several dishes of food and/or dessert. A huge table was soon groaning with its load of good Danish cooking. After singing Grace, the 66 people in attendance started filling their plates.

As the sun sank behind the encircling hills, the bonfire was lit and the crowd cheered as the witch was consumed by the flames. Knud Toftemark and Flemming Pedersen led the group in singing the Danish songs. Later, several Danish-Americans started singing American songs. Our President, Peter Jensen, played the violin and Mary Stefansen played the guitar while many of the younger members sang. There was some beautiful harmony by Mary and Susan Applegate.

Five motorhomes spent the night of July 2 and had breakfast before some headed home. Some were going to stay until Monday since it was a long weekend. Thanks again to Karen and Knud!

On July 17 members of our lodge and Junction City Lodge No. 268 played co-hosts to a group of 26 Danish young men and women under the age of 30. The group, with their conductor, Peter Anders of Lynge, Denmark, arrived early in the afternoon and were taken by members of the two lodges to their homes to take a break and have a good home-cooked meal. At 7:30, they gave a free concert at the Bethesda Lutheran Church Park in Eugene to thank the group for their hospitality. There were three saxophonists, a kettle

drum and marimba player; while all the rest had accordions. What a wonderful concert; with special pieces written for accordion, classical and symphonic and popular music, such as ragtime and foxtrot.

After the concert the lodges served kringle, apple juice, and coffee in the gazebo. Then the various hosts took their guests home with them for a good night's rest as their bus was leaving the next morning at 7:00. It was truly a memorable evening; one that we will remember for a long time.

Peter Anders founded the group, the Sealand Accordion Orchestra, in 1962, composed of enthusiastic musicians from most of Sealand. They have given concerts in Sweden, Norway, Finland, W. Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia and Russia. They had three more concerts, all in California, before they would go home.

Verna Lynge, Cor.

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — Well, the party animals did turn out for a great party



The participants and the on-lookers enjoyed all of the fun games.

at President Karl Duus' home and everybody had a good time and a lot of laughs. There was a lot of good food and the games that followed were hilarious. A good friend of the Duus' organized the games and did a terrific job of it. Our thanks go to Karl and his wife Louise for opening their home to us and for a most enjoyable evening. We hope to do this again soon.

We met an hour earlier on our meeting night and, together with the Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 and the Brotherhood Lodge No. 323, we enjoyed a delicious dinner of smørrebrød, akvavit, beer and coffee. M-m-m it was all so good! Let's do that again, gang!

The July meeting was opened at 8:00 by President Karl Duus. A minute of silence was observed for our Past President - Villum (Bill) Christensen. Later, the Past, Past President Anne Kofod was moved to Past President.

It was voted on and passed to make a loan of \$100 to the Portland lodges for the next National Convention. This money will be refunded after the convention which will be held in 1991.

The last half of the meeting was spent on activity discussions, and the following (subject to change, if necessary) was approved: September 17, Bus Trip to Solvang; October, Anniversary Party; November 18, Fish Dinner and Bingo; and December 16, Brotherhood Christmas party. Be sure to mark your calendar for these dates.

The meeting came to a close and, once again, the Sisterhood Lodge and Alhambra Lodge and our members joined to partake of some more food. Like good Danes, we never refuse good food! This time, it was coffee and cake. What a nice way to end a super evening!

Anne Kofod, Cor.

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — As usual, both the June and July meetings were dinner meetings with typical Danish menus - Biksemad by Johannes Jaeger on June 8 and Svinekoteletter by Max Hanberg on July 13, everything cooked to perfection.

# 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
5-10-88	Silas F. Nielsen	82	Denmark	255	Selma, California	1947
6-28-88	August Swanholm	87	Randers, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1938
7-2-88	Preben L. Grundtmann	76	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1942
6-5-88	Frank R. Hansen	87	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1937
7-27-88	Arthur F. Christensen	78	Warren, Pennsylvania	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1942
7-6-88	Paul J. Ipsen	78	Bornholm, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1986
7-3-88	Lois V. Petersen	65	Elk Horn, Iowa	349	Atlantic, Iowa	1983
12-31-84	Lewis L. Angleton	78	Offerle, Kansas	261	Fowler, Colorado	1978
6-23-88	Edly Steen	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1985

Bent Clausen was initiated in June while John Sorensen and Mike Andersen were initiated in July. Welcome to all.

A \$100 donation was granted to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, and it was mentioned that a very explanatory video tape about the museum was available and to be recommended. During a lengthy discussion concerning our new born local Danish Museum, it was debated whether or not a room would be assigned especially for Brotherhood artifacts. Johannes Jaeger did not think that this could be expected.

Since the beautiful Grundlovsfest held June 5 was a joint affair with the Rebild Society, it was decided to give them \$100 to help cover their expenses for the entertainment.

Bob Lassiter proposed a new version of the scholarship committee and criteria indicating that, among others, the committee should be comprised of trustees. This year's scholarship recipients are Linda Thompsen and Susan Klitgaard.

Concerning our future liability insurance, it was decided that it will be the responsibility of the president and the secretary. A vote of thanks is extended to Mark Bates and Bruce Pedersen on their work in building a ramp at the sidewalk with Bethania Lutheran Church.

A discussion concerning delegates for the convention resulted in the following: Bent Olsen, Jorgen Hansen and Eric Jensen as delegates and Mogens Mortensen as an alternate. It was felt that the delegates' fee should be increased to \$200 which was accepted.

It was suggested by several members who are owners of restaurants that the meetings take place in their restaurants when they are on the dinner committee — an idea which will be tested in September at Fred Nielsen's Viking Gardens.

**Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA —** Convention! Well, it finally came and went. All of us on the committee would like to take this time to say thank you to all of those who donated their time before and during the convention. You all know who you are and should take pride in helping to make this one of the most successful conventions ever.

Having this convention in San Diego was to try to get our existing members more involved in their local lodge. We believe that this has somewhat happened. Let's not let our attendance to the lodge meetings and/or social events diminish. We have worked very hard to build back up our membership and it would be a shame to let it die off again.

Anyone who may have any suggestions as to how to keep our lodge alive from this point on, please bring them to the meetings and share them with us all. We will make sure to listen and hopefully even try your ideas out in the future.

This year camping will once again be held at Ma-Tar-Awa in Alpine on September 9-11. Please call Lillian Suda for reservations.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA —** Because several of our Board members will be on vacation in September at the time our regular meeting should take place, we will not have a business meeting in September. We are, however, tentatively planning a social event later in the month. We will also have to start to make plans for our Christmas party. Our next business meeting will then be October 6th.

At the meeting on July 7, we had a very joyful gathering before the business meetings. Members of Lodge No. 126, Lodge No. 323 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 had brought delicious smørrebrød, which was enjoyed with beer and snaps. Betty Seale treated everybody to snaps because she had a birthday.

**Inger Dix, Cor.**

**Lodge #332, Modesto, CA —** A special thank you to all members, and guests from all lodges who attended our annual Tahoe trip. We were honored to have representation from San Francisco, Riverside, Oakland, Petaluma, and Fresno. This trip has become the highlight of the year — a chance to get away for a few days to relax and visit with fellow Brothers in a homey atmosphere in the beautiful Sierras.

Once again we held our installation of officers outdoors under the pine trees and entertained neighboring tourists who were inquisitive about the traditional ceremony. We all enjoyed the lovely music that Borge Nielsen provided us. John Craig, presi-

dent, opened the meeting followed by introduction of the installing president, Ken Nielsen, and Kaj Kristensen, installing conductor. Installed were President John Craig; Vice President, Ebba Norby; Secretary, Vernon Olsen; Treasurer, Regnar Hansen; Conductor, Marge Scheuber; Inner Guard, Gunver Olsen; Outer Guard, Ann Stowers; and Trustee, Alvin Olsen.

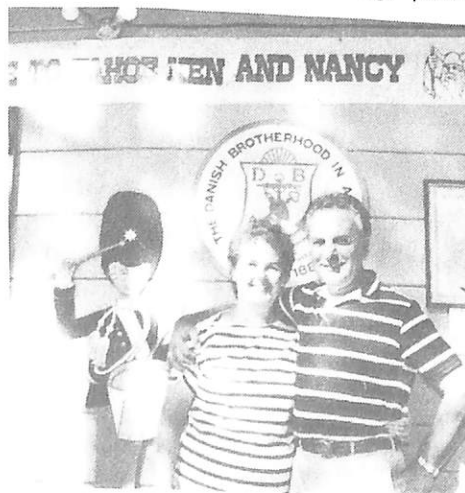
As usual, the weekend was well-planned by the hosts and hostesses, Bessie and Vernon Olsen and Alvin and Gunver Olsen, who opened up their Tahoe homes for all to enjoy. Friday night members were served hot dogs, salad and dessert. Saturday morning breakfast was provided by Ed Johnson and Jim Larsen. We all know Petaluma is famous for its chicks. Jim and Ed made sure their chicks laid well so we had plenty of eggs to eat. Saturday evening after installation, members were served a delicious steak supper barbecued by two great chefs, Ebba Norby and Jack Belmont. Sunday morning Alvin and Gunver Olsen and helpers prepared a tasty traditional Danish breakfast. Alvin makes aebleskivers to perfection. What a marvelous weekend for all!

**Marge Scheuber, Cor.**

#### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA —** We spent a beautiful day at Lake Park in Huntington Beach in July. The weather was just about perfect. We want to thank the committee who were responsible for all the work that a lodge picnic can be. Gary Gossett and Soren Christensen, chairmen, did an outstanding job. Soren was responsible for the aebleskiver breakfast. Sherman Nielsen worked steadily beside Soren cooking the aebleskivers and they were really delicious. Thanks guys. Your cooking was superb.

Gary and Toni Gossett took over with the games that followed. One thing about our lodge, everyone who is able takes part in the picnic games. Gary gears the games so all can participate in them. During the game time, several over-aggressive players got carried away with the water balloon toss. Before you could bat a lash, it was not only water balloons that were being thrown, but cups of water and a few buckets of water were seen hitting unsuspected victims. Gary taught us a real great trivia game that was lots of fun. Egg tosses made quite a mess of not only the lawn but the bodies who missed the eggs being tossed. You want to make sure that your partner in this toss holds no grudges against you because a tossed egg can be a deadly weapon in the wrong hands. Every-



**California-Nevada District President Ken Nielsen and his wife, Nancy, are welcomed to Tahoe.**

one was a winner in these games, and even the lawn chair participants enjoyed a large glob of bubble gum.

Hamburgers and loads of delicious salads and picnic foods were enjoyed after the games came to a halt. Thanks to all those who shared their favorite picnic foods.

Once again we will be saving old reading glasses. We can be a part in bringing the gift of sight to thousands of needy persons around the world. All glasses given will be sent to Direct Relief International, who work in cooperation with Kiwanis International and Lions Club International. The eyeglasses that you take for granted in this country is a very precious item in many parts of the world and for all too many persons, an item that is completely beyond their means. The old glasses that are sent in are "recycled" for use by someone who urgently needs them.

We would also like to offer our congratulations to Howard and Hazel Kjellsen on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — Guess what? The weather was just great for our St. Hans Fest. For once it worked with us. Forty-three members and guests sat around the fire ring and watched Doris

Thompson's workmanship go up in flames. Doris once again did a great job on our witch. Thanks!

Our stew was very good. You can look forward to another night of left-over stew later in the year. Tom Loveday, Lindy Lindberg and Jim Patterson did a great job on the stew. We sure appreciate all of the work they did in bringing up "puff" and getting everything prepared for, the cooking of, and the cleaning up of the stew.

Tammy Lindberg had some really good games for the kids to play in order to win "olympic" gold, silver and bronze medals as well as the prizes she had for them. Janet Jensen even won \$5.00 when she picked the witch's age. Us adults even got in a few games. The Nielsens' and the Jones' had a good time with games on us.

Ken Nielsen and John Loveday with the help of John Kristensen were our fire builders and our "Smokey the Bears" — It was so dry up in the mountains but it was beautiful and it was really nice for those of us who spent the night as it didn't get too cold. With the fees and the charges for the Friday night dinner we made all but \$3.00 to cover the campground rental.

Ken Nielsen is going to take charge of St. Hans Fest next year and get us a campground on a lake which will add a lot more to our fun if we can be on the water.

Because of the 4th of July weekend and our convention, we did not have a regular meeting in July but we did have a Board meeting at Tom and Norma Loveday's home. It was noted at the meeting by Treasurer Kaja Del Grippo that the lodge has sent the \$25.00 donation to the Solvang Lutheran Home.

We discussed our bus trip to Solvang on November 19th for Christmas shopping and fun and the charge is going to be \$20.00 per adult and \$15.00 for children under 15 years of age. We will have a bar on board and we will play bingo. So mark your calendar now. This is going to be a fun trip.

**Sue Patterson, Cor.**

## NEBRASKA

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Over 100 people attended the State Picnic at Cordova on Sunday, July 24. Omaha was well represented, with 37 attending from our lodge, Lodge No. 195 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 6. Four large tents held the food brought by all. What a feast! For entertainment, a local resident, Darrol Larsen, performed. He donned Hans Christian Andersen attire. Using a Danish dialect, he told us a little about the life of Hans Christian Andersen, and then related three fairy tales — The

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Princess and the Pea, The Husband Who Was Always Right, and Den Lille Ole med Paraplyen. Thanks Cordova Lodge No. 177 for a most enjoyable day.

**Jim Christiansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — We held our annual meeting on July 21. Theodore Schrock received a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Headquarters. We decided to loan \$100 to Portland, Oregon lodge for the 1991 National Convention to help with the expenses.

Delegates were elected for the state convention and include Herbert Nielsen, Wisthi Thomsen, Shirley Nielsen, and Gerald Sorensen. Alternates are Edith Thomsen, Margaret Sorensen, Mabel Haselbarth, and Hazel Bronson.

The group enjoyed homemade ice cream and cake served by the committee composed of Ralph and Ruth Burchell, chairpersons, Ed and Virginia Schmidt and Herman and Irene Bjorklun.

We are hosting the Nebraska District Convention on September 16-18. We wish to invite both the Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges throughout the state. We will be hosting a social evening Friday evening at the Country Club beginning at 7:00 with Danish food and drink.

Saturday morning registration will be held at 9:00 at the Community Action Building. Meetings and noon time lunch will also be held there. The banquet will be held at Knox Landing, formerly the American Legion Building. A Sunday morning breakfast will be served at the Exchange Bank Building.

**Shirley Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Thanks to all who contributed to our bake sale with baked goods, cash donations, and work. A special thanks to Kai for manning the raffle, and our "Front Door Barker" Tage and his assistant, Henry, who were responsible for much of our morning coffee business. To date we have cleared \$349.96 with some cash donations still to come in. These proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund.

Our picnic was attended by 40 members and guests. There was plenty of food and the weather cooperated making it an enjoyable evening for both young and old.

**Harriet Palle, Cor.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — The membership drive by our lodge has resulted in nine new approved members with an addi-

tional seven applications for membership pending. A special initiation party is planned for the regular September lodge meeting for all new members.

A basketball club consisting of 26 boys and 16 girls of ages 14 through 19 from the Copenhagen area arrived in Des Moines on the afternoon of July 4. Accompanied by nine young adult coaches and chaperones, the group had arrived from Elk Horn by chartered bus.

Edith Paulsen and Harvey Andersen from the Brotherhood and Marilyn Gift from the Council of International Understanding coordinated their efforts in finding host homes for the visitors. Several members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood served as hosts. An evening meal consisting of food purchased by the lodge from a delicatessen was served to the guests at Luther Memorial Church.

Harvey Andersen and Erik Sorensen arranged the matching of guests with the hosts for the overnight stay.

The following day, the boys played three games with local teams at East High School gym. The girls played two games at the Lincoln High School gym. The Danish boys and girls had played previous games in Council Bluffs, Omaha, and Elk Horn. They were scheduled to play additional games in Illinois before returning home.

Erik Sorensen and Harvey Andersen have been elected as delegates to the 1988 Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Alternate delegates are Curt Sorensen and Bob Andersen.

The first bi-monthly newsletter has been mailed to the lodge membership. It includes the following items: a calendar of scheduled events for August and September; summaries of past activities as well as plans for future events; the names of sick or homebound members; the birthday calendar of current members for the months of August and September; and a profile of a long term member — August Rasmussen.

The lodge Board is requesting members to submit an appropriate name for this newsletter. A prize will be given for the selected title. It is hoped that the newsletter will be an improved way of keeping the membership informed and active in the programs of the lodge.

**Wilbur Williamson, Cor.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — Keep it up! Our July meeting introduced several "firsts" for which we all should feel proud. Twenty-six members and guests visited the home of Edwin Jensen. This was the first time our evening was shared between two locations.

A second "first" was obtained by our attendance, in which we repeated the year's highest number present, at our meetings in June and July — 26. In May, 22 were present; in April 17; 13 in March; 16 in February, and 20 in January. Our total membership is 54.

Keep coming and do bring someone with you.

An invitation to view the Edwin Jensen home was received by the program committee at our July meeting.

When we arrived at the Senior Citizen's Center, groups of ten people walked across the street to the home and were greeted by Edwin. He has equipped his daily life of living alone with various lifts and scooters to compensate for the deterioration of muscles known as muscular dystrophy. Edwin, now 65 years old, received his first diagnosis in 1958, and is working steadily to become self-sufficient. He has recently moved back to Humboldt from Tempe, Arizona.

We wish to thank Edwin for the tour and to congratulate him on his positive outlook and goals.

July's cultural theme was music and three people brought numerous wind-up music boxes to display and discuss. Those exhibiting music boxes were Esther Hall, Carl Hansen, and Helen Larsen.

Thanks to the members of the program committee for July — Fred and Esther Hall, Helen Larsen, and Gary and Sandra Nielsen.

At the August meeting we had an attendance of 31 members which was great. Edna Johnson gave a book review on "Heather and the Rose" by Julia McDonald from one of the books presented to the Humboldt Library in honor of our three deceased members.

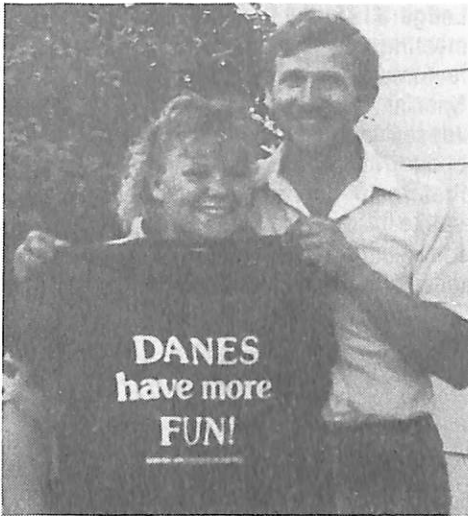
Members brought crafts, counted cross stitch, hardanger embroidery, etc., which were displayed by members.

Harlan Johnsen displayed his scale model tractor collection he has started for his three sons.

**Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA** — A potluck picnic was held at Pinetree Park in Clear Lake on a beautiful July afternoon. A business meeting followed the lunch. Todd Sonsalla and Yvette Sorensen are camp grant recipients. Yvette attended Camp Quaker Heights in Iowa and Todd attended the National Youth Roundup in Colorado. It was decided to send \$100 to the 1991 National Convention Committee. Plans are underway to attend the Iowa-Minnesota



Jerry Sonsalla presents Stina Andersson, foreign exchange student from Sweden, with a T-shirt for her going away party in Webster City.

District Convention in Albert Lea, Minnesota, over Labor Day weekend.

**Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

**Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA** — We met for a potluck picnic supper at the Elk Horn Creek Park on June 27. Karolyn Ortgies joined the lodge. Jeffrey Nielsen received the scholarship award to be used for further education. Delegates were chosen for the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. Money was allotted for the Portland, Oregon lodge for the 1991 National Convention. Gwendolyn and Nels Block told of their recent trip to Denmark and Germany.

**Verdie Christensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — Homemade ice cream was the special treat served by the committee to 42 members and guests at our July 11 meeting. The group met for a 6:30 potluck supper at the Wiota City Park. After the delicious meal, Donna Rourick of Wiota gave an interesting presentation. She is interested in bluebirds and as a hobby has bluebird trails where she has over 40 bluebird houses. She had several bluebird boxes on display and shared directions for making them with those interested. She explained that cats, snakes, raccoons and sparrows are the chief enemies of bluebirds and gave hints on how to protect the boxes from them. Donna had a tape of the bluebird's song so that we could recognize it.

Our lodge gave a memorial to the Danish Museum in memory of Lois Petersen, a member who passed away recently.

Ida Rasmussen, Marvin Ohms, Wayne and Phyllis Olsen, and Louie and Lillie Johnson were members of the July committee which made arrangements for the

program and made the ice cream and brownies which we all enjoyed.

**Mary Ann Christensen, Sec.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — A busload of Brewer fans went to the game on July 2 and had a great time, although they lost again! We still have not beat our record — when we go to the game they lose. Thanks to Rick Wade for handling this event with assistance from Todd Barnett and our resident singer Duke Ellingham.

We want to thank Brother Neal Rusecki from Neal's Electric who donated one half of his material and labor in the installation of the smokeater.

I know this is way in advance, but want you all to keep the date open. The men's and women's basketball teams are coming from Denmark to play at Carthage College on November 15. After the games, we will have a reception at the lodge for you to greet these young people. Tickets for the games and the reception will be only \$3.00 each. If you want tickets, call the lodge or pick them up there. We need to sell as

many as possible to have a good showing — ask your friends to come along. Even if you are not a basketball fan, plan to support this event in honor of these people coming from Denmark.

Twenty golfers from Kenosha enjoyed the Midwest District Golf Outing at Bristol Oaks on July 16. Most finished 9 holes when we had a downpour but no one was complaining as we really needed the rain. We congratulate Racine Lodge No. 4 on a well organized outing, dinner and dance. It was another fun day of fellowship.

The Rathskellar regulars are at it again! Thanks to their generosity a larger air conditioner has now been installed and is working great. Also a big thank you to Paul Ferraro who gave us a real good price on the air conditioner, to Craig Ferraro and Mike Gastaldi who delivered it and to Lloyd Nelson, Rich Walker, and Jack Sorensen who installed it. This is real Brotherhood!

A very sincere thank you to Woody Petersen and his son Kent from Lodge No. 35 who came up from South Chicago and installed our new drapes in the hall. Woody has donated his time and effort in ordering and installing these beautiful and energy efficient drapes. Thank you so very much.

## 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
George Follensbee	14	Kenosha, WI	Thomas Nelson
Peter W. Barca	14	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Kenneth E. Kaufman	14	Kenosha, WI	Charles Jackson
Raymond Highland	14	Kenosha, WI	Jim Ipsen
Robert L. Powell	14	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Hubert B. Christensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Arne Sorensen
Anna M. Marck	15	Des Moines, IA	Wilber Williamson
Anitra L. Jensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Joan B. Sorensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Edward J. Jayne	15	Des Moines, IA	Harvey Andersen
Peter C. Larsen	15	Des Moines, IA	Wilber Williamson
(Lucy) Inetta Larsen	15	Des Moines, IA	Wilber Williamson
Margaret A. Craford	29	Seattle, WA	Jens Nielsen
Tina F. Parker	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Minna H. Mortensen	170	Rocky River, OH	John Mortensen
Eddy M. Milne	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud O. Koefoed
Bill L. Taylor	261	Fowler, CO	Bud Taylor
Michael H. Anderson	299	Solvang, CA	Mark Anderson
Robert E. Brown	325	Nassau County, NY	George Rostrup
Vicki I. Armstrong	342	Bucks Co., PA	Robert Lindemann
Dorothy M. Petersen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Beverly A. Biedron	600	Omaha, NE	Edwin C. Turner, Jr.
Jennifer A. Biedron	600	Omaha, NE	Edwin C. Turner, Jr.
Norma G. Spleid	600	Omaha, NE	Gustav Glaser

Welcome to new members Ray Highland and A. Richard Christensen.

Don't forget that the Midwest District Convention at Bradley, Illinois, will be held on September 24 and 25. This is always a fun weekend. For further details contact Gordy Andersen.

**Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Congratulations to our National Bowling Tournament winners: Marlene Perschnick, Steve Dorsett, Pony Express Riders, 'Dis 'N 'Dat, The Great Danes, The Standards, and Herman's Hermits. Monies and certificates will be handed out at our next meeting.

Our picnic on July 11 was a great evening. Good weather, no mosquitoes or black bugs, lots of food and a fun time. Bingo was played with callers Shirley Holzhauser and Chuck Johnson. Jason Earing came the closest to guessing the pieces of candy in the candy jar so that was his prize. Marlene Perschnick and Rick Sullivan shared guessing the weight of watermelon. Chuck Johnson won the Coleman gallon jug and Elmer Jensen won the cooler. Twenty-five enjoyed the pool.

At the golf outing held July 16 in Racine, the rain came but it didn't stop most of our die hard golfers. Dwight's eight teams finished nine holes before the rain got to be too bad. We had a terrific time; enjoyed a good meal, danced to the DJ and brought home lots of prizes. Isn't it great to have another successful Midwest District event?

The Midwest District Convention will be held on September 24-25 at the Kankakee Inn on Route 50. Deadline for reservations is September 10. Since we are the sponsor, we hope to see many of you attend for a fun evening. Please, don't forget your contributions to the raffle. Call Margaret Goodwin or Shirley Holzhauser if you have something to contribute.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

#### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — At our July 15 meeting Carol Ann Baily, daughter of Pauline Jensen, was welcomed as a visitor as was Harley Larsen.

Three initiations took place. Eleanor and Richard Sabey and Irene Sabey were welcomed into our lodge by members present.

Bills were paid including a \$250 scholarship to Mt. Holyoke University for Kari Christensen and \$250 to the University of Illinois for Marc Connery. It was voted that \$60 be sent to the Danish Home for our sponsorship of their August birthday party — a yearly custom.

A brown bag auction was held and conducted by the Connerys — it was fun!

Make plans now to attend the Midwest District Convention. You need not be a delegate to attend and participate so why not make your reservations now for September 24-25. The convention will be held at the Kankakee Inn in Bradley, Illinois. Registration takes place at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with meetings during the day. Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. with dancing afterwards. On Sunday morning, there will be a joint installation of Midwest District officers. This is a great way to spend the weekend — so give it a try if you haven't before — you'll be glad you did.

Our lodge was represented by 19 people at the Golf Outing Dinner/Dance in Kenosha. Our golfers did fairly well too in spite of not playing the full 18 holes due to rain. Everyone was glad to see the rain, though.

It was a lot of fun and as usual, a bunch stayed overnight at a local motel — lots of laughs in room 272 where everyone gathered for a nightcap. Thanks to Racine Lodge No. 4 for putting the tournament together — it takes a lot of work!

"Doing It Danish," a film featuring Denmark and Greenland, a Keiffer-Wilson Production, will be shown on October 14, 1988 at the American Legion Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person and tickets are available from Ray Nielsen and Woody Petersen. Open face sandwiches, kringle and coffee will be included with the tickets.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — We welcome Margaret R. Schoewe and her son Christian T. Schoewe, who were initiated into the lodge during our July 20 meeting.

We have chartered a bus for our members and friends to attend Scandinavian Day, Sunday, September 11, in South Elgin, Illinois.

Thanks to members who brought the "Fixins" for our July 20 salad supper which was enjoyed by all.

Our participation in the Scandinavian Festival, sponsored by The Domes (Mitchell Park Horticultural Gardens) and The International Institute of Wisconsin, on Sunday, July 10, was most interesting. Members Axel Hermansen and Al Larsen manned our information table along with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Steffensen, publishers of Den Danske Pioneer, who handed out free copies of The Pioneer. Inga Hermansen demonstrated counted cross stitch at another table, while Elsie Hein and Carol Larsen sold homemade pastries and kringle from O & H Bakery in Racine. Ernie and Jeanette Norquist and Al Larsen also sang in the Scandinavian Chorus' performance that afternoon. **Al Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #186, Luck, WI** — Our July 18th meeting was special. The potluck supper featured Danish frikadeller and aebleskage. Special guests were Henry and Grethe Jepsen and Wanda and Ray Nielsen of Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, who are District Fraternal Coordinators. These friends spoke of activities that are successful in their lodge. They gave suggestions and ideas of future activities for our lodge.



We welcomed District Fraternal Coordinators Henry and Grethe Jepsen and Ray and Wanda Nielsen.



President Jensen welcomed Danish exchange student Maja Thorsted and host mother, Mrs. Patty Larsen.



Congratulations to the winner of our summer raffle, Angie Holmberg.

Lauritz Jensen, President, introduced Maja Thorsted, an International 4-H Youth Exchange visitor from Denmark and her host mother, Mrs. Patty Larsen. Maja brought greetings from her country and gave a factual and entertaining talk of her life in Denmark.

Also, President Lauritz chose this evening to present one of the prizes from the Brotherhood Summer Raffle concluded July 17. The \$300 prize was won by Angie Holmberg, who is the great granddaughter of the Christian Jacobsens. Christian came to America in 1929 and has been a member of Lodge No. 186 for 59 years. Angie plans to spend her check visiting Disney World.

Between supper and meeting time, our special guests were among those who visited the New West Denmark Church of Danish architecture, located two miles west of Luck. The old church and all of the hand carvings of the late Jess Smidt were demolished by fire in 1985. Mr. Smidt immigrated to America in 1880 from Denmark. His grandsons, Erik and Edwin Pedersen have done the carvings on the new altar, altar rail, pulpit and lecturn. Edwin, a retired teacher, is a member of our lodge.

After the business meeting, a social time was enjoyed. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

**Esther Nies, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — Our lodge is proud that our entry in Waupaca's Home-town Fourth of July parade was awarded a second place prize — a team of horses pulled a wagon filled with lodge members in Danish costumes.

Our annual picnic on July 28 in Riverside Park had the usual assortment of foods that our Danes are noted for. Games and prizes were enjoyed at the edge of the river.

We are looking forward to our aebleskiver supper in the Fellowship Hall of the Trinity Lutheran Church at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22. Our annual Mortensaften Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 12, at the Waupaca Country Club.

**Evelyn Doerr, Past. Pres.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

### Michigan-Ohio District

On August 6, 1988, the annual Michigan-Ohio District picnic was hosted by Lodge No. 30 in Muskegon, Michigan. One hundred twenty-five people showed up including persons from Ludington, Greenville, and Detroit.

The host lodge did a terrific job in preparing food, arranging games for young and old and, in general, just making sure everyone had a good time. The highlight of the day came when National Director Paul Carlsen presented the Muskegon Lodge a plaque from the National Board and the Home Office commemorating the 100th anniversary of Lodge No. 30. Also included in the festivities were gifts from the local Sisterhood lodge and some of the other district lodges. Thanks again to the folks in Muskegon for a very enjoyable day.

**Bob Sorensen, District Secretary**

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — Our annual "widow's night" hotdog and corn roast was held on Friday evening, August 5. We would like to thank Bill and Kathy Kraus

and their committee for making this special evening such a success.

On Saturday, August 6, Muskegon Lodge No. 30 celebrated their 100th anniversary at the annual district picnic. They had a great turnout with approximately 117 people attending from Ludington, Detroit, Greenville, and, of course, Muskegon. The food was delicious and the afternoon was filled with numerous games, swimming in beautiful Lake Michigan, and just plain visiting.

The regular softball season is now over with the Danish Brotherhood ending up in 2nd place, only one game out of 1st place. Nice going, guys! However, they still ended up with a 2nd place trophy to set alongside the one from last year's 1st place trophy in the post-season tournament.

**Robert Jensen, Sec.**

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### PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

**Lodge #71, Penn Yan, NY** — Early in the spring we had our Pancake Supper and also our annual Family Night Supper. They were both well attended by our members and friends. Kathrine A. McDougale was the winner of the Wendia Lodge Scholarship Award for \$100.



**Clarence Olsen received his 60-year pin from Past President Larry Andersen. Congratulations!**

We have recently remodeled some of the lodge building and are going to put on a new roof this fall.

In the fall, we will again have our annual banquet. Time and place are yet to be decided. The committee is working on it and will keep us informed of where and when.

Brother Harry Mikkelsen is now a resident at the Homestead. Visit him when you can.

**Clarence Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY** — We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Schenectady Elks Lodge, 1410 State Street, Schenectady. Dinner is served at each of these meetings at 6:45 p.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship of your lodge and an excellent meal.

The first Wednesday of each month is the business meeting and the third Wednesday of each month is a social meeting where all the birthday brothers are remembered with many skaal's from a bottle of akvavit furnished by the Birthday Club.

**Lawrence Barry, Cor.**

## Danish Immigrant Museum Ground Breaking Planned

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn, Iowa, will be held on Monday, September 5, Labor Day, on the Museum's 20 acre site on the west edge of Elk Horn.

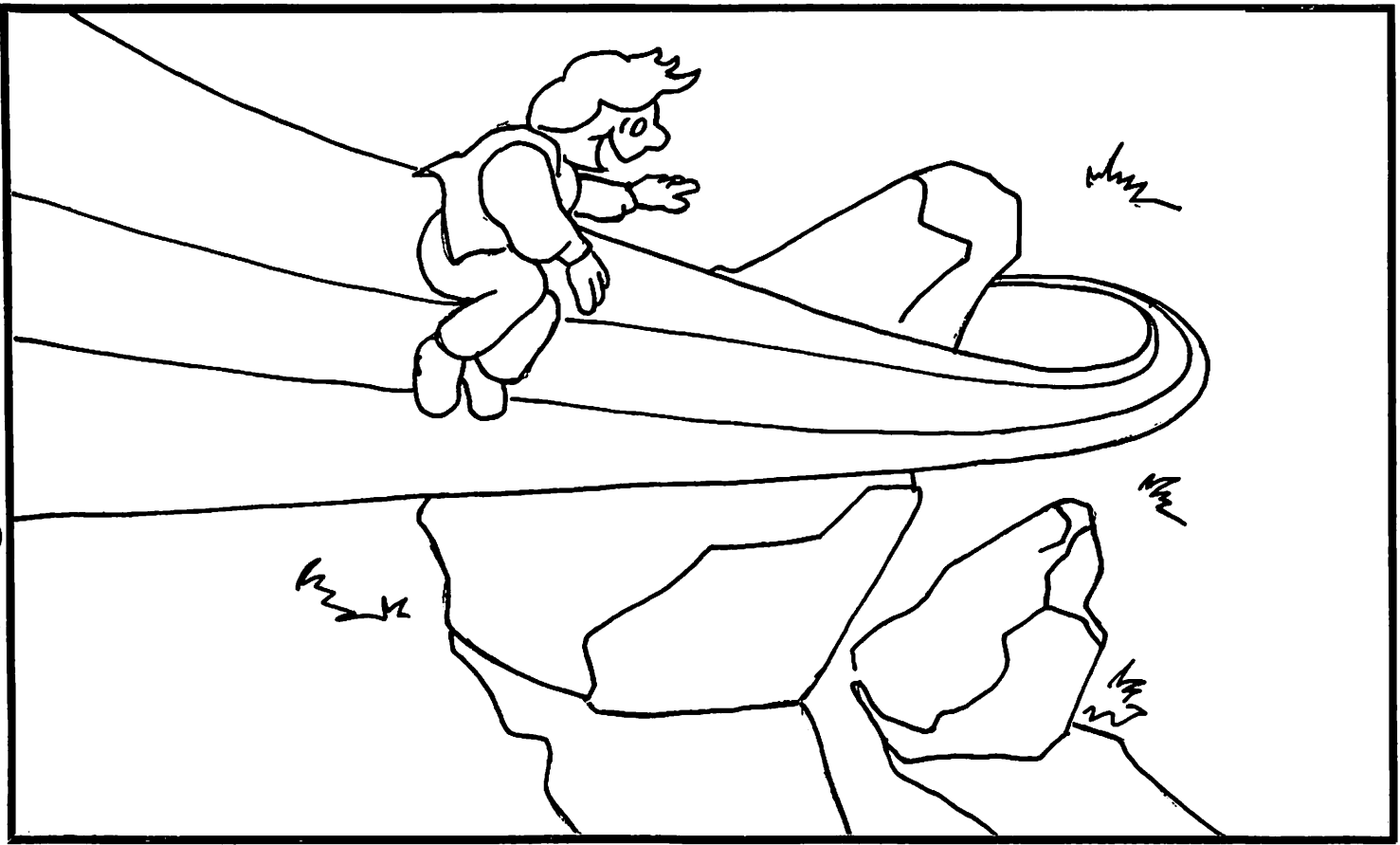
Governor Terry Branstad and U.S. Representative Jim Ross Lightfoot will be among the dignitaries who will witness the symbolic first turning of dirt for Phase I of this major new cultural institution. Consul General Nels Julius Lassen is also expected to participate as the representative of the Danish government. National Past President Robert Ibsen will also attend on behalf of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

The ceremonies will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the site. Special guests and visitors, however, are requested to gather at the Danish Windmill where there is ample parking and take a shuttle bus to the site. Coffee will be served here for the early arrivals.

Leading the procession of dignitaries representing many Danish American organizations to the site will be mounted presentation of colors, the Stars and Stripes and the Dannebrog, by the Elk Horn Saddle Club. The national anthems of both countries will also be part of the program led by a choir with people from Elk Horn, Kimballton, Blair, Nebraska, and other area towns. Instead of the usual gold plated spades, a horse drawn plow will turn the first dirt. Although the ceremonies are expected to last less than an hour, visitors may wish to bring their lawn chairs to use while listening to speeches.

A picnic will be served in the City Park immediately following the ceremonies for \$5.00. Museum members who attend the day's festivities will receive special recognition of their status.

# Jorgen's Rainbow



In Jelling, BiFrost sails Jorgen around the Runic Stones from ages ago. According to legend, the stones were erected by Gorm the Old, and his son, Harald Bluetooth, famous Viking kings. Have you ever wondered what sorts of sports people play in Denmark? Jorgen will be playing one of the most popular next time.

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Be

sure to include your name, address, and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

**August winners: Jay Wadding, Erik Danko, Jody Nielsen, and Jessica Young.**

## Grandma's Kitchen Dansk Rugbrød (Danish Rye Bread)



by Dagmar Jensen

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 yeast cake                    | ¼ cup salt       |
| 4 cups wheat flour or rye flour | 12 cups rye meal |
| sour dough*                     | 6 cups water     |

Dissolve yeast in ¼ cup lukewarm water. Mix the yeast, sour dough, salt, lukewarm water and the rye and wheat flour. Let rise 2 hours. Knead this down and let stand for 15 minutes. Form into loaves. Let rise again about 20 minutes. Bake at 375 degrees for 1 ½ to 1 ¾ hours. Makes three 2 ½ pound loaves.

- \*Sour Dough**  
 1 cup dough  
 2 ½ cups lukewarm water  
 ½ cup rye meal

Take any kind of yeast dough and blend with water and rye meal. Let stand in a warm place at room temperature until next day.

## Grand View College to Install President

Martin E. Marty, noted historian and theologian, will deliver the Inaugural Address at ceremonies installing Dr. Arthur E. Puotinen as the twelfth president of Grand View College on October 2, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines.

Marty is the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Modern Christianity at the University of Chicago, where he served as Puotinen's advisor when the latter attended that institution from 1967-73, and from which Marty received his doctorate in 1956.

Dr. Arthur E. Puotinen, formerly of Washington, D.C., began his duties as president of Grand View College, Monday, August 1. Puotinen, who just returned from a study tour of Northern Europe, was previously the executive director of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Prior positions were vice president of the academic affairs at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, and associate dean of academic affairs of Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia.

Puotinen was selected for the presidency of the college by the Board of Trustees at its February meeting.

He and his wife Judy, a learning disabilities teacher, have three daughters: Anne, a student at the University of Chicago; Mari, a student at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois; and Sara, who will attend Hoover High School in Des Moines.

# **Viking Adventures**

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

## **Results of Survey Determined**

*The June, 1988 issue of the American Dane featured a survey to determine the feasibility of the DBIA National Headquarters developing a directory which would contain names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBIA members who would be willing to house fellow DBIA members while on vacations, business trips, etc. The deadline to return the completed surveys was July 15, 1988 and the results are as follows:*

1. Are you a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America?  
9 - yes      0 - no
2. Do you believe a directory such as proposed above would be utilized and considered a benefit of membership?  
8 - yes      1 - no
3. Would you be willing to open your home to DBIA members?  
7 - yes      1 - no      1 - no answer

*If you answered yes to No. 3, please answer the following questions.*

4. Would you expect payment for this service?  
3 - yes      5 - no      1 - no answer

*If yes, how much per night?*

*Answers ranged from \$10 to \$30 per night.*

5. Do you feel a directory such as this should be made available to all members of the Danish Brotherhood in America or just to those listed in the directory?  
3 - all DBIA members      5 - those listed in directory only  
1 - no answer

*Additional comments varied from those who thought it was a great idea to those who thought a limit should be placed on the number of nights and services provided. One respondent mentioned that it would be very hard to keep a directory such as proposed confidential.*

***While the majority of responses given were positive, it has been decided not to proceed with this project due to the extremely low number of responses received (only 9 surveys were returned). Should you have any questions or comments regarding this survey, please contact the DBIA National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.***

# Danish Folk Dance Kits Now Available

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## Proud To Be A Dane?

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

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