

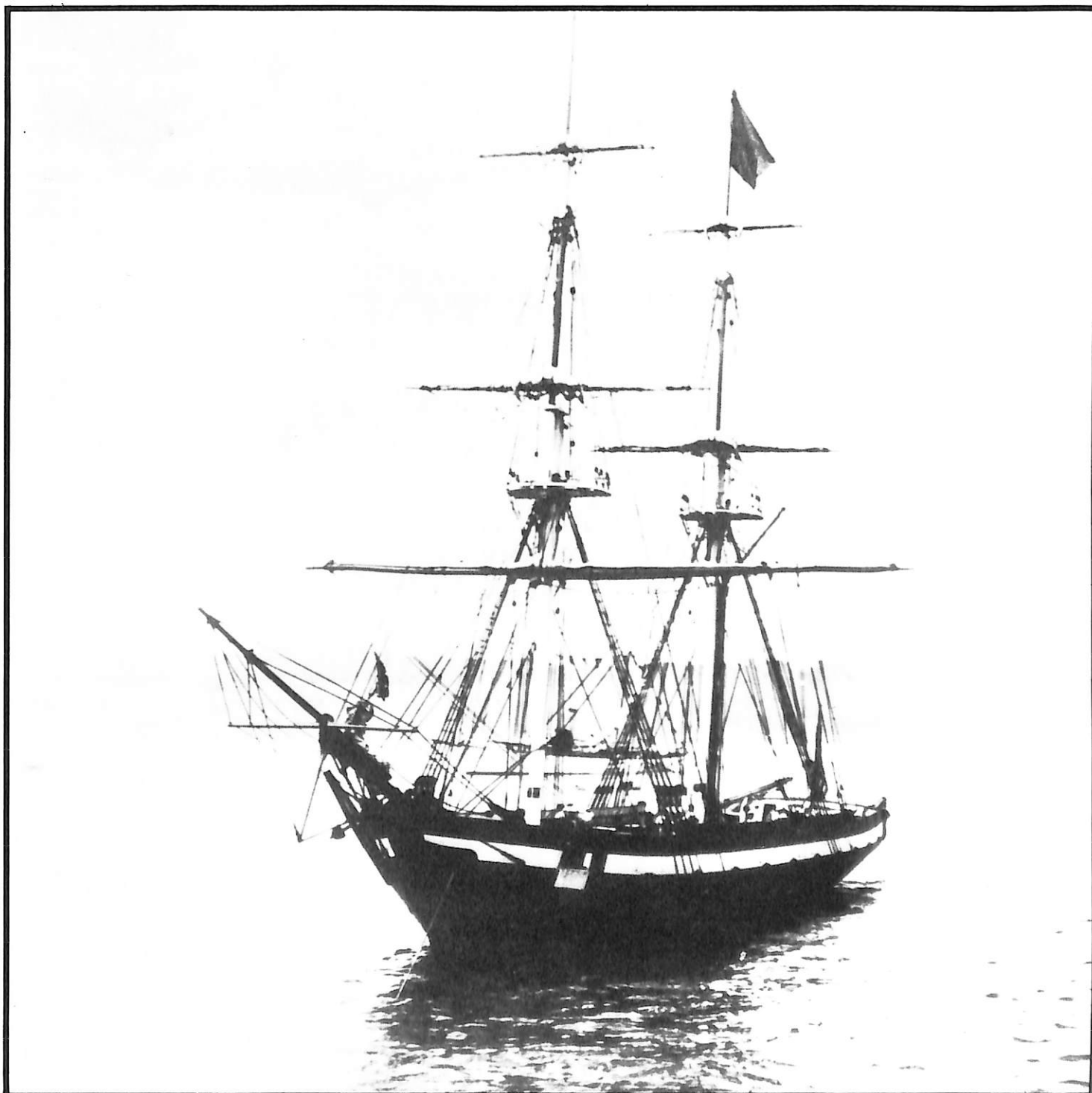
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Cover photo: Thanks to DBIA Lodge No. 242 in Erie, Pennsylvania for supplying this photograph of United States Brig Niagara. The restoration of this ship began in mid-September, 1987 to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie this year. The United States Brig Niagara is the only ship of her type which exists from the War of 1812.



President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

I have mentioned receiving newsletters from various lodges, the contents which I find most interesting. I received a copy of the newsletter from Lodge No. 35 in late Spring and an item caught my eye in that Audrey Christiansen, Financial Secretary of the Lodge and Insurance Representative for the State of Illinois, was interested in conducting a survey of the lodge on why people joined and what they found to be of benefit by that membership. I wrote Charles Jespersen, Secretary, for further information and he graciously made contact with Audrey on my behalf. I received the results of that survey and what surprised me was the fact that Audrey even asked the respondents to identify themselves, which they did! For this purpose, they will remain anonymous. 41 members answered the survey and they range in membership from 1923 to the present with many of those joining in the 1980s. Lodge No. 35 is an exceptional lodge and the survey indicates why they are exceptional people.

Audrey's six point questionnaire began with when they joined the Danish Brotherhood in America. That question has been answered but what I found interesting was that it asked about DBIA, not Lodge No. 35 alone. **Why did you join?** I had attended several meetings as a guest and really enjoyed the people and I felt good about the purposes and projects of the lodge. It was a family tradition. My daughter talked me into it. To have some type of Danish contact and meet some other Danes. Something for my children to hopefully gain some knowledge of Denmark. My husband was a member and many friends were in the lodge. Interest in heritage. Influenced by the wonderful activities and the idea of **everyone working together** told me to be a fellow lodge member. Because my wife did and to be able to participate in the many activities. To uphold the tradition of my father who has been a member since 1913. To take my father to lodge. Because our Danish friends always made us feel so welcome at their meetings and parties. Through the meeting of my future father-in-law. Woody Petersen asked me to join. For fellowship with the Nordic people. My father asked me to. Mom and Dad did. To be with other Danes and keep up Danish customs. It seemed like fun. Good organization. Talked with Danish people at an Ethnic Fair and thought we should join, glad we did. Danish fellowship. I thought I would like to be a member. Friends were members and my family joined shortly after my mother-in-law did and I felt the additional insurance would be nice. Wanted my children to learn more about Danish customs and do some of the things I enjoyed doing as a child and young adult. Because I am a Dane. Friendly people. Because of my parent's involvement in the lodge. I enjoy it so much and I am proud of what they do for the lodge. My Dad loved this lodge and I do too. . . my being a member is a tribute to his memory.

What do you especially like about the lodge meetings? The friendly people, the activities and the many friends I have made. Meeting people of Danish Nationality and Social Activities. Everything! I like meetings and the sociability. The many social activities available thru the lodge but time is not always available to fully participate. Friendliness! Getting together and finding out what other lodges are doing and simply enjoying the other members. Don't like the meetings because they are too long. The people and the congeniality. All the different activities plus the good friends I have made. Business like, efficient and super friendly. Very friendly people, humanitarians and very giving. The people and their genuine interest in me and one another. . . also a wonderful support group. The friendly people and the honesty of the organization. They make you feel so welcome. Fastelavn party and picnic. Food, the fun and good friends. The good nature and dedication. . . the feeling of "belonging." I like the members and the orderly meetings plus the Danish sandwiches. The people, short meetings, sandwiches and levity during meetings. Everyone is so nice. Friendship. Don't attend very many meetings but I am proud of my heritage in the lodge which goes back to my grandparents.

Audrey went on to ask what offices were held with 13 responding that they had held office; 2 had held all offices and gone on to the Midwest District and one, Woody Petersen, has held all offices in the Lodge, District and is on the National level as well. She went on to ask if they intended to remain an insured or social member. The vast majority responded overwhelmingly that they would with one stating that only time will tell! Audrey concluded the survey by asking them to ask someone to join with us who is the age you were when you joined. The response: Already have. No! I try. Most of my family already belong. . . I will ask others. Working on it as most of our friends are our age. . . 77 and 82!! Six have joined thru me. OK! Wish I joined many years ago. We try. . . it is important to get couples our age but that is why we encourage better activities.

I wish to thank the members of Lodge No. 35 for taking the time to become involved in this modest survey. It does give a message to all of us that we can become a positive force within the Danish Brotherhood in America. If we only try. Why doesn't someone in each lodge develop a survey of their own and ask the members to participate? It might give some insight to potential problems and how to solve those problems and, not only that, it could be a fun project. How about it? I know there are great lodges within our organization, sadly we don't hear about all the magnificent things they are doing for their membership. I am privileged because I read it in their newsletters. Also, as a member of the President's Awards Committee, I, along with Past President Robert Ibsen and First Vice President Woodrow Petersen, have the opportunity to review all the forms submitted for these prestigious awards where we learn of the many fantastic activities taking place all across the country. Very recently, I have been given copies of all the reporting forms and was very pleased to note that every DBIA district is represented. Please accept my heartfelt congratulations to those who took the time to complete the forms. As this issue of the American Dane is being printed, the committee will be hard at work deciding the award winners. Come on, let's keep that torch lit! Nothing is impossible in the Danish Brotherhood.

November is that special month to all of us as we take time to remember the many things that we are thankful for. Myself, along with the entire Home Office staff, wish you the best for the coming Thanksgiving season. Remember, too, those less fortunate by giving to your local Operation Care and Share or charity that will help brighten this special season for them.

Your nominating committee should be hard at work in getting a slate of officers for 1989. Give them a call and volunteer to serve or, in lieu of that, be prepared to nominate someone when the lodge meets and holds its election. It is vital to have good and caring officers in any organization and the Danish Brotherhood is no exception.

Lodge No. 172 and Its Ships

by Harley K. Larsen

The social hour of DBIA Lodge No. 172's meetings have been enhanced by gifts from ships tying up at the Port of Philadelphia. These gifts have been in the form of akvavit and cognac given in appreciation by the captains and officers of Danish and Greek ships transferring cargo in Philadelphia, Camden, and Wilmington.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Wilmington, Delaware; and Camden, New Jersey, are three significant east coast ports. They are located on the Delaware River and fall within the area served by Lodge No. 172. Among the many ships of the world which visit are those of Denmark. As a matter of fact the Maersk Line has its own container facility in Philadelphia, itself. Seeing the Maersk blue star on trailer truck containers on the highways is not uncommon. Although containers have dramatically changed the shipping industry, there still is a significant amount of cargo carried by so called "bulk carriers."

Among the bulk cargoes crossing the Philadelphia docks are fruit, newsprint, lumber, chemicals, scrap iron and corn. The container ships are characterized by fast turnarounds. Four to five hours is common. Although the bulk carriers may be in and out the same day, some are in port for up to a couple of weeks.

The salient point behind the raison d'existence of the Danish Brotherhood is the welfare and social aspects of the Danes in the community in particular and the country as a whole. In keeping with this philosophy, Lodge No. 172 has made efforts to search out and bring into its group those Danes who live in this area. The question arose "What about those Danes which are sailing into our ports on Danish ships? And how to make contact?" Letters were written to Maersk, the port authority and the Seamen's Church Institute advising of the lodge's desire to make contact with Danish seafarers and extend a welcome hand. A most positive reaction was received from all three.

One evening, used clothing, something which third world seaman have a need for, and books were being delivered to the Seaman's Church when Danish was heard being spoken. It turned out these were personnel from the Danish ship Nordpol. The Nordpol was in port picking up scrap for Korea. A sight-seeing ride was offered. Among the features which caught the eyes of these men was a statue of Leif Ericson. The point was made that the Viking heritage is indeed recognized in Philadelphia. They were fascinated by the fact there is a yearly ceremony commemorating the discovery of North America by Leif Ericson. A point that riles another ethnic group who had their

man come over much later in 1492. The fact that the Leif Ericson Society has their outdoor celebration a few days earlier in the week of the 1492 man's doesn't help. The ceremony is hosted, in turn, by the three Scandinavian countries. The seamen were intrigued by the fact this year was Denmark's turn. The Danish Embassy in Washington sent a senior representative who gave the main address. Members of Lodge No. 172 were the main individuals assisting.

After a two hour car drive, new friends were made and the invitation was extended for dinner on board ship the next day. It is a well recognized fact that Danes know how to cook. And this starts with their open face sandwiches. And having dinner at the captain's table of a Danish ship challenges the best restaurants of Copenhagen. Particularly after an akvavit and a beer.

The Nordpol was in port the best part of two weeks. There were additional shipboard dinners, this time attended by others from shore. The seafarers particularly appreciated sitting down for coffee or barbeque in a home. There were additional drives including one to Washington where pictures were taken in front of the Danish Embassy and the White House. The day came when the Nordpol sailed. Two bottles of akvavit were taken from the ship's pantry for distribution at the next meeting of Lodge No. 172. The bar committee willingly took care of filling the members' glasses and an enthusiastic "skaal" and a wish for smooth sailing was hoisted for our new friends of the Nordpol.

There is more. Ship's officers, while passing through Copenhagen on rotation, have been kind enough to phone greetings to friends and relatives and to send postcards.

When one goes on board a ship and knocks on the captain's door, one has a sense of being on someone else's territory and captains do indeed have an aura of authority. Be that it may, the captains of Danish ships are most receptive to having Lodge No. 172 representatives extend a welcome hand and the offer of such mundane services as a car drive. So appreciative are these captains that they invite you for coffee and to stay for dinner.

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Captain Nielsen of the Fetish put it this way "You meet all kinds of people in this business. Those who go out of their way to give you a hard time. Those who cannot even say "Hello" to you." He went on "It is a pleasure to find someone who will make the extra effort to make your stay in port a pleasant and satisfying one." And what is a mundane car drive to us is a source of great satisfaction to our new found seafarer friends. The same applies coming around to a member's house for simple cake and coffee. The satisfaction is two ways. One derives satisfaction in making new friends and seeing them derive a measure of enjoyment and pleasure from cake and coffee at someone's home. As was expressed to Captain Nielsen, one of the elements of the DBIA philosophy is that we take care of our own. And that is what Lodge No. 172 is doing when it extends a welcome hand to a Danish ship.

Captain Nielsen had an interesting request. "One of our sister ships, the Scarab, is lying on the other side of the river, it would be nice if you could drive some of us over for a visit." No problem!

When the men of the Fetish met their buddies of the Scarab, it was like a college reunion. It started with the captain of the Scarab passing bottles of Tuborg all around. More on the Fetish later.

Philadelphia is a major receiving port for fruit. Most of this fruit comes from Chile in the form of grapes and apples. The fruit comes in refrigeration ships called "reefers." And the Danish shipping firm J. Lauritzen Lines is one of the main international shipping companies. A recent Lauritzen Line vessel was the Balkan Reefer. A distinguishing feature of Lauritzen Line vessels is the fact they are all painted red. They are also new, up to date and modern.

Some of the freighters carry women. These women are sometimes officer's wives along for a trip or are crew members serving in such capacities as radio operator, stewardess or cook. The Balkan Reefer had several women on board on its last visit. It is noted that the ship captains give priority to having the women go on the car drives. These women especially appreciate sitting down in an American home and making small talk with their new lady friends. This was the case with the Balkan Reefer. It was a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon which saw personnel of the Balkan Reefer, including the chief engineer's wife, going on a car drive. Friends of Lodge No. 172 had coffee ready. One of these friends was a lady from Aarhus. A delightful home visit ensued with the "Danish" ladies obviously getting special pleasure out of the encounter. The captain reciprocated the hospitality by inviting all for supper back on board ship. And a good meal indeed!

As is the custom, fruit, cheese and coffee is served in the captain's lounge. The ladies made a special point of saying thanks for the opportunity of getting off the ship for awhile and thus remedying "cabin fever." The captain hoisted his glass and with a "skaal" added "This has been the culmination of a happy visit." Lodge No. 172's vice president hoisted his glass and wished them a safe return trip to Chile and that No. 172 will look forward to their next visit."

One wonders if one will ever see these people again. Unfortunately the answer is "no." But that was not the case with the Fetish. It returned with a load of swimming pool chemicals from Sweden. It was a fast turn around. The ship was in port one day, which did not permit the captain to leave for a drive. However, a beer was served and a recap of the previous visit was discussed.

Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the 1989-90 school year will be considered February 15, 1989. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. **No applications received after February 15, 1989 will be considered by the Committee for the 1989 awards.**

Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America. Please note Article V, Section 58, paragraph 5 states:

"College scholarships. The Society may grant scholarships from the resources of the fraternal fund according to rules adopted by the Board of Directors and subject to the following limitations:

(a) Scholarships shall be available to members of the Society only.
(b) Up to sixteen (16) cash scholarships, four of which may be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school, may be granted each year. Each scholarship may be in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Additional scholarships may be granted when donations designated specifically to the scholarship fund exceed a minimum of \$1,000.00. If any scholarships cannot be awarded or scholarships are left unused, the fund allocated for these scholarships will be accrued and may be awarded in subsequent years.

(c) Any insured member is eligible to reapply annually for a scholarship grant. In the case of a recipient, two years must elapse before a new application may be submitted for consideration.

(d) Scholarships may be awarded only for attendance at colleges and universities accredited by one of the six United States regional accrediting associations or accredited technical and vocational schools. Scholarships may apply to attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark upon approval by the Board of Directors.

(e) Scholarships shall be paid from the resources of the fraternal fund. The secretary-treasurer may accept voluntary contributions to be used for defraying scholarship payments. Any contribution so received shall be placed in the fraternal fund and such contribution shall not be used for any purpose except for the payment of scholarship payments to recipients and for any expenses for the maintenance of the scholarship program. The books and records of the Society in the fraternal fund shall be maintained in such a manner as will reflect the amount of contributions so received, the payments made which are chargeable to such contributions, and the balance of such contributions still held available for the support of the scholarship program. The board is authorized to adopt such resolutions not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as are necessary to maintain or restore the tax exempt status of such contribution for the purpose of the maintenance of such scholarship program.

(f) The scholarship program shall be administered by a scholarship committee consisting of at least four (4) members of the board."

The car left the side of the Fetish empty. But not for long. Four seafarers walking on the dock were offered a ride which they gratefully accepted. It so happened they were officers from the Greek ship Epimelia which was tied up bow to stern with the Fetish. These men were going to the bus station and in appreciation for the ride an invitation was extended for dinner board ship the next day.

Greek food is different from Danish. It has a character of its own. There is a unique atmosphere in eating in the officer's lounge of a ship. The captain and officers went all out with their hospitality. They knew nothing of the DBIA, let alone Lodge No. 172. As things were working out they were getting involved with "Danish" hospitality due to Lodge No. 172's interest in the Danish ship Fetish, since sailed for Norfolk, Virginia. The fact that Denmark and Greece have a common bond was brought up. This is with the two royal families. This elicited a toast.

As with the Danish ships, the Greek seafarers jumped at the opportunity for a car drive. A drive to a big shopping mall. And to buy "Made in the USA" products to send home. Nothing else would do. That was definite!

They very much enjoyed the Sunday afternoon drive, the shopping tour and a stop for coffee at a friend's house. As mentioned earlier, ship captains speak with authority. And when the car returned to the side of the ship the captain's order to climb the steps and sit at his table was one to be positively acted on. Furthermore it was obvious they were suffering from "cabin fever" and enjoyed the outing immensely.

So appreciative were these seafarers that Captain Katris requisitioned a bottle of Greek cognac from the Epimelia's pantry for the membership of Lodge No. 172.

The Epimelia was in port for ten days. There were additional dinners, shopping tours and house visits. The last word from the

Epimelia was a card from the captain postmarked Dunkirk, France. When the Epimelia returns, Lodge No. 172 will invite its personnel to one of its meetings. The membership enjoyed the last bottle of Greek cognac and looks forward to another. Beyond the akvavit and cognac, Lodge No. 172 looks forward to extending a welcome hand to seafaring men and women whose odysseys bring them to the Philadelphia port complex.

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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The Bell of Fairness

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a good and honest king.

He ordered a large tower built in the marketplace. When the tower was finished he had a large bell installed in the belfry. A long cord was attached to the bell.

Then the king made an announcement:

"From this day on," he said, "this is the bell of fairness. If anyone has been treated unjustly let him or her come here and pull the cord. Members of my cabinet will hear the problem and render an honest and fair judgment."

Anyone who felt unjustly put upon, came and rang the bell. The king's cabinet arrived and gave fair decisions.

But when the honest king passed away, the bell was forgotten. The cord became thin and torn and it soon was out of reach of many people. Vines and ivy grew around the cord until it disappeared from sight.

Now in this city lived a very rich, but stingy woman.

She owned a horse that once was strong and fast. But when the horse grew old it could no longer run swiftly, so the stingy woman said to the horse, "If you can't work for me anymore, then I have no use for you. You have become old. Why should I take care of you when you can't earn your keep. Go and find your own food!"

Then she opened up the gate and pushed the old horse out of the stable.

The poor old horse stumbled along the road. There was no place for him to lay down. Dogs barked at him when he tried to nibble on some grass and boys threw rocks at him and laughed as he moved slowly along.

No one had pity for the old beast.

He stumbled along like this for many days.

Eventually, he wandered into the marketplace. People yelled at him to move on, but he was so weary

that he finally laid down. People stepped over him, sometimes even stepping on top of him, for he was so old and tired that he just couldn't move.

When he got a little energy he stood up again. He was very hungry, because he hadn't eaten in quite awhile and his bones were beginning to stick out.

He looked up and saw ivy and vines (that entwined themselves around the useless cord from the bell) and he hungrily nibbled at the greenery.

As he ate, the cord moved. The more he ate the more the cord moved until the old bell began to ring out loud and clear.

This was the first time it happened in many years.

"What is that noise?" asked the younger people.

"It sounds like the bell of fairness," replied the older people, who couldn't believe their ears.

In fact, they completely forgot about it, not having heard it ring in such a long time.

"Somebody must be seeking fairness!" shouted someone.

When the king's old cabinet heard the sound of the bell, it brought back memories from the past. That is, when they were summoned to deal fairly with everyone.

The old members of the cabinet hobbled out of their houses and moved as fast as they could to the marketplace.

And what did they find?

An old horse ringing the bell with his teeth as he hungrily nibbled on the ivy and vines that covered the cord.

The members of the cabinet were about to leave when someone said, "Why this horse belongs to that old stingy woman. She must of turned him loose because he is old and feeble. This poor animal has come to the marketplace seeking fairness!"

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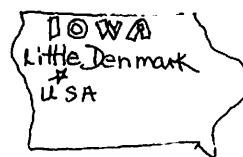
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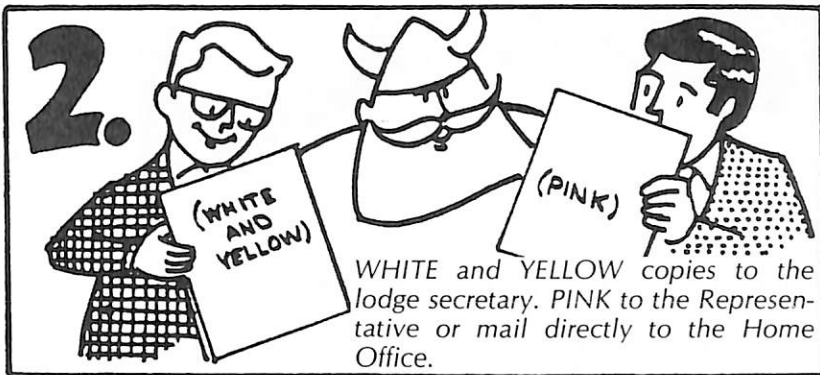
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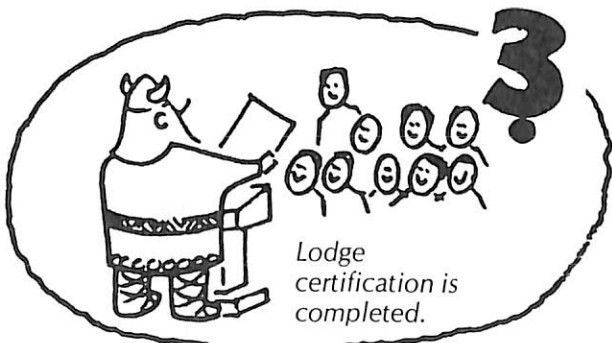
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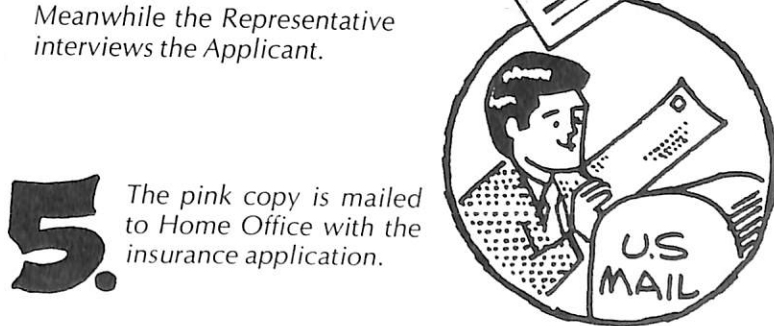


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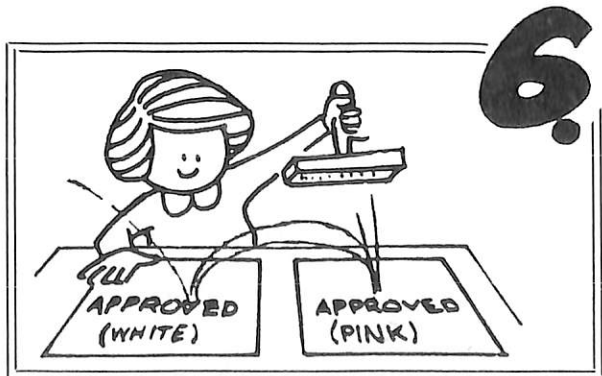
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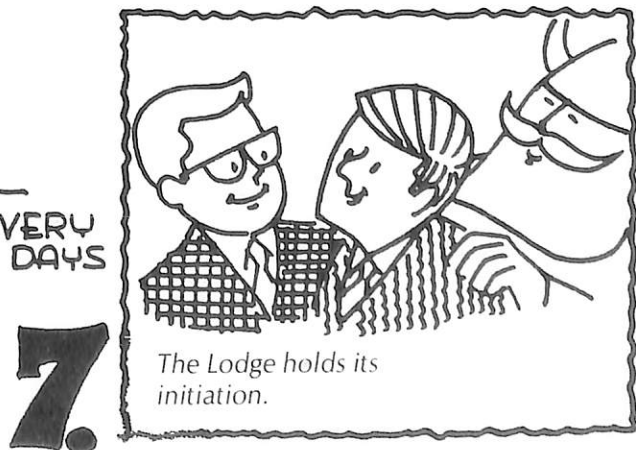


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7. The Lodge holds its initiation.

Queen of Denmark Design Exhibition



H. M. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark reviews her set and prop designs.

A distinctive exhibition of photographs, drawings and objects by H. M. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark opens the Fall season at ASF Gallery. Queen Margrethe, whose diverse artistic career has included book illustration and textile design, was invited by Danmarks Radio to create the costumes and related designs for their 1987 Christmas Day television special, "The Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep." The production is based on a fanciful tale by Hans Christian Andersen about two little porcelain figurines that fall in love and try to escape to the outside world.

The complex process of designing from literature and for a television dramatization is revealed in this multi-layered exhibit. Photographs that document the Queen's role in all design aspects of the production, a selection of her drawings, and several of the actual costumes and props will be featured. Porcelain figurines of the shepherdess and the chimney sweep,

produced by Royal Copenhagen Porcelain from Her Majesty's designs, will also be on display.

The exhibit is being shown in the U.S. exclusively at ASF Gallery and will run through November 11, 1988.

This exhibit is made possible by SAS, Scandinavian Airlines System, Danmarks Radio, Codan Insurance Company, Ted Michaelsen, Bang & Olufsen of America, and Neel and Michael Halpern.

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1989 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America and be nominated at a regularly scheduled lodge meeting.

Revised nomination forms, along with revised guidelines and procedures will be forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary later this month. The National Headquarters is looking forward to receiving a nomination form from every Danish Brotherhood lodge by the deadline of February 15, 1989. Please note, the same member may be renominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

For further information, contact your local President or Secretary after December 15, 1988, or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

Fraternalists Gather Together

Nearly 600 fraternalists from 100 fraternal benefit societies met in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22-24, 1988, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel for the 102 Annual Meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA). Delegates from member societies heard from top volunteers, life insurance industry experts and motivational speakers during the three-day meeting.

NFCA officials and committee members from societies also met to discuss important issues facing the fraternal benefit system during the next year. Delegates also elected new officers for 1988-89.

Walter D. Vinyard, Jr., NFCA Washington Consul, told delegates the fight for continued tax exemption by fraternal benefit societies will face its sternest test within the next six months. He said it's critical for all fraternalists to coordinate

efforts and focus on fraternal activities and programs that are the basis for the tax exempt status.

Pauline Stephens, of St. Louis, a member of the Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh, was named Fraternalist of the Year by the NFCA. Stephens was one of the 26 national fraternalists for the award. She received the award for her lifelong devotion to helping others in her community.

Edward A. Lindell, Executive Vice President — External Affairs, Lutheran Brotherhood, was elected President; John G. Bookout, National President, Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, Vice President. Elected to three year terms on the NFCA Board of Directors were Johann G. Struff, Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh; J. Michael Belz, Catholic Life Insurance Union; and Helen V. Wojcik,

Polish Womens Alliance of America.

Continuing on the Board for one year terms are W. Patrick Donlin, Supreme Advocate, Knights of Columbus; Bernard M. Luketich, National President, Croatian Fraternal Union of America; and Jacqueline J. Sobania, National President, Loyal Christian Benefit Association.

Two year terms include John L. Dutton, Vice President - Public Affairs, Aid Association for Lutherans; Velma M. Peter, President, Board of Directors, Grand Court Order of Calanthe; and Hornsby Mims, President, Equitable Reserve Association.

F. L. "Flip" Spanier, President of the Catholic Aid Association, and Immediate Past President of the NFCA, will serve a one-year term on the Board.

Lindell said the NFCA theme for 1988-1989 will be "Joining Hands to Touch Lives."

HunTel Systems Makes \$250,000 Gift

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, President of Dana College, announced the receipt of a \$250,000 gift from HunTel Systems of Blair.

The HunTel gift was prompted in part by the recent loss of Old Main at Dana but according to Hugh Hunt, President of HunTel, the company is also interested in taking a lead role in the college's upcoming "ADD" (Accelerating Dana's Development) fund raising program.

"We believe in Dana and what she brings to this community," Hunt said. "And it is our hope that this \$250,000 gift will be seen as a challenge to other Blair and Washington County businesses and individuals to generously support the ADD campaign. We need Dana in Blair and we recognize the tremendous contributions the college makes to the economic, educational and cultural life of this area. We also recognize that corporate and individual financial support is necessary to help insure the continuation and expansion of Dana's programs."

In accepting the gift President Christopherson said, "It is most gratifying to us that again a Blair business has come forward with the lead gift in a major Dana fund raising effort. Just a few weeks ago, as we

were faced with the unplanned reality of having to replace Old Main, Great Plains Communications of Blair presented us with \$250,000 as the first major gift toward that project. Now, as we prepare to launch our \$10 million "ADD" effort, another Blair business, HunTel Systems, has presented us with the lead gift."

"We still have a long way to go to meet the \$10 million "ADD" campaign goal and provide a replacement for Old Main. But with this kind of a hometown start, I am confident that other businesses, friends and alumni of Dana here and across the country will respond generously to the need."

Director Hired

The National Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum is pleased to announce the selection of Dennis N. Nissen to the position of Director of Development. He brings to the museum more than sixteen years of development, community organization, and administrative experience while serving the American Heart Association, Nebraska Affiliate. For the last four years, he was Executive Director for the Association and served nine years as Assistant Executive Director.

Mr. Nissen is a 1971 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska. He has a B.A. degree in education and history with a business administration minor. He is a 1966 graduate of Audubon Community High School. Mr. Nissen's wife, Linda, is a registered nurse and is employed as the school nurse for the

Griswold Community School District. The couple has two children, Erin and Angela.

Mr. Nissen has begun his duties as Development Director. He will be directing the nation-wide capital gifts campaign of 12.1 million dollars for the Danish Immigrant Museum which will be located in Elk Horn, Iowa. The campaign for the museum will also have an intensive international effort reaching out to people of Danish ancestry and to many corporations and foundations in the United States, Denmark, and the Virgin Islands. Mr. Nissen will be working with Mr. Lydell Christensen, San Francisco, California, who serves the museum as Campaign General Chairman. Signe T. Nielsen Bet-singer of St. Paul, Minnesota, presides over the Board of Directors for the museum.

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Jerome Christensen Elected Nebraska Fraternal Congress President



Pictured at the Nebraska State Fraternal Congress are (front row l. to r.): Robert Hauser, Lois Butterbaugh, Florence Rezek, and Dolores M. Sobczyk. Back row (l. to r.): Edward J. Petr, Larry W. Dowdy, James M. Gleason, Jerome L. Christensen, and Kirby McDonald.

At a joint meeting of the Nebraska State Fraternal Congress and the Nebraska FIC Chapter held on October 10 at the Best Western Motel-Regency West in Omaha, Jerome L. Christensen, FLMI, National Secretary-Treasurer of the Danish Brotherhood in America was elected president; Larry W. Dowdy, Woodmen of the World, was elected 1st vice president; Florence Rezek, Croatian Catholic Union, was elected 2nd vice president; Lois Butterbaugh, Lutheran Brotherhood, was re-elected secretary-treasurer; Curtis L. Owen, Woodmen of the World, was re-elected legislative chairman; and Dolores M. Sobczyk, Catholic Order of Foresters, Robert Hauser, Knights of Columbus, James M. Gleason, Woodmen of the World, and Kirby McDonald, Independent Order of Foresters were elected to serve as the executive committee. Edward J. Petr, Knights of Columbus, will also serve on the executive committee as past president.

National Ethnic Star Search Begins

Channel 23, RFD-TV serving Rural America is launching the first cross-country search to discover talented ethnic musical artists and entertainers. The categories include professionals, amateurs, singers, dance ensembles, bands and combo's, quartets, duets or choral groups. They are looking for the very best from your home town.

RFD-TV is seen by 9 million viewers, over 5.8 million satellite dish owners, and is currently available on 60 cable TV stations — and growing daily. The objective of this nationwide search is to open the door for some budding artist or group. All nationalities are included and will be represented. If selected, they will be contacted to appear on the Big Joe Ethnic TV Show presently appearing on Channel 23 on Sunday — 7 p.m. Central Time, 9 p.m. Eastern Time, and 5 p.m. Western Time.

Is there someone you know that

deserves the opportunity of appearing before the American public? If so, now is your chance to help those young people become the Stars of Tomorrow.

The rules are simple. List your name and address first, then the person or group you are nominating, their current address and telephone number so they may be contacted. Last, solicit the names and addresses of friends, family and fans who believe as you do that this nominee has Star qualities. Although you may not be able to see them at this time, your signature will enable other cable stations to join us and bring this program into your living rooms. Send your letter today to: RFD-TV, Bg Joe Ethnic Show, Box 3643, Omaha, NE 68105.

All across America, we will be looking for that special person — entertainer, band or singer that deserves a chance to be seen and heard on national TV. Your letter today will make the difference. The search is on!

The Bell of Fairness

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Everyone in the village agreed.

Quickly, they brought the stingy, old woman before the court.

They listened to her sob story and then declared that she had to pay a fine of 1000 krone.

“With this money,” said a member of the cabinet, “we will buy a stable and a piece of land for this horse so that he will be provided for to the end of his days.”

Everyone cheered.

For the village realized that the whole town owed this horse a debt of gratitude for he once again brought fairness back to the community.

Our Lodges in Action

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

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

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

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — We have all of our new windows installed and will have the whole job of refurbishing the outside done by November 11, the day of our bazaar. Our hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served. We invite one and all. We also have many fresh vegetables for sale.

Our meetings have been well attended and fun. If you laugh too hard at someone trying to whistle, you get the honor of the next group and have to whistle with your mouth full of crackers.

Our summer picnics were great and I'm sure our fall programs are going to be great also. One such program is a Chinese Auction.

We want to say thank you to all who have sent donations to our building fund. We are getting near our goal.

Howard Abbott, Pres.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Norm and Emma Powell chaired the Vancouver Seamen's Festival again held at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Washington, to benefit the visiting seamen who visit our ports. The Danish booth was richly decorated by the Powells and Buck Jensen who made many of the soldiers and nisse surrounding the booth. The Brothers sold Danish hot dogs and aebleskiver to the hungry and curious crowd. As usual there was always a line-up to taste the goodies.

In addition to the Powells, many others volunteered their expertise in turning over those little round pancakes. Thanks to Buck and Cam Jensen, George and Hazel Larsen, Jan Christensen, Steve Sorensen, Don and Jo Bogh, Asbjorn and Diane Fisker for helping with this worthy cause.

This past summer we enjoyed our annual indoor picnic at the Norse Hall in Portland.

The Young Vikings, Benjamin Roley, Jonathan Roley, Christian Fisker, Alison Fisker, Colin West, Dawson West, and Morgan West, along with the Roley's dog

The best idea for November goes to Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois. See page 20.



Sylvano Hansen, a 59-year member, enjoys the food at our picnic.



The entire West family enjoys being involved in our lodge.

Snoopy, dragged their parents over the scenic Tillamook Head trail from Seaside to Indian Beach at Ecola State Park. It was a good, healthy, hot hike up 3.7 miles to a beautiful view of the ocean and the old

Tillamook Lighthouse; and a much easier climb down to Indian Beach. We saw some interesting orange mushrooms, a full hornets' nest suspended at eye level in a tree, an old World War I Army battery, magnificent coastal scenery, some small animals and sampled fresh, ripe huckleberries and Oregon grapes along the way. It was truly a fun adventure and we were met at the other end of the trail by the Roley's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Petersen of Astoria, who had the picnic spread out and ready for us. The weather was absolutely perfect with a slight breeze and a big blue sky! We wish more would have joined us for some part of it.

At our September 7 meeting, there were 35 present. We had a moment of silence while the charter was draped in honor of the passing of Mr. Lawrence Fahl on July 26, 1988.

Dana Nielsen reported that the Folkfest activities brought us a profit of \$433. A big thank you to Robert Brown and Dana for chairing this activity and each person who helped them. Congratulations Don Bogh for your hard work on the Folkfest committee in the interest of Danes.

Don Thorildsen introduced the concept of the Danish Brotherhood selling baseball hats. It was an instant success. We will have red and white caps with the emblem of the American and Danish flags embroidered on the front. It was approved to advance between \$200 and \$300 to Don for the order of 100 hats.

Diane Fisker brought to our attention that a member of the lodge from Tillamook, Wayne Jensen, the curator of the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, is planning an authentic Danish Christmas party this year. He will be decorating the museum with Jul decorations and is in need of any authentic items from the past or costumes that might be displayed. They would be welcomed and returned. You may contact Diane Fisker or Wayne Jensen for further information.

Ed Hirsch introduced some flyers on an Oregon Outreach activity. The Northwest Danish Foundation is currently exploring some ways of establishing a center in Oregon to provide people with Danish heritage, some social, cultural and com-

munity service information and referral assistance. There is also now a phone number for people interested in Danish outreach to call. Joyce Gimbel is currently working at the center.

A new editor or group of editors is needed for the Portland Dane. It is time for a changing of the guards and new ideas and formats to be introduced. A new editor would need to take over in February, 1989.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC - On September 17, the Danish Brotherhood held their annual Hostfest. The attendance for the party was approximately 90 people.

This year the Fest Committee changed the menu. The menu for the evening was a Canadian Smorgasborg with pickled herring, baked salmon, barbecued chicken, Baron of beef, baked ham with fresh fruit salad and cheeses. This differed from the previous years that we have had rodspaetters.

We received many donations to be raffled off during the evening. These prizes were donated by Peter Praegel, Svend Gerslund, Eric Esmann, Karl Madsen, Miller Nielsen, Axel Johannsen, Elite Bakery, and Karin and Benny Svensson. Thank you very much. The main raffle from the Sports Committee was won by S. Johannsen. She had a choice between a bus trip to Reno or \$200 in cash. She chose the cash. Congratulations.

The evening began at approximately 6:00 p.m. with cocktail hour and then proceeded to the dinner at 7:00 p.m. We would like to thank Creative Catering for such a wonderful meal and catered service. Also a big thank you to our bartender, Sandra Carter.

We ended the wonderful evening with dancing to Jimmy's Orkestra. Thanks to the Fest Committee for a job well done.

There were 51 members present at our September meeting. We accepted two new applications from John Larsen and Ole Sather. The different committees reported on their progress. The convention committee with Bent Jensen as chairman gave a report that a meeting had taken place between the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. It was reported that the convention will take place on May 4-6, 1990.

The Sports Committee reported that the soccer winter season had begun and that we had teams in the Over 30 and Over 40 leagues.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a nice sandwich, a beer and a snaps.

We have heard through the grapevine from the Danish Cheese Association that the Danish National Soccer Team will be in

Vancouver on July 22, 1989. They may be playing against the Vancouver 86'ers. As you have probably seen, the Vancouver Danes Over 40 Soccer Team are using the Danish Cheese soccer shirts. This is an event not to be missed. We will keep you posted for further information.

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

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR - On August 6 the lodge held a short business meeting at Hanne and Martin Taekker's cabin on the coast at Florence, Oregon. President Peter Jensen called the meeting to order with approximately 34 members present. Peter gave a report on the accordion musicians and Kris Sand told how they arrived. The expenses were shared with Junction City Lodge No. 268, who also hosted part of the orchestra.

Hanne and Martin had rolls and cheese Saturday at noon for all who arrived then. The afternoon was spent sightseeing, walking on the beach or just plain old relaxing and visiting. In the early evening, 34 went to the Windward Inn for a no-host dinner. About a dozen spent the night at the coast and had breakfast with Martin and Hanne before returning to Eugene. As usual, all had a good time and the Taekkers were accorded a big thank you and applause for hosting their annual day at the beach.

Two of our members, Hugo and Betty Christensen, retired last year and moved to the coast and started to build their dream house. Over a period of about nine months, different members have given them help with the project. Seems all you have to do is need help and be willing to ask for it, and these members of the Brotherhood are there. On August 26, a group of about ten really "put their shoulders to the wheel" and got the big beams and all the rafters up before they stopped for lunch. Betty had a wonderful Dansk kold bord ready for their workers. After numerous toasts to those who were helping, with beer and akvavit, Hugo let them get back to work. By mid-afternoon, they had the plywood sheathing on all the roof and a wreath with the Danish and American flags blowing in the breeze above it all. As Mary Stefansen said, all of them got a special kind of glow that will return every time they think of that day.

At our September 8 meeting, Martin Taekker introduced his cousin, Anni Nielsen and his mother, Margrethe Taekker, who were visiting from Denmark to celebrate Martin's mother's 80th birthday.

A thank you note was read from the family of Hanne Skovbo for the flower

arrangement that Karen Toftemark sent on behalf of Lodge No. 348. The charter was draped in honor of Hanne, who was a charter member of our lodge and a moment of silence was observed in her memory.

October's program was the sharing of our Danish books or books about Denmark for others to read or to be donated to our library. Al Nyegaard suggested that an amount be budgeted to purchase books about Denmark.

The conversational Danish class that Al Nyegaard is starting will be delayed in starting as Al wants to wait until University of Oregon classes had started. Then he will be able to get some Danish students to help with the class.

The scrapbook was there complete with pictures of the crabbing party and the convention for members to enjoy.

Scott Stefansen reminded everyone of the Operation Care and Share program and asked members to remember to bring the food item listed in each newsletter to the meeting. Items for the newsletter must be submitted two weekends before the next meeting.

The lodge was presented a plate from the accordion players as a thank you for accommodating them during their short stay.

The monthly committee served coffee and pastries to the members who spent the social hour discussing their vacations of the summer and sharing experiences.

Verna Lyng, Cor.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST DISTRICT**

**CALIFORNIA-
NEVADA**

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA - At our regular meeting on September 8, Gordon Petersen was formally initiated into our lodge. At that time, he pointed out that Jens C. Petersen, a charter member of this lodge, was his paternal grandfather. This should not be confused with another Jens C. Petersen, also a charter member.

L. S. DeLaurant, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA - The potluck dinner and game night was a great success. The food was extra good and there was lots and lots of it. Those of you who missed this social really missed a great treat. The games were fun and everyone participated in them. Thank you for a good dinner and fun evening.

Our annual picnic at Naverdalen in August was well attended and everyone

just sat back and relaxed with a drink or two. The way to go, gang!

At our last meeting, the two winners of the attendance prizes were Svend Berkelund, \$50.00, and Torben Hansen, \$2.00.

There were twelve pins given out during our anniversary celebration on October 15. The recipients included 60 year members, Bruno Christensen, David E. Pedersen, Niels Pallisgaard, and Hans C. Rasmussen; 50 year member, Axel Springborg; and 25 year members, Martin O. Astrop, Finn S. Petersen, Aage V. Jensen, Carl O. L. Nielsen, Paul Ladefoged, Ejlef H. Sorensen, and Hans J. Clausen.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our meeting on September 14 was the first of a series of meetings scheduled to take place in restaurants owned by members of the lodge. These members have, as reported earlier, stated that they would prefer to use their own kitchen, rather than the one in the Veteran building, where our meetings normally take place.

In Clausen's Old Fashioned Deli in Los Olivos, Bent went all out in an effort to prove the validity of this statement. He served a superb dinner with marinated herring as a starter, followed by roast chicken with all the trimmings including "agurkesalat," complimented with draft beer and topped off with ice cream.

During the following open meeting, an application for membership by Peter Haas was accepted and Steen Weber gave a report on the soccer tournament held in Seattle, Washington, and stated that Solvang will hold the tournament next year.

Max Vorm presented a very interesting

and educational video tape on Denmark.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Please keep your calendar open for the installation of officers which will be held Friday, January 13, 1989. Details on this event will follow.

Lodge #322, Santa Barbara, CA — Our best turnouts have been our last two monthly meetings which were potluck affairs held in conjunction with the Sisterhood. As a result, most of our monthly meetings in the future will be potluck affairs.

The September barbecue held at Lion's Park in Carpinteria was a well attended and enjoyable affair. Pamela Madson was responsible for the fresh salad, Helge Hansen provided the homegrown avocados for the chili-codos, Harvey Jensen provided the soft drinks and Sylvia Lindquist gets the credit for a fine potato salad. As usual, barbecued ball tips, salsa and garlic bread rounded out the menu. The Sisterhood furnished the kringle.

Our lodge lost one of its most cherished members on August 11 with the passing of Ed Aasted. He was a member who could always be counted on, and served his local lodge in many capacities. He was the district president in 1965-66. He had been a delegate to many district and national conventions and attended the last district convention in San Diego just a few weeks before his death. He was an honorary member of the local lodge and after a moment of silence at our meeting, it was voted that his usual chair would remain empty during the coming year.

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges of Santa Barbara will host the California-Nevada District Convention in 1989. It will

be held at the Fess Parker Red Lion Inn on July 27-29.
Carl Lauritsen, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The nominating committee consisting of Karen Rowse, Viggo Bech Nielsen and Clarice Christensen are hard at work compiling a slate of officers for 1989. If asked to serve, please accept. I can guarantee you that you will make many new and lasting friendships. The slate will be presented at the November meeting. There will also be nominations from the floor.

What a fantastic luau at Riverside. Approximately 70 people attended this affair; among them were seven members from our lodge. They served authentic Hawaiian food right down to the traditionally whole roasted pig. Oh, so good! The entertainment was also authentic — hula dancers, fire dancers, not to mention the wonderful band which also played for dancing under the full moon. Congratulations Riverside!

We will be the host for the Christmas party to be held in the Alamo on Friday, December 16. To make the party successful, we will be asking for everybody's support and cooperation.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Past Pres.

**NOVEMBER ASSESSMENT
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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
8-24-88	Fred T. Willarson	83	Neenah, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1944
8-27-88	Ferrell Christensen	77	Saunemin, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1931
8-28-88	Christian L. Mortensen	90	Griggs County, North Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1917
8-23-88	Cai Nyby	70	Dagmar, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1936
7-18-88	Ernst Brandrup	87	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1920
9-12-88	Kermit Stadler	74	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1961
7-23-88	P. M. Lindhart Petersen	89	Jerslev, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1921
9-12-88	Barnard C. Salmonsens	76	Hartford, Connecticut	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1953
9-15-88	Harold A. Jensen	90	Everdrup, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1929
9-14-88	Arne Johansen	72	Glamsbjerg, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1958
1-26-88	Svend A. Hueg	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1946
9-16-88	Carl E. Andersen	73	Rockford, Illinois	64	Rockford, Illinois	1951
9-9-88	Alfred Northman	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	51	Ludington, Michigan	1961
8-31-88	George F. Olsen	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1987
8-31-88	Annelie M. Ballenger	77	Vienna	325	Nassau County, New York	1979
12-5-87	Robert J. Maxwell	60	Sparta, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1982
6-16-88	Reuben Hansen	85	Kearney County, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1961
7-9-88	Hanna K. Skovbo	94	Cozad, Nebraska	348	Eugene, Oregon	1982

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — We held our annual luau at the home of Ike and Patty Kessler. Thank you so much Kesslers! You are very generous and hospitable people and we all felt perfectly at home in your home. The Kesslers had arranged tables in the back yard and Hawaiian music could be heard in the background. Howard and Hazel Kjellsen were chairman for the evening and they had arranged a beautiful buffet table laden with delicious food. Thank you Kjellsens. A large job well done. Thank you to all who had a part in making the dinner a memorable one. We had several guests with us for the evening and we welcomed them.

The Holger Danske Boutique will be held on November 12. Everyone is urged to participate in this event. All types of artworks are going on sale, and just in time for Christmas. Do your shopping at the boutique. Share your unique talents with others. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to the treasury.

November 12 will also be our election of 1989 lodge officers. Come out and vote for the candidate of your choice. The nominating committee will present their slate. Nominations from the floor are welcomed and encouraged.

On October 8 we had a special evening. We called it our Danish Night. We had with us as our special guests and entertainment, the Los Angeles Danish Folk Dancers. They danced Danish folk dances in full costume. Lloyd Christensen is the director of the group. The Board members were the chairmen for the evening and they all took a part in the refreshments for the evening.

We asked everyone to donate \$1.50 to help defray the cost. We had smørrebrød (open face sandwiches), snaps (to skaal with) and we got out the large pan and had aebleskiver. Coffee and punch were also served.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We had a great anniversary party! Close to 70 members and guests joined us in our celebration. It was great to see members from Los Angeles, Alhambra and Orange County lodges and everyone was dressed so colorful. It was really a beautiful party. The Del Grippo's yard was decorated so well you could not tell if you were in Riverside or on one of the islands and the food not only looked great, it was fantastic! It was a real treat to see some of our members and guests up on stage, especially the fellows doing the "pineapple, coconut and banana dance" and we even had a solo dance by



Some of the fellows giving it their all!



Bill Del Grippo doing a solo with the dancing girls.

Bill Del Grippo with two of the lovely Island Dancers who, along with their Band, did a wonderful job entertaining us and we danced under a full moon.

A great deal of our appreciation goes out to Kaja and Bill for the use of their home and for so many of the raffle prizes. A clock was donated by the Lindbergs, luggage by the Nielsens, sherry and sherry glasses by the Pattersons, a big picnic basket complete with plates, etc., from Pete and Darlene Petersen, and the lodge donated a lovely Bing & Grøndahl cup and saucer.

Thanks to Janet and Dale Jensen for getting the shell lei's from their friends in Hawaii for the lodge that we were all given upon entering the tropical gardens. Thanks also to those who helped plan for, those who helped decorate and set up and those who cleaned up after the party. As usual, a joint effort pays off to make a good time for all and a very big thanks to everyone who came. We were in such good company.

Payment to Board Members

SEPTEMBER 1988

Danish Immigrant Museum Ground-Breaking Ceremony, Robert E. Ibsen, \$370.20; Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, Woodrow T. Petersen, \$379.50; Nebraska District Convention, Paul Carlsen, \$368.00; G.C.E.L. District Convention, Ebba L. Norby, \$597.00.

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Semi-annual expense allowance, Woodrow T. Petersen, \$250; Erling C. Braumann, \$250; Paul Carlsen, \$250; Barry F. Edmonds, \$250; Ebba L. Norby, \$250; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$250; Robert E. Ibsen, \$250. Midwest District Convention, Barry F. Edmonds, \$463.00. Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$244.

At our October 1 meeting, we started at 6:30 and had Witches Stew in honor of Halloween. The lodge provided the stew, bread and eating utensils. The lodge members supplied the desserts.

Those of you who are interested in the trip to Solvang on November 19 please call Sue Patterson or Kaja Del Grippo to let us know if you are planning on going and how many of you.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

First, a special thank you to Minden Lodge No. 16 for a great convention. I'm sure everyone who took part in the convention had a grand time. Sorry to see some lodges take time to elect delegates and then have no delegates attending.

Bill Jorgensen served as our Brotherhood President the past two years. It has been a great experience working with him. Now we look forward to working with our new President, Soren Thomsen.

Congratulations to the Nebraska District scholarship winners for 1989: Valerie Due of Cordova Lodge No. 177 and John Duprey, Jr. of Ruskin Lodge No. 161.

"If it is to be, it is up to me." Membership is the lifeline of all organizations. Some lodges have added new members this past year for a growth of 29 members. The new sponsor pins (Viking Ship), were given out at the convention and will be presented to the sponsors of new members at the local lodge meetings. Someone asked you to join, shouldn't you return the favor and earn yourself a pin.

A meeting for all Nebraska Danish Brotherhood lodge officers (especially President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will be held on Saturday, November 19, at the Cordova Community Building, in conjunction with the District Fraternal Coordinator Program. The time will be announced later. If you cannot attend as an officer, please be sure to send someone to fill in for your lodge.

Officers elected at the convention include Past President, Bill Jorgensen; President, Soren Thomsen; Vice President, Jim Christiansen; Secretary-Treasurer, Ginny Schultz; Chairman of Trustees, Edward Krause; Second Trustee, Faye Petersen; Third Trustee, Erik Hansen; Conductor, Glen Haselbarth; Inner Guard, Kenneth Pedersen; and Outer Guard, Gay Terkelson.

District President's Awards were given to the following lodges: Best Local Lodge Social Activity, Grand Island Lodge No. 211; Best Local Lodge Civic Activity,

Minden Lodge No. 16; Best Local Lodge Activity Schedule, Blair Lodge No. 206; and Best Local Lodge Newsletter, Omaha Lodge No. 1.

Wayne Schultz and Verna Madsen were elected as Monarch King and Queen for 1989. Nebraska Visitation and Activities Plaques were given as follows: Ruskin Lodge No. 161, 1st place; Cordova Lodge No. 177, 2nd place; and Blair Lodge No. 206, 3rd place.

Jerome Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, assisted by Fraternal Coordinators, Duane and Deloris Hansen, presented a game show entitled "The Pride is Right." Contestants Gay Terkelsen, Quentin Johnson, Loetta Pedersen and Herb Nielsen were given one minute to write the many reasons why they were proud to be a member of the Danish Brotherhood. Through this game, we were shown the many varied and worthwhile reasons for pride in the Brotherhood, that in sharing these ideas, perhaps we could instill more pride and increase activities within our lodges. The prize of a Danish Brotherhood sweatshirt was won by Gay Terkelsen.

Pam Dorau, National Fraternal Director, spoke to the convention about the District Fraternal Coordinator Program.

Deloris Hansen, District Fraternal Coordinator, spoke about the program, that all but two lodges in the district had been contacted and we must strive to bring younger members into the Brotherhood.

The convention accepted invitations from Lincoln Lodge No. 84 to host the 1989 District Convention and tentatively Weeping Water Lodge No. 125 to host the 1989 District Picnic.

Paul Carlsen, National Director, spoke to the convention about the National scholarships that are given yearly, this year four of those were given in the state of Nebraska. Also that each of us as members need to help promote the Brotherhood and to ask ourselves not what the Brotherhood can do for us, but what I can do for the Brotherhood.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — We were entertained at our September 6 meeting by the "Golden Beaters," a senior citizen kitchen band from the Salem Methodist Church of Council Bluffs. They presented a very diversified musical program of many standard favorites. We had an opportunity to sing along, dance, or just sit back and enjoy the music. One member, age 82, performed a hula dance. Ages of the members ranged from early 60s to age 91. They rehearse once a week and often perform several times a week. Thanks to Bernice

Eckley and her committee for bringing this group to our meeting.

At our September meeting, Sally and Paul Holm told us of their experiences at Skovsøen this past summer. They also led us in singing a fun song they learned — "I'm Singing Like a Dane."

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — The annual Ethnic Enrichment Festival was a fine success considering the very warm weather and high winds. The visitors to the booth continue to enjoy the authentic Danish cooking of aebleskiver. Our members were hardly able to keep up with the demand and there was a long line continually. Small Danish flag pins decorated every serving, the crowd loved them. The Danish booth at the festival always has the best cookie selection and they were all sold out before the end of the festival. Our mem-



The aebleskiver makers kept busy all day long.

bers gave out information about Denmark, the Danish Immigrant Museum, and the Brotherhood. New members are always a result of this activity.

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
Gerald D. Solberg	14	Kenosha, WI	John Hosmanek
Kevin J. Gleason	14	Kenosha, WI	James Gleason
Jeffrey C. Hoffman	14	Kenosha, WI	Eugene Keck
Harold R. Teising	14	Kenosha, WI	Ray Zieth
Donald L. Heyden	14	Kenosha, WI	Donald Tredup
Elmer J. Olep	14	Kenosha, WI	Jim Bohn
James R. Anderson	14	Kenosha, WI	Roger Nelson
Norman R. Tague	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Joe H. Hansen	15	Des Moines, IA	Howard Hansen
Kenneth J. Andersen	15	Des Moines, IA	Robert Andersen
Helen K. Binderup	16	Minden, NE	Herman Binderup
Eirik C. Larsen	29	Seattle, WA	Clyde Langsted
Erik E. Muller	29	Seattle, WA	Clyde Langsted
Lars Clausen	29	Seattle, WA	Flemming Sorensen
Elwin F. Derby	30	Muskegon, MI	Tom Burkall
Erik Hansen	36	Milwaukee, WI	Inga Hermansen
Duane C. Van Epps	51	Ludington, MI	Bill Kraus
Daniel A. Krueger	92	St. Charles, IL	Andrea Mylin
Erik Beckman	143	Petaluma, CA	Henry C. Brown
John Abbott	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Michelle Madsen	167	Portland, OR	Leif Madsen
Birthe Ersbak	172	Philadelphia, PA	Jens Jensen
David K. Detweiler	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Dan D. Olsen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Knud Koefoed
Carsten Skou Jensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Arne Pedersen
Paul E. Sorensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Arne Pedersen
Colleen M. Gleason	600	Omaha, NE	Villy Andersen
			James Gleason



The booth was constantly visited by guests.

Our members also participated in the ground breaking ceremony for the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. It was estimated that about 1,000 people were present that day. The weather was beautiful and many national figures were present. A picnic lunch later raised additional funds.

The September lodge meeting featured the most fantastic variety of open faced sandwiches in the Midwest! The folks in Copenhagen would have been proud of the Danish Americans.

A film on Denmark was shown courtesy of Eclar Nielsen, the Honorary Danish Consul in Kansas City. A report was made on the festival sales and the great help of the festival committee. A short film on the Danish Immigrant Museum was also shown.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Iowa-Minnesota District

Albert Lea, Minnesota Lodge No. 75 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 60 hosted the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention at the Albert Lea Inn on September 3-5, 1988. Upon their arrival, guests were greeted by a lighted marquee showing "Welcome Danish Sister-Brotherhood." The convention convened by a meeting of the Executive Board at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. At 7:00 p.m. the Albert Lea lodges welcomed delegates and guests to the Jubilee Room where coffee, sandwiches, and cookies were served and were entertained by Roger Passer at the organ. Many folks were dressed in the Danish National costume.

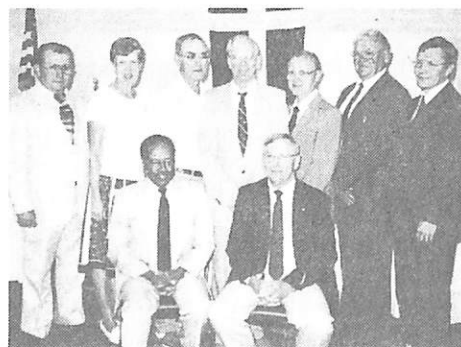
At the Brotherhood meetings, election of officers was held resulting with Herluf Pedersen, Past President; Marvin Anderson, President; Edward Harris, Vice President; Deloris Ross, Secretary; Harlan Johnson, Treasurer; Melvin Boos, 1st Trustee; Howard Christensen, 2nd Trustee; Elvin Reim, 3rd Trustee; and

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Steven Sorensen, Conductor. Also, special awards were given: The Super Lodge Rug Award was presented to Des Moines Lodge No. 15; Single Social Activities Award went to Kimballton-Elk Horn Lodge No. 341; Single Civic Activities Award went to Dike Lodge No. 144; Annual Activities Award went to Albert Lea Lodge No. 75; and Best Newsletter Award went to West Branch Lodge No. 326. An invitation was extended to come to the Iowa City-Coralville, Iowa area for the 1989 convention to be held at the Rodeway Inn.



Over 150 members and guests enjoyed Sunday night's activities.



Congratulations to the newly elected officers.

On Sunday evening 166 delegates, guests and local members partook of a roast beek banquet dinner in the Heritage Hall of the Albert Lea Inn. Tables were festive with Danish flag banners at each table and a miniature red and white embroidered book carrying a greeting to each guest from the Albert Lea lodges made by their members. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Rev. Roy Mumm, President of the Albert Lea Lodge, who introduced Diane Stanley, President of the Iowa-Minnesota District Sisterhood. Herluf Pedersen, President of the Iowa-Minnesota District Brotherhood extended greetings and introduced Woodrow Petersen, First Vice President of the National Danish Brotherhood in America, the speaker for the evening. Mr. Petersen gave notable attention to our member, Soren J. Sorensen, 97 years of age, and an active member of the Albert Lea Lodge for 75 years. Soren rarely misses attending our meetings. He was accompanied by his family, Mrs. Marion Hansen, daughter;

Richard Sorensen, son, and his wife Ruth; Phillip Sorensen, son, and his wife, Orva, all members of Lodge No. 75. Jerome Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, extended greetings from the headquarters in Omaha.

Following the banquet, Donald Levisen, Convention Chairman, picked winners from the raffle tickets that had been sold as a fund raiser.

Following the presentation, the Roger Passer Combo provided dancing to the liking of the guests, interspersed with Chairman Donald Levisen drawing winners for about 50 door prizes contributed by the local members.

There was much excitement during the dancing, when bells started ringing and we were alerted to move outdoors into a balmy evening, while the firetrucks arrived on the scene, checked things out, and after decreeing it a false alarm, the party continued till midnight when many couples were still dancing.

Culminating the convention after the meetings on Monday, September 5, installation of officers took place.

Grace Tomson, Sec.
Host Lodge No. 75

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — September 12, 1988, was a red letter day in the life of Lodge No. 15 when 18 new members were initiated to bring our total membership to 92. Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, presided at the initiation ceremony. He was ably assisted by Pam Dorau and Andy Andersen from the headquarters office in Omaha. Mr. Christensen applauded our membership success and praised our local Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges for all the work and efforts which resulted in the successful National Convention in Des Moines in September, 1987. Membership pins were presented to each of the following newly initiated members: Frank L. Burrows, Hubert Christensen, Anna Marie Marck, Anitra Jensen, Joan Sorensen, Edward L. Jayne, Peter C. Larsen, Inetta Larsen, Harry Jensen, Ellen Jensen, Jack C. Hansen, Virgil C. Jacob-



Our lodge is very excited to have so many new members.

sen, Alice M. Jacobsen, Willard R. Hansen, Joanne Rasmussen, Kenneth J. Andersen, Norman R. Tague, and Joe H. Hansen.

The following representatives from Des Moines attended the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Albert Lea over Labor Day weekend: Erik Sorensen and Harvey Andersen as delegates, Ed Harris, member of the District Board, and Linda Christensen, Sisterhood Lodge No. 102 delegate.

Highlights from the convention included the acceptance of the invitation from the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges to jointly host the 1990 District Convention in Des Moines; the Des Moines Brotherhood Lodge was given the Super Rug Award as the outstanding lodge in the district this past year, which will be on display in our hall until the district convention in Iowa City in 1989 to be hosted by West Branch Lodge No. 326; the election of Ed Harris as District Vice President; the election of Linda Christensen as Sisterhood District Vice President; and the recognition given by National Board member, Woody Petersen, and National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen, and others to the Des Moines lodges for the very successful hosting of the National Convention in September, 1987. **Wilber Williamson, Cor.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — The September meeting followed a potluck supper. Kris Sorensen, 17 years old and the youngest delegate to the district convention, reported on convention activities. Steve Sorensen also reported on the district convention. Steve is a newly elected member of the Iowa-Minnesota District Board.

Congratulations to members Ev and Wally Johansen on their recent marriage. They told of their wedding and shared pictures. They were married in Wisconsin. The wedding was held with Danish traditions, except for the Irish surprise in with the bride's bouquet — nice touch Ev O'Toole Johansen.

Yvette Sorensen told of her camp experiences. She had attended Quaker Heights Camp. Todd Sonsalla presented a slide presentation of his trip to the National Youth Roundup Camp in Sedalia, Colorado. There were between 800 and 1,000 youth from all over the country at this camp. Camping is done on a mountain side with very interesting speakers and classes. Both Todd and Yvette were camp grant recipients and we thank them for the program they presented.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — On the drizzly Saturday morning of October 1 at 7:00 a.m., 15 members' cars caravaned to Decatur, Illinois, for our monthly meeting. Along the way, members stopped for a breakfast rest and car refueling. Then more driving until our noon rest break, members bringing goodies to share for a picnic lunch.

About 1:30 p.m., members arrived at the home of our hosts and lodge members, Roland and Betty West. We were greeted by a sign on their garage windows saying "Welcome Danish Brotherhood in America, Lodge No. 326." Our trip was 240 miles one way. The afternoon was spent visiting, having our lodge meeting, and checking into our motel.

That evening, the Bests treated everyone to a steak supper with all the trimmings. No one went away hungry. The evening was spent visiting and seeing slides of the Bests' recent tour of Europe and visiting family in Denmark.

Early Sunday morning, members again met for a breakfast and again no one went away hungry.

The Bests and the lodge members then car caravaned to see the Lincoln sites. In Decatur, seeing the original log court house where Mr. Lincoln actually practiced law. And Mr. Lincoln's statue in the town center where he accepted his party's nomination for the Republican ticket.

Then motoring on to Springfield, Illinois, to see the home Mr. Lincoln lived in for 17 years before becoming President. The price of his home back in 1844 was \$1,500 and was the only home Mr. Lincoln ever owned. This historic site covers a four block area — houses still as they were in the early 1800s. From there we went on to Oak Ridge Cemetery to see Lincoln's tomb and family burial plot; a very beautiful monument to Mr. Lincoln's memory.

The members then traveled on to New Salem, Illinois. This is a restored frontier village of 23 buildings where Mr. Lincoln spent six years of his early adulthood. It was from here that Mr. Lincoln embarked on a career of law and public service.

About 4:30 p.m., our lodge members then bid "farvel" to the Bests for their warm, never forgetting hospitality and wonderful weekend of fun and fraternalism. Memories and pictures remind everyone of the fun-filled weekend spent in Illinois. Mange tak Rollie and Betty!

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — Our special project committee, Doris Bell, Mary Lou Hoegh, Gladys McCrory and Chet Holland, divided the 25 members who attended the

September 12 meeting into two teams after the business meeting. We lined up against the walls of the Atlantic Fire Station meeting room to be measured for our "fee" of one cent per inch in height. The "high" team won the honor of being first in line for the delicious Danish open face sandwiches, apple bars and angel food cake served by the lunch committee of Don and Fern Nelson, Nadine and Paul Williamson and Jack and Doris Bell.

The special project committee reported that we should all bring a plate of goodies to our next meeting and we will hold a silent auction. Funds raised will be used to help meet our pledge to the National Danish Immigrant Museum.

We observed a moment of silent prayer in humble gratitude to former member Lois Petersen. We have received word that our lodge will receive a \$5,000 bequest from her estate.

It was decided to order the Danish folk dance kit described in the American Dane. We thought it would be fun to learn to do the dances and since it says it is designed for beginners, we are going to try it. We invite any of the expert dancers to join us.

We enjoyed seeing slide tours of Denmark, the land across the sea which is famous for food, fun and fairy tales. It was interesting to learn about the Danish porcelain and silversmithery crafts which have been passed on for generations. Many Danish parks were featured in these slides prepared by the Danish Brotherhood. **Mary Ann Christensen**

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — As summer is now past, we want to congratulate our softball team on another good season. All they needed to make it better was a few more fans at the games — maybe next year.

It was very gratifying to see six applications for membership at the September 6 meeting. Let's keep up the good work. We sure would like to reach our goal of 400 by the end of the year.

Once again we want to sincerely thank the Rathskellar regulars for donating the two file cabinets, storage space and pedestal that went below the newly installed desk top in the office. It looks great, especially after Eddie Gastaldi stained and varnished them. Next time you are in the lodge, take a look.

The plumbing renovation is just about complete. We want to thank Jack Sorensen, Eddie Gastaldi, Lloyd Nelson, and Richard Walker for their efforts — patching, plastering, painting, wallpapering.

electrical work and removing excess pipes. It is really going to look great and of course be much more energy efficient for the lodge. Thanks, Brothers.

Don't forget to sign up early for the Torsk supper on November 12 as this is always a sell-out.

The Danes are coming. On November 15 we need a good crowd at Carthage College when the Danes' mens and womens teams play there. After the game, a reception with lunch and beer will be served at the hall and give you a chance to meet these young men and women from Denmark. All for only \$3.00!

Our Jule Fest is fast approaching and we need the help of each and every member to make this a success. Please do not wait to be asked. Call a Board member today and volunteer your services. This is our big money maker for the year and we need you. Also, remember to sell those raffle tickets. There are more available if you need them.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — We were very pleased to learn that our Viking boat float which was pulled in the annual Dwight Harvest Days parade on September 18 was awarded second place.

Our own Rick Sullivan presided over the Midwest District Convention as President on September 24-25, 1988, at the Kankakee Inn in Bradley, Illinois, and did an excellent job. The meetings were very interesting, informative, productive, and at times amusing.

Awards were handed out for the District President's Awards as follows: Single Social Activity, Chicago, Illinois Lodge No. 35; Single Civic Activity, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Lodge No. 36; Best Lodge Activity Schedule, Kenosha, Wisconsin Lodge No. 14; and Best Newsletter, Chicago, Illinois Lodge No. 35. Elected as 1989 officers were Past President, Rick Sullivan; President, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; Vice President, Al Iversen; Secretary-Treasurer, Albertice



Congratulations to the 1989 Midwest District officers.

Nylen; 1st Trustee, Rich Wade; 2nd Trustee, Virgil Holzhauser; 3rd Trustee, John Jorgensen; and Conductor, Karen Nylen.

The entire convention was a success thanks to a lot of work from a lot of people. Everyone should be complimented on a job very well done.

It was nice to greet National Director, Barry Edmonds, and Fraternal Director from the National Headquarters, Pam Dorau.

Thanks to Edith Mickelsen, Hazel Pederesen, Barb Jensen, Genny Andreasen, Pat and Paul Smith, and Marlene Perschnick for helping the day of the convention. Thanks to Roy and Donna Hoegger for taking care of the hospitality room; thanks to all who brought snacks for the hospitality room and also to all who brought cookies; and for the contributions for the raffle. Thanks to everyone in case I forgot to mention names.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — President Sloth introduced the following visitors at our September 16 meeting, Harland and Thyra Nagle, friends of the Johanssons, and Kimberly Miller, granddaughter of the Sabeys.

Initiated were Kathryn Petersen, Marion and Ed Eriksen and Jodie Harrison. They were made welcome by members present and it is hoped that they will enjoy being members of our lodge.

Al Iversen told us about the good time eight of our members had on the boat trip with Lodge No. 17.

It was voted to send three bottles of akvavait for the raffle at the convention.

The president appointed the three trustees to act as a Nominating Committee for officers for 1989. They will bring their slate to the next meeting. If any member would like to serve as an officer, please let one of the trustees know.

Paul Sloth brought up the fact that Old Main, the historic building at Dana College had burned down. He would like the lodge to set an example and donate some funds to rebuilding. Woody Petersen proposed that the lodge send \$500 and Al Iversen seconded. This motion must be read again before the lodge can dispense that much money.

Frank Connery was thanked for making premanent name tags for everyone. They really help!

Many members of our lodge attended the Midwest District Convention of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood in Bradley, Illinois.

Everyone had a good time. Thanks to Dwight Lodge No. 34 for their hospitality; it was great!

After the last meeting, a Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It auction was held with Woody Petersen as auctioneer. A profit of \$194.25 was realized for the Scholarship Fund. Thanks to everyone who brought items and thanks to those who bought. You are a good group.

Olga Lodge No. 11 and our lodge will celebrate their 99th anniversaries on November 5 at Harald's Viking Club.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois, and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 in Chicago, host lodges, made excellent preparations for the 37th annual Midwest District Convention held at the Kankakee Inn. Congratulations are due for an outstanding job. Our delegates, Axel Hermansen and Albert Larsen, and alternate delegates, Inga Hermansen and Carol Larsen, attended all sessions.

The presentation made at our September 21 business meeting by June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, was most interesting and informative. There was a ground breaking ceremony at the site on Labor Day. An estimated 1,000 people, including many dignitaries, attended this historic event.

There is much work to be done to bring the museum to fruition. Your donations of artifacts and money will help attain this goal. If you have a significant piece of history that helps illustrate the immigrant's story, or an item of historical value you may want to donate, write or call June Sampson, Director.

Thanks to Grace Gertz and Barbara Larsen who served refreshments following the meeting.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our lodge held our annual aebleskiver supper on September 22. Loyal and Jean Lundorf again very ably chaired the event. Red placemats and red and white centerpieces and Danish flags by Loyal made the dining room very beautiful. Melda Mortensen furnished zinnia bouquets for the tables and white aprons and red Danish vests and caps for the dining room workers. Visitors from Oshkosh and Winneconne had heard our promotion of the supper and came to enjoy the aebleskiver, sausage, applesauce, syrup, jams, kringle and coffee. To our disappointment, heavy rain in the late afternoon and early evening kept many locals at home.

Thanks to all our workers and to all who came out in the rain for their supper.

Our next special dinner is our Morten Goose Dinner at the Waupaca Country Club on November 12.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Our monthly business meeting was held on October 5 with 18 members in attendance. Special guest speaker was Bob Sorensen, District Fraternal Coordinator for the Michigan-Ohio District.

Fall has settled in and plans are already in the making for our adult and children's Christmas parties which will be held on December 9 and 10 respectively. We plan a special treat this year for the children; a magic show with magician "Ver-Lou-Win," along with, of course, a visit from Santa Claus and games and prizes for all. The adult party will include dancing to "Our Own Sound System." If you have any special music you would like to listen to, please bring tapes.

Set-back tournaments will be starting up again soon. Check down at the hall for dates and details.

Member Mike (and Paula) Koegler have become parents for the first time of a bouncing baby boy on October 5. Proud Grandpa Keith is popping his buttons. Congratulations Mike and Paula!

We are getting ready for another season of bowling which should be starting soon. If anyone is interested in bowling in the Danish Brotherhood couples league every other Saturday night at Park Lanes, contact Linda Ray.

The New Year's party will be held on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1988. More details on this later.

Robert Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — The 83rd annual dance was held at the Danish Club on September 24. We hoped for a larger attendance but were fortunate enough to have 60 people.

Our September 27 monthly social night was a success, featuring a slide film presentation by Gordon Draper on the United States. Let us not forget that on December 11 at 2:00 p.m., the annual Christmas party is to be held at the Danish Club of Detroit. Santa Claus will be showing up with presents for all the young people. Hope to see you then.

Don't forget the December 14 dinner meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by a general

meeting at 8:00 p.m. The topic will be our Special Committee, chaired by George Petersen, concerning some definite answers about the future of our building and the Brotherhood. Remember that as a member, you have the right to come forward and voice your opinion and are encouraged to do so.

Karl Larsen, Sec.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — This past summer, we had a Clam Bake with all the shrimp you could eat, as well as steak, steamers, clams, clam chowder and all the beer you could drink. Needless to say, everyone who came had a great day.

After that, several of our members attended the Labor Day Convention up in Schenectady, New York. We met all our old friends and had an enjoyable time. The new GCEL District officers include Past President, Norman Hanson; President, Robert Phoenix; Vice President, Chris Simonsen; Treasurer, Sharon Lunde; Secretary, Eric Brown; and Trustee, Liz Peterson. The next convention in 1989 will be in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

For our November meeting, we will have a complete turkey dinner that Barbara Larsen will put on for us. As it was last year, the price will be \$6.00 for all you can eat. Try to find a better deal anywhere else. Please call Barbara and let her know how many are planning to attend so she can plan accordingly.

After November, we come to December and we all know what that means. Christmas party! We will once again try to get Santa Claus to come down from the North Pole for a special appearance at our party. But we all know how pressed for time he is. To make it much easier on him this year, we will try to have all the presents brought ahead of time so please make your reservations with Berit Mann or Winnie Edmonds as soon as possible. This is truly a month for the children.

Our January meeting will be the installation of officers. If there is anyone who is interested in being an officer, please see Barry Edmonds or Chris Simonsen at our next meeting.

As most of our members are aware, March of 1989 will mark our 100th anniversary of being a lodge of the Danish Brotherhood. We are planning on having our 100th anniversary party at the Ramada Inn in North Haven, Connecticut, on March 11. The committee is now hard at work making plans for the food, entertainment, and all the 101 other little things that go

into making a successful evening. We are inviting a number of dignitaries from around the country to help us celebrate our anniversary. If you have any helpful ideas, please contact Paul Christensen, Chairman of the evening.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #183, Troy, NY — On September 10, 1988, some of our local Brothers joined our Sisterhood Lodge No. 78 and enjoyed a chicken barbecue, cooked and served by Brothers Irving Jensen, Robert Nelson, and Jim Christensen.

During the evening, our President Harry Jensen, Jr. presented a 50-year membership pin to Stanley Fane, and 25-year pins to James Sloan, Martin Sloan and Herbert Olsen. We welcomed back Brothers Cliff Vickery and LeRoy McCauley who have been away for a while. It was great seeing everyone.

Five of our brothers attended the banquet of the GCEL Convention held in Schenectady, New York over Labor Day weekend and thoroughly enjoyed the main speaker, Mr. Leif Donde, Consul General of Denmark to the United States. It was great to see our old friends again.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas party in December at Casey's East in Troy with our Sister Lodge No. 78. Plan now to come.

Betty Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — The summer is almost over. It has been a hot one but, nevertheless, the attendance at our meetings has been good. Maybe it is because our new meeting place is air-conditioned. In June we had a game of bingo. In July, Leif and Elizabeth Pedersen presided over "The Wedding Game." Four couples were elected to participate and the winners were Karen and Anthony Witt. At our August meeting Carol and John Rasmussen had created an old time ice cream parlor which was a great success. Our meeting on September 9 started our season of serving a smorgasbord, always a winner. Present was Eric Brown, President of the Danish Home in Metuchen. He gave a great presentation of what the home is all about. Thank you, Eric. I believe our members now have a better impression of what the home is all about.

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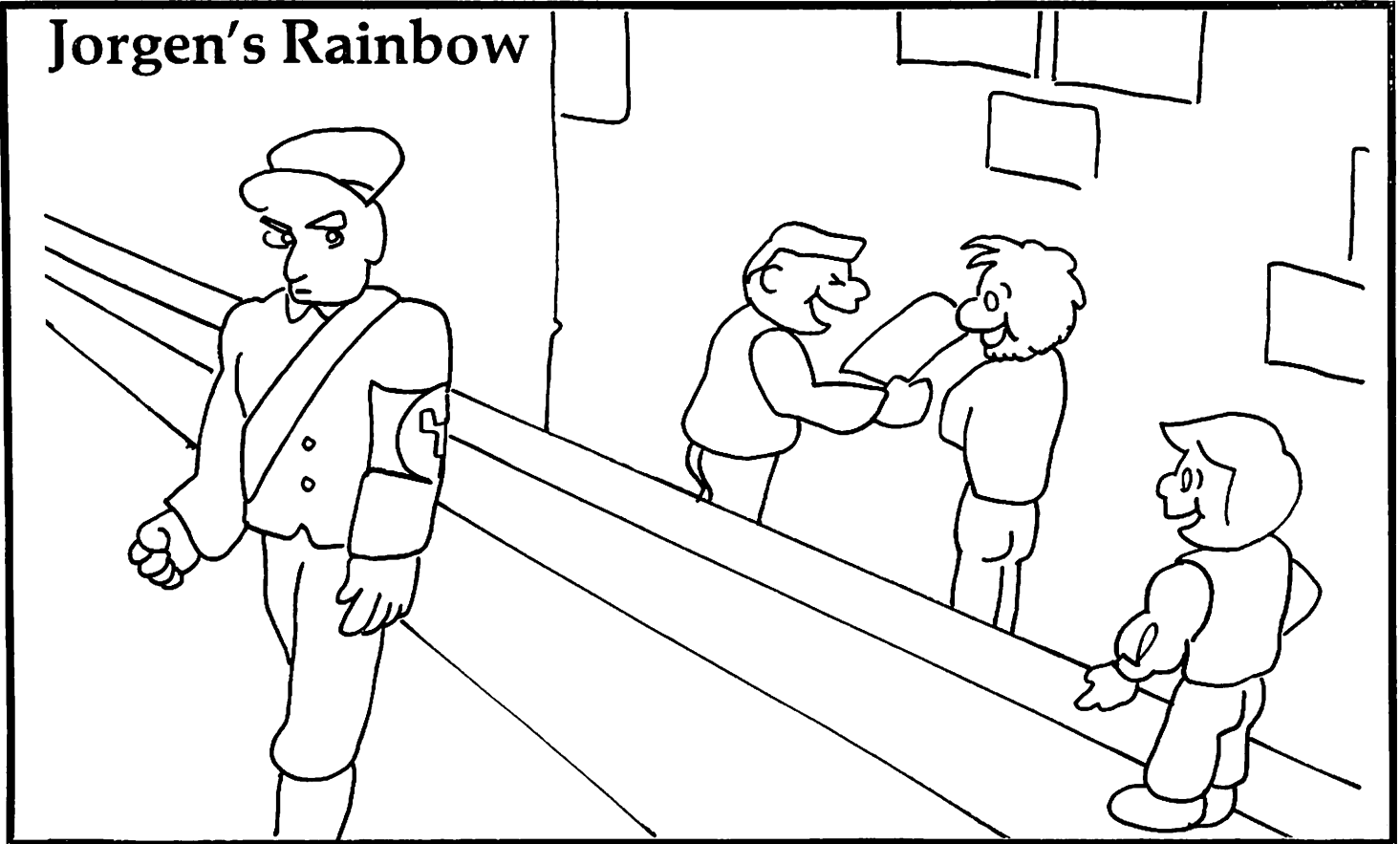
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October winners: Beth Godthaab, Danny Springer, and Jennifer Ross.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Fyldt Svine Mørbrad (Stuffed Pork Tenderloin)

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| 2 pork tenderloins | 1 cup thick sour cream |
| 5 boiled prunes | 1 cup sweet cream |
| 2 apples | salt and pepper |
| 2 tbsp. butter | |

Cut tenderloin half through lengthwise. Open and pound flat. Cut apples in small pieces. Cover one tenderloin. Remove pits from the prunes and put over apples. Add butter, salt and pepper. Cover all with second tenderloin. Roll and tie. Fry in butter until brown. Add a little broth, sweet and sour cream and cook slowly one hour.

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Lodge No. 34 Takes Second Place



The accordionist, James Andreasen and Vikings Bob and Jane Smith take home second place.

On September 18, 1988, Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, participated in Dwight's Annual Harvest Days celebration by entering their Viking Ship float. The Annual Harvest Days celebration lasts the entire weekend and features games, dances, and, of course, the all important parade. Lodge No. 34 was very pleased to win second place in the commercial division with their entry of the Viking Ship.

Their Viking Ship float has quite a history. Originally built in the early 1970s it was a common sight at many homecoming and community parades. Then, due to it's decaying condition, it laid dormant for a couple of years. Mr. and Mrs. James Andreasen thought it was time to reacquaint the community with the Viking Ship float and recruited several members of Lodge No. 34 to spend many, many hours painting and repairing the float to bring it back to a respectable condition.

Many members of the Dwight community remembered the float and were pleased to welcome it back. Others, who had never seen it before, were very impressed and were pleased to learn that a Danish Brotherhood lodge existed in Dwight.

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