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Cover photo: Thanks to DBIA Lodge No. 92 In St. Charles, IL for supplying this photograph of the St. Charles Municipal Building on the beautiful Fox River as seen from the Main Street Bridge in downtown St. Charles. Construction of the building began 50 years ago this year. The art deco structure with walls of Georgia marble and black granite base, is believed to have been the first permanent building of any size to use tube lighting throughout. Photo by James Stocker.



President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

In the March edition of the American Dane we briefly covered the reason why Fraternal Benefit Societies were established and how the financial protection has grown over the past century. We know that the extra financial protection helps to ease the burdens which families face at the loss of a loved one. It helps them until they are in a position to help themselves. We saw the magnificent example of the Flemming Hinrichsen family and how fraternalism was at their side.

The principal continues to apply itself in our daily lives and the protection that is offered financially comes in the form of insurance which we have provided for over a century. I know many people who do not see insurance as a value for associating with us but I feel it is one of our most important fraternal benefits. In many instances people (members) are covered by term insurance through their employment. What happens when there is no employment? Simply put, there is no insurance protection! When a member of the Danish Brotherhood falls upon bad times the Society will ensure that his protection is still there by taking care of his premiums. That is added protection!

Many individuals are **not** aware that Social Security no longer pays a death benefit except if the wage earner or retiree has a surviving spouse. That benefit used to be available to everyone who qualified under Social Security. While the benefit is small, it helps.

The Veterans Administration no longer pays a death benefit unless the veteran dies in a VA hospital or has a service connected disability. They still qualify for a flag, headmarker, burial in a National Cemetery or the small interment allowance.

Many things that were once 'automatically' there are no longer the case. That isn't the case with your fraternal protection with the Danish Brotherhood in America.

In 1987 Fraternal Benefit Societies, including the Danish Brotherhood, paid \$1,641,079,221 to members and beneficiaries. They expended a total of \$293,066,136 on fraternal activities. These are impressive statistics. Multiply one year by the many and it will give you an idea of what these societies collectively have done for their members over the past century.

In March I also covered what membership in the National Fraternal Congress of America means and how that organization, both nationally and through its State chapters, continue to watchdog legislatures and the Congress for any attempts by those bodies to make changes that could adversely affect all of us. I cited the example of how attempts by Congress to tax fraternalism was defeated. I added that we must remain alert for anything that might diminish our purposes.

An article appeared in the Omaha World-Herald in July and it stated that another challenge is coming from the tax man. "Fraternal executives expect that by the end of this year the U.S Treasury Department likely will recommend that fraternalism lose their tax-free status. The proposal could go to Congress next year." This could have an adverse affect on our ability to provide certain fraternal benefits such as scholarships, special aid or camp grants. Is this what we as members want to see? We have always kept politics out of our lodge halls and meetings and rightly so. In this instance, however, I urge each of you to write your Congressional representatives and tell them you are not in favor of their tampering with this long standing system of people helping people. We must remain vigilant and we must be supportive of all fraternalism and if we don't, there is no limitation to future regulations. This is important to all of us. The proposal is not exactly a Christmas gift and it is as if Ebenezer Scrooge is fast at work in his own miserable way. He will continually haunt us unless we do something. He will be our nightmare! Your letter, NOW, can be your new year greeting to a member of Congress and we hope they get the message.

Now that we have that behind us, we can go on to better news. I briefly mentioned in last month's column the topic of National President's Awards. Now that the committees have met and the annual Board of Director's meeting has concluded, I am able to announce the winners for 1988, but first, I again would like to voice my appreciation of the fact that all Districts were represented for these awards. Please join me in congratulating the following winners of the 1988 National President's Awards:

Best District for 1988 — Nebraska District

Best Single Civic Activity — Lodge No. 268, Junction City, Oregon and Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska

Best Annual Activity Schedule — Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin and Lodge No. 346, Riverside, California

Best Newsletter — Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois

Best Single Social Activity — Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington

In appreciation for the hard work involved, the Best District for 1988 has received a certificate and a check for \$200 while each of the winning lodges have been awarded a certificate and a check in the amount of \$100. A special recognition award was also given to **Lodge No. 15 of Des Moines, Iowa** for a job well done in hosting the 1987 National Convention.

Of course this column would not be complete without mentioning that special time of the year which is so important to Danes. Christmas. There is much preparation going on within households for this special holiday. I hope this finds all of your households secure and happy. From myself and my colleagues of the Board and the home office staff, it is our wish that you truly have a special holiday and a grand beginning for a new year. Remember those less fortunate by giving something special to your Operation Care and Share or local charity. These are things we Danes do from the heart. Merry Christmas to all of you!

A Gift for a Gift

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME, a king lost his way while he was hunting in a forest. It was late at night and he was very cold and hungry.

He came across the hut of a miner. The miner was away digging for coal and his wife was left tending to her small children.

The king knocked on the door and asked the woman if he could have something to eat and a night's lodging. The king did not say that he was the king and the woman did not know he was of royal blood.

"We are very poor," said the woman, "but if you wish to share my plate of potatoes and use the blanket on the floor for your bed you are indeed welcome."

The king shivered from the cold and his stomach was empty. He rubbed his aching body and gladly accepted the woman's gracious hospitality.

He hurriedly ate the potatoes and said, "These are better than the best beef I have ever eaten."

The woman and her two small children ate a small portion of potatoes and watched as the stranger finished his meal and stretched out on the floor and fell asleep.

The next day, the king washed by a nearby brook and returned to the hut to thank the woman for her kindness. He then presented her with 1500 krone. Then he went back to his castle.

When her husband came home, she told him about the stranger she allowed into their small dwelling for the night and then she showed her husband the 1500 krone the man had given her.

The husband realized that anyone paying that much to stay overnight must be the king himself.

The man thought that the king was much too generous in his payment for their unsightly hut and decided to present the king with a sack of potatoes since the king enjoyed them so much.

The miner set out to see the king and when he arrived at the castle, the guards would not let him in. When he explained that he did not expect anything from the king — that the truth was, he wanted to give the king a gift — they let him in.

The guards brought the miner to the king whereupon the miner said, "Your Majesty, last night you paid my wife 1500 krone for sleeping on the floor and eating a plate of potatoes. Even if you are a fine and rich ruler, you paid much too much for what was given you."

The king couldn't believe his ears and he beckoned the miner to come closer to make sure he heard right.

"Therefore," continued the miner, "I have brought you a sack of potatoes, which you enjoyed so much. Please accept them and if you ever come our way again, we will be happy to serve you once more."

These words pleased the king and to show his appreciation he told the prime minister to give the miner a fine house and a farm.

The miner was shocked. Never in his wildest dreams did he ever expect a gift in return.

Elated by such good luck he went home to tell his wife and children the news.

Now it so happened that the miner had a brother - a rich brother who was greedy and jealous of anyone else's good luck.

When he found out about his brother's good fortune he decided that he too would give the king a gift.

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of the rich brother's horses, but because he had been asked to pay such a ridiculous high price, the King never bought the animal.

The brother decided now was the time to go and see the king and make him a gift of the horse. He reasoned if the king gave a house and a farm away in return for a mere sack of potatoes, he would probably get a mansion and twenty farms.

He brushed the horse and rode to the castle. He passed the guards and went directly to the king's chambers.

"Your Highness," said the brother, forcing a smile. "Not too long ago you wanted to buy my horse. I foolishly asked much too much for it."

The king nodded. "Have you lessened the price?" he asked.

"Yes," replied the greedy brother. "I have. Let me explain. I did not want to sell the horse to you. I wanted to give it to you as a gift."

The king looked surprised. "A gift?" he said. "Really?"

"Oh, yes," said the brother. "If you look out the window you will see the horse that you wanted. Isn't he a fine animal?"

The king was not stupid. He realized at once that his gift was not an honest gesture. So he smiled and said, "Thank you, my friend. I will accept your gift."

The brother could hardly contain himself in anticipation of what he was about to receive for the horse.

"And," continued the king, "you shall not go home empty-handed. Here is a sack of potatoes. I'm sure you will enjoy them."

The smile on the greedy brother's face turned to a frown. But what could he do. He couldn't disagree with the king, so he sighed and carried the potatoes on his shoulders out of the castle while the king looked at his new horse.

DBIA Volunteers Gather Together



Left to right, front row, Judie Neelson, Grethe Jepsen, Wanda Nielsen, Ray Nielsen, Deloris Hansen, Hazel Kjellsen, Opal Craig; second row, Dave Neelson, Henry Jepsen, Norm Hanson, Duane Hansen, Howard Kjellsen, John Craig; third row, Herluf Pedersen, Bente Pedersen, Ginnie Phoenix, Bob Phoenix, Donna Larsen, Jim Larsen. (Not pictured, Elizabeth Pedersen, and Bill and Merrie Jorgensen.)

The Danish Brotherhood in America experienced an exciting weekend on October 28-30, 1988, as twenty volunteer members from all across the United States and Canada arrived at the National Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, for the Annual District Fraternal Coordinators' Meeting. The District Fraternal Coordinators' Program was introduced in 1987 to combine effective dedicated DBIA members who have demonstrated the ability to promote active lodges with the officers of other lodges who have the potential for developing more active lodges for the purpose of helping them improve their lodge's performance. During the meeting, enthusiasm grew and grew as many new ideas for preserving our Danish heritage were shared. The District Fraternal Coordinators are ready to share these ideas and enthusiasm with you. They are also ready to share their knowledge and experience. Please feel free to call on them any time assistance is needed.

On the following page please find a listing of the District Fraternal Coordinators and the lodges they have agreed to serve. You will note that over 75% of DBIA lodges will be served by District Fraternal Coordinators. The National Headquarters is hoping to have 100% representation by 1990. If you would like to assist the Danish Brotherhood in this most important way, please contact Pamela K. Dorau, National Fraternal Director, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131 for further information.

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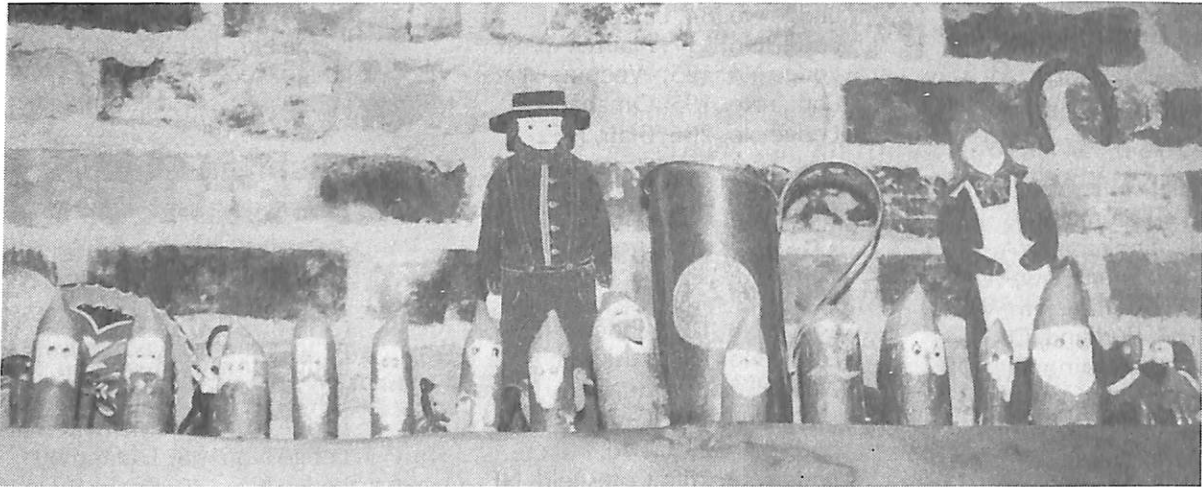
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Faaborg Julenisse

by Lynn Ove Mortensen



The Julenisse appear on the mantle every Christmas.

Not long ago, my family and I were traveling through Denmark in search of our roots and good wooden boats. November skies had brought with them the chill of oncoming Danish winter. But amid continual cold and light sprinkles of snow, people in cities and villages were gearing up for Christmas. Window displays sprouted garlands of evergreen; wood, straw and paper figures danced through the boughs around shutters and doorways. We drove through the countryside eager to introduce old sights to the younger members of our family, to renew old acquaintances and to revisit familiar places dear to our memories. Eventually we found ourselves settled in the tiny south Fyn town of Faaborg. It was there that our love affair began.

On our second morning, we awoke to an undeniable ground-cover of white. Donning warm clothes we headed out to absorb the welcoming Danish village feeling of the cobbled main streets. Christmas decorations festooned every window and door, and, with the virgin snow, a true Christmas atmosphere descended over the town. A couple hours of window shopping and strolling bred hearty appetites; we stopped for a feast of biksemad served by a round waiter in a warm room with high-backed benches and even higher wainscoting.

Afterward, in the lower part of town, we rounded a corner and all stopped to stare. There, in the window of a yarn shop was a miniature grouping of small red-capped men frolicking in and out amongst a kaleidoscope of colored yarn. These were Julenisse like we'd never before encountered. Their bodies were hand-carved of local branches, the nose of each a decidedly different twist of a twig, fashioned by Mother Nature herself. Cut-away patches of bark exposed merry individual faces. Mischievous painted eyes peered out to see just what skulduggery could be created next.

As one, we entered the shop and trooped to admire the tiny elves, who played in hundreds about the wooly skeins and sweaters. How hard to choose the few we could kidnap and whisk away to our home in Seattle. Each asked to come along as had none of the many dozens we'd seen in store windows throughout our trip.

None had spoken to us of the lore of Denmark as did these tiny figures, so lovingly carved by someone who came to life in a special place in my mind. He must be an old elf-type himself, with a sparkly white beard, red stockings knitted by familiar hands and the love of Denmark in his heart. He must be a crafty

old fellow who rose during the Christmas-near mornings of his youth the hear the Julenisse prancing in the attic. I'm sure he placed bowls of rice porridge outside the kitchen door on long-ago Christmas days. Perhaps he had even climbed the church steeple to try for a peek at the busy elves who helped to ring the bell. I'll wager he'd also been blamed for some of their mischief, like knocking over the milk pail or losing the bucket down the well.

I spoke with the children a lot about that old carver during the rest of our trip. We thought of him, too, at home again busy with our own preparations for Christmas. He became a special family legend, springing to life at each glimpse of the friendly Julenisse who scampered about the kitchen mantle.

Christmas morning I awoke with the children and joined in their eager anticipation as they raced down the stairs. But the surprise which waited there for me was the greatest I could have imagined. On the hearth, next to the Christmas tree stood a giant Julenisse, twinkling back at me. His jaunty red-painted cap bore perfect proportion to his body, cut this time from a trunk of our local Douglas fir. And his face had been lovingly carved to laugh out our cultural heritage across the ages and over land and sea. The old Danish carver was alive in our family as well and his message sang out loud and clear. Our roots were intact; it was Christmas morning and the Julenisse were busy as they should be.

Notice:

The DBIA National Headquarters is trying to locate someone familiar with Thomas Hansen, formerly of 1029 Second Street, Santa Monica, California. Mr. Hansen was a member of Lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles, California, and was born on September 22, 1892, in Roskilde, Denmark. Efforts to obtain any information such as a possible certified death certificate, date of death, or location of death have been unsuccessful.

Information would also be appreciated concerning Mr. Hansen's beneficiaries, namely, Christian and Johane Hansen, his brother and sister. If you are familiar with Thomas Hansen, or have information regarding his death, please contact the National Headquarters of the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, or call (402) 341-5049 collect.

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The nominating committee will begin the task of enlisting officers for another DBIA Lodge No. 29 year. When the nominating committee contacts you, be ready and willing to give them an affirmative answer. Elections will be held at our December meeting. Nominations are always open from the floor. Be sure to attend the meetings and serve your lodge. We need your support and participation.

The first meeting of the 1989 District Convention Committee was held August 24 at the Executive Inn where the convention will be held next year. Any ideas or plans as well as help and assistance will be greatly appreciated. For further information, contact Vivi Hammond or Mel Hollister.

The annual Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood picnic was again held at Martha Lake on August 21. It was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the game, refreshments and sunshine. Many thanks to all of you who helped make it another successful and enjoyable picnic.

On August 13 the 2nd annual Danish-American Soccer Tournament was held at the 60 Acres Soccer Park. Danish players from Toronto and Vancouver, Canada, joined players from Spokane, Los Angeles, Solvang and Seattle for a truly international meet. This was an all day event with a large turnout from the Seattle area. The following were winners: Open Division — Vancouver, B.C.; Over 30 Division — Seattle; and Women's Team — Seattle. A big tournament does not take place without a big party and approximately 300 people attended a delicious dinner at the Swedish Club with dancing and music following provided by Auge's Music.

Thanks to the Seattle Danes Soccer Club for a job well done. Remember that next year's tournament will be held in Solvang, California. Also, the regular season has started and the team sponsored by our

The best idea for December goes to Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. See page 19.

lodge plays on Friday evenings.

Veterans Night was well attended by both the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood at the Swedish Club on September 7 with sandwiches and snapps prepared by Ingeborg Kisbye and served as many members received recognition for long years of membership.

Frank Poulsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA — This year's version of the annual Christmas party will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 10. Mark the date on your holiday calendar and join us this year. It's the night we honor the children and encourage them to become a part of our program by singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument or reciting something to do with the holiday season. Then the children dance and sing around the Christmas tree which always seems to bring Santa Claus. All children up to 18 years of age are admitted free, and everyone else is asked to bring some cookies, candy or a cake. We have also invited members of Spokane's Vasa Lodge and Scandinavian Lodge to join us for the evening, so come on down for a special night of holiday joy!

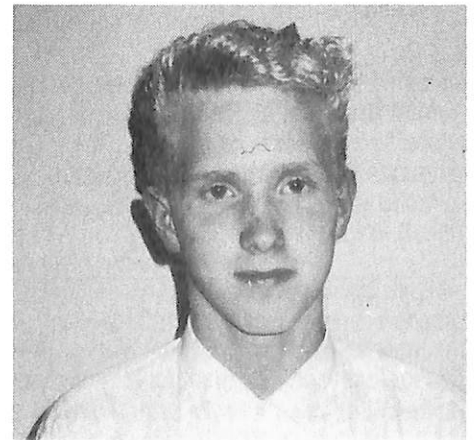
The Pacific-Northwest District Convention will be held in Seattle in 1989, in Vancouver, B.C. in 1990 and Bellingham will host the 1991 District Convention, which is the year the National Convention will be held in the City of Roses, Portland, Oregon. Your opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of Danes from around the Northwest, and in the case of the National Convention, the United States, is becoming a reality. So plan now to take advantage of these great opportunities!

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The meeting came to order on October 5, 1988 at 7:50 p.m. with 28 members present. Larry West led the lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sick report from Mag Esrom was received. He represented the lodge at the funeral of Mr. Sorensen in Rockaway. The final profit from the Seaman Center was \$269.80. It was moved and seconded to give this back to the Seaman's Center as has been the practice in the past. Tami Hansen gave the lodge the latest progress on the National Convention in 1991. We have a contract from the Red Lion Jantzen Beach and from the Thunderbird to hold an additional 50 rooms. We are still receiving loan money from other lodges as working funds. This money has been put into a Money Market fund until needed. We still need a chairperson to coordinate the raffle and craft tables. A logo is also needed; anyone with artistic ability? There has been one submitted as of this writing.

Chris Roley has been in charge of the membership list, and it is ready to go to press. It will be a mini phone book. Funds are now needed before they can be printed. A motion was made and seconded to provide funds for the membership list to be printed and mailed out as a bulk mailing. Our "hatman," Don Thorkildsen, provided the lodge with an update on the new Danish Brotherhood caps. They will be out for sale soon for \$7 and \$8.

Jens Jensen introduced two guests: Irene Callesen, who lives in Portland and is of Danish heritage, and Nina Iversen from Denmark who is living with Irene and helping with her children. We also welcome our newest member, Eric R. Petersen of Milwaukie, Oregon.



Welcome new member, Eric Petersen.

We were reminded that applications for scholarships are now available and can be obtained from Jens Jensen. We have one application in from Mikael David Martinez. We have been invited to have a representative from the DBIA visit American Dane veterans or veterans of Danish heritage at the Veterans' Hospital. Mag Esrom has volunteered to be our representative. Don Bogh reported that the ethnic display from the Danish Brotherhood at Folkfest was runner-up. We have selected a nomination committee for next year's slate of officers — Joyce Gimbel, Don Bogh, and Mag Esrom. **Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 43 Brothers present at our October meeting. During the meeting, we accepted two new applications. Their names were John Pedersen and Jens Rahbek. We also installed three new Brothers into our lodge. They were Ole Sather, Borge Pedersen, and Jens Rahbek. Welcome!

It was brought up that Jens Peder Vestergaard resigned his position on our Board because he was not able to give quality time to the Brotherhood because of his business. Our alternate, Julius Nicolaisen, will be looking after the Vice President's duties until our general meeting in December.

During the meeting we elected a representative to the Community Centre Board. He is Uwe Bruhn. The Gold Pot in the amount of \$20.50 was won by Aksel Johannsen. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a nice sandwich, a beer and a snaps.

Our December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 1988, at 8:00 p.m. at the Swedish Hall. Only paid-up members will be able to vote at our general meeting.

On the weekend of October 22, some members from our lodge went to Seattle to play good soccer. The weather was just right. The first Vancouver team to play was the Over 35 team. Both teams were evenly matched; any team could have won. It was neck and neck until the last two minutes when Seattle came up with a big goal. Vancouver played a tough game but Seattle won with a score of 1-0. What a great game!

The Ladies then took over. This game was also evenly matched. Both teams put the pressure on and had many chances. There was no scoring during regulation time, so it came down to penalty shots. Vancouver Ladies won with Marianne Pedersen and Ketty Jensen scoring Vancouver's two goals. Great game, girls!

At this point, it was time for the young

men to take over. Before Vancouver knew it, the score was Seattle 2-0. Vancouver fought back to a score of 4-4. It seemed that the outcome was to be a tie, but unfortunately, Seattle scored in the last minute making the final score 5-4 for Seattle. We'll get them next time.

That Saturday evening, our Brothers from Seattle threw a wonderful party with a buffet fit for a king. There was enough dance music to keep Seattle hopping until next time. Music for everyone. Again, a great party and games. Until we meet again.

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

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — Our regular meeting was called to order by President Peter Jensen on October 13 with approximately 35 members in attendance.

A communication from Danish National Headquarters notified that Elly "Bibi" Nielsen was in fact a member of Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon, so her transfer is now being processed. She was initiated a new member since Portland did not have any record of her membership.

Knud Toftemark reported that he visited Christa Christensen who was ill and delivered a bouquet of roses.

In December we will be learning how to make Danish Christmas decorations.

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Al Nyegaard reported that he has arranged for a Danish conversational class instructor from the University of Oregon. It was decided that with a minimum of 7 or 8 students, the lodge would pay the difference between tuition of \$10 each and the instructor's charge.

Mary Stefansen announced that she is very serious about retiring as editor of our newsletter at the end of the year and suggested having a newsletter committee to put together the newsletter as it is a big job.

Mary gave a report on the Northwest Danish Foundation; since the Danish Home was sold, the proceeds went to the NW Danish Foundation to provide scholarships and loans. Brooks Mikkelsen of Junction City Lodge No. 348 is the representative to the Foundation from their lodge. He is an associate member of our lodge. He nominated Al Nyegaard to be our lodge representative. Membership for the foundation is \$5. Al will be attending their meetings in Portland as our representative.

Mary Stefansen suggested using the Eugene Public Library as part of a network system in which other libraries in Oregon and Washington would be involved. If a Danish book or book about Denmark was not available in one of the libraries, it could be ordered from one of the other libraries.

It was reported that Enumclaw has purchased its own lodge building, but it is in need of \$25,000 to \$35,000 worth of restoration. Kris Sand made a motion that the lodge donate \$100 to help with this project. It was seconded by Fred Thomsen and approved by the members.

Five people were nominated to be on the nominating committee; Martin Taekker, Poul Olesen, Fred Thomsen, Glenn Matson and Susie Staats. They would prepare a slate of officers.

We were dismissed in the usual and customary way and retired to the room downstairs where the monthly committee chaired by Marilyn and Allan Nyegaard, served coffee, cookies and Danish puff paste. A number of members had brought Danish books or books about Denmark to share with other members and Allen Ranch had sent a number of books which had belonged to his late father, Agner. The

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Barry F. Edmonds, Midwest District Convention, \$463.00; Semi-annual Board Meeting, Clyde R. Langsted, \$618.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$541.60; Erling C. Braumann, \$583.00; Paul Carlsen, \$518.00; Barry F. Edmonds, \$598.00; Ebba L. Norby, \$573.00; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$376.10; Robert E. Ibsen, \$508.00.

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$244.00.

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lodge has a bookshelf in the lounge of the Norwegian Hall where our meetings are held and some of the books were added to our collection. Several members shared information from some of the books and it was a very interesting and informative evening.

Verna Lynge, Cor.



Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The Solvang trip was a great success and everyone had a good time. We played bingo until we ran out of dollars. Then we sang our way back to Los Angeles. Our lunch at Hans C. Andersen Picnic Grounds in Solvang was relaxing and fun. The parade was excellent and we even got the attention of Ove Hansen — a member of Brotherhood Lodge No. 126 and in the annual parade in Solvang. Love your antique car, Ove! Hopefully, we can do this again next year.

Our guest at the meeting was Polly Germaniuk, from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She felt right at home since quite a few at the meeting already knew her. She is one "active" lady.

Our election for the 1989 officers will be held in December, 1988, and we hope that you will attend and vote for the candidate best suited for the office.

The raffle was won by Secretary Betty Seale and she treated us to a drink on her.

Alhambra Lodge No. 323 hosted the coffee after the last meeting with homemade apple pie a-la-mode and coffee. Thanks Alhambra for the delicious pie!

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — We have been enjoying the late summer and fall seasons with potluck dinners preceding our meetings, with wonderfully delicious and appetizing food to share.

Our August meeting found us enjoying reports from our delegates who had attended the state convention which was held in San Diego in July. We welcomed them with a "Welcome Home Delegates" theme night.

Preceding our meeting in September, we enjoyed beautiful slides of the Canadian Rockies shown by Jack Weddel. These pictures were taken during a tour of that area by Jack and his wife, Cora Marie. We were all ready to form a group for another tour after we had viewed the gorgeous scenery!

Prior to our October 21 meeting, we all enjoyed watching the Halloween Party which was so beautifully planned by Brother Jim Larsen, and his wife Romona.

There were 17 brightly costumed youngsters and we were all very happy to see so many of our very young people taking part — after all, they are our future members. Jim and Romona had planned several contests for the children, including a pumpkin carving contest, and prizes were awarded to the winners. There were also prizes for the best boy costume and best girl costume. Candy treats were given to each youngster, and they concluded their evening by marching around the hall. Cookies, punch and coffee were then served. We say "tusing tak" to the Larsen's for their time and effort in planning this fun party.

It was decided to make a contribution to our local soup kitchen and a food basket will be made up of contributions in November.

Plans are now in progress for our annual Christmas party to be held on December 16.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — Following a potluck dinner at the home of Roy Anthony and his wife Irma on Friday, December 2, 1988, we shall be having our final regular meeting of the current year. Second nominations and election of new officers for 1989 will take place during this meeting. We look forward to a good turnout of our members for this meeting and the potluck dinner.

On behalf of all the members of Lodge No 184 in Hayward, we extend to all members of the Danish Brotherhood in America a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Lynn Troxel, III, Past Pres.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — On October 12, the meeting was held at Alexander's Copenhagen Inn, hosted by Roy and Teresa Alexander. A typical Danish dinner, "karbonader" with cauliflower and red cabbage, was served for 53 members and guests.

Bent Clausen gave, during an informal meeting, a report on the convention, emphasizing that many young people between 13 and 20 years of age were present and suggested that more work should be done to get more local, young people interested in our lodge. The S.Y.V. Coordinating Council would like to put on a Sweetheart Contest around Valentine's Day to raise money. Our representative, Steen Weber, was asked to look into how and to whom the money will be disbursed.

Bob Lassiter gave a scholarship report and Arnold Detmar reported on the Danish Days Dinner/Dance.

The meeting then turned over to Roy Alexander who introduced Col. Robbie

Robertson, Chief of Staff for Environmental Affairs of the 1st Strategic Aero Space Division at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He gave a talk about how the Air Force is protecting the environment around and including us. Col. Robertson's department was this year's winner of the Quality Control Environmental Award from the Department of Defense. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — On December 3 we will hold our Christmas party with singing around the Christmas tree. Santa Claus has promised to visit once again this year so bring all the good little children and see what Santa has in store for them this year! Sandwiches and dessert will be provided. This year's Christmas party will prove to be as fun and eventful as last year's. So please bring the whole family and enjoy the holidays together as we all celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Keep in mind also that the election of officers will be held at our December meeting. Anyone interested in running for office this year, please contact your lodge secretary and let them know. We are in desperate need of persons to fill the chairs.

Please mark your calendar for the installation of officers to be held on January 13, 1988. It will once again be held at the

Ramada Inn in Old Town. We had a real nice turnout last year and hope for a better one this year.

Reservations will be necessary in helping the committee to work with the hotel in ordering the proper number of dinners.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — A tri-tip barbecue dinner was held in October. Bill McDonald was chairman and, as always, did a great job. Other committee members were Erik Michelsen, Verner Stenderup, Owen Nelson, Jr., and Jacob Jeppesen. The Sisterhood supplied desserts and coffee. From all reports, those who missed it should be sorry.

A "stand-up" meeting followed to plan the Christmas party and installation of officers in February.

Twenty members took a nostalgic train ride in November. We rode Amtrak to Hanford — about an hour and a half ride — and had dinner at the Imperial Dynasty. We all enjoyed the quaintness of Hanford. It is a small town with many of its old buildings intact and well preserved.

The November meeting focused on a place for the installation. The committee of Erik Michelsen, Bill McDonald, and Pete Petersen are still making arrangements.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The gambling trip to Laughlin, Nevada, was held October 7-9, 1988, and a good time was had by all. We really had a wonderful trip. Our hats off to Karl Duus and Mette Hyadt who had arranged everything so beautifully. The bus trip alone was worth the money — as a matter of fact, it was for one of the participants, Judy, who won the trip free. We all put our name into a hat and the name drawn received 89 silver dollars — the cost of the trip.

Karen Rowse won \$59 for correctly pinpointing the exact time we would cross the state line into Nevada. There was also a prize for estimating how many miles from Arcadia, California, to Laughlin, Nevada. Three people tied on this one each receiving 13 silver dollars. We also played bingo for silver dollars and tasted the "Wet Wares" at the same time nibbling on pretzels and cookies, and we sang the good old Danish songs, so we almost raised the roof on the bus. The hotel "Colorado Bell" was new and beautiful, so many new hotels there, I could hardly recognize it from a few years back. All I can say is "it was a beautiful trip and we all hope we can do it again soon."

The Anniversary Party for Lodge No. 126 was a smashing success with approximately 80 people in attendance. Seven

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members from our lodge attended. The food was superb, the band wonderful, the table decorations beautiful, and that combined with the good Danish spirit made for a memorable evening.

Put a mark on your calendar and reserve Friday, December 16 for our Christmas party at the Alamo. Reservations are needed by December 10. Contact Karen Rowse, Helene Kristensen, or Kate Krake Nielsen. **Kate Krake Nielsen**, Past. Pres.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Spencer Nielsen passed away last year and in remembrance of the love and friendship he showed to all members of the lodge, we select a member that shows that extra thoughtfulness to others and makes extra efforts to promote the Holger Danske Lodge. This year's recipient, Marie Christensen, is called our ambassador of love, which she shows to all. This is our first presentation of this award and we hope to continue the presentation each year.



Gertrude Nielsen presents Marie Christensen with the "Spencer Nielsen" Award.

All those that attended the October meeting are sure to say that we had a great meeting and evening. We had a short business meeting to take care of a few items of business and then our Danish Night activities began. We had 17 visitors and this shows that we can make a special effort to invite our friends to the meetings. This is what we need to do each meeting, invite others, show them what a good time we have at our meetings, and then ask them to become members. . . this way we can enlarge our membership.

The Family Christmas party is right around the corner and that's a great evening to invite friends. This year's party sounds like we are really going to have a great time, changes are being made to accommodate our little ones earlier this year. Santa Claus will be at the party at

5:30 to meet the little ones and give out presents. Social hour will be at the same time. Our President Gary Gossett and his dad Bob have agreed to do all the cooking with the exception of the salads and desserts. The menu will be roasted turkey, dressing, gravy, baked ham, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, coffee and punch. Each family is asked to bring a salad and dessert to serve those with you.

We hope by having the Santa appearance early in the evening, that things will go real smooth this year. We'll relax and do a lot of Christmas singing along with dancing around the Christmas tree. Helga will decorate the tree again this year. Hazel Kjellsen will decorate the tables so you won't have to be concerned about that. Please bring your own table service, dishes and utensils. We will have the club for the entire evening, so we can dance into the later evening if you want. What makes this party a success is you and your family. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends.

We want to thank the Danish Folk Dancers from Emmanuel Danish Church of Los Angeles for joining our lodge. They danced for us under the direction of Lloyd Christensen. Then many of us brave ones got on the dance floor and were taught those exciting and exhausting Danish dances. We had more fun! Now if we can only remember them until the next time. Lloyd said he would be happy to join us again for the specific reason to teach the dances to those interested. So maybe at the beginning of the new year, we'll call on Lloyd again.

Another thank you goes to the ladies who came to the lodge early and prepared delicious and beautiful Danish open faced sandwiches. We prepared over 200 which took a bit of time. This was a first endeavor for us and we really had a good time doing this. Thank you also to Soren Christensen and Sherman Nielsen who beautifully made aebleskiver. We did need a few more guys, but what we had were delicious, I am told. By the time I got to them, they were gone; no fault of yours. They were just so good, we had a bottomless container holding them.

Bring your old unused reading glasses to any of the meetings. We are collecting them as a fraternal act. Last year Helga Bjorn, chairman, sent in 135 pairs of glasses. We received a thank you card for the contribution from Direct Relief International. We would encourage you to ask friends of yours if they would like to help us in this way. Helga is chairman again this year and will be very happy to receive them.

Also, remember Operation Care and Share. Margaret Motz and Ardie Wiegandt are asking us to bring in a good supply of cake mixes and frostings as the season of Christmas arrives. The Orangewood Home for Abused Children really appreciate this contribution. We are the only organization that furnishes this type of contribution.

A note was received from Kodan Lodge No. 346 stating that the upcoming installation will be held on January 14, 1989, at the Edelweiss Restaurant in San Bernardino. We will be having a roast pork dinner with real red cabbage. They promise a nice dessert and wine on the tables for the cost of \$17.50.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — At our October meeting we had 15 members and guests to witness the installation of Eric and Inge Mathiesen. Welcome to Kodan. We finished the "witches stew" and had lots of nice desserts and visits with everyone after the meeting. Our secretary read some nice thank yous we had received from people who had attended our Luau and we also voted on having our upcoming installation at the Edelweiss Restaurant in San Bernardino on Highland Avenue. The installation is going to be on January 14, 1989, and although the place is small, it has lots of atmosphere and has very good food. They are not open to the public that evening so we will have the place to ourselves. We will be having a pork roast dinner.

Many thanks once again to Ken and Nancy Nielsen for a great Oktoberfest. We had 49 members and guests to listen to good music and to eat great food, not to mention having a good time. For the first time, we emptied a keg. . . Inga Mathiesen won the door prize of a stuffed Spuds Party Animal Doll that was donated by Carol Lindberg which she picked up at Anheuser-Busch where our beer mugs came from. Janet Jensen won the best woman's costume, a really lovely cocktail set; and Ken Nielsen won for the men's best costume, a 3 bottle pack of German wines. Mark Meyer (our part-time bartender) won the drinking contest. We even had to have a play-off between Mark and Ken Nielsen because it was very close. Mark and Ken both won water proof drinking bibs made by Kaja Del Grippo.

Chris and George Dzida won t-shirts that said "Oktoberfest" on them for winning the log sawing contest. Anelise Andersen won a new hammer and some screw drivers as the winner of the nail pounding contest. Tina Del Grippo won a

candle for the kid's nail pounding contest and Tina won a coloring book and Anne Marie Nielsen won a stuffed toy for their efforts in the log sawing contest.

It was really a great meal thanks to Vikki Garrison's red cabbage, Anelise Andersen's German potato salad, and Norma Loveday's sauerkraut and Ken and Nancy Nielsen's cooking of the sausages and the use of their beer gardens. It was really a beautiful warm night and a very fun evening for everyone.

Sue Patterson made another trip to Horizon House on behalf of the lodge on October 11. Tammy Lindberg had collected many large bags of clothing as had Vikki Garrison and brought them over. Kaja Del Grippio had gotten five cases of powdered baby formula and had collected a case of baby food from the parents of the children she babysits for that was picked up also along with some clothes she had. Sue dropped them by the House just as the counselor was about to go out herself and get some baby formula. They were so thankful for everything and they sent a very big thank you to everyone. The formula will last them until the first part of next year. Janet, the counselor at the House, said paper products such as paper towels, tissues and toilet tissue and underwear are always needed. It's really easy. The next time you go shopping, pick up an extra roll of toilet tissue or paper towels if you think about it and bring it to our Christmas party. It's something they can really use!

Sue Patterson, Pres.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST DISTRICT**

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — We met at Vennelyst Park on Tuesday, November 1, for a catered dinner consisting of turkey and dressing and other trimmings. Guests attending received free dinners.

Following the dinner, a short business meeting was held. Our special entertainment followed. Darrol Larsen of Cordova, Nebraska, was present to take us back to our childhood. Donning an outfit, complete with swallow-tail coat and top hat, he became Hans Christian Andersen. Using a Danish dialect, he related some of Hans Christian Andersen's famous fairy tales.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY**

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met on October 20 at the Community Action Building. A report was given on the state convention. Thank yous were read in regard to the convention. A Scandinavian folk dance workshop was held in Omaha on October 29-30. Herbert and Shirley Nielsen and Bill and Merribelle Jorgensen attended the workshop. We received the Best Civic Activity Award and \$25 for the year. A thank you was read from Ted Schrock for the scholarship he received from the National Headquarters.

Our guest for the evening was Paul Nielsen of Minden. The entertainment for the evening was a Swedish skit about Ole which was very good. Lunch of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles and coffee and tea was served by Wes and Violet Nielsen, Andrew and Verna Madsen, Bruce and Valerie Nielsen and Jean Liebers.

Shirley Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our September meeting had a good attendance with guests Viola Hinz, Dorothy Maurer, Lola Jensen, and Githa Nielsen, Danish teacher from Dana College, present. Following a short business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stork showed slides of their Denmark, Norway, and Sweden tour after which lunch and refreshments were served.

Are you or do you know of anyone who would be interested in learning the Danish language? Githa Nielsen of Dana College would be glad to teach a class on either

Monday, Wednesday or Friday evenings.
Harriet Palle, Cor.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — The Ethnic Enrichment Commission has again been invited to decorate Christmas trees from around the world for the ATT Pavilion building in downtown Kansas City. Last year, the Scandinavian tree was beautiful! We have many of the decorations used last year and have been asked to add some new ornaments this year, larger than the ones we already have. If you have any decorations you would like to loan or donate, please let Norm Danielsen know.

KXTR-FM radio has offered another opportunity for us to promote our Danish heritage. They would like to tape a fifteen minute show about Christmas in Denmark. Ten minutes of the show will be Danish Christmas music and five minutes will be used for discussing Danish traditions, foods, customs, and the country. We have the music but need someone to do the speaking. The station would like to tape the show as soon as possible, so if you are interested in doing this, please let Norm know at the meeting or call him before then so the arrangements can be made.

Norm Danielsen, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — The annual Couple's Anniversary Banquet was celebrated November 4, 1988, at the American Legion Hall and a hearty velkommen extended by President Roy Mumm. The Rev. Fred Jacobsen led the invocation and then extended a "vaer skaal." A delicious three course banquet was enjoyed at tables decorated with adorable varied color dressed scarecrows and pampas grass and at each place, paper petal flowers unfolded to show the menu and program. The committee making the arrangements for the

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Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
9-5-88	Christian Schodt	82	Randrup, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
8-19-88	Howard Gunderson	73	Schenectady, New York	190	Schenectady, New York	1935
10-14-88	Cynthia M. Sloth	57	Decatur, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1977
10-17-88	Louis Svendsen	86	Denmark	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1936
10-22-88	Peter M. Jensen	87	Tranderup, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1946
10-12-88	George G. Madsen	82	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1960
5-24-88	Rena M. Pedersen	88	Copenhagen, Denmark	110	Winside, Nebraska	1963
8-15-88	Harry Jorgensen	78	Unknown	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1945
10-21-88	Josephine A. Romanelli	73	Pennsylvania	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1985
1-1-88	Viggo F. Rasmussen	77	Aarhus, Denmark	340	Wood Dale, Illinois	1969
10-17-88	Elisabeth Christiansen	65	Germany	323	Alhambra, California	1973

banquet and the unique decorations were Irene and Harlan Hansen, Orva and Philip Sorensen, and Marge and Alton Neve.

Following the banquet, President Mumm led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

The occasion of the evening was honoring our married couples who celebrated 50 year or more wedding anniversaries during the year. Helen and Viggo Berthelsen were married June 19, 1928 and celebrated their 60th anniversary in 1988. Esther and Jens Kirk, Millie and Milford Larsen, and Irene and Thorvald Levison all celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries in 1988. Each of the couples were presented a gift from the lodge.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 75-year membership plaque to our 97-year old action member Soren Sorensen. This 75-year plaque was specially prepared and presented by the Danish Brotherhood in America for this momentous occasion. Soren immigrated to the United States from Asdal, Denmark in 1910. He farmed with his wife, Fannie, most of his life at Clarks Grove, Minnesota and now lives in Albert Lea. He has always been very active in the Danish Brotherhood and even now at 97 years of age, rarely misses attending the monthly meetings. Soren responded with a thank you to the DBIA and the lodge for the plaque and remembrance and stated he has enjoyed being a member and remembers all the wonderful times he has enjoyed being a member in his 75 years. Mr. Sorensen's three children, Marion Hansen, Richard Sorensen and wife Ruth, and Phillip Sorensen and wife Orva enjoyed the celebration with Soren. Soren has grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are also members of the lodge.



President Mumm presents Soren Sorensen a plaque for his 75 years of membership.

We shared in the reading of a thank you from Staci Danielsen, a recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship from the Danish Brotherhood in America National Headquarters. Staci is now attending Luther College majoring in elementary education.

We were delightfully entertained by the Blue Grass Family Band who played their Blue Grass music, recited humorous and Scandinavian jokes and stories as well as inspirational songs and verses.

Two members of our lodge, Alton Neve and Alvin Goldman, are the recipients of 25-year pins.

Rev. Jacobsen invoked the benediction. President Mumm had the pleasant task of presenting lucky number winners of the festive table decorations.

Grace M. Tomson, Sec.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — We had our annual picnic in June which was well attended and most enjoyable. Committee members were Gordon Sloth, Harold Madsen and George Olsen.

In July, we voted to support the Danish Immigrant Museum, with a good sized cash donation. The following were chosen to be delegates to the September Iowa-Minnesota District Convention: Vice President Dale Danielsen, Harold Madsen, George Olsen, and Gordon Sloth. Our lodges were represented in two parades — the Stout, Iowa parade and the Cedar Falls-Sturgis Falls Day parade. Thanks to Brother George Olsen who entered his trusty Model A Ford.

In August we were again represented in the Dike Watermelon Days parade by George Olsen and his Ford. We also plan to have a booth serving aebleskiver in the 1989 Watermelon Days event.

The Iowa-Minnesota District Convention saw 18 Brothers and Sisters from our Lodge No. 144 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 176. Those attending had a great time thanks to Albert Lea! We also feel honored to have witnessed the installation of all the new district officers, including our own lodge President, Mervin Andersen, installed as President.

In October, we again discussed the possibility of a newsletter, perhaps not monthly. We will also be making more contributions to the news in the American Dane.

We were invited by the Cedar Valley Danes to attend a potluck during mid-October. Several lodge members did attend and had a very good time. This group was formed to support the Danish Immigrant Museum.

Nominating committee for choosing 1989

officers is: Harold Madsen, Chairman; Miller Mikkelsen, and Joe Galloway.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — A good attendance was present at our September meeting which began with a potluck supper. Guests were Bill and Elnora Thoren of Denver, Colorado.

Reports were given by those who attended the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Albert Lea over Labor Day weekend. At the business meeting, Harland Johnson was re-elected as District Treasurer. There were 11 members from our lodge who attended.

For our program, hobbies and crafts were displayed, such as basket weaving, hardanger embroidery, wood working, plaques, pillows and dressed dolls.

Harland Johnson conducted an auction of several items which added to our treasury.

At our October meeting a discussion was held on election of officers for the coming year.

A committee was appointed to purchase a book to be placed in the Humboldt Public Library in memory of Anna Pedersen.

Christmas party plans were discussed. Carol Jensen of Vero Beach, Florida, was a guest. The program of reminiscing of celebrations and holidays of years past was enjoyed.

Ron Hansen, a Humboldt City Councilman, gave an interesting account of what happens at City Hall, how city government is financed, how funds are obtained and spent in various departments of city government.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We had our annual aebleskiver supper at the Kimballton Town Hall on October 24, with 75 people in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ray Johnson, President, welcomed the visitors. Kenneth L. Hansen was accepted as a new member.

Signe Madsen, a delegate to the Minnesota-Iowa Convention, gave a report on the happenings of the meeting.

The Nishma Valley Cordsmen (Cass County group) entertained with their singing which was very much enjoyed by all.

Verdie Christensen, Cor. Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — We had a busy summer as we participated in the Ethnic Fair. St. Hans Aften was celebrated at Paul and Karen Nielsen's farm. In July we went to an Ice Cream Social at Don and Ruth Rosdail's farm. In August, breakfast was hosted by Debra Nielsen and Mary Paul Mortensen at Pinicon Ridge Lodge. In



The "Andrew Sisters" provided laughs for all.

September we enjoyed a hayride at Norma and Dave Nietert's farm. A scholarship was given to Lisa Andersen in October and one to Derek Larsen. Our entertainment was provided by the Andrew Sisters (Blair Thornbloom, Howard Christensen, and Arthur Wall). It was very funny. Ron Rath gave a talk on "So You Think You Are Normal." It was a busy evening and a busy summer.

Ulla Wall, Cor.

MIDWEST

Midwest District

A joint opening of the Midwest District Convention was held together with the Sisterhood. Brotherhood President Rick Sullivan and Sisterhood President Lydia Hansen bid everyone welcome.

Linda Steffensen and Kristy Mendez from Chicago Sisterhood Dagmar No. 4, dressed in Danish costumes, presented the colors.

After the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and everyone joining in singing the National Anthems, both the Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges adjourned to their respective meeting rooms.

President Rick Sullivan asked for a moment of silence for all our departed members since the last convention.

Roll call was taken and showed ten lodges present.

Scholarship Chairman, Ronald Jensen, said he had mailed out communications to all those on the Scholarship Committee. He informed the committee about the financial crisis the Scholarship Fund was having this year giving away three scholarships in 1987/88. The biggest problem was being that our funds do not generate enough interest to give away three scholarships. The Scholarship Committee voted that we give only two scholarships in 1988/89.

June Sampson from the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, told all the delegates and alternates of the ground

breaking ceremony that was held on Labor Day, September 5, 1988, in Iowa.

President Rick Sullivan acknowledged Past President Donald Moon present at the convention after a long absence. He was welcomed from everyone.

President Rick Sullivan told of the many lodges he visited, and all the Midwest District activities he attended. He said it was a very enjoyable year, and that he was very proud to be the Midwest District President. He also enjoyed the fellowship in all the lodges.

Ray and Wanda Nielsen and Henry and Grethe Jepsen have agreed to be the District Fraternal Coordinators for the second term 1988/89. Ray Nielsen told of their visits to the lodges.

Woody Petersen said the Past President's Club plans to sponsor a booth at the Vasa Park in Elgin, Illinois, selling sweatshirts, and other merchandise from the home office. The profits from the items sold will be turned over to the Scholarship Fund. This picnic is held in September, 1989.

Axel Hermansen and Albert Larsen of Lodge No. 36 in Milwaukee told about their dreams coming true, and explained that they hope to bring over to America the famous "Tivoli Guards" at a cost of \$130,000. Axel asked all lodges to help, selling chance books to help defray some of the expenses at \$5.00 a book for five chances. The sixth chance in the book will be the sellers' to write his or her name on and a chance to win, and not cost the seller a cent. They are receiving a lot of donations from corporate offices. Anyone desiring to donate will be greatly appreciated and that all donations are tax deductible. Milwaukee is hosting the "Festival Parade" and they hope to have the Guard here to march in that parade. On July 4, Racine, Wisconsin, hopes to have them march in their parade. This is a big undertaking but Albert and Axel feel they can do it.

The Past President's meeting was held on Saturday, September 25, 1988, at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.

Midwest District President's Awards were received by the following lodges;

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
LeRoy D. Anderson	14	Kenosha, WI	John Hosmanek
Paul S. Costanzo	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Ibsen
Kenneth E. Spiegelhoff	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Ibsen
Santo A. Principe	14	Kenosha, WI	Joe Andrea
Wayne E. Koessl	14	Kenosha, WI	Edward Schiller
Harold Kubart	14	Kenosha, WI	Jim Bohm
Troy S. Barnett	14	Kenosha, WI	Todd Barnett
Jack E. Holy	14	Kenosha, WI	John Hosmanek
Raymond J. Holzhauser	34	Dwight, IL	Ray V. Holzhauser
Michael W. Terry	51	Ludington, MI	Robert Jensen
Eliza A. M. Larsen	64	Rockford, IL	Sofus Sorensen
Anne M. Larsen	64	Rockford, IL	Sofus Sorensen
Kristen Larsen	64	Rockford, IL	Sofus Sorensen
Mikael Martinez	167	Portland, OR	Dave and Kari Martinez
David M. Hansen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Randall F. Roberts	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Earl R. Pierson	167	Portland, OR	Elaine Jensen
Louis A. Karman	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Inge S. Detweiler	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
John J. Anderson	273	Dillon, MT	Harry Abernethy
Christine H. Petersen	273	Dillon, MT	Harry Abernethy
Clara B. Rasmussen	273	Dillon, MT	Ronald Nielsen
Vaughn A. Rasmussen	273	Dillon, MT	Ronald Nielsen
Zoe H. Christiansen	294	Barre, VT	Harry Mikkelsen
Borge Lin-Pedersen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Arne Pedersen
Ole M. Sather	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Tom Johansen
Jens Rahbek Hvelplund	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Svend Pedersen
Gretchen A. Hansen	600	Omaha, NE	Jørn Hansen
Anna M. Edwards	600	Omaha, NE	Richard Edwards

each lodge also receiving a check in the amount of \$25.00 and a framed certificate: Best Local Lodge Single Social Activity, No. 35, Chicago, Illinois; Best Local Lodge Single Civic Activity, No. 36, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Best Local Lodge Newsletter, No. 35, Chicago, Illinois; Best Local Lodge Annual Activity Schedule, No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

National Director Barry Edmonds complimented the Midwest District on a well organized meeting. He said the East Coast had nothing like this and we should be commended. He said he was going to bring some of our thoughts back to them.

Pam Dorau from the Home Office put on a little skit with a few of the delegates entitled "The Pride is Right." She also complimented the Nielsens and Jepsens, District Fraternal Coordinators, for such a splendid job they did. It took a lot of their personal time visiting all the lodges, trying to create a more positive feeling among the lodge members to strive for new members. Pam's skit was enjoyable and a very humorous presentation. Pam is a very delightful lady and has much charm and personality that when she has the floor, she gets her point across.

The following were elected district officers for 1988/89: Past President, Rick Sullivan; President, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; Vice President, Alhmann Iversen; Secretary-Treasurer, Albertice Nylén; 1st Trustee, Richard Wade; 2nd Trustee, Virgil Holzhauser; 3rd Trustee, John Jorgensen; and Conductor, Karen Nylén.

The host and hostess lodges were thanked for the hospitality shown the Midwest District and for doing such a great job. All were invited to attend the 1989 Midwest District Convention in Kenosha, Wisconsin. In closing the convention, final remarks were made by Robert Ibsen, Woody Petersen, Barry Edmonds, and Pam Dorau.

The 1989 Midwest District Convention will be held on September 23, 24, and 25, 1989, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. A joint installation of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood was held. Installing officers were Nancy Nyholm for the Sisterhood and Barry Edmonds for the Brotherhood with Woody Petersen assisting.

Albertice Nylén, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — It was a pleasure to have the Midwest District Fraternal Coordinators, Ray and Wanda Nielsen, and Henry and Grethe Jepsen, who are from Lodge No. 35 of the south side of Chicago. They offered their assistance as to how to gain new members, how to plan events and in any other way they could help us. Thanks.

Wanda, Grethe, Henry and Ray.

Martin Andersen gave his delegate report on the Midwest District Convention held at Bradley, Illinois, on September 24-25.

It was decided to hold the joining Christmas party on December 17 with Dania, Danish Brotherhood, Danish Sisterhood and the Sons of Norway. A committee was appointed consisting of Martin Andersen and John Mollerskov for the Danish Brotherhood, Mel Jung and Bill Petersen representing Dania, and Ruth Janssen, Marion Andersen and Betty Mollerskov representing the Danish Sisterhood.

Also, remember we are now a family lodge and that entitles women to join our lodge, so why not ask the secretary or treasurer for an application for your wife or girlfriend to join us. It's our sincere hope that this will be a boost to our lodge. Let's have a great celebration and initiation in the early part of next year. We can do it!

On April 8, 1989, we will host the Midwest District Bowling Outing at Castle Lanes in Racine. There is a lot of work connected with this event and we can use some volunteers.

We don't know how many members are aware of the fact that the only bowling team that represented our lodge in last year's outing hosted by Lodge No. 340 of Wood Dale, Illinois, came home with a first place victory and the traveling trophy. This is an honor for our lodge. A challenge for our lodge should be to have more participation in the Midwest District functions.

Entry forms will be available after January 1, 1989, with all the information such as schedules, times, banquet, etc. Let's have a good turnout this coming year.

John Mollerskov, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Our thanks to Brotherhood Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, and Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 in Chicago, Illinois, for the excellent Midwest District Convention which was held in Bradley, Illinois. Congratulations are in order to Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., who is the new president and to Rick Wade who is 1st Trustee of the district. We were well represented by delegates Roger Nelson and Ron Jensen and alternates Ben Peterson and Vince Roders. All attended with their wives along with Bob Ibsen, Gordon Andersen, Richard Walker and wives, plus Todd Barnett, Todd Bernhardt, and Brenda Fredericks. We received the District President's Award for the Best Annual Activity Schedule. National Director Barry Edmonds and National Fraternal Director Pam Dorau

represented the Home Office in fine fashion. It was a very productive convention and a good time had by all. We donated \$500 to the Midwest District Scholarship Fund at the convention.

And now some very exciting news — if all goes well the Tivoli Guard Boys Marching Band will be in our parade on July 2 of next year. They will also appear in Milwaukee at the Festival Parade and Racine's 4th of July parade. All three cities are working hard to make this a success, but as you can probably realize this, it is very expensive to transport, feed and house about 100 people for two weeks. We are therefore asking your support financially by sending a contribution to Tivoli Guard Fund, Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 14, in care of the lodge address. If we do not succeed, all money will be returned. We really need your support on this one. Lodge No. 36 is also selling raffle tickets in support of this venture.

Danish Night at the lodge was thoroughly enjoyed by 120 people with all of the beautiful and delectable sandwiches served with the akvavit and Carlsberg flowing. It was a very relaxing evening capped off by entertainment by Lawrence Penn, a singer and guitarist from Milwaukee. We sincerely thank the hard working and well organized committee chaired by Tom and Judy Nielsen along with Dan and Barb Ervin, Lloyd and Pearl Nelson, Henry and Johanna Matthiessen, Hans and Bonnie Matthiessen, Bill and Sherry Christensen, and Ed and Ruth Zydowski.

The adult Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 10. This is always a sellout so make your reservations now with Malcolm Young or Rick Wade. Many door prizes are to be given away. Each person is requested to bring one non-perishable item of food or warm article of clothing for needy families.

The children's Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 18 for children and grandchildren of members.

Our New Year's Eve party will include dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Call Rudy Berndhardt for more information.

Welcome new members Harold Teising, Donald Heyden, Elmer Olep, Gerald Solberg, and Don Holland.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — On October 16, 1988, 42 enjoyed the play "Wife Begins at 40" at Conklin Theater. A great time was had on the bus as Bill Corrie handed out tickets and drew for lots of prizes and Les Jensen sold tickets on board for nice prizes to help defray the cost of the bus.

On Saturday, October 22, 20 adults and one Viking from our lodge attended the Midwest District Dart Extravaganza in Evergreen Park hosted by Lodge No. 35 in Chicago. The competition began at 10 a.m. with the number of women darters outnumbering the men. A break at 11:30 was taken in order to enjoy a lunch of hot roast beef sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, relishes, kringles, etc. We picked up the first place trophies for both men and women categories. Fraternalism and friendship was enjoyed throughout the day by all those attending. Lodge No. 35 should be complimented for providing another successful Midwest District event.

We profited \$400.50 from the Harvest Days buttons. Thanks to Steve Dorsett and his committees.

Ken reported on the Midwest District Convention and commented that we came out in the black. Thanks to Jackie Gernentz for ordering our lodge shirts. If you haven't picked yours up, please do so.

The nominating committee for the 1989 slate of officers is Bill Clavey, Shirley Holzhauser, Marge Lauritsen, Harry Johnson, and Jackie Gernentz. Their selections will be presented and voted on at the December meeting.

It was decided not to have a kringles sale this fall as the kringles have gone up in price and it was felt that we could not make money on them.

Leo Pedersen congratulated our Midwest District President Rick Sullivan and the delegates, Shirley Holzhauser and Dick Perschnick for doing a great job at the convention.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Our annual Christmas party will be held on our regular meeting night — December 16. Plan to round up the kids and grandkids for the party.

A short business meeting was held prior to the film on October 14. Trustee Eric Jensen presented the slate of nominees for 1989 officers. They are as follows: President, Paul Sloth; Vice President, John Jorgensen; Secretary, Frank Connery; Recording Secretary, Audrey Christiansen; Treasurer, Henry Jepsen; 1st Trustee, Rudy Rosetto; 2nd Trustee, Eric Jensen; 3rd Trustee, Carl Christensen; Conductor, Minnie Richard.

An election of officers will be held at the next meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor if permission has been granted from the person being nominated. Thanks to the trustees for their work on assembling a slate of officers.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the film "Doing It Danish" at the October meeting. It had been updated so well that it almost appeared to be entirely new. The Greenland film was also great to see again. A crowd of about 125 attended and enjoyed sandwiches and kringles afterwards. The following ladies are to be thanked for making the sandwiches: Vicki Christensen, Marion Korsgaard, Wanda Nielsen, Herta Iversen, Ella Vennergrund, Jenny Jensen, Ethel Orszulak, Joyce Jensen, Marie Muller, Pauline Jensen, Doris Peterson, Eleanor Sabey, and Elsa Petersen. If any names have been forgotten, please consider yourself thanked. Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen and at the bar. Woody Petersen and Jesper Gronvaldt made \$49 on the akvavit sale for the Scholarship Fund. A good evening!

Volunteers who offered to be on a committee to send cards to those who are ill (or make a visit) had a meeting and made some decisions on how this committee will operate. They are Jenny Jensen, Linda Connery, Elsa Petersen, Ray Nielsen, Minnie Richard, and Ethel Orszulak. This committee will also be used to notify members in the case of death of a member. There will be two contact persons that we ask members to notify if you know of someone who is ill or if you yourself have been ill or have impending surgery or something of that nature. Please notify Linda Connery or Jenny Jensen and they will pass the word on to other committee members for action. In order for this committee to be effective, it is up to each and every lodge member to keep us informed.

Cynthia M. Sloth passed away at South Suburban Hospital, Hazelcrest, Illinois, on October 14, 1988. She fought the long hard battle and no one except those closest to her will ever realize what a brave lady she was. She complained very little, always saying "who wants to listen to me complain." She faced those difficult treatments with courage and dignity. To her husband, Paul, son Paul-Erik, daughters Maren and Michelle and other family members, we send our condolences and our love. We will miss her so much.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — **By this time, it is no longer a secret — we have invited Copenhagen's famous Tivoli Guard to come to Milwaukee in June, 1989, to take part in the City of Festivals Parade on June 24.**

No, it is no small undertaking. We have figured a tight budget at \$130,000. Fortunately, we can count on one hand the pessimists who say "you can't do it." We are happy to report that the vast majority of

our members and friends are behind the project because we need everybody's help to raise that amount of money. We have been asked a variety of questions in this regard. Here are some details for everyone's benefit.

How many are coming? — 89 boys ages 9 to 17 plus 6 instructors. Where will they stay? — They will stay at Marquette University dormitories and eat at the Marquette University Cafeteria. The Tivoli Guard will arrive at O'Hare Airport on June 22, take part in our lodge's 100th anniversary at Midway Motor Lodge (Milwaukee Airport) and the City of Festivals Parade on June 24, the Kenosha Parade on July 2, and the Racine Parade on July 4. At this time, there are tentative plans for a performance in Chicago.

There should also be time to show our visitors some of the attractions here in the Midwest so there is no doubt that their two-week stay will go fast.

We have solicited contributions from corporations and have until now reached \$48,000. But we must push hard to reach our goal. If you are "sitting on the fence" waiting to see how it works out, please don't. All contributions are deposited into a trust account, and if, for any reason, the plans are canceled, your contribution will be returned in full.

Another fund raiser is our centennial raffle. The first prize is an anniversary/parade weekend in Milwaukee for a family of up to four people — hotel, meals and all activities included. So whether you live in Milwaukee or come from out of town, you could enjoy being a "Celebrity for the Weekend." Of course we encourage our members and friends to sell these raffle tickets to their friends and neighbors.

We will be supporting Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. during "Sugar Plum Days" at the Pabst Mansion again this year. Sugar Plum Days will take place there the first three weekends in December. Carol Larsen circulated a sign-up sheet at our October 19 meeting for members to indicate when they will be able to help man our table. If you did not sign up at the meeting, but would like to help, phone Carol Larsen.

A Christmas dinner will be served Wednesday, December 7 at Meyer's Country Girl Restaurant. After the dinner, there will be a business meeting and social gathering at the home of the Lars Andersens.

The election of 1989 officers will take place during the December 7 meeting. Members of the nominating committee are Lars W. Andersen, Elsie Hein and Barbara Larsen. Contact a member of this com-

mittee if you would like to serve on the board in 1989.

Thanks to Elsie Hein and Lillian Jensen who served refreshments following our October 19 business meeting.

"Silent gratitude isn't very much use to anyone." Therefore, in Danish, "Mange Tak" and in English, "Thank You" to one and all who gave of themselves to make our October 14 roast pork dinner a success. There were 143 dinners, donations of six raffle items and 43 door prizes to help make that evening a success.

Special thanks must be given to "Chef" Inga Hermansen and Chairperson Elsa Berlin. Thanks are also extended to the Milwaukee-based Scandinavian Chorus under the direction of Anne-Marie Hummel with accompaniment by Gertrude Bates. We are gratified that members of all Scandinavian organizations and their friends, from as far away as Kenosha, were able to spend the evening with us.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — Our fall meeting was held on October 14. Following the usual business reports, plans were discussed for the turkey raffle and the annual election of officers. Also, the lodge Christmas party was set for December 9 in our meeting room.

After the meeting, our annual bake sale was held. Homemade baked goods, including Danish kliner, were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then a delicious lunch was served by Marie Koubenek and Andrea Mylin.

Carol Hunecke, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our lodge met on October 27 and made plans for the balance of our 1988 events. Our Christmas potluck supper will be held on December 8 in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church. We voted that instead of exchanging gifts that each member make a donation of \$2 or more to "Tomorrow's Children," a local home and school for autistic children from various parts of Wisconsin. Special thanks to Gladys Peterson, Helen Peterson, Inga Polly, and Evelyn Faulks for setting up and representing us on September 24 at the Pioneer Crafts Festival of Waupaca's annual Fallorama. Their lighted Christmas tree with handmade Danish ornaments was the center of their table display.

Officers for 1989 were elected as follows: President, Loyal Lundorf; Vice President, Fred Rasmussen, Jr.; Secretary, Gladys Peterson; Treasurer, Sarah Rasmussen; Conductor, August Christensen; Inner Guard, Inga Polly; Outer Guard, Kenneth Townsend; Third Trustee, Jean Lundorf.

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Our program was presented by Pastor Sandra Herrmann of the Parfreyville Methodist Church. She gave a very informative slide travelogue of her recent trip to China.

Open-faced sandwiches, kringle and coffee were served to complete a very full evening.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — The first general meeting of 1989 will be held on January 11 at 8:00 p.m.

At this time Christmas is not far away. Don't forget the annual party at 2:00 p.m. on December 11 at the Detroit Club. Bring the family, especially the "young people."

Installation of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood officers will be the 21st of January, 1989. Contact Paul Carlsen for reservations.

Congratulations to our member, Emil Nielsen, who was featured in the Birmingham Eccentric Newspaper and in the Observer Newspaper. Emil Nielsen has rekindled an old passion, one that goes back to his youth in Svendborg, Denmark.

At 87 years of age, Nielsen has rediscovered rowing. And if the octogenarian let 60 years pass before taking up the oars again, not to worry.

The robust Nielsen looks and feels decades younger than his chronological age.

Nielsen left Denmark at the age of 22 and settled in Detroit. A scalemaker and locksmith in the old country, he was a self-employed pipefitter until his retirement in 1967. In Denmark he left behind two loves — his family of nine brothers and sisters and rowing. There he was a member of Svendborg Roklub, a community rowing club.

A year ago he resumed rowing after a chance meeting of LeBlanc at a social event. LeBlanc is a coach of the St. Mary's Preparatory school rowing team. When Nielsen learned there were rowers in the area, he was ecstatic. "I wish I would've found them 10 years ago," Nielsen said.

Today he's training under LeBlanc on Sylvan Lake three times a week for the

September 1989 World Veteran Club Tournament in Copenhagen in the 80 years and up category.

On behalf of Lodge No. 227, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Karl Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #310, Akron, OH — We congratulate our member, Kirsten Madsen for her recent marriage and also her sister, Laura, on her recent marriage. Their father,



Laura assists her sister Kirsten as she gets ready for the big day.

Walter Madsen, along with his brother, Chris Madsen, were the first juvenile members admitted into our lodge. Congratulations to the Madsen family.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — At our October meeting we held a Halloween party for all our members. I can't say it was just for the kids because the adults enjoyed it almost as much as the kids. We had dunking for apples and eating a donut off a string, as well as a pinata from Mexico. If that wasn't enough, we also initiated Elin Bendtsen into our lodge.

The Christmas party will be held on December 9. If you are planning on attending and will be bringing a child under the age of 12, please let Berit Mann or Winnie Edmonds know. They have an inside line to the North Pole and this will insure a Christmas gift for your child.

January is our installation of officers. Let's hope this year's weather is better than last year's.

February will be a short business meeting as well as any last minute details for our anniversary dinner.

We will not be having a meeting on the second Friday in March since we are going to have our Anniversary Banquet the next day on March 11. Things are starting to shape up one by one. The date is March 11, 1989, and the time is 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The place will be the

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Members failing to pay their local
lodge treasurer as per above will be
considered in arrears.

Ramada Inn, North Haven, and you have a choice of prime rib or baked stuffed shrimp. We are having a four-piece band that plays nice dinner music as well as Scandinavian dance music.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our next meeting will be held December 9 and it will be a Christmas party with the Danish Sisterhood. Each person should bring a gift for Santa to give out.

John Jensen reported that the Danish Home for the Aged has increased its membership to ten. Two more members will be the break even point. There was a film shown on London at the October meeting before our refreshments were served.

Anyone having any ideas for entertainment at our meetings should contact Don Heckmann, Helen Smedorf, Virginia or John Jensen. Thanks.

The covered dish supper held at our September meeting was a great success. There was plenty of food for everyone and the turnout was excellent. We should have more of these events.

Donald Heckmann, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We are off to a good start of the new meeting season. More than forty people attended our September opening meeting and we voted on four new applications.

Len Gottlieb explained "Curling on Ice" and showed the equipment used and a video demonstration of the game being played. A very interesting program.

Elin and Joe Jeantet invited everybody to a grand buffet and drinks in celebration of Joe's 40th birthday. We sure hated to break it up and go home after an evening of

such great fellowship.

We have been informed that the lodge "pool league" has started the season and is playing weekly games in Aksel Rasmussen's house under the watchful eye and instruction of the great master himself. Who knows? We might have another "Minnesota Fats" popping out of that group.

Several of our new applicants for membership are very busy people and some live a good distance from our meeting place. If we can get everybody together that we have approval for, we will initiate David Detweiler, Birthe Ersbak, Constantine Politics, and Eddy Milne at our next meeting.

Put a mark on your calendar and reserve Friday, December 9 for the joining Christmas party for our lodge and Lodge No. 342. Elin and Joe Jeantet are heading the party committee and report the hall secured, Erik-the-caterer engaged, and the music nailed down.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — Robert Phoenix of Philadelphia became the new president of the General Committee of Eastern Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood at a convention held over Labor Day weekend in Schenectady, New York. Bob is the Past President of our lodge which he joined right after its formation in 1976. It was, however, his wife Virginia who had the Danish in her family tree. In his daily life, Bob is a printer for the Philadelphia School System.

Geert Pedersen, delegate from our lodge, invited the Eastern Lodges to meet in Bucks County in 1989; an invitation which was accepted by the membership.

In addition to the president and delegate, some 16 other members of Bucks County traveled the 260 miles for an enjoyable weekend in the Mohawk Valley community.

A new program designed to be more specific with our donations was inaugurated at the Viking Lodge in October. The object is to focus attention on specific needy persons and to avoid duplication of donated items and to make each gift count for more.

Through the social agencies of Bucks County, the lodge will locate a few people needing help. Donations from the members will be collected and delivered as needed to the indigent families.

The success of the program will depend on you. If you were absent at the meeting, you may want to call Bente Ferguson or Betty Jensen to get in on the band wagon. To avoid duplication there is a sign-up list circulated to record what you intend to give.

Put a mark on the calendar and reserve Friday, December 9 for the joint lodge Christmas party for our lodge and Lodge No. 172. Elin and Joe Jeantet are heading the party committee and report the hall secured, Erik-the-caterer engaged, and the music nailed down.

Bob and Ginnie Phoenix flew out to Omaha late in October to take part in a seminar to learn more about helping the eastern lodges.

Jules Jensen, chairman of the GCEL Convention Committee, announced that we have reserved the motel, music and a mule barge or two. He hopes to receive donations from you all for use as door prizes and donations for the basket of cheer. Please bring your donations to the next lodge meeting.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Danish Company Supports Danish Camp

Skovsøen, Inc. has received a substantial financial donation for this year's Danish language village from Nitto Management, Silkeborg, Denmark. Skovsøen, Inc., which is based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, provides scholarships and other support for the Danish language camp. The camp is part of the Concordia Language Villages, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota.

The Danish village, Skovsøen, is intended to teach young people about Danish language, traditions and culture. A large number of the camp's counselors and teachers come to Minnesota from Denmark for the two-week camp, through the organization Youth for Understanding, Denmark. Attendance in 1988 was the largest ever, with 81 students participating in the two week session.

Skovsøen, Inc., and the Danish Brotherhood, award scholarships to most of the camp's students. The financing for Skovsøen, Inc., which is a non-profit organization, usually comes from donations from Danish-American corporations, organizations and private individuals. This is the first time that a company based in Denmark has actively supported the village.

"We support Skovsøen, partly because it is a good cultural project, and partly because we feel it's an investment in future Danish exports to the U.S.A.," Otto Eliassen, president, Nitto Management, said. "The young people who participate in Skovsøen are future leaders and consumers. When they stand by the freezer in the supermarket — or sit behind a desk — and have to choose between products, they

will hopefully think positively about Danish products. I believe that the future for Danish exports rests on a mixture of production and culture."

Eliassen's company has successfully exported Danish products to the U.S.A. for several years and hopes to increase its interest here.

It's believed that the support shown by Eliassen may be copied by several other Danish corporations, according to Niels R. Jensen, president, Skovsøen, Inc. As the village's program keeps growing, the demand for financial support increases as well, he added.

"Otto Eliassen has been a great help in the success of this year's camp," Jensen said. "We have in the past been hurt by the changes in the tax laws, and there's

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Jorgen's Rainbow



Dancing around the Christmas tree is a Danish tradition that Jorgen and Bifrost truly enjoy. The other character is Julenisse. He is sort of like the American Santa Claus. Julenisse embodies the happy spirit of Christmas.

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

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

November winners: Loren Pedersen, Christian Frederiksen, Scott Godthaab, and Brian Jensen.

Grandma's Kitchen Brown Christmas Cookies (Brun Kager)



by Dagmar Jensen

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| 1 cup butter | 1 cup brown sugar |
| 1 cup dark syrup | 1 tsp. carbonated ammonia |
| 1 tsp. cardamon | 1 tbsp. grated orange rind |
| 1 tsp. cloves | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1/2 tsp. allspice | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 4-5 cups flour | 1/4 cup finely chopped
butter almonds |

Place the butter, sugar and syrup on the range to heat. When all is melted, remove from fire and add the rest of the ingredients. Mix well. Form into rolls as for refrigerator cookies. The dough improves if it is allowed to remain in the refrigerator for three weeks before baking. Usually, these cookies are cut very thin and decorated with a half or a quarter of a split blanched almond. Bake in a 375 degree oven until crisp. When cold, put aside in a tightly covered jar or tin. (This recipe also makes delicious peppernuts.)

Wanted: Lodge Representatives

If you are a self-motivating individual, enjoy meeting people, need extra cash and if your lodge does not have an active representative, then you are the person we are looking for.

Your duties will be to work with your lodge in seeking out new members and explaining our insurance and annuity plans to members and prospective members. To qualify and reap the rewards, you must be willing to devote enough time to become familiar with the Danish Brotherhood life and annuity programs and assist members and prospective members in the selection of a life insurance or annuity plan.

So please think about it and if you would like to find out more about this opportunity, call us collect at (402) 341-5049 or drop us a line. Andy Andersen, CLU, Sales Director, The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

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strong competition for financial donations to many worthy causes. The support from Nitto Management has really made a difference for us."

Jensen believes that the interest in Skovsøen is growing significantly and is expecting an even higher attendance next year. "Hopefully, we can eventually expand the program to offer high school credits in Danish to some of the students," he said.

Viking Adventures

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



Photo courtesy of the Danish Tourist Board.

At the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts
turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible.

It is in this spirit we say, simply but sincerely . . .

“Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holidays
and a Happy New Year.”

*National Board of Directors
and Headquarters Staff*

Danish Folk Dance Kits Available For Christmas

Designed for the beginner or expert, the Danish Folk Dance Kits were produced to provide a variety of interesting Danish Folk Dances in good quality and authentic tradition to promote cultural appreciation, good fellowship and wholesome recreation. Each kit contains the recorded music, sheet music and dance instructions for nine Danish dances, in addition to a description of Danish Folk Dancing costumes and the Spirit of Folk Dancing. The recorded music is featured on a full-length cassette tape which will fit any standard tape player. The Danish Folk Dance Kit, packaged in a handsome red travel or storage album, is an easy enjoyable way to continue one of the longest standing Danish traditions.

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