

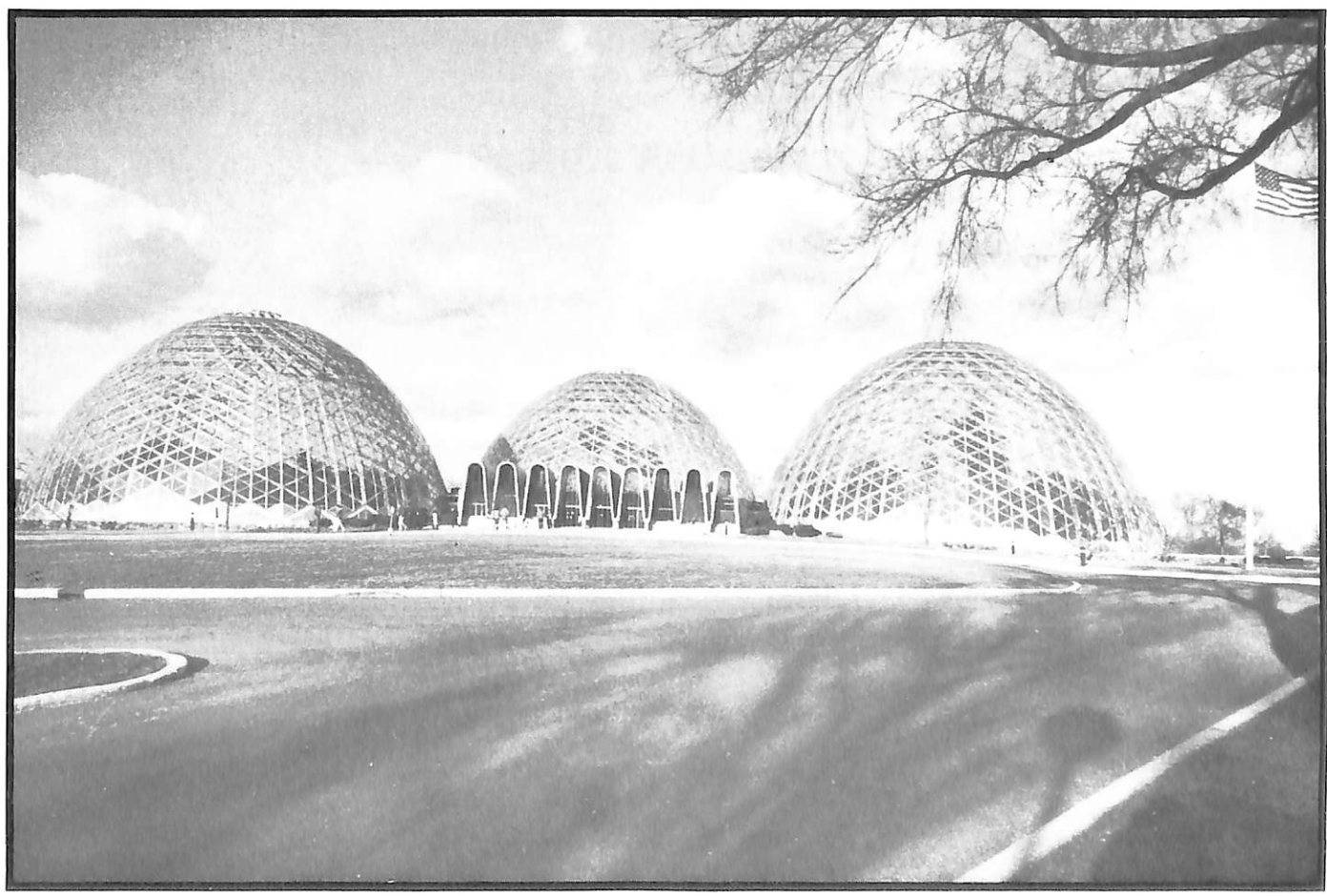
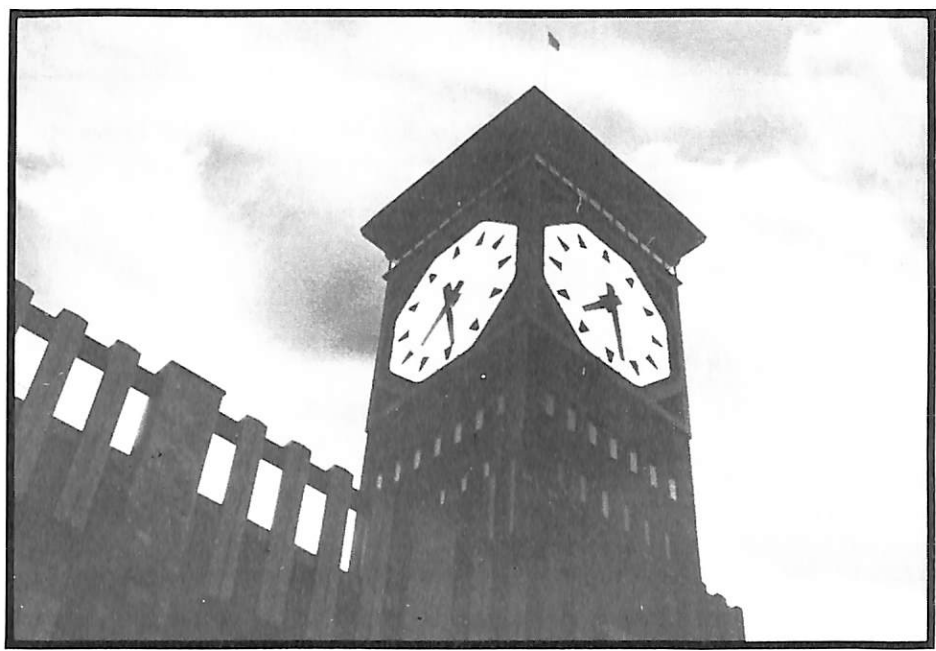
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# President's Page

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

The following is borrowed from Bob Ibsen, Editor of the Kenosha Lodge Newsletter and which he acknowledges 'borrowing' from a previous American Dane magazine (probably when it was the Danish Brotherhood News). Since we are commencing a new year I feel that it is a refreshing reminder of our responsibilities as members of the Danish Brotherhood in America. In fact, if you are a member of any organization these will apply.

## **WHEN IS A MEMBER REALLY A MEMBER?**

To honor your heritage and learn more about it you have decided to become a member of a local lodge of the Danish Brotherhood. Here are a few tips on how you can get the best the organization has to offer.

1. **Learn the goals of the society.** Obtain a copy of your lodge bylaws and a copy of the national bylaws.
2. **Attend meetings regularly.** Lodges can't operate without you.
3. **Take part in discussions.** Ask relevant questions and make suggestions.
4. **Learn basic parliamentary procedure.** Robert's Rules of Order take over when specific procedures are not covered in bylaws.
5. **Volunteer for committee assignments.** You will gain so much by putting so little extra time into your membership.
6. **Make friends.** You should enjoy the people with whom you associate. Work cooperatively on projects with a common goal and get to know other individuals.
7. **Retain your perspective and sense of humor.** Don't let one unfortunate incident spoil an evening or project. Disarm antagonists with your sense of humor.
8. **Pay your dues and financial obligations.** Don't burden the lodge with unpaid bills.
9. **Volunteer to serve as an officer.** We need people to run the lodge.
10. **Recommend others for membership.** Now that you are an active member, share the opportunity with your friends and associates.
11. **Know and use the services offered by the National Headquarters.** Read the American Dane to keep up with home office, district and lodge developments.
12. **Be enthusiastic.** As a new member, you have this quality in abundance. Display your enthusiasm by taking part in lodge projects and sharing your ideas. A new member officially becomes a member when the application is signed, processed and initiation has taken place. But a new member is **really** a member when he or she becomes an active part of the lodge. A veteran member is reminded that he, too, is a source for positive commitment. Start right away.

When I began my term as President I had hoped to stimulate the present membership to obtain new members. While gaining new members is so important to us, it is vital that we take a good look at our own local lodge system and determine if it is healthy first. With a good lodge system and with lodges that make their members become active and involved, our problem of gaining new members should take care of itself. I thank Howard Kjellsen of California for reminding me of that important premise. I challenge you to commence making your local lodge meetings interesting and establish new goals in making that a reality. A wealth of material, suggestions, and information is yours for the asking from the Home Office but it doesn't do any good to request it if you have no intention of using it. Our District Fraternal Coordinators have been in effect for a year now and these dedicated fraternalists stand ready to assist you any way they can but don't expect them to do all the work for you. If you have no intention of using their suggestions, you waste each others precious time. Sometimes when you try new things it takes a while to catch on but the more innovative you become the more interest is stimulated.

While perhaps not the best example, I recall my early days as a member at Washington Hall in Seattle where senior members gathered for a good round of pinochle and yes, poker, following the meeting. I felt privileged when asked to participate at the round table where seven of us would sit down for a good but reasonable poker game. I introduced them to a new wild card game which some of the oldtimers immediately turned thumbs down. Well, I was persistent, perhaps stubborn would be a better Danish word for it, and it wasn't too long before they asked: "What was that 'new' game again?" When they got the hang of it they enjoyed it and we played it regularly as well as playing what they liked. It was our version of symbiosis. To be effective a local lodge system must be a two-way

street in its approach to solving problems. I was impressed that the oldtimers respected my opinion and my input into the activities of the lodge. At the same time I respected theirs. One of the important summaries of that time was their feeling that they had done their work in the past and now it was time to enjoy things more and let others do the work. Well, I found I enjoyed doing the work and most importantly, I enjoyed the support of these senior members who fulfilled their pledge to uphold their commitment to the lodge. I know that is not the case in every lodge although most of us would agree that we would like to see that come to pass.

Why don't we say to ourselves that we want to see our proud organization sustain itself through hard work of its members and continue the concepts of our founders. We have quite a legacy and a heritage given to us, yes, given to us and we owe it to ourselves to improve what we do. The word is **WANT**. You have to **WANT** to do it! You **WANT** to see it done! You must **WANT** to carry on what other people have worked so hard to establish. It is your choice as no one can do it for you and no one can make you do it. How difficult would it be to get on the telephone to some other members of the lodge and say I **WANT** to do this or that and will you go along with me and work on the committee? When we begin to do this other good things will follow and along with that will come the growth we covet.

I realize I cannot tell you what to do but I can suggest. I can suggest that we are at the crossroads and that it is time for positive change to begin. I can suggest that our membership stand up for something, especially themselves and what we collectively stand for. I can suggest that you turn over a new leaf and make a commitment for a better organization. I can suggest that you look with pride on what has been accomplished; in itself quite a record. I can suggest many things but you must be in a position to **WANT** to listen and to **WANT** to do new things. The answer and solution is so simple and it is so inexpensive to get enthusiasm started. Enthusiasm is one of our fraternal by-products and I will make it available to any lodge or member that wants it — absolutely free!

Please remember to keep sharing with others — we have so much to give in that area.

## Directors Announce 33rd Consecutive Refund

The National Board of Directors announces the 33rd consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of The Danish Brotherhood.

All certificates which have been in force for two or three years, depending upon issue date, including fully paid-up certificates, will share in the refund. Not entitled to a refund are term insurance certificates, including those carried under the extended non-forfeiture option.

Members have four options to receiving or applying the refunds.

1. May be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. There are no premiums on this additional insurance. Additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate.
2. May be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the Board.
3. May be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate.
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# DBIA LOSES FAITHFUL FRIEND



**George Godthaab 1913-1988**

With the death of George Godthaab on December 8, 1988, we have all lost a good loyal friend and a dedicated member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

George was born in Denmark on September 19, 1913, and immigrated with his family to the United States at the age of 7. His father became a member of Lodge No. 116 in Newark, New Jersey, and when George was 19 years old he, too, joined the Brotherhood. For 56 years he was a faithful member of Fremad Lodge No. 116 and served it well by holding many officer posts and by always being willing to help when a job had to be done.

In 1966 George served as President of the Eastern Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood and the following year was elected to the National Board of Directors at the convention held in Minneapolis. During his 16 years on the National Board, and especially in the four years he served as its President, 1975 to 1979, he became known and respected by members from all parts of the country. It was a happy association, where many new and lasting friendships were formed and the membership from coast to coast got to know George Godthaab, not only as a fine gentleman, but also as a gentle man.

During his term as President, he had the rare privilege of being dinner companion and host to Queen Margrethe II of Denmark at a banquet held in her honor in Omaha, Nebraska, during her visit in May of 1976. Ruth Godthaab had the pleasure of being seated by Prince Henrik and during their conversations with the royal couple, they both reflected the high esteem in which the queen and the prince is held by the Danish-American community, and the love for Denmark shared by even second and third generation Americans of Danish descent.

In his private life, George was a devoted husband to Ruth for 45 years and a loving father to their son Robert. When the marriage of Robert and Susan was blessed with two children, Scott and Beth, Grandpa's cup runneth over. They were his pride and joy and he did not miss many opportunities to tell you about the progress and to show the latest pictures. For the love of their grandchildren, Ruth and George left New Jersey after more than half a century and moved to Owensboro, Kentucky.

George Godthaab will have left to these young children a legacy of love and decency and the strong pride in their Danish heritage.

My personal relationship with George began 25 years ago, when he first made me aware of the existence of the Danish Brotherhood in America, and in short order thereafter, sponsored me for membership and took part in the initiation ceremony. It was a beginning of a warm and lasting friendship with mutual respect and trust and I will cherish it always. The Danish Brotherhood in America has lost a dedicated leader and friend, but the memories of his many contributions to our society and to mankind will live on in our hearts.

**Written by  
DBIA Past President George Jacobsen**

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The flexible premium retirement annuity is a way to accumulate a fund for cash or income at retirement.

**2. Am I eligible for a Danish Brotherhood annuity?**

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**3. What would my annual contribution be?**

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**4. Is my FPRA a tax-favored retirement plan?**

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**5. What are the benefits at retirement?**

You may elect a lump-sum settlement or a lifetime income.

**6. When do my benefits start?**

Anytime, although we usually assume you will retire at age 65. The benefit you receive is based on the amount you deposit and the number of years your FPRA has been in force. If issued as an IRA, benefits received before age 59½ are subject to a special income tax penalty.

**7. How do I start my FPRA?**

Your Danish Brotherhood representative or the Agency Department of the National Headquarters can help you.

**8. Am I an insured Danish Brotherhood member with an FPRA?**

Yes. Even though you may not be eligible for our life insurance products, you may purchase an annuity and become entitled to all the benefits of insured membership.

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39	Henry Jensen
43	Ebbe E. Bork
43	Andrew Brink
56	Otto M. Larsen
71	John Nielsen
95	Niels C. Holgersen
143	Sylvester Nielsen
144	Axel A. Jensen
147	Svend A. Poulsen
167	Silvano Hansen
182	Laurits Petersen
186	Soren C. Jacobsen
186	William R. Jensen
227	Poul Bruno
227	Harold V. Christensen
227	Otto C. Thomsen
241	Arne Refstrup
263	George Larsen
283	Niels E. Johnsen
283	Carl J. Petersen
294	Ernest Andersen
294	Arthur Lunde
294	Harry Mikkelsen
314	Oscar Andersen
600	Viggo K. Jacobsen
600	Otto Jessen
600	Carl H. Riber
600	Jens P. Smith
600	Henry Stidsen

## 50 Year Pins

### Lodge

No.	Name
1	Clifford J. Larsen
4	Einer J. Andersen
9	Frank Hansen
17	Oscar Schmidt
29	Mads Mauritsen
30	Harold Burkall
30	Thorvald Burkall
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268	Arthur G. Jager
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600	Axel Hansen
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600	Paul O. D. Peters
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### Lodge

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14	Irving H. Paulsen
17	Walther Gravengaard
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# Skraelling

by Vita Lynch

As the last dragon-head sank below the horizon, the people on the beach returned to their tasks. They had been waving good-bye to the first Viking expedition of the year.

Sigurd, a boy of fourteen, slight of build and fair-skinned, was brooding. He had wanted to go, but the men had laughed and called him a "skraelling."

"Skraelling" was a word Vikings used about foreigners who were smaller and weaker than themselves. But occasionally, they used it to tease one of their own.

Sigurd walked in silence. He, Toke and Knut were going fishing. Toke was just a child, and Sigurd barely knew he existed. Knut was an old man. He had been on many voyages, seen and learned many things. Now he was teaching Sigurd and Toke.

The threesome found their boat. It looked eager to go, tugging on its rope. The wind was strong and the waves quite high.

They went to an island where they entered a bay. Here the water was calm. They got a good catch, but on the way back, trouble started.

As they rowed out of the bay, the wind increased several fold. A giant wave rocked the boat. The boat turned on its side and everybody fell into the cold water. Sigurd held onto the boat. He saw Toke nearby. Sigurd held out a hand to him and Toke struggled close.

"Hang on to the boat," Sigurd said.

Knut was nowhere to be seen. For a long time they drifted about on the water. Night fell, and with it, the wind. When the moon showed its friendly face, they could distinguish the shoreline.

"We've got to get to land," said Sigurd. "Do you think you can manage?"

Toke nodded. Side by side they swam towards the shore. Toke weakened fast, but Sigurd kept cheering him on.

"Just a little bit longer," he said. "You're doing fine. Hang on."

Finally they threw themselves on the shore, Toke was shivering. Sigurd knew they had to find a good shelter. He still had his knife in its sheath. Sigurd started building a fire with a stick and some dry twigs. Soon a gentle flame cast light and heat in the little clearing. Exhausted they fell asleep.

At the first light, Sigurd got to his feet. He looked around and tried to figure out where they were. He found some edible mushrooms, and as he started picking, a thought suddenly came to him. This kind of mushrooms didn't grow on the island. They must be on the mainland! Yesterday the wind had been from the north, so they would be south of the village. If they followed the shoreline north, they would eventually reach the village.

Sigurd woke Toke and gave him some mushrooms to eat. He told him his plan, and while Toke was eating, Sigurd busied himself, making a spear.

"Sigurd, what are you doing?"

"I'm making a spear."

"Will you make one for me, too?" Toke said.

Sigurd made a second spear, and they started walking north. As they passed through a little clearing, they heard something moving. Sigurd signaled to Toke not to move nor make a sound. Sigurd advanced slowly, his spear in one hand, his knife in the other. His heart was beating fast. His mouth went dry. Then he heard a shrieking sound, a loud noise, and a wild boar came charging on him.

It was a young one, fortunately. An adult boar can be as heavy as a grown man. Even a young one can be deadly. When the boar was quite close, Sigurd sprang aside and thrust his spear into the boar. The boar shrieked with rage and pain, fell and kicked around. Gradually its strength abandoned it. When it had stopped moving, Sigurd borrowed Toke's spear and drove it into the boar as hard as he could. The animal was dead.

They decided to bring the boar home, to help replenish the reserves of the village. Sigurd made a triangular stretcher of wood. On this he fastened the boar. The burden was heavy; even for the two of them. They advanced slowly but surely.

Suddenly they came upon a path they recognized. They knew where they were! A few moments later a group of people came along. Among them Toke and Sigurd recognized Knut, who had been rescued on the island. Some of the men relieved Sigurd and Toke of their burden. This along with the relief of seeing Knut safe, made the rest of the walk back to the village seem easy.

The joy of knowing everyone safe swept through the village. As Knut stood beside the crackling fire over which the boar was being roasted, everyone fell quiet.

"Sigurd is not a skraelling. He had proven himself a man, and he must go on the next expedition."

Sigurd was pleased at the prospect of going on an expedition, but he was even happier that the word "Skraelling" had lost its power. He knew now, that no matter what others might call him, it was what he was really like that counted.

## The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

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

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

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

For further information, contact your local President or Secretary or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

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# A Mirror Image

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

*ONCE UPON A TIME a king built a beautiful castle.*

*He placed magnificent art and sculptures around the many rooms. The castle became a museum within its exquisite treasures.*

*The king had one empty room left. So he commissioned two of Denmark's greatest artists to paint a mural on opposite walls of the huge auditorium.*

*"I don't want either of you to interfere with the work of the other," said the king to the artists. "I want each of you to create your own ideas."*

*He had the room divided with a huge curtain so that neither man could see the other's work.*

*Now one of the artists was very industrious. The other one was quite artistic, but very lazy.*

*The industrious one set to work immediately and put his whole soul into his work. He toiled hard and long. He thought about his painting night and day. He painted a scene of people enjoying each other's company, playing in a meadow, with the sky as clear and as blue as in real life. His painting looked as though it was alive.*

*The second artist loafed around. He didn't pay any attention to the assignment given to him. He would*

*either sleep all day or talk all night with friends he had met in the city.*

*When the prime minister reminded him of his task, he would reply, "I've got loads of time. I've got to wait until the right moment when I'll be inspired." And the artist went back to sleep.*

*Meanwhile, the industrious artist continued painting, adding images and special colors to his work.*

*Again, the lazy one was reminded of work to be done and he said, "I'm a genius. Painting comes easily to me. I can perform talents in a short time which it takes months and even years to accomplish."*

*So time passed into days, weeks, and months.*

*Soon, there was only one week left to finish the project.*

*Finally, the more productive artist came out from behind the curtain and told the other painter, "I'm finished. I enjoyed painting this scene so much that I'm sorry it is over."*

*When the lazy painter heard this he began to worry, because he hadn't even started his mural yet.*

*He thought and thought and thought of what he could do in so little time. He couldn't sleep or eat*

## Scholarship Announcement

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

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

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

(a) Scholarships shall be available to members of the Society only.

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

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

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

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

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

because he hadn't produced anything and he knew he didn't have enough time even if he had come up with an idea.

Suddenly, something flashed through his mind. He jumped up and down with joy.

The lazy artist went out and bought paint. Then he covered the entire wall from top to bottom with silver lacquer. He smiled secretly to himself for having thought of such a brilliant idea.

When the wall was completely dried, he polished it until it shone as bright as a mirror.

(Shall I go on with the story or have you figured out what the lazy artist claimed as his picture?)

Well, it was time for the finished works of both artists to be unveiled.

The king invited his advisors and heads of state to witness the dedication of his auditorium.

Everyone first gathered near the industrious artist and gazed up at his work. They were truly amazed at his painting. No one in the castle had ever seen anything quite as magnificent as this. And they all told him so.

Finally, the king ordered the curtain that separated the two works be drawn.

Lo and behold, on the wall that was commissioned to the lazy artist, everyone saw the very same painting.

Every object the industrious painter drew was reflected in the silver finish on the opposite wall. The same people, the same objects, trees and sky. Everything was identical.

The king realized what happened, but he did not say anything about it. Instead he complimented the lazy man's work on creating something so similar to the other artist.

The lazy artist was very smug and he requested payment so that he could be on his way.

The king smiled and ordered two large bags filled with gold coins be brought into the auditorium.

The king emptied both bags of gold in the area that was assigned to the industrious artist. The reflection of the gold was mirrored in the opposite shiny wall.

The king turned to the lazy painter and pointed to the reflection and said, "There are your wages. They shine upon your walls as beautifully as the bags of gold on the opposite wall. Take them. For that is what you deserve in payment for the work you have done!"

Get the picture?

## Introducing . . .



**Christian Nielsen**, one of our newest Young Vikings. Christian joined Lodge No. 600 and has this to say:

Hello, I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Webster Groves High School. I enjoy running cross country and distance in track and field. Music is a very big part of my life. I am a member of the high school marching band and I play the tenor saxophone and the clarinet.

and



**Benedicte Nielsen**, who has also joined Lodge No. 600 and has this to say:

I joined the Danish Brotherhood in America because my dad told me to sign something and I did! I think the Danish Brotherhood sounds interesting and fun! My dad told me you sponsored a camp of some sort and that sounded fun. I like to collect stuffed animals and do things with my friends. I also like to dance; ballet, pointe, tap and jazz.

### Welcome Christian and Benedicte!

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

## Chairman of the Board Named at Grand View College

Robert E. Larson, retired executive vice president and vice chairman of the board of The Principal Financial Group, Des Moines, has been named chairman of the board of trustees of Grand View College. He succeeds J. Robert Hudson, senior vice president (retired) of The Des Moines Register and Tribune Company, whose term as chairman ended October 3. Hudson served 22 years on the Grand View board and has been named an honorary trustee.

Other officers are Garland K. Carver, business consultant, Carver & Associates, Inc., vice chairman; Oliver H. Hagen, president and CEO, First Interstate of Iowa, Inc., secretary; and John C. Burgeson, president, Iowa State Bank Holding Company, treasurer.

Three new members were named to the board. They are: Maynard Axtell, president and CEO, National Travelers Life Company; Edward E. Jensen, manager, Associated Computer Systems; and J. Sue Rozema, treasurer, Iowa Resources, Inc.

Karl F. Langrock, who retired as Grand View president in June, was named president emeritus.

# Scandinavian Seminar Offers New Semester Program

Scandinavia Seminar, the nation's premier program for study in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, is marking its 40th anniversary year by introducing a new semester program on Nordic and Global Issues.

In 1989-90, the Seminar will continue its traditional year program of language and cultural immersion, while offering students a new opportunity to learn about Scandinavia by studying issues of special concern to Scandinavians.

"Our students live abroad not as long-term tourists, but as short-term immigrants, participating in the community life of each country," said Dr. William W. Hoffa, Scandinavian Seminar Executive Director. "We create this experience by placing them at 'folk colleges,' small residential schools that facilitate the cultural immersion not possible at the large, impersonal Scandinavian universities."

Designed as an alternative to study abroad programs that isolate Americans, the new Semester program enables participants to live and learn with Scandinavians and other international students in the communal "folk college" environment. Students chose the "folk college" they attend based on study and geographic preferences. Two "folk colleges" in each of the four Scandinavian countries are participating; only 8 to 15 Americans will be enrolled in the program at each school.

Several different core curricula — all taught in English — will be offered during the Fall 1989 and the Spring 1990 semesters. They cover topics ranging from East-West relations and global interdependence to environmental studies and human ecology. Participants will also study the language of their host country

and take electives in subjects such as music, crafts, and physical education that do not require strong language proficiency.

Since 1949, nearly 3,000 students have successfully participated in Scandinavian Seminar's Year Program. Although the focus of the program is language learning and cultural immersion, there is no language pre-requisite for enrollment. Seventy-five percent of participants never previously studied the language of their host country, and 95 percent attained fluency before the end of the year. Language learning begins with an intensive three-week course and a family stay, and continues at the student's "Folk college."

Full academic credit can be earned for participation in either program. In addition, Scandinavian Seminar offers a limited number of grants and low-interest loans.

Scandinavian Seminar, a non-profit educational corporation, holds an Absolute Charter from the Regents of the State University of New York. In addition to its study abroad programs, Scandinavian Seminar sponsors tours of Scandinavia for Americans 60 years of age or above in conjunction with Elderhostel, Inc. of Boston. Participants in the Elderhostel program stay at "folk colleges" and are accompanied by group leaders who are usually Scandinavian Seminar alumni.

For further information about Scandinavian Seminar's programs, please call Dr. William W. Hoffa at 1-800-828-3343 (outside Massachusetts) or 1-413-253-9736 (inside Massachusetts) or write to Scandinavian Seminar, 24 Dickinson Street, Amherst, MA 01002.

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# Our Lodges in Action

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

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

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

## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

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

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — At the October meeting Flemming Sorensen was presented with a certificate of recognition as runner-up nominee to the top award of the National Fraternal Congress. Flemming received the Howard E. Christensen Award in 1988 and all the members of Lodge No. 29 send their congratulations for this well deserved recognition.

Margaret Craford was initiated at our October meeting. Welcome Margaret and we hope you have many pleasant and happy hours in the lodge.

For a donation of \$1.00 each or a book of six chances for \$5.00, try your luck at winning a trip for two to Denmark donated by SAS, a leather recliner from Scan Design, a trip for two to Reno courtesy of Scan Travel Ltd., a 9" Royal Copenhagen Figurine from an anonymous donor or a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond donated by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielsen. The prizes will be drawn at the N.W. District Convention in Seattle on May 20, 1989. Support your lodges by buying and selling books which can be obtained from Flemming Sorensen.

The installation party will be held on Friday, January 20, at the Swedish Club.

Clyde Langsted was pleased to announce at our recent meeting that the National President's Awards Committee had selected our lodge to receive the Best Single Social Activity for 1988 in hosting our 100th anniversary. Congratulations should go to Greg Hansen for his work in organizing the event along with a special thanks to those who made it so successful.

Welcome to Lars Clausen, a new member of our lodge. Hope to see you at meetings often.

On Saturday, October 22, the Seattle Danes Soccer Club hosted the annual fall soccer classic against the Vancouver Danes. The games were held at the old Sealth High School stadium recently purchased by the Seattle Rugby Club. Both men's teams prevailed with a 1-0 decision

The best idea for January goes to Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, Wisconsin. See page 19-20.

for the Old Boys and a 5-4 victory for the Open team. Both games were not decided until the final whistle — excellent competition. The Seattle Women were not so lucky, after a 0-0 tie in regular time, they were the victims of the infamous penalty shoot-out.

**Frank Poulsen**

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — The November meeting came to order after a wonderful ethnic dinner with the Sisterhood. Jens Jensen introduced new members, Earl Pierson and Marion Bucholz.



The ethnic dinner was enjoyed by all.



President Asbjorn Fisker along with Conductor Norman Powell welcome Marion Bucholz and Earl Pierson.

The minutes from October's meeting were approved as written. We received a thank you note from the Seamen's Club for our part in the festival and the great job that Norman and Emma Powell had done.

Jens Jensen introduced guests from North Dakota, Aage, Harold, and Lawrence Jorgensen.

Mag Esrom reported that the yearly dinner for the Northwest Danish Foundation was good, lots of good pork and red cabbage. Don Thorkildsen sent around a



We welcome the Petersen family — Christian, Erika, and Ronald. Kathleen and Amanda not shown.

couple of our new hats, very sharp. He also introduced the concept of jackets with the Danish emblem and possible member's initials for \$35-\$38.

Tami Hansen gave more information on the 1991 National Convention.

**Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — There were 46 members present at the meeting in November. The Sports Committee reported that everything was progressing very good. Also, that Over 30 and Over 40 soccer teams were still participating in their respective leagues.

Herluf Pedersen, our new District Fraternal Coordinator, reported regarding his trip to Omaha with special mention of our promoting the Danish Brotherhood.

We received a donation of one bottle of Gammel Dansk from Tor International. This prize was drawn for and the winner was Egon Thomsen. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a nice sandwich, a beer and a snaps.

The Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood had their yearly bingo on November 19. It was held in a new hall, Slovenian Hall, in Burnaby. It was a great hall. The Sisterhood began early making 600 open-faced sandwiches. When the evening began, there were approximately 150 people. It was a great turnout. They played 10 games of bingo with the prizes of ducks and geese

and the 10th game was played for our grand prize of ½ a pig. There were two winners.

After the games, the Sisters were busy selling sandwiches, coffee and kringle. When everyone was finished eating, the dancing began.

It was a great party and the committees from both the lodges had put in a lot of preparation for making it a success. We would like to thank the people for their donations. They were Peter Praegel, Erik Esmann, Miller Nielsen, Jorgen Larsen, Al Paquette, Svend Gerslund, Flowers by Judith, Karl Madsen, and K. Kristensen. The next party for the Brotherhood will be the Smoker in January. **Peter Praegel  
Jorgen Larsen**

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — In the absence of so many officers, Kris Sand, one of our Past Presidents, took over the President's chair at the request of the members. Kris called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. with 35 members present. Allan Nyegaard introduced the Danish instructor, Susanne Bentkjaer. Before the regular meeting, nine members attended a class in conversational Danish which started at 6:00.

A bill was presented for the bulk mailing fee. Flemming Pedersen moved that the bill be paid; it was seconded and approved by the members. A letter was read reminding us that the Pacific-Northwest District Convention, hosted by Seattle Lodge No. 29, will be held May 19-21 in Seattle.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers to be voted on. They are as follows: Past President, Peter Jensen; President, Scott Stefansen; Vice President, Fred Thomsen; Secretary, Susie Staats; Treasurer, Kris Sand; First Trustee, Hans Lynning; Second Trustee, Bob Nelson; Third Trustee, Otto Jensen; and Conductor, Henning Kristiansen.

Al Nyegaard reported that there will be two levels of Danish classes beginning in January. The conversational Danish class will be held once a month just before the regular meeting and Danish II will meet every other week on Tuesdays.

After dismissal in the customary way, Kris Sand introduced the Norsemen sing-

ing group who entertained us with a concert. Kris is the only Danish member of the group at this time, although others have been in it before. Birgit and Kris Sand, Chairmen for the month, invited the Norsemen to join us in coffee and kringle. A delightful concert. Mange tak, Norsemen!

We still continue our Operation Care and Share through the lodge.

**Verna Lyng, Cor.**

## CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — The Laughlin Trip was a very good trip and everyone had a good time. Karen Rowse won \$59.00 for correctly guessing the exact time the bus would cross the state line into Nevada. Three people split \$39.00 for guessing the estimated miles from Arcadia, California, to Laughlin, Nevada. A friend of President Karl Duus' won 89 silver dollars and this gave her a free trip to Laughlin.

Our anniversary party was a great success as usual with a full house. The food was excellent and the band was just super. The members would like to thank Louise Duus and those people that helped her for decorating the tables so beautifully. They all worked hard to make this evening a success. Thanks! Thanks go to Larry Westerskov and his helper for looking after the bar in Gurli's absence. I believe that it is quite in order at this time to thank the Soldiers Club for providing us with a new set of plates. Our President mentioned it to them only once and — Vola! — new dishes. The door prize at our party was won by Mrs. Kenneth Balling. The prize was a beautiful big basket of fruit, cheeses, and other goodies.

The members who were present to accept their membership pins included Gunnar (Bruno) Christensen, 60 years; Axel Springbord, 50 years; and Chris Castenskiold, 25 years.

After our delicious smørrebrød which we shared with the Sisterhood and Alhambra Lodge, we got down to some serious business. The meeting opened with one minute of silence for our two departed brothers: Peter Jensen and Marius Jespersen. Flower donations were sent to the Danish Lutheran Church in their memory.

We have been informed by the lodges in Santa Barbara, California, that the convention for 1989 will be held July 27-29.

The fish dinner and bingo in November was a complete success. This time we had a full house and some of the reservations

had to be turned down. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it. Our thanks go to our excellent chef, Bill Knudsen, and to his helpers. The prizes for the bingo were great and we thank the people that donated them. There were two huge turkeys won by two lucky bingo players and that really set the pace. Our super bingo-caller, Erik Kofod, did a fine job again. Neco Hansen looked after the bingo board lights and everything went very smooth. Again, Louise Duus did a beautiful job on the tables. Our thanks to everyone that worked so hard for this evening to be a success.

Our next social evening will be Friday, January 20 and it will be a potluck dinner with games afterwards. If the first letter of your last name starts with any of these letters, "A" through "H", then the committee asks you to bring a salad; "I" through "R" bring a main course dish; and "S" through "Z" bring a dessert. Bring enough to share with others. The bar will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Coffee and tea will be served.

There will be no social evening in February because our lodge will be hosting the installation of officers and this is a gala affair. The date for this party is Saturday, February 18. Please mark your calendar for this date. The officers to be installed for 1989 are Past President, Anne Kofod; President, Karl Duus; Vice President, Doris Christensen; Secretary, Betty Seale; Financial Secretary, Harold Mathiasen; Treasurer, Owen Miller; Trustees, Roy Christoffersen, Chairperson, Neco Hansen, Madelle Pedersen; Conductor, Sofia Christoffersen; and Guard, Peter Pedersen.

**Anne Kofod, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — Loyal to the old saying that codfish should only be eaten in the months with an "R" in the name, our November meeting has traditionally been chosen for this delicious meal. When Jorgen Hansen is preparing "Kogt Torsk" with a "Sennepsovs" which can make your hair stand up, we can be sure to have a good attendance. Consequently, 70 members and guests enjoyed the dinner on November 9. However, only 26 stayed for the following meeting presided by Bent Olsen.

A letter from the Lutheran Home regarding a contribution to the endowment fund resulted in a suggestion to donate \$500 — a matter to be voted on later.

Our representative to the Coordinating Council, Steen Weber, reported on their function and how the money was spent. Since Martin Coyle, Past President of the Council, had offered to give an in-depth

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explanation of the council's function to our lodge, it was decided to invite him to our January meeting.

The following officers for 1989 were nominated: Past President, Bent Olsen; President, Mark Bates; Vice President, Mark Andersen; Secretary, Bill Rasmussen; Treasurer, Arnold Detmer; Trustees, Max Hanberg, Johannes Jaeger and Bent Pedersen; Inner Guard, Steen Weber; Outer Guard, Mike Andersen; and Conductor, Brian Olesen. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — Installation of officers will be held at the Ramada Inn on Friday evening, January 13. Contact Lillian Suda or Alma Jensen for reservations. This year, dinner will include a complete London Broil Dinner. We hope to see everyone there.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — At our last meeting we had smørrebrød that could have put even Oscar Davidsen to shame.

New officers for 1989 were elected as follows: Past President, Kate Krake Nielsen; President, Richard Rowse; Vice President, Clarice Christensen; Secretary, Helene Kristensen; Treasurer, Inger Dix; Trustees, John Kristensen, Chairman, Betty Frith Hiserodt, and Millie Bech Nielsen; Conductor, Viggo Bech Nielsen; and Guard, Jens Andersen. The biggest upset of this election was when Frank Jepsen chose not to run for Secretary again. Can you blame him after 30 years of holding the same post? One thing for sure Frank, you will be missed a lot! Thanks for all you have done for the club.

A note was received from Kodan Lodge No. 346 stating that the upcoming installation will be on January 14 and held 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.

Well, chalk up another four star performance for Lodge No. 126. The Fish Dinner/Bingo was a huge success. This splendid affair was attended by 119 people. The capacity was 120. The "Sold Out" sign went up a couple of days before the actual date so many people had to be turned away. The Danes really know how to party! Our hats off to Bill Knudsen, the excellent chef. Also to Karl and Louise Duus, who arranged for all the wonderful prizes and put the whole thing together.

**Kate Krake Nielsen**

**Lodge #332, Ripon, CA** — On November 19, 60 members and guests joined together for a lovely dinner at the Oasis Restaurant to celebrate our 42nd anniversary.



President John Craig welcomes guests.



Lodge members celebrate our 42nd anniversary.

sary. President John Craig thanked all the members from our lodge and those who traveled from other lodges for helping us celebrate. He asked for volunteers to share memorable events that took place over the years. Some members were children when this lodge began. It's so encouraging to see that they are continuing to carry on a tradition of staying close to their cultural heritage.

After dinner, members kicked up their heels and danced to the lively tunes provided by the Skyline Band. The popular European chicken dance was a favorite. Special thanks to Max Stowers who planned this joyful evening.

**Marge Scheuber, Cor.**

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**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — We welcome into our membership Mary Andersen. We are so happy to have you with us. Mary was initiated at the November meeting.

Also at the November meeting we were happy to have with us several friends. We hope to see these friends again soon.

A presentation of a nice coffee urn, was given to the Westminster Mobile Home Park as a thank you to use the recreation room for our meetings. Approximately 30 kitchen towels and dish cloths were given by our ladies for use of the lodge. Thank you, ladies.

A note was read from the Kodan Lodge giving information on the upcoming 1989 joint installation of officers. They have secured the Edelweiss Restaurant in San Bernardino. The cost will be \$17.50 each. The date set is January 14. Set the date on your calendar now and please plan to attend. We will be doing some car pooling so call someone to go along with you.

We want to congratulate the newly elected officers of Holger Danske for the year 1989: President, Gary Gossett; Vice President, Jim Wiegandt; Secretary, Gerry Olsen; Treasurer, Candy Chappell; Trustees, Sherman Nielsen, Chairman, Irene Everson, Soren Christensen; Conductor, Kaj Bjorn; Inner Guard, Bill Chappell; and Outer Guard, Margaret Motz.

Howard Kjellsen, District Fraternal Coordinator, reported that 75 percent of all the lodges have been contacted by the different District Fraternal Coordinators. The California-Nevada District has two new teams, Jim and Donna Larsen from Petaluma, and John and Opal Craig from Modesto. These teams will help lodges in any way possible with suggestions and encouragements.

The raffle winner was Bill Chappell again. Ken Olsen won the 50/50.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

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

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — At our November 5 meeting, Secretary Nancy Nielsen had a super surprise for us. She had just received a letter from National President Clyde Langsted announcing that the National President's Awards Committee had declared our lodge a co-winner of the 1988 President's Award for Best Annual Activity Schedule along with Kenosha, Wisconsin Lodge No. 14. We received a check for \$100 along with the letter. National Director Jerry Sonsalla will present our certificate at the California-Nevada District Convention. Our lodge

"was selected because of the excellent variety of activities offered throughout the year." Congratulations everyone!

At the meeting it was voted on to buy a new coffee pot as ours had done its last perk. It was voted on to cancel the bus trip to Solvang because of poor response. The following people were elected to serve as officers in 1989: Past President, Anelise Andersen; President, Sue Patterson; Vice President, Vikki Garrison; Secretary, Nancy Nielsen; Treasurer, Kaja Del Grippo; Chairman of Trustees, Norma Loveday; Second Trustee, Richard Perez; Third Trustee, Erik Mathiesen; Conductor, Jim Patterson; Inner Guard, Tom Loveday; and Outer Gaurd, Grethe Perez. Congratulations to the new slate of officers. After a really good potluck, we played home made, grown or baked bingo.

Our installation of officers is coming up on January 14. We will be having a roast pork and red cabbage dinner which includes salad, dessert and wine on the table. The price is going to be \$17.50. To make reservations, contact Kaja Del Grippo.

**Sue Patterson, Cor.**

#### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT**

### **NEBRASKA**

#### **Nebraska District**

We have been declared the winner of the 1988 National President's Award for the Best District. A check for \$200 accompanied this award.

We learned that National Director Barry Edmonds will present the certificate at the Nebraska District Convention in 1989. Congratulations to all lodges of the Nebraska District for their continued efforts and support of the ideals of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

President Soren Thomsen's committee assignments for 1988-89 include: Membership, William Jorgensen, Jr.; Scholarship, Faye Petersen, Chairman, and Edward Krause; King and Queen, Glen Haselbarth, Chairman, and Kenneth Pedersen; Nebraska Visitation and Activity Report, Jim Christiansen, Chairman, and Gay Terkelsen; Parliamentarian, Erik Hansen; and Den Lille Pioneer newsletter, Jim Christiansen, Editor.

Our State President Soren Thomsen's goal for this year is a 5% increase in membership. Several "new membership growth award pins" were given out in 1988. After you have earned your (Viking Ship) Membership Growth pin for bringing in a new member, bars can be added for additional members. The first bar will be

given when you bring in a total of six new members, then again, another bar when you bring in a total of twelve new members.

Cordova was again invaded by Danes of Nebraska. Twenty-four were in attendance on November 19 to share and exchange ideas that have worked in their home lodges.

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Seventy-six persons attended the turkey membership dinner on November 1 at Vennelyst Park. Darrol Larsen of Cordova provided an enjoyable evening of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales. He told the fairy tales, "The Tinderbox," "The Thirteen White Swans," and "Lille Ole med Paraplyen." Several of the guests have indicated they plan to join our lodge.

Walter and Donna Granholm, Verna Mae Andreassen, and Jon and Diane Doyle are chairpersons for the February 7th Mardi Gras party. Other members of the committee include Clarence and Eleanor Hansen, Louis and Imelda Olsen, Warren and Katherine Rushing, Lawrence Sorensen, Otto Pedersen, Esther Mead, Richard Grobeck, and Paul Grobeck.

**Jim Christiansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE** — Our November meeting was held at the IOOF Hall on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Our President, Quentin Johnson, called the business meeting to order, pledge of allegiance, the roll call of officers and members in attendance.

Since our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 will host the state convention in Lincoln this year, all Danish lodges take notice and mark your calendar for September 23, 1989.

Officers for 1989 were chosen and elected: Quentin Johnson, President; Gayle Miller, Vice President; Erik Hansen, Secretary; Greg Hansen, Treasurer; Lennie Kincheloe, Chairman of Trustees; Ralph Hendricksen, First Trustee; and Paul Muggy, Second Trustee.

8:00 p.m. the fun began when the two lodges joined in a patriotic program, "This Is America" led by Gladys Sorensen. Special music, poetry, group singing,



**Gladys Sorensen, Program Chairman, led us in a fun evening.**



Larry Mills sang "God Bless America."

speakers and a film "Fun Tours" presented by Brent Kalamkarian "This Land Is Your Land." The \$20.00 drawing prize was won by Quentin Johnson.

Hertha Olson presented her version of "Thoughts on Patriotism," and Larry Mills again favored us with his beautiful singing of "God Bless America." Gladys Sorensen read excerpts of flag patriotism and closed with everyone singing "There Are Many Flags in Many Lands."

Everyone enjoyed the refreshments, smørrebrød, fresh fruit, pickled herring, open faced sandwiches, snaps (skaal with), tea and coffee, which gave everyone a healthy appetite.

Birthdays for November were read and "Happy Birthday" was sung. Quentin Johnson presented awards to Donald Lehn, Erik Hansen, and Olga Severin for obtaining new members into the lodge.

Don Lehn, Cor.

**Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE** — We met Saturday, November 12 at the Ruskin Community Hall for our annual Thanksgiving potluck supper. Forty-two members and six guests were present for the scrumptious meal. Our guests were Andy and Annette Andersen of Omaha and Bill and Merribelle Jorgensen and Herb and Shirley Nielsen of Minden.

Election of officers for 1989 was held with the following results: President, Neil Thomsen; Vice President, Eugene Schultz; Secretary, Mrs. Glennis McCutcheon; Treasurer, Edith Meyer; Trustee, Jerry Cox; and Conductor, Albert Jorgensen.

Bill and Merribelle Jorgensen met with

our local officers and explained the District Fraternal Coordinator Program.

The committee for the evening included Ron and Lois Lewis, Edith and Eddie Meyer, Pete and Lavonne Nielsen, and Ormand and Evelyn Norgaard.

Grace Thomsen, Sec.

**Lodge #177, Cordova, NE** — Valerie Due, daughter of Don and Kathy Due of Exeter, Nebraska, is the 1988 recipient of the Nebraska District Scholarship. Her father, Don, and her grandmother, Carla Due, are members of our lodge.



Congratulations, Valerie!

Valerie is a 1988 graduate of Exeter High School and is now enrolled at Kearney State College in Kearney, Nebraska. She is majoring in Commercial Art.

Carla Moore, Treas.

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Thanks to all who participated in any way at our Lip Sync contest. Due to the good response, we were able to donate to our local food pantry 200 pounds of food items, several packages of paper products plus \$5.25.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

**Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE** — At our October meeting new member Clyde Barth was initiated. Douglas Kosmicki was presented with his certificate for a camp grant and he told us a little about attending Danny Knee's Basketball Camp.

Arne Espersen reported on the state con-

vention. He brought us the District President's Award for the Best Social Activity and pins for Harland Petersen and Vera Petersen for getting new members.

Andy Andersen of Omaha was a visitor at our November meeting. He initiated our new member, Delores Ritz. Ann Chambers and Joy Holechek showed slides and told of their trip to Europe this past summer.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

## MISSOURI

**Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO** — A date to note on your schedule is the annual Ethnic Ball. It will be on February 17, 1989, at the Barney-Allis Plaza Hotel in Kansas City. The price per ticket is \$25.00. Norm and Lola Danielsen represent your lodge on the Ethnic Enrichment Commission. Please let them know if you can attend.

Norm Danielsen, Cor.

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — The Halloween Party that was held at the Dania Hall the evening of October 29 proved to be a real eye-opener. From the pictures that were taken, the 28 different costumed members presented a variety of sights. Best costume prizes were awarded to Marilyn and Dick Kramme, and to Joan and Jake Sorensen. Both couples featured the Oriental motif. Roland Jensen was unchal-



Congratulations to the prize winning costumes.

# Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance Of Their Service and Fellowship, We Honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since The Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
10-21-88	Marius Jespersen	91	Viborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1926
10-23-88	Albert C. Borup	85	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1921
11-8-88	Ewald C. Thomsen	84	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1924
10-18-88	Peter Christensen	91	Carry, Pennsylvania	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
11-12-88	Erik Simonsen	92	Tranders, Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1926
11-11-88	George W. Christensen	67	North Adams, Massachusetts	51	Ludington, Michigan	1963
11-15-88	Jack Mogensen	91	Gardfield Co., Nebraska	213	Ord, Nebraska	1917
11-30-88	Cyrus C. Petersen	92	Randall, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1926
11-24-88	Oluf K. Andersen	85	Thisted, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1925
10-15-88	Trier Rosholm	101	Ikast, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1923
11-19-88	Arthur H. Ebner	62	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1981
11-30-88	Sheridan W. Perry	82	Michigan	42	Spokane, Washington	1970

lenged for wearing the most repulsive and scary outfit.

The following were elected at the November 14th meeting as officers for the year 1989: President, Curt Sorensen; Vice President, Elizabeth Ibsen; Treasurer, Edith Paulsen; Secretary, Harvey Andersen; Conductor, Svend Christensen; 1st Trustee, Roland Jensen; 2nd Trustee, Wilber Williamson; and 3rd Trustee, Mary Riber. Welcome newcomers Elizabeth Ibsen and Mary Riber to the Board.

President Curt Sorensen has announced selection of Ric Jorgensen to chair the Community Affairs Committee and Joan Sorensen as head of the Program Committee. Sincere thanks to Elizabeth Ibsen for planning the lodge programs this past year.

At the November lodge meeting, Cleo and Wilber Williamson presented slides and commentary from their recent trip to China. Their use of chopsticks was only moderately successful after three weeks of practice, but the tour was most interesting and enjoyable. **Wilber Williamson, Cor.**

**Lodge #121, Tyler, MN** — We enjoyed our annual Christmas party on Saturday evening. The festivities began with a potluck dinner at 7:00 p.m.

President Therkel Jorgensen read the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke. Christmas carols were sung accompanied by Marjorie Paulson at the piano. The highlight of the evening was the traditional dancing around the Christmas tree singing "Nu har vi Jul igen."

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Niels Dam, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alleckson, Ray Nielsen and Eric Andersen from Denmark, who shared some of his family's Christmas Eve festivities which are very similar to ours.

The birthday song was sung in honor of Magda Sorensen and Glen Sorensen. Santa Claus paid a visit and presented each one with a bag of candy.

Hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nielsen and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sorensen. **Therkel Jorgensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — The November 14 meeting was held at the Humboldt Senior Citizen Center. The national songs of Denmark and America were sung.

Our guest speaker was Mads Bindlev from Aarhus, Denmark. He is an exchange student spending the school year with the Helen Caldwell family in Humboldt. He gave an interesting talk. He has also spent a number of years living in Africa.

A memorial gift from the Gerald and Ervin Pedersen families in honor of their mother,

Anna Christensen, was received. It was decided to set up a memorial fund in her honor.

A card shower for Fred Hall's 90th birthday in November was acknowledged.

**Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — We held our Christmas party at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn, Iowa, on Thursday, December 1. Forty-three members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and entertainment by the Mel Andersen family. They sang a variety of songs and asked the group to join them in singing Christmas carols. We are happy to welcome five new members who decided to join our lodge. They are Merlin and Sonja Mikkelsen, Chris and Cleone Christensen, and Imo Myers, all from Atlantic.

We wrote messages to send to Richard Knudsen, a member who had surgery that day and missed our party. The committee who planned and decorated for the Christmas party consisted of Harvey and Priscilla Hansen, Glenn and Mary Ellen Olsen, Gail and Delores Nelson, and John and Lucille Nelson.

The announcement was made that our January meeting will be held at the Atlantic Fire Station meeting room.

**Mary Ann Christensen, Sec.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — We will host the Midwest District Bowling Outing at Castle Lanes on April 8, 1989. There is a lot of work connected with this event and we sure could use some volunteers.

Entry forms will be available shortly with all the information as to schedules. These forms will be sent to the secretaries of all lodges in the Midwest District as well as to the Sisterhood lodges. Let's have a good turnout at this event!

**John Mollerskov, Treas.**

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — Welcome new members Jack Holy, Leroy Andersen, Ken Spiegelhoff, Paul Costanzo, James Andersen, Kevin Gleason, and Jeffrey Hoffman.

The Midwest District Dart Extravaganza was hosted by Chicago Lodge No. 35 who did their usual fine job. First place winners were Gordie Andersen and Virgil Holzhauser. Second place went to Todd Bernhardt and Roy Hoegger. Third place went to Todd Barnett and Jim Andreasen. Brenda Frederick placed second in the ladies competition. Also darting were Don

and Elaine Servais and they all reported a great time.

The Halloween party was a super party with many in costume having a lot of fun. The only thing missing were more people but with the enthusiasm of those attending I think they will be passing the word along to be there next year. The hard working committee kept things moving along and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. We thank the committee for a fine effort — Jim and Linda Kirby, Bill and Terri Kirby, Ron and Carol Fechner, and Bob and Janice Johnson.



**DBIA Past National President, Bob Ibsen, presents Lodge No. 14 President, Rick Wade, the National President's Award for Best Annual Activity Schedule for 1988 as Midwest District President Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., looks on.**

Our semi-annual Smoker Night at the lodge was enjoyed by 177 men. That was 40 more than last time so this event is growing by leaps and bounds and is a great money maker for the lodge plus a great evening of fellowship. We had a much better attendance by members this time which is great. Our dynamic chairman Louie Mellone did an outstanding job and he was ably assisted by Malcolm Young, Gordie Andersen, Bob Ibsen, Harve Cecil, Alan Frederick, Ed Gastaldi, Ken G. Hansen, Jeff Bernhardt, Rick Wade, Carl Swanson, Harry Brookhouse, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Mark Young, and Lloyd Tritt.

Our big fund raiser for the year, Christmas Jule Fest, is now history and once again was highly successful with 1,500 people in attendance. We fed approximately 800 people our aebleskiver and medisterpølse.

**Bob Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Those presented for officers at the November meeting were Past President, Keith Telford; President, James Andreasen; Vice President, Shirley Holzhauser; Secretary, Margaret Goodwin; Treasurer, Charles Johnson; Conductor, Paul Smith; 1st Trustee, Virgil Holzhauser; 2nd Trustee, Dick Perschnick; and 3rd Trustee, Jim Lauritsen. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at our next meeting.

Rick Stevenson was voted on and approved for membership. Welcome, Rick!

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Ella Vennergrund was our "Dane For the Night" at our last meeting. She was interviewed by Woody Petersen. Ella joined the lodge "a couple of years ago" and is not a bit sorry that she did. She thinks the lodge is "wonderful, just the way it is."

At our last meeting, a thank-you was received from the Danish Home for the contribution of \$50 sent in memory of Cynthia Sloth. A letter from Pam Dorau informed us that Grethe and Henry Jepsen and Wanda and Ray Nielsen have again agreed to extend their services as District Fraternal Coordinators. A convention report has been received from the Midwest District Secretary Albertice Nylen. Ray Nielsen reported on the Midwest District Dart Tournament held here on October 22. There were 52 darters and two juniors with 59 here for lunch. It was a fun day.

Al Iversen told about visiting the Waupaca Lodge. Ten of our members drove up to help him celebrate Mortensaften. They enjoyed a wonderful goose dinner. Al then told about the custom of Mortensaften in Denmark.

This year the District Convention will be held September 22-24 at the Holiday Inn in Kenosha. Paul Sloth announced that our lodge won the Midwest District award and the national award for the best newsletter. A total of \$125 in award money was received. Elsa Petersen received a round of applause.

At the last meeting, a motion was made to send \$500 to Dana College. After some discussion, a motion was made and carried to send this money. Also, a motion was made and carried to send \$100 to Grand View College and put \$100 into our own Scholarship Fund.

Election of officers was held. Officers for 1989 are as follows: Past President, Al Iversen; President, Paul Sloth; Vice President, John Jorgensen; Secretary, Frank Connery; Recording Secretary, Audrey Christiansen; Treasurer, Henry Jepsen; 3rd Trustee, Carl Christensen; and Conductor, Hermina Richard. The 1st and 2nd Trustees moved up.

Sandwiches and coffee followed. Thanks to all the sandwich makers!

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — It was an exceptionally windy, rainy Milwaukee night but that didn't keep fourteen members from attending our 99th anniversary event on November 16. All enjoyed a variety of potluck dishes with the lodge furnishing meatloaf, bread, butter and coffee. Instead

of the planned bingo (scheduled before the business meeting), there were door prizes thanks to the contributions of members Elsie Hein, Al and Carol Larsen, as well as the lodge. To warm the tummies before going out into the chilly night after the meeting, members relished a cup of hot non-alcoholic glogg and pastries.

Seven of our members attended the Sunday, November 6 Julefest held in Lodge No. 14's hall in Kenosha. They enjoyed aebleskiver, medisterpølse, fellowship, and shopping. **Al Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — On the evening of November 12, we celebrated the twelfth anniversary of our charter as Bicentennial Lodge No. 343 with our twelfth Mortensaften Goose Dinner.

A friendship hour before the 7:00 p.m. dinner gave us the opportunity of greeting our friends and guests, among whom, to our great pleasure, were Woody Petersen, Ethel Orezulgk, Henry Jepsen, Al Iversen, and Ray Nielsen of Chicago Lodge No. 35.

When we were seated at the Danish decorated tables, President Harold Rasmussen welcomed members and guests and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. A Danish table prayer was given by our 88-year old Ella Gundmandsen who has given that same Danish prayer for each of our twelve goose dinners. Ella, along with the late Flemming Anderson, helped to organize our lodge in 1976. Our traditional menu consists of fruit cup, baked chicken, with bread stuffing, roast goose with apple-prune stuffing, small

## 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
Paul W. Saftig	14	Kenosha, WI	Don Scott
Walter F. Larsen	14	Kenosha, WI	Edward Schiller
Kenneth B. Rusecki	14	Kenosha, WI	James Kirby
Robert E. Saksvig	14	Kenosha, WI	Elmer Olep
Jack H. Saarela	14	Kenosha, WI	Donovan Wuolo
Ronald J. Zieth	14	Kenosha, WI	Raymond Zieth
Patrick E. McDonald	14	Kenosha, WI	Richard Wade
Eric Paul Jorgensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Richard Jorgensen
Berger P. Olsen	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Olsen Riber
Betty Lou Olsen	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Olsen Riber
Irene V. Bjorklun	16	Minden, NE	Wisthi Thomsen
H. Bruce Villars	16	Minden, NE	Wisthi Thomsen
Charlene M. Villars	16	Minden, NE	Wisthi Thomsen
Grace V. Frandsen	16	Minden, NE	Victoria Youngsen
William R. Andersen	29	Seattle, WA	Ken Jacobsen
Richard A. Stevenson	34	Dwight, IL	Raymond Holzhauser
Jens Christian Johnsen	39	San Leandro, CA	Aage Lundquist
Leo W. Gohrsch	51	Lundington, MI	Howard Guenthardt, Jr.
Evo M. Lourenzo	95	Ferndale, CA	Don Sanborn
Dixie M. Adams	161	Ruskin, NE	Grace Thomsen
Eric R. Peterson	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Abby M. Larsen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Ronald K. Petersen	167	Portland, OR	Janice Costa
Michael J. Olsen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Rintha J. Naylor	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Anni Christiansen	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Johannes Goddik	194	McMinnville, OR	Poul Persson
Roelie E. T. Goddik	194	McMinnville, OR	Poul Persson
Peter A. Hass	299	Solvang, CA	Bent Olsen
Kenneth L. Hansen	341	Kimballton, Elk Horn, IA	Karolyn Ortgies
Paul F. Loeffler	342	Bucks Co., PA	Bente Ferguson
Kirsten T. Jorgensen	342	Bucks Co., PA	Ulla Pedersen
Carl H. Nielsen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Christian A. Nielsen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Benedicte A. Nielsen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Deborah C. Andersen	600	Omaha, NE	John P. Andersen
Jennifer A. Nelson	600	Omaha, NE	Roger Nelson

parsley buttered potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas and carrots, sweet-sour red cabbage, dinner rolls, coffee, sherbet, and apple cake dessert.

After our dinner, President Rasmussen led us in singing "America." He then asked all who could sing Danish to remain standing for the Danish National Anthem, "Der er et Yndigt Land." Thanks to our ten guests from Lodge No. 35, the anthem was great.

Next members introduced themselves and their guests. Guest entertainment followed. Door prizes were drawn.

Woody Petersen of Lodge No. 35 stated that our lodge is the only lodge in the Midwest District that celebrates with a Mortensaften Goose Dinner. Our guests told us that they plan to journey again to Waupaca in central Wisconsin on November 11, 1989.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — Our monthly meeting was held on November 2. Nomination of officers was held for 1989. Election of officers was held at the December meeting.

Rob Jensen, Sec.

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — The new officers for 1989 are as follows: Past President, Jack Jensen; President, Cortland Book; Vice President, Otto Pedersen; Recording Secretary, Houghton Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Karl Larsen; Treasurer, Paul Carlsen; Financial Secretary, Mark Pedersen; Trustees, Willy Pedersen, George Petersen, and Ken Christensen; Conductor, Preban Hansen; Inner Guard, Bill Andersen; and Outer Guard, Ron Hammer. Along with the Board of Officers, Bob Sorensen volunteered to be the correspondent to the American Dane magazine for 1989.

Please note that the Detroit Lodge has three generations holding office this year, namely the Pedersens, Grandpa Willy, Son Otto, and Grandson Mark. I don't know how often this happens in the Brotherhood but I am sure it doesn't occur very often. Thanks to the Pedersens for their interest in the Brotherhood.

As the new correspondent to the American Dane magazine, I want to thank Karl Larsen for handling this job for the past few years.

I hope everyone had a good holiday season but now is the time to get to work again to make our lodge grow again. The best way to do this is to attend lodge meetings and our social nights and give the

Board of Officers all of the support and help that you can. They can only do so much without the members' assistance, so come to the meetings and find out what is going on and don't be afraid to volunteer your time and/or talent if you feel you can be of help. To do this, simply stand up at meetings and say so or talk to one of the officers and let them know you are available to assist them in making the lodge progress. Also if you have any ideas for the social nights, they are always open for suggestions to make the social nights more attractive to the members.

Bob Sorensen, Cor.

## GCEL

### G.C.E.L. District

The 64th G.C.E.L. District Convention was held on September 3-5, 1988, in Schenectady, New York. There was a total of 11 delegates present. President Norman Hanson opened the meeting. Thereafter he asked all to stand and salute the Flag. We had one minute of silence for our departed Brothers this past year.

The Secretary read the minutes from the last convention. They were accepted as read.

Trustee Eric Brown is President of the Danish Home for the Aged in Edison, New Jersey. This year the Home will celebrate its 75th year in existence. Over the years there have been many changes. Last year there were five residents. Eric would like to see more members at the Home and also any support from the individual lodges would be appreciated.

President Norman Hanson then gave his report. He had a busy year. He visited Barre, Vermont; Troy, New York; Penn Yan, New York; Providence, Rhode Island; Erie, Pennsylvania; and New Haven, Connecticut. This was also part of his year as a District Fraternal Coordinator.

Carl Sorensen from Hartford Lodge No. 314 presented \$1,000 to the G.C.E.L. Scholarship Fund.

After the delegates' report, Norman Hanson asked to hear from Bobbie Hinrichsen. Bobbie thanked everyone for the support she and her family had received from family and friends during the past year.

National Director, Ebba Norby, thanked everyone for the invitation to the convention. Ebba felt we had a good convention and talked about the smaller lodges and their stress.

Erling Braumann then gave his report on the G.C.E.L. Scholarship program, as well as the Home Office program. Erling said

that only one applicant for the scholarship was received from the Eastern Lodges. Again Erling asked members to read the American Dane. Every year in March the scholarship program is open for applications.

National Director, Barry Edmonds, then thanked members and delegates for participating in the National Convention in Des Moines.

Andy Andersen thanked everyone for his invitation. He also felt the Fraternal Coordinators had done a good job. He asked for new coordinators. Andy felt that over the years we had lost both members and lodges, but with the help from the District Fraternal Coordinators, maybe this could be stopped. Andy spoke about the Brotherhood's new insurance program, which he felt was as good as any on the market today. If any member or lodge would like more information about this program, please contact Andy.

George Jacobsen was pleased to be at the convention.

Norman Hanson then asked for Elizabeth Pedersen's report. Elizabeth is a District Fraternal Coordinator. Elizabeth gave her opinion about the smaller lodges. She felt it would be better if they would merge. Elizabeth also mentioned that at this time many Danes are migrating, about 20 a day. How many of them are migrating to the U.S.A. is not known. Elizabeth felt that coordinators and lodge officers should work together for a better result.

Norman Hanson said he had a good year as a District Fraternal Coordinator and after he moves to Florida, he plans to visit the lodges in his new neighborhood.

The G.C.E.L. District Secretary made a motion that in the future we should have two delegates and two alternates from each lodge to participate in the convention. The Secretary will send out notes for a change in the bylaws before the next meeting.

New officers for 1989 were elected as follows: Past President, Norman Hanson; President, Robert Phoenix; Vice President, Chris Simonsen; Secretary, Eric Brown; Treasurer, Sharon Lunde; Trustee, Elizabeth Pedersen; Alternate Secretary, Bill Brose; and Alternate Treasurer, Irving Jensen.

Installation of officers was held. Ebba Norby conducted the installation ceremony together with Barry Edmonds.

Norman Hanson presented the following District President's Awards: Best Newsletter, Lodge No. 325; Best Single Social Activity, Lodge No. 294; Best Single Civic Activity, Lodge No. 171; and Best Annual Activity Schedule, Lodge No. 342.

Chris Simonsen, Past Secretary

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — At our November meeting we had a lovely turkey dinner catered by Barbara Larsen. It was a very enjoyable evening with many members and friends present. After the dinner we held a 50/50 raffle with a guest of Joe and Dot Palcovich winning the pot.

At our January meeting we will have installation of officers. The list is as follows: Past President, Berit Mann; President, Paul Christensen; Vice President, Barbara Larsen; Secretary, Chris Simonson; and Treasurer, Barry Edmonds.

February will be a business meeting to go over all that has to be done for our 100th anniversary dinner on March 11. It will be held at the Ramada Inn in North Haven from 6:00 to midnight. There will be a choice of prime rib or baked stuffed shrimp for the main meal. We are having a four piece band that will play dinner/dance as well as ethnic music. There will be a cash bar, which means if you want to drink, bring money. Speaking of money, the price will be \$25.00. Everyone will have to pay to get a ticket, however, if you are a member of Haabet Lodge and you show up the evening of the anniversary, you will get your money back. It was decided that all members of the lodge would get a free ticket, however we could not be certain who would show up and who wouldn't and as we need an accurate count to give to the hotel, we thought that this would be the best way to do it.

Please remember that this dinner is for Haabet Lodge's 100th anniversary as a lodge in the Danish Brotherhood. This is something to be very proud of and it would be great if all the members of the lodge came out to show their support.

**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge #164, New York, NY** — Our Saturday, November 19 meeting turned out to be an exciting affair with 45 members and guests present. Our president, Ray Leth, presented 50 year pins to three of our members. They were Harry Axelsen, Svend Beyer, and Fred Maylandsmith.



President Ray Leth presented 50-year pins.

Following the congratulations to our members, we continued with our meeting with a report from the Edison Home for the Aged. Donations for the van had continued to come in and they hope to buy it shortly. It was announced that a doll house was donated by one of our members and would be furnished by any of our members willing to contribute time and money. This doll house will be raffled off at our March meeting and proceeds will go towards painting and repairs of the Edison Home.

It was announced that our annual special lodge dinner would be held on February 25 at the Danish Athletic Club so mark your calendars.

Our election of officers and trustees was held and it was unanimously voted to ask all officers and trustees to keep their positions for 1989. Then we closed our meeting with a surprise birthday cake being wheeled in and all the members sang "Happy Birthday" to our president, Ray Leth.

**Rachel Connor, Cor.**

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — More than 35 people showed up for our November meeting and everybody had a good time enjoying the evening program "Casino Night," arranged by Len and Mary Gottlieb. We auctioned off some priceless antiques and some very useful items, and enjoyed the cakes the members baked and the refreshments served. It was close to midnight before the auctioneers hammer fell on the sale of the last item.

Application for social membership for Annie Christiansen was presented at the business meeting and approved with acclamation.

The appointed nominating committee, headed by Mark Mussari, presented the following slate of officers for 1989: Past President, Mogens Hempel; President, Bendix Christensen; Vice President, Len Gottlieb; Secretary, Knud Koefoed; Treasurer, Lizzie Broadbent; Conductor, Ted Marshall; Chief Trustee, Joe Jeantet; 2nd Trustee, Joe Leis; and 3rd Trustee, Constantine Polites. The slate was voted upon by the membership and approved. Installation will be in March.

Don't forget to put January 13 on your calendar. Thacher Longstreth is our speaker and we will have an authentic codfish dinner after his talk.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #183, Troy, NY** — Our lodges got together for a grand evening at Casey's East in Troy. The hosts were Brothers Irving Jensen and Bob Nelson. After our skit "An Old Fashioned Danish Christmas Eve," we sang Christmas carols and songs



Harry Jensen, Jr. portrayed Hans Christian Andersen with "Bedstemoder" Esther Smarup, Dianna Burk, Jenna Jensen, Deanna Burk, and Erica Jensen.

and then gave out gifts to all. It was a nice night enjoyed by all. **Betty Jensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA** — The GCEL District Convention Committee is still looking for items to use in the door prize program for the convention and for the basket of cheer that will be raffled off at the convention in September.

It is vital that we never stop initiating new members in our lodges, for it is the future member who will be leading our lodges and carrying on the Danish Brotherhood. We can all help by each one of us bringing one new prospective member to our next meeting. **Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

## 1989 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1989 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1989 and June 1, 1989.

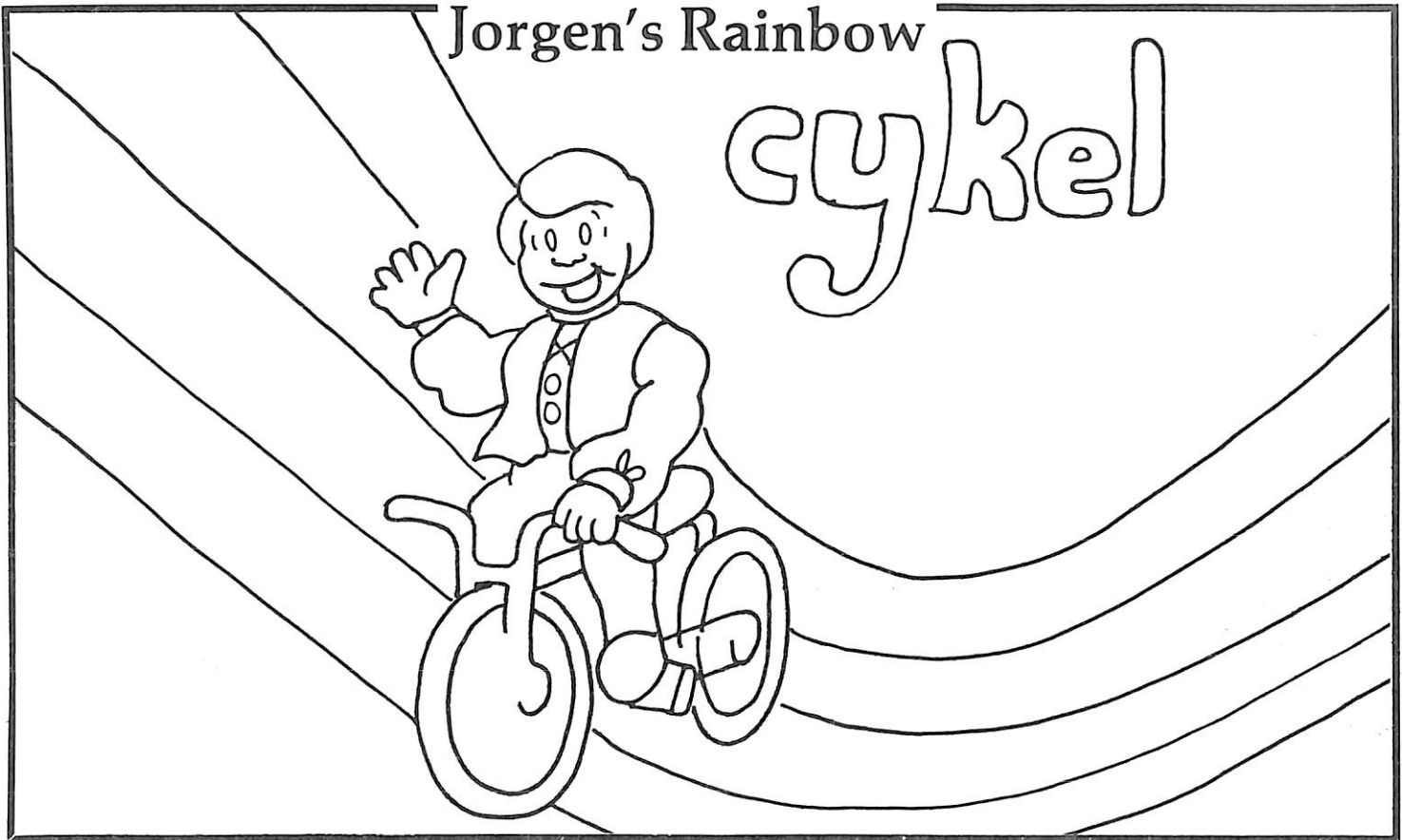
Prize money will be awarded for the 20 highest teams, high men's individual game, high men's individual series, high women's team, high women's individual game, and high women's individual series.

The winning Young Viking team will be awarded a certificate to avoid conflict with eligibility requirements for school athletics.

All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of the Danish Brotherhood. A lodge may enter one or more teams. No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

## Payment to Board Members

DECEMBER 1988  
Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$244.00



In Denmark, an important means of transportation is the bicycle. Most of us in America own one, and the same is very true in Denmark. Jorgen relies on his bicycle or "cykel" for fun as well as for transportation. Do you suppose BiFrost has a bicycle too? Do you have one? Color Jorgen's bicycle the same color as yours if you'd like.

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.

December winners: Jeni C. Lind and Merri Jorgensen.

## Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

### Blomkaal Suppe (Cauliflower Soup)

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| 1 cauliflower   | 4 cups soup stock |
| 4 tbsp. butter  | 2 egg yolks       |
| 4 tbsp. flour   | 1 tsp. sugar      |
| 1 tbsp. Madeira | 1 tbsp. cream     |

Place the whole cleaned cauliflower in boiling salted water and cook until tender. Remove and cut in small pieces. Blend the butter and flour well in a kettle, adding soup stock made from beef or veal and plenty of soup vegetables. Let come to a boil and pour slowly into a bowl containing the blended egg yolks, sugar and cream. Stir and add the cauliflower and Madeira.

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# Viking Adventures

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

## DBIA Lodge No. 14 Hosts Reception for Danish Basketball Teams

On Tuesday, November 15, 1988, Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, hosted a reception for the men's and women's basketball teams of Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin and the teams from Denmark's Aabyhoj I.F. Sports Club. The games were played in the Physical Education Center on the college campus.



Miss Denmark/USA 1988, Tina Marie Petersen, center, greets members of Lodge No. 14 while attending the Carthage vs. Aabyhoj game.

The Danish teams, which were each taking part in a 10-game tour of the Midwest, represent a sports club that also fields competitive teams in badminton, gymnastics, table-tennis, soccer and volleyball.

Both the men's and women's Aabyhoj teams have been extremely successful in national competition in Denmark. From 1983 to 1987, the Aabyhoj women's team was the bronze medalist in the Danish 1st Division five times and was runner-up in the tournament for the national title cup three times. The 1988 team fell to seventh place, but has since been strengthened by new recruits under coach Ebbe Salling. Salling is better known in this country for an outstanding playing career, which included six Danish Division I championships and his participation as a member of the national team. In addition to coaching the women's club, Salling, 35, still plays for the Aabyhoj men's team.

Formed only a year ago by coach Keld Kristensen,

the Aabyhoj men's team has never been defeated in Denmark. A 2nd Division team, the squad had a record of 20-0 after its first season. With an average age of 25, the men's squad is an "old" team for the Danish 2nd Division. Unlike athletics in the United States, Danish sports are organized into clubs so players of all ages play together instead of playing for the schools they are attending.

In addition to the game itself, Carthage athletic director and head basketball coach Kevin McCarthy planned a number of things to add to the evening's festivities, including the playing of the Danish national anthem, a gift exchange between the players and special give-aways for some of the many fans in attendance.

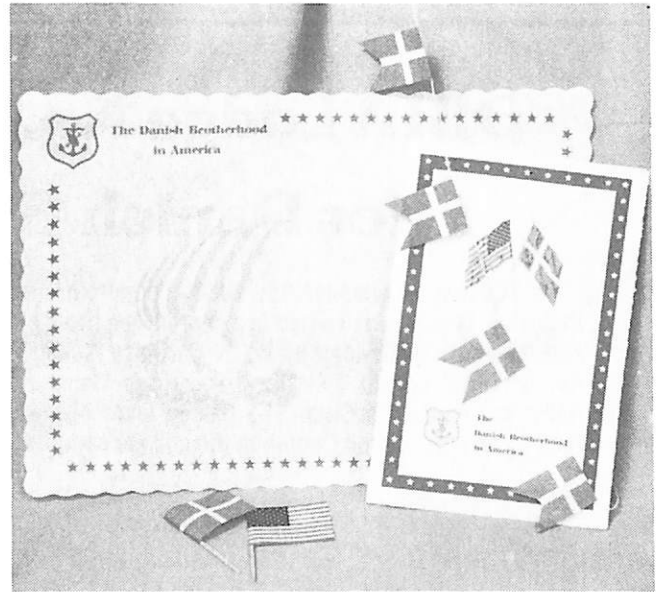
"This is more than a game — it's an event," said McCarthy. "With the many residents of Danish heritage in the Kenosha and Racine area, we hope to create a stronger link between the campus and the community. This is just one of the ways we can do that."



President Rick Wade presented a check to the President of Carthage College to help defray costs for the teams.

# Having a Party, Membership Dinner or Banquet?

If so, don't forget the supplies the Danish Brotherhood has to offer. Besides Danish flag garlands, Danish and American toothpick flags, DBIA placemats, and DBIA menu covers; other items are available such as DBIA nylon name tags and 4x6" Danish and American nylon flags with stands.



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## Proud To Be A Dane?

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