

2-6-89

# American Dane

February 1989



The official publication of the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters located at 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.



# SAS "EARLY BIRD" SPECIALS

Buy your ticket by March 1, 1989 for travel between May 1 and September 14, 1989 and take advantage of these SAS "Early Bird" Special Fares.

	May 1-31		June 1-Sep 14	
	mid week	week end	mid week	week end
<b>NEW YORK* to:</b>				
Copenhagen,† Oslo†	\$639	\$689	\$659	\$709
Stockholm†	709	759	729	779
<b>CHICAGO/MINNEAPOLIS to:</b>				
Copenhagen, Oslo	709	759	759	809
Stockholm	779	829	829	879
<b>LOS ANGELES/SAN FRANCISCO/ SEATTLE/SPOKANE to:</b>				
Copenhagen, Oslo	829	879	859	909
Stockholm	899	949	929	979

Now you can enjoy low airfares to Scandinavia and the reassurance of flying the airline that speaks your language and shares your heritage...SAS, Scandinavian Airlines.

But hurry. The only way to get these low "Early Bird" specials is to purchase your round trip Super Apex ticket by March 1, 1989.

For complete information see your Travel Agent or call SAS toll free at 1-800-221-2350; in New York City call (718) 657-7700.

NOTE: Fares are based on purchase of round trip individual or group Super Apex ticket. Fares subject to change and government approval. Advance purchase, minimum/maximum stay requirements. No stopovers permitted. Cancellation, change of date/itinerary penalties apply. Fare does not include \$3 US departure tax, \$5 customs users fee and \$5 immigration fee.

**SAS**  
The Airline of Scandinavia

\* Also valid from Boston, MA and Providence, RI.

† Valid on nonstop flights only.





# President's Page

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

I have written on several occasions of the Danish Brotherhood's membership and participation in the National Fraternal Congress of America. Collectively, as fraternalists, we have contributed in many ways to make the lives of others more meaningful. We call it Operation Care and Share which has many facets as evidenced by the number of activities reported by our lodges throughout the Danish Brotherhood.

I recently received a report from the NFCA on what that organization, through its collective membership, has done to help others and I think those statistics bear repeating for all of you. The report was based upon information gathered and presented at the 1988 annual meeting of the NFCA in New Orleans. In 1988, NFCA member-societies reported that their local lodges:

held	771,000 local unit events
performed	8,095,033 acts of fraternal service
spent	46,507,213 hours in fraternal service
costing	60,010,612 dollars, and
a total of	\$114,741,157 was spent on charitable disbursements

These figures are based on information furnished by only 79 member-societies who participated in the survey. Imagine the totals if all 99 societies had completed their questionnaire!

Remember that we are a part of this magnificent show of concern for others but the only way we can know what is happening or what has happened is by the local lodge unit reporting to us. I urge all of the secretaries to get their annual reports to the home office as soon as possible.

Recently the National President's Awards committee acknowledged Lodge No. 268 in Junction City, Oregon, for their community service of meals on wheels. That particular community is offering many other people oriented deeds of fellowship. Lodge No. 346 in Riverside, California, has an excellent program of caring. These are people helping people not just Danes helping Danes. All of this, of course, underscores that Danes are concerned about others. I truly think the "bottom line" is that we like what we are doing and that we do not expect any reward other than self-satisfaction for having been a part of something good. We enjoy it in our home lodge and more than once I have assisted my good friend Martin Rasmussen in lugging all the donations to his car. If you have not yet become involved in some kind of community project, please consider doing so. A lot of help is needed and there are many acts of kindness yet to be performed and you can be a part of it. The affable and congenial Danes are capable of doing many good deeds.

While I write of good deeds another area comes to mind where assistance and need are an ongoing thing. I refer to the museums, either in the building process or completed that need community and/or geographic support. The proposed Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, will become a national treasure to the Danish community upon its completion. They are worthy of your financial support. A noble project has been fulfilled in Solvang, California, in the form of their Elverhoy Danish Heritage Museum. Seattle, Washington, has its Nordic Heritage Museum which includes the newly completed Danish room. Perhaps it may involve a particular area of support for you but no matter the choice, the important thing is to become a patron for any of these worthy endeavors. There is much work to be done.

A reminder, and as previously reported, the tax exempt status of fraternal benefit societies is still being threatened with the IRS requesting that the top seven societies complete an extensive questionnaire on their activities. If their status is changed you can bet it will only be a short time before it happens to us. I urge you to write your congressional representative(s) (Senate and House) and let them know your feelings in this important matter.

In early December the Danish community and the Danish Brotherhood lost a good friend in the person of George Godthaab, our Past National President. His good friend, George Jacobsen, wrote a stirring tribute to him in the January American Dane. George Godthaab was one of the finest people I know and I feel honored in having been included among his friends. I think all of us who knew this gentle man were honored and yes, made richer. In a letter to his wife, Ruth, I thanked her for sharing George with us. Honor be to his memory.

Please remember Operation Care and Share or whatever community effort you are supporting. Thank you.

# Term Insurance and Annuities

**TERM INSURANCE** — although the premium for term insurance is lower than for permanent insurance, in the long run term insurance costs more since there are no cash values building up to offset the cost of protection. Buying permanent insurance can be compared to buying a home in which you are building up an equity. Buying term insurance is more like renting a house. However, there are times when buying term makes sense, especially when there is a need for temporary protection.

**FIVE YEAR RENEWABLE AND CONVERTIBLE TERM** — may be renewed every five years up to age 70 for the full amount of insurance by paying the premium at the attained age. It may be converted to any plan of permanent life insurance at any time without proving insurability.

**DECREASING TERM** — for 20 years and to age 65, provides for a death benefit which decreases annually, until it has been reduced to zero at the end of the term period. However, unlike the five year renewable level term, the premium remains constant for the duration of the term.

One reason for buying decreasing term would be to cover the declining mortgage balance on a home, leaving the home free and clear to the survivor.

The Danish Brotherhood provides additional benefit riders which can be added to most certificates. Such riders add flexibility in meeting the needs of insured members.

**LEVEL TERM RIDER** — the Five Year Renewable and Convertible Term may be issued as a rider to the Ordinary Life and the Life Paid Up at Age 65.

**DECREASING TERM** — may also be issued as a rider to the Ordinary Life and the Life Paid Up at Age 65. When issued as a rider, term premium will be reduced.

**CHILDREN'S RIDER** — provides level term to age 25 on all the children in the family who have not attained the age of 19 at the time of issue. At age 25, the children's insurance is convertible to any plan of permanent cash value insurance of up to five times the original amount without evidence of insurability.

**WAIVER OF PREMIUM** — under this provision, the society agrees to waive the payment of premiums which become due during the continuance of total disability of the insured.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFIT** — if death results from an accident and death occurs within 90 days from the time of the accident, double the face amount of the certificate will be paid. It is often referred to as "Double Indemnity."

**GUARANTEED INSURABILITY OPTION** — provides an option to purchase additional life insurance without evidence of insurability at ages 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, and 40.

**PAYOR DEATH AND DISABILITY** — under this benefit, the society will waive any premium due after the death or continuance of total disability of the payor — usually a parent — and prior to the child's 21st birthday.

**ANNUITIES** — the word, "annuity" in the strictest sense means nothing more than a plan of annual (or more frequent) payments. A life annuity is an annuity paid throughout a person's lifetime. Almost all annuity contracts issued by life insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies are life annuities.

The annuity is a means of scientifically liquidating a given amount of principal over the lifetime of the annuitant. We say that it is "scientific" because the annuity is the only way a person can receive payments of both principal and interest from his investment without the danger of outliving his capital. Annuities are unique to the life insurance industry.

The reason is plain enough if you think about it. Although the function of the annuity is to liquidate an estate, while the function of life insurance is to create an estate, the two are based on the same principle. Both are dependent on the validity of the law of large numbers and the probabilities of death. Furthermore, it is the annuity principle which makes it possible to say that life insurance protects both against "dying too soon" and "living too long." It is the annuity principle which gives the beneficiary of life insurance proceeds the valuable choice of a life income in place of a lump sum settlement and it is the annuity principle which gives the insured that same choice upon surrender of his or her cash value life insurance contract. Life insurance and annuities, in other words, work hand in hand. Both are life insurance in the broadest sense because they both protect against the uncertain length of life.

# ***The Frog Who Couldn't Croak***

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

*ONCE UPON A TIME, Frog had a contest with some of his friends as to who could croak the loudest and the longest.*

*Frog won.*

*But the very next day, Frog couldn't croak at all.*

*He sat on a lily pad in the center of the pond and listened to his friends croaking notes to each other.*

*"I wonder if I'll ever get my croak back?" thought Frog, sadly.*

*Suddenly, he saw Blackbird flying around the pond looking for a tasty lunch. When Blackbird couldn't find what he was looking for he flew away.*

*Soon, Water Bug came floating by in the pond.*

*"Hello, Frog," he said. "It sure is a lovely day, isn't it?"*

*"No," replied Frog. "I can't make my croaking sounds anymore."*

*"What happened?" asked Water Bug, concerned.*

*Frog told him the whole story about the contest.*

*"That is a shame," said Water Bug, as he began to float around the pond. "It was such a nice croak, too. Perhaps if you just rest awhile and not use your voice, you'll be all right."*

*Frog thought about taking a nap when Dragonfly came by and landed beside him.*

*"Hello," greeted Dragonfly. "It certainly is a nice day, isn't it?"*

*"Not really," replied Frog. "My croaking voice is gone."*

*"What seems to be the matter?" asked Dragonfly, concerned.*

*Once more, Frog told his story about the contest.*

*"It seems to me," said Dragonfly, "that if you take a brisk flight around the pond, the fresh air might be good for you."*

*Frog blinked his eyes and said, "I can't fly."*

*"Oh," said Dragonfly, blushing. "I forgot. How silly of me. I'm sorry."*

*"That's all right," said Frog. "You certainly meant well. I appreciate your help."*

*Dragonfly flew away and said, "It was such a nice croak, too."*

*Before long, Snail appeared on a reed near the lily pad where Frog glumly sat.*

*"Hello," said Snail. "It's a wonderful day, isn't it?"*

*"I'm beginning to have my doubts," sighed Frog.*

*"Why?" asked Snail. "Do you think it's going to rain?"*

*Frog looked up and said, "Oh, no. It's just that I don't have my croak anymore."*

*Snail thought for a moment. "I do believe I can help you."*

*"Really?" asked Frog. "How?"*

*Snail inched closer. "Chew on some bark from that Evergreen tree," she said, pointing her feelers toward a tree near the pond. "Try it. It will make your throat feel better."*

*"How do you know that?" asked Frog.*

*"My father is a doctor," replied Snail.*

*"Then I will try your suggestion," said Frog, anxiously.*

*He was just about to hop over to the Evergreen tree when Water Bug came back.*

*"Did you get your croak back yet?" he asked.*

*"Not yet," said Frog, "but I think I will soon."*

*Suddenly, Frog saw Blackbird flying around the pond.*

*This time, Blackbird found exactly what he was looking for.*

**WATER BUG.**

*"Oh, no," thought Frog. "My friend is in real trouble!"*

*Forgetting that he couldn't croak, Frog took a deep breath. . . and when Blackbird swooped down, Frog exhaled the loudest croak ever.*

*Blackbird was so frightened he flew swiftly away leaving a trail of feathers behind.*

*Water Bug floated over to Frog.*

*"Thanks," he said. "That was a close call. I'm mighty glad you got your croak back."*

*Frog smiled. "Me, too."*

## **Former DBIA Director of Fraternal Affairs Dies**

Paul E. Strand, Assistant Director of Development at Dana College in Blair, NE, died at Good Shepherd Home on December 30, 1988 at the age of 79 years.

Mr. Strand was born in Randers, Denmark in 1909 and as a child immigrated with his parents to Racine, Wisconsin. After completing high school in Racine he became associated with Cooper Industries of Chicago in a sales position. He then served as Director of Fraternal Affairs for the Danish Brotherhood in Omaha before joining the Dana College staff in 1964.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian.

## **It's Time For Camp**

Every year The Danish Brotherhood awards camp grants to youngsters to help them attend a camp of their own choosing. Your application for a grant must be received by April 15. Request the form from: The Danish Brotherhood in America, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

The camp grant program provides you with a cash award to be used to help reduce the cost of the camp you will attend.

The camp grant program is not related to the Skovsøen grant program being sponsored by local lodges of The Danish Brotherhood.

# Two Immigrant Societies

by Thorvald Hansen

Prior to 1850 there were relatively few Danes who emigrated to America. Though the figures are far from reliable, it appears that there were fewer than 2,000 Danes in this country by 1850. Among those were some who, as sailors, had jumped ship, especially lured by the news of the gold rush in California. Others who were here tended to be individuals from among the upper classes; persons who, for one reason or another, wanted to leave Denmark. And, because there were not many Danes, there were no real settlements.

After 1850 this began to change. There were a number of reasons for this, among them being the Mormon migration, the advent of steamships which put ocean travel within reach of the common man, the American Homestead Act of 1862, and, not least, the German victory in the war of 1864. By 1870 there were more than 30,000 Danes in this country and another 37,000 came in the next decade. The decade of the 1880s saw the arrival of over 72,000 Danish immigrants with the peak year being 1882 during which 11,676 Danes came to make their home in America.

By this time the new arrivals had already established a number of settlements, thus making possible a work by the Church. The growing number of settlements also gave rise to other organizational activities among the immigrants. During the decade of the 80s, not only were a number of local societies established but there were also some national groups. Among these were the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish People's Society. Motives for founding such societies varied but most common were a desire to preserve the language and customs with which the immigrants were familiar, a desire to provide a range of social activities, and to fulfill the need for some kind of mutual aid in times of trouble. These motives almost inevitably brought them into competition with each other and, more importantly, the Danish Church began to view these groups as competitors. It is, therefore, in what follows, a discussion of the relationship of both the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish People's Society to the Lutheran Church among the Danes. That relationship, as you may know, had serious consequences at the time and even today the ashes of the fires of resentment against the Danish Brotherhood still smolder in the Church.

## The Danish Brotherhood

In the late 1860s, Mark Hansen, who is perhaps best known for founding Danish Pioneer (Den Danske Pioneer) founded an organization, in Omaha known as Danish Brothers in Arms (De Danske Vaabenbrodre). He had served in the three years war in Denmark in 1848-51. The war with Prussia, in 1864, swelled the

ranks of the veterans and not only strengthened the local group but led to the formation of similar societies in a few other cities. The common bond was military service and the aim was primarily social, though some mutual aid benefits were also offered. By 1881 it was proposed that the local organizations should join forces in a national society.

Meanwhile, it was becoming obvious that an organization based on a common military service in Denmark had a very limited future. It was, therefore, proposed by some that the name of the organization should be changed to The Danish Brotherhood in America and that the constitution be rewritten so that membership in the organization would be open to "... other honorable men born of Danish parents or who were of Danish extraction." This proposal to change the name and broaden the base of the organization was not well received by some, notably Mark Hansen, who was the Supreme Commander. He and the treasurer walked out of the meeting in which this was being discussed, the latter taking the funds with him. The proposal was nevertheless accepted and an organizational meeting was held in Omaha on January 2, 1882. This has since been recognized as the date on which the Danish Brotherhood was founded. When the local group at Omaha held its regular meeting it endorsed the new name and constitution and directed the treasurer to turn over the funds.

The goals of the Brotherhood were to provide social activities, to assure mutual aid in cases of illness and death, and to maintain a common Danish background through the use of the Danish language and singing. From the very beginning the Brotherhood had a steady growth. Charters were issued to six lodges the first

Read About Today's Denmark

## Den Danske Pioneer

SINCE 1872

Send for a sample copy.  
The Danish Pioneer is written in  
both English and Danish.

\*If you already receive the paper,  
mail us the name of a friend or relative  
you believe would be interested in  
The Danish Pioneer

Advertise in Den Danske Pioneer -  
"Det betaler sig."

Chris Steffensen, Editor  
Bertelsen Publishing Company  
1582 Glen Lake Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195  
(312) 882-2552

### Larsen Bros. Danish Bakery

8000 24th N.W., Seattle, WA 98117 — (206) 782-8285

### Danish Coffee Cake

PACKED 1 PER BOX

Kringle . . . . . \$7.50 Filled with Almond Paste and Raisins

Smørkage . . . \$5.20 Filled with Custard Almond and Raisins

. . . . . Includes packing and UPS service in continental U.S.A. . . . .

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Gift Card as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

year, ten years later there were 41, and by 1910 there were 268 lodges with some 19,000 members in 27 states.

Though opposition from those who had been loyal to The Danish Brothers in Arms soon faded, new opponents quickly arose. The new organization soon found itself opposed by the Danish Church, and especially by F. L. Grundtvig. He was the son of N.F.S. Grundtvig and had come to America with his bride in 1881. After spending a year or more in Wisconsin's woods where he devoted his time to ornithology, he studied theology under Thorvald Helveg, was ordained to the ministry, and became to pastor at Clinton, Iowa in 1883. He soon became the spokesman for the Church's opposition to the Brotherhood.

His complaint was based on the fact that the Brotherhood was a secret society but, more especially, because it was seen as being in competition with the Church. He had no hesitation in classing the Brotherhood among what he called "the idol worshipping societies." In fact he wrote a 20 page pamphlet in 1887 which he called **The Church of Jesus Christ and the Idol Worshipping Societies** (Jesu Kristi Kirke og de Afgudsdyrkende Foreninger).

Though F. L. Grundtvig seems to have been the chief spokesman and the most determined opponent of the Danish Brotherhood, there were other pastors and lay people who shared this view. By 1884 the question became a concern of the convention of the Church, which in that year was assembled at Clinton, Iowa. The minutes of that annual meeting make it clear that, as far as the Danish Church was concerned, a problem existed. There was a good deal of discussion at that meeting concerning secret societies in general and the Danish Brotherhood in particular. The essence of the complaint against the Brotherhood was that it had arrogated to itself certain rites and practices that belonged exclusively to the Church. Especially cited was the fact that the Brotherhood Lodges had a chaplain. This office Grundtvig and others felt was one that belonged to the Church. Another problem was the use of certain rituals and ceremonies including the use of the Lord's Prayer. The latter was to be used only by Christians and the clear implication of this was that not all members of the Brotherhood were Christians.

A related but somewhat peripheral matter was the question of secrecy. Only in case of dire necessity should a Christian subscribe to an oath. It was the Church's view that no organization had a right to insist that its members take an oath of secrecy though this was recognized as being a common practice, not least among the Freemasons. It was pointed out that this could lead to all kinds of serious and even disastrous consequences. Some years later, by the way, Pastor O. L. Kirkeberg wrote a small book in Danish which he called *Secret Societies* (Hemmelige Foreninger). He devotes very little attention to the Danish Brotherhood but he gives a good deal of space to other secret societies. He also goes into great detail in reviewing the celebrated case of the disappearance of William Morgan in 1826. William Morgan was a resident of Batavia, New York, who had joined to Masonic Order, taken an oath of secrecy and later withdrawn from the Masons. Following this he had written a book about the Masonic secrets. He then disappeared under mysterious circumstances and there was good reason to think that overly zealous Masons were responsible for his death.

Incidentally, like Kirkeberg, Grundtvig does not devote much space to the Danish Brotherhood in his little volume but he does attack the Freemasons and the Odd Fellows.

For F. L. Grundtvig the Brotherhood question was not an abstraction; it was a concrete reality that he had met in his own congregation at Clinton. By 1884 there was already a sizable Brotherhood Lodge in Clinton and, under Grundtvig's leader-

ship, the congregation had taken action against it. It had adopted a resolution saying that no one who belonged to "...one of the secret societies which have their own form of worship may become a member of the congregation." Those who were already members would not be removed but no others could be accepted. It was Grundtvig's plan that the Synod should adopt a similar resolution.

This was not done however. While there were some who felt there should be no compromise in the matter there were others who sounded a note of caution. Thorvald Helveg, for instance, said that if the Church slammed the door on the Brotherhood it must be ready to take the consequences. He pointed out that there were many Brotherhood members in Racine and he urged that the Church be sympathetic toward the Danish Brotherhood. The result was that the 1884 convention directed that an approach be made to the Brotherhood in an attempt to work out the problems. During the course of the year that followed this approach came to nought and in 1885 the matter was once again before the convention of the Church.

This time F. L. Grundtvig again took the lead and introduced the matter by giving a lengthy talk about secret societies, and especially the Freemasons, which seemed to work against the Church. He voiced the fear that such societies might one day take over the property of the Church. Some said that there need not be too much concern about property because, after all, many members of such societies were also Christian people. Nevertheless the meeting did go on record as seeing the spirit of secret societies as evil and as stating that it was necessary to work against them.

In 1886 the matter took a new turn and this time involved the congregation at Tyler. Grundtvig had been present at the festivities attending the birth of the colony and these had concluded with the formation of a congregation. He tells about this in some detail in an article which appeared in **Dannevirke** on September 1, 1886. The new colony at Danebod apparently included some who had come from Clinton, Iowa. In any case, a constitution for the Danebod congregation was adopted which contained a stipulation that "...members of secret societies having their own worship of God cannot be accepted into the congregation." Grundtvig goes on to point out however that this stipulation has already become a source of controversy and it appears that the majority wish to eliminate it.

In an article in **Dannevirke** later that same month Grundtvig indicated that the stipulation was in danger and urged all who had purchased land in Tyler to write to him at once. In spite of this the next issue of **Dannevirke** reported that a meeting had been held in Tyler on September 26 at which time the majority had voted to delete the offending paragraph.

Quite naturally, this matter was discussed at the Church convention in the fall of 1886. Grundtvig felt that because a new congregation had also been organized at Lake Benton and those members did not take part in the Tyler vote the ban against lodge members had lost. The new congregation at Lake Benton, however, had voted unanimously against secret societies. He, therefore, urged the convention to send greetings to the congregation at Tyler along with an expression of support for the ban against lodge members. This raised considerable discussion. Kristian Anker, for example, felt the convention could not advise Tyler when older congregations had no such provision. Pastor Hansen, of Elk Horn, warned against denying membership to a lodge member saying that it would be unfair to the wife and children of such and might cause serious family friction. A.S. Nielsen pointed out that the convention had no authority to give a directive to the congregation at Tyler. After a good deal

more discussion the convention went on record as reaffirming its declaration of the previous year and leaving it to the Tyler congregation to deal with the matter as it best saw fit.

This marked the high point of the division between the Church and the Brotherhood. In the years that followed each organization more and more went its own way and they grew farther and farther apart even though their original differences were either not known and understood or long since forgotten. Thus, though the Brotherhood later dispensed with the office of chaplain and for the most part is no longer a secret society, the breach was never completely healed. While there is certainly no active conflict or opposition today there remains nevertheless, a respectful distance between the two organizations despite the fact of their common Danish origin.

**The Danish People's Society**

Just what connection, if any, there was between F. L. Grundtvig's position on the Danish Brotherhood and other secret societies and his move to establish the Danish People's Society is a matter for speculation. It is difficult to entirely escape the thought that there may have been some connection — at least subconsciously. Certainly, for Grundtvig, the human, with its social and national concerns, was closely related to Christianity. Though he felt very strongly that there was no substitute for the Church, he did not want to neglect the human, social, and national concerns of a people. It was therefore that, in 1887, he took the lead in establishing the Danish People's Society — Det Danske Folkesamfund.

Incidentally, the group in question is often referred to as the Danish Folk Society. That has always sounded a bit stilted. Further, the word folk has a somewhat different connotation in English than it does in Danish and, therefore, for our purposes it will be called the Danish People's Society.

The new organization's purpose was stated in the first paragraph of its rules. It read simply:

The purpose of the Society is, through all open and honorable means, to work toward the end that the Danes in America, without forgetting their obligation as American citizens, may gather in a common effort to preserve the Danish language and aid in fruitful development in the mother tongue.

Originally, the annual dues were to be 25 cents and there was to be no further assessment. There were to be three officers, namely a president, a vice president, and a treasurer. The president was to carry out the duties that normally would have fallen to a secretary. Official announcements were to be made through the weekly, **Dannevirke**. Local societies or chapters could be organized with a minimum of five members and a member could remain part of the group without lending support to local causes. It may be of special interest in this day to note that membership was open to both men and women.

The announcement of the organization of the Society and the invitation to join first appeared in **Dannevirke** on April 15, 1887. It was signed by 37 men and one woman. They represented nine states and, though most were from the midwest, New York and California were also represented. The names listed were those of some of the best known members of the Danish Church and there were a number of pastors among them. By mid-July of that same year 17 local groups with a total of 370 members had come into existence.

**Two Immigrant Societies  
will be continued in the  
March 1989 American Dane**

*You get*  
**Free Danish Lessons**  
*as a Bien subscriber  
.. and the latest news from  
Denmark ... local news too  
for only \$18 per year*

**BIEN**  
*Only Danish Weekly in the U.S.*

---

Yes, I would like to subscribe to Bien I enclose a check for \$18 (\$24 U.S. funds outside the United States). Send to:

**Bien, 1527 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, Ca. 91506**

Name .....

Address .....

City..... State..... Zip.....

*join*  *join*  
**VIKING TRAVEL CLUB**

**WHY PAY MORE!**  
**Lowest Fares to SCANDINAVIA**  
**Toll Free (800) 722 6268**  
**In NJ (201) 891-6641/3456**


*International and Domestic Travel*  
Tours - Cruises - Bargain Vacation Packages  
**THE VIKING TRAVEL CLUB CAN DO IT WORLD WIDE**  
Call or write for details

---

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEL \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
MAIL TO: Viking Travel Club  
795 Franklin Ave. Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

---

*To Denmark Finland Norway Sweden with FINNAIR - ICELANDAIR  
SAS - TOWER AIR - TWA - NORTHWEST  
AMERICAN to Germany & Switzerland - BRITISH AIR to London*

  
**"Traveling The World Since it was Flat"**  
A division of SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN WORLD TOURS, INC.

# 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** — Ads and support are being solicited for the Convention Program. If anyone would like to sponsor and help support the program, you may have your name listed in the program for \$5.00. Make checks payable to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29 and give to Martin Rasmussen.

Win a trip to Denmark, leather chair, trip to Reno, figurine or \$100 savings bond at the Pacific Northwest District Convention in Seattle on May 20, 1989. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of six for \$5.00 and can be obtained from Flemming Sorensen.

We elected our officers for 1989 as follows: Past President, Gerald Jensen; President, Mel Hollister; Vice President, Hans Rasmussen; Secretary, Margaret Craford; Treasurer, Edith Andersen; Financial Treasurer, Craig Emmick; Trustee Chairman, Greg Hansen; 2nd Trustee, Frank Larsen; 3rd Trustee, Gary Bang; Conductor, Rudy Hansen; and Guard, Niels Jensen.

We enjoyed gløgg and snacks during a very well attended December meeting and joined the Sisters for coffee and homemade goodies afterwards. Many toys for tots were placed under the tree and lots of groceries were brought for Operation Care and Share. Gifts for the homeless were brought to help others have a merry Christmas.

Welcome to Erik Muller and William R. Andersen, the newest members of our lodge. Hope to see you at meetings often.

Memorials and moments of silence were held for Marguerite Tait and Maria Kjaer who died recently. Both were longtime members. Honor be to their memory.

**Frank Poulsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — Invitations have been sent to District Sisterhood President, Debbie Johnson of Portland, Oregon, and District Brotherhood President, Gerald B. Jensen of Seattle, Washington, to join  
Page 10

The best idea for February goes to Lodge No. 167, Portland, Oregon. See page 15.

us for the joint installation ceremonies on Saturday, March 4. Plan to come and help them enjoy their visit here.

The 1989 officers-elect are as follows: Past President, Merle Kinder; President, Rudy Vida; Vice President, Darrell Larsen; Secretary, Lawrence Charneski; Treasurer, Emil Larsen; 1st Trustee, Edith Gage; 2nd Trustee, Fred Matheny; 3rd Trustee, Gene Hall; Conductor, Iver Hansen; and Entertainment Chairman, Woodrow Nelsen.

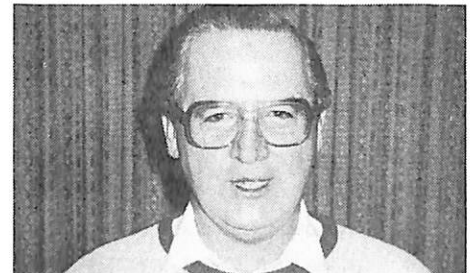


Farewell to our good friend, Sheridan Perry.

Sheridan W. Perry passed away November 30, 1988. Participants of the 1988 National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, will remember his dog, Pjuske, as the bearer of greetings from the Spokane lodges to the convention. Everyone attending the Pacific-Northwest District Convention in May of 1987 in Spokane shared the laughter and fellowship of two evenings... "in Odense with Hans Christian Andersen" as prepared and presented by generations of the Perry family from all around the West Coast in honor of Sheridan and Agnes Perry who were Presidents of the two Spokane Danish lodges at that time.  
**Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — Our December meeting opened with 32 members present.

Newly elected officers for 1989 are as follows: Past President, Asbjorn Fisker; President, Fred Batchelor; Vice President, Lisa Mortensen; Secretary, Sylvia Hurst; Treasurer, Larry West; 1st Trustee, Debbie Turner; 2nd Trustee, George Larsen; 3rd Trustee, Jan Christensen; Conductor, Norman Powell; Outer Guard, Karlene Thor-kildsen; Inner Guard, Dana Nielsen; Young Viking Adv., Kris Roley; and Activity Director, Ely Batchelor. Congratulations to all officers and best wishes for a productive year in 1989!



Congratulations to our new President, Fred Batchelor.



Young Vikings enjoy dancing around the Christmas tree and singing carols.



Three exchange students enjoyed the annual Christmas party.

The Dansk Julefest and children's program held December 4 was well attended and enjoyed by all. The program was a learning experience and fun, too.

Continued on page 15.

The Danish Language Village *affiliated with*

**Concordia Language Villages, Moorhead, Minnesota**

# SKOVSOEN '89



Costumed Danish villagers

Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village, is looking forward to another outstanding session next August. Established in 1982, Skovsøen is one of ten villages in the distinguished Concordia Language Villages program founded in 1961. The outstanding success of this program is due to its innovative and exciting methodology of learning a language through everyday use.

What is Skovsøen like? Skovsøen is special! It is like a visit to Denmark. When you arrive at the village, you will be greeted by customs inspectors, your American money will be exchanged for real Danish kroner and you will choose your own Danish name. Each day you will hear Danish spoken, and with the help of trained language instructors, you'll begin understanding and speaking Danish before you realize it, even if you've never spoken Danish before in your life.

You will learn Danish songs, crafts, sports, folk dances and customs. You will eat Danish food and learn about Danish traditions, such as those associated with Jul (Christmas) and Midsommer (midsummer). And you will discover the rich heritage your parents, grandparents or great-grandparents knew in Denmark.

In addition to learning the language and culture of Denmark, you will enjoy all the other activities one would expect to find at a northern Minnesota lakeside program — swimming, canoeing, hiking, volleyball, soccer and campfires. You will share a cabin with other villagers of the same sex and age and with cabin counselors.

# VELKOMMEN TIL SKOVSOEN

<b>Where:</b>	The Danish Village will be held at Camp Emmaus on Morgan Lake, about one and one-half miles northeast of Menahga, Minnesota, which is approximately 12 miles south of Park Rapids, Minnesota, on Highway 71.
<b>When:</b>	August 14-26, 1989
<b>For whom:</b>	Young people aged 8-17 who are interested in Denmark, the Danish language and culture.
<b>Costs:</b>	The cost for the two-week session is \$510, but no one using the attached application form need pay the full price because of a variety of scholarships available (see below). The cost includes tuition, food, lodging, insurance and instruction. A deposit of \$75 (\$25 nonrefundable) is required with each application.
<b>Transportation:</b>	Villagers must pay transportation costs to and from the village. Transportation by chartered coach will be available from Minneapolis and from Moorhead. Further information will be sent once your application has been received.
<b>Cancellation Policy:</b>	Should a reservation need to be canceled, full refund less the \$25 nonrefundable deposit will be made until July 15, 1989.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Described in this brochure are three different scholarships available for attendance at Skovsøen in 1989.

The criterion for receiving a scholarship is interest in learning the Danish language, culture and heritage. Scholarships are not awarded on the basis of financial need and are available to anyone regardless of race, creed, sex or national origin. All scholarship applications will be acted upon in the order of postmarking.

### I. Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Scholarships

1. A limited number of scholarships for \$125 each will be granted.
2. Anyone may apply.
3. You and your parents must complete and sign the attached application form.
4. Send the completed application form and a check for \$75 made out to Skovsøen to:  
Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc.  
% Danish-American Center  
4200 Cedar Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55407.
5. The scholarship application deadline is May 1.
6. The final payment, which is due July 15, should be sent to the above address.
7. This is the only form necessary for enrolling. Please **do not** send another application to the Concordia Language Villages office. We will send a copy of this application to that office, which will then send you further information.

### II. Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge Scholarships

1. If your Danish Brotherhood lodge awards you a \$100 scholarship, the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters will match that amount for a total scholarship of \$200.
2. Members, children of members or grandchildren of members of Danish Brotherhood in America may apply.
3. You and your parents must complete and sign the attached application form.
4. Submit the completed application, a letter explaining why you would like to attend Skovsøen and a check for \$75 made payable to Skovsøen to your lodge secretary, who should forward them to: Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha NE 68131. Please **do not** send another application to the Concordia Language Villages office.
5. The scholarship application deadline is June 1.
6. A check for your final payment, which is due July 15, should be made payable to Skovsøen and sent to Skovsøen, 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407.
7. Skovsøen Inc. and Danish Brotherhood in America scholarships are mutually exclusive; therefore, if you receive one, you will not receive the other.

### III. Concordia Language Village Scholarships

1. Scholarships of \$40 each will automatically be given to anyone who registers in accordance with I or II above.
2. This scholarship is given **in addition** to any other scholarships you may receive.

### IV. Important

The Concordia Language Villages has requested Skovsøen Danish Village Inc. (described on page 4) to coordinate all Danish Village scholarship applications and tuition payments. It is important, therefore, that you observe the following instructions:

1. You must use the Danish Village application form on the next page. **Do not** use the Concordia Language Villages application form found in the summer brochure or the Interpreter.
2. Process your application and payment through either Skovsøen in Minneapolis or through the Danish Brotherhood in America in Omaha. **Do not** send your money or application directly to the Concordia Language Villages. All checks should be made payable to "Skovsøen."
3. Failure to process your application and payment according to the above instructions will result in your **not** receiving a scholarship.
4. The only payment to be sent to the Concordia Language Villages should be for transportation. All requests for transportation **must** be made to the Concordia Language Villages, 901 South Eighth Street, Moorhead, MN 56560.

# SKOV SØ EN A P P L I C A T I O N F O R M 1 9 8 9

## Concordia College Danish Language Village

For Office  
Use Only

### I. VILLAGE SESSION

Danish 6 August 14-26, 1989  
Session No. and language Dates

### II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade attended \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Month Day Year '88-'89

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_

\* Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ Home telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

Father's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Work telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Work telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Send bills/receipts to \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

\*Unless otherwise requested, all mailings will be sent to your home address.

### III. LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

Have you ever attended the Danish Language Village before? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which years? \_\_\_\_\_ Which color level did you complete? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any of the other Concordia Language Villages? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, give language(s) and years \_\_\_\_\_ '80 '81 '82 '83 '84 '85 '86 '87 '88

Foreign language studied in school, if any \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of instruction (1/2 year, 1 year, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of language teacher, or other interested teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Have you studied Danish elsewhere? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many years \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you study? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been to Denmark? \_\_\_\_\_ Residence abroad? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Is Danish spoken in your home? Quite a bit \_\_\_\_\_ Not too much \_\_\_\_\_ Not at all \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Skovsøen SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (If you are granted a scholarship through your Danish Brotherhood, you will not be granted one through Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc., Minneapolis)

I hereby apply for a scholarship to the Skovsøen Danish Language Village:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' or guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ State ZIP

Are you the recipient of any other scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how much \_\_\_\_\_

And from whom \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to Skovsøen and SEND application plus deposit either to:

Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc.  
 % Danish-American Center  
 4200 Cedar Ave.  
 Minneapolis, MN 55407

Or to your **Danish Brotherhood**  
 lodge secretary who in turn will mail it  
 along with the lodge's scholarship check  
 to the Danish Brotherhood in America,  
 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131

# Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc.



Skovsoen's dining hall is spacious.

Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc., is a Minnesota non-profit, tax-exempt, tax-deductible corporation organized as a support group separate and distinct from the village itself. It headquarters out of the Danish American Center at 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407 and is a progeny of the Danish American Fellowship of Minnesota, an umbrella organization for various Danish interest groups.

Skovsøen Inc., in its support activities, seeks funds for scholarships, grants scholarships, promotes the village and villagers, aids in seeking counselors and staff, assists in providing materials for projects for use at the village and has been requested by the Concordia Language Villages to coordinate all Skovsøen Village applications, scholarships and tuition payments. Skovsøen Inc. has no employees or paid solicitors, and all officers and directors are volunteers. All contributions to it are tax-deductible for those who itemize.

## Honorary Advisors

**The Honorable Eugenie Anderson**  
Former U.S. Ambassador to  
Denmark  
Red Wing, Minnesota

**Ray Christensen**  
WCCO Radio  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Dr. Paul Dovre**  
President, Concordia College  
Moorhead, Minnesota

**The Honorable Knud Rasmussen**  
Consul General of Denmark  
Chicago, Illinois

**W. Soren Egekvist**  
President, Sorenco, Inc.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Robert E. Ibsen**  
Past President, Danish  
Brotherhood in America  
Omaha, Nebraska

**Gordon Johnson**  
Honorary Consul of Denmark  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Dr. Karl Langrock**  
President, Grand View College  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Donald G. Padilla**  
Chairman, Padilla & Speer, Inc.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Jorgen Viltoft**  
Ret. President, Radisson Hotel Corp.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Niels Jacob Andersen**  
Danish Radio  
Copenhagen, Denmark

## Board of Directors

**Marvel Andersen**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Patricia Bomash**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Pamela Dorau**, Director, Fraternal  
Services, The Danish Brotherhood in  
America — Omaha, Nebraska

**Leif Duus**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Niels Jensen**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Vagn Jensen**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Hans Larsen**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Inger Larsen**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Nina Mosser**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Miriam Showalter**  
New Brighton, Minnesota

**Marilyn Storm**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Sarah Bjelde**  
Concordia Language Villages  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



**CONCORDIA  
LANGUAGE  
VILLAGES**  
MOORHEAD, MN 56560



# SKOVSDØEN

Put stamp here.  
The Post Office  
will not deliver  
mail without  
postage.

*The Concordia Language Villages do not discriminate or deny benefits to their USDA Child Nutritional Programs on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or physical handicap and are in full compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.*

Our children and grandchildren were dressed in red boots and Nissen hats and each had a different Jul plate to tell a little story about. The julemand joined them to dance around the tree decorated with Jul-hearts and then wished them "Glaedelig Jul" while handing them a treat bag. There were about 75 children and almost as many adults. Mange tak to the very efficient and hard working committee — it was worth the effort to see the smiles and watch the dancers and children enjoy the time. We hope to have another children's program again and are saving all our props with this in mind.

**Ed Hirsch has been visiting a Danish lady in the nursing home and would like to be able to take her a box of candy from the Brotherhood. It was approved that he be given a check for the candy.** The Salvation Army "Dress A Child" program will again be supported by the lodge. Two hundred children will be outfitted \$100 per child. It was recommended and approved that we support the program this year with \$200.

Some future dates to start planning for include February 12, Young Viking Snow-day at Snowbunny Lodge; February 20-25, Danish Week at the Embassy Suite; February 26, concert at the Intermediate Theatre with all benefits going to the Scandinavian classes at Portland State University.

**Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

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

**Lodge #268, Junction City, OR** — Our lodge along with the Sisterhood Lodge No. 122 held a combination potluck and Christmas party on December 20. There were 38 present, including two small children. Everyone was given a name tag with different pictures on them. After the happy hour, we learned the reason for the pictures. Everyone whose tag had a picture of a tree, etc., was to stand with all those who had tags to match. There were six of each picture and, surprise, there were six places at each table. It was a novel way to mix-em-up and the conversations at each table was very interesting.

After everyone had their fill of the many delicious foods and more dessert than one should eat, a drawing was held for door prizes using our name tags.

Santa Claus arrived with gifts for the two children, who immediately informed us that they knew who Santa was. It was their uncle, Harvey Nielsen.

Jean Reerslev, Sisterhood President, Marge Edwards and Elinor Borgaard were in charge of the dinner. Helga Stumpf, Isla Christensen and Thelma Loth were responsible for the program. Also Jack

Loth, President-elect of our lodge and others helped. Papr plates were numbered and put on the floor in a large circle for a cakewalk. Jean Reerslev played carols and we sang while players circled. When Jean would stop, everyone would stand on a plate, a number would be drawn and whoever was on that plate, would win. Even Santa Claus, who had stayed for the games, won a cake. Bet he ate it all before he got back to the North Pole!

Jokes and poems were shared and then a group gathered around the piano and sang while Jean played. We were having such a good time harmonizing, that we did not notice that the men had put away the tables and most of the rest had left.

**Lodge #273, Dillon, MT** — We held election of officers for 1989 at the December meeting. Results were as follows: President, Thomas Andersen; Vice President, Ron Nielsen; Secretary, Harry Abernethy; Treasurer, William Hawkins; Conductor, Clifford Bay; Trustees, Howard Andersen, Randy Tommerup, and Fred Brown; Inner Guard, Hansine Hansen; and Outer Guard, Judy Brown.

The officers were installed at the January 7 meeting. Installing officer was Leonard Hansen and installing conductor was Anna Tovey.

**Harry Abernethy, Sec.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — At our December meeting there were 52 members present. We began with our usual meeting procedure. We accepted one new application for membership. His name was Carl Jacobsen. Welcome Carl!

At our last meeting, we appointed Mogens Mogensen as Chairman for our general meeting. We began with the President's report and the Treasurer's report.

The officers for 1989 are as follows: Past President, Karl Kristensen; President, Peter Praegel; Vice President, Villy Andersen; Secretary, Peter M. Jensen; Treasurer, Herluf Pedersen; First Trustee, Axel Johannsen; Second Trustee, Henning Hall; Third Trustee, Tommy Johansen; Conductor, Uwe Bruhn; Inner Guard, John Mikkelsen; Outer Guard, Kalle Moser; First Alternate, Bent Jensen; and Second Alternate, Conny Vinther.

A thanks was given to Mogens Mogensen for conducting the general meeting in a proper fashion. He also received a bottle of Gammel Dansk for services rendered.

A motion was made that the general meeting should be moved to the second Wednesday in January. This motion was passed.

When the meeting concluded, everyone enjoyed the two sandwiches and two

drinks donated by the Brotherhood.

With sorrow it becomes my sad duty to report that we have again lost a link in our fraternal chain of Brotherhood and it is with profound regret and in thoughtful remembrance of Brother Peter Rasch who passed on to the eternal Brotherhood of man. Be it resolved that we sincerely and deeply regret the loss of true, good, and loyal Brothers, that we extend to their bereaved families our most deep felt sympathy and consolation.

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

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — President Peter Jensen called the December meeting to order with 35 members present. Chris Christensen introduced his guest, his nephew Jans Christensen, from Denmark.

The Danish classes began in early January. Mary Stefansen reminded us that there needs to be a newsletter committee selected since she has resigned and will not be doing the January newsletter.

Lois Toftemark gave the final convention report. After all money had been collected and all bills paid, there was an ending balance of \$451.96 in the black.

The slate of officers were read and it was moved, seconded, and passed to close the nominations. Flemming Pedersen moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. It was seconded by Niels Nedergard and the motion passed.

Allen Nyegaard, as representative of Oregon Outreach, reported that there was a \$32,000 budget that needs to be allocated. A form was sent to Danes to help identify other Danes in the area and find out how the people would like the money to be used. Allen encouraged everyone to fill out the form and return it.

A motion was made to donate \$50 to the Eugene Mission and \$50 to the Salvation Army, plus our food donations to Operation Care and Share. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion was held on a newsletter committee. The time needed to put the newsletter together would be approximately 12 hours a month which includes the copying. There are over 200 mailings.

During the coffee hour after the meeting, the committee for the month chaired by Karen and Knud Toftemark, demonstrated and helped others make Danish Christmas ornaments, stars made out of strips of paper or ribbon and hearts made out of red and white wrapping, woven together to make the heart. It was a lot of fun and interesting to learn a Danish craft. Coffee, cookies and aebleskager were served.

Peter Jensen was in charge of the Christmas party with help from Birgit Sand, Eva

Nielsen, and Al Nyegaard. Glenn and Betty Matson bagged all the treats for the children. There were 30 adults and 20 children present to join in the fun. As Birgit played the piano and Peter the violin, all danced around the tree singing Danish and American carols. Eva Nielsen read the favorite, The Little Match Girl. Al Nyegaard read the Christmas story from the Bible. Then Santa Claus arrived to give the children a bag of candy and fruit. Everyone adjourned to the downstairs dining room, where cookies and ris a lamande were served along with coffee and cocoa. Ten people found almonds in their pudding and received a prize.

Verna Lynge, Cor.

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

**Lodge #184, Hayward, CA** - Following a delicious Christmas dinner at Fred and Ceil Mahler's home on December 2, we elected the following new officers for 1989: Lynn Troxel, III, Past President; Fred Mahler, President; Roy Anthony, Vice President; Signe Ann McNeil, Secretary-Treasurer; Ceil Mahler, Conductor; Debi Mahler, Guard; and Roy Anthony and Rowland McNeil, Trustees.

Our next meeting will be April 7, at the home of Debi Mahler at 7:30 p.m.

Lynn Troxel, III, Past Pres.

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — Our annual Christmas dinner took place on December 14 and was attended by approximately 145 members and guests. Following the social hour a short meeting was conducted by President, Bent Olsen. An unanimous vote was obtained for the previously nominated slate of officers for 1989, and a donation of \$500 to the Lutheran Home Endowment Fund was approved.

A most delightful, typical Danish Christmas dinner, cooked to perfection by Jorgen Hansen and crew, was served.

The Christmas spirit was further stimulated by members of the Santa Ynez Valley Chorale; Suzane Hollrah, Kate Johnson, Lorette McDonnell and Gene Madsen. This lively quartet really took the audience by storm, putting on a show with sketches and songs, and finally got everyone involved in singing Christmas songs.

The whole affair was a huge success, thanks to the dinner and entertainment committees headed by Jorgen Hansen and Erik Petersen.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — The joint installation will be held Saturday, February 18 at the "Alamo" to be hosted by Danish

Sisterhood Lodge No. 68. Plan to attend!

Seventy members and friends attended our annual Christmas party. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all who helped so willingly to make this such a success, too many to mention individually. The membership did a wonderful job cooking a traditional Danish Christmas dinner. Everything from gløgg to roast pork with all the trimmings, to the final touch, a Danish applegate.

We even had a visit from Santa, and we all joined hands and danced around the Christmas tree, singing the old familiar carols. Thanks to all who came and supported this, our annual money making project.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — We of Holger Danske lodge are looking forward to a good year. We ask that all members make a concerted effort to attend all the meetings of the year. To make yourself available when called upon, to be a good friend to all in the lodge. Keep in touch with each other during the year by home calls or phone calls. Remember if you are in need, we are a fraternal organization and able to aid and assist.

We had approximately 112 members and friends with us at our family Christmas party-dinner. Santa Claus was able to be with us around the 5:30 hour, so little ones present didn't have to get impatient waiting for his arrival. With cheers of Merry Christmas, Santa arrived with his large bag of presents to distribute.

A big thanks goes to our President Gary Gossett who cooked the dinner. He was at the lodge very early in the day to put the turkeys in the oven. His children, Bryce, Jamey, and DaNeil, and Gary's father, Bob, were also helping him. Gary's wife Toni is also to be included in this thanks. She did the planning, calling, worrying, etc., it takes to put on this type of dinner. One of the big jobs of this dinner is the clean up work, a thank-less job, which takes a lot of time and energy and Gary was out in the kitchen long after everyone had left. Thanks to Soren Christensen for donating the fruit for the Christmas sacks and for sticking with Gary in helping before and after with the clean up. Thanks to Hazel Kjellsen for decorating the tables, they looked wonderful and Howard Kjellsen was seen "warden-ing the dinner." Thanks to Helga and Kaj Bjorn for decorating the Christmas tree and thanks to Ken Olsen for donating the tree. Thanks to Rosemary Allison for making, filling, and buying those cute toys for the Christmas bags. Let's not forget to thank Santa Claus (Jim Dwyer) and his helpers, Rosemary

Allison and Sherman Nielsen. Thanks to all the ladies who brought salads and desserts and Hazel and Dawn for making the delicious red cabbage. Thanks to our members who brought their families and friends to the party. This is what makes the whole effort worthwhile.

We did miss a few of our members, those who are always in attendance, and we're sorry you could not be with us. We hope you'll try to go to the next regular meeting on February 11, 1989.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE  
Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — Well, Kodan caterers did it again. This was the second time we've combined the children's Christmas party with the adult's and by next year we should have everything down pat on the timing. We had 26 children and 52 adults attend our December 3 party and there was plenty of food for all.

Chef Nancy Nielsen and Bill Johansen did an outstanding job of cooking the medisterpølse. As a matter of fact, Bill



The food was delicious.



Everyone enjoys dancing around the tree.

insisted on testing a pølsa from each batch that he cooked up to make sure they were done right. Vikki Garrison once again made the red cabbage for us and it was good as usual, and Lisa Piehl did a super job of making a bucket of gravy for us. Sue Patterson made the meatballs up ahead of time so we all had to do was boil the potatoes.

Tom Loveday and Jim put in a wood burning heater in the shop just in time for the party so we had something to keep warm by and the weather really was nice for us that day anyway. Thanks Tom and for the use of your large cooking utensils. After dinner the kids sang around the tree and Julemande and his helper passed out the gifts and stockings and I don't think there was a child that wasn't very happy with their gift. We served up the sweets after that and then Pete Petersen held the adult's gift exchange. We really had some laughs and fun with that.

A very big thank you to our cooks and to those who donated sweets like Grethe Perez, Linda Jones, Darlene Petersen, Chris Terkelsen, Elisa Mitre, Norma Loveday, and Carolyn Lindberg. Thank you, of course, to Santa's helper, Kaj Del Grippo, and to Santa himself, Norman Runstrum, and to the man who really worked the whole night, our jolly bartender, Bill Del Grippo, and once again to Nancy Nielsen for her now famous glugg.

At our last meeting, we voted on applications from Donald and Ester Persson for membership. They had visited us at our November bingo meeting and decided to stay. We're so glad they did. Welcome to Kodan!

**Sue Patterson, Pres.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST DISTRICT**

**NEBRASKA**

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Another year is now history for our lodge and we had our election of officers for 1989. Thanks to the

outgoing officers, Secretary Barbara Rennert, Treasurer Svend Greve, and Trustee Edna DeFreece for their devotion to the lodge this past year.

We are also looking forward to working with the new Board members: Secretary Jim Christiansen, Treasurer Pam Dorau, Trustee Dale Dorau, and Conductor Bob Storms. With the support of the entire membership, we can have a great year.

Four persons were accepted into our membership at our December 13 meeting. Welcome Dallas O. Petersen, Martin E. Petersen, Jr., Janelle L. Petersen, and Ruby J. Welna.

We held our annual Christmas party at Vennelyst Park on December 13. The program included a story telling time by Annette Andersen, singing carols around the Christmas tree, and a visit from Santa Claus. Christmas cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate were enjoyed by all. A special thank you to the committee — Flo Hansen, Ruth Nielsen, Elaine Andersen, Marie Jensen, and Esther Welliver.

**Jim Christiansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE** — The Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges in Lincoln met in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Saturday, December 10 with 60 Sisters, Brothers and guests in attendance. A wonderful traditional cooperative Danish Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all with prune-stuffed roast pork, frikadellar, rødkaal and other vegetables, buttered, parslied potatoes, salads, breads, rice almond puddings, aebleskage (prizes to finders of two whole almonds in rice pudding), a Danish tradition, coffee and tea.

On the Food Committee were: Ida and Stenvald Pedersen, Chairman; Marion Wood, Merle Tomlinson, Joan White, Paul and Mildred Nielsen. The room and tables were festively decorated in Danish and American tradition.

Mrs. Naomi Wilson introduced our guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. Mary Alice Snider, who gave us the "History of

Carols." She used the piano as the basis for her presentation. This was followed by the audience participation in caroling.

Those with birthdays were honored, followed by the exchange of gifts which provided some gay conviviality. Everyone brought a contribution of canned and packaged foods for the Lincoln Needy (food bank).

**Don Lehn, Cor.**

**IOWA-MINNESOTA**

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — Santa (Norm Tague) was very popular with the 24 children and the 47 adults who attended the Christmas party on December 11. The committee who organized the party did a wonderful job and we all feasted on delicious goodies.



**No one is too young to enjoy Santa Claus.**

The new Board members for 1989 were installed in a service at our December 12 meeting and three new members were initiated — Eric Jorgensen, Berger and Betty Lou Olsen.

Our correspondent, Wilber Williamson, and his wife Cleo, have gone south to the sunshine. Have a good year everyone.

**Mary Riber, Cor.**

**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — We had a record turnout of over 80 people at the Christmas party held on December 12. The beautiful

**Lest We Forget**

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

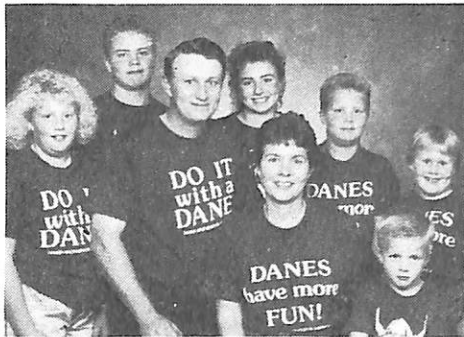
Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
1987	Thomas Hansen	95	Roskilde, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1912
11-25-88	Oscar Nelson	86	Boeslunde, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1928
12-3-88	William Johnson	95	Stillwater, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1935
12-2-88	James H. Johnson	67	Dagmar, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1939
12-8-88	George Godthaab	75	Middelfart, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1932
12-21-88	Meyers Ibsen	78	Torma, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1928
12-24-88	Svend K. Madsen	65	Baekke, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1973
12-22-88	Earl L. Collins	72	Crescent, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1961
12-4-88	Ivar S. Johansson	82	Sweden	35	Chicago, Illinois	1984



Janeen Danielsen leads the story time.



Everyone dances around the tree.



The Ken Andersen family really knows how to promote their heritage.

table of special open-faced sandwiches, cookies, and apple cake was made ever-more attractive by the kranselage made by Barbara Andersen and Rita Galloway.

While the food was delicious, the event was very festive because of several in costumes. We danced around the pretty Christmas tree and made three large circles, singing Christmas carols as we went. The children were fascinated by stories, some by Hans Christian Andersen, as told by Janeen Danielsen, our expert story-teller.

**Lyle Refshauge, Sec.**

**Lodge #147, Newell, IA** — We held our annual Christmas party and potluck supper at the Lutheran Church fellowship hall on Wednesday, December 21. After supper, court whist was played followed by singing and dancing around the Christmas tree. About 30 were present.

At our November 19 meeting, we were privileged to have Woodrow Petersen of the National Board of Directors as our guest. He gave a very interesting talk to the combined Brotherhood and Sisterhood group.

**Elmer Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA** — We met in November for a Harvestfest potluck

supper. A discussion was held during the meeting on the upcoming "Enchanted Forest" to be held in Webster City. Many told of what a typical Danish Christmas tree was like. Verner Sorensen brought the Danish Sisterhood scrapbook. It had many interesting articles that included many of the Brotherhood members. Verner was also the winner of a plaque for his dancing. Kathy Sonsalla read a story of the Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates and how they began. Members adjourned for coffee and the making of Christmas gifts. Kathy Sonsalla brought several ideas of crafts and those who wanted to take part could pick any or all of them to make.

The December meeting night began with the introduction of a guest, Olsa Graham. She was born in Denmark and now lives in Mason City. Kathy Sonsalla passed around a letter from the organization that held the "Enchanted Forest" in Webster City. They sent their thanks for sponsoring the tree. Officers for 1989 were elected. We then held hands and "danced" around the Christmas tree as we sang Christmas carols. Wally Johansen and Olsa Graham lead us in a lively Danish song. We then adjourned to play bingo and were served delicious open-faced sandwiches and sweets.

The "Enchanted Forest" was held on December 3 at the First State Bank in Webster City. Twenty-five Christmas trees of various themes were on display for the public to view. Trees such as Holy Cow, It's Christmas (all cows), a Dutch tree, Peaches and Cream, Mickey Mouse, a Scandinavian tree, and our Danish Christmas tree were among them. Kathy Sonsalla put the tree up with the help of son Todd and husband Jerry. She typed a paper telling that a Danish Christmas comes from the heart. These were given out to the public. It also told of the Danish Brotherhood and Denmark. Many items on the tree were gifts from family in Denmark and some were made by Tammi Sonsalla and Kathy (woven hearts). Other members of the lodge donated things to put on the tree. There was entertainment throughout the day. Over 400 were in attendance. Bev Sorensen and Edith Skene made the trip to Webster City to see the display. A small fee was charged for admission and coffee, cider and cookies were served. Proceeds were given to a local charity. Many people showed an interest in the Danish Christmas tree.

**Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

**Lodge #263, Askov, MN** — Henry Larsen received a certificate of merit from the National Board of the Danish Brotherhood in America on his 96th birthday January 6



Congratulations Henry Larsen!

at the Sandstone Nursing Home. He has been a member of Lodge 263 since July 1, 1918. Byron Petersen, Askov presented the award.

**Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA** — We held our Christmas potluck supper at the Elk Horn Town Hall on December 30. Fifty-three members were present. Signe Madsen, Vice President, presided over the business meeting. Elected to 1989 offices were Signe Madsen, President; Gary Christensen, Vice President; Gwendolyn Block, Secretary; Mabel Madsen, Treasurer; and Naomi Steen, Flowers and Cards. Howard Hansen will organize the bowling teams.

Christmas songs were sung and bingo was played.

Coffee, cookies and candy goodies were served at the end of the evening.

**Verdie Christensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — Forty-one members and visitors attended our meeting on January 9 at the Fire Station meeting room. Folmer Molgaard was nominated for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award. New officers to be installed at our March 13 meeting, are as follows: President, Gail R. Nelson; Vice President, Paul Williamson; Secretary, Mary Ann Christensen; and Treasurer, Harvey Hansen. We are happy to welcome new members, Jack and Eileen Denne of Griswold and Everett and Evelyn Rechtenbach of Atlantic.

Chet Holland and Mary Lou Hoegh of the Special Project Committee, designed to raise funds for the Danish Museum, challenged everyone to say a sentence of at least three words in Danish. The "fine" for failure was \$1.00 and only 50 cents for a good attempt. Doris Bell was the judge to make sure no one use German or profanity. It was alot of fun and helped our pledge fund, too.

Katarina Gustavsson, a foreign exchange student from Sweden, who is staying with Ed and Jolene Smith, gave a slide presentation of Sweden. She featured forests, farmland, industries, and told of government programs relating to child care, elderly centers and national health and dental plans. We also enjoyed her slides of recreational areas for fishing, skiing, and the traditional Santa Lucia and Midsummer Eve celebrations of her homeland.

Bob and Frances Nelson, Marian Pedersen, and Helen and Folmer Molgaard were in charge of the program and delicious lunch.

Mary Ann Christiansen, Sec.

## MIDWEST

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

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — Our annual torsk supper and dance was enjoyed immensely by 180 people. The hall was decorated nicely in red and white with posters and ships. Akvavit and Carlsberg were served along with plenty of torsk and all the trimmings. Thank you to the committee — Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Ray and Jayne Zieth, Roger and Henrietta Sorensen, Harold and Kaye Bordeau, Anker Adelsen and Linda Kirby.

On November 15 it was our pleasure to be a sponsor for the Aabyhoj Men and Women's basketball teams from Denmark who played at Carthage College. Although they did not win they did us proud and gave the Carthage teams a good game and all that they could handle. There were over 800 people at the game with the students and about 200 came to the hall afterwards to meet these fine young people and their coaches. A lunch was served and all enjoyed themselves with food and song. We were presented a nice plate and some Danish cookies from the teams. It was a most enjoyable evening and we should all be proud that we had a hand in bringing them to Kenosha. Thanks to Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Lillian Andersen, and Ruth Zydowsky who helped out. A special thanks to Kenneth E. Hansen for going to Carthage and being the Goodwill Ambassador for our lodge the day of the game. We also received a certificate from Mayor Moran proclaiming Kenosha Danish Friendship Night.

On November 17 we held our membership recognition dinner for those new members of 1988 and their sponsors. It was a good turnout and enjoyed by all.

We are now saving all of our glass bottles to donate to the soup kitchen. They in turn sell them to raise money to help

feed the needy. You can help. Save your cans and glass throw aways and take to the Shalom Center.

Recently several Brothers came in to paint all of our new and old radiator covers and some other painting in the rathskellar. Our sincere thanks for that extra effort go to Ed Gastaldi, Carl Swanson, Arnold Lehto, Roger Sorensen, Gerald Sherer, and Roy Staude.

Our thanks to Ben Peterson, Duke Ellingham, Roger Sorensen, and Ray Zieth for visiting our shut-in Brothers at Christmas time.

Welcome new members, Wayne Koessl, Santo Principe, Harold Kubart, Paul Saftig, Troy Barnett, Jack Saarela, Patrick

McDonald, and Robert Saksvig.

Our Sweetheart's Sock Hop will be held Saturday, February 18, 1989. Dig out your 50s and 60s attire and bring your friends!

Bob Ibsen, Cor.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Officers elected at the December meeting are as follows: Past President, Keith Telford; President, Jim 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.

A fun time was had by all at our dance held on November 19th. Thanks to all who

## 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
Janelle L. Petersen	1—	Omaha, NE	Duane & Deloris Hansen
Martin E. Petersen, Jr.	1—	Omaha, NE	Duane & Deloris Hansen
Dallas O. Petersen	1—	Omaha, NE	Edna DeFreece
Thomas H. Bielmeier	14—	Kenosha, WI	John Hosmanek
Hans D. Meyer	14—	Kenosha, WI	Martin Petersen
Kenneth D. Matsen	14—	Kenosha, WI	Richard Dunow
Gerald O. Onserud	14—	Kenosha, WI	Hans Meyer
Warren D. Piehl	14—	Kenosha, WI	Roger Hawes
Jerald K. Hanson	14—	Kenosha, WI	Daniel Greenwald
Alan E. Bella	14—	Kenosha, WI	Harvey Schmidt
Elizabeth Steffensen	17—	Chicago, IL	Elsa Steffensen
Myrna M. DeMille	29—	Seattle, WA	Clyde Langsted
Conrad N. Nelson	45—	Minneapolis, MN	Louis Anderson
J. Elaine Riggs	56—	Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Kelley N. Breum	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Peter Breum
Merlin J. Nielsen	144—	Dike, IA	George Olsen
Kathleen Petersen	167—	Portland, OR	Janice Costa
Erika Petersen	167—	Portland, OR	Janice Costa
Amanda Petersen	167—	Portland, OR	Janice Costa
Christian Petersen	167—	Portland, OR	Janice Costa
Irene Callesen-Whitley	167—	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Ruth E. Jacobsen	170—	Rocky River, OH	John Gormsen
Hanne R. Karman	172—	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Kristin L. Koefoed	172—	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Bruce W. Thompson	184—	Hayward, CA	Diane Thompson
Mat N. Dudal	230—	Arcata, CA	Emma Dudal
Dorothy I. Dudal	230—	Arcata, CA	Emma Dudal
Beverly May Thompson	230—	Arcata, CA	Hans Dudal
Beverly J. Kenowski	263—	Askov, MN	Robert Kenowski
Ove Sorensen	342—	Bucks Co., PA	Yvonne & Erik Nielsen
Marjorie B. Darrow	343—	Waupaca, WI	Fred Rasmussen
Leland W. Darrow	343—	Waupaca, WI	Fred Rasmussen
Donald Persson	346—	Riverside, CA	Erik Mathiesen
Esther D. Persson	346—	Riverside, CA	Erik Mathiesen
Imo A. Myers	349—	Atlantic, IA	John & Doris Bell
Lloyd V. Christensen	349—	Atlantic, IA	Kenneth Hoegh
Cleone W. Christensen	349—	Atlantic, IA	Kenneth Hoegh
Merlin C. Mikkelsen	349—	Atlantic, IA	Donald Nelsen
David C. Andersen	600—	Omaha, NE	John Andersen
Donald C. Andersen	600—	Omaha, NE	John Andersen

donated cakes, sandwiches, and whatever.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus came to our party on December 12. About 90 of our members and families were on hand to greet them. A delicious potluck supper was enjoyed by all and Garfield Goose and his TV friends entertained us. We sang carols and everyone got a sack of fruit and candy.

The year 1989 is presently upon us and I hope all of you are planning on being an active member this year. Come to our meetings; be a participant; and enjoy the fraternalism.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

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

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Judging by the smiling faces of adults and children, our annual Christmas party was a good one with approximately 170 present. The potluck supper was delicious. Thanks to all who assisted with this fantastic lodge event!

Looking back at the past year, we have much to be thankful for. Our membership has been growing steadily to where we have surpassed 200 in number. 1988 was a busy year for our lodge with many activities taking place such as our Medisterpølse Dinner, Picnic, Film Night, Anniversary Party, and Christmas Party, just to mention a few. Thanks to all committees for a job well done. Thanks also to the 1988 officers for their dedication this past year. Continue the good work for the lodge and a healthy new year to all!

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Eighteen members enjoyed a Christmas dinner on December 7 at the Country Girl Restaurant on the northwest side of Milwaukee.

After the dinner, all attended a short business meeting and social gathering at the home of Lars Andersen. During the evening, members contributed cash for donation to the food bank at the Milwaukee Christian Center.

The following 1989 Board of Directors were elected: Past President, Grace E. Gertz; President, Inga M. Hermansen; Vice President, Robert W. Rasmussen; Secretary, Albert L. Larsen; Treasurer, Axel Hermansen; First Trustee, Barbara H. Larsen; Second Trustee, Elsie Hein; Third Trustee, Lars W. Andersen; and Conductor, Elsa Berlin.

Thanks to Alice and Lars Andersen for dinner arrangements and the serving of refreshments at their home.

Our members participated in the "Victorian Christmas" program at the Milwaukee Public Museum. Robert Rasmus-

sen and Al and Carol Larsen decorated the Christmas tree and Danish house of the European Village on November 21. Our members also demonstrated the art of Danish counted cross-stitch and the weaving of Danish heart baskets on December 10. Thanks to Inga Hermansen and Albert Larsen for manning the tables.

To add to the "Sugar Plum Days" festivities at the Pabst Mansion the first three weekends in December, our members decorated a Danish Christmas tree, set up table displays, sold pastries and demonstrated Danish cross stitch and the weaving of the Danish heart baskets.

Many thanks to all who participated in various capacities for this event.

**Albert L. Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL** — Our annual Christmas party was held on December 9 with nearly 30 members and guests present. We all enjoyed the delicious frikadellar furnished by the lodge, as well as the assorted tasty dishes brought by the members.

Door prizes of poinsettias and a fruit basket were presented to the winners, as well as gifts for the children. Everyone then joined in a social hour and bingo games to round off the evening.

**Carol Hunecke, Cor.**

**Lodge #186, Luck, WI** — We celebrated our 85th anniversary on Saturday, December 10, 1988, with a Christmas dinner of medisterpølse and goose with all the trimmings catered by Ruby Hansen. Alvin Paulsen gave a Danish table prayer and later sang a Danish song.

In memory of her late husband, Mrs. Lillie Bach, age 93, cut the first piece of anniversary cake. Mr. Floyd Hansen won the bottle of wine for finding the almond in his ice cream.

Willis Erickson read a short history of the lodge which was chartered on December 10, 1903.

Levi Jensen led a sing-along of Christmas carols accompanied by Elsie at the piano.

We members will continue to enjoy the fellowship of fellow members and work to preserve the Danish heritage in our community.

**Esther Neis, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — Our lodge held our annual Christmas party on December 8. Following a very delicious potluck dinner, we all joined in singing Christmas carols in English. Then we sang Silent Night in Danish. While Ailene Miller played the piano we all danced around the traditional Danish trimmed Christmas tree,

each taking a candy treat out of the assorted baskets on the tree. There was an assortment of door prizes given out, thanks to our program chairman, Vivian Jensen.

**Gladys Petersen, Sec.**

## **MICHIGAN-OHIO**

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — The installation of officers for 1989 was held at our January 4 meeting. They are as follows: Past President, Jack Smith; President, Keith Koegler; Vice President, Randy Hansen; Secretary, Rob Jensen; Treasurer, Vernon Winiecke; First Trustee, Ralph Christensen; Second Trustee, Gary Wickery; Third Trustee, Arnie Koegler; Conductor, Mike Bray; and Guard, Carl Graber.

Our adult Christmas party was held on Friday, December 9th, with approximately 90 people attending. We had a roast pork and beef dinner served family style by Jack Smith, Jr., Jonathan Oszust, Glenda Ray, Atsushi Shinoda, Tony Schneider, and Eric Jensen. A special thank you to Randy Ray who made and donated three reindeer which were raffled off during the evening, along with two fruit baskets, and to Lois Soneral who made all the table favors and centerpieces.

Approximately 65 children came on Saturday afternoon to watch Magician Ver-Lou-Win perform his magic show and await the arrival of Santa Claus, who brought gifts and candy for all. The committee and helpers who made the Christmas parties happen were Rob and Sue Jensen, Jack and Sue Smith, Mike and Karlyn Bray, Joe and Mary Sielski, Mike and Michele Jensen, Tom and Linda Schneider, Earl and Dorothy Jensen, and everyone else who helped in some way or another.

We had a tremendous turnout for the New Year's Eve party with lots of food, party hats, favors, balloons and, of course, lots of dancing to Dave Walley and his Sound System. We thank Bruce Genia, Jim Lund, Karen Kilner, Bert and Kay Norris and Joe and Mary Sielski for putting on such a successful party, being the first time for most of them. And also a special thank you to Ray Finholm, who always seems to end up on clean-up duty.

**Rob Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #70, Greenville, MI** — At our December 9th meeting, we had election of officers for 1989 with the following results: Past President, Clare Thomsen; President, Wes Thomsen; Vice President, Oluf Jensen; Secretary, Darwin Noah; Treasurer, L.A. Hansen; 1st Trustee, Paul Sharrow;

2nd Trustee, Jim Thomsen; 3rd Trustee, Paul Worden; Conductor, Everett House; and Inner Guard, Alfred Olsen.

At our Christmas potluck on December 11, a skit was put on by members' children. We sang carols and received a visit from Santa (Paul) Claus which was enjoyed by all.

At our December 23rd meeting, we had three applications for membership. We welcome them to the lodge.

An oyster supper for our members was held on December 30.

We will also soon have the presentation of one 50-year pin and two 25-year pins.

We want to wish one and all a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

**Oluf Jensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH** — On Sunday, December 11, we held our annual Christmas party at Tom's Country Place. A good time was enjoyed by all 135 adults and children who attended.

Elizabeth Nilsson led a good program for the children with singing and playing of Danish and American songs and passing out Danish flags.

Santa Claus passed out bags of candy and fruit to the children. We all enjoyed good food, drinks, music, dancing and good fellowship.

At our December 2nd meeting, we elected a new slate of officers for 1989. They are as follows: President, Birthe Jaworski; Vice President, Ruth Jacobsen; Secretary, Richard Zeager; and Treasurer, Verner Pedersen. **John Gormsen, sec.**

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — December 11th was the day of the children's Christmas party and there was a nice turnout for the event, with approximately 50 children and



Even Santa joined the children in dancing around the tree.

70 adults on hand to greet Santa when he made his appearance. There was a beautifully decorated tree around which the kids danced and sang and also several of the youngsters had made decorations which they hung on the tree to complete the decorating. Gifts and refreshments com-

pleted the afternoon festivities. A big thank you goes out to all of the people who worked so hard to make this a fun day for the kids and, of course, a special thanks to Ken Christensen who played the role of you know who.

December 14th saw 90 Brothers and Sisters on hand for a pre-meeting roast duck dinner and after dinner, it was decided to cancel our business meeting and make it a social night. The reason being that a blind auction of Christmas ornaments was scheduled and no one wanted to miss out on that. Houghton Smith with assistance from Jim Crocket acted as auctioneers and did such a good job that the jobs can be theirs anytime in the future that they want it. With the bidding being very spirited, a nice sum of money was raised and it was split between the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Everyone present had a good time and there was lots of comments that this night was like it used to be around the lodges. Maybe we got started back on the right track?

December was a very important time in the future of the Detroit Lodge because it was the time of a general membership meeting of our lodge members to make a decision on the future of our building, whether to keep it or sell it. It was very disheartening to see only about 60 out of a membership of over 300 were interested enough to attend and take part in this important decision. President Cortland Book made the announcement that he would like to take over the dining room and provide a food service for the Scandinavian Community both for lunch and dinners. He gave a report on his plans for this endeavor and answered all questions that were asked of him. There was a lot of discussion on the situation and it was finally decided to let him have a 12-month period to try and make his plans work. However, he also stated that he needs the help of all of us as patrons of the dining facility to make it succeed.

In closing I would like to urge all of our members to attend our meeting and find out what is happening in the Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges in Detroit. Have a happy new year. **Bob Sorensen, Cor.**

**FEBRUARY ASSESSMENT  
NUMBER 1076**

is Due and Payable to the  
Lodge Treasurer

**February 1, 1989**

and Must Be Paid Before

**March 1, 1989**

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

**Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL** — The December meeting was held at the Senior Citizen's Center in Lake Worth, Florida, on December 17, 1988. An engraved remembrance was given to Carl Rasmussen in appreciation of his many years of service to our lodge.

Isabel Larsen served her annual December treat — apple strudel made from apples she brought from her home in Wisconsin and served with real whipped cream.

Installation of officers was held at our January 21st meeting.

**A. Clarence Andersen, Sec.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY** — Our meeting in December turned out to be a real Christmas feast. Jorgen Petersen and his crew of Susie Lang, Otto Andreasen and Jorgen Lytje, prepared an authentic Danish Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, even a mandelgave.

Thanks to all the people who stepped in and helped out setting the tables and serving the food.

Carol Rasmussen led us in singing Danish and American Christmas carols. She had arranged to have twelve people from the audience help her in singing "Twelve Days of Christmas." It was delightful. **Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**

**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

Woodrow T. Petersen, Representative to Past President George Godthaab's Memorial Service, \$185.10.

JANUARY 1989

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$244.00.



Fastelavn was originally a religious festival that represented the last chance to eat meat before Lent. During the celebration, children dress up in costumes, and have a party. A barrel full of candy or confetti is hung up and one by one the children swing at it blindfolded with a stick. Good shot Jorgen!

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.

**January winners: Peter Andersen, Joey Christensen, and Paul Berry.**

## 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.

## Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

### Spinat Suppe (Spinach Soup)

2 lbs. spinach	3 tbsp. flour
4 cups soup stock	3 tbsp. butter
1 tsp. salt	1 tbsp. sugar

Clean spinach, cook it in soup stock until tender. Place in strainer and let liquid run off. Then chop the spinach well. Blend the butter and flour and gradually add the spinach liquid stirring well. More soup may be added (as much as 8 cups more). Add spinach, salt and sugar. Serve with toast, rye bread or French bread. Serves 8.

# Viking Adventures

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

## DBIA Lodge Celebrates 85th Anniversary



Lille Bach did the honors in cutting and serving the 85th anniversary cake while officers Edwin Pedersen, Lauritz Jensen, Mavis Petersen and Esther Nies looked on.

Lodge No. 186 in Luck, Wisconsin, recently celebrated their 85th anniversary with a Christmas party at their Lodge Hall. The party was held on the actual date of the original charter of the lodge in 1903.

Willis Erickson offered a history of the lodge with an account of a period in which dissolution of the lodge and disposal of the property was considered in 1978. Several faithful members, however, wanted to keep the lodge and decided to launch a membership for its revitalization. Irwin Edling and Christian Jacobsen were later recognized by the DBIA National Headquarters for their special effort in enrolling over 100 new members in the special drive.

With renewed interest in the lodge, extensive improvements were made in the lodge hall, and it became a popular community gathering place for special occasions.

Lille Bach was a special guest at the event. She is the widow of the late Chris Bach, who was one of the leaders in the lodge for many of its years and during its revitalization. At 93 years of age, she did the honors in cutting and serving the first piece of an anniversary cake which was topped with golden "85" letters in commemoration of the occasion.

Congratulations to Lodge No. 186!

# Write Right with DBIA Pens

Because pens are always needed and always appreciated, DBIA pens will make a perfect gift for prospective members, officers and long-service members. These low-cost pens contain long-lasting blue ink with a nickel finished clip, plunger and band. Each pen lists the address and telephone number of the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters for easy reference.

**50¢ each postpaid**

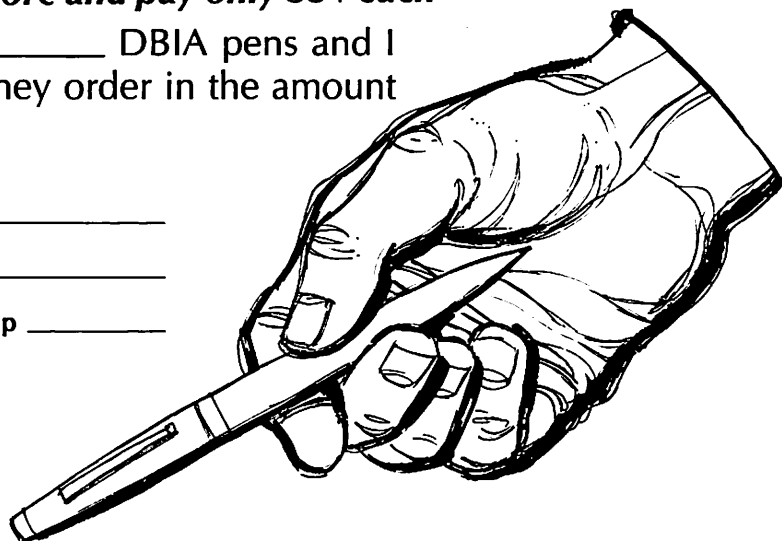
**Order 10 or more and pay only 35¢ each**

Yes, I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ DBIA pens and I have enclosed my check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



Mail to:  
**Danish Brotherhood in America**  
 3717 Harney Street  
 Omaha, NE 68131

**USPS 148-180**  
**POSTMASTER: IF UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED, NOTIFY US PROMPTLY ON FORM 3579.**

*The Danish Brotherhood in America*  
 P.O. Box 31748  
 Omaha, NE 68131

Member: Send your address change, before moving for continued service.

**NOTICE!!! List all family members affected by this change.**

I belong to Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ My number in the lodge is \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## Proud To Be A Dane?

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

Name _____		Age _____		Other Family Members:	
Street Address _____		Name _____		Age _____	
City, State, Zip _____		Name _____		Age _____	
Mail To: <b>The Danish Brotherhood in America</b> <b>P.O. Box 31748, 3717 Harney Street</b> <b>Omaha, NE 68131</b>		Name _____		Age _____	

HANSEN, FLORENCE  
 122 S 39TH ST NO 601  
 OMAHA  
 68131

001-2125

NE

**Dated Material  
 Do Not Delay**