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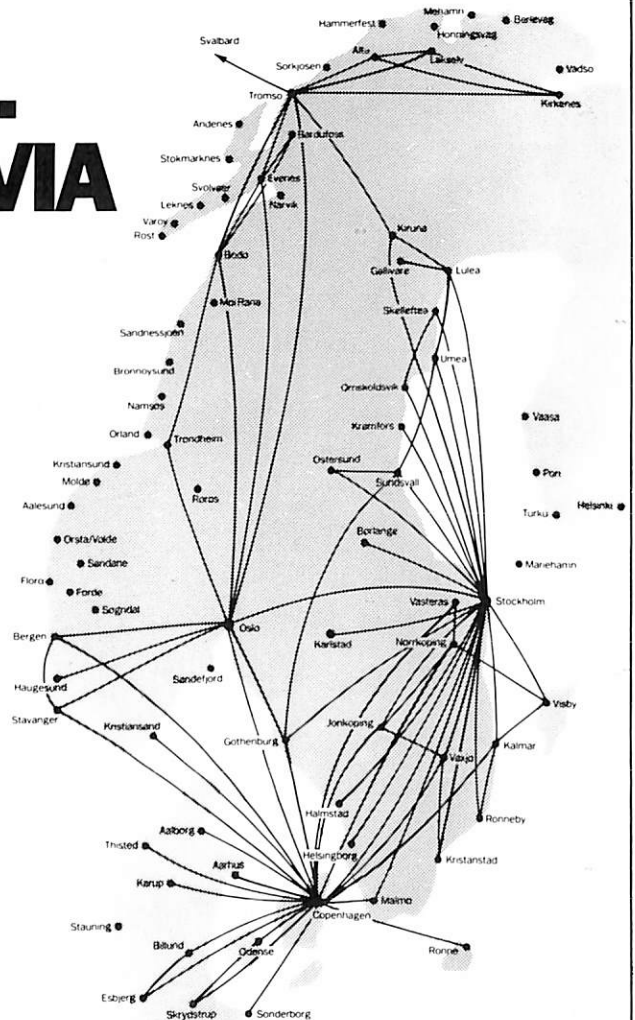
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Cover photo: Thanks to DBIA Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, Iowa, for supplying this photograph of "The Lady of the Lake." This paddle wheel excursion vessel runs everyday during the season.



President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

We are hopefully well into the beginning of Spring and with that comes a rejuvenated spirit to get things done after the dreary doldrums of winter. Spring is one of my favorite times of the year, why, I cannot say. It just seems to get things stimulated and heralds the beginning of many good things. I know that also applies to the Danish Brotherhood for the balance of 1989.

April also brings the Board of Directors together for their semi-annual meeting in Omaha. Many things will occur during that meeting and the hours will be consumed by hard work and dedication on the part of all Directors. In our next issue of the American Dane it is the responsibility of the President to give an accounting of the past year to the membership and I will also include the work of the Board and the various committees thereof.

Some district conventions are already taking shape with the Michigan-Ohio and Pacific Northwest Districts leading off the year with meetings in May. I enjoy the district conventions as I feel they are an area in which many positive things can be accomplished for the members of the Danish Brotherhood. I have had the pleasure of attending many district meetings outside the Northwest and I have always come away armed with many new ideas and positive thoughts. I will also admit that there are times when some of those meetings can be a test for the participants and to the good nature of Danes but we seem to survive all of that. For those of you who have not done so in a while, I encourage you to consider attending your District meet or even volunteering to be a delegate and let your voice and that of your local lodge be heard and your participation felt. This is how new ideas are spawned and yes, friends made.

Members of the Board of Directors are assigned to attend various district conventions by the President. In addition, home office personnel will also be represented. These individuals will do their best to present new ideas and give you an idea of what we are doing and where we are headed. Probably most important is the fact that they are there to listen as well as assisting in the needs of the membership at large.

Writing about conventions, it is my pleasure to advise you that our good brotherhood and sisterhood members in Portland, Oregon, are progressing very well toward the National Convention in 1991. This crew of hard working people have selected a beautiful convention site on the banks of the spectacular Columbia River. For those travelers arriving in motor homes, a special site is being reserved for you. I will report more as things progress and as you read this I will have met with the committee in Portland. The Northwest has many things to offer from Oregon thru Washington and into British Columbia. I must not forget that our lodge in Dillon, Montana, is also a part of the Pacific Northwest District and all of us extend a special invitation to you to attend the convention and begin making your plans now. We have many magnificent places to visit and things to see in this grand part of our world and I do not feel anyone will regret partaking in our hospitality.

I have written many times about receiving local lodge newsletters and to you editors who send them, my thanks. I enjoy reading them and having some idea of what is going on in your area. I know that being a newsletter editor is a monumental task. I occasionally glean certain things from these newsletters which strike me as being unique among us and which should serve as a reminder to us of our fraternalism and respect for one another. For a long period of time Diane Fisker and her capable crew of assistants have edited the Portland Danes newsletter in Portland, Oregon. Remember that these are volunteers, serving not only the Danish Brotherhood (of which they are members) but the Danish Sisterhood as well. Helene Hirsch, Secretary of Mount Hood Lodge and a contributor to that newsletter said it all when she commented: "My special thanks to Editor Diane Fisker who had to type my articles from my not too good longhand. Not once has she had to call and say — what was that word? Shows we have had exceptional people doing this for us, gratis." Your words are well spoken, Helene, and there are many people out there doing things 'gratis' helping all of us to continue our work. To these special people and volunteers I echo Helene's "mange tak!"


It is also a pleasure to read of the many activities with Operation Care and Share, another fine example of volunteerism amongst us. Keep up the good work and in a future page I will give you some important information on what we and others are doing in this endeavor.

I, of course, cannot end this column without a hearty congratulations to Lodge No. 33 in Tacoma, Washington. They will celebrate their 100th anniversary on May 5th!

Sponsor a Member in 1989

Invite a friend or family member to join The Danish Brotherhood by completing the short membership form below — have it signed by the applicant and submit it to the home office. For insured membership (required under age 50) the new member will be contacted by a lodge representative or directly from the home office regarding the choice of life insurance plans and the completion of the insurance application.

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		The Danish Brotherhood in America APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP		_____ <small>LODGE NO.</small>
		_____ <small>CITY</small>		
PLEASE PRINT		SOC. SEC. NO. _____		_____ <small>STATE</small>
1. FIRST NAME _____ INITIAL _____ LAST NAME _____		2. <input type="checkbox"/> INSURED MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP		
3. RESIDENCE - ADDRESS _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____				
4. AREA CODE - TELEPHONE NO. _____	5. DATE OF BIRTH _____	6. <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	7. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW/WIDOWER <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	
8. PLACE OF BIRTH _____	9. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> DANISH ORIGIN <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAK DANISH <input type="checkbox"/> RELATED TO MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> DANISH <input type="checkbox"/> LIVED IN DENMARK <input type="checkbox"/> BY MARRIAGE <input type="checkbox"/> CITIZENSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS OF MEMBERS INTERESTED IN DANISH CULTURE AND HERITAGE			
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I DO HEREBY DECLARE AND AGREE:

- a. That the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Society which are now in force or which may at any time hereafter be duly made or enacted shall be binding upon me, my family and all beneficiaries.
- b. That the decision of the Secretary-Treasurer and/or the Board of Directors or their successors in office, shall control in all matters of dispute between the Society or any lodge or officer or member thereof and myself relative to membership or the obligations of membership.
- c. That if I make application for insured membership and I am rejected for insurance by the Home Office Underwriting Department, I shall be considered as having made application for social membership.

SIGNED BY ME ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 19____

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NAME _____ LODGE NO. _____ CITY _____	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE APPLICANT WAS APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP ON _____ DATE _____

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE: _____

Annual Report of the Lodges

December 31, 1988

Lodge No.	Location	Insured	Social	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits	Total Assets							
1	Omaha, NE	110	101	DB	434,657	1,139.01	38,087.55							
3	Davenport, IA	8	6	DB	40,000		1,582.78							
4*	Racine, WI	128	55	DB	281,000									
9*	Oshkosh, WI	10	0	1.77	9,000									
10	Council Bluffs, IA	50	8	DB	63,750	750.00	1,850.00							
14	Kenosha, WI	170	224	DB	630,494	11,620	107,504.54							
15	Des Moines, IA	38	61	DB	51,750	250.00	28,250.06							
16	Minden, NE	113	71	DB	578,500	286.85	501.47							
17*	Chicago, IL	49	30	45.09	170,000									
26*	Fremont, NE	12	0	DB	10,750									
29	Seattle, WA	178	41	55.46	472,322	2,745.00	98,319.55							
30	Muskegon, MI	31	3	11.96	27,125									
32	New Haven, CT	71	8	18.65	99,547	615.30	24,194.67							
33	Tacoma, WA	18	23	DB	16,750		8,128.65							
34	Dwight, IL	183	59	DB	251,750	1,350.64	18,301.27							
35	Chicago, IL	92	88	DB	307,000	3,948.12	65,828.83							
36	Milwaukee, WI	35	25	4.42	58,000	364.50	4,536.70							
37	Bridgeport, CT	16	0	15.60	27,500	120.00	10,859.31							
39	San Leandro, CA	46	6	18.14	37,375	725.00	82,203.78							
41	Derby, CT	15	1	10.73	10,125		3,297.23							
42	Spokane, WA	42	14	23.56	52,125	287.00	11,449.19							
43*	Denver, CO	50	28	DB	66,875									
45*	Minneapolis, MN	40	45	16.82	23,131									
46	Perth Amboy, NJ	44	112	11.50	102,500	2,200.00	40,267.87							
49	San Francisco, CA	54	26	28.64	33,375	275.00	22,080.63							
51	Ludington, MI	136	77	35.30	179,472	1,850.00	162,416.95							
56	Kansas City, MO	33	33	5.39	32,500	700.00	3,501.02							
62	Sioux City, IA	19	10	15.97	80,750		6,673.38							
64	Rockford, IL	22	9	DB	48,625	80.00	927.43							
67	Fresno, CA	33	17	34.01	57,125	50.00	27,780.87							
70	Greenville, MI	59	11	32.68	60,875	510.00	18,318.78							
71	Penn Yan, NY	59	13	49.57	88,125	250.00	42,400.00							
75	Albert Lea, MN	41	73	66.07	75,250	300.00	11,254.47							
78*	Salt Lake City, UT	6	0	DB	2,500									
84	Lincoln, NE	39	25	11.43	97,269	175.00	587.28							
89	Superior, WI	7	9	1.28	3,500		462.14							
90	Port Reading, NJ	7	0	8.31	6,500		542.46							
92	St. Charles, IL	73	21	9.72	505,750	391.63	48,857.12							
95	Ferndale, CA	45	26	DB	78,375	150.00	60,937.44							
102*	Providence, RI	20	3	13.95	37,625									
106*	Trufant, MI	54	0	49.38	55,500									
107*	Chicago, IL	12	0	DB	8,500									
110*	Winside, NE	9	4	DB	8,000									
113	Enumclaw, WA	15	9	5.54	15,355	40.00	83,120.00							
116	Newark, NJ	59	7	15.38	79,125	920.00	26,147.54							
117*	Plainview, NE	44	0	DB	38,375									
121	Tyler, MN	8	27	DB	6,750	60.00	270.85							
125*	Weeping Water, NE	17	2	1.03	48,924									
126	Los Angeles, CA	125	40	61.82	156,250	1,400.00	99,744.50							
134*	Ringsted, IA	7	0	DB	7,500									
139	Viborg, SD	47	0	DB	38,750									
143	Petaluma, CA	52	23	15.22	73,125	100.00	10,875.00							
144	Dike, IA	68	16	DB	102,750	700.00	17,795.73							
147	Newell, IA	25	13	5.79	74,875	55.00	2,775.53							
148*	Cheyenne, WY	11	0	DB	14,000									
155	Bellingham, WA	15	10	1.24	13,000	117.20	1,263.41							
161	Ruskin, NE	59	47	DB	94,000		4,746.92							
164*	New York, NY	28	50	DB	28,375									
167	Portland, OR	201	69	19.20	1,026,669	4,187.64	41,692.24							
170	Rocky River, OH	20	27	27.73	55,500									
172	Philadelphia, PA	45	24	DB	134,414	800.00	15,987.08							
177	Cordova, NE	26	4	7.97	28,500	35.00	1,083.40							
182	Waukegan, IL	29	16	.40	28,500	225.00	8,240.38							
183	Troy, NY	29	3	23.68	31,125		29,496.14							
184	Hayward, CA	40	6	38.81	61,875	25.00	1,211.18							
186	Luck, WI	16	63	DB	14,375	35.00	52,851.27							
190	Schenectady, NY	44	6	29.23	47,125	500.00								
194	McMinnville, OR	13	10	10.72	11,500	33.00	1,314.17							
195	Omaha, NE	16	2	DB	21,625	75.00	1,596.46							
202*	Warren, PA	16	4	.43	15,250									
206	Blair, NE	26	56	DB	204,555	35.00	5,725.00							
211	Grand Island, NE	26	23	DB	95,500	15.00	743.29							
213*	Ord, NE	5	0	DB	6,750									
217	Humboldt, IA	16	31	DB	51,000	132.00	4,590.81							
219	Clear Lake, IA	21	7	7.37	46,625	100.00	1,462.55							
225*	Canton, OH	61	2	42.41	208,125									
227	Detroit, MI	208	110	143.35	324,520	1,000.00	471,983.94							
230	Arcata, CA	12	13	24.96	10,500	255.00	15,014.15							
241*	Sayreville, NJ	14	0	7.18	9,625									
242	Erie, PA	64	4	19.24	50,250		200,560.00							
245	South Bend, IN	25	0	DB	16,750		625.00							
254*	Brush, CO	3	0	DB	2,500									
255*	Selma, CA	14	0	2.39	7,000									
257	St. Petersburg, FL	6	33	DB	48,500	5.00	1,388.68							
260*	Williston, ND	4	0	DB	2,750									
261	Fowler, CO	67	14	36.43	79,625		8,844.38							
263	Askov, MN	97	5	24.71	142,750	50.00	141.89							
264*	Pocatello, ID	11	1	1.88	10,250									
268	Junction City, OR	23	20	12.49	81,000	1,100.75	2,399.12							
273*	Dillon, MT	55	20	89.70	92,000									
283	Dagmar, MT	75	4	17.23	98,875	365.00	13,799.95							
288	Cotesfield, NE	14	0	3.11	13,000		389.32							
294	Barre, VT	76	11	38.03	84,000	633.92	11,584.80							
299	Solvang, CA	100	56	DB	428,111	2,231.62	21,223.97							
300*	Oneonta, NY	8	0	DB	7,000									
301	Akron, OH	38	3	146.95	82,250	150.00	977.09							
306*	San Diego, CA	38	10	13.81	24,125									
314	Hartford, CT	51	7	22.14	46,875	4,650.00	65,204.99							
318	Copenhagen, DK	0	11											
321	Bakersfield, CA	24	4	28.91	22,375	432.73	6,372.23							
321	W. Palm Beach, FL	5	17	DB	6,500		855.76							
322	Santa Barbara, CA	28	18	19.00	17,625	357.00	18,349.82							
323	Alhambra, CA	37	20	16.40	49,875	400.00	2,500.78							
325	Nassau Co., NY	66	50	131.79	98,125	300.00	6,011.64							
326	West Branch, IA	13	10	DB	18,625	150.00	520.76							
328	Vancouver, BC	2	142	DB	1,500	1,495.00	34,395.00							
332	Ripon, CA	68	12	DB	89,625	191.00	16,134.29							
337	Fremont, CA	23	10	27.90	15,625	22.00	169.85							
339*	Las Vegas, NV	13	1	DB	18,500									
340	Wood Dale, IL	13	2	DB	13,000	250.00	400.00							
341	Kmbлтn-Elk Horn, IA	31	104	DB	105,500	210.94	2,659.12							
342	Bucks Co., PA	46	17	DB	70,250	192.88	10,045.02							
343*	Waupaca, WI	2	61	DB	26,000									
344*	Janesville, WI	14	26	DB	33,500									
345	Orange Co., CA	50	54	DB	179,500	681.70	4,925.57							
346	Riverside, CA	24	18	DB	63,737	612.00	7,839.84							
347	Cedar Rapids, IA	17	39	DB	32,000		730.00							
348	Eugene, OR	40	47	DB	163,625	262.00	2,706.38							
349	Atlantic, IA	0	44	DB		76.00	194.54							
600	Omaha, NE	1547	70	DB	4,328,052									

NOTES TO ANNUAL REPORT

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Letters from Denmark – Last Days and First

by Abby Arthur Johnson

Little did we know, during those last mad days of preparation back in the United States, that we would be living in a Danish farmhouse built in the old style: with house and barns attached in a large square around a cobblestone courtyard. Little did I then know that I would be writing this first "Letter from Denmark" while seated at a 9-foot pine table, vintage early 1800s.

We are a fortunate family. In July 1988, my husband Ron, a professor of American history at Georgetown University, was awarded a Fulbright lectureship for the spring 1989 semester at Odense University. This was to be our second Fulbright experience, the first having been spent at the University of Tromsø, north Norway, during 1983-84.

Our preparations for Odense during autumn 1988 were dominated by three key questions: one, what would we do with our 9-year old dog Juba, half beagle and half Staffordshire terrier; two, where would we live in Odense; and three, how would we get to Denmark. The answers to questions two and three hinged on the first.

Juba could not be left behind. One of those dogs with round, soulful eyes, she is completely loyal to my husband and me and our three sons, 18, 14, and 11 years. Most importantly, however, she had nowhere else to go. No one stepped forward to assume responsibility for her. Then again, the Danes made it easy for us to bring her along. All she needed was a certificate ensuring that she had been inoculated for rabies 6 months prior to our trip, a place reserved in the cargo hold of the flight we selected, and a cage for the trip across the Atlantic.

Once we had decided to take Juba, the decision about housing came relatively easy. One morning in early December, Christen Kold Thomsen, chairman of the English Institute at Odense University, called us to say that the Institute had identified three rental possibilities for us: a home in Odense only 10 minutes by foot from the University, a farmhouse 13 kilometers outside of Odense in a village called Draeby, and an apartment in a castle near Faaborg, a picturesque community about 30 kilometers south of Odense. We needed a couple of days to sort through these widely divergent options, all attractive for different reasons. We initially leaned toward the house in Odense, but then thought that it, like the castle apartment, might be too confining for our boys and dog. All of us were ready for a farm experience, Ron remarked in another telephone conversation with Professor Thomsen, so immediately sent Inger Coble, one of the Institute secretaries, on a scouting mission to Draeby. Upon hearing her glowing report, he called us back to say: "You have done very well for yourselves." He had a few details, other than that the house was thatched, that it had two bedrooms, and that the boys could walk to school. Based on this information, we decided on the farm and hoped for the best.

Our travel arrangements were more protracted, largely because of problems posed by Juba. She was booked readily enough on SAS 112, scheduled for departure at 6:30 p.m. on January 20, but the flight left out of New York City. The difficulty was getting from our home near Washington, D.D., to New York. Nearly all American airlines, we were surprised to learn, will not carry pets in the winter because they do not heat the part of the baggage area in which the animals are usually kept. We finally decided to make the trip by car but could not find a vehicle big enough to transport us together with all our luggage and the dog cage. Sears eventually provided the answer and at the best price by far — two Mercury Sables, each at \$50.00 per day, plus the price of insurance and gasoline.

With our decisions settled, we were left with about 3 weeks of final and frantic arrangements, commencing at the new year. Among innumerable other challenges, we had to clean and rent our home, detach ourselves from our respective jobs, collect assignments at our sons' schools for completion in Denmark, and bid farvel to friends and family, including our oldest son Adam, who had decided to stay behind to complete his freshman year at Georgetown University. We had thought the last preparation would be easier, given our previous Fulbright experience. Once again, however, we found the effort enormous in transplanting our family from one culture to another.

The trip itself was a respite of sorts. The excursions by Mercury Sable to New York and by SAS to Denmark went flawlessly — with one exception. The caged Juba appeared in the baggage area at the Copenhagen airport yelping and then crying with fear and confusion. At the suggestion of a kind stewardess, Ron held our 40-pound dog on his lap for the final flight by Danair from Copenhagen to Odense. Reassured by the presence of her master, she sat comfortably from takeoff through landing, emerging in Odense looking fresher by far than the rest of us.

Having had no sleep the previous evening and only a few hours during the preceding couple of nights, I kept nodding off enroute from the airport to our much-anticipated farmhouse. Ron fell asleep at the dinner table in the late afternoon, as did our sons shortly thereafter. We awoke to the grandeur of our new surroundings the next morning, Saturday, January 21.

The owner of the farm, Monica Steengaard, and her parents Tulla and Svend filled in the historical details. We are living in **Elkaergaard**, meaning farm by the pond surrounded by alder

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Elkaegaard is built in the old style, with the house and barns adjoined in a square around a cobblestone courtyard.

trees. Moved from a nearby pond, the establishment now encompasses a tennis court and hosts a local tennis tournament each summer. Dating back to the mid 1700s, the farm is the oldest building in the community, some of the other structures having been destroyed by fire 50 years ago.

Elkaegaard is part of Draeby, a village established in the 1400s. Draeby is near the much older city of Munkebo, 15 kilometers outside of Odense. The entire area is rich in the history of early Denmark, including the Viking past. It will be the subject of a future "Letter from Denmark."

As we strolled about **Elkaegaard** and Draeby that weekend, our sons Alex (14) and Karl (11) became increasingly thoughtful and, yes, nervous about the coming week. They were scheduled to report on Monday morning at Mølkaer Skolen in Munkebo, a Danish school with approximately 200 students in grades 1 through 10. There is no international or English-speaking school in the area. Had there been such an institution, we still would have chosen the Danish public school, believing that our sons would succeed there and have, moreover, an unforgettable time. They had adapted well to Norwegian schooling during 1983-84, becoming comfortable with the language in about 4 months.

The memory was not completely reassuring to Alex and Karl, who remembered some Norwegian but knew that Danish, while it has many of the same words, has a considerably different sound. They spent much of the weekend closeted in their shared bedroom listening to Danish language tapes. Now and then they would emerge to exclaim: "How will I make any friends when I can't speak the language," or "I wish we were back in the U.S." On Sunday evening, however, Karl proudly announced that he was progressing well through the names of foods: "I got to plums."

The next day, January 23, the boys caused a minor sensation at the school, which had not had an American student for several years. As they walked to Principal Kurt Lynggaard's office, children nudged each other in the ribs, heads turned, and excited chatter and laughter rippled along the hallways. Curious and friendly, the Danish students wanted to try out the English they were learning in class and later asked our boys if, for example, they had seen the White House and Redskin Park. They also gave Alex and Karl Danish "lessons," starting with the correct way to say Munkebo and applauding when the accent was right.

The boys' school hours are roughly the same as in the States except for Friday, when Karl's classes extend from 9:00 a.m. to just 11:50 a.m. The subjects, while all taught in Danish, are relatively similar, although the contents and pacing are different. One entirely new departure for Karl is that he will have nearly 2

hours of required sewing and knitting on Thursday afternoons.

Upon our return to the States, Karl will proceed to the 7th grade as scheduled, with no additional work. Because of regulations in our home state of Virginia, Alex may advance into the 10th grade only on completing English and World Cultures by correspondence and by taking the second half of Algebra during summer school. He will receive credit for studying the Danish language, in which both he and Karl will be tutored at Mølkaer Skolen.

As our boys tested the water at Mølkaer, Ron reported to the English Institute at Odense University, so named because all the courses are taught in English. The subjects range widely, encompassing topics in language, linguistics, and culture, defined as civilization and history. From his initial lunch with the Institute faculty, Ron recognized that he would be a part of a cosmopolitan group, with the 14 members originating from Denmark, of course, as well as England, northern Ireland, and the United States. Ron's courses for the spring semester, listed in the published **Laeseplan** (curriculum), are in urban and Afro-American history and culture, subjects chosen by the faculty out of other possibilities Ron had identified.

As for me, on leave from my work as a writer/editor at a research firm near Washington, D.C., I have had time to explore Danish grocery stores and foods, the local newspapers, and the major stories of the day. I have made mistakes, such as buying lard for butter, an unknown mixture of plants for hamburger, and a high energy dog food for Juba, who suffered indigestion for the 3 days it took us to recognize the error. I have also had unexpected successes, as in my purchase of 4 pounds of large, sweet carrots for the equivalent of about \$1.15.

The local stories of the day, learned from talking to neighbors and perusing the regional newspapers, include the start of the fishing season on the Odense aa (stream) on January 21, the activities of the new and first female pastor at the Munkebo Lutheran Church, and the recordbreaking warm temperatures. I had expected to write about the advent of spring during April or May, not January. But the daytime temperatures are peaking in the upper 30's and low 40's Fahrenheit, and there has been no snow for weeks. The little yellow flowers called arantis are in full bloom, as are the snowdrops. The alder and hazel trees are budding, causing unseasonably early cases of hay fever. On January 24, weeks ahead of its usual schedule, the **Fyens Stiftstidene**, daily newspaper for the islands of Funen, began publishing the pollen count for el (alder) and hassel (hazel). The January 22 issue of **B.T.**, another Danish newspaper, carried a large, colored photograph of a 7-year-old-girl sitting on a sturdy wooden sled in a pasture green with winter wheat. "Josephine," the accompanying article began, "must search long and hard for snow."

Looking at the black flies now circling above the blooming bushes, people are talking about the grøn vinter (green winter) of 1988-89. We, meanwhile, have packed away the snowpants and mittens brought from home.

The news from Denmark is inviting this winter, as the hours of daylight lengthen to 8½ hours, the farmers making preparations for spring planting, and the merchants offer tempting bargains for their seasonal goods. Thoughts will soon turn to extended excursions by bicycle and swimming at the white beaches near Kerteminde, the historic seaport 7 kilometers north of Draeby, and elsewhere along the extended coastline. I intend to follow stories on the national and regional levels, as well as at home at **Elkaegaard**. Sitting at this old pine table, looking out at our cobblestone courtyard, I look forward to posting reports from Draeby to the **American Dane**.

The Magic Fountain

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a king who had a son who was very dear to him.

Because of this, the king would not allow his son to travel outside the kingdom for fear that something terrible might happen to him.

But the prince loved hunting and he wanted to go outside the city to stalk his prey and pleaded with his father to allow him to go.

The king agreed only if the prime minister would watch over the prince to make sure no accident occurred.

So, the prince and the prime minister went into the woods where the prince enjoyed his freedom to hunt.

When the prince spied a stag and wanted to chase it, the prime minister said to the other hunters, "Let the prince go alone for that is how he will best learn to hunt."

The prince followed the stag deeper and deeper into the forest and eventually lost the stag and couldn't find his own way out.

Meanwhile the prime minister and the other woodsmen became worried and began searching for the prince to no avail.

It grew dark and the prime minister and others

returned to the castle. The prime minister didn't want to tell the king that his son was lost, so he told him that the prince really enjoyed his hunting and wanted to stay on through the night — which would give the prime minister a chance to find the prince the next day.

Back in the forest, the prince was wandering around when he came upon a beautiful lady. He asked her who she was.

She replied, "I am a princess. I was hunting in these woods and I grew sleepy and fell off my horse. I have been lost in the forest and my dear parents do not know where I am. No one knows where I am as I haven't seen anyone in days. I have eaten only the fruits and nuts that grow in the forest."

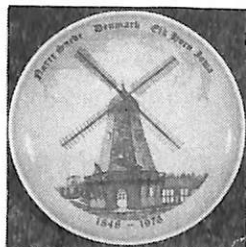
The prince sighed. "I am lost, too. I came to the woods to hunt and got sidetracked along the way. I am happy to have found you."

The princess thought a moment. "Please let me ride with you," she said. "I think I can find the way out of these woods."

The princess got on the horse with the prince and they rode until dusk.

Finally, after much riding they found themselves out

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of the forest and into a desert where they saw an oasis.

The princess got off the horse. "I would like to see if anything of value is to be found here. Please wait for me."

Soon it was night and the prince could no longer see the princess or anything else for that matter. So he decided to go and search for her since she did not return.

He left his horse tied up to a twig and walked over to the oasis. Instead of finding the beautiful princess, he found that she had turned into a troll. She was ugly and mean and reached out to harm him, but he pulled back and returned to where his horse was.

The prince was just about to go back into the forest when he heard the voice of the beautiful princess.

He turned around and lo and behold there stood the princess he had met in the forest before she turned into a mean troll.

"Why do you look so frightened?" she asked, climbing on the horse with him.

"I have just seen something that took my breath away," replied the prince. "It was the most awful experience I ever had in my life."

"But you are a prince," said the princess. "No harm will ever come to you."

"Being a prince doesn't guarantee anything," he said. "I am strong now and I know I can take care of myself."

Hearing this, the princess knew her power of evil would be destroyed and she fell off the horse and

struck the ground. When she fell she disappeared into a puff of smoke which was dispersed in the wind.

The prince rode into the forest trying to find his way back to the castle. He became very thirsty during his travels and found a fountain nearby.

He did not know that this was a magic fountain and when he drank from it he turned into a frog. "What did I do to deserve this?" he thought as he saw a lovely maiden walk toward him.

"Who are you and where do you come from?" she asked the frog prince.

And so, he told her everything that happened since he became lost in the forest.

"That is indeed a sad story," she said, "but if you drink once more from the fountain you will become a man again."

The frog prince did as he was told and sure enough he turned into the handsome prince he was before.

"Thank you," he said. "How can I ever repay you?"

The maiden smiled. "You already have," she said, "by getting rid of that terrible troll who lived in the oasis. She was a menace to everyone and now I am free!"

"If you can show me the way out of here," said the prince, "I will take you back to my castle where you will meet my father, the king."

Before long, they returned to the castle where the king was so grateful that his son was home, he asked the maiden to stay at his castle for the rest of her days.

Skeleton in the Closet

by John D. Jespersen

I'm not sure why I haven't written about him before. Probably because it's most difficult to write about people close to you. But that isn't quite true since I'm not particularly close to my grandfather.

We like each other, but neither one of us ever took the time to really get to know each other. It seemed as though we both came from different worlds and generations.

Since grandfather is now approaching 95, I thought I better get to know him while I still can. After all I am ¼ Danish, carry his last name, know how to cook apple skeyvers, and all because of him.

There is nothing incredibly great about grandfather, so how interesting could an article be about someone who made his way through life just trying to survive? Well, I wasn't sure, until now.

As a writer interviewing a subject, I figured I could accomplish two things: get to know grandfather better, and maybe learn a little bit more about myself and my heritage in the process. When judged in that light, the interaction was wonderfully successful.

"The corn crib is dark and musty smelling. How did my life end up here, hiding from the Sarpy County Sheriff."

"What a mess. Now I've even got my wife involved — keeping me hidden here while they search for moonshiners."

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"Sure, the guys and I have been having an exciting adventure, but what started out as a way to survive and make a few extra bucks has turned sour. That's it, I'm out. No more for me. At least I owe my family that. This is not the way to survive."

That's how my Grandfather Walter Jespersen describes his brush with the law over 60 years ago, here in America.

However, it was in Denmark that Walter really learned to be a survivor. He was born in Lem Station, September 1, 1894. His family lived in humble yet beautiful surroundings, in this small farm community. His mother, father, five brothers and one sister all shared the farming chores.

Walter's survival lessons started at an early age. His education in Denmark was inspired by the educational ideas of Bishop Grundtvig's "Folk High School." This style of learning emphasized not so much the imparting of book knowledge as on "education for life." In other words "Survival."

Walter left Denmark in 1913 at age 19. Today, at 94, he recounts his past adventures with vigor.

Two things influenced his leaving Denmark. The chance to live a better life by making good money in America, and to avoid the Danish draft for the German War. (Grandfather just giggled when I asked if stories about American women also occupied his



Steamship to America. Middle row, left: Walter Jespersen, Nels Bucholdt.

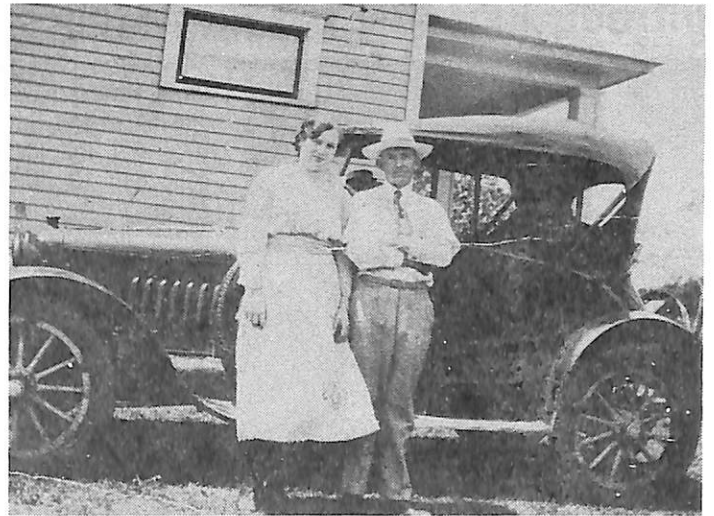
thoughts at the time — he wouldn't let me count that as one of his reasons for leaving.)

"In another year, I probably would have been drafted," he said. "Quite a few men left on account of that. At that time no war had been declared, but we knew they were preparing."

Walter and his companions came to America in a steamship by way of Ellis Island. "It took only two days," he said, "to be processed through Ellis Island." "You had to declare where you were going to go. They wanted to be sure we weren't running around on the streets or something. Also, you had to have \$25 on you before you could leave on the train. Some of us went to South Dakota, some of us went to Ohio, and some to Iowa."

As he recalled the experience, he had nothing but fond memories about what transpired his first few days in America. Talking about the train station in New York: "... it's really marvelous, in a way, that they took care of all that. You just told the train personnel where you wanted to go, and they took care of everything — you didn't have to worry about anything. You were given immigration papers, and the train conductors would see to it that you got where you were going."

"At first, I stayed in South Dakota for four or five months I guess. I didn't like it up there. It was too cold and there was nothing but farming work. So I came back to Omaha with my friend, Nels Bucholdt. I remember it very well. We got off the train in Omaha (he was headed for Audubon, Iowa, where one of his cousins lived). Anyway, we came into the Union Station in Omaha, and we met a policeman who we asked where a good place to eat was. We were awful hungry. The policeman said,



Violet and Walter Jespersen.

'Follow me.' He took us to a restaurant in the Union Station and said a few words to the people, (We found out later that he told them: 'These boys here need a good meal. '), and, boy, did they feed us a good meal," he says with a big grin on his face. "At that time the police were very helpful. They'd do whatever they could to help someone. It was very nice. People in general were different then, they'd take the time to talk to you."

"I stayed in Audubon for three or four years. I did painting and wallpapering for a living. I worked in several smaller towns throughout Iowa before I ended up in Omaha. I got married about that same time. I met Violet in Exira, Iowa, where I was painting on her parent's farm. We got married in Exira, then moved into smaller towns for short periods while we worked our way to Omaha."

Grandfather was married to Grandmother Violet for 65 years. I have a hard time imagining how much work that must have been for both of them. Their marriage, they both said at one time, was the greatest accomplishment of their lives.

When I asked grandfather what single event in his life he regretted the most, he replied: "I regret the shape I was in after Violet passed. I got real sick. That was the worst time in all my life. I couldn't settle down or anything. It still bothers me to talk about it. But overall I've had a good life. No other regrets, except maybe getting my wife and family involved in my moonshining shenanigans. That's my one skeleton in the closet."

"It was some fun though," he adds with a boyish mischievous grin. Somehow I get the feeling grandfather still has a lot of adventure left to unleash. Word has it he's quite a pool shark at the Florence Retirement Center.

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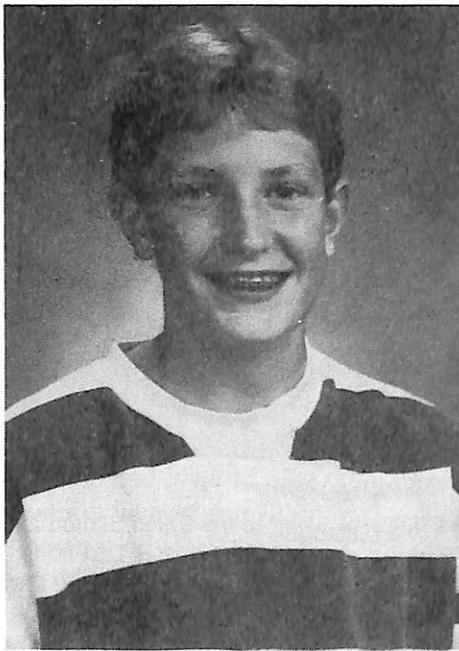
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Welcome Donnie!

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

The Future of the Danes Worldwide Archives

Over the past months, the Danish and foreign press have described the imminent closing of the Danes Worldwide Archives (D.W.A.) and the transfer of its valuable collection to other archives. It became necessary to close the D.W.A. after all public financial support was discontinued as of January 1, 1989. The uncertainty of the future of the D.W.A. aroused sympathetic reactions from all over the world. It is with pleasure to be able to reassure those who expressed their concern that a permanent solution as to the future of the D.W.A. has been found.

In September, 1988, the city of Aalborg agreed to grant an annual amount to cover the requisite operating expenses of the D.W.A. to ensure that the collection could remain in Aalborg. In order to make best use of the limited resources available, this grant was given to the Historical Archives of the City of Aalborg which has shared the building in which the Danes Worldwide Archives has been located since 1982. Henceforth, it will be the responsibility of the Historical Archives of the City of Aalborg to carry out and maintain the func-

tions of the D.W.A. The board of directors of the D.W.A. agreed with this decision and determined that a joint board for the two archives should be established. A guarantee was given that the board of directors will also in the future be chosen so as to represent the interests of emigration history and the University of Aalborg.

A continuation of the purpose and the work of the D.W.A. have thus been ensured. It will continue to collect, catalogue and disseminate the source material of Danish emigration history as well as intensify the cultural contacts between Denmark and all those living abroad who have their roots in Denmark. Insofar as it is financially possible, it will also seek to provide information regarding Danish migration history.

This work can succeed only if it receives the assistance and support of the international contacts of the D.W.A. For additional information, please contact Henning Bender, Director, Ved Vor Frue Kirke, Box 1731, DK 9100 Aalborg, Denmark.

Danish Cultural Conference

The 1989 Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference is scheduled for June 23-25 at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center near Corbett, Oregon.

As usual, the program will include lectures on Danish culture, Danish language and literature classes, nature walks, song sessions, and folk dancing.

For information, write Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference, 410 Laurel, Junction City, OR 97448 or call (503) 726-7869. Sponsored by the Danish American Heritage Society.

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For rates and additional information, contact Hanne Poulsen, 10213 Cavell Circle, Minneapolis, MN 55438.

1989 District Convention Schedule

District	Host Lodge	Date
Pacific-Northwest	Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA	May 19-21
California-Nevada	Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara, CA	July 27-29
Iowa-Minnesota	Lodge No. 326, West Branch, IA	September 8-10
Midwest	Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI	September 22-24
Nebraska	Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE	September 22-24
Michigan-Ohio	Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI	May 19-21
G.C.E.L.	Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA	September 2-4

Dana Regents Approve Campus Master Plan and Take First Steps Toward Replacing Old Main

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, President of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, announced the action taken by the Dana Board of Regents concerning a campus master plan and the replacement of the college's Old Main building which was destroyed by fire last August.

Old Main, which was built in 1886 by the Danish pioneer founders of Dana College, served as the primary classroom and faculty office building on the campus for more than 100 years.

According to Christopherson, the Regents received and adopted a campus master plan as submitted by the architectural and planning firm of Wilsam and Birge of Omaha.

The plan was developed over the past three months through an intensive on-site examination of the college's current facilities. It also included in-depth interviews with Dana students, faculty and administrators concerning short and long-term needs for space and facilities.

"With the adoption of this master plan," Christopherson said, "Dana College has a new road map for the future."

One of the major questions answered by the master plan is where future facilities will be placed on campus, including the Old Main replacement.

"Among other things," Christopherson commented, "we intend for this new facility to make it possible for Dana College to become a leader in the area of communication, to expand the Parnassus concept of our humanities program so that it better serves all academic areas of the campus, to allow for expanded

computer and language laboratories and to strengthen other areas of our curriculum."


The facilities of the College Art Department, which were located on the fourth floor of Old Main, will be housed in an addition to the existing Madsen Performing Arts Center, making it a more complete facility for the performing and fine arts.

The plan also calls for a permanent chapel to be included as a part of or as an addition to the new classroom-faculty office building. Although primarily viewed as a worship space, the chapel will also be used as a music performance area to enhance the capabilities of the Dana Music Department.

"At this point it is not possible to indicate the size, cost or exterior appearance of these various projects," Christopherson said. "The firm of Wilsam and Birge was charged with the responsibility of identifying our needs and making broad recommendations for meeting them through a comprehensive campus plan. They have done just that and we are pleased with the results."

Although no cost estimates of the several projects involved are available as yet, it is presumed that the cost of the construction and furnishings will exceed the \$2 million insurance settlement received by the college following the Old Main fire.

"Our Danish heritage is very important to us," Dr. Christopherson said, "and the various facilities planned to replace Old Main will allow us to expand and improve our capabilities in Danish language instruction and perhaps open new doors for an expanded Danish Studies Program."



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Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — If anyone would like to sponsor and help support the Convention Program, you may have your name listed in the program for \$5.00. Mail checks payable to the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29 to Martin Rasmussen.

The Danish Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum is coming along just fine but artifacts are needed. Any kind of pictures and tools from the building trades have interest.

Our installation party was held on January 20 and about 70 people had a good time with the hakkebøf dinner. Gerald Jensen installed the Brotherhood and Debbie Johnson from Portland installed the Sisterhood officers. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed the dancing to Lyle Schaeffer's One Man Band.

Feeling lucky? 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 book of six for \$5.00. Support your convention by buying and selling tickets. Contact Flemming Sorensen for more information.

Frank Poulsen, Cor.

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — The monthly Danish Brotherhood meeting at The Turning Point Restaurant was well attended. Past President Svend Rasmussen installed the new officers for 1989. They are as follows: Past President, Svend Rasmussen; President, Myra Brochner; Vice President, Perry Brochner; Secretary, Signe Wenness; and Treasurer, William Wenness. The new president brought flowers for all the ladies.

The Valentine table setting was spring-like and the food was delicious. A Past President's pin was awarded to Svend Rasmussen and a pin was awarded to Ole Snoer for 25 years of membership. Ole Snoer is the owner of The Turning Point Restaurant.

The best idea for April goes to Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois. See page 20.

Several members brought homemade baked goods to be raffled off and the treasurer was smiling all the way to the bank. We will celebrate our 100th birthday on May 5 at the Puyallup Elk Club.

Svend Rasmussen, Past Pres.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Tove and Elizabeth Fitt and Knud Naldal of Horsens, Denmark, are interested in exchanging residences and cars in May or September, 1989. They live on a small farm situated by the Horsens fjord and forest. Their car is a late model Opal. In their early 50s, Knud is a vice fire inspector and Tove is interested in Scandinavian myths. If you are not interested in an exchange, Tove and Knud would be interested in renting a room in a private home as they would prefer not to stay in a hotel. They would be interested in making a Danish evening at our Danish lodge so keep in mind that we normally meet the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in Tove and Knud's request, please contact Lawrence Charneski. We will be happy to send you a copy of their letter including pictures of Tove, Knud and their Danish home. This sounds like a great deal if you are planning a trip to Denmark!

This year's Northwest District Convention is scheduled to take place on May 19-21 at the Executive Inn, located in Seattle, Washington. If you plan to attend the convention, now is the time to make your reservations. **Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC — At our last meeting there were 47 Brothers present. We accepted three new applications for membership, Vang Madsen, Niels Jensen, and John Jensen. Welcome! We also installed ten new Brothers, Vang Madsen, Niels Jensen, Gunner Madsen, Carl Jacobsen, Svend Frederiksen, Kenneth Pedersen, John Howard-Gibbon, Poul Christian-

sen, Viggo Mark, and Leif Andersen. Also we reinstated Hans Pedersen. Welcome! This brought our total members present to 58.

During the meeting the Fest Committee Chairman, Villy Andersen, reported that a committee had been assembled for 1989. They are as follows: Villy Andersen, Herluf Pedersen, Poul Sorensen, Bent Jensen, and Henning Jensen.

We elected three delegates for the Northwest District Convention in Seattle on May 19-21. They are Peter Praegel, Peter Jensen, and Poul B. Christensen. The alternates are Bent Jensen and Herluf Pedersen.

After the meeting we all enjoyed open faced sandwiches, beer and snaps. Everybody had a good time.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — President Scott Stefansen called the February 9 meeting to order with 27 members present.

Icy streets kept many members at home.

A letter from Enumclaw Lodge No. 113 was read thanking us for the \$100 donation. Don and Marcia Johnson sent a donation to help with postage for the newsletter and thanked us for sending them the newsletter which they really enjoy. National Headquarters wrote thanking the lodge for the donation to the Flemming Hinrichsen Fund. There was some confusion about what we actually donated. Another check was sent to match what the members donated.

Svend Toftemark thanked the lodge on behalf of Tony Toftemark for the flowers from the lodge. Allan Nyegaard reported that a minimum of ten people is needed for the Danish classes. He will be contacting everyone to get a good group.

Lois Toftemark reported that a full page ad has been made and will be sent for the 1989 Pacific Northwest District Convention booklet.

Delegates and alternates selected for the district convention include: Martin Taekker and Allan Nyegaard, delegates, and Birgit Sand and Lois Toftemark, alternates. The package price per person of \$46 will be paid by the lodge. Allan Nyegaard moved

that the district dues of 45 cents per member be paid. Glen Matson seconded the motion and it was approved.

A letter was read regarding starting a Danish language camp, "Himmelberg," in the Northwest District in July. Lois Toftemark moved that we donate \$200. Peter Jensen seconded the motion and the lodge approved.

We were dismissed in the customary way.

Lois and Svend Toftemark showed slides of their trip through Europe last summer when they went to Stockholm, Sweden, for their daughter Lisa's wedding. A few slides were shown of the wedding; then on to Paris and along the French Mediterranean to Rome. Then to Lucerne, Switzerland, and a breathtaking gondola ride up to the top of the mountain, and a gorgeous scenic ride along the Rhine River back to Denmark. Then the members went downstairs where the committee, chaired by Lois and Svend, had a Fastelavn celebration with slaa katten af tonden. President Scott Stefansen became king when, with a hefty swipe, he broke the barrel and scattered the contents all over the hall. As Katte Konge, he chose his wife Mary, to be Katte Dronning. Refreshments of coffee and Fastelavnsboller were served by the committee.

Verna Lyng, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The social in January was successful and we had a good turnout. The food was so good! After seconds and even a few third helpings, there was very little left to eat. That says a lot for the good food everyone brought. Of course, after all that food, we spent the rest of the evening playing cards, word games, etc., and everybody did their own thing. It truly was a delightful evening. Thanks go to President Karl Duus and the entertainment committee for making the evening a successful one. It was nice to see Tony and Mildred Christensen of Denmark who spent the evening with us.

The highlight for the evening was the initiation of five new members, Kelly M. Breum, our youngest member, Mr. and Mrs. A. Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. K. Lentz. We are very glad to welcome you to our lodge. Congratulations to President Karl, sponsor for four out of the five new members.

A report was given on the possible sites for our convention in 1990 but no final decision was made.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — On Friday, January 27, our lodge, together with Pacific Lodge No. 39 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 17, held a joint installation of officers at the Odd Fellows Temple in San Leandro, California. A hosted cocktail hour preceded the installation with Aage Lundquist, Secretary of Lodge No. 39, doing his usual fine job as bartender for the night. Following the installation, sandwich plates, coffee and desserts were served.

Before adjourning the installation, National Director Ebba Norby presented Fred Mahler, President, his 50-year membership pin. Ceil Mahler, Conductor, escorted him up to the podium to receive the pin. Congratulations Brother President.

Many thanks to Lodge No. 39 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 17 for allowing us to be a part of your installation again. It's always a pleasure.

We had our membership increase by one with the addition of Bruce W. Thompson. Welcome Bruce!

Lynn Troxel, III, Past Pres.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our dinner meeting on February 8 took place in the well-known restaurant, the Viking Garden, where the owner, Fred Nielsen, served a very fine typical Danish dinner.

This was the third meeting arranged by an owner of a local restaurant and all three did a superb job serving the very best in

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Fred started out with draft beer, different kinds of herring, a fine leverpostej and much more. The main course was as typical Danish as you can imagine, flaeskesteg med rødkaal and all the trimmings, prepared to perfection and topped off with coffee and Danish kringle.

During the following open and short meeting, our secretary Bill Rasmussen received thanks for his many years of service. We are all sorry to see Bill and his family leave Solvang, but we wish them all the very best in their new environment.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At the last meeting we had a good turnout. It was decided then to submit Frank Jepsen's name for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Plans were also made to present Frank with a plaque for long and dedicated service to the lodge.

The joint installation dinner/dance was a huge success and perfect in every way. We were honored by the presence of approximately 100 members, guests, visitors and dignitaries from other lodges and from the California-Nevada District. The installing officer was our own Karen Rowse who is President of the district. The conductor was Sue Patterson of Riverside. They both did an outstanding job. The Master of Ceremonies Lillian Mathiasen kept things running smoothly. She was the outgoing President of the Host Lodge, Princess Marie Lodge No. 68.

We recognized several former presidents from the district, namely Pete Petersen, Harold Mathiasen, Alice Pinkerton, Howard Kjellsen and his wife Hazel, our current District Fraternal Coordinators, and Ken Nielsen and his wife Nancy.

The food was out of this world. Our hats off to the chefs: Grethe Vournas and Lis Ingerslev from "European Catering." The music was wonderful and the dance floor was jammed until the last tune had died down. Best of all was the gathering of friends on this special evening. Our appreciation to all who worked so hard to make this a night to remember. Thanks go to Louise Duus, the table decorations were beautiful.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers. We wish you a successful and eventful year.

A gentle reminder to all members — it is your duty to support these officers and your lodge. Please attend the meetings and show your officers you care. We need the help of each and every one to maintain the growth of the Danish Brotherhood. Remember if you are in need, we are a

fraternal organization and able to aid and assist. Take time in '89 — invite someone to join!

Please mark your calendar for our annual steak barbecue which will be held on April 29 at the home of Helene and John Kristensen. **Kate Krake Nielsen, Past Pres.**

Lodge #345, Orange County, Ca — We had a good time at the February meeting. We thank Kaj and Helga Bjorn who chaired the evening. Fastelavn is always a fun time and accompanying this event, we also had a cake walk. We had lots of cakes, in fact we sold about 250 walks. Thank you ladies for bringing all the cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc. To watch the look on the little one's faces when they happened to sit on the lucky seat was worth a lot.

Some of the business on the floor was the need for a chairman for Operation Care and Share. We thank Margaret Motz who was chairman for 1988 but now she needs to be replaced. If you would consider this responsibility, would you please make yourself available to President Gossett. He would be most grateful. Margaret will be very willing to brief you on what this entails.

Andy Andersen from the National Headquarters will be visiting our lodge at the April 8 meeting. We are asking all members to be sure to be at that one. If you have any questions about the insurance program, Andy is the one who can answer them. He very likely will explain the different plans available to members. Come with your questions.

We recently received a letter from Owen Miller, District Secretary-Treasurer. He reminded us that the annual district convention will be held in Santa Barbara this year on July 27-29. One important item he speaks of is candidate information for an honorary member. If you want to send in someone's name from our lodge, it must be done by April 28. This is a very prestigious award and certain information will be needed about any candidate, such as what that person has done in the local lodge, any offices held, any pertinent information that will show the district officers, who will be judging this, that your candidate should be considered for this award.

If you have any proposed changes to the bylaws that you want taken as a matter of business at the convention, they must be in the hands of the district secretary-treasurer by May 28 for forwarding to the special bylaw committee and then to the law committee.

The August 12 anniversary western barbecue will also be the evening for the presentation of the Spencer Nielsen

Award. Last year was the first year that we made this presentation. The award winner was Marie Christensen.

We like the idea of this award because we can honor someone in our local lodge for being a good member, a good participant, a good getter of new lodge members, a good all around Danish Brotherhood participant. Who do you feel has done a good job in the lodge? Who would you like to highlight? Start thinking now.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We sure had a good group for our Fastelavns celebration. We had 38 members, guests and children attend. Vikki Garrison did a great job again on making the cat in the barrel and Darlene Petersen's grandson did a fine job of finishing off the barrel and getting the cat. We really had some cute costumes. It was kind of hard to pick the best but Darlene's granddaughter Brandy with her outstanding clown costume and Andy Piehl as a Viking won.

The goodies that everyone brought were outstanding! Grethe Perez brought some homemade coffee cake and boller, Doris Thompson made some beautiful tarts, Cheryl Stoltz made some cookies as did her sister Linda Jones, along with some Dutch treats. Darlene Petersen brought some Rice Krispie treats and cookies and Elisa Mitre made a lot of cupcakes for the group. Doris Thompson did a great puppet show for the little ones and she even passed out candy worms for them. There was aebleskiver and Irish coffee, too. Thank you all for going to the trouble. The kids enjoyed it so much. The winners of the best costumes each won \$5.00 and the rest of us gained five pounds.

Sue Patterson, Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — At our January meeting, Chad Jorgensen and Janelle and Martin Petersen were initiated and given a warm welcome.

A total of \$125 was donated by our lodge to the Nebraska District Scholarship Fund in memory of J. Chris Andersen, Chris Mathiesen, Trier Rosholm, Carl Hansen, and Alvin Andersen. A check in the amount of \$25 was sent to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in memory of Nels P. Larsen. A funeral spray was provided at Margaret Larsen's memorial service. Honor be to their memory. **Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

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

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met February 16 at the Community Center for a soup supper prepared by the committee. Three varieties of soup were served and they were delicious. To top it off, they served a cherry dessert.

President Wisthi Thomsen called the meeting to order. It was decided to give \$1,000 to the Bethany Home Construction Fund. Dorritt Jones of Hastings was the lucky winner of the \$5.00 drawing.

For entertainment Vern Golay had his organ moved in and played many hymns and old time favorites which everyone really enjoyed. We were happy to have so many visitors and hope they enjoyed it and will be a part of our lodge. Those on the committee were Ralph and Ruth Burchell, Dale and Vivian Space, and Wisthi and Charmaine Thomsen. **Lillie Hansen, Cor.**

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — All members of our lodge and the Sisterhood lodge and six guests assembled in the dining room for an excellent presentation on "Living with Arthritis" made by Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, R.N., rheumatology coordinator of the Arthritis Center of Nebraska in Lincoln and National President of the Arthritis Professions Association.

Voluntarily contributed were many cans and packages of food for Lincoln's Food Bank.

Everyone enjoyed the social hour which followed. Delectable, varied open-faced

sandwiches and cream puffs, coffee and tea were served.

Honored were the men and women celebrating February birthdays.

Don Lehn, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our Board met Thursday evening, February 16, at the home of President Laurids Pedersen, together with District Fraternal Coordinators Duane and Deloris Hansen of Omaha. Plans for the year were discussed and a number of interesting programs will be coming up.

Our attendance at the January meeting was low. Our charter was draped and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Paul Strand. Past President Merton Kuhr installed the new officers, following a short business meeting. Lunch was served followed by a sing-along with Anita Johnsen at the piano.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lodge #139, Viborg, SD — We have awakened again. Prior to 1989, we had not met since 1983, but lately we have had three dances with old time music. Twelve members met and we appointed Arnie Sorensen as President, Rodney Peterson as Secretary, and Raymond Jespersen as Treasurer. Ruth Peterson is our reporter.

On March 12 we had a soup supper to raise some funds. Our promoters were

Helen and Arnie Sorensen. They have been members for 25 years but left Viborg and moved to Alaska for a number of years. Now they have retired and are living in Viborg again. **Ruth Peterson, Cor.**

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — At our February meeting, Andy Andersen from the Omaha office was our guest. He brought us greetings from the Home Office. A Valentine exchange was held.

Following the business meeting, an interesting program "Family History" was presented by Carl and Marilyn Hansen and Marvin and Lucille Christensen. Previous servers of the past month will continue with Family History. It will be enjoyable and entertaining.

Two books, "There's Something Wonderful in the State of Denmark" by Arnie Melcher, and "Delectable Danish" by Julie Jensen McDonald, were presented by Peg Hansen to Carol Larsen, librarian at the Humboldt Public Library, courtesy of Humboldt Independent.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Our meeting on April 8 is going to be a movie night. Popcorn and juice and coffee will be furnished. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by the movie.

Thorvald Sorensen and Kathy Sonsalla were nominated for the Howard E. Chris-

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
1-13-89	Soren A. Rasmussen	87	Kolind, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1950
2-8-89	Margaret S. Larsen	83	Oakland, California	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1965
12-13-88	Hans J. Madsen	93	Ullemarke, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1926
2-1-89	Christal L. Petersen	75	Grand Rapids, Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1963
1-14-89	Anton L. Pedersen	86	Herfølge, Denmark	110	Winside, Nebraska	1922
1-12-89	Christian W. Hansen	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1951
2-1-89	Andres M. Willadsen	74	Cheyenne, Wyoming	148	Cheyenne, Wyoming	1941
1-20-89	Harry Hansen	83	Winchester, Wisconsin	9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	1930
1-31-89	Rasmus Christensen	88	Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1943
2-4-89	Wayne O. Schultz	65	Ruskin, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1962
2-11-89	Evan E. Christensen	81	Thisted, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1947
1-10-89	Milton Olsen	86	St. Paul, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1933
1-31-89	John Jensen	82	Skjoldborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1930
2-13-89	Harold S. Hansen	76	Chicago, Illinois	49	San Francisco, California	1949
2-20-89	Otto I. Sorensen	90	Silkeborg, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1924
2-2-89	Ogle J. Christensen	88	Ugilt, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1965
2-3-89	Nels P. Larsen	89	Lundby, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1961
8-20-88	Anna C. Christensen	89	Humboldt, Iowa	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1974
10-10-88	Emil Springer	81	Harrison, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1977
1-13-89	William M. Petersen	73	Port Reading, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1976
1-5-89	Henry Dambeck	84	Sayreville, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1973
12-31-85	Jens P. T. Welling	101	Havndal, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1910
7-31-88	Herman E. Crouch	80	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1974
1-27-89	Arnold E. Jensen	75	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1972
2-14-89	Ted P. Rasmussen	86	Atlantic, Iowa	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	1984

tensen Award. The bylaws were reviewed and revisions will be typed and given to members for consideration. Members felt we should go bowling again. It is fun to see the lodge name on the bowling lists in the American Dane. Alvin Miller, insurance representative, discussed the Danish Brotherhood annuities that are very attractive right now. Get in touch with Alvin if you have any questions.

In February we all enjoyed a delicious sausage and aebleskiver supper. Some of the young members even took a turn at making them. Thanks Todd and Tammi Sonsalla and Yvette Sorensen for that. Thanks to all those who helped make them. It was a good break for all of us to have the young members pitch in. Yvette Sorensen was presented with a check for \$50 and a certificate for 1st place in the Young Vikings division of the photo contest. Steve Sorensen was presented a check for \$75 for 2nd and 3rd place in the adult division. It is good to have many participants in the national contests.

Guests were introduced: Mr. and Mrs. Arno Olson from Garner and Tig Johnson from Lone Tree. Officers were installed by National Director, Jerry Sonsalla, assisted by Todd Sonsalla. Birthdays were recognized as well as anniversaries. Following the meeting, entertainment chairman Jerry Sonsalla came up with some interesting games. Thanks to those who took part.

Our March 11 meeting was called to order by Henry Bergman, Vice President. 25-year pins were presented to Alvin Miller and Rich Skene. Pins were presented by Edith Skene.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — Our February 27 meeting was held at the Kimballton Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by our new president Signe Madsen followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag. There were 60 members and three guests present.

Officers for 1989 are as follows: Signe Madsen, President; Gary L. Christensen, Vice President; Gwen Block, Secretary; and Mabel Madsen, Treasurer. Board members are Robert Sorensen, Folmer Bonnesen and Ray Johnson. Flower and



Our newly elected officers are ready for a successful year.



Congratulations to our King and Queen!

card chairman is Neoma Steen and corresponding secretary is JoAnn M. Sorensen. Officers were installed by Ray Johnson, Past President.

Albert and Lydia Andersen were presented with a flowering plant in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Fastelavns was celebrated with Charles Gearhart as King and Nita Larsen as Queen.

Boller and coffee were served at the close of the evening. A good time was had by all!

JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — At our meeting on February 16 the usual business was taken care of rather quickly in full anticipation that we were having a fun evening ahead of us and we were not disappointed.

An announcement was made that Clyde Simonsen had passed away in January. Clyde had been ill for quite some time.

A visitor was introduced. It was Elder Eldon Christensen, son of Jorn and Ulla Christensen, back from his mission in France for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Welcome back Eldon. Hope to see you often in our lodge.

Unfortunately, one of our guest speakers, Mary Mortensen, took ill with laryngitis but Paul, Mary's husband, being a real trooper, took over and presented the speech beautifully.

The content was and will be for the duration of the year, to be proud of your Danish heritage, and the subject was Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, the famous Danish poet.

The evening's second speaker, Martha Hampton, gave a most enlightening speech on education for the Danish people in Denmark and the United States. All this information she had obtained from a book entitled "Schools for Life - A Danish American Experiment in Adult Education," written by Enok Mortensen. If anyone would be interested in reading this infor-

mative book, please consult your local library. You will not be disappointed.

The evening ended with several little children taking part in the old Danish Fastelavn merriment of "slaa katten af tonden."

Thanks to Anker and Katherine Severinsen for setting up the lodge meetings every month. They are doing a super job.

Also thanks to the refreshment committee of Phyllis and Ole Johnson and Nelda Andersen. You are spoiling us and we love it.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

MIDWEST

Midwest District

Midwest District Danish Brotherhood scholarship applications are available upon request. Students planning to attend school in 1989-1990 should request applications from Albertice Nylen, Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer, and return them to her before May 1, 1989.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — It was a first on February 8 when we initiated our first ladies into our lodge. Betty Mollerskov and Edna Raahauge joined our lodge and we hope that this will be the beginning of better things for us.



President Glenn Nyboe welcomes Betty Mollerskov and Edna Raahauge.

On February 7, Past President Erik Raahauge and John Mollerskov visited our member Einer Andersen at his home and presented him a 50-year membership pin. Einer joined our lodge when he was 28 years old on October 28, 1939.

Many will remember Einer and Lil as the "Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers" at the



Past President, Erik Raahauge presents Einer Andersen his 50-year membership pin as his wife Lillian looks on.

dances held at the Danish Brotherhood Hall.

Congratulations Einer and thank you for your 50 years of dedication.

Details and plans are complete for the Midwest District Bowling Outing hosted by our lodge on April 8. Bowling will take place at Castle Lanes with the dinner at Ritz's Restaurant. It should be a great time. We would like to see as many bowlers as possible, but if you do not bowl, join us at Ritz's for dinner and for the entertainment that will follow.

Congratulations to John C. Madsen of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, who won the Shriner's Golfer award of the year for golfers over 70 years of age. By the way, John is 81 years old.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month and welcome all to join us.

John Mollerskov, Cor.

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

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — A crowd estimated at 250 came to our annual aebleskiver breakfast on January 15. Forty members and wives served on the committee. For fear of missing someone, we will just say that we sincerely thank you all for working and making it a very successful day for your lodge. Special thanks to our Chairman Jim Gohn for taking on this assignment.

The countdown for the Midwest District Convention to be held in Kenosha in September has begun. We need your help. Many will be asked to work on committees and we also need lots and lots of raffle prizes. Please start bringing them to meetings or drop them off at the lodge.

We've lost another dear and loved Brother with the passing of Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck. We will all miss his inspiration, dedication, kind nature, and his friendly personality.

With a little help from our friends, we were able to make this year's sock hop a successful benefit for the Dan and Barb Ervin Family Fund. Thanks to Chairman and D. J. Todd Bernhardt and his committee, Rick and Chris Wade, Tom and Judy Nielsen, Jeff and Chris Bernhardt, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., and Roger and Virginia Nelson for doing a fine job in organizing this benefit. Special thanks to our bartenders Todd Barnett and Ken Learmont, Jr. who donated their wages and tips to the family fund. Many prizes were donated and our raffle was well run by Tom and Judy Nielsen. Thanks to those who gave: Tenuta Liquors, Delafields Delicatessen, Swedish American Club, Angelo Florist and Lodge No. 14.

Jack Sorensen and Ed Gastaldi have put the base board back up and stained it around the walls in the bar area. Thanks and nice job!

All members and friends are invited to a Beer Bust at the hall on Sunday, April 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. Proceeds will go to our Youth Committee. Tickets are available from Jeff or Todd Bernhardt or at the door.

Don't forget about our 97th anniversary banquet on April 29. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing to begin at 9 p.m. Reservations close when we have 250 signed up. Call Rick Wade or Malcolm Young early for reservations!

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — On Friday, December 2, 1988, we held our annual Christmas party at the Scandinavian American Culture Society.

A most delightful typical Danish Christmas dinner was served with roast pork and red cabbage with all the trimmings. Rice pudding was served and two members found an almond in their pudding and received a prize.

Danish and American songs were sung led by Peder Larsen. A raffle was held by Karen and Albertice Nylen from the donations received from the members attending. The money received from the raffle was divided in half with proceeds going to the Midwest District Scholarship Fund and the Midwest District Focus on Youth Fund.

Thanks to all the ladies who brought homemade cookies for dessert and a big thank you to all the members who donated raffle prizes.

Following the social hour, a short meeting was conducted by President Merle Nylen. A unanimous vote was obtained for the previously nominated slate of officers for 1989 as follows: Past President, Thorkil Winther; President, Merle Nylen; Vice President, Kris Steffensen; Secretary, Albertice Nylen; Treasurer, Svend Jorgensen; 1st Trustee, Karen Nylen; 2nd Trustee, William Thorsen; and 3rd Trustee, Thorkil Winther.

On January 5, a very snowy and icy night, our regular meeting was held and installation of officers was held.

Albertice Nylen, Sec.

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
Allison Petersen	1	—Omaha, NE	Gary Petersen
Robert C. Kramme	15	—Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Ruth E. Kramme	15	—Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
William R. Jacobsen	15	—Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Virginia A. Jacobsen	15	—Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Judith A. Meehan	15	—Des Moines, IA	Joanne Rasmussen
Marie H. Nelson	16	—Minden, NE	Don Thomsen
James P. Roberts	49	—San Francisco, CA	Christen Wegener
Kurt Hansen	56	—Kansas City, MO	Otto Larsen
Rodney D. Peterson	139	—Viborg, SD	Raymond Jespersen
Angela Pellerano	164	—New York, NY	Claire Sorensen
Jack Hjalmer Petersen	167	—Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Kerry J. Dewey	167	—Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Mark N. Jensen	167	—Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Donna M. Kolmos	170	—Rocky River, OH	Vicki Kolmos
Martha O. Jaeger	186	—Luck, WI	Lauritz Jensen
Eileen M. Jensen	186	—Luck, WI	Lauritz Jensen
Fred R. Kroll	195	—Omaha, NE	Edward Terkelsen
Stephen M. Downey	242	—Erie, PA	Henry Jensen
Lilly K. Madsen	257	—St. Petersburg, FL	Grethe Larsen
Anna M. Sondergaard	257	—St. Petersburg, FL	Howard Hansen
Monica D. Fedder	306	—San Diego, CA	Andy Andersen
Karlene Sorensen	342	—Bucks County, PA	Yvonne & Erik Nielsen
Tove Elin Berberick	342	—Bucks County, PA	Bente Ferguson
Dayna C. Andersen	600	—Omaha, NE	John Andersen
Alexandria Furman	600	—Omaha, NE	Robert Cramer
Andrew Schlichtemeier	600	—Omaha, NE	Robert Cramer

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District

Be sure and note the following on your calendar: May 20th, District Convention in Detroit; June 17th, District Baseball Outing in Detroit; and July 8th, District Picnic in Muskegon.

Robert Sorensen, District Secretary

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — After a few months' delay, winter has finally arrived in the North Country. Despite the weather, we still had 17 Brothers at our March meeting. Lucky for us, Bob Sorensen was able to make our February meeting.

Our Valentine's Dance, held on February 18, was well attended with several new faces, as well as the old, in the crowd. It's good to see such great membership participation! Thanks to Roger Hansen, Gerry Klaft, Rich and Lou Treml and "Luvey and his better half" Loftis for a great party.

The big winners of the last set-back tournament on February 25 were Joe Jodko, first; Guy Wrege, second; and Ted Woegekking, third. Winning the lesser sets were Phil Roxy, first; and Ed Sutula, second.

Despite six inches of snow and freezing rain, approximately 67 people showed up for a fish fry on March 3, put on and cooked by John and Sherry Laird, Gary and Jude Wickery and Ray and Kay Finholm.

Plans are underway for the membership appreciation dinner which will be held tentatively in May when all the Danish "snow birds" have returned from their winter hide-a-ways! **Rob Jensen**, Sec.

Lodge #70, Greenville, MI — Our lodge is looking forward to again hosting the Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament for Sisterhood and Brotherhood members on Saturday, April 8. We will start to bowl at 2 p.m. sharp at Greenville Lanes, followed in the evening by the dinner/dance banquet at our hall. Music for dancing will be provided by Randy's Trio. Presentation of winners' trophies will take place at the dinner including the Michigan-Ohio District traveling trophy which goes to the winning lodge until next year's bowling tournament. So the competition will be keen, the friendship great and the occasion always enjoyable. Our hall will be open that morning for the early arrivals for socializing. If you are staying over, check with the Merri-Mill Motel to see if a room is available. Brother Clare Thomsen won the attendance jackpot drawing at our February 24 meeting.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On February 8 we held our monthly business meeting with 35 members in attendance. During this meeting we had the pleasure of initiating three new members to our lodge. They are Harris Larsen, Henry Larsen, and Howard Larsen, Jr.. We hope to see a lot of these new brothers at future meetings.



Howard Larsen, Sr. welcomes three sons, Howard Jr., Harris and Henry to the Brotherhood.

On February 22 a dinner was held to recognize the Past Presidents of both our lodge and those of Sisterhood Lodge No. 125. There were four past Sisterhood and 11 past Brotherhood presidents representing 29 years of holding the office of president in attendance. After dinner a video film called "Discovering Denmark" was shown to entertain the 84 people who showed up for the dinner. Our thanks to Carol and Ken Christensen for obtaining the film from the Detroit Public Library for our use. Also credit should be given to Hans Nielsen and Ron Hammer for preparing the meal for the evening, which was a steak dinner, and to any other people who put forth their effort to make the evening a success.

Next, the workers group headed up by Ron Hammer should be thanked for the job they are doing and have done in cleaning, painting, and repairing our club facility since the other people moved out. As of the date of this letter being written, they have redone the room where the Sisterhood hold their meetings and the room where the Brotherhood hold their meetings.

Finally I want to once more encourage all of those Brothers who don't find time to attend our meetings or social nights to try to come down and see what is happening

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Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Don't forget to mark April 8 on your calendar for the Midwest District Bowling Tournament. Please get your teams together and get in touch with Bud Goodwin as soon as possible. If you're not on a team and want to bowl, let us know and we will get you on a team. The banquet will be at Ritzzy's Restaurant in Racine.

Paul Smith has been a busy man. He has drawn up a design for an anniversary plate for our lodge, has worked with the people who will put this on a plate that Paul has ordered and now it is in the making. A lot of time and effort was put into this project that I know you will all be proud to own and the best part of it is we can sell it for only \$12.50 per plate. Orders can be placed now if you wish. Thanks, Paul.

Preparations are in the making for our November 4 anniversary. Suggestions are appreciated. Got any ideas? We are pleased to announce that National President Clyde Langsted will be attending.

Welcome to Dan Lauritsen as an adult member!

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Effective April 5, our monthly business meeting will convene the first Wednesday of the month instead of the third Wednesday at International Institute.

Nomination forms for the Howard E. Christensen Award were forwarded to the Headquarters for both Axel and Inga Hermansen. Congratulations to you both!

Our members supported Public Television and the friends of Channel 10/36 by answering telephones, live on camera, during their membership/fund drive "Festival '89", on Sunday, March 5. This provided exposure for the Danish Brotherhood and we had fun!

Our members continue to "Care and Share" with donation of food and/or money. More thank you letters have been received. One reads as follows — "Thank you very much for your donation of food to The Gathering at St. James Episcopal Church. Your contribution helped in our ministry this past year of serving over 14,000 meals to the homeless and poor. Sincerely, Michelle P. Meadows, Executive Director."

Another letter received from Mary Anne Wittkowske, Emergency Services Program Director of the Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc., reads in part: "With your ever present help we were able to serve 1,037 families with food for a total of 3,002 individuals. The word "Miracle" fits in here. 92 babies received formula and we provided 2,556 other services because of your loyal support." **Al Larsen**, Sec.

in your lodge. Of course we want those who are usually there to keep coming down and bring one of our missing Brothers with you.

Bob Sorensen, Cor.

GCEL

District Scholarships Available

The deadline for the GCEL District \$500 Scholarship is June 15, 1989. For information contact Erling Braumann, 115 White Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 or your local lodge secretary.

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — At our January meeting we had installation of officers. District Fraternal Coordinators Bob Phoenix and his wife Virginia came up from Bucks County to do the honors. Thank you Bob and Ginny. Our new officers are Past President, Berit Mann; President, Paul Christensen; Vice President, Barbara Larsen; Secretary, Chris Simonsen; Treasurer, Barry Edmonds; and Trustees, Kris Larsen, Don Geissler, and Vera Holmes.

The lottery was won that night by Vera Holmes. Double Congratulations!

At our February meeting, three new members joined. They are Warren and Adele Nelson and Marilyn Zaccarelli. Once again, our chain is growing. Welcome to you all.

Our next meeting will be on April 14 at our regular time of 8 p.m.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Please take note — the meeting night has been voted to be the second Friday of each month as it was prior to moving to Millburn.

The Home is doing well. The new van was purchased and looks like it will serve the many needs. A washing machine will have to be purchased. There are activities for the residents which seem to make them happier.

At our February meeting, Danish food was brought by Carl Wilhjelm. At the cold table was sild, rugbrød, akvavit, and Carlsberg beer, along with American dishes. Carl also had some slides from Denmark which he showed and card games were played.

Our District Fraternal Coordinator Team, Bob and Ginny Phoenix, will be attending our meeting on April 14. They will be asking what they can do to help our lodge, so make a list and bring it to the meeting.

Our May meeting will be ladies night. Chris Mogensen and Don Heckmann are the committee and would like some ideas and your help.

The Scandinavian Midsummer Celebra-

tion '89 will be held at County College of Morris, Randolph, New Jersey, on Saturday, June 24, rain or shine. Activities will be a maypole, bonfire, soccer, live entertainment, and vendor tables to include food, arts and crafts.

Bucks County Lodge No. 342 is the host to the 65th annual GCEL District Convention to be held September 2-4 at the Holiday Inn in New Hope, Bucks, Pennsylvania.

Don Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — Fastelavn on February 10 was lots of fun for everyone. Mark Mussari and Annie Christiansen did a wonderful job of decorating the hall. There were colored streamers, cats, balloons and birch boughs with candies for the children. Mark Mussari and Niels Haugegard won the word game with Fastelavn's boller as prizes. Mary Gottliebson won the 50/50.

To top the evening off, the officers decided on no charge for refreshments which consisted of hot chocolate, Fastelavn's boller, and Havarati cheese sandwiches.

Come and enjoy square dancing on April 14. The doors will open at 8 p.m. Instruction and dancing will start at 8:30 p.m. and continue until 10:30. Refreshments will include beef and beer and sodas. Be on time so we can all start together and have a great time. Bring a friend along for this special event. Call Len Gottliebson for more information.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — This past December our lodge had probably one of its biggest children's Christmas parties in years. A total of 75 attended the catered affair. Our Santa, who was President Poul Nielsen's son, came all the way down from New Hampshire to make our party a big success. The children enjoyed dancing around the tree and singing Christmas songs. The older members enjoyed some of the Danish songs that were played on the keyboard piano.

Looking forward this year to increasing our membership. Let's get going!

Waldo Elliott, Sec.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — The February meeting was held on February 18 at the Senior Citizens Center in Lake Worth, Florida.

The charter was draped and a moment of silence was observed in memory of John A. Schuldt who passed away on Friday, February 17 at his home in Riviera Beach, Florida, at the age of 87. Mr. Schuldt was born in Germany and came to the U.S. in 1928. Funeral services were held on Mon-

day, February 20, at the Northwood Funeral Home Chapel in West Palm Beach. Mr. Schuldt joined our lodge on November 1, 1960, and will be greatly missed by our members.

Isabel Larsen was named publicity chairman to spearhead getting the name of the lodge before the public in our quest for new members.

Cake and coffee were served by Eva Stevens and Gladys Jorgensen following the meeting. **A. Clarence Andersen, Sec.**

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — We celebrated Fastelavn at our monthly meeting on February 10. Young and old had a fun time hitting the barrel and picking up the candy. Among the people who made this celebration possible were Søren and Helene Christensen, their two guests Christina Møllebro and Erik Thomsen, who brought the barrel all the way from Denmark, and John Rasmussen and Jørgen Petersen.

Our President Elizabeth Pedersen brought her own homemade fastelavnsris for the children to take home.

We had Marianne Andersen, Caroline Pedersen and Soffy Andersen on our excellent kitchen committee and we enjoyed a delicious and plentiful potluck dinner.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — February found our members attending with beards, mustaches and fancy hats from the \$1.98 Minnie Pearl special (Toby Bobman) to elaborate colorful headpieces.

Welcome to new members Tove Berberick and Margaret Nielsen Ramsey. Margaret is the daughter of Hans and Bobby Nielsen, formerly a very active member of Lodge No. 172. Hans was for many years the official master of ceremonies whenever an event was taking place. The Niensens have now retired to Cherry Hill.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

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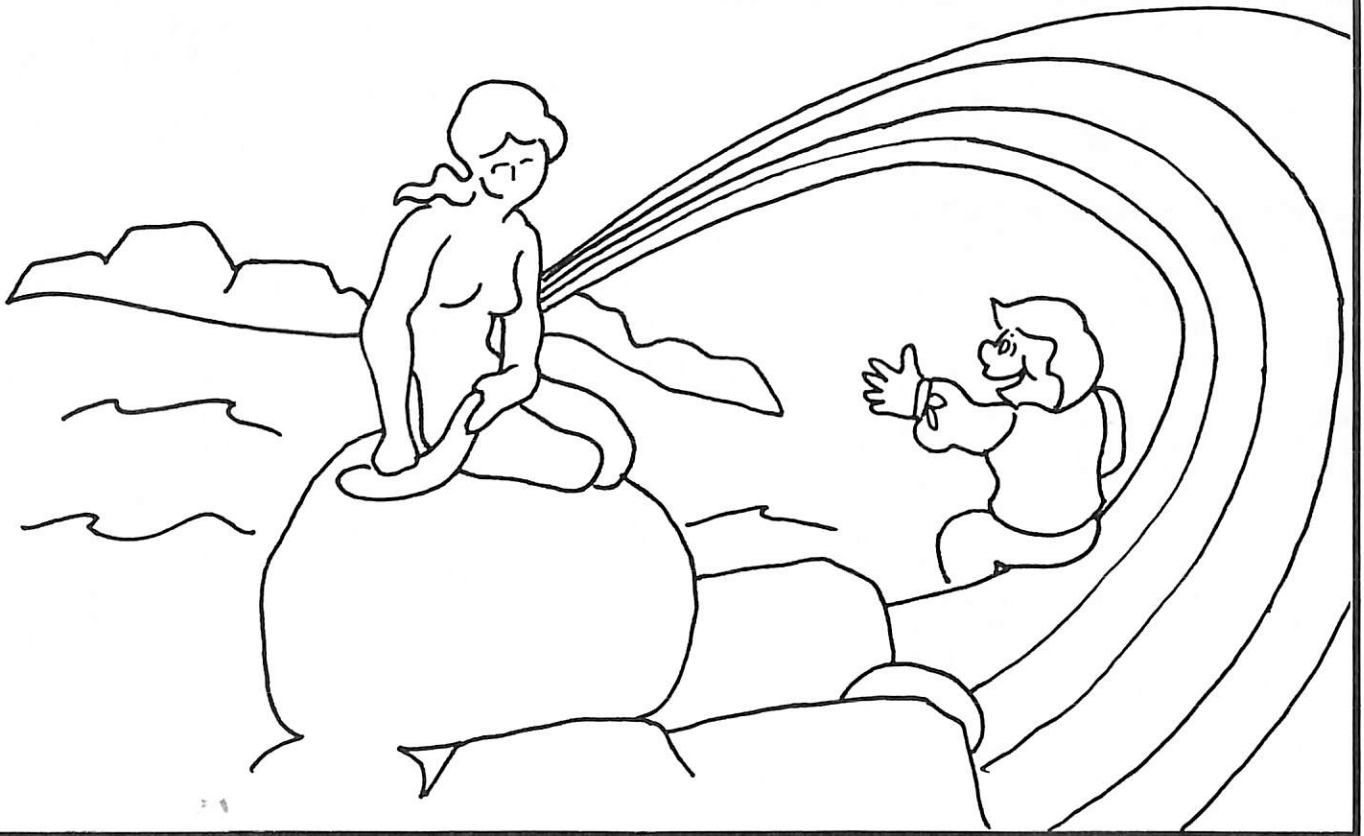
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sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

March winners: Kristin Jensen, Kelly Thuesen, Jason Tronbak, and Sarah Cloud.

Grandma's Kitchen

Aeblekage (Apple Cake)



by Dagmar Jensen

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| 2 cups crumbs | 2 1/2 cups applesauce |
| 1 tbsp. sugar | 1/2 pint whipping cream |
| 1/2 cup butter | 2 tbsp. sugar |

The crumbs may be from dried French bread, cake, zwieback, or from a combination of two of these. Brown the crumbs well in a skillet with butter and sugar.

Place the prepared crumbs in a serving dish in layers alternating with the cooled tart apple sauce. Some people also add layers of crushed macaroons. Allow to harden in the refrigerator. Some prefer placing this dessert in a well buttered dish, bake an hour, unmold and serve when cold.

Serve cold with whipping cream sweetened with granulated or brown sugar. Decorate with dabs of red jelly. It is a very popular dessert.

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DBIA Lodge No. 217 Donates “Danish” Books



Peg Hansen presents book to Carol Larsen, Librarian of Humboldt Public Library. Photo courtesy of the Humboldt Independent.

Lodge No. 217 in Humboldt, Iowa, has found an appropriate way to honor the memory of departed members. They donate “Danish” books to the local public library. “There’s Something Wonderful in the State of Denmark” by Arnie Melcher and “Delectably Danish” by Julie Jensen McDonald were recently donated in memory of Annie Christensen. Not only do they pay tribute to their departed members but they help increase the knowledge of Danish traditions by making these books available to the entire community. Recently Lodge No. 217 was featured in the local paper, “The Humboldt Independent” for their donations.

Congratulations to Lodge No. 217 for their great show of fraternalism!

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