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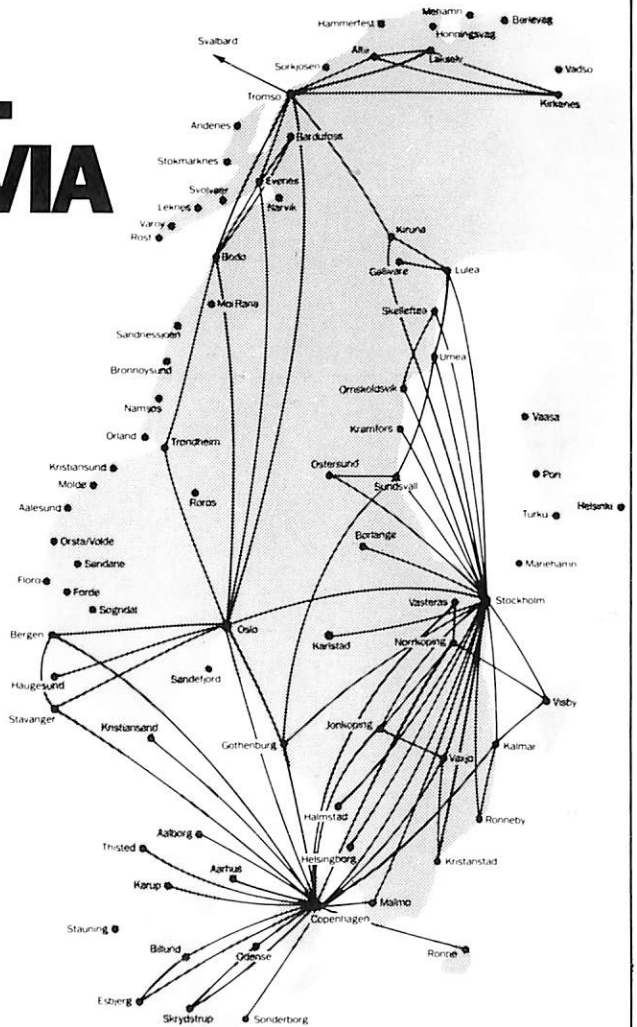
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President's Page

President's Annual Report to the Membership

Clyde R. Langsted
National President



The May issue of the American Dane magazine includes the annual report of the President. In all candor, I am not so sure this is a good idea as it reminds one of how quickly a year passes. Too fast, in fact!

Since our last report we were all saddened by the death of Past National President, George Godthaab. I asked our First Vice President, Woodrow T. Petersen, to represent the Board of Directors and the Danish Brotherhood at his funeral in Owensboro, Kentucky. George was a dedicated member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

During the past year our Society was audited by the Nebraska Insurance Department. This is an area where we have no control and rightly so. The audit covers finances as well as procedures and I am pleased to tell you that it was completed without recommendation for change in any area. We are pleased with that kind of report. In conjunction with the various state requirements, we use the all important services of the actuarial firm of Taylor-Ballard. Those who attend the National Convention in Des Moines may recall the report of John Ballard. We rely heavily on actuarial services (as does any insurance provider) and I am pleased to advise you that we have also received a positive report from Mr. Ballard.

Perhaps I might be speaking for myself but I am very pleased with our American Dane magazine. Pamela Dorau, our Fraternal Director and Editor-in-Chief, has done a magnificent job in producing the American Dane for you. The production of the magazine is subject to budget constraints and for that reason we require bids from potential magazine publishers. Production is not automatically given to American Publishing Company. We are fortunate, however, to have a company which is willing to do many things for us which others cannot do. All aspects are weighed by the fraternal department with the ultimate decision being made by the Board of Directors.

During this past year a survey was sent to lodges asking for a response to our inquiry about "Bed and Breakfast" facilities for traveling members. Sadly the response was very little and for that reason the Danish Brotherhood has abandoned plans to publish such a directory for that purpose. Perhaps many of us already know members in various parts of the country so we do not need this kind of member service. I have heard comments from individuals who say they are not aware of any lodges in areas where they travel and for that reason it might not be a bad idea for lodges to publish their name with a member telephone number in their local directory. Just a thought.

I have reported on and commented about our District Fraternal Coordinator program. I think this is one of the most positive programs we have instituted because these are people helping people and lodges. We now have this positive representation in every district and I encourage all of the lodges to accept them and the valuable **suggestions** these dedicated members have for you. They might just turn you and the lodge around in a positive way.

Shortly after I became a member of the Danish Brotherhood, Howard E. Christensen became Secretary-Treasurer, replacing the retiring Axel Skelbeck. I hold these two men in high esteem. A special recognition award was established for them with a scholarship in Axel's name and an annual fraternal award for Howard. With pride I had the pleasure to present the Howard E. Christensen Award to a member of my local lodge, Flemming Sorensen. I will add that I am pleased to see the number of nominations for 1989 and a decision will be available soon.

Fraternal protection is part of what the Danish Brotherhood has to offer its members. We receive premium income which in turn is invested and from that investment we are able to provide scholarships, camp grants, special and general aid. We had a slight increase in the size of certificates for the past year and we thank those who recommended the new members. Much of what we do would not be possible without the work of Andy Andersen who continues to hold seminars for our sales people. All of this requires teamwork and with all departments under the direct guidance of Jerry Christensen coupled with the magnificent home office staff, quite a group of dedicated people are there to assist you, the member.

We still seem to have a conflict with our Past President's pin which is now a comfortable lapel size in gold. I wish I could say that we please all of the membership in our endeavors but I personally feel that this universal pin is something to wear proudly for any occasion, in the office or DBIA function.

Within the American Dane you have noted the various National President's awards and probably wonder how they have come about. Each year lodges receive forms from the home office in which they list various activities and programs which they have held or sponsored during the past year. These are subsequently presented to District Conventions where the District President and a committee

appointed by him (or her) review them. From this comes the district awards which are forwarded to the home office where myself and a specially appointed committee review them and present the National President's awards. These are not automatic and it does require the keen attention of the local officers and in particular, the Secretary, to see that they are initiated. Where you see them listed in the American Dane will give you an idea of the work involved and the credit to those who took the time to become involved. I would like to see each District with 100% involvement. How about it?

Through the National Fraternal Congress, the Danish Brotherhood has been an ardent supporter of establishing some kind of broad liability insurance for member groups. We have previously reported our support, not only in the American Dane but at District Conventions. I know there is interest in this area and because of this I must advise you that the feasibility study is still just that and we hope to have more positive information later.

During the past year Board members have been assigned to various District Conventions and it also included home office representatives. Ebba Norby, in addition to her responsibilities to bylaws, attended the GCEL Convention. Jerry Sonsalla was assigned to the Michigan-Ohio meet. Jerry also has the tremendous responsibility of looking after the home office building. Barry Edmonds, who chairs our office retirement committee, attended the Midwest District Convention. Paul Carlsen who attends to the all important Auditing and Securities committee represented us at the Nebraska Convention. I sent Woody Petersen to the Iowa-Minnesota Convention and I have also asked him to chair our new Fraternal Donations Committee. It was becoming a problem with respect to time so I formed a committee to review these requests and which will ultimately make recommendations to the entire Board of Directors. Erling Braumann, who chairs Scholarships and Camp Grants, visited the Pacific Northwest District last Spring. I asked our Past President, Robert Ibsen, to represent the Danish Brotherhood at the ground breaking ceremonies at the site of the new Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. It is my hope that you have benefited from Board member participation in having an opportunity to meet these dedicated members and listen to them and at the same time present your ideas for a better Danish Brotherhood. Remember, they are there to serve you. I had the pleasure of attending the California-Nevada Convention in San Diego. It was a special and nostalgic time for me as I was stationed in that beautiful city while serving in the Navy.

I am pleased to say that our home office staff are becoming goal oriented people more so than ever before. Jerry, Andy, and Pam are in the process of developing a five-year plan which, when completed, will set reasonable goals and direction for all of us. This is extremely important to us as an organization as we can no longer sit by and be complacent with our past accomplishments. We must look ahead and prepare with a timetable what we expect and where we expect to be and to utilize every resource we have to ensure the viable continuance of the Danish Brotherhood in America. We must look ahead and we must be able to implement things which will ensure that the goals we strive for are met. I give my enthusiastic support and ask you to do likewise in your enthusiasm for our Danish Brotherhood.

I do want to emphasize that my colleagues on the Board of Directors stand ready to assist you and I know the same applies to our staff of dedicated people in the home office.

Our Danish Brotherhood has witnessed many things in its 107 year history. Many lodges are approaching their centennials and during the past year I have been privileged to participate in 100 year celebrations for my own lodge in Seattle, Haabet Lodge No. 32 in New Haven, Connecticut, and back to Washington State for Tacoma Lodge No. 33. These lodges, and those who will follow, offer testimonials to the success of the Danish Brotherhood and our determination to continue. It is up to us to see that it remains in that status.

I recommend that all of you have a good year and I cannot tell you how pleased I am to receive lodge newsletters and note your commitment to help others through some form of "Operation Care and Share." Thank you for your concern for others and your continued support of the Danish Brotherhood in America and its worthy ideals.



The Danish Brotherhood in America

Balance Sheet December 31, 1988 (Note 1)

NOTE: Failure of items to add to totals shown is due to dropping amounts less than one dollar.

Admitted Assets	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Bonds, at amortized cost	\$ 169,786	\$7,143,178	\$7,312,965
Real Estate, at cost: Land, Building, and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$118,938	—0—	212,888	212,888
Certificate Loans	—0—	157,889	157,889
Cash, including \$40,000 of CD's & Savings Accounts	102,354	58,000	160,354
Short-term Investments	—0—	203,558	203,558
Electronic Data Processing Equip., at cost, net of depreciation of \$21,790	—0—	31,211	31,211
Premiums Receivable from Lodges	—0—	270	270
Investment Income Due & Accrued	2,788	159,294	162,083
Other Assets	—0—	36,711	36,711
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	\$ 274,929	\$8,003,002	\$8,277,932

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Aggregate Reserve for Life Certificates and Contracts (Note 4)	\$—0—	\$6,034,794	\$6,034,794
Reserve for Employee Retirement Plan Group Annuity (Note 3)	—0—	139,094	139,094
Supplementary Contracts Without Life Contingencies	—0—	10,803	10,803
Certificate and Contract Claims	—0—	27,916	27,916
Refund Accumulations	—0—	52,594	52,594
Estimated Refunds to Members for 1989	—0—	74,799	74,799
Premiums Received in Advance	—0—	61,508	61,508
Liability for Premium Deposit Funds	—0—	30,948	30,948
Accrued General Expense	—0—	28,253	28,253
Accrued Taxes, Licenses & Fees	—0—	8,782	8,782
Other Liabilities	—0—	18,173	18,173
Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	83,036	83,036
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$—0—	\$6,570,704	\$6,570,704
Fund Balances (Note 2)	274,929	1,432,298	1,707,228
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 274,929	\$8,003,002	\$8,277,932

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For Year Ending December 31, 1988

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Income:			
Premiums & Annuity Considerations	\$—0—	\$ 598,672	\$ 598,672
Considerations for Supplementary Contracts with Life Contingencies	—0—	18,471	18,471
Considerations for Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingen- cies & Refund Accumulations	—0—	10,086	10,086
Net Investment Income	23,248	597,869	621,117
Miscellaneous Income	836	149	985
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 24,084	\$1,225,248	\$1,249,332
Benefits and Expenses:			
Death Benefits	\$—0—	\$ 142,611	\$ 142,611
Matured Endowments	—0—	4,361	4,361
Annuity & Old Age Benefits, includ- ing \$5,562 in Retirement Benefits under Employee Group Annuity Contract (Note 3)	—0—	50,341	50,341
Waiver of Premium Benefit	—0—	504	504
Surrender Benefits	—0—	138,062	138,062
Interest on Certificate or Contract Funds	—0—	4,221	4,221
Payments on Supplementary Con- tracts with Life Contingencies . . .	—0—	6,082	6,082
Payments on Supplementary Con- tracts without Life Contingencies and Refund Accumulations	—0—	14,987	14,987
Increase in Reserves for Life Certifi- cates and Contracts, Supplemen- tary Contracts without Life Con- tingencies and for Refund Ac- cumulations	—0—	438,813	438,813

Commissions	—0—	20,121	20,121
General Expenses, per accompany- ing statement	43,743	349,386	393,130
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	—0—	24,206	24,206
Depreciation Expense/Data Pro- cessing Equipment	—0—	10,298	10,298
TOTAL BENEFITS & EXPENSES . .	\$ 43,743	\$1,203,998	\$1,247,741
Gain from Operations, before Re- funds to Members	(19,659)	(21,250)	1,591
Refunds to Members	—0—	74,601	74,601
Gain (Loss) from Operations	(19,659)	(53,350)	(73,010)
Fund Balances, beginning of year .	294,589	1,485,733	1,780,322
Change in Non-admitted Assets . .	—0—	2,175	2,175
Change in Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	(2,259)	(2,259)
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2) .	\$ 274,929	\$1,432,298	\$1,707,228

Statement of General Expenses For Year Ending December 31, 1988

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Rent	\$—0—	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
Salaries and Wages	—0—	135,813	135,813
Insured Benefit Plan for Employees . .	—0—	14,333	14,333
Legal Fees	—0—	—0—	—0—
Medical Examination Fees	—0—	542	542
Travel	—0—	30,317	30,317
Advertising	—0—	1,122	1,122
Postage, Express, Tele. & Telegraph . .	—0—	13,734	13,734
Printing & Stationery	—0—	14,488	14,488
Cost or Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	—0—	3,150	3,150
Fraternal Products/Lodge Supplies/ Cultural Heritage Expense/Ameri- can Dane Card, net	—0—	(1,339)	(1,339)
Books and Periodicals	—0—	1,506	1,506



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Insurance, except on Real Estate	—0—	1,819	1,819
Collection & Bank Service Charges	—0—	1,794	1,794
Sundry General Expense	16	2,134	2,150
Actuarial, Audit & Statistical Fees	—0—	20,165	20,165
Data Processing Expenses & Fees	—0—	15,871	15,871
Field Expense Allowance	—0—	795	795
Official Publication, net	—0—	39,742	39,742
Expense of National Convention	—0—	21,302	21,302
Fraternal Aid (Special & General)	9,812	—0—	9,812
Scholarship Awards	31,415	—0—	31,415
Fraternal Donations	2,500	—0—	2,500
Membership Awards	—0—	2,805	2,805
District Fraternal Coordinators Program	—0—	16,362	16,362
TOTAL GEN. EXPENSES INCURRED	\$ 43,743	\$ 349,386	\$ 393,130

13 Other Sources	—0—	16,575	16,575
13.1 Subtotal (Items 11.2, 12 & 13)	(19,697)	780,210	760,513
14 Cost of Investments in Bonds	—0—	1,097,435	1,097,435
15 Other Applications	—0—	—0—	—0—
15.1 Subtotal (Items 14 & 15)	—0—	1,097,435	1,097,435
16 Net Change in Cash & Short-term Investments	(19,697)	(317,224)	(336,921)
RECONCILIATION			
Cash & Short term Investments:			
17 Beginning of the year	122,052	578,782	700,835
End of Year (Items 16 plus 17)	102,354	261,558	363,913

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) The Danish Brotherhood in America is incorporated in the State of Nebraska as a non-profit fraternal benefit society. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. These financial statements are unaudited. The applicability of general accepted accounting principles to financial statements of fraternal benefit societies has not been determined. The principal accounting practices followed by the Society are as follows:

- A. Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.
- B. Policy reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration of withdrawals.
- C. Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost, preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.
- D. The mandatory securities valuation reserve is reported as a liability.
- E. Certain assets designated as "non-admitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to surplus.

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1988, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	\$ —0—	\$ 274,929	\$ 274,929
General	655,762	776,536	1,432,298
	\$ 655,762	\$ 1,051,466	\$ 1,707,228

The contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with the bylaws of the Society for the following purposes:

- A. to provide for fluctuations of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.
- B. to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership and charitable and educational activities.

(3) The Society has a retirement plan for employees meeting certain minimum eligibility requirements. The plan is funded through a group annuity contract with the Society. Contributions for 1988 were zero.

(4) The Society reinsures certain of its life insurance business with other insurance companies. The retention limit on any one life is \$10,000. Under the primary reinsurance agreement, the reinsuring company has agreed to accept automatically all amounts on any one life in excess of the retention limit not exceeding 400% of that retention. Amounts in excess of 400% of the Society's retention may be applied for facultatively.

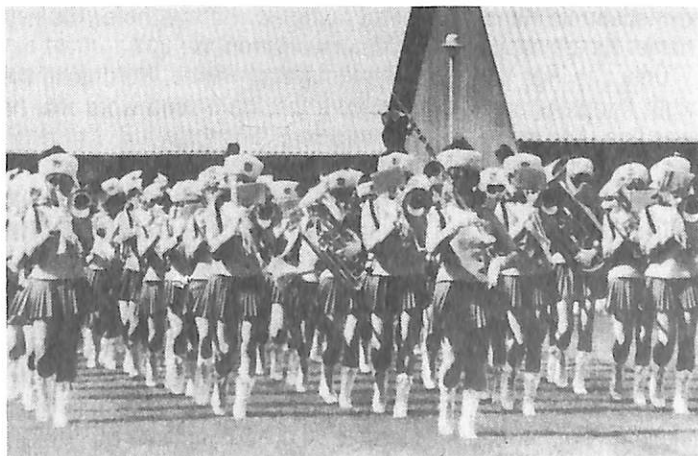
The amount of insurance in force ceded under the agreement was \$2,764,582 at December 31, 1988. To the extent that the reinsuring companies are later unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements, the Society would remain liable.

(5) The Society is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 50(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Cash Flow For Year Ending December 31, 1988

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
1 Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$—0—	\$ 602,480	\$ 602,480
2 Other Premiums, Considerations & Deposits	—0—	28,557	28,557
3 Investment Income Received (excluding realized gains/losses & net of expenses)	23,210	551,027	574,238
4 Other Income	836	185	1,021
4. Subtotal (Items 1-4)	24,046	1,182,251	1,206,297
5 Life Claims Paid	—0—	178,266	178,266
6 Surrender Benefits Paid	—0—	138,062	138,062
7 Other Benefits to Members	—0—	75,759	75,759
7.1 Subtotals (Items 5-7)	—0—	392,088	392,088
8 Commissions, Other Expenses & Taxes	43,743	370,836	414,579
9 Refunds to Members Paid	—0—	73,312	73,312
10 Net Increase in Certificate Loans	—0—	(4,451)	(4,451)
11 Other Operating Expenses Paid	—0—	10,298	10,298
11.1 Subtotal (Items 9-11)	—0—	79,158	79,158
11.2 Net Cash from Operations (Items 4.1 minus 7.1, 8 & 11.1)	(19,697)	340,168	320,471
12 Proceeds from Bonds Sold, Matured or Repaid	—0—	423,466	423,466

Danish Guard to Appear



Gladsaxe Girl Guard will appear in the Midwest this summer.

Gladsaxe Girl Guard was founded in 1970 in Gladsaxe, a suburb of Copenhagen; the band has its own music-school with professional teachers, and 130 girls either in aspirant-school or joining fife and drum corps, concert band or big-band.

The big-band is the only all girl band of its kind in Europe.

During its lifetime of 18 years, the "G-P" has developed into one of the best amateur orchestras in Denmark, it has for the last 12 years held the official Danish championship; the girls have been very successful when participating in music festivals at home and abroad, as well as in radio and TV broadcasts in Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Holland, France, Austria, Australia, Canada, and U.S.A.

They will perform in the Midwest this summer and will appear in the "City of Festivals Parade" in Milwaukee on June 24, in the "Civic-Veterans Parade" in Kenosha on July 2, and in the "Fourth of July Parade" in Racine, and also in several public concerts in these cities.

The band appearance in the Midwest is by the initiative of Holger Danske Lodge No. 36 of the DBIA on the occasion of the lodge's 100th anniversary celebration, which will take place at Gala-Brunch on June 24, at the Midway Motor Lodge in Milwaukee. After the anniversary party, the entire party will go by chartered buses to a reserved grandstand in downtown Milwaukee and watch the parade.

If you want more information or need to make reservations to participate, please contact Axel Hermansen, 3601 St. Andrew's Ct., Apt. 204, Racine, WI 53405.

The Promised Land

by Catherine Richard

Hans stood in the road, weeping dusty tears as he watched his parents' wagon drive into the distance. He'd run for a bit, calling out, wanting them to turn around, to come back to him. Useless. They'd only gone on; now, he could do nothing more. Except wait, and weep, and hope they'd return.

"Moder." He opened his eyes only to discover himself still alone. A warm day, soft grass. Stretching small arms and legs, he gave a sniffled yawn. "Moder, why did you leave me?" he asked the breeze. "Oh, Moder. . ." the tears began again, but he brushed them aside and rose from the ground.

The sound of voices and laughter crept in from a nearby grove of birch trees. He followed it, wondering. Within a clearing, he saw a thatched cottage, small and beckoning. Around it, three children ran, playing a game.

A moment passed before they noticed Hans. The oldest, a girl, approached him slowly. "God dag, little one!" she said. "Are you lost?" He stared silently.

"Maybe he can't talk." This from a boy only a little bigger than Hans.

"Ja, lidenhead, can you not speak to me?" the girl asked.

Hans nodded his head up and down, but remained quiet.

"I bet he's too scared to talk to us," said the older of the two boys. "He's only a baby."

"I am not!" Hans said indignantly, forgetful of earlier tears and cries for mother.

"He can talk!" the smallest boy said triumphantly. "What's your name?"

"Hans."

The girl took over with authority. "So, Hans, I am Margrethe, and this is Peder," she indicated to the little boy, then the other, "and this, is Carl. Now," she knelt beside him, "can we help you find your parents?"

He tried, but the tears returned. "Gone," he managed at last, as the girl Margrethe gazed at him, questioning. "Gone," he said again.

"Carl, go get Moder," she said. "Hurry." She took Hans' hand and held it tight. "Don't worry, little ven. She will know what to do."

A moment later Hans saw a large beaming woman approach with the boy. Peder ran to her, grabbing at long, full skirts. She whisked him up like a feather, hugging him close. "Moder, the boy says his parents are gone," she could hear Peder telling her. "What shall we do, Moder? Can we keep him?"

Nine years he's been with them. He didn't remember his own family clearly anymore. Didn't even recall his last name. Now, he used theirs. It was a good name. Hans Nielsen. A strong name. Still, he wished he could remember the other. Had he ever known it? He'd been so small then.

"Hans, come to breakfast!" Hanne was calling. Time to begin the day.

In the kitchen he looked at her closely over his coffee and rolls, feeling warm and safe. She was his mother now. He called her that, but in his mind she was Hanne. How he loved her! She had filled the gap. But soon he must leave; the thought filled him with sadness.

"Ja, Hans, you must eat and not daydream," she admonished with a voice full of kindness. He returned her smile.

Times had been hard. Margrethe married last year; one less mouth to feed had helped a little. Since their father had died two

years before, Carl and Peder had tried to work the farm, with Hans there beside them, but they were so young. Hanne had gone to work in town, but still, it wasn't enough. Hans loved this place; loved it enough to leave. After all, it wasn't really his home, his family. He must be the one to go. Tomorrow. He'd go tomorrow. One more day with them.

The stench was horrible. Hans felt he would suffocate. And the ship's rocking made him ill. "Hanne," he called out, "Hanne," but no one answered. A sob escaped him. Too old to cry, he thought, brushing away wetness.

"Who's there?" a voice called out. Hans froze. What if they found him? Footsteps approached. "I heard you. I know you're there."

The darkness thinned. A lantern wavered above Hans. "You boy, come out! You're discovered." He sounded gruff and the boy was afraid. "Now!" the man thundered.

Hans crawled weakly from behind the cattle stall. He clung to a wall as the motion of the ship threatened to land him on the floor again. The figure of the man loomed before him.

Stowaway, eh? Can't very well stay down 'ere all the way to Amerika. You'd be dead 'afore we got there." Hearty laughter rang out. "What's your name, dreng?"

"Hans Nielsen."

"Two days out to sea, an' I'd reckon you've not eaten in all that time, 'ave you?"

Hans shook his head. The bread and cheese he'd taken from the farm hadn't even lasted to the port of Aarhus.

"Dum dreng. Takes months to get where we're goin'. Didn't you know that? Now come above and I'll feed you and then you pull your weight in the galley. Name's Christian Petersen, by the way."

Amerika. The New World. Lights beckoned across the harbor at last. The storm had raged for days, but finally the shore lay ahead.

Hans wondered about the city beyond. Their ship had blown off course; they'd bypassed New York. This could be Boston, Christian told Hans. Not that it mattered. He was here. His new home. He felt happy for the first time in months.

Only a twinge now when he thought of Hanne. He'd done the right thing. As soon as he found a job, he'd send word that he was fine. And money. They would need the money.

Boston was like nowhere Hans had ever been. A city teeming with people — continual comings and goings — frenzied activity everywhere. He found work right away with the Schmidts, a German family. Ironically, they were teaching him to speak German. In Amerika. But at the tavern, he was learning English. A tavern wench named Elsbeth was teaching him. She reminded Hans of Hanne.

The Schmidts had been good to him. He helped in their kitchen. Even sent a little money back to Denmark. No "taks" had come from Hanne. That hurt. But Elsbeth comforted him. Like a mother.

Hans gazed on the canal with pride. When completed, he could say he'd had a hand in its making. In building Amerika. The feeling was good. Such a long time since he'd felt good.

Boston lay far behind. Hans was glad. He'd begun to suffocate

there. Fresh, open space was what he needed. Like this place called Illinois.

Besides, after the news had come, he couldn't stay. Part of it was Elsbeth. She reminded him too much of Hanne. His love. His moder. Gone.

Carl had written. "She worked too hard. Got ill," he'd said, "but her going was peaceful."

"Peaceful!" Hans gripped his heart. "How could she have died without me? How?"

But now the pain had eased a little. Here, he stayed too busy to think of her. So much work to be done, and his horses were doing it. Him too, but they were his pride and joy. Bought with the wages he saved from the Schmidts.

"Goin' to the jig dance tonight, Hans?" his friend broke in. "Bound to be some pretty ladies there."

"Ah doen know," he replied. "Maybe so, maybe so."

He didn't think he would go, but he did. Time to start living again, after all. And so he met her. Like Hanne, too, but different from Elsbeth. A younger Hanne. His age. This girl was the one. He knew. She knew too.

They danced and he asked her name.

"Ane Kirstine," she said and Hans fell the rest of the way.

"And where are you from, Ane Kirstine," he asked.

She smiled. "Danmark," she answered.

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Ane Kirstine Petersen Nielsen and Hans Peder Nielsen.

Finally, he heard the baby's cry. Relief. The doctor came from her room. "You've got a fine boy, Mr. Nielsen. Mother and baby both doin' well. Go on in now if you like."

"Ja, ja," Hans said, brimming with joy. A son. A new American. Such pride he'd never known.

Ane Kirstine looked tired, but brightened when he entered. Holding out a bundle, she asked softly, "What shall we call this boy, Elske?"

Hans traced a finger gently down her smooth cheek. "I know. I decided long ago." He kissed her forehead. "Carl Peder Christian Nielsen. That will be his name."

"Ja," she said, "tis a good name."

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Hans crossed the yard, looking distastefully at the small, rented house. His family had grown, seven of them now, and today the children had spilled over into the fenced-in patch of ground and were running about gaily, playing hide-and-go-seek. His face lit at the sight of them. They reminded Hans of those other children he'd watched so long ago. But these were his, and they were Americans.

"Emma, Jennie," he called out to two of the girls, "come give Fader a hug. You too, Flora. And where's my little Minnie?"

"Here I am Fader," a tiny voice answered, tugging at his pants leg.

"And my boys? Henry and Freddie." He gave each of them a friendly punch as they approached, then looked around. "Where's Carl?"

A tall, young boy with sand-colored hair appeared from behind a tree. "I'm here, Papa. Did you have a good day?"

"Ja, ja, but it's better to be here with my children. Now finish your game, while I go and find Moder." He scattered them away, feeling blessed. At last — a family of his own. Still, he wished he could give them more.

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"But I doen wan' to leave this place." Her voice was quiet, but the words full of despair. "This is our home. Profetstonen is our home."

"I need space, Ane Kirstine. There's new land there. Cheap, and wide, and open."

"But Hans . . ." she protested.

"Ane, the horses are gone, dead in the flood. You know that. I can't work without them. Carl is old enough to take care of himself, but the other children are still young. I have to do right by them. We can make a farm in Texas. We must do this thing, Ane."

No more tears, no pleading, only, "But what do you know of farming, Hans?"

"Enough," came the response. "I did it as a child. In Danmark. We'll do fine."

He pulled her close, in a warm embrace. "I love you Ane Kirstine. I love you."

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Two months since he'd spoken those words. Three weeks ago, they'd come here to Texas. He'd begun work, started his farm, found his home. But just now he'd stood, gripping his chest in pain — terrifying pain — and after a moment, fell to the ground in agony. Here in his fields, alone, Hans knew he was dying. Forty-eight years old. Wasn't long enough. You couldn't live a life in forty-eight years. He needed more time.

Darkness was closing in. Night or death? Hans didn't know. He knew only his aloneness; someone should be here. He didn't want to die with no one nearby. He'd spent too much of his life alone already. And he'd had too much of leaving. This time he wanted to stay. He liked this place Texas. Might have made a real home here. Now his wife and children would be left with no one to look after them. She would have to work. Could even die. Like Hanne. All because of him and his leaving. Hans wanted to stay and speak to her of love. Must he leave again?

The light almost blinded him. Heat flooded his body. Where had it come from? It felt good, familiar. Was Ane here? "The children," he said hoarsely, "I'm sorry I must leave you with the children."

"The children will be fine." The voice came from out of the light. It held comfort, love.

"Who?" he asked, "How?"

"They will care for each other, and their mother will always be near to shelter them. They will stay here, together, even until death . . . but now Hans, you must come with me."

The brightness enveloped him. He was drowning in it, but felt renewed. The words faded away. Somehow he knew his family would always have what he never really did — a mother of their own, a place to call home when they felt lost or alone, and best of all, a sense of unity — unbroken unity. No more leaving.

Moder?" he asked, ready now for the answer.

"Yes," the voice replied; then silence fell as they became one stream, flowing toward a sea of billowing luminescence.

The Healing Petals

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived an old man named Mikkel who had three daughters. He wanted his daughters to marry wealthy men and two of them did. But the third child fell in love and married a very poor man.

When the father found this out he told his daughter to leave the home they all shared and never to return.

Now it so happened, that one day when Mikkel awoke, he found that he couldn't see. He called his doctors, but no one could help him. Finally, the last physician who came from another city told Mikkel that there was a special flowering plant in Farawayland that had petals that could heal blindness. The doctor added that many people tried to go there, however no one ever returned.

This was Mikkel's last hope. So he called upon his two daughter's husbands and asked them to venture to this land for the petals. He promised them more fortunes than they already had, if they succeeded; however if they failed — well, it was much too awful to even think about.

The two husbands wanted more wealth and didn't concern themselves about the consequences. So they prepared their horses for the long journey and rode happily away.

Meanwhile the youngest daughter who was married to the poor man found out about their father's blindness and where the cure might be. She begged her husband to try and find these petals of healing, for she dearly loved her father.

Now the two wealthy husbands were just about to reach their destination when they stopped at an inn for some food and rest and heard that Farawayland was guarded by a troll who would destroy all those who came within its reach.

The husbands became frightened and did not want to continue their journey, yet they knew they couldn't

return home without the healing petals. So they decided to stay where they were until they could figure out another plan.

Two weeks later, the poor young man reached the inn, also, and overheard the same disheartening news. But he was not afraid to enter Farawayland.

He rested a while, then began his journey. Along the way he met a giant who was just about to crush him with his foot, when the poor man said, "Sir, giant, you can do with me what you wish, but first let me tell you my story and why I am here."

The giant was stunned at the young man's bravery and said, "Tell your story!"


So the poor young man told the giant about the blindness of his father-in-law and how he came in search of the healing petals.

The giant smiled. "You are the first man I have met who is not a coward," he said. "I will tell you what you must do to get them."

The young man was excited, but apprehensive at the same time. "Thank you, Giant, for your kind help."

The giant moved closer. "First you must travel along this road until you come to two signs: One road

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Letters from Denmark

Life at the Crossroads

by Abby Arthur Johnson

My neighbor Tulla Steengaard recently reached over the coffee cups on her parlor table to hand me the head of a 4,000-year-old flint axe, found on the family farm 50 years ago. I held the object for several minutes, tracing its graceful shape with my fingers. Later the same day, I walked along the farmlands of Draeby and found them covered with seashells. It has not taken long to realize that this village, named possibly after a bend in the road, stands at the crossroads of Danish prehistory and history.



A visitor can take a journey down the quiet roads of Draeby back into Danish prehistory and history.

One late February evening, Ole Nederland, teacher and local historian, showed me maps of early settlements in the area. "People have lived here," he explained, "since they first came north, some 15,000 years ago." They established themselves on little islands and other protected areas, a number of which still hold their remains.

The axe head handed to me over the coffee cups was part of a larger find on the Steengaard farm from the so-called New Stone Age (4000 B.C.-1800 B.C.). The items, including pottery and tools, were unearthed on a field called Espø, once a small island. The Steengaards had given the objects to the Fyns Stiftsmuseum (Prehistoric museum) in Odense, which dated, catalogued, and kept most of them. As has become customary, however, it returned the axe head, a now common find in the area. Because of this practice, other Draeby farmers can also produce the occasional axe head for a curious visitor.

I can look out our kitchen windows at **Elkaergaard** (meaning farm by the pond surrounded by alder trees) to the Lindø shipyard, site of the large discovery in Funen of objects from the Bronze Age (1800 B.C.-500 B.C.). The items, including bowls, spiral bracelets, and other jewelry, were discovered on June 15, 1985, when pipes were being laid for the transport of North Sea oil. The discovery, as has been remarked by some others, involved unusual but fortuitous collaboration between the Danish natural gas corporation and Danish archeologists.

To see a Viking burial mound, I need only walk down the village road to one of the Steengaard apple orchards. The mound is identifiable by shape and position, facing toward the water, the Odense Fjord. The Steengaard family long ago decided against excavating the area, respecting it as a resting place for the dead. They have not been pressured to change their minds since the region has many other burial mounds from Viking times and much earlier periods.

While some villagers have speculated that Draeby was established in the medieval period, historians have traced its origins back to about 1,000 A.D., toward the end of the Viking Period (800 A.D.-1050 A.D.). One recent theory posits that "Draeby" means "to draw boats." The accompanying explanation is that this district, like the other districts, had to produce a specified number of ships for the Viking fleet. Because Draeby was once situated on the water, the ships contributed from the surrounding area may have been transported across this new community to the Odense Fjord. Like all theories, this one may or may not be correct. What is known, however, is that Viking remains, including a burial ship unearthed in 1935 at nearby Ladby, have been discovered throughout the region.

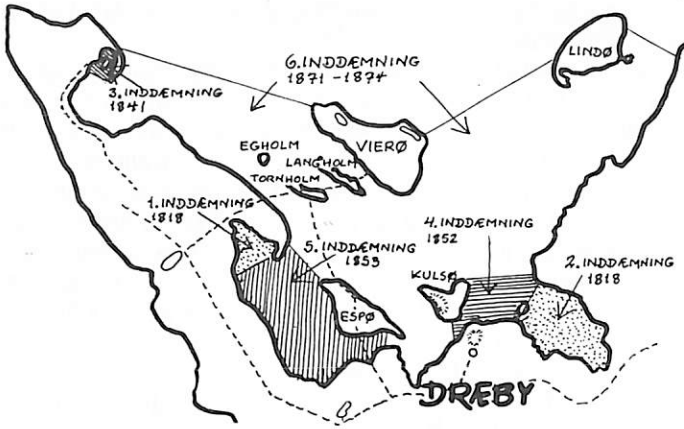
The modern Draeby began to take shape at the end of the 18th century, with the great land reform of 1788. At the time, about 80 percent of the Danish population farmed within a feudal system. They rented land from the lord of the nearby manor, paying him a tax, usually in corn, and doing additional tenant work on land other than that leased. Many of the Draeby villagers rented from the holder of Ulriksholm, a "nice little castle," as it is currently known in the village, built in 1646 by King Christian IV (1588-1648). Ulriksholm is now a restaurant, catering in part to the ancestors of the earlier peasants.

The land reform, instigated by the State to encourage agricultural production, caused a social upheaval, moving the population from serfdom toward capitalism. Among other changes, it allowed farmers to settle where they wished, to buy land when it became available, and to borrow money cheaply.

Despite the various incentives made available through the new legislation, most farmers could not accumulate sufficient capital or find land available for purchase until the 20th century. Early in the 19th century, however, they saw another way to acquire new land — by wresting it from the sea with a series of dykes.

Inddaemning, which means land reclamation or dyking, had become an established practice in Funen during the 18th century. It began to seem feasible to individual farmers during the early 19th century, particularly with legislation in 1810 that not only allowed them to dyke water adjacent to their fields, but to keep any land so gained. The new fields would, moreover, be tax free for 20 years. In addition, as the century went on, the Danes lost valuable territory — Norway in 1814 and then Schleswig and Holstein in 1864. The general feeling, among small farmers as well as large, was that "what we lose outwardly must be won inwardly," through land reclamation.

Draeby presents a classic portrait of **inddaemning**. The terrain was appropriate, for the fields lay at about sea level and the Odense Fjord was shallow — only 30-60 centimeters deep — at considerable distances out from the shore. The villagers, with support from neighbors and occasional speculators, expanded their holdings by six reclamation projects, extending from 1818



Ole Nederland, local historian, has provided this map of the six land reclamations in Draeby from 1818 to 1874. He has presented the accompanying story in a series of pieces published in the Munkebo Lokal Posten and used as a source of information for this article.

to the last and largest in 1871-1874. The effort is a story in itself, replete with intriguing personalities, lively debates among the villagers, and intervention from the outside, particularly with the five great floods of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The first of the floods came in 1825. It was caused, like those that followed, by a conjunction of high tides, spring flooding, and hurricane winds upon the shore. The effects were devastating. The flood destroyed the first dyke, built in 1818 (see accompanying illustration), and did considerable damage to the second, constructed 4 months later during the same year. Most importantly, the experience so eroded the villagers' confidence that they left **inddaemning** for the next generation, who erected the third dyke in 1841, after much discussion

concerning structure and design.

The fifth dyke, completed in 1853, was the last constructed exclusively by the Draeby villagers. The effort soon drew notice beyond the Odense area. An 1862 collection of royal ordinances, for example, cited the effort as an exemplar in the procedure of land reclamation following the end of the autocracy. The project was led by Lars Andersen, once a farmhand for Niels Larsen of Draeby and later, through hard work and good fortune, the owner of the Larsen holdings. Recognized in the community for his intelligence and industry, Andersen persuaded six other villagers, who had helped build the fourth dyke one year earlier, to join with him in damming the waters at the island (ø) of Espø. They succeeded in recovering about 100 acres of new land, which were divided equally among the participants and enjoyed tax free from 1853 to 1873.

Lars Andersen took part in the last Draeby **inddaemning** (1871-1874), but the project was initiated by a man cited in the documents simply as H. Larsen, an adventurer from Odense. Having failed earlier in an attempt to establish a street car line based in Odense. Larsen thought he could not help but succeed with a large dyke in Draeby, where the water was so shallow and there had not been a flood since 1825. He gained approval from the local officials for his new project in only 3 months, on the conditions that it be completed within 3 years and that it accord with the rights and wishes of the villagers.

Larsen did not find the success he had been chasing. First came the flood of 1872, just when he was assembling materials at the site. Then the villagers insisted that Larsen ensure the drainage of some lands already reclaimed, a task he could not accomplish. He built drainage ditches, constructed a windmill that cost 7,000 kroner, and spent about 200,200 kroner on the project. Midway through the effort, he went bankrupt.

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The Draeby dykes have not been increased in number during the 20th century, but they have been strengthened after each of the great floods, in 1904, 1921, and 1945. The 1921 flood came especially quickly and violently. The villagers awoke in the morning to see water in the gardens and seaweed in the trees. While no human life was lost, dead sheep were floating in the fields. The dykes, broken in three different places, cost 50,000 kroner to repair. The damage to the land was even more extensive, and several planting seasons were lost because of the salt deposited in the soil.

The Draeby villagers are cautiously optimistic once again, not having been flooded for over 40 years. Memories of the great floods have been handed down from generation to generation, though, and the farmers have taken precautions. They have established an association, to which they pay annual dues. Representatives of this organization regularly inspect the dykes, the drainage ditches, and the automatic pump installed after the 1945 flood.

Along with seashells in the soil, the place names signal the distinctive past of the reclaimed fields, which lie north of the village center. Many of these names are medieval in origin, such as *Espø*, which is now a productive field within the *Steengard* farm but still known throughout the community as an island. Among the other *Steengard* fields are *Skaldefolden*, meaning shell land for grazing, and *Syiten*, signifying a field near the ocean that occasionally comes under water. The main road in the village, which passes directly in front of *Elkaergard*, is *Draeby Fed*.

This, too, is significant, for the "Fed" can be translated as low land by the water.

As with other villages in Denmark, the heady days of expansion in *Draeby* are over. Whereas the community once supported a number of small businesses, along with an elementary school, it is now almost exclusively a farming and residential area. I can stand at the bend in the *Draeby* road, where the bus from *Odense* used to stop, and survey the homes that had also functioned as the grocery store, bakery, and butcher shop up to 20 years ago. From the same vantage point, I can watch our sons, along with the other village children, ride their bicycles along *Draeby Fed* to *Mølkaer Skolen* (the local school for grades 1 through 10) in nearby *Munkebo*.

The changes coincided with the expansion of the *Lindø* shipyard, established in *Munkebo* during 1958. Led by *Maersk McKinney Møller*, son of the founder, the shipyard has built some of the largest supertankers cruising the seven seas and is one of the major successes in Danish industry. The enterprise has encouraged growth in *Munkebo*, in part by constructing homes there for its workers, who currently number more than 3,000. *Munkebo*, once a small fishing village and a satellite of *Draeby*, now has a busy shopping center and about 5,300 inhabitants, among whom are included the approximately 150 residents of old *Draeby*.

Commenting on the recent developments, *Ole Nederland* confided to me on that late February evening that "we are fortunate we still have *Draeby*." Whatever its future, the village signifies all that has been in this historically and culturally rich area. To a visitor from afar, *Draeby* is a place for rest, recuperation, and long views. The road still turns as it has for hundreds of years. The seagulls still fly over land that once lay beneath the *Odense Fjord*, where the Vikings sailed their ships and ancient peoples sought refuge on the small islands and inlets.

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1987		Total	1988		Total	Gain
Lodge No.		Membership	Lodge No.		Membership	or Loss
1.	14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	392	1.	14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	394	+ 2
2.	227 Detroit, Michigan	354	2.	227 Detroit, Michigan	318	-36
3.	167 Portland, Oregon	263	3.	167 Portland, Oregon	270	+ 7
4.	34 Dwight, Illinois	247	4.	34 Dwight, Illinois	242	- 5
5.	1 Omaha, Nebraska	237	5.	29 Seattle, Washington	219	+ 5
6.	29 Seattle, Washington	214	6.	51 Ludington, Michigan	213	+ 8
7.	51 Ludington, Michigan	205	7.	1 Omaha, Nebraska	211	-26
8.	4 Racine, Wisconsin	197	8.	16 Minden, Nebraska	184	+ 4
9.	16 Minden, Nebraska	180	9.	4 Racine, Wisconsin	183	-14
10.	126 Los Angeles, California	174	10.	35 Chicago, Illinois	180	+13
11.	35 Chicago, Illinois	167	11.	126 Los Angeles, California	165	- 9
12.	46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	163	12.	46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	156	- 7
13.	328 Vancouver, British Columbia	152	13.	299 Solvang, California	156	+ 8
14.	299 Solvang, California	148	14.	328 Vancouver, British Columbia	144	- 8
15.	341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	131	15.	341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	135	+ 4
16.	325 Nassau County, New York	125	16.	325 Nassau County, New York	116	- 9
17.	75 Albert Lea, Minnesota	122	17.	75 Albert Lea, Minnesota	114	- 8
18.	161 Ruskin, Nebraska	105	18.	161 Ruskin, Nebraska	106	+ 1
19.	345 Orange County, California	101	19.	345 Orange County, California	104	+ 3
20.	348 Eugene, Oregon	100	20.	263 Askov, Minnesota	102	+ 2
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Scientists Selected as Distinguished

Dr. Emory Anderson, general secretary (chief executive officer) of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, based in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Dr. Rachael Neve, assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and a researcher in genetics, will be honored as Distinguished Alums of Dana College at the college's Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 21.

A 1961 graduate, Anderson received his bachelor's degree in education from Dana (cum laude) with a mathematics major. He received his Ph.D. in fisheries biology in

1969 from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

As general secretary of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), Anderson has full status as a diplomatic envoy in Denmark.

Dr. Neve, a 1974 graduate, conducts research at Harvard in the Division of Genetics, The Children's Hospital. Her recent areas of interest, reflected in her many publications, include down syndrome, and alzheimer's disease. She and a colleague are also writing a book titled "A Troubleshooting Guide for

Molecular Cloning."

Dr. Neve majored in humanities and was valedictorian of her class at Dana. She is also a recipient of a Danforth Fellowship and a National Service Award from the National Institutes of Health for graduate work, she received her Ph.D. in genetics from the University of California, Davis, in 1979.

That year she became a research fellow in molecular biology at Yale University. In 1981, she became a research fellow in pediatrics (genetics) at Harvard Medical School.

The Healing Petals

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will say FOLLOW ME and the other will say FOLLOW THIS PATH AND YOU SHALL NOT RETURN. Take the path for NO RETURN."

The young man listened eagerly. "Go on," he said.

"At the end of the road you will find a troll guarding a tall flowering plant," said the giant. "If the troll's eyes are open that means he is asleep. If his eyes are closed that means he is awake. Wait until his eyes are open and fill your pockets with the delicate healing petals. Be careful, for if the troll closes his eyes you are in deep trouble!"

"Thank you. Thank you," said the young man as he waved goodbye to the giant and traveled along the road of NO RETURN where he finally saw the troll with his eyes open guarding the flowering plant. The young man plucked the petals quickly and put them gently into his pockets. Then he tiptoed away, got on his horse and returned to the inn.

While the young man was resting from his tedious journey, the two wealthy husbands came over to him to chat. They wanted to know why his pockets were so full and the young man told them the whole story.

Hearing this, the two wealthy husbands waited until the young man fell asleep and ransacked his pockets, thus giving them the healing petals to give to their father-in-law.

When the two wealthy husbands returned, they were rewarded as promised when Mikkel regained his sight.

Finally, the poor young man arrived at his father-in-law's house only to find his two brothers-in-law (who stole the petals from him) celebrating.

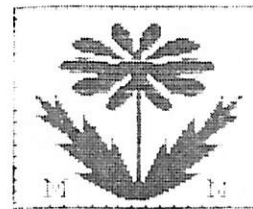
The young man was happy for Mikkel, but was blamed for not being as brave or as successful as the other two.

The young man turned his pockets inside out to show that he indeed found the petals, as some were still there.

Mikkel didn't know who was telling the truth — the two wealthy men or the poor young man. So he asked each one to tell his story.

The two wealthy husbands hemmed and hawed because they were caught off guard. They couldn't think fast enough to tell their tale.

But the poor young man told Mikkel all that had happened to him with the giant and the troll and Mikkel believed him and invited his youngest daughter and her now wealthy, brave husband to live with him in splendor the rest of their lives.



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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The March 1 meeting came to order with 28 members present. We draped the charter in memory of the national past president, followed by an explanation of the symbols by Mel Pihl. The Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference notified us of a proposal for a Danish language camp to be established on the west coast and is requesting our financial help. We received a thank you from the Salvation Army for \$200 we contributed at Christmas. Bethany Lutheran Church also sent us a thank you for helping to defray the costs of the Christmas party.

Elly Batchelor, in charge of activities, is planning a "Good Olde Party." In June we will have a Danish bonfire. Kris Roley, youth chairman, is planning a summer hike or campout if enough people are interested. Lisa Mortensen, in charge of the new orientation meetings reported that the orientation meetings will be on the uneven months at 7:00 before the monthly meetings. Installations will still take place on the even months for all new members who attend the orientation meetings. There will also be 25 chances to buy a \$1.00 ticket toward the drawing of a bottle of wine. The wines available are Amity Pinot Noir 1988, Hillcrest Chateau and Adel Reisling.

We were reminded that the law committee is made up of past presidents.

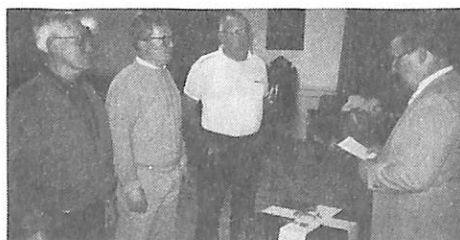
Joyce Gimbel further explained the need for the Danish Language Camp in the west. They are needing \$6,000 to fund the camp and have asked Seattle and Oregon Outreach committees for \$2,000 for this year with the stipulation that scholarships will be offered for children from Oregon and Washington. Skovsøen, a successful language camp in Minnesota, will serve as a model. Mel Pihl moved to donate \$500 to the summer camp. Discussion followed with a vote to send this donation.

In our unfinished business, June Gaps will be responsible for the newsletter, Kris Roley will keep the membership list up to date and offer her help, and Elly Batchelor will collect advertising for the newsletter.

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The best idea for May goes to Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, Iowa. See page 21.

The following delegates will go to the Northwest convention in Seattle in May - Fred Batchelor, Lisa Mortensen, George Larsen, and Joyce Gimbel. Alternates will be Larry West, Elly Batchelor, Diane Fisker, and Debbie Turner. Mel Pihl suggested we invite Mr. Ingolf Noto, the Honorary Consul of Denmark for the State of Oregon, and his wife to our May meeting and hold a reception for him; also invite the Sisterhood to share expenses. Discussion followed. It was decided we needed a committee to work on this process. Mel Pihl, Elly Batchelor, Joyce Gimbel, and Mag Esrom will be the committee members and will invite the Sisterhood to get involved and add a member.



Kenneth Zuschlag watches as son, Raymond A. Zuschlag is initiated into the lodge by Norman Powell, Conductor, and President Fred Batchelor.

At the end of the meeting, we had an installation of Ray Zuschlag, whose father lives here now and belongs to Lodge No. 116 in Newark, New Jersey.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting, there were 55 Brothers present. At this meeting we accepted two applications for membership from Michael Birts and Tor Jensen. Welcome!

During the meeting, we elected two delegates to the Federation of Danish Clubs for one year. Their names are Eli Marcassen and Julius Nicolaisen.

Keld Christensen reported from the Sports Committee that everything regard-

ing the Danish-American Soccer Tournament in Solvang, California, is progressing as planned. There will be 45 people attending, making up three teams with 14 guests as spectators.

The gold pot in the amount of \$52 was won by Gunnar Madsen.

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

Fifty people from the Pacific Northwest District attended our yearly bowling tournament in Seattle, Washington. The Sisterhood Lodge No. 179 won with the team "Dogwood Lodge." The team consisted of Marie Johansen as captain, Judy Jensen, Nellie Jensen, Barbara Andersen and Vikie Baker. Our lodge also won with the team "De Aelder." That team consisted of Eli Marcassen as captain, Otto Thomsen, Uwe Bruhn, Jens Peder Vestergaard and Frede Hansen.

The high scorers for the tournament were both from Vancouver. For the ladies it was Vera Iversen and for the men it was Otto Thomsen. The high scores for three games from the tournament were also both from Vancouver. For the ladies it was Tulle Marcassen and for the men it was Henning Jensen.

That evening we attended a dinner/dance. We all had a wonderful time. Next year, the Pacific Northwest District Bowling Tournament will be sponsored by Portland Lodge No. 167.

Again this year there will be a bus trip to Reno sponsored by our lodge. Your tour guide will be Herluf Pedersen. Herluf has informed us that the bus will leave Vancouver on Saturday, October 7, 1989. For those of you who need to make arrangements for holidays, now is the time! For more information, please contact Herluf Pedersen.

Make your reservations for the Birthday and Soccer Party to be held May 6 at Carpenters Hall. For tickets please call Villy Andersen, Herluf Pedersen, or Peter Praegel. There will be soccer games against Seattle teams at the Norwegian Seamans Centre. There will also be a girls' team participating again this year.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — President Scott Stefansen called the March 9 meeting to order with 35 members present. Homer Hansen introduced his sister and brother-in-law, Ada and James Larsen, as guests.

A letter was read thanking the lodge for their \$200 donation to the Danish Language Camp, Himmelbjerget, at Corbett, Oregon, starting July 16-21, 1989. This camp is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference for young people who have completed 4th through 8th grade. Karen McCumsey was introduced and she thanked the lodge personally for the donation to Himmelbjerget as it was the first donation received. She introduced her guests, Harold and Margaret Matson.

Eva Nielsen requested suggestions for advertising. Susie Staats informed everyone that she had registration packets for the 1989 Pacific Northwest District Convention for interested persons.

The program committee suggested a picnic in late May or June for members and their families including children and grandchildren. Since the annual Pølse Dinner will be in May and St. Hans Fest will be on July 1, it would have to be in June.

Both of the Danish classes are in progress and the conversational class is being held at Lois and Svend Toftemark's home. Lois moved that the lodge pay Susanne Bentkjaer \$200 for teaching the two classes. Kathleen Thomsen seconded and the motion carried.

Lois Toftemark moved that we set up a scholarship program for Himmelbjerget. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved that \$50 be given to each applicant, which includes members' children and grandchildren. Al Nyegaard and Scott Stefansen will meet to set guidelines for the applications. There is a need for Danish counselors. Martin Taekker reminded the lodge that a new investment and building committee needs to be selected since some of the terms have expired.

After dismissal in the customary way, all adjourned to the downstairs for the social hour. The month's committee chaired by Kris and Birgit Sand served coffee and Danish pastries made by Christa Christensen. The program was announced as "Knud Toftemark, Now I wonder what he has up his sleeve!" To fool everyone, he wore short sleeves and challenged our brains with word games. Then he became Professor Labrie and he proved that the hand is quicker than the eye as he pulled some pretty slick tricks.

Verna Lyng, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Now that the installation of new officers is behind us, we are again getting down to some very serious work. Let's give our President, Karl Duus, all our help and cooperation so that we may have even a better year than last year. From all accounts, it's off to a great start.

We would like to convey a grateful thank you to the Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 for hosting the 1989 installation. They truly did a beautiful job of making the evening a very festive occasion. In addition to the guests from Fresno, Riverside, and Orange County, we welcomed Greta and Frede Malmros (guests of Lisa and Arne Andersen), Erik Eriksen of Mols, Denmark, and Hasse Boe of Denmark Radio. The dinner was delicious and the music was excellent. If you did not attend this party, you missed a great time.

Our last meeting opened with a minute of silence in memory of Jens K. Bjerre, who lived in Los Angeles and was a member of our lodge for 42 years. He attended many of the socials and enjoyed the fish dinners. We will miss him. Our condolences go to his family.

Inge Petersen was accepted and initiated into our lodge at the March meeting. Welcome! Five new applications were received and acted on at the last meeting, and all were accepted and will be initiated later. We welcome all of you to a very active lodge.

A social for May was discussed. We will have an auction with cake and coffee to top off the evening. Mark your calendar for May 19.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our meeting on March 8 took place at the Veteran building where a typical Danish dinner medisterpølse med rødkaal was served for 52 members and guests. The following meeting, under directing of our new president Mark Bate, was attended by 20 members.

It was reported that flowers were sent to the funerals of the two deceased Brothers, Henry Edwards and Otto Sørensen. Both were members for many years and both were reporters, Henry for the American Dane and Otto for Bien. Aeret vaere deres minde.

The Scholarship Committee was hard working at the suggested revisions but without a report at this time.

Jørgen Hansen brought our attention to

the 45 visitors from Solvang's sister city, Aalborg, invited by the City of Solvang. Since Dania were to serve hors d'oeuvres and the City would supply the wine during the reception at the new Danish Heritage Museum, Jørgen suggested that the Brotherhood should donate the beer.

Roy Alexander reported on the upcoming soccer tournament with the lodge buying a full page ad and helping with the artwork. On Ed Madsen's initiative, it was decided to nominate Peter Weber for an honorary life membership.

The president and Jørgen Hansen offered to represent the lodge as delegates at the regional convention in Santa Barbara with other delegates to be chosen later.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — If you have any proposed changes to the district by-laws, the must be sent to Owen Miller, Secretary-Treasurer of the California-Nevada District, by May 28.

Bring your old unused reading glasses to any lodge meeting. We save them for a good cause.

On Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m., the Danish National Committee of Southern California, will conduct the Selection of the Western States Miss Denmark-USA at Andy's Garden with sandwiches, dessert, coffee, no host bar (only \$1.00 per drink), and music during and after dinner.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 19, when Lodge No. 126 will hold an auction followed by cake and coffee.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Past Pres.

Lodge #332, Ripon, CA — Bring a picnic basket and join us for a day of fun, games and good company on May 7 at the Knights Ferry Picnic Grounds.

The annual spaghetti dinner, prepared by John and Opal Craig will be held on June 16th followed by the Palace Show Boat — Pollardville on June 17th. This year's melodrama is "Trapped in the Yukon" or "Don't Yukon Me" plus the vaudeville show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please call John Scheuber for your reservations.

Come join us for a weekend of fun on July 7-9. Our hosts are Bessie and Vernon Olsen and Gunvar and Alvin Olsen. Cost per person will be \$10 for this weekend of fun. For more information, contact the Olsens.

Vernon Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — After greeting friends at the attitude adjustment hour, the March 11 meeting was called to order by President Gary Gossett.

Please keep in mind the letter that was

read from Owen Miller, Secretary-Treasurer of the California-Nevada District, in reference to the Hans M. Andersen Award. Since reading this letter, we have received further information. A form has been received that was designed for presenting information on each person the lodge wished to submit for award consideration. The deadline date has been extended to June 1, 1989. If you have someone you wish to enter from our lodge, please get in touch with the secretary.

We want to thank Vivian and Ozzie Schuette for accepting the chairmanship of Operation Care and Share. Our lodge has really pulled together with this project and we thank all of you for your cooperation in this. We are currently looking into changing the recipient of this aid. If you have any suggestions, please contact Vivian and Ozzie.

After the prescribed procedures, the following delegates and alternates were elected for the district convention on July 27-29 in Santa Barbara: delegates - Gary Gossett, Gerry Olsen, and Kaj Bjorn; alternates - Ken Olsen, Jim Dwyer, and Toni Gossett.

We are still looking for a new bartender. This is a big job and does require some time, so we wear out our bartenders after a couple of years. But if we want to have a bar, we need someone to tend it. If you would consider the job, please let the president know.

You are cordially invited to attend the Mother's Day dinner on Saturday, May 13. The dinner will be prepared by Bill Knudsen. Irene Everson and her committee will present a very nice evening. Irene asks that you make reservations so we know how many to plan on. Why not ask your mother to join you for a nice dinner or bring your family and have a special family outing with a group of your good friends. The cost is very minimal - \$8.00 per person.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — On March 4 at our regular meeting we had 18 members join in and welcome and witness the initiation of Esther and Donald Persson as new members of the DBIA and our Kodan family. Welcome Don and Esther!

We had a very productive business meeting, a bit rushed, as we had the most beautiful table full of smørrebrød waiting for us and everyone was anxious to partake of the good food. It was announced that the 20th of May is the date of the deep-pit barbecue at the Pattersons. The date has been set up with the Danish folk dancers

so be sure and mark it on your calendar.

After the meeting we really enjoyed a very nice social with good looking as well as good tasting food. Almost everyone brought pictures and Kaja Del Grippo, Bill Johansen and Pete Petersen brought videos that we watched before and after the meeting including our luau and the shipwreck party and some others. It was really fun to see some of the old snapshots going back ten years. It's just amazing how we never age!

Sue Patterson, Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

We are now half way through this year as we gear up towards our next state convention to be held in Lincoln on September 22-24, 1989. What has your lodge accomplished during these six months? What plans do you have for the upcoming months?

My heart is heavy as I write this message to you. I'm sure you have all heard of the death on February 4 of Wayne Schultz, one of the most loved of our Danish Brotherhood. He was a Past President of the Nebraska District and Lodge No. 161. He served in many other capacities. My wife, Grace, and I are very sad of Wayne's passing. We will always remember the joy of having known him. He was a kind and gentle man and always had a cheerful word for everyone. Wayne made many contributions to the growth of our Danish Brotherhood fraternity. We will miss him.

Grace and I look forward to visiting some of the lodges in May. If we can be of help in any way, let us know.

Soren Thomsen, Dist. Pres.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our aebleskiver supper netted a profit of \$145.50 which was presented to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. Many thanks are due to the committee for their tasty efforts.

Welcome to Margaret Christensen and Allison Petersen who were admitted to membership. We hope to see you often.

Our Operation Care and Share program is ongoing. Please bring your contributions to the next meeting.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met Thursday, March 16, at the community center for an aebleskiver supper. Approximately

60 attended. The dessert was cake furnished by the committee of Glen Haselbarth, Larry and Marion Sorensen, Bruce and Valerie Shepard and Leonard and Roma Anderson. President Wisthi Thomsen called the meeting to order.

A thank you note was read from Laura Hansen for being remembered by the lodge and also individuals who visited her and remembered her with cards when she was hospitalized. LeRoy Hansen, Elmer Davidson and Kenneth Bundgaard expressed their thanks to the lodge for being remembered when they were in the hospital.

The remainder of the evening was spent visiting and playing cards.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — Do Danes like fish dinners? Fish that are caught and prepared by Quentin and Marie Johnson? "And How!" Many favorable comments came from the 50 members and 14 guests of the Lincoln's Sisterhood and Brotherhood March 11 gathering.

Mrs. Hertha Olson introduced the Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum, June Sampson, who with tapes, VCR, TV, sketches, and pamphlets brought the group up-to-date on the progress of the museum. The museum to be erected in Elk Horn, Iowa, has a commitment and a purpose: "To tell the story of Danish settlers in North America." Over a four year period, over 8,000 artifacts have been collected. There is claimed a membership of 1,200. As financial contributions permit, a Danish historic museum will be constructed on the 20 acre site, a museum for the preservation of our Danish heritage and traditions.

Gladys Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our February meeting was well attended. Several topics were discussed, among them, future programs and bake sale during the "Gateway to the West" days. This was followed by all playing bingo before lunch was served.

On March 27 we had a potluck membership supper. Invitations were extended to all Past Presidents and the attendance was great.

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Andy Andersen and Pam Dorau from the Home Office spoke on the benefits of belonging to the Danish Brotherhood and we all had the opportunity to meet Rebecca Porter of Blair, our Dana College scholarship recipient.
Harriet Palle, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Iowa-Minnesota District

Members of the Iowa-Minnesota District please mark these dates on your calendars for the upcoming convention to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 8-10, at the Best Western, Westfield Inn in Coralville, Iowa, just off I-80 on Hwy. 965. Coralville is near to Iowa City. The Westfield Inn was formerly the Rodeway Inn.

Plans are progressing nicely and many things have been planned for convention guests and families. This convention is being billed "a great family outing." Tentative times are as follows: Friday, September 8, 7:00 p.m., registration, District Board meeting and social hour; Saturday, September 9, 9:00 a.m., registration all morning, bus tour to the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library - Museum and birthplace; 1:30 p.m., joint meeting of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood; 2:00 p.m. Brothers and Sisters go to their separate meetings; 3:30 p.m. coffee break; 3:45 p.m., meetings continue; 4:30 p.m., meetings adjourn; 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., social hour; 7:00 p.m., banquet; 9:00 p.m., dancing until midnight; Sunday, September 10, 8:00 to 8:45 a.m., chapel service at motel; 9:00 a.m., meetings continue and later joint installation of officers.

During the meetings and banquet, games and programs for the children under 18 years of age, all chaperoned, will be held.

Remember, these times are tentative, watch for more information on the upcoming convention in the American Dane magazine.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September. Start making your plans now to attend the "great family outing" of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

David Nealson, Pres.
Deloris, Ross, Sec.

Payment to Board Members

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$240.60.

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — On February 13, 57 members of the lodge participated in a conducted tour of the new Iowa horse racing track, Prairie Meadows, outside of Des Moines. The group was shown the usual betting areas, the grandstand area, the club rooms, the jockey area, and the camera room where the order of finish of each race is recorded. Everyone was impressed with this new and beautiful facility. Following the tour, the group returned to Dania Lodge for a brief business meeting and refreshments. Special thanks to Clark Rasmussen for arranging the tour, to Jim Breining for providing the bus transportation, and to Guy and Marguerite Lary and Doug and Rae Ann Lary for providing

the refreshments.

The annual Fastelavns party was held on February 19 at Dania Hall. A good crowd of 24 children (20 of them in costume) and 41 adults were present. A panel of three judges awarded the best costumed girl to Amanda Lary and Dustin David was named the best costumed boy. Rae Ann Lary read the story of Fastelavns to the children. The highlight of the evening involved the breaking of the barrel. Elizabeth Rudisell won the prize for breaking the first "stave" and Nick Nelson became the King of Fastelavns when he delivered the crowning blow to the barrel. As the children were enjoying the candy that they retrieved from the broken barrel, the adults had their

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coffee and dessert. Karen (nee Duus) and Walt Losure from Ames lead the group in folkdancing and musical numbers with both the children and the adults participating in enthusiastic fashion. Special thanks to the following: Joan Rasmussen, and Doug and Rae Ann Lary for arranging the program; Norm Tague, Kirsten Lundgren and Bob Ferguson for judging the costumes; and to Svend Christensen for serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

The annual bingo party was held at the lodge on March 13. Roland Jensen was in charge and kept a tight rein over the activities. Everyone brought prizes, some wild, some crazy, but the most popular proved to be a bottle of wine which changed hands many times when it came time to pick from the prizes that had been previously won. Special thanks to Mary Riber and Norm Tague for bringing the popcorn, and to Margaret Gee and Howard Hansen for furnishing the cookies and coffee.

A special recognition to Willy and Inge Christensen who are moving to Bella Vista, Arkansas. It was Willy who played a leading role in planning and conducting the Joint Brotherhood and Sisterhood National Conventions in September, 1987. After a long and active participation in the local lodge, Willy and Inge have the best wishes from all the members of Lodge No. 15. May they have a rewarding and enjoyable retirement in the Ozarks.

Wilber Williamson, Cor.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — A 60-year membership with the Danish Brotherhood was recognized at the February meeting. Receiving this award was Axel Jensen now of Waterloo, Iowa. Dale Danielsen, President, presented the pin. Axel was born May 14, 1902 in Jyderup, Denmark. At the age of 27, he joined the Brotherhood on May 7, 1929. He comes to the special meetings when he can. Also receiving a pin in February was long-time Dike and Reinbeck resident, Virgil Paige, who received



President Dale Danielsen presents a 60-year pin to Axel Jensen.



and a 25-year pin to Virgil Paige.

his 25-year pin from President Dale Danielsen. Virgil is still the "man about town" in Dike, knows everyone and has a friendly greeting for all. He had a bit of surgery lately but you would hardly know it. One of the pillars of the community, and a great sense of humor. We only had a social meeting in February but a great time it was.

Our March meeting opened with a very special program put on by five Dike High School students in Donna Ricks' speech class. They were terrific! Kris Bouman, Dena Bruhn, Jennifer Peacock, Eileen Ringnalda, and Megan Nielsen performed with definite professionalism. Their presentations were both humorous and dramatic, showing remarkable talent. Of special interest is the fact that Megan Nielsen is the granddaughter of our member Russell Nielsen.

We also were saddened to remember the death of member Marinus Nielsen, of Waverly, and our thoughts are with his wife Rose.

We discussed two items that need further work: the support of the Danish Immigrant Museum at Elk Horn, Iowa, and the upcoming Ragbrai bicycle expedition which passes through Dike on July 27. We want to be ready for them!

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — Our annual Christmas potluck was held on December 4, 1988, and was well attended, meeting at the home of Winfred and Deloris Ross. Members exchanged "fun" gifts and talked of "family Christmas customs." A good time of eating and visiting was had by all.

On January 8, 1989, members met at the home of Stewart and Ruby Arnold in West Liberty, Iowa. Installation of officers was held with all officers keeping their same posts. Plans for hosting the 1989 Iowa-Minnesota District Convention are progressing nicely.

On Sunday, March 12, lodge members, family, and friends helped Howard and



Congratulations to the Nealsons on their 50th anniversary.

Wilma Nealsen celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Lodge members presented the Nealsons with a \$50 money tree and Secretary Deloris Ross baked and decorated the traditional kransekage. It was an afternoon the Nealsons will long remember.

On April 2, lodge members met at the home of Durward and Arlene Keith in West Liberty. This lovely spring day brought out 17 members. More plans were made for the upcoming convention to be held on September 8-10.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — In the absence of our President, Blair Thornbloom, the March 16 meeting was opened and conducted by the Vice President, Paul Nielsen.

After the usual business was dealt with, we enjoyed another speech in the series "Be Proud of Your Danish Heritage." The speaker, Norman Nielsen, had chosen as his subject, Jacob Riis from Ribe, Denmark. Riis came to New York in 1870, was later a police reporter and author of several books. Most famous of his books was "How the Other Half Lives," an indictment of the tenement system. The speech was excellently delivered and most interesting.

A young Danish exchange student, Jesper Madsen, from Køge, Denmark, gave a program about Denmark and showed slides from there. This was followed by a question and answer period.

The annual Ethnic Fair, which is a fund raising project for scholarships, will take place in Cedar Rapids over Memorial Day weekend. We welcome anyone to visit the fair. Usually about nine to ten countries are represented. If you are in Cedar Rapids during Memorial Day weekend, please join us and stop at the Danish booth.

The evening ended with a sing-along. Hostesses for the evening were Ulla Christensen and Karla Labs. Thank you for the goodies.
Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — Thirty-eight members and two guests joined in the Pledge of Allegiance as President Gail R. Nelson called the March 13 meeting to order. Guests Delmar and Betty Patterson of Atlantic decided to join our group.

Members voted to donate \$25.00 to the Atlantic Fire Department. In other business, we decided to have a food stand for the Ragbrai visit to Atlantic on July 24. The Special Project committee of Doris Bell, Mary Lou Hoegh, Gladys McCrory and Chet Holland will be assisted by Harvey and Priscilla Hansen, Marge Holland, Gail and Delores Nelson and Richard and Ardys Knudsen in deciding what type of project to have and to make arrangements with the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce office. Harvey Hansen announced a meeting of the group and anyone else who could come so that plans could get underway.

Priscilla Hansen suggested that we should all have red vests with name tags identifying us as being from DBIA Lodge No. 349 so that we could wear them to Tivoli Fest and other occasions.

The March committee that served the delicious lunch and arranged the program was Jack and Doris Bell, Imo Myers, Glenn and Mary Ellen Olsen, Wayne and Phyllis Olsen, and Ida Rasmussen. The Special Project Committee "charged" everyone 10 cents for every letter in their first name as they went through the lunch line. This will benefit our pledge fund to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Mary Ann Christensen, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — We had another interesting meeting on March 10. Four more new members were welcomed into our lodge, namely Betty Mae Hansen, Ruth Janssen, Jeanette Lenart, and Juanita Lenart. It certainly is nice to see us growing once again.

Last month Einer Andersen was presented his 50-year pin. Congratulations Einer. Twenty-five year pins have been received for John H. Johannsen, Glenn M. Meldgard, and Albert I. Johnson which will be presented to them in the very near future.

Our meetings from now on will be held at D.D.R.'s Pub. D.D.R.'s Pub is located at 1814 Taylor Avenue. There is a nice convenient parking lot adjoining it to the south

of the building and an entrance directly into the very nice meeting and party room where our meetings will be held. We visited D.D.R.'s Pub last month and after discussing where our meetings should be held, it was felt that this is where we would like to meet. Come to our next meeting, and I'm sure you will enjoy the meetings

and our new meeting place.

On March 7, President Glenn Nyboe, Dan Christensen and John Mollerskov visited the home of Brother Francis H. Wendt and his wife to present to him a certificate from the Home Office and plaque from our lodge commemorating his 90th birthday. He was born March 8, 1899 and

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
Margaret A. Christensen	1	—Omaha, NE	George Christensen
Jeanette E. Lenart	4	—Racine, WI	John Mollerskov
Ruth L. Janssen	4	—Racine, WI	Kenneth Janssen
Juanita Lenart	4	—Racine, WI	John Mollerskov
Betty May Hansen	4	—Racine, WI	John Mollerskov
Gerald S. Rasmussen	14	—Kenosha, WI	Clarence Keul
Robert C. Borgaard	16	—Minden, NE	Bill Jorgensen, Jr.
James D. Johanson	35	—Chicago, IL	Herta Iversen
Beth E. Johanson	35	—Chicago, IL	Herta Iversen
David C. Johanson	35	—Chicago, IL	Herta Iversen
Mark D. Johanson	35	—Chicago, IL	Herta Iversen
Brian E. Johanson	35	—Chicago, IL	Herta Iversen
Kevin R. Johanson	35	—Chicago, IL	Herta Iversen
Nancy B. Larsen	36	—Milwaukee, WI	Albert Larsen
Axel N. Nielsen	36	—Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Robert C. Jensen	46	—Perth Amboy, NJ	Eric Brown
Gale B. Luskin	51	—Ludington, MI	Chuck Peterson
Jerry J. Janiga	51	—Ludington, MI	Edward Sutula
William E. Hansen	51	—Ludington, MI	Keith Koegler
John J. Bristing	126	—Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Eise R. Bristing	126	—Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Aksel C. Harboe	126	—Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Elizabeth Harboe	126	—Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Gerda Westerskov	126	—Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Judy A. Andersen	126	—Los Angeles, CA	Poul Andersen
Robert G. Mark	139	—Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Donna J. Mark	139	—Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Arnie M. Jorgensen	139	—Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Audrey J. Jorgensen	139	—Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Dennis R. Chapman	139	—Viborg, SD	Margaret Jespersen
Robert L. Junker	143	—Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
Barbara M. Mecca	167	—Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Lisbeth V. Nilsson	170	—Rocky River, OH	Ebenhart Nilsson
Josephine L. Espersen	170	—Rocky River, OH	John Mortensen
Kenneth H. Detweiler	172	—Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Henry A. Larsen	227	—Detroit, MI	Howard Larsen
Wayne R. Peterson	257	—St. Petersburg, FL	Howard Hansen
Pamela J. Nielsen	273	—Dillon, MT	Ronald Nielsen
Carl Preben Jacobsen	328	—Vancouver, BC	Aksel Jensen
John E. Howard-Gibbon	328	—Vancouver, BC	Kalle Moser
Svend O. Frederiksen	328	—Vancouver, BC	Kalle Moser
Kenneth Pedersen	328	—Vancouver, BC	Kalle Moser
Poul H. Christiansen	328	—Vancouver, BC	Carsten Jensen
Vagn E. Madsen	328	—Vancouver, BC	Jens Hvelplund
Niels Jensen	328	—Vancouver, BC	Bent Ostergaard
Gunnar K. Madsen	328	—Vancouver, BC	John Mikkelsen
Leif H. Andersen	328	—Vancouver, BC	Leo Pedersen
Viggo Mark	328	—Vancouver, BC	Peder Engelund
Israel Wolmark	342	—Bucks County, PA	Inga Abelson
Margaret Nielsen Ramsey	342	—Bucks County, PA	Hans Nielsen
Marjorie M. Brown	600	—Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen

joined our lodge in February of 1944.

He served as Mayor of Racine for three terms from 1943 through April of 1949. Brother Wendt also served as Circuit Judge here in Racine from 1956 until his retirement on January 6, 1969.

Since retiring, he and his wife have traveled to Europe to see their son who lives in Belgium. They have also visited Denmark.

It's time to think about our picnic on August 9th. The park reservation has been made at Pierce Woods. As usual, this will be a combined picnic with the Danish Sisterhood, Lodge No. 5. Keep this date in mind and watch for details in later Danish Brotherhood newsletters.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — The Barb Ervin donations are still coming in thanks to you all! The account will remain active so if any of you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please do so. Barb and Dan left for Baltimore on March 12. We all wish Barb the very best of luck.

The DBIA National Bowling Tournament is well underway. Get your teams together and bowl three games between now and June 1, and give your scores to Rich Walker. Prize money will go to the top 20 teams. You must be a DBIA member to participate.

Our congratulations to Helen Hansen, wife of late Brother Einer, on donating the land for the new Veteran's home. Let's hope that it will come about. Many officials including Brother Andrea are working hard to see that it does. Congratulations to Brother Anker Adelsen who recently retired from St. Mary's Lutheran Church.

As most of you know, the Tivoli Guard from Copenhagen canceled out on their trip to Wisconsin. However, the Galdsaxe Girl Guard will be coming in their place. We still need your help with donations to make this a success. We will be having the Viking ship in the parade again this year!

A very successful rummage sale was held to raise money for the Barb Ervin Fund. \$1,832.54 in sales and donations came in during the two day event. We thank Chairman Bob and Nena O'Neal with help from Bob and Virginia Dix, Mat and Marge Fosbinder, Ray Zieth, Tom, Judy, Christian, Ivan Nielsen, Bob and Rudy Bernhardt, Malcolm Young, Ron Jensen, Todd Barnett, Judy LaCombe, Jack Sorensen, Clyde Knapp, Rich Walker and Dan Ervin. All left over rummage was donated to charity.

We were able to keep the traveling trophy at our lodge for the third year in a

row at the recent Midwest District Target Shoot. Thanks to the Dwight lodge which hosted this event and putting on a great lunch.

We're in the process of starting a great money making event for our lodge. Contact our friendly bartender, Dean Hansen, in the Rathskellar for details.

Bob Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — There were 31 men shooters, five women and four Vikings at the Midwest District Target Shoot held Saturday, March 18. The Kenosha, Wisconsin, team took first place for the traveling trophy; team members were Wes Bernhardt, Wendy Bernhardt, Bob O'Neal and Brian O'Neal. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by 50 people at Starks Restaurant in Dwight and \$133.00 was sent to the Barb Ervin Fund as a result of the raffle. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed another day of Brotherhood fraternalism and thanks to Rick Sullivan and Fuzzy Andersen for keeping this event going.

President Jim Andreassen has been in contact with Bruce Newton (Garfield) who said they could do a magic or musical show if we wanted this for our Christmas party. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please let us know.

Letters have been sent to youths 16 and older who have not been initiated to come to the May 8 meeting or anytime to receive their pin. Some have already indicated that they have previously been initiated. If anyone was missed, be sure and come to the meeting. **Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — After a short business meeting, the important event of the evening took place, namely the Fastelavn party. It would have been nice to have more people in costumes but those that were dressed up were great! The Rev. Lynn Peterson, a guest, came dressed up as a very convincing nun and Eric Jensen was a great Count Dracula, to name a few. First prize for the adults went to the Circus Side Show consisting of the Tattooed Lady (Linda Connery) and Bearded Lady (Frank Connery) and the Fat Lady (Ella Vennergrund). Second adult prize went to Joyce Jensen, a very convincing witch. The children's prizes went to Kristin Connery as a birthday table complete with a cake and to Lisa Connery as a ballet dancer.

Cat King was Billy Iversen, son of Neil and Joan and grandson of Carla. Billy chose Beth Nielsen, granddaughter of Ester and Arvid Swanson as his Cat Queen. The adult Cat Queen, Joan Iversen, chose

Frank Connery as her Cat King.

Those not in costume paid \$1.00 each and \$42.00 was collected and donated to the Barbara Ervin Fund. The sandwiches and Fastelavn Boller were delicious and everyone had a good time. Thanks to everyone on this committee for all their efforts.

The medisterpølse dinner served to 175 people on March 10 was delicious. The committee and other helpful souls were there early in the afternoon to peel mountains of potatoes, prepare red cabbage, veggies, salads and set up tables, etc. The pølses had been cooked ahead of time by the Iversens, Jepsens, and Niensens (who had also made it) but they had to be browned in the last minute amidst splatters of grease over four frying pans. Lots of people are involved in such a venture, and to the peelers, table setters, cooks, food preparers, bartenders, ticket sellers, and everyone else who helped, the Scholarship Committee says thanks!

There was a full program offered after dinner which included a slide presentation about the Viking Ship restoration, folk dancing under the direction of Mark and Lori Nussle with piano accompaniment by Thyra, and the Kilty Bagpipe Band also entertained us. Thanks to everyone who helped with the program.

The evening was a financial success for the Scholarship Committee as \$893 was realized as a profit. Other cash contributions for the fund were donated by Helge Johnson, the estate of Irene Sabey, Al Korsgaard and Marvin Austin. Thanks! It was a good evening. **Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Nancy B. Larsen, daughter of Al and Carol Larsen, was initiated into our lodge as an insured member during our April 5 business meeting. Nineteen members and two guests savored our March 15 corned beef supper on our regular meeting night; then winners of the "Tivoli Guard Fund" raffle were drawn as follows: 1st prize, Roman N. Janusz, Milwaukee; 2nd prize, Richard Horngren, Oak Creek; and 3rd prize, Betty Anderson, Racine.

We look forward with anticipation to the visit of the 45 Girl Galdsaxe Pigegarde Band from Denmark to appear in Milwaukee's City of Festivals Parade on June 24, Kenosha's Veteran's Parade on July 2, and Racine's 4th of July Parade as part of our centennial celebration.

At 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 24, we will host our Centennial Grand Buffet Brunch at Midway Motor Lodge Milwaukee-Airport, 5105 South Howell Ave., Milwaukee 53207. Reservations are

required — adults \$12.50, children (5-12) \$6.75. There will be a parade package, i.e. bus transportation from the motel to the parade route and return with reserved seats at the parade — adults \$12.50 and children under 12 free. Make checks payable to Lodge 36 Centennial and mail to Alice T. Andersen, 3760 North 75th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53216. Reservation deadline for the brunch and parade package is June 15.

The parade will step-off at 3:00 p.m. and end approximately 5:00 p.m. The parade has been televised in past years. Out of town guests are asked to make their room reservations at the Midway Motor Lodge-Airport by May 23. Check in time is 3:00 p.m., check out time is 1:00 p.m. Mention Danish Brotherhood Centennial Party in order to get the following rates: single room (one person) \$58.00, double room (two people) \$64.00. Toll-free reservation number is 800-528-1234.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — On March 10, over 30 lodge members and guests enjoyed our annual Torsk dinner. Emma Kusk and her committee prepared and served authentic Torsk with Sennepsauce, boiled potatoes, cole slaw, with Danish kringle for dessert.

A social hour followed the delicious meal. A special thanks to Bob Matson and all who helped with clean up.

Carol Hunecke, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — On Thursday, March 30, we had an excellent turnout of members for our meeting which had been postponed one week because Maundy Thursday fell on our regular meeting night.

President Loyal Lundorf called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. President

Lundorf then initiated two new members, Marge and Leland Darrow. Welcome, Darrows! We are honored to have you as members and hope to see you often.

In celebration of Waupaca Library's 75th year, it was announced the theme of the Fourth of July parade, in which our lodge participates with an entry, will be "The 75th Year of the Library." Think of ideas for our parade entry.

Of concern to all present was the announcement that there had been flooding in the local Food Pantry located in a drug store basement. Items such as flour became damp and it was feared that can labels might also become loose. A local group is sponsoring a five mile "Food for Hunger" Walk in early May. Local volunteers have volunteered to walk the five miles with pledges to the walker of your choice. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the walk will be given to our local food pantry.

A delicious lunch of open-faced sandwiches, bars and coffee was served after which bingo was played for prizes donated by members.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.



Lodge #225, Canton, OH — We were proud to participate in a fund raising project for local high school students. The students are studying their roots and are planning a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.

At our March meeting, we had a covered dish dinner and welcomed Bob Sorensen, our District Fraternal Coordinator. It was great to see you, as usual, Bob!

Many of us are hoping to attend the Michigan-Ohio District Convention in Detroit on May 20.

Belinda James, Pres.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — The pre-meeting dinner on March 8 saw 70 Brothers and

Sisters in attendance and at the regular business meeting 40 Brothers were present. During the meeting, President Otto Pedersen presented 25-year membership pins to Tom Christensen, Kurt Jensen, Herluf Iversen, and Leon Troelsen.

Jack Jensen announced that he has information on the Chesining Showboat trip. It will be sometime during the week of July 10-15. For more information, contact Jack Jensen.

The Danish Soldiers Society announced that they had 76 people attend their codfish and medisterpølse dinner on March 4th.

On March 22 there were about 60 people who showed up at the club to watch a slide show on Russia which was presented by Gordon Draper. Coffee and pastry followed the show.

Keep May 20th in mind as that is the date of the Michigan-Ohio District Convention which is hosted by the Detroit lodge this year. As is usually the case, there will be a banquet in the evening.

May 24 is movie night at the club so come on down and enjoy a pleasant social evening with the Brothers and Sisters. A future date to remember is June 4 when we hold our annual Grundlovsfest Picnic at Middle Straits Lake. Also on June 17, the Detroit Lodge will be hosting the district baseball outing.

Just a reminder to those members who don't make it to many meetings, when you do find time, come on down to a meeting. We will be happy to see you and you can get a better idea of what is happening around our lodge.

Bob Sorensen, Cor.



Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — It finally happened. After months of planning and one hundred years of activities, the 100th anniversary of Haabet Lodge No. 32 in New

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
3-7-89	Viggo Olesen	90	Ringkøbing, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1940
2-25-89	Jens K. Bjerre	84	Fasterholt, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1946
3-2-89	Gunnar Christensen	72	Denmark	51	Ludington, Michigan	1946
2-9-89	Birgit Yost	59	Herning, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1972
3-9-89	Thorvald Kramme	79	Mygdal, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1967
2-15-89	Einar R. Larsen	83	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1941
3-18-89	Ernest C. Christiansen	92	Frederikshavn, Denmark	39	San Leandro, California	1940
12-26-84	Hans A. L. Hansen	83	Borup, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1976
7-22-88	Niels C. Nielsen	86	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1972
1-20-89	Emanuel Malm	66	Ellinge, Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1984
6-12-88	Glenn T. Moran	41	Honey Grove, Texas	95	Ferndale, California	1979
1-14-89	Tom H. Paul	83	East Grand Rapids, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1984
12-31-88	Helen Madsen	77	Brooklyn, New York	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1981
11-16-88	Edward J. Eilersen	61	Brooklyn, New York	116	Newark, New Jersey	1980



A view of distinguished members and guests.

Haven, Connecticut, became a reality. This celebration was attended by 127 people who congratulated the members on reaching this milestone.

The Ramada Inn, North Haven, Connecticut, was the site selected by the committee. It was a good choice, the banquet room was the right size, the food, either prime rib or shrimp, was delicious and the room accommodations for out-of-town friends were superb.

The evening began with Paul Christensen, President of Haabet Lodge greeting all our guests for the evening, then turning things over to Barry Edmonds, Toastmaster for our event. Introduction of special guests including Erling Braumann, National Second Vice President; George Jacobsen, Past National President; and Elaine Swersky, President of the New Haven Sisterhood.

Clyde Langsted, National President of the Brotherhood, was our first guest speaker. He brought best wishes and warm regards from the Home Office and members of the Danish Brotherhood. Carsted Schmit, Deputy Consul General from the Danish Embassy in New York City then addressed the group with greetings from the Danish Royal Family. One of the comments that Mr. Schmit made that evening was he had never seen so many cars in one parking lot with the DK sticker on them. At the end of his speech, Mr. Schmit presented Paul Christensen with the Danish Flag that flew on the "Tall Ship" Denmark, when it sailed into New York Harbor during our bicentennial in 1976. We were very excited to receive such an honor. Robert Phoenix, President of the GCEL District, also gave us a congratulatory message.

State Representatives Thomas Scott, and Ray Collins presented Paul Christensen with a Proclamation that was passed by the Connecticut State Senate and signed by Governor William O'Neill, wishing us well on our 100th anniversary.

Special congratulatory notes were read from Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, No.



State Representatives present proclamation.

325 in Nassau County, New York, No. 342 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and a special note from Aage Jespersen of Hartford Lodge No. 314.

One of the activities that we had that night was a memorabilia table. Many people gathered around the table reading through old records, pictures and journals that outlined our past. The oldest being a journal from about 1911. State Representative Ray Collins was able to find several of his relatives in some of those records. It made his evening.

We were very pleased that many lodges in the area and some from out of state were there to help us celebrate. Lodges represented were No. 116 in Newark, New Jersey, No. 325 in Nassau County, New York, No. 46 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, No. 29 in Seattle, Washington, No. 342 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, No. 102 in Providence, Rhode Island, No. 41 in Derby, Connecticut, and No. 314 in Hartford, Connecticut. **Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our monthly meeting was held on March 14 with about 50 adults and guests present. This was a very special meeting night. We had our annual Easter party and then our President, Stanley Christiansen, had the privilege and honor of announcing that three of our members were to receive their 60-year pins and four members would receive their 25-year pins.

One 60-year member, Ernest Anderson, from Connecticut, could not be present but Brother Harry Mikkelsen and Arthur Lunde were given their 60-year pins with best wishes from all members and guests present. Both men spoke about lodge meetings a few years ago.

Then the 25-year pins were presented to Sisters Althea McLeod, Linda John and Brother Ray McLeod. They, too, were congratulated by everyone present. Brother David Clark will be sent his pin by our lodge secretary.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Millie Ladd for the excellent supper she had planned for members and guests.

Delicious casseroles were served with rolls, salads, hard boiled eggs, topped off with our usual Easter treat — Vermont maple syrup and raised doughnuts. Oh yes, there were Easter eggs for the children, too.

The very pleasant evening finally ended after lots of good fellowship.

Helen Lunde, Sec.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — Our meeting was held on March 18 at the Senior Citizen's Center in Lake Worth. The meeting was called to order by the President, Eva Stevens. Following the roll call, the Treasurer's report was given and the minutes of the February meeting read and approved.

A discussion was held regarding each member's next of kin in an attempt to get information at a time of illness or death so that the lodge can respond in an appropriate manner.

Following the meeting, coffee was furnished by Eva Stevens and Dorothy and Clarence Andersen provided the cake. Our birthday lady for the month of March was Isabel Larsen and she was honored by the lodge.

Our lodge meets the third Saturday of the month at noon. Bring a sandwich and have lunch with us prior to our meeting and enjoy dessert and fellowship following our meeting. Everyone is cordially invited.

A. Clarence Andersen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — A delightful group of ten high school students from Interskolen, Aarhus, Denmark, led by two of their teachers were our guests at the meeting on March 10. They presented us with their own talk and slide show from Denmark. They also shared with us some of their impressions from their visit here in New York. Also with us were Claire Jay



President Elizabeth Pederson with Nassau County Executive Thomas Gulotta who presented the students with a proclamation.

and Bill Kupec, the two coordinators who had made this visit possible. Nassau County Executive Thomas Gulotta addressed the students and presented them with a proclamation. They were also presented with the official Nassau County flag and each of them received a Nassau County pin.

A cornbeef and cabbage dinner was prepared and served by the kitchen committee consisting of Else-Marie and Ted Griffin and their daughter Kristina and also Karen and Tony Witt and their daughters Karin-Lise and Kirsten Marie.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Museum Board Outlines Next Steps

The Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, met in Des Moines, Iowa, to plan their next steps for the construction and fundraising of their major new facility which will tell the story of the Danish experience in North America.

The museum is proceeding with the construction process directing the architects, Astle/Ericson of Omaha, to draw up the construction documents for site development including earthwork for possible on site activity during the summer of 1989. Anticipating phasing the construction steps, construction may begin the spring of 1990 with completion in 1991 if funds are available.

The capital campaign, a one time and once in a lifetime effort, is continuing simultaneously with the building construction progress. Plans for the community campaigns across the country were presented by Director of Development Dennis Nissen, and members of the Board volunteered for assignments to initiate contacts and create local volunteer committees.

Libby NordicFest

Libby NordicFest, a community wide ethnic celebration entering its sixth year, will be held on September 15-17. Highlights of the three day event are food booths, a craft show, a quilt show, an antique show, a melodrama, public entertainment, a parade, special meals and a Fjord Horse show. There will be dances and evening entertainment. Because it is the Montana Centennial year, the theme is "100 Years in the Great Northwest."

If you would like further information on this Scandinavian celebration, contact Libby NordicFest, P. O. Box 791, Libby, MT 59923.

Introducing . . .



Megan Elizabeth Labriola, one of our newest Young Vikings. Megan joined Lodge No. 225 in Canton, Ohio, and has this to say:

I was born on September 26, 1988, to John and Ann Labriola of Louisville, Ohio. I have a sister Tiffany who is six years old and in the first grade.

I am the granddaughter of Mike and Delores Labriola who asked me to join the Danish Brotherhood. My great-great-grandfather, Fred Petersen, helped start the Danish lodge in Canton, Ohio, in 1905. I am also a great niece to Bob and Dena Pedersen, who are very active in the Canton lodge.

I look forward to attending the lodge meetings in Canton. They are held the first Friday of every month.

and



Alexandria Furman, who joined Lodge No. 600 and has this to say:

As you can see, I am not very old. I just turned one on February 14. I don't have any hobbies as of yet but I love to play and take walks outside on nice sunny days. My Grandpa Cramer asked me to join the Danish Brotherhood because he has been a member since my mommy was a little girl or maybe even before. His name is Bob Cramer and he lives in Council Grove, too.

and



Kaleb Christian Saaba Garde, who joined Lodge No. 37 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and has this to say:

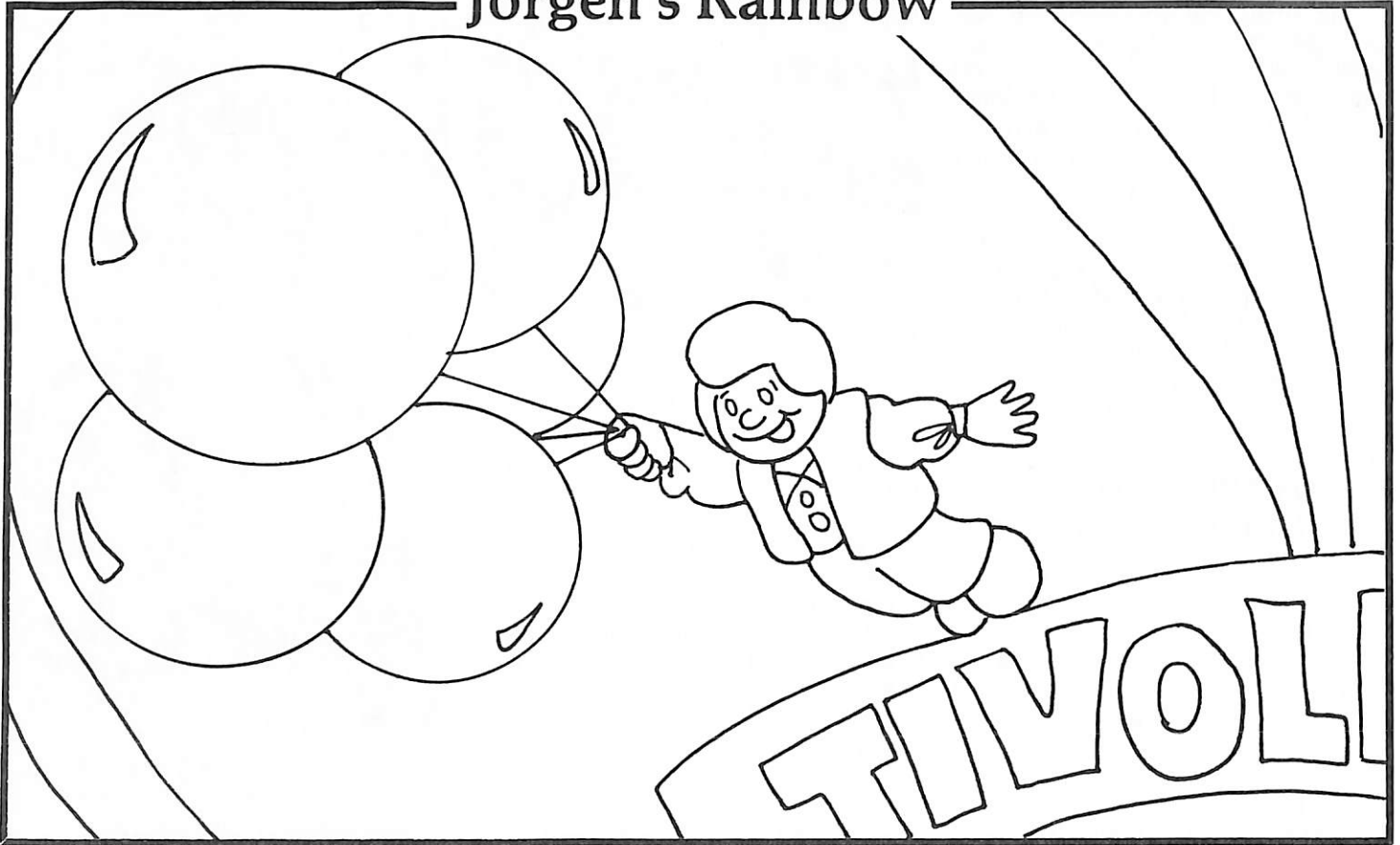
I was born on December, 1983, and am the third grandson of Eric Christian Saaba Garde and Elizabeth Nielsen Garde, National Vice President of the Danish Sisterhood. My grandfather is a native of Copenhagen and my grandmother was born and spent most of her girlhood in Denmark. I joined the Danish Brotherhood because of my grandparents' interest in their heritage.

I love to ride my bike and spend a lot of time swimming in the ocean. My special friend is my dog Luke who is twice my size but I am very adapt to handling him and all other animals. I am also fascinated by Superman and often 'fly' around the house in my Superman cape. I am sandwiched in birth order between two sisters and hope my new sibling, who will be born in July, is a boy.

Welcome Megan, Alexandria and Kaleb!

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.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen and Bifrost love spending a sunny afternoon at Tivoli Friheden. Tivoli hosts a large amusement park which contains Denmark's biggest rollercoaster. There are also many colored balloons that really symbolize the Danish festive spirit. Can you make Jorgen's balloons bright and colorful?

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood

in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Be sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

April winners: Anna Hundtoft and Allison Eitzmann.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Skidne Aeg (Eggs in Mustard Sauce)

8 eggs	2-3 cups milk
1 ½ tbsp. butter	1 tsp. dry mustard
2 tbsp. flour	½ tsp. salt

Hard boil the eggs, cut in two and keep warm. Melt butter. Add flour, then milk a little at a time. Add salt and mustard. Bring to a boil for two minutes. Pour over the halved eggs. Serve hot with chopped parsley or chopped egg yolks sprinkled over the top. Also can be served on a slice of toast for lunch.

Lena Biorck Kaplan Elected President of ASF

The American-Scandinavian Foundation announced the election of Lena Biorck Kaplan as its President. Mrs. Kaplan succeeds Patricia A. McFate, who served as President for six years and is now a senior scientist with System Planning Corporation in Arlington, Virginia.

"I am both honored and challenged by the prospect of serving as President of the Foundation and I look forward with enthusiasm to working with this great institution," Mrs. Kaplan said of her election. "I feel that my Scandinavian roots will be valuable in reaching out to ASF's constituencies both in the U.S. and in Scandinavia and in helping to convey the richness and diversity of the cultures of all five Scandinavian countries to new audiences in the United States."

The American-Scandinavian Foundation, established in 1910, is a publicly supported, non-profit organization that promotes international understanding by means of educational and cultural exchange with Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. To this end, ASF carries on an extensive program of fellowships and grants, trainee placement, publishing, membership offerings, and cultural activities.

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Graffiti: A Monument to the Common Man



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They are messages of brightest hope and deepest despair, of joy, of anguish, and, in a few cases, of mere restlessness. A few hundred yards away the Statue of Liberty beckoned and the world flocked to Ellis Island, the gateway of the new world and a new life for 17 million immigrants. These individuals would later leave their marks on that world. But first, while pausing at the threshold in anxiety and anticipation, some left their marks as graffiti on the walls of the Ellis Island immigration facility.

Now, nearly one hundred years after it opened as an immigrant depot, Ellis Island is being prepared to reopen as a museum that will tell the story of immigration to America. The graffiti exhibit is just one of many exhibits that will make up the Ellis Island Immigrant Museum, a 220,000 square-foot museum dedicated to telling the four hundred-year-plus saga of "The peopling of America."

Some of the graffiti is flowing script, some crabbed handwriting, some wordless. But each is a message of emotion from the soul of some faceless transient traveling between an old shore and a new one, between a life left behind and a new one waiting ahead — a message written to some equally faceless viewer living today, tomorrow, a hundred years from now, who might see and who may understand.

Through the penciled, chalked, and sometimes scratched inscriptions have been dulled by time and mistreatment, the messages ring loud and clear. One person, in an exultation of patriotism for the nation that was about to adopt him, drew a figure waving a cloud of American flags. No doubt overwhelmed by frustration and fear, one wrote "Maledetto il giorno...": "Damned is the day that I left my homeland." Another, who perhaps had no written words to command, recorded with equal power his presence and need to leave some mark by penciling the outline of his hand.

In keeping with the need to leave a message for generations yet to come, one museum exhibit will provide a place where Americans today can leave their own unique mark. "The American Immigrant Wall of Honor" is a permanent exhibit that will display the names of thousands of Americans who wish to honor their immigrant ancestry. It will enable people to have their names inscribed at the very same building where writings were, perhaps, left by their ancestors. Participating in the Wall — with contributions starting at \$100 — will also endow and help complete this non-profit venture.

There are some monuments to the common man that we might rather forget, like those that appear overnight on the sides of subways or vacant walls. But those at Ellis Island are ones to remember, ones that help us to remember history — our own and our nation's.

For more information on the Ellis Island restoration project, and "The American Immigrant Wall of Honor," write to: The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY 10017-3808 or call (212) 883-1986.