

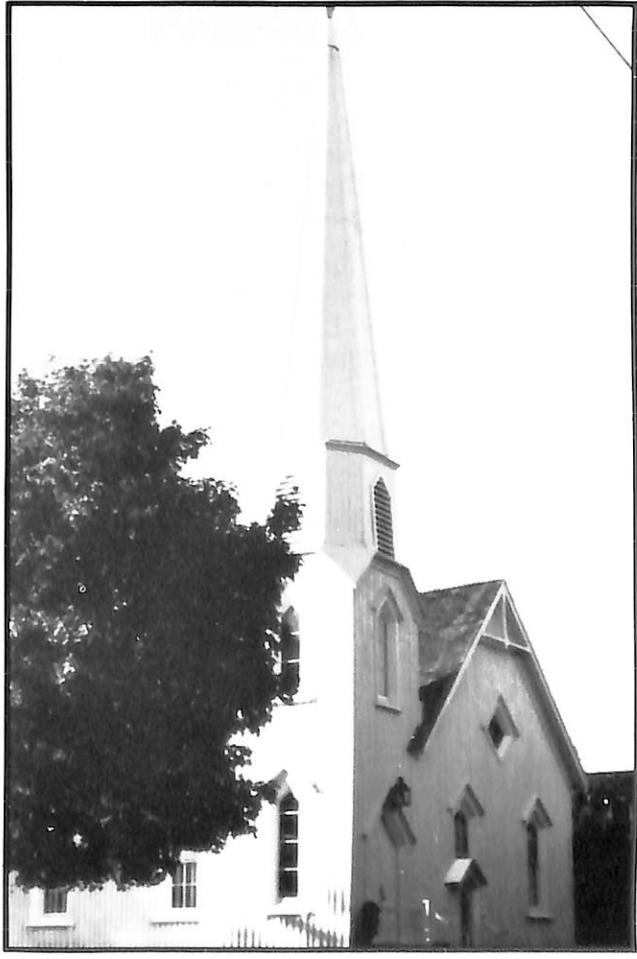
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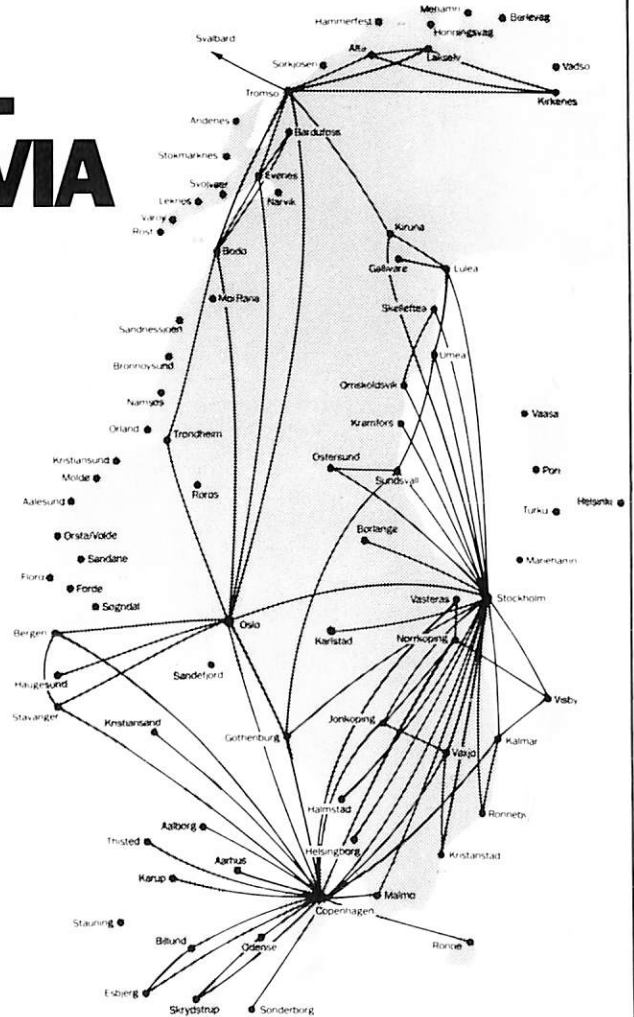
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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President



We must acknowledge June as a special month as we observe Fraternal Week from the 8th through the 14th and Flag Day, June 14th. In 1989 we celebrate the bicentennial of the election of the first President and the ratification of the Bill of Rights. Two important events in the history of the United States. The goal of Fraternal Week is "to apprise the nation of the ideals and objectives of fraternal benefit societies." A most appropriate goal.

I have commented many times on the pride of our Operation Care and Share and what our lodges throughout our society are doing. Now it is my pleasure to share some important information with all of you as to what you have collectively done.

It wasn't until 1981 that we began compiling comprehensive statistics on lodges participating in various fraternal activities and I thank Pam Dorau for making the change and gathering the information for us. Much of the information comes from the lodge report which the secretary submits to the Home Office. I know it can be cumbersome but I believe you will see the value as I continue. Beginning in 1981, lodges held events such as business meetings, education/religious functions, social and cultural affairs, and benevolent or fund raising activities totaling 508. In 1988, that figure was an astounding 2,430! What I find interesting is that business meetings have almost doubled with social functions increasing even more. Another interesting statistic is that benevolent or fund raising projects leaped from 136 to 429 in 1988.

With your lodge reporting forms we can now determine collectively what we are doing in our service to others and, yes, to ourselves. In 1981, one-thousand one-hundred and thirty-seven fraternal acts were reported. In 1988, that figure was over ten thousand. Hours devoted to service of some kind were 2,294 in 1981 jumping to 20,542 in 1988. Lodges reported \$2,495 in charitable disbursements in 1981 with an incredible \$49,237 in 1988. For the same period, fraternal expenses rose from \$18,700 to \$105,000. In the beginning, only 26 lodges gave comprehensive reports of their activities which represented 20% and in 1988, participation was 75% by 90 lodges. These are marvelous statistics for us and it is obvious that earlier figures could have been greater if more lodges had participated. However, we have noted increases in many areas of fraternal involvement the past three years while the number of reporting forms received remained relatively the same. This proves your concern for others and our society. All of those who did participate and continue to do so have my gratitude and, I am sure, that of the many people you are helping and have helped. For your members, please make sure your activities are counted by ensuring that the forms are completed and timely returned to the Home Office.

As a fraternal benefit society the Danish Brotherhood is not alone in its service to others. I could devote an entire magazine in listing the many activities of others who share a concern for mankind and who find a great deal of personal reward for their unselfish involvement. I have remarked on many occasions of the activities which many of our lodges are participating in. Yes, we are a small organization in comparison to others and yes, there are many smaller than us. It does not diminish our place in service to others and the statistical evidence we are now compiling indicates the growing involvement of our lodges.

Some organizations have donated equipment to local fire departments. They have enhanced local parks, donated educational supplies to schools, supported local hospitals, baseball and soccer teams and Meals on Wheels and they take pride and pleasure in doing so. As a fraternal benefit society and member of the National Fraternal Congress of America, we must continue to live up to the purpose for which that organization was established and that is to perform charitable, educational, patriotic and/or religious works, not only for our members but for the good of mankind. I believe we are living up to those grand ideals and if you haven't started doing so, consider it.

We must remain ever vigilant in protecting our society and the entire fraternal benefit concept. We will continue to provide financial productions and protection as well as to emphasize social, cultural and other similar activities as one cannot succeed without the other. These must be provided in concert without sacrificing one or the other in support of one over the other.

We must be ever mindful that there are activities going on within the states that can adversely affect our society and others. We still have the ever present problem with taxation of fraternal benefit societies (although some in high government places would rather refer to it as 'fund raising' instead of taxation) and I must continue to impose upon you to let your local and/or national legislator know your feelings about this. Remember that if laws become effective nationally it will not be long before they are introduced into the various

states. There are many individuals working for us and they need your support.

The month of June also heralds the beginning of summer. I invite all of you to have a great one. Remember to proudly display your flag and it doesn't necessarily apply to just June 14th. Please remember those less fortunate by your continued support of Operation Care and Share.

I am pleased to announce that William Jorgensen, Jr. of Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska, was voted the 1989 Howard E. Christensen Award. The response from the various lodges was magnificent and it is gratifying to learn of the many qualified nominees that were recommended. To be singled out by your peers is indeed a great honor.

Thought For The Day — If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried to do nothing and succeeded.

Queen Margrethe II and the Farmers' Freedom by Don Peyer

Were we destined to see the Danish queen on this beautiful day in Copenhagen on June 20, 1988? We had a preview when her black limousine met our city tour bus in the middle of the morning but we did not know that this day was the two-hundredth anniversary of the emancipation of Denmark's peasantry and that festivities were planned to commemorate the day in 1788 when King Christian VII abolished the "stavnsband," which was the feudal system tying the peasants to their lords.

Having enjoyed Iceland's glaciers and volcanos, the North Cape of Norway and the Midnight Sun, Lapland's reindeer, Finland's lakes, the Baltic via the Silja Line, and Sweden with Stockholm built on its many islands, we anticipated adventure on this last day in Copenhagen before returning home. As you read on you will see that we were not disappointed.

It is wise to take a city tour of any large city you visit, whether abroad or in your own country. Often, you will see sights and be given information not discovered on your own. The morning tour of Copenhagen takes you for views of and stops at Amalienborg Palace, winter residence of the royal family; the Liberty Column; Town Hall; the Stock Exchange; the Marble Church; Tivoli; the Little Mermaid; Rosenborg Castle and its large collection of crown jewels of past monarchs as well as those of Queen Margrethe; and many other attractions.

At eleven o'clock we were given the option of returning to our hotel or staying down town. We have found European cities marvelous places for walking and chose the latter. A few minutes later we approached the Town Hall Square where the "Stavnsbands Jubilaeum" had started. As in most European cities, the Town Square was large enough to handle such a gathering.

A folder, printed in Danish, was handed to us explaining the fifteen exhibits covering periods in farming from the Stone Age (Stenalderen) up to the present time (Bonden 1988). We started with the Stone Age and were surprised that many people spoke English and were pleased to explain the exhibits to someone from America. The exhibits featured farm equipment and machinery used in each period. The people were in costume and were often demonstrating different farming methods and occupations of these periods. The farmers in one such exhibit were busy mixing and packing a mushy black substance into a wooden frame to form bricks. They explained that it was dried and used for a fuel somewhat like the peat found in Ireland and parts of the United States. In another exhibit, a lady sat on a wagon bed and spun linen from flax. Farm animals were tied to the wagons. The gentle Island Horses, which resemble the Iceland Ponies and the Norwegian Fjord Horses, were popular with the children who never tired of petting their soft muzzles.

A friendly man thrust a paper cup toward me. "Beer?" I asked. He nodded. It appeared to be home brew which is quite prevalent in the Scandinavian countries because of the high taxes on liquor. I was thirsty and enjoyed it.

It was noon when a man asked, "Did you know that Queen Margrethe is here?" I didn't but soon found that she had just arrived in an open coach with a hussar escort. She and the Queen Mother, Ingrid, wore white hats with wide brims and were dressed in a simple classic style such as would be worn to afternoon tea. They sat on a platform beneath a canvas cover from which they, along with the queen's husband and two grown sons wearing conservative dark suits, watched a program of speakers, folk dancers and other entertainment. Little red song books were distributed to the audience and a spirited songfest followed.

Later, the queen and her family were escorted into the Town Hall. We joined a group of people gathered along the driveway to await the departure of her limousine. Hussar guards with walkie talkies kept the driveway clear. After minutes went by, we were told that the queen had departed by way of a rear exit. One of the

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guards who spoke English told us they were sorry but a man had been seen carrying a gun. Even Scandinavia, with a lower than average crime rate, is being more careful after the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palma. (On television the next morning, we saw scenes of an earlier ceremony at the Liberty Column (Freedom Obelisk) in which she gave a speech. The man with the gun had been found carrying a large water pistol.)

We left the celebration with many daylight hours ahead of us. Summer Solstice was upon us and in these latitudes the sun sets very late and even then a twilight prevails. It was only a few steps to Louis Tussaud's Wax Museum, the entrance of which is located in the Hans Christian Andersen Castle with access either from Tivoli or the Town Hall Square. We had a light lunch in the small pub off the entrance hall before buying tickets which amounted to about seven U.S. dollars.

We were not disappointed in this choice. Life size wax figures of Danish Kings and Queens are seen in the Hall of Kings. Denmark is considered one of the world's oldest kingdoms, dating back to about 800 A.D. (Queen Margrethe II is number sixty in this long line of rulers.) The earliest of kings shown in wax is Gorm the Old who died about 950 A.D. Gallery after gallery follow

with figures of Hitler, Mussolini, Roosevelt and Churchill from World War II, present world figures, including Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, writers, inventors, composers, musicians and stage and screen stars. One gallery was devoted to fairy tale figures from the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen. There is a Chamber of Horrors in the vaulted cellars beneath the castle with Wolfman, the Phantom of the Opera, Dracula, Frankenstein and other spooky surprises. Should you try to open Pandora's box, you will be in for a shock.

In the evening we visited the fairytale world of Tivoli Gardens for a rib dinner at one of its twenty-eight restaurants. Later, we strolled about this world famous amusement park, stopping for a while to watch a fitness ballet at the outdoor theatre. The park features concerts, outdoor pantomime theatre, ballet and fireworks displays and is open from late April to about the middle of September. It is claimed that Walt Disney got ideas here before creating Disneyland in California and we saw some resemblance such as its ultimate neatness and the myriad of twinkle lights and flowers. It is advertised as "happiness without end." In truth, it was a pleasant and happy ending to a pleasure packed day in the center of Copenhagen.

The Silent Princess

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a beautiful princess who never spoke to anyone. She was so quiet that everyone assumed that she was unable to speak.

Her father, the king, was certain that she could talk, but that she chose not to for reasons of her own.

The king put up notices in and around the kingdom stating that if anyone could break her silence he would be rewarded with gold.

If, however, suitors couldn't make her speak, they would be sent to prison forever.

Hundreds of men came to the palace to try their hand at getting the princess to talk, but, alas, she just sat silently while they all went to prison.

Now, in a faraway land, lived a prince both handsome and wise. One day, he told his father that he wanted to see the world and meet people from all walks of life. His father gave his consent and off the prince rode on his trusted white stallion.

During his travels the prince learned many things and became skilled in many tasks. He never did stay in one place too long for he wanted to see as much as he could before it was time to return to the palace.

The prince finally decided he had seen much of the world and started for home, when he came upon the kingdom of the silent princess.

He met the king who took a liking to him, but told him of the consequences of not being able to make the princess speak. The prince decided he was going to try anyway.

The king desperately tried to dissuade the young prince telling him of all of the others who were sent to prison because of their failings. But the prince was determined to succeed.

And so, the prince, the princess and one witness all met in one of the royal rooms where they sat silently and stared at one another.

The prince did not even attempt to start a conversation with the princess and this in itself amazed the princess, because all of the previous suitors kept trying to make her speak.

After five hours of utter silence, the prince spoke to the one witness and said, "Let us talk in order to pass the time because tomorrow I will go to prison."

The witness looked surprised. "I am not permitted to speak to you or say anything. My job is to listen."

The prince thought about that and said, "If I were to ask you something, would you answer?"

"Maybe," replied the witness. "And maybe I wouldn't!"

The princess shifted in her chair and said nothing.

The prince looked at the witness and said, "Listen to this carefully: Three men — a carpenter, a tailor and a magician went traveling together. Night fell and they made a campfire, whereupon they all laid down on the ground and went to sleep."

The princess moved slightly in her chair and began listening to the prince's story.

He continued: "For safety sake, they decided that each one would take a turn guarding the others so that no harm would come to any of them."

Now the witness and the princess were becoming intrigued by the prince, but the princess still made no sound.

"So," continued the prince, "the carpenter stood watch while the other two slept. While time passed he took a piece of wood and carved a statue of a girl. After his turn of guarding was over, he awakened the tailor to take over while he slept."

The prince now looked at the princess who turned quickly away, still remaining silent.

"And so," continued the prince, "the tailor awoke, rubbed his eyes and saw this lovely carved statue that the carpenter had made. He liked it so much, he dressed it with some finery he had in his pocket. The statue was beginning to look real, while the tailor shook the magician and told him it was his turn to stand guard."

The princess stirred a bit, got up to get a glass of water, but motioned for the prince to continue.

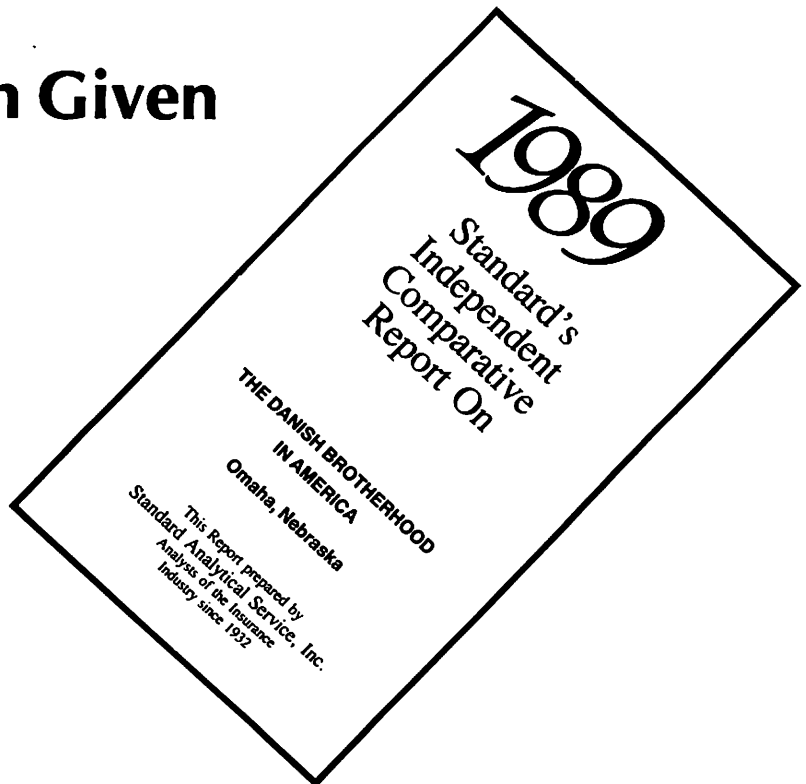
"When the magician awoke," said the prince, "and saw this lovely carved statue dressed in the most beautiful garment he was quite startled, for it seemed as though she was alive. He then said a few magic words, waved his arms over the statue and turned it into a living, life-sized girl."

The witness gasped, but said nothing, eagerly awaiting more of the story.

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Favorable Opinion Given

Standard Analytical Services Inc. is independent of any insurance company. Reports and comparisons such as those found in this report prepared for the Danish Brotherhood are based on statutory financial statements filed with the state insurance departments. The key ratio in this financial report and comparison is the ratio of assets for each \$100 of liabilities.



Financial Stability

The financial condition of a life insurance organization is an important element in public confidence. In this regard we believe the fundamental factors listed below are significant. The following is a COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS of these basic factors, comparing

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with the 25 largest United States life insurance companies issuing life insurance to the general public.

Since these 25 companies have an average of over 100 years of life insurance experience, and own a major portion of the invested assets and life insurance in force of all the companies, a favorable comparison of these factors can be indicative of financial stability.

BASIC SIGNIFICANT FACTORS — AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1988 DERIVED FROM THE ANNUAL STATEMENT

(The 25 Life Companies listed below are the largest by the amount of Assets held for the protection of their policyholders.)

Solvency

A wide margin of Assets over Liabilities can be a significant safety factor. This indicates financial soundness and a Company's ability to meet all obligations as they become due.

Assets for each \$100 of Liabilities as of Dec. 31, 1988.

Aetna Life Ins. and Annuity Co., CT	\$101.82
Aetna Life Insurance Company, CT	102.89
Allstate Life Insurance Company, IL	104.84
Connecticut General Life Ins. Co., CT	104.80
Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co., CT	103.45
Continental Assurance Company, IL	109.54
Equitable Life Assurance Society, NY	102.67
Equitable Variable Life Ins. Co., NY	106.05
Executive Life Insurance Co., CA	102.68
IDS Life Insurance Company, MN	102.44
John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	104.01
Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	104.76
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., NY	103.83
Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co., NJ	103.72
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, NY	103.46
Nationwide Life Insurance Co., OH	104.42
New England Mutual Life Ins. Co., MA	103.30
New York Life Ins. and Annuity Corp., DE	104.36
New York Life Insurance Co., NY	106.22
Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co., WI	104.63
Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., CA	103.20
Principal Mutual Life Ins. Co., IA	103.31
Prudential Insurance Co. of America, NJ	103.35
State Farm Life Insurance Co., IL	114.37
Travelers Insurance Company, CT	105.00

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES \$104.01

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$125.98

Surplus Funds

(Including Capital, if any)
Per \$100 of Policy Reserves:

A high surplus ratio may indicate a company's ability to take emergencies in stride. It shows the proportion of surplus funds to the policy reserve liabilities.

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES \$7.15

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$27.65

Interest Earned to Required

Net Investment Income for each \$100 of Tabular Interest: This ratio shows the proportion of investment income actually earned on invested assets over the amount required to be earned (tabular interest) to maintain policy reserves.

AVERAGE 25 LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES \$218.31

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD \$246.24

Additional Society Strength

The following ratios are Per \$1000 of life insurance in force.

They show further proof of financial strength and stability:

	This Society	Average 25 Largest Life Companies
Assets per \$1000	\$ 467.26	\$167.35
Reserves per \$1000	348.49	90.17
Surplus per \$1000	96.37	6.45

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1988

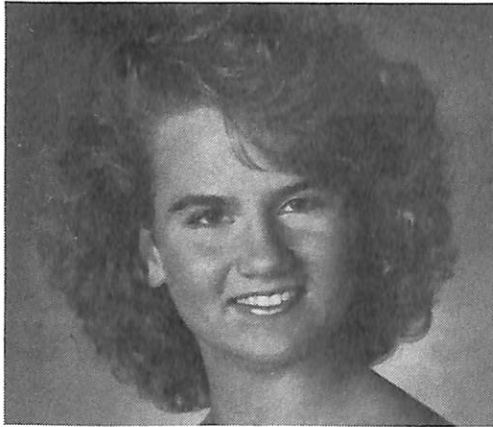
Admitted Assets		*Premium Income
\$8,277,932.00		\$ 598,672.00
Liabilities		Total Income
\$6,570,704.00		\$ 1,249,332.00
Gross Surplus (Incl. Capital, if any)		Insurance in Force
\$1,707,228.00		\$17,716,000.00

*WO Annuity Deposits

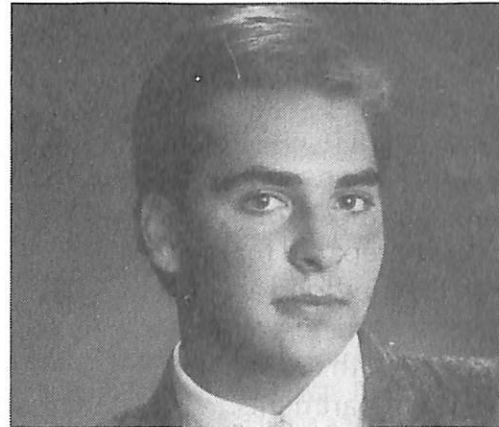
Conclusion

Based on the financial results achieved in the year ended 1988, the analysis made of the above organization in comparing it with the aggregate averages of the 25 LARGEST COMPANIES in OUR OPINION is FAVORABLE.

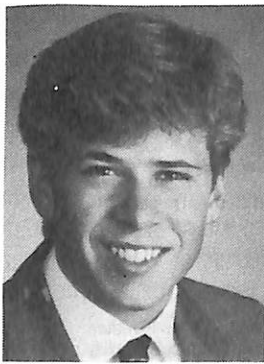
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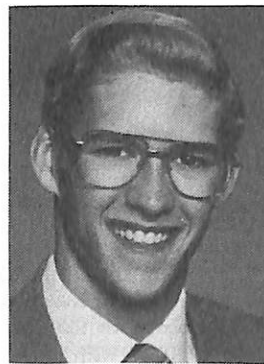
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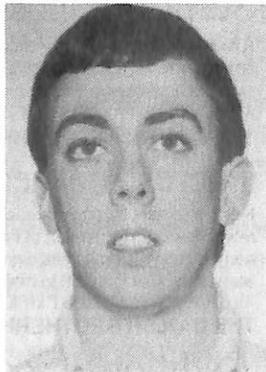
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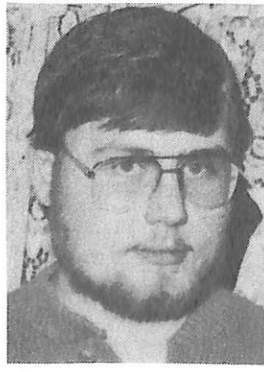
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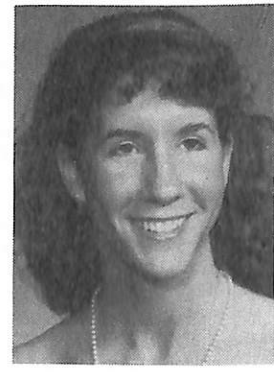
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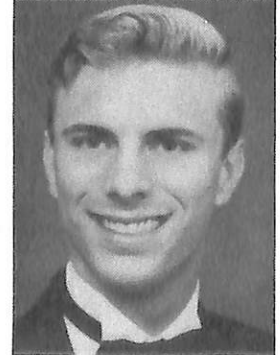
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Letters From Denmark

Garden of Cakes: The World of Danish Baking

by Abby Arthur Johnson


Helle Bertramson, friend and student at Odense University, told me over a cup of coffee and a piece of *smørkage* (Danish coffee ring) that "we Danes are very particular when it comes to cakes." Karen Berg, in the introduction to her classic **Danish Home Baking** (1957), declared that "we Danes" are a democratic lot but that "our whole-hearted approval . . . goes to Marie Antoinette for propounding the famous doctrine: "Give them cake!" "We love cake," she explained, "in any shape or form" and at all times of the day, during meals, coffee breaks, and evening snacks. Danes also relish a bewildering variety of *brød* (breads), *rundstykker* (rolls), *wienerbrød* (the Danish pastries known as Vienna bread), and *smaakager* (cookies). The traditions associated with Danish baking are deep, extending to the folk arts, and wide, reflecting changes in the Danish way of life.

The *bager* (baker) has historically been an institution in the Danish community. Like other institutions, the blacksmith and the butcher, for example, he has long had his own trade sign: the pretzel. He has also, like those other familiar figures, been a presence in the old songs and stories. When Lis Fischer Nielsen and Inger Coble, secretaries at the English Institute of Odense University, first learned of my interest in bakers, they began to sing, right there in the office, "*Der bor en bager*" (There Lives a Baker), a song that Danish children learn during nursery school or the first grade.

To this day, Danish baking remains a lively commercial enterprise, though recent times have brought significant changes.

Pressed by developments in the larger culture, including the increasing number of supermarkets offering their own baked goods, the contemporary baker must be a skilled businessman. With the assistance of neighbor Tulla Steengaard, I had the opportunity to interview one such baker, Ib Hein Christoffersen. Since 1983, baker Christoffersen has owned and managed two successful bakeries near Odense: one in Munkebo and the other in Bullerup. The business is partly a family affair, with his wife Kirsten serving as accountant and his son Torben as one of the four full-time bakers. The remaining staff comprises about 20 schoolgirls, who alternate as shop assistants. The bakeries are open 7 days a week, from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Christoffersen had already surmounted a number of challenges when I arrived at *Torvebageriet* Munkebo on March 7, 1989, at the ripe hour of 7:00 a.m. Having begun work at his usual time, 3:00 a.m., he had helped bake and then had delivered several kinds of rolls, breads, and cookies to four Munkebo couples starting the celebrations of their silver wedding anniversaries in the traditional way — with festive coffee parties in the early morning for friends and family. "It is unusual," baker Christoffersen remarked, "to have four silver anniversaries in one morning. The day must have been special in Munkebo 25 years ago." In addition, he and the other bakers had made 15 different kinds of white bread, including several varieties of the *franskbrød* (French bread) so popular among Danes, as well as *rundstykker*, *wienerbrød*, the *brunsviger*



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pastry special to the island of Funen, and his own special **rugbrød** (rye bread).

While the town **bager** has traditionally been male, the home baker had invariably been female. The Danish housewife has, in this regard, carried quite a burden over the centuries, as indicated by a Danish proverb: "**Kagen er altid konen lig**" (The cake is always the measure of the woman). She had to be ready with quality cakes and cookies for unexpected guests who might drop by for coffee on Sunday afternoons and particularly during festive seasons, such as Christmas. She was even on duty for her own birthday parties, as Tulla Steengaard explained to me over coffee and baker Christoffersen's cakes: "If a housewife had a birthday party, she was the one who had to work." Custom dictated that she produce a varied spread of homemade rolls and cakes on a table decorated with flowers and candles.

The responsibilities of the home baker have been demanding in part because the options among baked goods are considerable and the associated customs exacting. As suggested by Pauline Viola and Knud Ravnkilde in their **Cooking with a Danish Flavour** (1978), Danish baking may be categorized as Danish pastries and other yeast recipes, loaf and layer cakes, and small cakes, including cookies. Within each of these larger categories, there are innumerable subcategories. To assist the "baffled" newcomer to Danish bakeries, the American Women's Club in Denmark provides handouts in their orientation courses that identify, for example, 13 of the primary types of bread, each of which can be subdivided much further. Early on, I realized the

problems in simply requesting **franskbrød** from a shop assistant, who would gesture toward an entire shelf of differing breads.

One can pause over **franskbrød**, wondering how this favorite type of bread was so named, the French, as Karen Berg explained, having "disclaim[ed] all responsibility." Many of the other baked goods bear foreign appellations, such as **Napoleon-skager** (Napoleon cakes) and **Strassburger** (Starsburgers, a traditional Danish cookie), as well as **wienerbrød**. Speculating over the uncertain origins of these and other names, Karen Berg remarked: "It seems we have a marked aversion against denominating anything we make, good or bad, as 'Danish'." One of H.C. Andersen's characters is not so sanguine. Being "so fond of the old words," the gardener's wife in "The Pixy and the Gardener's Wife" declares: "I never say **Kleiner** or **Blatterteig**, I say fat cakes and leafy dough."

"Fat" is an appropriate adjective, for butter is perhaps the main ingredient in Danish baking. A translated proverb conveys the Danes' fondness for this staple: "A person can't be too good to the dear bread, said the man, who spread butter on both sides of the slice." Among the other staples in Danish baking are eggs, at least one dozen in a number of the cake recipes; whipped cream, in such quantities that the pastry may scarcely be visible; marzipan, especially in the impressive wedding and birthday cakes (**kranseskager**); almonds, in such amounts that the ingredient has been described as the theme of Danish baking; and raspberry jam, preferably in any national recipe calling for jam. Given these ingredients, one can recall the word "fat,"

DBIA Employee Awarded FLMI Designation



Rita Christensen, Underwriter, accepts the plaque from National President Clyde R. Langsted.

At the semi-annual Board of Directors meeting, National President Clyde R. Langsted presented a plaque to Rita M. Christensen who has been awarded the coveted professional insurance designation, Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLMI). Rita has served the DBIA as Underwriter since January of 1985.

Ms. Christensen earned the FLMI designation after completing a rigorous ten-course program of study prescribed by the Life Management Institute, the education division of LOMA. LOMA is the management research and education arm of life and health insurance companies and other financial institutions.

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The traditions of Danish baking are well defined, having been shaped through long practice. They are being challenged, however, by trends in the broader culture, especially by the increasing number of women now working outside the home and the recent emergence of supermarket chains. The supermarkets, including Bilka, Brugsen, Føtex, and Irma, regularly advertise "something for every taste" and every need, "only cheaper." The independent bakery is no longer the only establishment in the neighborhood producing baked goods. The homemade cake, it may be added, is no longer the standard measure of the Danish woman.

As Danish women began to work more outside the home, they had less time to linger over fine pastries in the **konditorier**. These gracious tearooms, which used to be connected to the larger, independent bakeries, are declining in number throughout Denmark. H. C. Andersen's **Konditori**, a recent and worthy attempt to revive the tradition in Odense, lasted but 4 months. As an alternative to the **konditorier**, Danes now have cafes. These establishments cannot, though, measure up to the old standard, for they often specialized in pies and international coffees and they appeal largely to a young crowd.

The supermarket bakeries do not measure up to the traditional standards either, for they emphasize quantity more than quality. They are a threat to the independent bakeries, however, because they offer bargain prices and convenient, one-stop shopping. Featured in the February 22, 1989, issue of **Fyens Stiftstidene**, the newspaper of Funen, Kirsten and Karl Nielsen provided a case in point. For 25 years, they had labored at the "Mom and Pop" bakery in Odense — Karl in the kitchen from midnight to noon and Kirsten at the counter from 5:30 a.m. to nearly 5:30 p.m.

6 days a week. They had established a reputation for quality, particularly with their **brunsviger**, famous throughout the area. Despite their accomplishments, they could not, as Karl explained, "match" supermarket prices. Thus, they closed their doors on March 1, Karl to concentrate on his tennis game and Kirsten on training for marathon racing. With them, as the article mentioned, went another piece of the "original baking culture." Thirty years ago, Odense had 162 master bakers. As of March 1, 1989, the city had only 54.

While they have clearly been modified, the traditions of Danish baking remain a vital part of the Danish way of life. Many working women still find time to bake **julekage** (Christmas cake) and the traditional Christmas cookies, which invariably include **brune kager** (brown cakes), **klejner** (smalls), and **pebernødder** (peppernuts). Bakers, sometimes situated just down the street from supermarkets, still proudly display the pretzel as their trade sign. They still provide stunning **kranssekager**, sometimes 16 rings or more high, for weddings, confirmations, and birthdays. The Danes still like to welcome newcomers to their communities, such as ourselves, with an array of fine pastries.

As I conclude this letter from Denmark, I recall Hans Christian Andersen's "The Garden of Eden." In this story, a grandmother tells her grandson, who happens to be a prince, that "in the garden of Eden all the flowers were cakes." Written on these cakes, "in the finest of sugar," were all the mysteries of geography, history, and mathematics. To learn their lessons "at once," the children simply had to eat the appropriate cakes: "The more cakes they ate, the better educated they became." As I continue my round of Danish bakeries, I will probably not grow in mathematical or those other types of wisdom. I will have great pleasure, however, in furthering my knowledge about the wonderful world of Danish baking.

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The Pacific-Northwest District Bowling Tournament was held in Seattle on March 11, at Sunset Lanes in Ballard with 88 bowlers attending. After the tournament everyone enjoyed a delicious beef stroganoff dinner prepared by Else and Ingeborg's Catering at the Nordic Heritage Museum. The bowling trophies were given out and then Aage entertained with music and dance contests. Many thanks to Chairman Frank and all who helped make this a fun day.

Please remember to bring what you can of canned packaged food to the next meeting.

The April 5th meeting at the Swedish Club started at 7:30 p.m. which is the new time from now on. There were 27 members present and seven applications for membership from Ove Nielsen, Frants Holm-Nielsen, Steve Ballard, Paul and Holly Lund, Karen Madsen and Kia-Lisa Akre. All were approved and we look forward to seeing them initiated at the next meeting. After the meeting we joined the Sisters for open faced sandwiches, beer, snaps and dessert in honor of our lodge's 101st birthday.

Frank Poulsen, Cor.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — After receiving our last bulletin, Brother Tage Mortensen requested the information we received from the Danish couple wishing to come to America on a visit this year. Horsens, Denmark, is his home town. His letter to them resulted in two letters back from Tove Elizabeth and her mother with a big surprise. When Tage's letter was received in Denmark, they looked in their family book and discovered Tage was related. Tove Elizabeth sent copies of pages from their book (both written and pictorial information) showing that her mother's father was related to Tage's father.

Merle Kinder and Rudy Vida were elected to represent us at the district convention in Seattle this year.

The best idea for June goes to Lodge No. 321, West Palm Beach, FL. See page 21.



Pictured left to right are Lodge No. 42 President-Elect Rudy Vida; Sisterhood Installing Officer, Agnes Perry; Brotherhood Installing Officer, Lawrence Charneski; and Sisterhood Lodge No. 117 President-Elect, Elaine Linden, at the Spokane joint installation ceremony.

All who attended our joint installation gathering had a great time and we thank the committee for their hard work.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

Lodge #113, Enumclaw, WA — The members of both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood seem to have felt an increasing interest in lodge activities. The refurbishing of the outside of the building was done by a contractor, but after the outside started looking so good, it seemed necessary to fix everything from the sidewalks to doing a complete repainting of the inside of the building.

Instead of contracting this work out, it was decided to do this ourselves. We call these outings "paint parties" and they have turned out to be really fun. We paint a while and then we drink coffee. Then we paint some more and eat lunch. Then we paint some more and then we go home about 2:00 to rest. These parties have been so much fun that we almost wish they wouldn't end. We have one more party, however, and then we will be done. Already the inside of the building looks simply great. The Sisterhood and Brotherhood have proven they can swing mean paint brushes and with their combined efforts, have applied over \$300 worth of paint to the inside of the hall.

Now we are turning our thoughts to the open house we are having June 17. We hope that many of our friends from other

lodges who have been so generous with their donations will attend, and we expect to have a great get-together and a genuine Danish good time. **Ronald Evans, Pres.**

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The April 5 meeting was brought to order at 7:45 p.m. with 42 members present. The charter was draped in memory of Warren Jimerson followed by a moment of silence.

President Fred Batchelor introduced Clyde Langsted, DBIA National President, who was visiting our lodge tonight, followed by a 10 minute intermission in which Ed Hirsch introduced lodge members to President Langsted.



Lodge President Fred Batchelor and Vice President Lisa Mortensen welcome National President Clyde Langsted.



Welcome new members LaVern Haugen, Kerry Dewey, and Ib Jensen.

Three new members were installed including Ib Jensen, Kerry Dewey, and LaVern Haugen. Welcome! Installation was followed by a brief intermission to meet and greet the new members.

Ellie Batchelor reported on the St. Hans Aften in Cannon Beach on June 24. The fire chief has approved our having a bonfire on his beach for this mid-summer festival.

Mag Esrom reported on the bowling in Seattle. Everyone had a good time.

Kris Roley reported on the Young Vikings and encouraged family activity. If anyone is interested in folk dancing for your children, please contact Kris.

Tami Hansen has resigned as chairman

for the National Convention. There has been a real problem finding someone in the Brotherhood or Sisterhood to take this responsibility so at the Board meeting, Asbjorn Fisker suggested we check into hiring a professional person to do this. President Batchelor found such a person with all the qualifications, Sheila Hamilton. She has experience organizing meetings, tours, entertainment, etc. for large conventions and her fee is only \$250 for the Brotherhood and \$250 for the Sisterhood. Edna Oslund from the Sisterhood came into our meeting for the discussion and was certain they will go along with hiring Sheila and suggested we meet as one group soon when Sheila can attend one of our meetings. The Brotherhood moved and approved we hire Sheila Hamilton as coordinator for the 1991 National Convention. We all need to give her our support.

Jens Jensen introduced our guests, Mr. Dewey, husband of our new member Kerry; and Frank Dally, who has applied for membership. Mr. Dally was formerly a member of the Chicago lodge and is brother-in-law of National First Vice President Woody Petersen. Hans Anderson was also present and has been a member for 40 years.

Debbie Turner reported we now have some Danish sweatshirts available for \$24. They match the famous Don Thorkildsen hats, also available upon request.

Clyde Langsted closed the meeting

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APRIL 1989

Semi-annual Board meeting: Clyde R. Langsted, \$638.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$533.00; Erling C. Braumann, \$578.00; Paul Carlsen, \$518.00; Barry Edmonds, \$618.00; Ebba L. Norby, \$698.00; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$376.10; Robert E. Ibsen, \$548.00.

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encouraging all of us to attend the Pacific-Northwest District Convention. He is pleased with our progress on the 1991 National Convention preparations thus far and was impressed with all our programs we have going. President Langsted thanked us for our hospitality and closed with everyone singing the Danish National Anthem. **Debbie Turner, Sec. Pro-Tem**

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our meeting in April there were 48 Brothers present.

During the meeting, we installed three new members into our lodge. Their names are John Larsen, John Jensen, and Michael Birg. That brought our attendance up to 51.

During the meeting, we elected Poul Christiansen to be our delegate to the conference in Ottawa of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada.

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

We participated in the 3rd annual Danish-American Soccer Tournament in Solvang, California. We had three teams representing Vancouver. They were the Vancouver Danes Young (Open Division), Vancouver Danes Over (Over 30 Division), and VanDanes (Women's Open).

The final scores when the day was over, was Los Angeles winning almost everyting in the tournament this year.

Overall, Vancouver Danes Young Team, Vancouver Danes Over 30, and VanDanes all placed 3rd in their respective divisions. Again it was a wonderful day to remember and we will see all you in Vancouver for the 4th annual Danish American Soccer Tournament in 1990.

In line with Danish tradition that "no

major soccer event shall take place without a major party," a banquet was held at the Vandenberg AFB Officers Club. Approximately 450 people attended. Great party! During the evening, the trophies were given out; it was great to see that every team received something. We were all invited to the 4th annual tournament to be held in Vancouver and sponsored by our lodge. Until next time, see you all.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — On April 13 President Scott Stefansen called the meeting to order with 40 members present. Two applications for membership had been received, Ada and James Larsen. Kris Sand made a motion that they be accepted; Mona Kristiansen seconded and the lodge approved. After they were initiated, the lodge members welcomed them.

A note was read from Bob Nelson thanking us for the plant he received.

Kris Sand read a letter from Eric, Ed and Kristine Hake of Corvallis who are interested in becoming members of our lodge. Secretary Susie Staats will send them applications.

The program committee reported on plans for a picnic on June 4 at Armitage Park. A possible lodge trip was discussed to the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest on September 15-17. There is the possibility of renting a 47-capacity bus at a cost of \$12.50 per person.

Al Nyegaard reported that both of the Danish classes are over, however, Scott Stefansen stated that some of the members are planning to meet in each other's homes to continue learning, through practice, conversational Danish.

President Scott Stefansen presented Past President's pins to Peter Jensen and

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
3-26-89	Erik E. Melson	80	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1946
3-29-89	Alvin L. Andersen	70	Council Bluffs, Iowa	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1936
3-31-89	Martin Olsen	87	Fastrup, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1927
4-1-89	Karl H. Koch	84	Germany	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1952
4-8-89	Lewis J. Manahan	89	Chatfield, Minnesota	107	Chicago, Illinois	1954
4-14-89	Jens P. R. Holm	92	Balle, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1923
4-9-89	George H. Hansen	61	Solvang, California	299	Solvang, California	1961
4-25-89	Oluf M. Johansen	69	Kearny, New Jersey	116	Newark, New Jersey	1957
4-15-89	William O. Smith	76	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1964
4-14-89	Lars A. Larsen	81	Skallerup Klit, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1925
4-18-89	Alice M. Jacobsen	62	Corning, Iowa	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1988
4-13-89	Martin S. Nordendahl	82	Duluth, Minnesota	39	Oakland, California	1971
3-15-89	Warren Jimerson	57	Algoma, Oregon	167	Portland, Oregon	1987
4-25-89	Milun Zekovic	70	Yugoslavia	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1985
4-2-88	Julius M. Thyrean	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1950
3-15-88	P. B. Ulbricht	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1932
3-18-88	Knud E. Lønstrup	65	Gentofte, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1960

Poul Olesen. Some books have been donated to our lodge library and Al Nye-gaard will index them.

The monthly committee chaired by Hugo and Betty Christensen served coffee, cookies and citron fromage. Brooks and Alrene Mikkelsen showed slides of a trip they took to China and had a display of maps, books and items they brought back.

Since Karen and Knud Toftemark had requested "no gifts" on the invitations for their 50th wedding anniversary party, the lodge members planned a surprise of a money tree, but the surprise was on us, as Knud's two sisters and a brother-in-law had come from Denmark and were visiting family that night. We got even with them by rousing them out early on April 15, their anniversary, with the traditional morning songs for the anniversary couple and the aersport with "50 Til Lykke 50" on it. Twenty-eight friends came bringing rolls, cheese, jam and thermoses of coffee for all.



We celebrated the Toftemark's 50th anniversary in Danish style.

Family and some close friends shared a sit-down dinner that evening at the camp. Approximately 82 were served and joined in the singing of songs. Wherever Knud is, singing is sure to be part of the program. Most of the family stayed overnight in cabins and trailers and were served a huge breakfast of ham, bacon, eggs and pancakes, by Viggo Toftemark. They observed communion and finally got all the flowers, leftovers and special dishes packed, cleaned up the building and headed for home. **Verna Lyngé, Cor.**

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, and his wife Annette, were our special guests for the April meeting. It's always nice to welcome them and to chat with them. They left some miserable weather behind to arrive in Los Angeles during our heat wave.

Howard and Hazel Kjellsen were other special guests. We said our farewells to

them later in the evening and expressed our wish to stay in touch. We will miss them and wish them the very best in their new residence.

Our guests joined the Los Angeles lodge, the Alhambra lodge and the Sisterhood lodge for a delicious meal of Danish sandwiches.

It was most encouraging to see so many of our newly initiated members attend the meeting. Keep up the good work! Some of you are already getting involved and that's great!

It is always a sad announcement when one of our brothers passes away. Frede Frederiksen died on Good Friday. He lived with his wife, Pauline, in Manhattan Beach and came to many meetings and socials. Our condolences to his family.

Four new members were initiated and they are John and Else Bristing, and Aksel and Elizabeth Harboe. Congratulations to our new members and welcome to a great fraternal organization.

Our president has turned in six new applications for membership and they were voted on and accepted. Karl Duus is a real "go-getter" and is responsible for fourteen new members to our lodge in just the last year. We congratulate you, Karl! And he says there will be more.

Owen Miller, California-Nevada District Secretary, reported on the scholarship fund. The district's goal is to raise \$10,000 each year. In the past only the National Headquarters has been able to help these deserving young students with scholarships.

The raffle during the meeting break was won by one of our newly initiated members, Anna Lise Andersen. She was soon told by another member what to do with the raffle money, so like a good Dane, she bought everyone a drink. Thanks for the drink, Lise! **Anne Kofod, Cor.**

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — Our new slate of officers has the year well under way with many activities and orders of business.

Our January meeting was held at the home of President Brother Dick Hansen and his wife Betty. We all enjoyed their hospitality, and we toasted Dick upon the occasion of his 70th birthday which took place several days later, with several members of his family present from distant places.

Our April meeting was preceded by a coffee hour and ceremony to honor Brother Walt Miller and his wife Lillie. Walt has been our treasurer for 28 years, Lillie the local Sisterhood treasurer for 30 years. The program and ceremony had been planned

by Sisterhood members Dorothy MacKinnon and Anna Christensen — as the computerized banner read "Mange Tak, Walt and Lillie"!

Brother Ray Larsen was married to the former Tammy Perry at Elim Lutheran Church on March 25 and we wish the newlyweds good luck and much happiness.

Several of our members and their wives have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversaries this year, namely Walt and Lillie Miller, Jack and Nancy Cameron, Bob and Dorothy MacKinnon, Kenneth and Dorothy Petersen and Bob and Marilyn Larsen. The Millers, MacKinnons and Larsens celebrated by taking a trip to New Orleans. Congratulations to all the honorees.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — We held our meeting on Friday, April 7, at the home of Debi Mahler. At the meeting the members who were present nominated and elected Fred and Ceil Mahler as delegates to the convention in Santa Barbara in July.

The next meeting for our lodge will be in June at the home of Rowland and Signe Ann McNeil in Fremont, California.

Lynn Troxell III, Past Pres.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our meeting on April 12 was highlighted by a delicious dinner, chicken fricassee with asparagus, etc., cooked to perfection by the owner of the restaurant "The Little Mermaid," Paul Dalby and crew.

Johannes Jaeger and Bent Pedersen of the law committee, read the proposed changes to be submitted for changes in the lodge's bylaws.

The Trustees, having audited the financial books, revealed the fact that the monthly dinners were coming out short and that something should be done to get the dinners to pay for themselves. During the following discussion, it was suggested to increase the price, but at the same time offer a discount to those members who stay for the meeting.

The barbecue on June 4 will, like last year, be a joint affair of this lodge with Johannes Jaeger in charge and the Rebild Society, who will take care of the entertainment. It was mentioned that groups from Bakersfield and some of the closer lodges will be invited.

It was decided to help the Sisterhood with the Danish Days dinner/dance. Those volunteering were Bent Pedersen, Ed Madsen, and Bent Olsen. It was also decided to help raise money for a district scholarship fund. Finally, a grant for participating in Skovsøen, the Danish

Language Village, was given to Arnold Detmer's granddaughter.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The Brothers are very pleased to announce that we have a President, Art Norgaard, and a Vice President, Hans Jensen. Mange tak to the two of you for volunteering to help us out.

Now, the rest of you can show your appreciation by coming to the meetings and supporting these new officers.

Our 75th anniversary party was a real nice evening. Everyone attending enjoyed the good food and entertainment. We did miss some of you.

Coming events will be the beach party, picnic and later in the summer, our camping trip. Please plan on attending these outings. Dates will be announced later.

I am sorry to have to tell all of you that a long time member Bill Jorgensen went home to be with the Lord this past week. Our sympathy goes to his family.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

Lodge #322, Santa Barbara, CA — The Brotherhood entertained the Sisterhood and members with an open face sandwich treat at the April meeting. Harvey Jensen, our lodge president, donated the drinks and refreshments.

Our new officers for 1989 are Harvey Jensen, President; Helge Hansen, Vice President; Carl Lauritsen, Secretary-Treasurer; Eugene O'Brien and Eigil Hampen, Trustees.

The lodge is busy with arrangements to host the California-Nevada District Convention to be held in Santa Barbara on July 27-29.

Our lodge recently made a donation of \$500 to the building fund of the Solvang Lutheran Home.

Carl Lauritsen, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At the last meeting the following were nominated as delegates and alternates to the California-Nevada District Convention to be held July 27-29 in Santa Barbara: delegates, Richard Rowse and John Kristensen; and alternates, Inger Dix and Helene Kristensen.

Helene and John Kristensen were asked by Consul Julie Rechnagel if they would be willing to help her entertain the former "Statsminister" of Denmark Anker Jørgensen and his wife Ingrid on a Sunday afternoon. Of course they replied, "We will be happy to do it." They entertained them

in their home for coffee, later they showed them around the Huntington Library, the Rose Garden, and the Cactus Garden. Afterwards they had lunch at the Huntington. The Kristensens said it was very easy to talk to the Jørgensens. Consul Julie Rechnagel and Helene went to school together in Denmark.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Past Pres.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — We had a wonderful time at our April meeting. We had a short meeting since we were having a special evening honoring a couple that

have meant so much to our lodge, Howard and Hazel Kjellsen.

Karen and Dick Rowse were with us and we thank both of them for making our meeting special. It's not every day that the District President visits and we felt quite honored.

Andy and Annette Andersen were with us as not only special guests, but as national representatives. Andy presented a plaque from the National Headquarters to the Kjellsens for their dedicated work on behalf of the Danish Brotherhood.

When the business meeting was over,

VELKOMMEN!

We have added more links to our chain — a chain of people who have joined hands promising to stand by each other.



Lodge

Member	No.	Location	Sponsor
Harold E. Lenz	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Krause
Albert S. Aceto	14	Kenosha, WI	Harve Cecil
Ray L. Jacobson	14	Kenosha, WI	John Hosmanek
Frederick M. Radtke	14	Kenosha, WI	Gerald Solberg
Sterling P. Shreve	15	Des Moines, IA	Viggo Lauritsen
A. Stevens Ballard	29	Seattle, WA	Margaret Craford
Ove Nielsen	29	Seattle, WA	Niels Jensen
Kyle J. Langsted	29	Seattle, WA	Clyde Langsted
Timothy M. Poindexter	30	Muskegon, MI	Thomas Burkall
Richard L. Sparrow	34	Dwight, IL	Kenneth Jensen
Niel M. Bennett	34	Dwight, IL	Annette Bennett
Coreen A. Perschnick	34	Dwight, IL	Lori Roeder
Chase J. Perschnick	34	Dwight, IL	Richard Perschnick
Curt A. Perschnick	34	Dwight, IL	Richard Perschnick
Talon J. Roeder	34	Dwight, IL	Richard Perschnick
Inge M. Nagata	43	Denver, CO	Norman Wittrup
George E. Castonia	51	Ludington, MI	John Castonia
Russell Collins, Jr.	51	Ludington, MI	Mike Keson
Gary D. Rogers	51	Ludington, MI	Mike Bray
Alvin J. Quist	67	Fresno, CA	Homer Low
Donald C. Carnes	84	Lincoln, NE	Lars C. Jensen
Stacey R. McClendon	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Edna M. Alleckson	121	Tyler, MN	Ilene Sorensen
Niels J. Dam	121	Tyler, MN	Ilene Sorensen
Ethel M. Dam	121	Tyler, MN	Ilene Sorensen
Wayne H. Ahl	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Jorgen J. Bork	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Marlid Bork	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Martin Oluf Rasmussen	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Lilli J. Rasmussen	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Chester H. Yost	164	New York, NY	Gloria Jacobsen
LaVerne Haugen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Richard C. Henkel	167	Portland, OR	Karen Nielsen
Catherine A. Braden	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
William E. Leslie	172	Philadelphia, PA	Carl Gudnitz
Lawrence P. Nielsen	183	Troy, NY	Irving Jensen
Kelly C. Tegtmeier	206	Blair, NE	Anna Andersen
Carrie R. Tegtmeier	206	Blair, NE	Anna Andersen
Alta M. Sorensen	219	Clear Lake, IA	Verner Sorensen
John Trojmer	299	Solvang, CA	Bent Thomsen
Nita Ellen Larson	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Signe Madsen
Delmar D. Patterson	349	Atlantic, IA	Gail & Deloris Nelson
Betty L. Patterson	349	Atlantic, IA	Gail & Deloris Nelson
Einar W. Tangard	600	Omaha, NE	Einar E. Tangard

Gary Gossett asked Howard and Hazel Kjellsen to come up front and take a seat of honor. Hazel was presented with a corsage from the lodge and Howard received a balloon bouquet. We felt that was very appropriate. This started off the evening of recognizing the Kjellsens. I must also say that the business meeting was right after a delicious potluck dinner. The tables looked great and we want to thank Patti Kessler for the centerpieces. Many of the ladies on the evening's committee helped in the kitchen, arranging the buffet tables as the variety of delicious foods arrived, and in general made themselves available to see that things ran smoothly. Gerry wants to thank all who helped so much. It is greatly appreciated. A lot of hands make a big job smaller and easier.



Some of "da gang."

again. We are really getting organized but we are also becoming very continental in our cuisine. Kaja Del Grippo's family spaghetti sauce passed with great reviews from even the Italians in attendance and the meat balls Tommy Loveday made for the party were absolutely super. Everyone had all they could eat and we ate it all!

The games were lots of fun. Pokeno went over well and our 2nd annual horse race was fun for those of us betting but a little bit hard on our treasurer, Kaja. Bill Jones won \$25 on the money hat drawing. Big thank yous to Kaja Del Grippo for making and serving the best spaghetti sauce and to Hank Loveday, Sherri Runstrom, Bill and Linda Jones and Kaja for working all the games for us and of course to Bill Del Grippo for being our "loyal bootlegger" for the evening. Erik Mathiesen and Vikki Garrison did a good job posing and picture taking of our guests. Thanks to you also and a very special thanks to our host and hostess Tom and Norma Loveday for the use of their home and the efficient way they set up the game room and eating facilities!

Before the evening was over, we had a sad farewell to our special guests Howard and Hazel Kjellsen and the lodge presented them with a going away gift that will be a reminder of our appreciation for their support to our lodge as well as to the District. We'll sure miss them!

At our last Board meeting we received applications for membership from Eric and Lisa Piehl and their family. We are really looking forward to welcoming them into the Family Kodan.

On June 23-25, we will be observing our annual St. Hans Fest at Rancho Jurupa Park "nestled along the Santa Ana River, offering a panoramic view of the Jurupa hills and the San Bernardion Mountains beyond — a perfect setting for a quick escape from the city."

Sue Patterson, Pres.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lodge #139, Viborg, SD — Arnie and Helen Sorensen had their 42nd wedding anniversary on February 9. That night

there was a lodge meeting with twelve members in attendance. Raymond and Ann Jespersen had an anniversary cake for them. Arnie was voted to be President; Rodney Petersen is Secretary; Raymond Jespersen is Treasurer; and Ruth Peterson will take care of fraternal items and be reporter. There is room for new members whether you want insurance or to be a social member. The lodge meets the first Thursday of every month. Also there will be dances, parties, etc.

We would like to thank all of the 150 folks that came out to the lodge for our soup supper on March 12. Also would like to thank Arnie and Helen Sorensen, Bob Sanborn, Rex Peterson, Jean Andal, Alice Jensen and the Danish Dancers for providing the hometown entertainment. A very special thank you goes out to those that prepared the food, those who helped and served, and to the folks that donated and contributed to make our soup supper a big success.

Rod Peterson, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — As May 1st was the opening day of the Tivoli Garden in Copenhagen, the May committee brought a touch of Tivoli to our meeting. Pølser, sodavand, and Danish øl were available. A short business meeting was held after which we played banko and other games. Wienerbrød and coffee, compliments of the lodge, were served later.

The 107th anniversary banquet of our lodge held at Vennelyst Park on April 22 was an outstanding event. A Danish menu, patriotic songs of both America and Denmark, and a Danish table prayer all added to the festive air. The tables were beautifully decorated. A highlight of the evening was the honoring of long-time members Roy Jensen, a 70-year member, Chris Juhl, 63 years, Chris Jorgensen, 62 years and Niels Rasmussen, 58 years. Congratulations to these members.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met April 20 at the Community Center. President Wisthi Thomsen called the meeting to order.

Wesley Nielsen expressed thanks for being remembered when he was hospitalized in Arizona. All signed a card for Duane Newbold who had surgery and is in the Kearney Hospital. Kenneth Bungaard was the winner of our \$5.00 drawing.



National Sales Director Andy Andersen presents a plaque of appreciation to the Kjellsens.

Getting back to the Kjellsen evening, guests were introduced and Karen and Andy brought many kind words to the Kjellsens. Margaret Motz was in charge of purchasing a silver tray, enscribed to the Kjellsens, and she did a fine job. It was really very nice. Thanks Margaret. Jim Wiegandt, Vice President, made the presentation. Andy Andersen made the presentation from the National Headquarters. Gary read many greetings that had been received for Howard and Hazel from their many friends in the Brotherhood. These cards and greetings had been put in a notebook as a keepsake which was given to Hazel. Several from the floor spoke of what Howard and Hazel have meant to them during the time they have been in the lodge. We feel the evening was a great success and very nicely presented.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Boy, I sure didn't know we had so many good looking Hoods and Molls in our lodge. At our Gangland Party everyone was dressed to kill. You guys did a great job on the outfits. I don't think I've seen so many pin-stripe suits and black shirts and white ties all in one place before and I know I haven't seen that many fox stoles in one place since I was 8 years old. Kodan Caterers did it

For entertainment, we played bingo. There were 38 present. All enjoyed the delicious sandwiches, coffee and tea. Those on the serving committee were Merle and Mabel Haselbarth, Rueben and Mary Nelson, Bill and Mabel Meier, and Laura and Lillie Hansen.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — April is our birthday, yes our lodge observed its 94th anniversary Saturday, April 8, with a catered dinner held at the I.O.O.F. Hall. A delicious dinner of fried chicken and roast beef was served by Bethany Pantry to fifty members of our Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges.

President Quentin Johnson presided over the affair. "Happy Anniversary" was sung by those present along with very best wishes for many more.

All members having birthdays in April

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were recognized and "Happy Birthday" was happily sung by all.

Following the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Darrol Larsen of Cordova, Nebraska, showed slides of their recent trip to Denmark which was very interesting as well as informative.

Don Lohn, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — The March potluck, "Bring a Friend" meeting was a huge success. It was reported that 75 members and guests were in attendance. There was a lot of good food on the table and everyone enjoyed it. Because of the nature of the meeting and the number of guest speakers, President Laurids canceled the business meeting. Andy Andersen and Pam Dorau from the Home Office spoke to us about fraternal benefits. Norman Bansen returned from California in time to receive his 25-year pin. President Laurids welcomed back from the sick list Merton Kuhr and Evelyn Jorgensen.

At our April meeting, President Laurids and wife Judi sponsored a "Travel about Denmark" game. Since the game was in the Danish language, Githe Nielsen, Dana Danish instructor, assisted in reading the questions and answers. Everyone present had a fun time and went home knowing a little more about Denmark.

Bob Johnson, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The April meeting welcomed the following members to our lodge, Robert and Ruth Kramme, William Jacobsen, Virginia Jacobsen and Judith Meehan. Pam Dorau, representative from the National Headquarters in Omaha, conducted the initiation ceremony.

Pam Dorau complimented our lodge for having achieved a 32% increase in membership and a 60% increase in activities during the past 2½ years. As a result, Lodge No. 15 has joined the list of the top 20 lodges in membership. We now have a ranking of 20th out of the 120 lodges in the Brotherhood.

The program for the April meeting featured a presentation by Dr. Harald Jensen of Skovsøen, the Danish language camp for children that is held in northern Minnesota each summer. This camp offers an excellent opportunity for young people to be exposed to the Danish language and to the Danish culture and traditions.

The annual Champagne Brunch, sponsored by the Sisterhood, was held on Sunday, May 7, at the Dania Hall. Fifty-three members from the Brotherhood and Sisterhood were present and enjoyed a most delicious brunch. The meal and the

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raffle is a fund raising activity to help support the various programs of the Sisterhood. The Brotherhood lodge is glad to support this activity.

The May meeting was highlighted by the presentation of Danish Brotherhood scholarships to Michael and Erik Olesen, sons of Flemming Olesen. Our congratulations to these young men who are attending the Des Moines Community College.

The social activity of the evening included some unorthodox types of card games sponsored by our program director, Joan Sorensen. Roland Jensen won the top prize with his sagacious play. The booby prize earned by Curt Sorensen, our lodge president, was attributed to poor cards.

The members of the lodge have been saddened by the untimely death of Alice Jacobsen on April 18. She will be sorely missed and our mutual sympathy is extended to the Jacobsen family.

Wilber Williamson, Cor.

Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN — On April 29, 1989, we held our 98th anniversary banquet at the Danish Fellowship Hall. The delicious dinner consisting of a complete prime rib dinner with all the trimmings was prepared by Hanne Poulsen and her crew. Everyone attending enjoyed themselves and danced to the music of the "Rhythm Kings."

Our hearts were saddened by the death of one of our brothers, Peter Pilegaard who passed away on May 4. He had been our lodge president two different times and had never missed a meeting. He will be missed by us all and our love goes out to his wife, Marie Pilegaard.

Katherine Chrysler, Treas.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — Our lodge met on Saturday evening, April 1. Due to inclement weather in January, installation of 1989 officers was held in the presence of a well-attended membership. The officers are: Therkel Jorgensen, President; Delno Hansen, Vice President; Ilene Sorensen, Secretary; Agnes Nielsen, Treasurer; David Nielsen, Conductor; Orval Hansen, Oliver Johnsen and Edward Jensen, Trustees; and Albert Nielsen, Outer Guard.

The following candidates were accepted for membership: Mrs. Edna Alleckson and Mr. and Mrs. Niels Dam.

Therkel gave a short history of the organization's early beginnings and how the members have joined hands through a chain of lodges located in Denmark, Canada and throughout the United States. He reiterated the purposes and aims of our fraternal society.

He then explained the symbols of the

society and their meaning and welcomed the new members who have added another link to our chain. All the members present came forward to welcome the new members.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen showed their slides from Denmark as part of the evening's entertainment. Lunch was served by Edith Nielsen, Oliver Johnsen and Mr. and Mrs. Therkel Jorgensen.

Therkel Jorgensen, Pres.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — At their recent meeting, the Dike Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood were privileged to welcome a Danish exchange student, Morten Pedersen, from Fredericia, Jutland, Denmark. Morten's home away from home is with the Duane and Lois Rippe family of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Morten is taking classes as a senior at the Cedar Falls High School. Since he has finished middle school in Denmark, when he returns he will go on to a Danish business college.

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood members enjoyed a smorgasbord and heard a report on the spring convention by Mervin Andersen, who is currently President of the Iowa-Minnesota District. It was reported that the fall convention will be held at the Westfield Best Western Lodge in Coralville, Iowa, sponsored by the West Branch Lodge No. 326.

Members also enjoyed the Iowa "Corn Game." During the short business meeting of the Brotherhood, Merlin (Smitty) Nielsen was initiated.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — The members and guests met at Melodee Lanes in Clear Lake for bowling in March. Many guests were with us and everyone had a good time.

An application for membership was received from Alta Sorensen. She is the bride of Verner Sorensen. The members voted her in as a new member. The bylaws were again reviewed and with a few minor changes were accepted and sent in to the National Headquarters for approval. A future event of the lodge could possibly be a picnic and a ride on the "Lady of the Lake" with an invitation to others.

Steven Sorensen reported on the Iowa-Minnesota District meeting he attended at Coralville. He was shown the facilities for the September district convention. The convention will be the week after Labor Day this year. Events will include a Friday get-together, meetings on Saturday, a Lutheran Church service Sunday morning, and the joint installation of officers on Sunday afternoon. There will be children's activities as well.

During the meeting the children watched a movie picked out just for them. Following the meeting the adults saw a movie about Denmark and all had popcorn and pop or coffee. Tammi Sonsalla could not be with us but she sent along some oranges from Florida where she had been visiting.

Kristen Sorensen and Tammi Sonsalla have been awarded the 1989-90 Iowa-Minnesota District Scholarship. They will both be attending William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. **Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met at the Elk Horn Town Hall on April 24. The menu was homemade soup made by the committee with sandwiches and dessert furnished by the rest of the members. Approximately 100 attended including four guests. Nita Larsen of Harlan joined the lodge. District Fraternal Coordinator David Neelson of Lone Tree, Iowa, was a special guest. He talked about the convention to be held at Coralville, Iowa, in September and gave us some other useful information. Another special guest was Margaret Christensen of Harlan, grandmother of Jerry Christensen of the National Headquarters in Omaha. Another interesting guest was Cecil Brodersen Camery. She told us her father belonged to the Danish Brotherhood when there was a lodge in Jacksonville, Iowa. She showed us a key chain from the Danish Brotherhood that belonged to her father.



President Signe Madsen welcomes David Neelson, Iowa-Minnesota District Fraternal Coordinator.

Pastor Mike and Amy Williams of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church provided the entertainment by playing the guitar and singing several songs. Tivoli Fest was discussed. After all business was taken care of, the meeting adjourned. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — At our meeting on April 17, business was taken care of as usual by President Blair Thornbloom. Several guests were introduced, among them Dave Neelson from the West Branch, Iowa Lodge whose function is to promote membership to the various lodges in Iowa.

Howard Christensen gave a report on the

ethnic fair over Memorial Day weekend.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Phil Morris. The subject was "Iowa Indians." It certainly was an interesting speech. He also brought along several memorabilia. Paintings of some Iowa Indians are hanging in the national museum in Copenhagen we were told.

Now for the subject "Be Proud of Your Danish Heritage," our Kathy McLaren gave a most outstanding speech about the life of Hans Christian Andersen. Of course, we all know his wonderful fairy tales, but only few of us knew about his life. Thank you Kathy for the valuable information. Kathy ended her talk with a mini-puppet show which was excellent and quite artistic.

We must not forget to wish Katherine and Anker Severinsen a very happy 60th wedding anniversary. Also happy 50th to Betty and Bob Smith!

The evening came to a close with the usual goodies, coffee and punch, served by Norm Nielsen and Lee Thornbloom. All were so very good. **Alice Gorsch, Cor.**

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — The lodge celebrated its 97th anniversary at a catered dinner in the Kansas City area. Lodge members were already looking forward to recognizing the 100th anniversary in 1992.

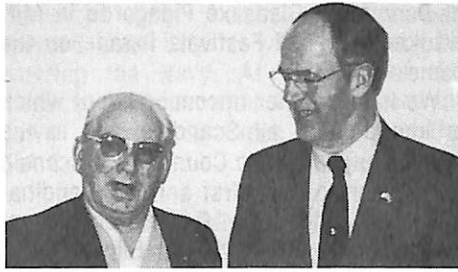
A local historian spoke on the settlements of Danes in the state of Kansas. He covered the "Pio" settlement in the late 1800s. The settlement lasted only six weeks and members of the group drifted away to other Danish communities in the Midwest.

Otto Larsen was recognized for his 60 years of membership. Otto has done a great job as our secretary. Ruth Larsen, Otto's wife, is a member of the Sisterhood and the lodge.

Paul Petersen and his father, Hans Petersen, also joined in the celebration of the lodge's anniversary. Paul, who has joined the lodge, owns a local interior decorating company. His father has retired from TWA.



Welcome new member Paul Peterson and his father, Hans.



New member Kurt Hansen congratulates Otto Larsen for his 60 years of membership.

The lodge plans include a summer picnic and participation in the Kansas City Ethnic Enrichment Festival. The lodge sells Danish items including aebleskiver each year at the festival and donates profits to local charities and to the Danish Immigrant Museum. **Bob Wallace, Cor.**

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Our first meeting that we had at DDR's Pub proved to be very successful. The room in which we hold our meetings is very nice.

Upcoming events include our regular lodge meeting on June 14; the Midwest District Trap Shoot at the 4-H Park in Pontiac, Illinois, hosted by Lodge No. 34 in Dwight on June 24; our picnic at Pierce Woods on August 9, and on September 23-24, the Midwest District Convention at Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Glenn Nyboe, Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — The Gladsaxe Girl Guard from Denmark will be in the Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha parades plus performing a concert on Wednesday, June 28th from 7 to 9 p.m. at Reuther High School. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance and \$3.00 at the door.

This will be a fund raiser to help defray expenses of the trip of this great band. Please give us your support by buying tickets. They are available at the lodge or call Bob Ibsen.

The Flemming Andersen Memorial Target Shoot for the Midwest District was sponsored by a well organized group from Lodge No. 34 in Dwight. The first place team trophy went to Wes Bernhardt, Bob and Brian O'Neal. We also placed third with the team of Louis DeFord, Rick Wade, Ted Billings and Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. The food and fellowship were great. Thanks Dwight. Our chairman who coordinated this for us was Brother Bob O'Neal and we thank him also.

Around 100 people attended the corned beef and cabbage dinner/dance. The hall

was gaily decorated in green, the food was very good and those who attended had a fun night. Thanks to the committee for a great job — Mike and Carol Burditt, Judy and Wendy Bernhardt, Gary and Peggy Starr, Tom Bielmeier, Joan and Angeline Hosmanek. Thanks to Roger Nelson who was the MC, Duke Ellingham and Ken Hansen who led the singing, Jay Nelson for the music, and Wally and Lorraine Christensen for the great food.

On March 30, we had our semi-annual men's Smoker Night which was once again highly successful. This is a good money maker for the lodge. Many raffle and door prizes were donated which sure helps. Thanks to the hard working committee chaired by Randall Kessenich with help from Harve Cecil, Malcolm Young, Carl Swanson, Bob Ibsen, Jack Sorensen, Todd Bernhardt, Todd Barnett, Tom Nielsen, Rick Wade, Dean Hansen, Ed and Mike Gastaldi, Graig Ferraro, and Bob O'Neal.

The Viking Ship for the parade will be brought to Otto Nelson's yard to work on it the first week of June. We need volunteers to get it in ship-shape.

We will have a Kenosha Twins baseball game on August 2. Get tickets from Jim Bohn at \$2.50 each. **Bob Ibsen, Cor.**

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our aebleskiver breakfast was attended by 589 people on a rainy Sunday and many satisfying comments were made. A profit of \$181.60 was made on the sale of the kringle. Thanks to Jim Andreasen for going after the kringle, to Genny Andreasen and Marge Lauritsen for taking the orders and selling them, and to Paul Smith for taking charge of the breakfast and doing such a terrific job. Thanks to all the cooks, mixers, servers, dish washers, etc. Everyone helped make this day a success. Also, thanks to Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, for the use of their big pans. Without them we couldn't have fed so many so fast. It was voted on and approved to buy the VFW 50 sets of silverware for the use of the hall rather than give them a donation as they always seem to run out of silverware.

Centennial plates have been made and orders are being taken for them. They are \$12.50 each and well worth it. Our lodge (Paul Smith) was awarded the best idea of the month for the plate. Another job well done by our brother, Paul.

Welcome to our new members Richard Sparrow and Coreen Perschnick who were initiated at our April meeting. Also, welcome to our newest Vikings, Niel Bennett, Chase and Curt Perschnick, and Talon Roeder. **Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — John Jorgensen, Vice President, presided at our April 21st meeting. There was an initiation of the Johanson family. Mark, David, Kevin, Brian, wife Beth and husband Jim were welcomed into our lodge and greeted by members present. It is hoped they enjoy their lodge association. It made everyone feel good to have those four fine boys as new members.

Applications for membership were received from Ivar Olafson and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pedersen.

Grethe Jepsen of the district scholarship committee asked the lodge for \$1,000 for this fund. Motion was made and carried. There is now a balance of \$4,626.96 in this fund. Applications are available from Grethe and she urges young people to take advantage of these scholarships.

Woody Petersen, head of the 100th anniversary committee, gave a report on how he and his committee are progressing. All members with paid-up dues will be eligible for a free dinner. The party will be held at the Rosewood West. There will be an hors d'oeuvres table, a sweets table, a good dinner, dancing, etc., so it promises to be a gala event.

Grethe Jepsen explained that scholarships to Skovsøen, the Danish language camp in Minnesota, are available and asked the lodge to okay that each grant given will be matched by \$100 by the lodge. Carl Christensen gave an endorsement for the camp, telling how much his daughter enjoyed it and explained a little about how it is run.

Woody Petersen said that the Midwest District Golf Outing will be held on July 22 at Urban Hills Golf Club in Richton Park, Illinois. Dinner will follow at Harald's Club in Tinely Park and Frank Tintaro will play his accordion for dancing.

Ed Larsen reported that an anniversary booklet is being put together for the 100th party and he is selling ads. How about phoning Ed Larsen or Jess Muller telling them you want to take out an ad.

After eating delicious sandwiches, kringle and perhaps some liquid refreshments, many members stayed to play bingo. It was a good evening!

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Axel N. Nielsen was initiated into the lodge on our May 3 business meeting night.

We anticipate a nice turn-out for our Centennial Grand Buffet Brunch on Saturday, June 24 at the Midway Motor Lodge Milwaukee-Airport and for the appearance

of Denmark's Gladsaxe Pigejarde in Milwaukee's City of Festivals Parade on the same afternoon.

We have another upcoming event which is important to all Scandinavians in the Midwest. The Nordic Council of Wisconsin is sponsoring their first annual Scandinavian Festival for June 10 at the Schwabenhof Grounds, N56 W14750 Silver Spring Drive, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, approximately fifteen miles northwest of downtown Milwaukee. There will be food, crafts and entertainment from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The gate opens at 10:00 a.m. Admission is \$1.00 per adult; children under 12 years free. There is a large outdoor pavilion so come rain or shine.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Because of the absence of President Loyal Lundorf on April 27, Vice President Fred Rasmussen called our meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Ideas for the Waupaca Fourth of July Parade entry are to be finalized at our next meeting.

Our program was a slide presentation on Wisconsin Wildflowers by Sam Gabriel, a former Chicago area forester. He took us from the emergence of the skunk cabbage gradually melting the snow above it to announce the coming of spring, on through blood-roots, marsh marigolds, spring beauties, trilliums, violets and the many beautiful wildflowers on through summer and fall with the goldenrods and coneflowers to our beautiful fall foliage. We appreciated Sam's spectacular close-ups as well as the long-range views.

Open face sandwiches, angel food cake with cherry topping and coffee were served to complete the evening.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #70, Greenville, MI — Our April 28th meeting was well attended. Everett House won the drawing for the jackpot again. Paul Sharrow and Oluf Jensen gave a report on the Danish Festival committee meeting they attended, noting that this is the 25th year. Special guests will be DBIA National President, Clyde Langsted, and possibly, our Danish Consul and well known sculptor and artist, Marshall Fredericks. The dates for the Danish Festival will be Friday through Sunday, August 18-20.

A report was given on the district bowling tournament. A grand time was had by everyone in the largest attendance ever,

while held annually in Greenville.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — April 12 saw 34 members in attendance at our business meeting during which President Otto Pedersen presented a 50-year membership pin to Morris Christensen and a 25-year pin to Ken Rehan.

Where oh where are the members of Lodge No. 227 when a special meeting is called to decide on an issue as important as selling our building? On April 23 a meeting was held for this very reason and less than 15% of our members cared enough to show up. The total members present was 40. At least there are still a few members who care. Obviously some of the members do not live in the area any longer and some had other commitments on that date but it's difficult to believe that over 250 members were tied up that day. Those of us who were there made the decision to put the building up for sale because of the cost of upkeep. Hopefully the people who didn't show up are not going to be the ones who come down and complain about the decision, because you had your chance to voice your opinion. To the 40 brothers in attendance, thanks for caring enough to show up on that date.

April 26 was the night that 135 persons came down to the club to honor Karl Larsen on his 100th birthday. Coffee, cake and Danish sandwiches were enjoyed during the evening. Among the many greetings that were read was a letter from the President of the United States, George Bush and his wife, Barbara, a letter from the governor of the State of Michigan, James Blanchard and also greetings from the Danish Consul General in Chicago, Niels Lassen. The Danish Consul for the State of Michigan, Marshall Fredericks and his wife Roslyn, were among those present at the gathering.

Our thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this evening a success among them Ruth Olsen, Ruth Agbay, and Don and Dorothy Boyd.

Don't forget the district picnic on July 8 in Muskegon, Michigan, and the district golf outing on August 5 in Ludington, Michigan.

Bob Sorenson, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Our meeting in April was a potluck dinner. We had a variety of different dishes that really made it a treat for everyone.

The pictures of our banquet were passed

around for everybody to see at our last meeting. They really did turn out great.

Norman Edmonds was elected to be our delegate to the GCEL District Convention in New Hope, Pennsylvania, this Labor Day weekend. Berit Mann is our alternate. If you have not made reservations yet for the hotel, please get in touch with the New Hope Holiday Inn.

Thanks to those people who have taken the time to send us their impressions of our banquet. We will be adding them to our scrap book so that maybe at our 125th anniversary they will be read. If not, it is still a nice thing to have on hand so that in years to come, we can look back and see what we did and how we enjoyed it.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #71, Penn Yan, NY — We are organizing a fund raising auction to help pay for the new roof on the lodge building on July 1 at The Windmill.

Delos Dann has volunteered his time as auctioneer. We are looking for good resale-able items like tools, furniture, household goods, old pulleys, old farm tools, and other items. Please, no clothes, shoes, or large appliances.

Let's all take an active part in the adventure and make it a big success. Contact Michael Hoffman, Arne Christensen, or Clarence Jensen if you have items to donate. Pick up is available upon request.

Clarence Jensen, Sec.

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

Scandinavian Midsummer Celebration '89 will be held at County College of Morris in Randolph, New Jersey, on Saturday, June 24, rain or shine.

Our District Fraternal Coordinator Team, Bob and Ginnie Phoenix, attended our meeting on April 14. They were received well. There was a question and answer period at our coffee and cake table. Thanks for coming!

G.C.E.L. District scholarship forms are available and should be submitted by June 15. The applicant can be anyone as long as he or she is sponsored by a member. Last year there was only one applicant.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — Our April meeting opened by President Ray Leth with a minute of silence for our beloved Brother Martin Olsen, a member for 52 years. We will all miss him and his cheerful presence.

We then continued the meeting and discussed the hiring of a bus for the Edison

Picnic in July. A new member was initiated, John Grizide, who will shortly be entering the Navy. At the end of the meeting, 40 of our attending members sat down to a cold luncheon catered by the D.A.C.

Rachel Connor, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — More than fifty people attended the March meeting, giving a rousing welcome to the four new members that were initiated. The new members were Tove Berberick, Margaret Nielsen Ramsey, and Ove and Kris Sorensen.

The meeting followed a wonderful dinner prepared by the able kitchen crew.

The lodge was represented at the Ethnic Festival held at the Glassboro State College on April 8. Kenneth Detweiler has been approved for membership and we hope to initiate him as soon as possible. Once this young man returns to his sculling on the river with the rowing team, pulling the oars on the long boat, he is going to be hard to get hold of.

The lodge had a great time at the April square dance. Enough people showed up to form four squares of eight people each. There was room for a fifth square, but that was occupied by the wall flowers you always have at such activities. The caller and his wife in their western outfits did an excellent job and the participants received a good workout. Surely there were some sore legs the following weekend.

The beer and roast beef, put out by the men of the lodge and their helpers after the dancing was enjoyed by everybody. They sure worked up an appetite. Our compliments to activities chairman Len Gottlieb and his workers for an enjoyable evening.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — The officers of our lodge who were able to attend, met at the home of Clarence and Dorothy Andersen on April 14 with Norman and Madeline Hanson. Norman is a District Fraternal Coordinator for the Danish Brotherhood and he went over the lodge handbook with the officers. A discussion was held on publicity and ways to obtain new members for the lodge.

We had our regular monthly meeting on April 15 at the home of Carl and Alice Rasmussen in Lake Worth. Our regular meeting place, the Senior Citizens Center was closed on that date. We were glad to have Norman and Madeline Hanson attend our meeting.

A lengthy discussion regarding publicity and rejuvenating our lodge was held. Also a form was submitted by Isabel Larsen to be put on 3x5 cards and given to each

member to fill out giving pertinent information regarding their address, phone number, etc. and who could be contacted at time of illness or an emergency.

The lodge has a Danish flag and a 48 star American flag complete with poles and emblems. After a discussion, it was decided to donate the flags to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

The lodge will not meet during the summer. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18, 1989, at the Senior Citizens Center in Lake Worth, Florida.

A. Clarence Andersen, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — We celebrated the Easter holiday at our meeting on April 14.

Having enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Leo and Evelyn Jensen, John and Ellinor Hjulmand and Helen Kofod, most of us tried our luck in the annual egg rolling contest. Competition was fierce this year as the eggs kept rolling. We also had a colorful and creative selection of hats for our annual Easter bonnet contest. Judges for this evening, Bill Herbst and George Jacobsen, deliberated carefully and Kirsten Marie Witt was declared winner of both contests. The prizes, two Easter baskets, were presented by Birgit Jacobsen.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — Plan now to reserve your place at the GCEL District Convention, which this year will be hosted by our lodge. The Labor Day weekend event will cover meetings and entertainment from Saturday through Monday morning. All events will be run from convention headquarters at the Holiday Inn in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

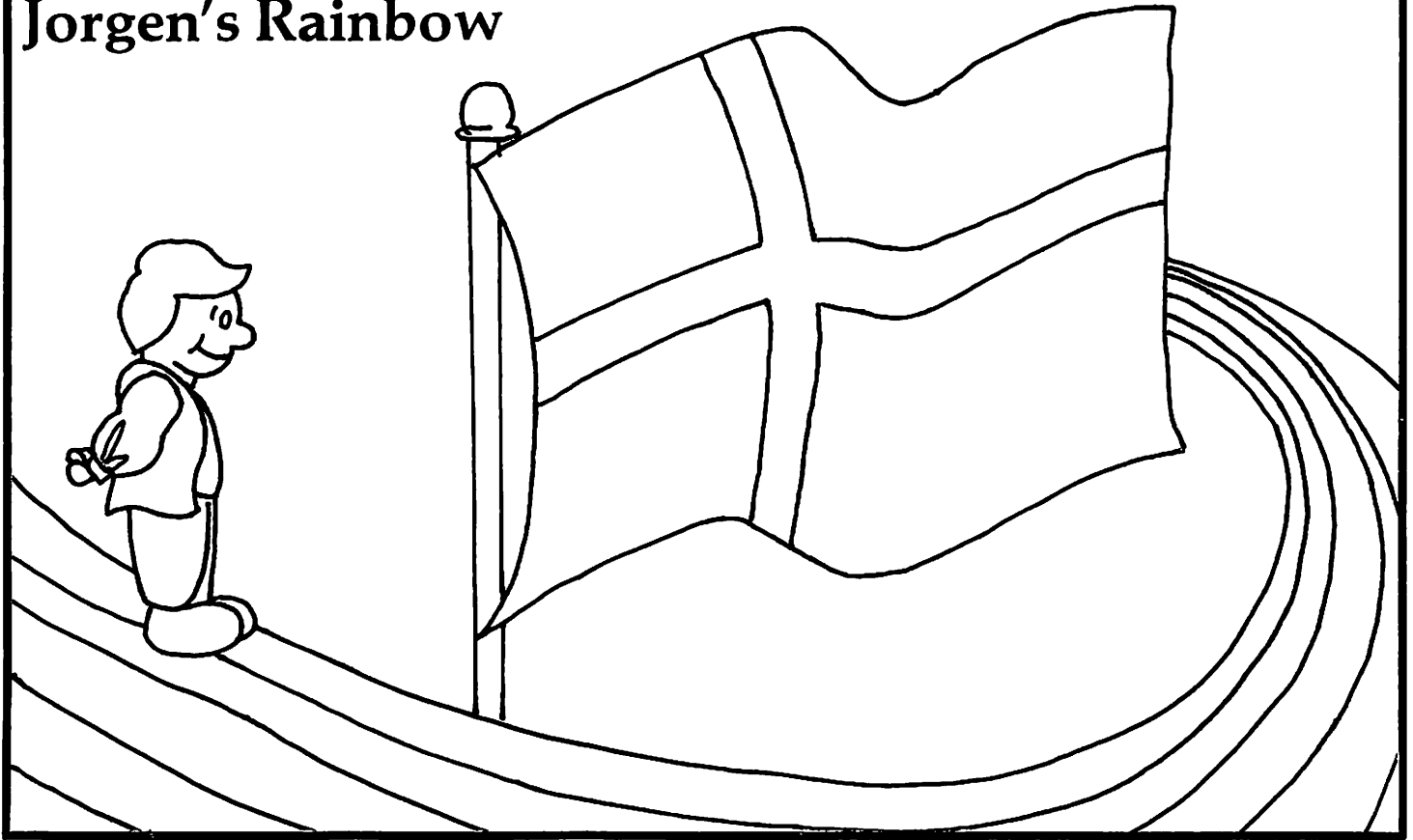
Room reservation cards will shortly be available from our lodge secretary. The deadline is July 1st for room locations adjacent to other Brotherhood members.

The banquet cost is \$25 per person. There will be a number of door prizes given out during this period. There will also be the drawing of raffle tickets where the main prize is a wagon of cheer. Raffle tickets will be sold shortly at our lodge meetings.

At the April meeting all enjoyed smørrebrød created by Ulla and Toby. Of special interest was the visit of Hans and Bobby Nielsen to the lodge. It has been many years since they have been seen at a lodge event. Hans joined the Philadelphia Lodge in March of 1942 and was for many years very active. Hans will be 78 in August. His daughter, Margaret, joined the Viking lodge in March.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Every home in Denmark has a Danish flag. The flag's name is Dannebrog. It's flown on all sorts of occasions and stands as a strong symbol for the Danish people and their way of life. The Dannebrog is red and white. Next time Jorgen will meet a special farm animal that we have in America, too! Here's a hint, it gives you something good to drink.

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.

May winners: Allison Westergard, Chad Hensley and Julia Andersen.

Grandma's Kitchen Dansk Souffle' (Danish Souffle')



by Dagmar Jensen

1 pint milk
6 tbsp. butter
6 eggs

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Add flour and mix well. Bring the milk to a boil and add to mixture. Return to pan and boil one minute. Remove from fire and add egg yolks, two at a time, stirring constantly. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites until very stiff. Fold in egg whites, pour into buttered mold and dust top with powdered sugar. Bake in slow oven (300 degrees) for 30 minutes. Serve immediately.

For a sauce, slice four stewed pears and mix with whipping cream. Flavor with cooking sherry or lemon juice and serve with souffle'. Serves four.

Hint: The more slowly a souffle' bakes, the more sure you can be that it will not fall.

The Silent Princess

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The prince smirked and continued: "When morning came the carpenter and tailor awoke and saw this beautiful girl standing before them. Each man said the girl belonged to him. The carpenter said, 'I carved her and molded her, therefore she is mine.' The tailor said, 'I dressed her and gave her a human appearance, therefore she is mine.' The magician said, 'I performed magic and turned her into a real person, so she is rightfully mine'."

Now the witness and the princess were hanging off of their chairs, but the princess remained silent.

The prince knew this and spoke to both of them. "So who do you think had the greatest right to the girl?"

"It is a difficult question," replied the witness. "I need time to think about it."

"But," reminded the prince, "Time is of the essence. I will be sent to prison so I need to know your answer now!"

The princess who listened to this long tale with great interest could no longer remain silent. "The magician," she said, "gave her life and therefore the girl should be with him."

"Thank you, princess," said the prince, bowing to her.

The next day, the witness testified that the princess had indeed spoken to the prince and the king was so delighted he offered the prince more gold than he could carry.

But the prince wanted to marry the princess instead, and since the king liked him anyway, it was a perfect solution. (Of course, the princess was very much in love with the prince, too.)

And so, the prince and princess got married and lived together in happiness. The prince often telling the princess wonderful tales while the princess often spoke words of love that she felt for him.

Viking Adventures

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

Observe Flag Day, June 14

American history is rife with attempts to take our flag away from us, to tear it down and trample it in the dirt, and with it our morals and values.

Though attempts were made, none succeeded. Our flag stood tall, continuing its majestic wave for liberty and justice for all.

This proudly waving flag, "Old Glory," symbolizes all that America means to us. In 1989, the National Fraternal Congress of America again asks all who believe in what our flag stands for to honor her in a special way.

We ask that this special observance take place on Flag Day, June 14, 1989, which is the highlight of Fraternal Week. This last is a week-long celebration of the more than 100 fraternal benefit societies that make up the National Fraternal Congress of America. It takes place from June 8-14 and is a week our fraternal organizations set aside to put special emphasis on patriotic, charitable, educational and religious works for the good of all.

Display our flag prominently and proudly. It has flown high for us since the very beginning of our great nation, seeing us through wars, turmoil, threats to liberty and freedom.

This very special Day, Flag Day, is our way of celebrating the adoption of that first flag on June 14, 1777. This celebration comes at a very timely moment in our history; the continuing commemoration of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Yes, we began this celebration in 1987 as we marked the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. But this is an ongoing celebration, one that in 1989 observes the election of the first president and the ratification by the Constitutional Convention of the Bill of Rights, which was then sent to the states for their approval. The celebration will culminate in 1991 as we observe the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, thus guaranteeing our most basic freedom.

And all through these times, the good times and the hard times, our flag has continued to call out to all that this great country is the land of the free and the home of the brave. So long as she stands tall, we will remain the greatest country on earth.

By honoring our flag, we are showing our children and the rest of the world that the principles our flag represents are worth preserving for future generations. By honoring our flag we proclaim our belief in America and the republic for which it stands.

On June 14, pay special honor to Old Glory. Long may she wave!

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