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Cover photo: No, it's not the Little Mermaid in the harbor of Copenhagen, but it's a replica which was placed in the north end of Albert Lea Lake for their Fourth of July celebrations. Thanks to Lodge No. 75 in Albert Lea, Minnesota, for sharing this photograph and a great attention-getter with us.



President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted
National President**

In the August issue of the American Dane I chided some of the lodges and some of the membership and challenged them to begin the process of turning things around in our collective endeavor to strengthen and revitalize the Danish Brotherhood in America. In the September issue Barry Edmonds presented a thoughtful and concise synopsis of the new Five Year Plan and it is our hope that the membership in general will become excited about it and work together as we watch the plan come to fruition.

With this edition of the American Dane I think it is only responsible to give some examples of the other end of the spectrum and mention a few of the lodges which do have exciting programs going for their members and any prospective member. These are the great examples of fraternalism and friendship coupled with community service. Many excellent activity reports are printed in Our Lodges in Action section of the American Dane. Some lodges are modest in reporting their accomplishments and many only cover them within their local newsletter and I truly enjoy reading about the many good activities various lodges have and it is a pleasure also to learn that the membership is so involved.

As I begin my commentary about some of our lodges, I must quickly move to the Nebraska area and, in particular, Minden. Here is a lodge that has been singled out for community activity and which received special recognition from the Danish Brotherhood itself. Traveling north I must acknowledge Lodge No. 35, Chicago. Not only do they have an excellent newsletter but they also have an outstanding activity schedule. The important thing for them is to keep **all** the membership participating. They will soon celebrate a century of service. Dwight, Illinois, also soon to celebrate 100 years, has many good fraternal programs going and they are eager participants in the district programs as well. Another exciting lodge is Kenosha, Wisconsin, as evidenced by the many National President's awards they have received. I review their activity schedule and I cannot understand how they can find the time to do so many varied things. I could almost compare Lodge No. 14 with the Phoenix rising from the ashes as there was a time when things looked grim for them and some were willing to let that lodge die. Fortunately, other voices were heard and they have had a remarkable comeback with many accomplishments.

I can travel East to Long Island, Lodge No. 325, and read of the many programs going under the capable leadership of Elizabeth Petersen. Since hosting the last National Convention, Des Moines has had a resurgence in membership and quality lodge programs. Dillon, Montana, otherwise isolated from the Danish Brotherhood, continue to report on their activities. I would be remiss if I did not mention our newest Pacific Northwest lodge in Eugene, Oregon, where we find a dedicated group of individuals working hard in the spirit of fraternalism. Fred Batchelor is guiding Portland in a positive direction and he deserves all the accolades he can get. I think of Orange County and Riverside where we continually hear of their fraternal and civic activities. In my own lodge, Seattle, we have an excellent President in the person of Mel Hollister. Mel wasn't born a Dane but he married into a family which is an 'institution' in the Danish community and Mel has sort of melted into it. I really do not think he had a choice but whatever it was, he made the right one. I know he has many good ideas and is a leader when it comes to doing things but he cannot do it alone. It is stimulating the membership that takes a bit of doing. This brings me to a recent newsletter from Margaret A. Goodwin, Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois, and the story of four people named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY and NOBODY. "There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was asked to do it. ANYBODY could have done it but NOBODY did it. SOMEBODY got angry about that because it was EVERYBODY'S job. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY accused ANYBODY!" Thank you Margaret. It struck a chord.

I must also make reference to Den Lille Pioneer, newsletter of the Nebraska District, and the commentary of Soren J. Thomsen, District President. "I am going to write a few words about membership along with a few of my ideas. Of course, membership is one of, if not the most, important thing in our lodges. Without it, we will soon be a thing of the past. So I ask that we be conscious at all times of this fact and try to do something about it. We need to educate ourselves in regard to the fraternal benefits available to members and use this in the recruiting of new members. The young prospects may not be interested in the past and our traditions as we are, but probably more concerned about their future. . . a rule of business is that if you can fulfill a need, you will have customers." Well said, Soren.

There are many examples of lodges that have positive things going for them and I am sorry space would not let me mention all of them. This also includes many dedicated members and officers. These are the ones who will continue to show the way and I hope others will take note. Ladies and gentlemen, there is just too much at stake.

Yes, the Danish Brotherhood is in a period of transition and growth and many things will be offered and promoted in the months and years to come. Some members will soon receive a personal mailing from me and eventually all the membership will be contacted. Please join with us in these endeavors.

As we come into this harvest period and beautiful time of the year remember those less fortunate through your ongoing efforts in Operation Care and Share or whatever endeavor you may be involved with. Many lodges continually report of their efforts in helping others.

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Danish Family Farm Vacations

by Lynn Ove Mortensen

Our red Citroen sped down the highway out of Copenhagen headed for Halskov and the ferry to Fyn. Early November darkness draped the windows. Windshield wipers beat a steady tattoo against a light lacing of snow. Our family of five was crammed into the tiny rent-a-car hatchback, all the trappings of our three month saga stuffed into the places we weren't.

Our goal was the tiny boatbuilding town of Svendborg. We had visited the yard of a well-known boat builder there some years earlier and, still impressed by the quality of his work, we were determined to return, though we had no idea where we would roost while there. At last we spied the lights of the small port village. Pleased to be so close for the dawn ferry departure, we rented two rooms in an old inn.

After a tasty dinner of *biksemad*, my husband and I curled up in the large featherbed while the freezing wind blew snowflakes against the window. The children were tucked in the room across the hall and the bathroom required a chilly walk further on. Having paid next to nothing for lodging in Greece, we reeled at the more than fifty dollars per room which the inn had charged.

Earlier in the day we had visited a travel agent who had helped us to a discontinued ferry fare. He had heaped brochures on us, apologizing because the literature was in Danish. Huddled under the covers we gazed at the enticing photos of cozy cottages and farms. They appeared to be real homes which offered bed, board and the opportunity to live with local families. I attempted some rough translation and soon had zeroed in on a farm close to Svendborg. But the brochure gave only general vicinity, we still had to find it!

Next morning a gleaming pretzel sign lured us into plans for a picnic breakfast aboard. We'd forgotten the well-stocked cafeterias provided by the Danish ferry system. A quiet fog enveloped our crossing but we soon docked and turned south, passing through rolling countrysides. We paused to investigate an old windmill, inspected some boats along the waterfront and visited the grounds of a fine old manorhouse.

But three boistrous children soon tire of "old stuff" and hanker to get on. By afternoon, we reached the tiny village of Hesselager. Wielding our brochure, we sought directions at the local inn. They sent us bouncing down a country lane, between freshly plowed fields, comparing our brochure with the farmhouses we passed to either side.

At last we drove through a roofed-over entryway into an enclosed courtyard. I approached the door and timidly knocked. After all, we were sort of inviting ourselves into this situation. There was no answer. I had just turned back to the car when a voice greeted me from a brick building nearby.

"Hello?" I scurried over to introduce myself to Gerda Hansen, who, with a friendly smile and a great basket of eggs over her arm, bade me come in. We entered the large pantry/utility room. Bunches of dried flowers hung overhead and good smells wafted from the kitchen. I tried to explain what we wanted. Gerda, who takes a night course in English, understood.

"But how did you find us?" she queried. "We usually get guests through the agency and we've never had visitors to stay in winter!" Graciously, she agreed that the information we had 'translated' was correct. She did have rooms available and urged us to inspect them, leading the way upstairs. We found a cozily-furnished living room flanked by a curtained-off area which concealed bunk beds. A separate bedroom held two

Danish fourposters and windows which looked off over rolling farmland to the Storebaelt. Toilet and shower stood steps away. I eyed my husband with delight.

Our stay with Gerda and Paul Arne Hansen was memorable not only for the warm, hospitable atmosphere which pervaded their home. Gerda's cooking was superb! Her breakfasts, served at our own table in the cozy den, began with a mountainous bowl of cereal. Gerda bustled about bringing china pots of good coffee, homemade juice, boiled eggs, assortments of cold sausages, cheese, bread, rolls with butter honey and homemade preserves. With a start like that, who needs lunch?

Gerda's dinners could be habit-forming. Her formal table groaned under platters of roast pork and red cabbage, Danish hamburger with gravy, casseroles of chicken tomatoes and mushrooms. Bowls of fruit and vegetables from the Hansens' garden competed for room on the linen tablecloth. After dinner, Gerda scurried to bring on wondrous Danish desserts.

We spent the evenings in the den talking as best we could in our smatterings of Danish, English and German. We watched Danish TV and even managed to play games through our several languages. The children snuggled right into the homey setting and participated in our forays into our Danish heritage with relish.

Bedtime summoned a new onslaught of goodies from the Hansen kitchen. We climbed the stairs to bed filled with steaming aebleskivers, cookies, juice or milk for the kids and even port and bitters for the adults.

Though we felt completely free to do whatever we wished, the Hansens also helped us to become acquainted with the countryside. Knowing we were wooden boat fans, Paul Arne drove us to a local fishing village. After we displayed interest in thatched roofs, he took us on a tour to see intricate designs miraculously worked into straw rooftops. Gerda carted us off to meet neighbors about our age who had recently rethatched their century-old cottage. Over wine in their home, we visited with

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ONCE UPON A TIME an old woman baked some bread and left it to cool on a window sill.

A ravenously hungry cat and a starving dog came by at the same time and both smelled the delicious loaf.

The bread fell off the window sill accidentally and the cat and the dog stood hissing and snarling at each other over the bread.

"IT'S MINE!" said the cat. "I SAW IT FIRST!"

"OH, NO YOU DIDN'T!" said the dog. "I KNOCKED IT DOWN!"

This went on for some time until an owl who sat high on a branch of a tree flew down to where the cat and dog stood.

"I'll help you settle this dispute," he said. "Please don't quarrel. Let's talk this over peacefully. What seems to be the matter?"

"This greedy dog thinks the whole loaf of bread is his," said the cat. "It is rightfully mine!"

The dog growled and said, "I waited all morning for this bread to be baked," he said, "and when it was put on the window sill I leaped up and got it. Now this greedy cat claims it's hers!"

The wise old owl thought for a moment.

"If you will leave it up to me," he said, "I will settle this matter fair and square. All right?"

The cat and the dog glared at each other and then replied, "All right!"

The owl flew into the old woman's house and brought out a pair of scales. Then he cut the bread carefully into two **unequal** parts and put them on the scales. Naturally, one piece weighed

more than the other.

"Aren't you going to make the portions equal?" asked the cat, anxiously.

"Of course," replied the owl, as he bit off a large piece of bread which lay on the lower end of the scales.

Now the scales tilted in the other direction.

Again, the owl took a bite, this time off of the other piece of bread.

Once more, the scales were uneven.

The owl kept on doing this, biting off uneven pieces from each portion of the bread until there was only a small piece on each end.

"Something isn't right here," said the dog, angrily.

"You can say that again," said the cat, perturbed.

The wise old owl smiled.

"Why should two friends, such as yourselves, fight over such a tiny bit of food?" he asked. Then with one fell swoop he gobbled up the last morsels from each end of the scale and flew away laughing all the way to his branch high on the tree.

The Finder's Reward

ONCE UPON A TIME a poor tailor was walking with his head down, feeling quite depressed, when he suddenly saw a wallet half hidden in some flowers. He picked it up and found 200 gold pieces.

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of gold pieces. The Mayor begged the finder to return what rightfully belonged to the rich man and a reward would be given.

The poor man thought to himself, "The rich man can afford it. My wife and children need food." Then he thought, "The money is not mine. I must return it."

So, the poor tailor knocked on the door of the rich man and gave him the wallet. He said, "My need is greater than yours, but I cannot take something that is not rightfully mine. Here is your money, but I was promised a reward."

The rich man thought to himself, "What a fool this man is to return such a large sum of money. He does not deserve a reward. I will give him nothing!"

So the rich man said, "Reward? You will not get any reward. I had 300 gold pieces in my wallet and now I have only 200. You are a thief. You have stolen 100 gold pieces that belonged to me!"

"You are a greedy man," said the poor tailor. "Is this the reward I get for being honest? You shall pay for this whether you like it or not!"

The next day, the poor tailor made his feelings known to the Mayor.

The Mayor called the rest of the town to hear the protests of the two men.

The Mayor said to the rich man. "You claim that your wallet had 300 gold pieces. Is this correct?"

"Yes," replied the rich man, who was also known as a miser. "And this thief returned my wallet with only 200 gold pieces. He stole 100 coins and now he wants a reward, too!"

The Mayor thought about this and said, "Then this wallet cannot possibly be yours. For the one you lost had 300 gold pieces and the wallet this poor tailor found had only two hundred coins. This clearly shows that the tailor found another wallet than the one you lost. And since the owner cannot be found, the property reverts to the finder — which in this case is the tailor. Case closed!"

The villagers laughed and applauded the Mayor's decision of the case of the rich man who tried to steal the little bit that belonged to the poor tailor. A promise was indeed kept.

Old Main Replacement Plans Announced by Dana College

Approximately one year ago Old Main was destroyed by fire on the Dana College campus in Blair, Nebraska. On the occasion of that anniversary, Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson publicly announced plans to replace the lost facility.

At a press conference at the Omaha Press Club, Dr. Christopherson announced the replacement will take the form of two separate facilities: an addition to the existing Madsen Performing Arts Center and a new classroom/faculty office/chapel building.

Christopherson also announced the receipt of a \$325,000 lead gift from John Lauritzen, Chairman of the Board of First National Bank of Omaha and Washington County Bank of Blair, to be used for the Old Main replacement project. The gift from the Lauritzen family is the first major Omaha corporate gift for the Old Main replacement.

Christopherson added that Victor Borge, one of the most popular entertainers in the world, will present a benefit concert for the Old Main replacement project on Wednesday, October 25, at the Joslyn Concert Hall in Omaha.

The replacement for Old Main will take place in two phases. Phase I will include a two-story 9,000 square foot addition to the existing Madsen Performing Arts Center. The addition will house the Photography, Art, and Commercial Art departments. Studio space and related faculty offices will also be housed in this new facility. Previously these departments were located in Old Main. Through this new construction, all of the arts at Dana will be housed in one facility making the Madsen Center a more comprehensive Fine Arts Center.

Phase II of the Old Main replacement includes the construction of a new classroom/faculty office/chapel building, located near the Old Main site. The new facility will contain faculty offices, general use classrooms, computer and foreign language labs, communication studios, and resource centers for the departments of Business, Education and Humanities.

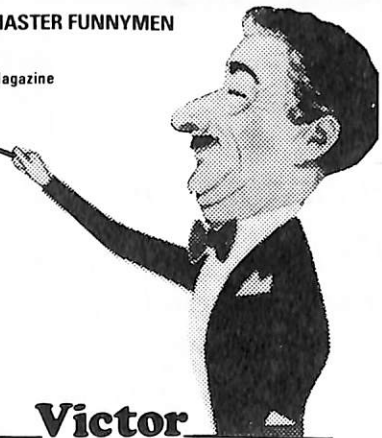
The new facility will also restore to the campus a permanent chapel which was once a part of Old Main.

"While losing Old Main was a terrible loss," said Dr. Christopherson, "rebuilding provides us with an opportunity to create state of the art facilities which will be more attractive to students and allow us to match facilities to programs which will serve us well for many years to come."

Christopherson said that funding for the replacement facilities will come from the "ADD" campaign — Accelerating Dana's Development. The three-year nationwide campaign is designed to raise \$18.15 million in cash and deferred gifts. To date, more than \$12 million has been secured.

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Danish Family Farm Vacations

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these welcoming strangers who were engaged in projects and life very much like ours at home. Without Hansen's guidance we never would have known about the small cottage pottery, the local woolen mill or the old mansion-turned-antique store bursting with bargains.

When we went 'wooden boating' Gerda and Paul Arne enticed our little ones to stay at home with them. Out came the old doll house and building set belonging to their grown children. One son spent a busy afternoon inside the tractor helping to plow the turnip field, while Gerda instructed our daughter in the arts of piano playing and egg collecting. We all enjoyed watching the Hansens go about the daily care and feeding of the hundreds of chickens and pigs who lived in the tidy brick buildings circling the courtyard. What more could a traveling family ask?

When the time came to head back to Copenhagen, every one of us felt we were leaving behind dear friends. We waved and waved until the farm became too small to identify. Driving north through the first deep, sticking snow of winter, passing the glowing farmhouse windows, we talked of returning to our Danish home.

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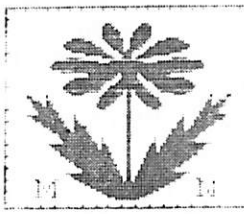
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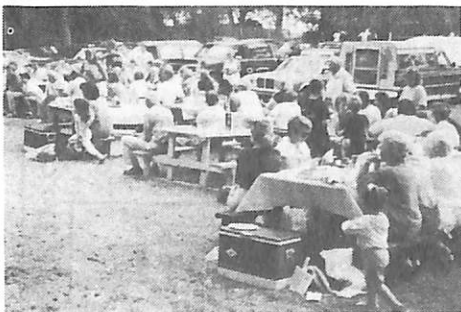
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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — On August 20, 1989, we held our annual picnic at Martha Lake. It was a beautiful summer day — nice and balmy. About 100 adults and almost as many youngsters turned out for this great event. All the picnic tables were loaded with goodies brought from home. The beer from the keg was nice and cold, and there was also pop, ice cream, and hot dogs for those who didn't have enough food with them. So no one went hungry.



The picnic was very well attended.

There were fun and games for all ages. A penny hunt in the straw for the real young ones, wheelbarrow, and three-legged races for the older ones. Not to mention the egg-throwing contest — even our National President, Clyde Langsted, got into the act on the eggs.

Everyone received a ticket and there were drawings for prizes. Clyde Langsted and our Lodge President, Mel Hollister, had a great time awarding prizes donated by local firms and individuals.

A great summer day, full of pleasure. Thanks to all who helped. **Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Last spring Henning Nord read the following advertisement in the American Dane magazine, "Travel with Ed Lark, one of the most respected travel filmmakers, on a captivating video journey to explore the hidden treasures, storybook scenery and meet the charming people of this Nordic kingdom. A must for families with Danish roots."

The best idea for October goes to Lodge No. 51, Ludington, MI. See page 17.

Henning shared his interest in a lodge meeting, others agreed and Lodge No. 42 purchased the tape. Emil Larsen previewed and reported it is of outstanding quality and highly recommended seeing it. He also arranged to have a color television and his video cassette recorder at the September meeting for everyone's viewing pleasure.

The October meeting night will start out with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by business meetings. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share and a plate. Then sit back and enjoy the company of everyone there!

We understand there is a movement underway to enjoy a complete Danish dinner at the November meeting which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 2.

Lodge #273, Dillon, MT — We hosted 16 Danish Senior Citizens from Jutland and Copenhagen, Denmark, over the weekend of July 7-10, 1989.

The first correspondence the lodge received was in March, 1988, from teacher Ejler Norgard who would be the Tour Manager for this group to visit Northwest U.S.A. in July 1989. It was stated they would like to stay in private homes of Danish heritage to see how the Danish American's daily life is and how the Danish immigrants and their descendants are doing. After a brief discussion by the lodge members, it was voted to accept their invitation. A letter was sent to Mr. Norgard to this affect. Since these were a number of things to consider by the Danish group to complete plans for the trip, no more correspondence took place until May, 1989, when final plans were completed.

In our March, 1989, meeting, a committee was appointed to start making plans for the tourists' visit. They were Judy Brown, Clifford Bay, Frieda and Harry Abernethy. Fred and Helen Brown also helped.

Darrell Johnson, a local sign painter, made a banner in Danish reading, "Velkommen Danish Tourista, Danske Venner Til Dillon, Mt." Translated, it read "Welcome Danish Tourists, Danish Friends to Dillon, Mt." The banner was placed outside the First Evangelical Lutheran Church when the group arrived on July 7th. It was also hung between trees at Barretts Station south of Dillon for a picnic the Brotherhood held in honor of the guests on Sunday, July 9th.

July 7, the day of arrival for the group, had finally come. The host families had prepared a supper for them. Lodge President, Thomas Andersen, gave a "Welcome," followed with a Welcome in Danish by Frieda Abernethy. Tour Manager Ejler Norgard gave greetings and introduced his people with each stating where they were from and their occupations. Arthur Christensen, a member of the lodge, gave a brief history of Beaverhead County and Dillon. The Danes favored us with a couple of their songs. Mr. Christensen, a rancher, invited anyone that would be interested to visit his place on Saturday morning. He would give them a tour of his ranch. He raises cattle and specializes in raising sheep. The Danes enjoyed the tour very much.

Preparations for the lodge picnic on Sunday were made by the committee of W. F. Koeneke, Neil Benson, George Pedersen, Christine Petersen, Jack Anderson along with the help of Helen Koeneke and Barbara Benson. The picnic started at 1 p.m. with over 100 in attendance. As usual, lots of good food was digested. It was a very good day for the regular coffee maker, George Pedersen. Thanks to the weatherman who gave us a cool, comfortable day compared to the extremely hot day Saturday had been.

At 9 a.m. on Monday, the guests and hosts met at the church for their departure. Their bus driver, Dennis Kinder, was waiting for them. Mr. Norgard gave a farewell-thank you speech.

From Dillon they went by way of Missoula and up to Spokane and Seattle, Washington, for their flight back to Denmark on July 14th. They had been in the states since June 26th.

The Dillon host families for the Danish visitors were: Howard and Nola Andersen, Art and Margaret Christensen, Torborg Hoyland, Metty Christensen, Harry and Frieda Abernethy, Clifford Bay and Theo Bay, Fred, Helen and Judy Brown, Robert and Gisela Hildreth. Many thanks to you for opening up your homes for them.

Harry R. Abernethy, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting, there were 39 Brothers present. During the meeting, a motion was passed to pay the dues to Omaha, in the amount of \$716.00. This was considered the shortest business meeting in a long time. A reason for this was that six of the Board members were on holiday.

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

If you like the game of soccer but think you are too old, think again. We hope to start a new league for players age 50 and older. If you are 50 years old or close and would like to get a little bit of exercise on a Sunday morning, please call Herluf Pedersen. If you have a friend who would like to play, he is more than welcome to join us.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — We, along with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 149, staged a festive celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of two couples: Paul and Ellen Morrison and Laurice and Agnes DeLaurant. These weddings occurred less than two months apart, so a combined celebration was held August 10 prior to our regular business meeting.

Of interest in this connection is the fact that both brides' fathers, though unrelated, were named Jens or James Beck. And both of these fathers were 50-year members of their respective lodges: Lodge No. 35 and Lodge No. 67.

L. S. DeLaurant, Sc.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Our last meeting was opened at 8:15 p.m. only because the Dodger game was being played at Chavez Ravine and the relentless fans just didn't care that we had a meeting to attend, so some of us were late.

Borge and Millie Christensen, together with Sebastian Opffer, were initiated during the evening and we all welcomed them enthusiastically.

Another application for membership was

read. Harold Mathiasen, Lars Westerskov and Arne Andersen, the investigative committee, did their duty and reported. The members then voted on and accepted the applicant.

A motion was made to donate \$200 towards the California-Nevada District Scholarship Fund. It was voted on and passed unanimously.

Borge Christensen, our new member, won the raffle for the evening and assured us that he knew what to do with the money, so he graciously bought all of us a drink. Thank you Borge!

Mark your calendars for the following dates: October 21 - Anniversary Dinner and Party, November 17 - Fish Dinner and

Bingo, November 24-26 - Las Vegas Trip, and December 15 - Christmas Party.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — After the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, the August meeting was called to order by President Dick Rowse. The upcoming social at Karl and Louise Duus was discussed. The profit from the Grundlovsfest has been updated from \$2,000 to \$3,700 for the Relocation of the Danish Church according to the national committee.

President Dick Rowse gave a convention report from Santa Barbara. A great many things were brought up for discussion, like a name change for the Danish Brotherhood

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in America. What are your feelings?

A scholarship fund for students related to lodge members was established. The plan is to raise \$10,000-\$12,000 within the next few years and to give the interest collected to two students every year. \$1,200 was pledged at the convention. Up until that time, the interest that is made with monies we do have will be given as small scholarships until we reach our goal of giving two \$500 yearly scholarships.

Our hats off to the committee for doing an outstanding job!

We congratulate our new district officers and wish them a successful year.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Past Pres.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — The August meeting followed the usual procedures. We had quite a few guests with us. For those who brought all these guests, why not invite them to our next meeting as well.

Convention reports were given in full by delegates Gary Gossett and Jim Dwyer. The proposed and accepted (by national and district) Five Year Plan was given by Gary Gossett. Our lodge voted to accept the Five Year Plan. Gary stated that the district voted to increase lodge dues from 12¢ to 17¢ per person per year, to finance accepted district bylaw changes in reference to an increase (in keeping with increased cost) for district funds allocated to the district presidents. Jim Dwyer stated that the district scholarship proposal had been approved by delegates.

While we're talking about the district convention, we would like to thank the Santa Barbara lodges for the excellent convention.

We would also like to send our congratulations to the newly elected officers for 1989-1990.



We enjoyed our National representatives, Pam Dorau, Jerry Sonsalla, and our own Ebba Norby.



A group of ladies congratulate Kaj Kristensen, newly elected President of the California-Nevada District.

This evening we were celebrating our 12th anniversary for Holger Danske lodge. The evening started out with an attitude adjustment hour, followed by do-it-yourself barbecue. There were 14 charter members present at the dinner/meeting.

We want to congratulate Rosemary Allison, winner of the highly prized Spencer Nielsen Award. Rosemary has always been an active member of the lodge offering to do anything she could to help. If you need something, ask Rosemary. You'll always get an affirmative answer. She served as trustee of the lodge for many years, along with the duties of that office, always filling the job completely. Rosemary, we all feel you truly deserved this award of appreciation. Appreciation means grateful recognition. This belongs to you, Rosemary. Congratulations!

Gary presented to the lodge two district awards. We don't mean to boast, but we are sure pleased to receive the Best Civic Activity Award and the Best Newsletter Award for the California-Nevada District for 1989. Congratulations to Holger Danske!

We'd like to thank Kodan Lodge No. 346 for helping us with collecting old specs. They brought quite a good supply to add to our collection that will be turned in later. Helga Bjorn, chairman of this project, will be pleased to receive them.

The October 14th meeting will be our Danish Night. We will be meeting at the home of Ken and Gerry Olsen. So plan to attend right now and mark your calendar. The Los Angeles Dancers will be with us and you know how much fun that is. If you'd like to take part in Danish dances, this will be your chance. We will also be asking you to bring along with you Danish artifacts. This was such an interesting part of last year's evening, we hope to repeat it again. So start looking for artifacts to share with all of us.

We will be serving sandwiches, salads, aebleskiver, etc. The cost is planned to only cover the expense. Invite your friends right now. We'd like to know about how many will be attending. **Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Well, summer is history and it is time to get things going. Bill and Marcia Johansen, Vikki Garrison and Sue Patterson attended the California-Nevada District Convention in Santa Barbara and got a shot of enthusiasm to get us going. Santa Barbara and the hotel the convention was held at were beautiful and it turned out to be a very successful convention. Our delegates Vikki Garrison and Bill Johansen accepted the

award for the Best Annual Activity Schedule from the national representative, National Director Jerome Sonalla. Pamela Dorau, National Fraternal Director, was at the convention representing the Home Office.

A great many things were brought up for discussion like a name change for the Brotherhood and things to vote on. I just would like to mention that we did vote to create a scholarship fund for students related to lodge members. It is the plan to raise \$10,000 to \$12,000 within the next few years and to give the interest from the monies collected to two students every year. Up until that time, the interest that is made with monies we do have will be given as small scholarships until we reach our goal of giving two \$500 scholarships a year. Before we had left Santa Barbara, the district had received and collected part of the over \$1,000 pledged by members, delegates and lodges during the convention. Our lodge, as you remember, has pledged to have an activity with the profits to go to this fund each year until the goal is reached.

We wish our new district officers congratulations and a successful year.

After receiving their training in April of 1990, Ken and Gerry Olsen will be our Fraternal Coordinators filling the gap left by Howard and Hazel Kjellsen.

Sue Patterson, Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our Board of Directors will be meeting soon to form program committees for a 12-month period starting in November of this year. If you would like to chair a certain committee or be assigned to a particular month, you should let them know. Also, should you know of someone, friends or family, who would like to become a member of our lodge, please indicate in the recommender section of the form.

Welcome to our new member, Joy Krull. Best wishes to Armand and Eloise, our choice for King and Queen at the state convention. **Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met Thursday evening, August 17, at the Community Center. Vice President Don Thomsen called the meeting to order. Subjects pertaining to the state convention were discussed. Delegates elected include Herbert Nielsen,

Merrie Jorgensen, Wisthi Thomsen, Verna and Andrew Madsen. Also attending the convention is Glen Haselbarth and William Jorgensen, Jr., state Board members. Alternates are Shirley Nielsen, Ruth Burchell, Charmaine Thomsen, Gerald and Margaret Sorensen.

All members signed get-well cards for Elmer Jepsen and Allen Jorgensen. Andrew Madsen and Don Thomsen thanked the lodge for being remembered when they were ill.

Merrie Jorgensen received the \$5.00 drawing. Those attending the state picnic in Grand Island were Wisthi and Charmaine Thomsen, Bill and Merrie Jorgensen, Jr., Glen Haselbarth, Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Ralph and Ruth Burchell, Andrew and Verna Madsen and Lyle and Doris Mauer.

Entertainment was playing cards. Cake and coffee were served by the committee of Lyle and Doris Mauer, Andrew and Verna Madsen, and Lonnie and Sue Nielsen.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — In July we held a meeting of the "Danish Executive Board." The Board was ably led by Ellenora Plugge with a large supporting cast. Everyone present really enjoyed the program.

Bob Johnson, Sec.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lodge #139, Viborg, SD - On Thursday evening, August 3, we had a potluck supper for new members. Seven new members attended — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mark; Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Jorgensen; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Peterson; and Mrs. Joyce Nelson.

Four guests from Omaha were present for the installation of the new members. They were Sales Director, Andy Andersen, Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen, Fraternal Director, Pam Dorau, and James Christiansen.

Special music was provided by Arnie and Helen Sorensen, Rex Peterson and also the Danish Dancers were part of the program.

It was an enjoyable evening and all had a great time. Lunch was served later in the evening by the Danish Sisters.

Rod Peterson, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The regular August meeting was held at the American Veteran Post No. 2 on August 14. About 60 members attended and heard a report and viewed a display presentation by June Sampson from the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. The business agenda included discussions concerning the future location of the lodge, the disposal of the furnishings from Dania Hall, and the consideration of the 1990 dues. The future location of the lodge is still to be determined. The furnishings have been stored as Dania Hall was vacated at the end of August.

The joint Sisterhood-Brotherhood picnic took place on Sunday, August 27, at the Walker Johnson Park at 9000 Douglas Avenue in Urbandale. Some 50 plus members attended and enjoyed the ham and chicken that was furnished by the lodge. A variety of salads, vegetables, and desserts were brought by the members. Special thanks are in order to Joan Sorensen and her committee for organizing the picnic and the activities. The results of the volleyball games were inconclusive but the weather was warm and the shade trees were most popular. Wilber Williamson, Cor.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — After a short business meeting, President Therkel Jorgensen welcomed our guests Howard Jensen, Dagny Jensen's son from California; Helen Paulson of Virginia; and Jill Sheldon, Arnold Thomsen's granddaughter of Brookings.

Mr. Andy Jacobsen of Brookings was

our program chairman. He delighted the group with humorous anecdotes relative to his personal experiences as a first grader in 1909. In a more serious vein, he related the history of Hans Svaning's translation of the Bible into Danish in 1647. Hans Svaning was Bishop of Zealand during the 17th century. He hand printed four copies of the Bible. Two copies are still in Denmark, one copy is exhibited at Cambridge University in England. The fourth copy was brought to this country by the forefathers of the late Peter Bach of Chester, S.D. This antique Danish Bible was donated, by the Bach family, to South Dakota State University and can be seen at the H. M. Briggs Library at Brookings. This was a most interesting and informative program.

Lunch was served by the committee, Hans and Marie Schmahl, Arnold and Merna Thomsen and Jens Hansen.

Therkel Jorgensen, Cor.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — The regular meeting was called to order Tuesday, August 14, at the Senior Citizens Center by Vice President Ronald Hansen, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 20 people present. Four birthdays and one anniversary were recognized.

Edna Johnsen and Flor and Harlan Johnsen were in charge of the program. Edna introduced Humboldt County Sheriff, Marvin Andersen, for a presentation of traffic laws from the Iowa Department of Transportation manual for safety on the highway for all drivers. Physically handicapped drivers have a smaller percentage of accidents so are a lower risk to insurance companies.

Flor Johnsen had her oak show case at the August 11-13 Albert City Thresherman and Collector's Show. A bridal arrangement was in this show case, consisting of bride, bridesmaid, flower girl and ring bearer. These were all crocheted by Flor Johnsen. The case and signs were on display.

Harlan and Flor's three sons, Julian

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
7-2-89	Valdemar R. Degn	86	Aarhus, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1924
6-17-89	Viggo Christensen	80	Manistee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1928
6-11-89	Herbert R. Hansen	86	Sheridan, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1944
7-22-89	Mark A. Ladefoged	30	Racine, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1959
8-3-89	Henry M. Helde	88	Stiyns Svendborg Amt	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1932
7-26-89	Frode Petersen	84	Denmark	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1931
7-29-89	Lloyd C. Johnson	79	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1949
8-19-89	Oscar Christensen	86	Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1952
6-15-89	Christian Roth	90	Ferndale, California	299	Solvang, California	1916
2-17-89	John Schuldt	87	Germany	321	West Palm Beach, Florida	1960
5-13-89	Edmund G. Johansen	89	Aalborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1965

Paul, Harlan Gerald, Jr., and Jorge Svend, had 20 oak show cases of 1/16 scale model farm tractors on display at this collector's show. This year, 14,000 people were at the show. For this display, the Johnsen brothers won a large trophy.

A delicious lunch was served by Violet Bergeson and Ron and Peg Hansen.

Harlan Johnsen, Cor.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — On October 14 we will hold an aebleskiver supper at the I.O.O.F. Hall. We need volunteers to bring aebleskiver pans, applesauce, strawberries, sausage, syrup. This is always a good time together sharing our heritage through good food and fellowship. Come join us and bring along some friends. Also, bring food pantry items.

The August meeting followed a potluck picnic in Central Park in Clear Lake. A donation will be made to the Iowa-Minnesota District Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$100. Todd Sonsalla reported on his trip to Santa Barbara, California, and Disneyland. He also talked about his trip to Sedalia, Colorado, that he took two days after his trip to California. He attended the Nationwide Youth Roundup Camp in the Rocky Mountains. A camp grant helped him go to this camp.

Jerry Sonsalla was looking to see how much interest there would be to take a bus trip to a ballgame (those not wanting to go to the game could go shopping).

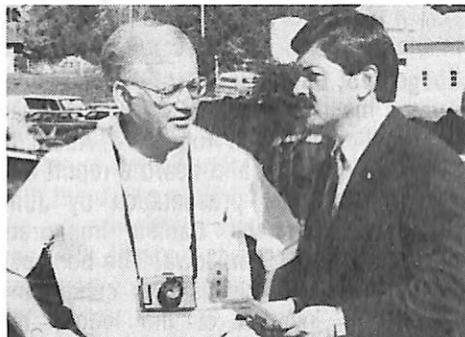
Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met at the Home Federal Savings and Loan community room in Harlan on Monday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. A potluck picnic was enjoyed by 60 members and two guests. They were Gitte Lind of Lemvig, Denmark, and Viola O'Neil of Harlan.

The meeting was called to order by President Signe Madsen. Delegates attending the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Coralville, Iowa, were announced. They were Bob and Mabel Madsen, Signe Madsen, Gwen Block, Gary Christensen, and Irene Boose. Also announced was the nominating committee for

the election of the coming year. They are Folmer Bonnesen, Ray Johnson, Bob Sorensen, and Karma and Howard Sorensen.

A letter from Kenneth L. Hansen of Palm Coast, Florida, was read. He plans to build a motel, Danish style, in Elk Horn in the near future. He is a member of our lodge.



Kenneth L. Hansen discussed several possibilities with Governor Branstad.

Entertainment for the evening was furnished by "Country Road Band."

The next meeting will be October 23 at the Kimballton Town Hall for an aebleskiver supper.

JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — The annual breakfast was held on August 19 at Pinicon Ridge Lodge. This was our last outing before the winter season starts and we move into our usual meeting place in Marion. Our meeting started at 8:00 a.m. but since August is a great vacation month, our attendance was rather low, only about 40 members, which was very unfortunate since we had plenty of food and lots of laughter.

We welcome back from Denmark, Norm, Sharon, Debbie and Kris Nielsen. Also Anker and Kathrine Severinsen had returned from "over there." So much fun to hear about their travel experiences and see pictures from the old country.

The food was enjoyed by everyone. Breakfast consisted of lots of fresh fruit, pancakes, bacon, sausages, and an egg strada, plus fruit juice and coffee. No one went away hungry.

We lost one of our loyal members, Mary McLaughlin, passed away in early August.

The weather was outstanding while we were at the park, but about two hours later, the pouring rain began.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Another annual picnic is now history, and on August 9th members of our lodge, Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 5 and Dania Society gathered at

Pierce Woods. The weather was beautiful and the delicious food was prepared by the committee. Again, this year, Wayne Kavaliauskas (with the help of Doug Larsen) graciously provided the grill, the boiling kettle, propane gas and large cooler. A special thank you to Wayne and Doug and also to the committee for your work to make the picnic a success. Summer is now over and it's time to turn our thoughts to fall and the upcoming meetings and events.

We will host a family style sit down Torsk Dinner on October 21, at D.D.R.'s Pub. The menu will include torsk, boiled potatoes, mustard gravy, cole slaw, pumpernickel with blue cheese, coffee and kringle. Included will be a bottle of beer and a shot of akvavit. All this for the price of \$9.50 per person. Come join us and bring your friends. The dinner is limited to 90 people. Tickets will be available from Doug Larsen, John Mollerskov, or at D.D.R.'s Pub. The limit of 90 people will be strictly adhered to, no exceptions. So, get your check ready, and pick up your tickets as soon as possible. Make check payable to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 4.

Nominations for next year's officers will be accepted at our October 11 meeting with elections to take place at our November 8th meeting.

Glenn Nyboe, Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Four teams attended the Midwest District Golf Outing sponsored by Lodge No. 35 in Chicago. It was well organized and a good time was had by all. Golfing were Todd and Bryan Bernhardt, Todd Barnett, Ken Learmont, Ken Rusecki, Bill Hoff, Bob Ibsen, Dan Greenwald, Richard Meyers, Don Badgerow, Bob Batten, Bill Bull, Don and Dean Gerlach, and Larry Boyd.

About 300 adults and children attended our annual picnic at Kennedy Park. It was a beautiful day and very relaxing. We once again had two roasted pigs expertly cooked by Gerald Merfeld and his friends. Our thanks to Harold Teising and Lloyd Nelson for donating money to pay for them. It was delicious with all of the other dishes brought to pass from those attending. Free beer, soda, coffee and ice cream were furnished by the lodge. Adults and children's games were played and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the great job by the committee chaired by Rick Wade and assisted by Brian, Jeff and Todd Bernhardt, Todd Barnett, Mark Sadowski, Ken Learmont II, and Bob Ibsen. Special thanks once again to Tom Nelson for furnishing the truck.

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Danish Brotherhood Night at the Twins brought out 177 fans to a new event — a "tailgate" party held at the hall prior to the game featuring hot dogs with all the trimmings and free beer and soda. Then on to the game — they lost but a good time was had by all. Thanks to the committee headed by Jim and Lavora Bohn, assisted by Harold and Vi Kubart, Mike Anthony, Don Tredup, Dan Greenwald, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. and Bob Ibsen.

Another successful corn roast attended by 110 people was held on August 12. After an all you can eat meal of corn and brats with all the trimmings, Betty Jean and the Country Express kept the dance floor full all evening playing everyone's requests. This one is a lot of work and we thank our chairman Dan Ervin for his usual good job assisted by Barb and Laura Ervin, Tom and Judy Nielsen, Bob O'Neal, Bob and Elaine Ibsen, and Dave Jensen.

Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Gordy Andersen and Bob Ibsen attended the Midwest District Picnic in Chicago hosted by Lodge No. 35 and it was a very well organized event with good attendance. We only wish more of you would attempt to be there. Maybe next year.

Welcome new members, Richard Johnston, Gino Vignieri, Harry Adamson, Joseph Cunningham, Alex Nigro, and Robert Pringle.

You're invited to join Bob and Elaine Ibsen on a Western Carribean Cruise aboard NCL's brand new "Seaward." Eight days of fun in the sun, November 25-December 3. The price of \$1,050 includes overnight Miami hotel, round trip flight to Miami, buses, food, entertainment, and port taxes. Many members have already signed up. Come join us!

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — We will attend the Conklin Theatre on Sunday, October 15, to view "Everybody Loves Opal." The price of \$16.50 per person includes play and brunch. The bus is paid for by the lodge.

The Midwest District Dart Tournament, sponsored by our lodge, will be held Saturday, October 28 at the VFW. It will commence at 9 a.m. with sign up, coffee and donuts. There will be a break at noon for lunch. Prizes will be awarded afterwards. Contact Harry Johnson or Greg Jensen for signing up.

Remember our 100th anniversary on November 4 at the Holiday Inn at Morris.

Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 35 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 of Chicago will hold their joint 100th anniversary celebration on November 18 at the Rosewood

West at Rt. 83 and Cicero Avenue. Tickets will be \$15 with a cash bar. Reservations need to be in by November 1.

Forty of us had a great time at beautiful Wrigley Field on August 13. Of course, it would have been better if the Cubs had won. We stopped at the White Fence Farm afterwards and had an excellent meal. Thanks to Don Wheatley for organizing this day and for making the delicious ham sandwiches for the bus.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Sixty-five members were present at our August 18 meeting. "Bud" and Jane Garvey were initiated and made welcome.

Visitors made welcome were Carole Kost, Arlene Christensen, Melissa Adcock and Bert Carlson.

Thank you letters were read from Esther Swanson and Ridge Lutheran Church. Sympathy was extended to Marie Johanson and Bert Carlson on the loss of their

mother, Svea Carlson.

Woody Petersen reported on a successful Golf Outing with 70 golfers and 72 diners. \$288 was realized from the donated golf items from Wilson Sporting Goods that were raffled off. The event came out \$135.49 ahead but the lodge did pay golf fees for our golfers and this is not counted in.

Frank Connery reported a successful picnic. Over 240 hamburgers and lots of hot dogs were consumed. Frank thanked everyone for their help and President Sloth thanked those who donated raffle prizes.

Charles Jespersen stated that Willard Scott had Chris Mortensen, our eldest member who just turned 107, on his television program last week — that is, he announced his birthday.

Grethe Jepsen thanked Anna and Felix Nussle for their \$25 donated to the scholarship fund. Lynne Sorensen and Al Steffensen donated cash to Lutheran Family Mission and a gift was received from Carl Christensen of Evergreen Park. Thanks again!

VELKOMMEN!

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



Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Lyle A. DeVuyst	14	Kenosha, WI	Richard Walker
Elmer A. Shemanske	14	Kenosha, WI	Roger Sorensen
John F. Hansen	29	Seattle, WA	Martin Rasmussen
Georg E. Pedersen	29	Seattle, WA	Mel Hollister
Carole A. Pedersen	29	Seattle, WA	Mel Hollister
Frants Holm-Nielsen	29	Seattle, WA	Niels Jensen
Mario Mauro	35	Chicago, IL	Arlene Hasler
Lillian Mauro	35	Chicago, IL	Arlene Hasler
Carole Kost	35	Chicago, IL	Henry Jepsen
Arlene A. Christensen	35	Chicago, IL	Carl Christensen
Andrew R. Schoewe	36	Milwaukee, WI	Margaret Schoewe
Paul R. Petersen	56	Kansas City, MO	Eicar Nielsen
Larry W. Laursen	71	Penn Yan, NY	Clarence Jensen
Helen M. Elliott	95	Ferndale, CA	Fred Elliott, Sr.
Constance A. Steele	95	Ferndale, CA	Beverly Perrin
Bent Lernø	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Mark R. Larsen	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Frederick O. Rusch	170	Rocky River, OH	Verner Pedersen
Alice K. Anderson	170	Rocky River, OH	Verner Pedersen
Sterling D. Clark	261	Fowler, CO	Harold Jensen
Jack A. Fountain	261	Fowler, CO	James Gager
Randy W. Keith	283	Dagmar, MT	Joel Petersen
Lane J. Petersen	283	Dagmar, MT	Joel Petersen
George P. Petersen	348	Eugene, OR	Allan Nyegaard
LaVonne M. Petersen	348	Eugene, OR	Allan Nyegaard
Christine E. Bernhardt	600	Omaha, NE	Jeffrey Bernhardt
Darrell Soe	600	Omaha, NE	Ray Johnson
Grant J. Christensen	600	Omaha, NE	Jerome Christensen
Rita M. Christensen	600	Omaha, NE	Jerome Christensen

President Sloth mentioned our Care and Share program. He offered to pick up items for Lutheran Family Mission and also thanked those who continue to bring food to the meetings.

Trying to count heads at our annual picnic was pretty tough but we did come up with the figures of somewhere between 220 and 250. We noted that more young people and children are coming and that is exactly what we want! The Connery family was in charge and they did a bang-up job! We really owe each one of them a big thank you. All the members who pitched in and helped organize and run the picnic also need to be recognized. The day was lovely. The hamburgers and hot dogs were great and the covered dishes were super. Thanks to all who brought food to share.

We had several folks from far away. It was nice to see the Pedersens and Lauritsons from Waukegan. John Trankar's daughter, Nancy Adcock and her three daughters Erin, Mellissa, and Heather from Cooksville, Illinois, were there as were Mr. and Mrs. Einer Jorgensen from Baroda, Michigan, and Florida. They usually do make it down for our picnic. Lodge No. 14 was represented by Bob Ibsen, Gorden Andersen, and Rudy Bernhardt and the Nylens, Hansens, and Steffensens came from Lodge No. 17. Fred and Arlene Hasler from Michigan and Florida also had a good time.

You are cordially invited to our 100th anniversary celebration on November 18. We hope to make it a gala event. All members of Lodge No. 35 are invited as guests to this party. You must have been a member prior to September 1, 1989, and be at least 14 years of age. Tickets for non-members will cost \$15 and there will be a cash bar. Our celebration will take place at the Rosewood West at Rt. 83 and Cicero Avenue. For those who wish to spend the night, there is lodging available within blocks of the restaurant. A Holiday Inn and a Budget Inn are right next to each other at 127th and Cicero. For further information, please call John Jorgensen, Ray Nielsen, or Henry Jepsen. **Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our lodge will be guest host at the Scandinavian Husfliden on Saturday, October 7, 1989, at Norway House, 2212 West Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee. As host, we will need your help so call Al or Carol Larsen to offer your services. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m. with potluck supper to be served at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment will follow the supper. Bring your favorite dish to pass. Crafts and sales tables available.

Congratulations to our member Rev. Ernest O. Norquist on the completion of his book "Our Paradise," a GI's war diary. During World War II, he served on the Corregidor and Bataan. He became a prisoner of war on April 9, 1942. His book is available from the Pearl-Win Publishing Company, Box 300, Route 1, Hancock, WI 54943 at \$19.95 per copy.

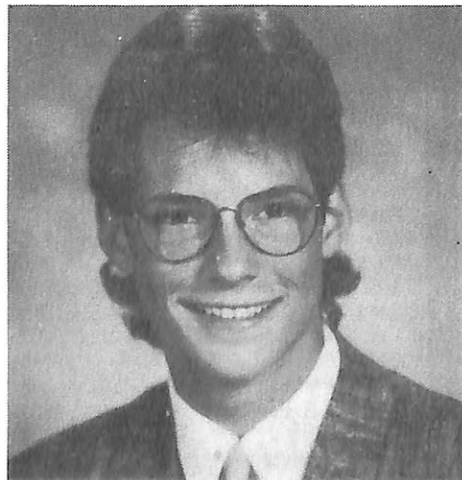
Thanks to Luella and Ozzie Christensen who served refreshments following our August 2nd business meeting.

Mark your calendars and reserve Sunday, November 5, to attend Lodge No. 14's Christmas Fair, "Julefest." Historically, the "Julefest" has been a delightful affair, with many sales booths and delicious aebleskiver and medisterpølse lunch being served starting approximately 10:00 a.m. A fund raiser raffle has also been arranged to help defray the rising costs of insurance and maintenance of their lodge building; first prize is \$500 and there will be five other prizes. Participants need not be present to win. Drawing will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the "Julefest" site - Danish Brotherhood Hall, 2206 63rd Street, Kenosha, WI.

Spread the word! The Nordic Council of Wisconsin will stage its second annual Scandinavian Festival on Saturday, June 9, 1990. You may not have a 1990 calendar immediately at hand, but if you do, mark the date. Plan on attending and help to make the affair an even greater success than our June 10, 1989 session!

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — At our July 14 meeting, we proudly announced that one of our members, Paul Danielsen of Roanoke, Virginia, was the winner of a Midwest District college scholarship. Paul is attending college in Virginia this fall and is majoring in communications. All of our members extend our heartiest congratulations to Paul.



Congratulations to scholarship recipient, Paul Danielsen.

We also elected Marty Seyller and Einar Danielsen as our Midwest District convention delegates. A light lunch of coffee cakes and coffee was served.

Our annual lodge picnic was held at the home of our secretary, Andrea Mylin, on July 30. Nearly 30 members and guests enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of food, fellowship, and games, including horse-shoes, water balloons, egg toss and pine-wood derby. Our thanks to Andrea, Dan and their committee for the enjoyable day.

Carol Hunecke, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — In the absence of our president, Vice President Fred Rasmussen, Jr., called the meeting to order on August 24th with our usual Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and presided at the meeting. We welcomed back our Treasurer, Sarah Rasmussen, who had been hospitalized for her injuries in an auto accident. Welcome back, Sarah! We missed you.

We voted to have our annual aebleskiver supper as usual on our regular meeting day.

Our Mortensaften Goose Dinner is booked for November 11th at the Waupaca Country Club.

The excellent turnout of members at our August meeting enjoyed open-faced sandwiches, kringle and coffee to complete the evening.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Our regular meeting was held on Wednesday, August 2, with 21 members in attendance. All business was taken care of and the final details of the district golf tournament was discussed. A lunch of sandwiches and pickled herring was served by Carl Soneral following the meeting.

Ten new members were initiated. Welcome to William E. Hanson, William E. Hansen, Robert D. Stever, Gail B. Lusk,

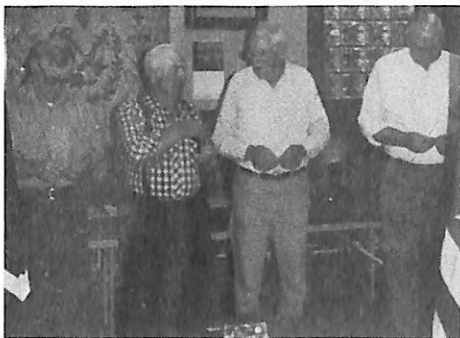
ANNOUNCING
DBIA Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, IL
100th Anniversary Dinner-Dance
November 4, 1989 at 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn in Morris, IL
\$15.00 per person

Also available
100th Year Commemorative Plates
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For reservations and plate orders contact
James Andreasen, President, Lodge No. 34
Dwight, IL 60420

Jerry J. Janiga, Gary D. Rogers, George E. Castonia, Russell Collins, Jr., David K. McCarthy, and David M. McCarthy.

On May 2, we held our first membership appreciation night where all members with 25 or more years of membership were given a dinner by the lodge at no cost. The dinner which was a steak fry and all the trimmings was attended by 48 members with 10 members with over 25 years of being a member, including Delbert Williamson, Alf Larsen, Edward Larsen, and Earl Jensen with over 50 years. After the dinner we held our regular meeting which was attended by 60 members at which President Keith Koegler presented 25 year pins to Carl Soneral, William Hansenbak, Linton Frost, and Wallace Nelson. Also Ray Hansen, Art Lister, and Thomas Jensen, who could not attend the dinner and meeting, received their pins.



Congratulations to 25-year members.

On August 5, we hosted the annual Michigan-Ohio District golf outing. With 71 golfers participating in it from Muskegon, Detroit and Ludington. Following the golfing, a steak fry (cook your own steak) along with baked potatoes, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, cake and refreshments was enjoyed fully by 90 members and guests. After dinner, committee chairman Jack Smith got down to the serious business of awarding the prizes. This is not official but I am under the impression that Ludington must have won the trophy that never showed up from Greenville, because all of the individual prizes went to the Ludington Lodge No. 51 golfers. The remainder of the evening was spent socializing and dancing with a good time being had by everyone.

We also had a first that I can recall, during our warm-up Friday, August 4, a storm hit Ludington and the power went off at 11:45 p.m. Things were a bit hectic for a few minutes, then the candles were lit and situated around the bar and other needed places. The candle light gave the building a cozier atmosphere and the peanut eating and socializing was under way again. I am sure that everyone there will not forget it for a while, especially the kids.

I would like to thank Bob Sorensen, John Sorensen, and especially Don Boyd for going fishing. Whenever the fishing is good, we always think of Howard Hansen in Florida. I don't know what to say, Howard, except that I am sorry you were not here.

Our regular meeting was held on Wednesday, September 6 with 17 members present. We wish to velkommen Larence Lyewski who was initiated at this meeting. Also at this meeting a membership application for Irving E. Welch, Jr. was approved by the membership. Following the meeting a lunch was put on by Bill Krause.

On August 27, the Stroh's Old Timers softball team played the Danish Brotherhood team in a fast pitch seven inning softball game. The Old Stroh's team was represented by 23 ball players who played for Latocha & Co. District who sponsored the Stroh's Team since 1962. Stroh's has been playing the Danish Brotherhood team one game a year since 1987, our silver anniversary, when members John Latocha and Doug Caswell suggested we play an old timer game. Now with their support we make a picnic day out of it. This year over 100 members and guests enjoyed a good ball game, brats, corn on the cob, refreshments and that good Stroh's beer. Oh, by the way, the Stroh's team beat the much younger Danish Brotherhood team by the score of 6 to 4, as all of the old timers really came through. The average age of the Stroh's team would be over 50 years old.

With profound regret and in thoughtful remembrance of Brother Herman Bentz, we sincerely regret the loss of this good and loyal Brother.

Keith Koegler, Pres.

GCEL

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — The next meeting will be held October 13. Bring a non-perishable item to the meeting to be donated to the local food pantry.

I think the lodge should have a party in November to celebrate its 90th anniversary. Let's get it together. It's not too late.

The 65th annual convention of the GCEL District was held in New Hope, Pennsylvania, over Labor Day weekend. Officers elected and installed were Past President, Robert Phoenix; President, Chris Simonson; Vice President, Sharon Lunde; Secretary, Eric Brown; Treasurer, Elizabeth Pedersen; Trustee, Donald Heckmann; Alternate Secretary, Bill Brose; and Alternate Treasurer, Bob Jensen. The 1990 convention will be hosted by New Haven

Lodge No. 32.

A donation of \$100 went to the Danish Home for the Aged in Edison and the Danish Seaman's Church.

There were five applications for the 1989 scholarship award this year. The \$500 award went to Joe Ferdinandsen.

Presently we have ten residents staying at the Danish Home for the Aged in Edison.

In 1990, the GCEL scholarship will go to two persons each receiving \$500.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — Several of our members attended the yearly picnic at the Home in Metuchen, New Jersey. There was good food, drinks and games. It also gave the members the opportunity to meet the residents, staff, and watch the operation and condition of the home.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Our monthly meeting held on August 11 was very well attended and we enjoyed another lively night of bingo thanks to Vice President Niels B. Hansen and Financial Secretary Ib Andersen. We also had an attractive selection of prizes thanks to the following: the Danish American Coordinating Council, Birgit Jacobsen who arranged for some very delicious gourmet prizes, Elizabeth and Leif Pedersen who donated a bottle of rum and Evelyn and Leo Jensen who donated a bottle of Harvey's Bristol Cream.

Tony Witt was busy serving refreshments and so was Birgit Jacobsen who served her own home baked cakes with coffee and tea.

Congratulations to Nette and Niels B. Hansen who were voted couple of the year in July at the annual Scandinavian Festival in Eisenhower Park.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — A full bus loaded with Vikings and friends left for a full day of enjoyment and adventure at the Inner Harbor at Baltimore. A perfectly sunny day made the trip even better. The dinner at Rusty Scubber, overlooking the harbor was excellent with the exception of the cheese cake.

Look ahead to October when Sharon and Tage Kvist will present the Mighty Viking Players' theater night. Plan to attend the command performance at the Sons of Norway Lodge.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Payment to Board Members

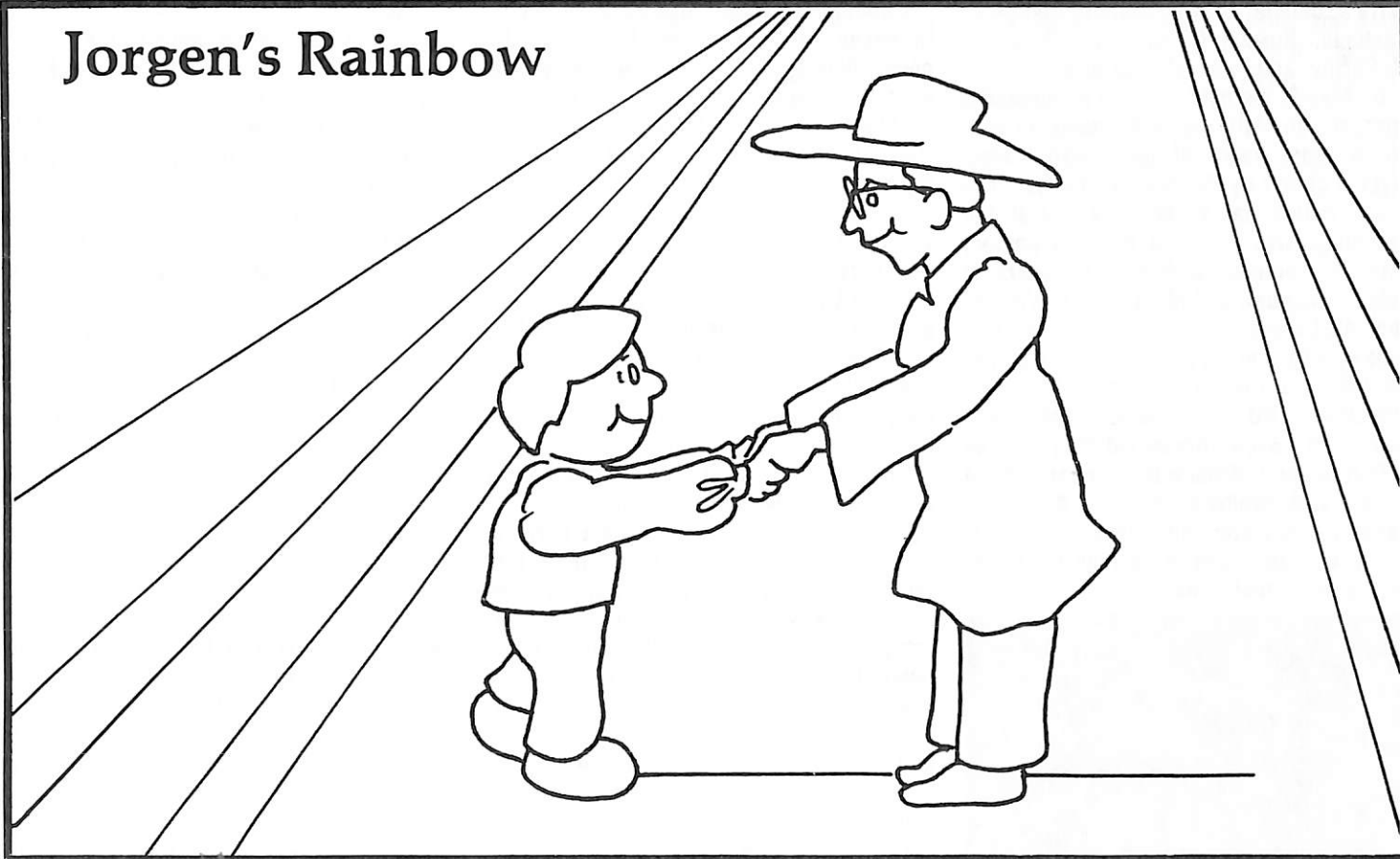
AUGUST 1989

Jerome B. Sonsalla, California-Nevada District Convention, \$669.50.

SEPTEMBER 1989

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$240.60.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen, back in time meets the great Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard. He was born in 1813 in Copenhagen. During his life he wrote 21 books. Jorgen likes books, and like Soren Kierkegaard, hopes that you do too!

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.

September winners: Kami Bosworth, Shawnae Raymond, Kai Busch Petersen, and Kirsten Marie Witt.

Grandma's Kitchen



Butterdyg (Danish Pastry)

4 cups flour	1 lb. butter
1 tsp. vinegar	1 cup cold water

Mix half of the butter with flour and add liquid as for pie crust. Rest the dough for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, knead the other half of the butter until free from water. Flatten out the first dough, cover with kneaded butter, fold the dough, refold, rest 20 minutes, roll, refold, rest 10 minutes, roll, refold, rest 30 minutes. Keep rolling and resting until all particles of butter have disappeared.

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Barry F. Edmonds National Director

Barry joined Lodge No. 32 of New Haven, Connecticut, in 1967 at the age of 18. He was urged by his father to join and, in the early years, it was men only with poker and beer at the meetings. He continued his membership because he enjoyed the members and their stories of Denmark, and the fellowship and comradeship that was so apparent. Today, Barry enjoys the family-style lodge and the variety of activities offered by Lodge No. 32. He has been Treasurer, Secretary, and President of his local lodge and has been very active in the G.C.E.L. District serving as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, and

President. Barry was elected to the DBIA National Board of Directors at the 1987 National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa.

After graduating from Hamden High School, Barry attended Central Connecticut State College, followed by 3 years in the United States Army. He then continued his education at the New Haven Business Academy, and currently is employed by The Travelers Insurance Company as a Director in Data Processing.

For the past 19 years, Barry has been married to Winnie, who was born in Denmark. They met when they were paired together as partners in the Danish Folk Dancers of New Haven. Barry and Winnie are the parents of one daughter, Roberta Lee, and enjoy being a 100% insured DBIA family.

“Make sure you become active,” is the advice Barry would like to offer to all members of the Danish Brotherhood. He urges members to offer their help, or offer to become a chairman of a committee within the lodge and states that in order to receive all the benefits of DBIA membership, you must put in time, energy and concern. Barry suggests that if you are unable to regularly attend meetings, at least make it a point to attend special functions.

Barry has immensely enjoyed his membership and hopes, as a National Director, to help the DBIA grow and prosper so others can continue to appreciate the DBIA as much as he does. Barry works very diligently as a member of the Auditing and Securities Committee, the Bylaw Committee, the National Fraternal Donation Committee, and Chairman of the Retirement Committee.

Training Ship "Danmark" Now Available

Perfect for the home or office, a 24 by 30 inch colored print of the Danish Training Ship "Danmark" by Noted Marine Artist, Dean P. Waite is now available. Dean Waite was born in Manhattan, and was inspired to draw ships at the age of five, after a visit to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He was educated in Newton, Mass., where he was a charter member of the Newton High School art club and is an honor graduate from Vesper George School of Art, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dean has designed covers for: "The Open Roads for Boys," "Yachting," and "Motor Boating." His paintings have been shown throughout the United States in several museums and galleries. Mr. Waite specializes in a traditional art approach for marine painting, aviation art, mini-vue paintings, portraits and landscapes.

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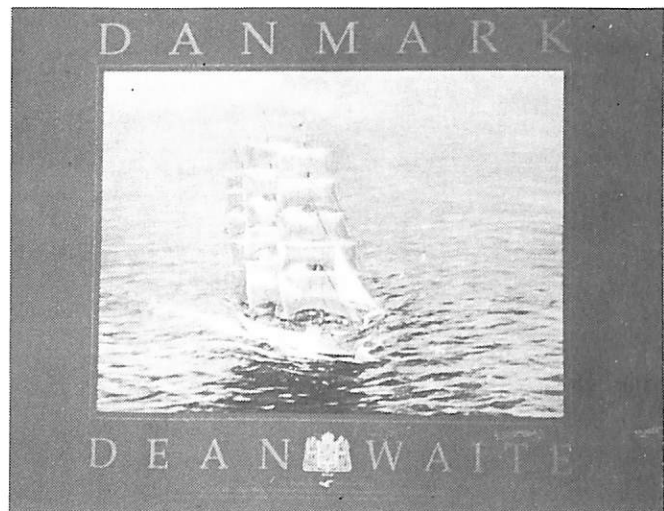
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