

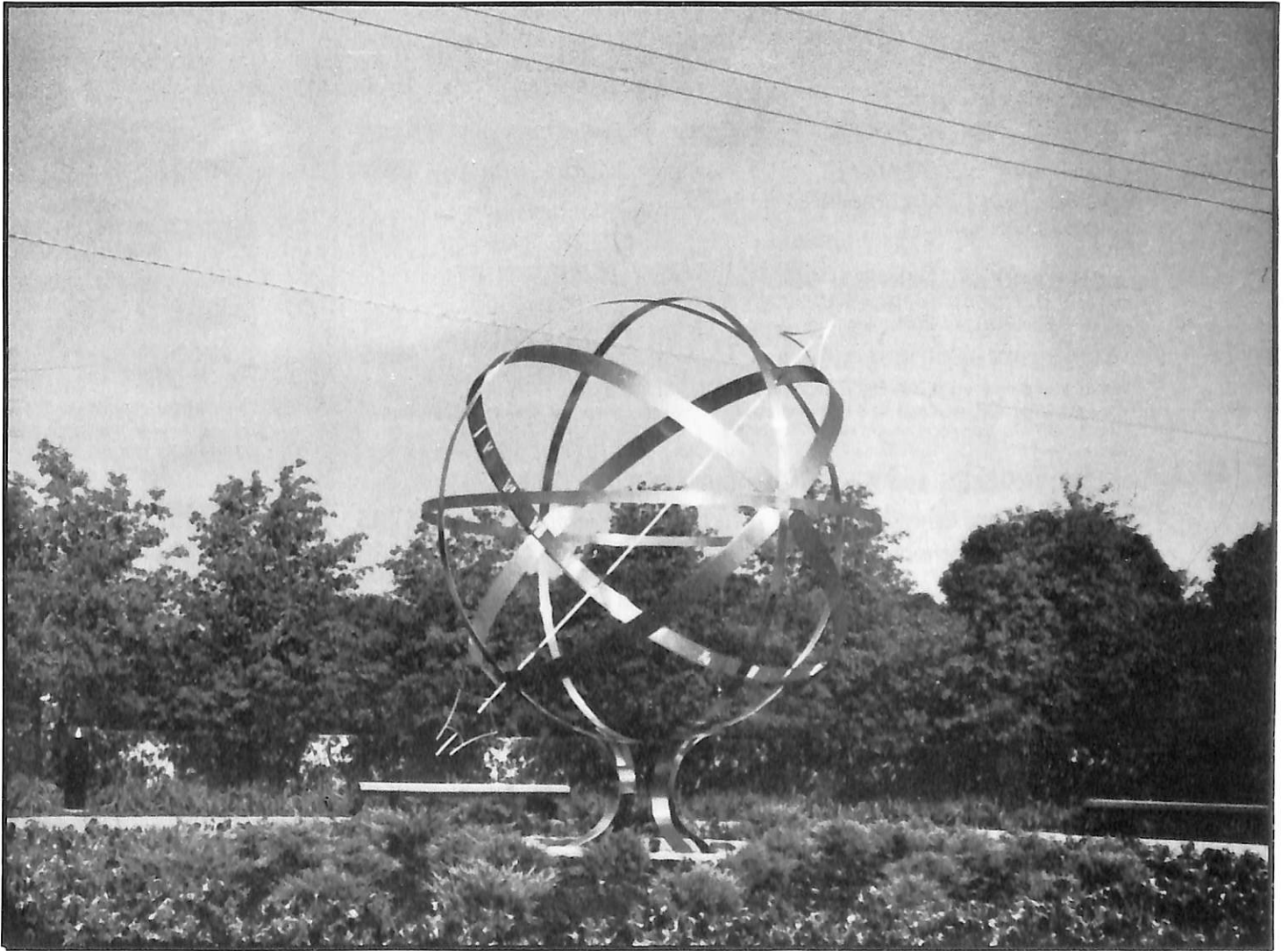
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President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted
National President**

This month I am going to devote this space to something which should be considered as important to all of us as it could have a decided effect on the future of the Danish Brotherhood in America, you as individuals and our lodge system of membership as a whole.

I invite you to refer to Andy Andersen's Fraternal Protection page and note his plea for recommending someone to ultimately become your lodge representative. We are currently blessed with many good ones but we need more to be of service to our membership. A representative can be a tremendous asset for the local lodge. In addition to the member recommending membership, the lodge representative will likewise be obtaining new members to support the local lodge. We have good programs and it does take a special person to understand what we have to offer and convey that information to prospective members. At the same time, that person is a resource for the membership in their knowledge of our fraternal and insurance programs. A representative's arsenal will include detailed information on insurance and annuities and will be readily available to service the needs of certificate holders on the local level.

If members are not certain as to how to contact a prospective member, the trained representative can do that job with ease. It will take your effort of recommending prospective members to the representative. It is always important to support these individuals because when you make them successful, you make the lodge successful! When the Danish Brotherhood was established 106 years ago, insurance was not readily available to immigrants nor many other people for that matter. Fraternal societies such as ours were established on that very principle of protection of the member and their families as well as to provide a social respite from their day to day activities. The Danish Brotherhood was very successful in doing that but we must continue in that endeavor. There have been many pros and cons on the insurance issue and some of it I can readily understand but let's take a look at what your premium dollar does for all of us while still providing protection and investment for you, the member. These funds provide us with a focal point of pride in our National Headquarters building in Omaha. It belongs to all of us. We are able to provide social fraternal benefits in the form of special aid to members with financial difficulties; continue insurance protection when a member is unable to pay their premiums; our scholarships that not only help college students but which also help vocational aspirants. Your investment with us also provides for our National Convention in which elected delegates receive travel and daily allowances for their time in making ours a democratic society. It also provides for a competent and dedicated home office staff and, yes, it also allows for a lower dues structure. Remember that an insured member pays no national dues but a social member does pay \$5.00 annually to support our programs.

One of the most important things we can support (and must) is the continuation of our Danish heritage. It is our treasure. Part of our income dollar (and part of your investment) goes to support various Danish entities such as the Danish Immigrant Museum, Dana College, The Nordic Heritage Museum, Grand View College, Bien and Den Danske Pioneer. The list goes on. This is fortified by the local lodges who continue to support (and I might add enthusiastically from what I read) other local Danish ethnic organizations. We have much going for us and Omaha is not just a repository for member funds as some people would like to believe. Your investment with us works in many good ways.

I hear many times from individuals that they are 'over-insured' and that they don't need any more. As a result, our insurance requirement precludes their membership with us. I really disagree with that premise, as in my dealings professionally in funeral service and with the literally thousands of client families we have served, not one has yet to tell me that they thought their loved one was over-insured. Your insurance portfolio can provide protection for loved ones, it can provide protection and savings for your children, it will give you funds for emergencies and your retirement. In these days of high real estate values, mortgage protection is a must. No one should be without some kind of estate planning. These are areas where a trained representative has expertise and it will be available without charge to you, the member.

If you do not think there is an insurance need, let me add one very real national statistic — out of 5,400 individual deaths occurring, 1,800 of those die without insurance. I am utterly amazed by the numbers who leave people behind with nothing and I mean nothing!

We are a **fraternal benefit** society, not just an insurance organization. The premium dollar you invest with us is important and I think you can see how much that dollar investment does and how far it reaches into the lives, activities and multi-programs going on within our Danish community. We want to continue in this endeavor and I have a feeling that you desire the same. I have mentioned many times in my columns that we cannot do it alone and I repeat that!

I ask your support of our varied programs and urge you to invest in our future by helping us grow and supporting a lodge representative system. We have a lot of talent within our membership and a lot of dedicated people. I won't challenge you this time. I will simply ask, PLEASE, won't you join with us?

With December comes the joyous time of the year to all Danish households. I know it is special to me. It goes without saying, but please remember those less fortunate through Operation Care and Share. I know it makes me feel personally better. The entire Home Office staff, myself and my colleagues from the Board of Directors wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

Does Your Lodge Have A Representative?

If not, do someone a favor by recommending him or her as your lodge representative and earn \$100.00 for yourself.

1. What is the representative system?

It is an arrangement whereby each lodge appoints a representative, trained and assisted by members of the home office staff to sign up new lodge members and provide members with information about the various life insurance and annuity plans available from your Society.

2. How is the representative compensated?

The representative who usually works part time for the Brotherhood receives a commission on all new insurance written — the same as he would with other Fraternal Societies or commercial life insurance companies.

3. Should representatives be members?

It would definitely be to the representatives' advantage to be a member of the local lodge. However, it is possible the prospective representative, such as a local insurance agent with a Danish background, is not now a member.

4. Must representatives be licensed?

Most states now require licensing of part-time fraternal insurance representatives. Since licensing, including preparing for the written exam, is time consuming, recruiting someone who is already licensed with another carrier will allow him or her to become active much sooner.

5. How do members benefit from the life insurance?

In addition to providing valuable protection at the lowest possible cost, the premium income generated from the sale of life insurance also provides for the national fraternal programs, such as scholarships, camp grants, orphan benefit and fraternal aid.

6. Do lodges benefit from the representative system?

The local lodge will benefit from the representative's activities by the increasing number of new members and the resulting local dues.

7. How can you help your lodge and earn \$100.00?

Recommend a qualified individual to become a representative for your lodge and receive a \$100.00 cash bonus (\$50.00 after the representative has signed up 5 new insured members and the balance when the representative has signed up a total of 10 new insured members.)

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Mini Danish Tales

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

The Hungry Rider

ONCE UPON A TIME a man was riding a horse when he felt very hungry. It was noontime and he was far away from home. He looked around and saw an inn. "At least they will have some bread," he said, getting off of his horse. As he opened the door he smelled the cooking and his mouth began to water. He sat at a table and asked the innkeeper to bring him whatever food it was that smelled so good. The innkeeper replied, "Sorry, we ran out of food, but that gentleman, over there, might share his chicken with you." The hungry man walked over to the gentleman and said, "I am Bjorn, Sven, Knut, Lars Ibsen. I am very hungry. Would you share some of your chicken with me? I will pay you." The gentleman looked up and said, "I would if you were alone, but I haven't enough for all of you!"

The Fox and the Rooster

ONCE UPON A TIME a fox was walking along a road when he saw a plump rooster standing in a field. The fox licked his lips and thought the rooster would make a tasty lunch. When the rooster saw the fox, she flew high into a tree. The fox looked up and said, "Don't be frightened. I've come to tell you that the king has ordered us all to be friends. Come down and let us get acquainted." And he smiled at the rooster. Just then, the fox turned around and saw a hungry wolf coming toward him. "OH, OH," cried the fox. "I'd better be on my way in case he doesn't know about the king's order!"

The Loafer

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a young man who rarely earned money of his own. He liked to be seen in the best of places and would dress in the best of clothes and in order to do this he would borrow money from his friends and never repay them. One day he saw a beautiful garment in a shop and he decided he wanted it very badly, so he went to his friend Peder, from whom he always borrowed money in the past. The young man told Peder that his head hurt, his eyes were bulging and that his toenails were falling off and that he needed to go to a doctor at once. Peder looked him over and could easily see that his friend looked healthy and said, "You must have friends with more money than I. Ask them." Whereupon the young man replied, "I had a dream that God told me that kind Peder would give me money to be healthy again." Peder looked directly in the young man's eyes and said, "What a coincidence. God told me that you were very healthy and not to give you any money!"

The Fox and the Boatman

ONCE UPON A TIME a fox wanted to cross the river, but she found it too cold to swim, so she walked along the bank until she saw a boatman and asked him to take her across. She promised to pay him afterwards. The boatman said yes and took the fox across the river in a harrowing ride because of the currents. Finally, they were on dry land and the boatman asked for payment. "Certainly," replied the fox, as she dipped her tail into the river and splashed the man in the face. "You call that payment?" asked the boatman. The fox laughed. "Yes," he said. "It will teach you never to believe the promises of strangers."

The Herdsman

ONCE UPON A TIME there were a group of young people waiting around a courtyard for a chance to have fun at someone's expense. Soon, they saw a poor man riding a

donkey. The mischievous young people greeted him and surrounded him asking rude questions. "What do you do for a living?" they asked. "I am a herdsman," said the poor man. "What is your herd?" they asked. "Goats," replied the poor man. "And how do you call for your goats?" they asked. "I whistle," replied the poor man. "Show us how," they cried. "All right," said the poor man, "I will." And he whistled very softly. The young people began to jeer and tease him. "Can't you whistle any louder? Your silly goats can't hear that!" they said. "That's right," said the poor man, riding off on his donkey, "but you silly goats did!"

The Astrologer

ONCE UPON A TIME an astrologer arrived in a small fishing village. He tried to stir up business. "Let me tell your future," he told the people around him. "I can see everything in the stars. For a small fee I will read it to you." A fisherman who stood nearby said, "Perhaps you could tell us where the big fish are so that we can catch them." The astrologer nodded and began to walk around in a circle, gazing so intently at the stars that he did not notice a gaping hole in the ground and fell into it. He shouted for help, but the fisherman said, "If you can't even see a hole at your feet, how can we believe that you can see things in the stars!"

An Honest Criminal

ONCE UPON A TIME a king visited the local jail to free prisoners who most deserved a pardon. He asked each one what crime they committed and they all said they were innocent. Then the king came to a man who said, "I truly deserve to be punished," and told the king his crimes. The king turned to the jailer and said, "Throw this man out at once or he will corrupt the other prisoners!"

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1990 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America and be nominated at a regularly scheduled lodge meeting.

Revised nomination forms, along with revised guidelines and procedures have been forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to receiving a nomination form from every Danish Brotherhood lodge by the deadline of February 15, 1990. Please note, the same member may be renominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

For further information, contact your local President or Secretary or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

Lots of Danish Uncles Growing up in a Boarding House

by Ruth Herman Nielsen

Mother's Boarding House — a wonderful place in which to live and experience a truly extended family. Uncles. Who are they? We think of them as brothers of our mother or father. I had two who fit this description but I also had as many as nineteen or twenty coming together at one time as a family in our home.

This effort records my personal experience as another chapter in the story of Danish immigrants — those who had the boarding house and those who were participants as boarders and/or roomers.

I will use only the first names of "my uncles." Each in his own way added human interest, pathos or humor and will be remembered by me for that.

Theirs was truly a war time romance. Both were immigrants from Denmark. He came to America in 1911 to avoid what he saw as unnecessary military training. He settled first in Pennsylvania where he had an uncle, three aunts and about thirty-five first cousins.

He moved to Hampton, Iowa, and later to Omaha where he had an older brother. He went into military service and was a part of the American Expeditionary Forces fighting for a cause in which he believed. At Camp Pike, Arkansas, after taking the oath of a soldier, he requested and received his American citizenship. Those papers signed by a federal judge using an indelible pencil to complete them are now in the care of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

She left Denmark in 1917, a war year, coming to America to

earn her fortune so she could return to Denmark and open her own "conditori," a coffee shop. She made her home with step-sisters in Philadelphia and worked in the Edison Rifle Plant.

He, in 1918, had with several other men, placed a notice in a Danish paper to the effect that they would like to receive letters from Danish correspondents. She and her step-sister accepted the invitation and wrote letters.

In the spring of 1919, upon his return to America, he requested and received leave to go to Philadelphia to visit his letter writer. As he came up the path, each of the girls said to the other, "Oh, he must be for you." He had written to the one about whom this paper is written.

He advised her that he was going to Omaha, and that if she was going to work (and at the time, the war being over, she was keeping house for a widower named Harding), she might as well do so in Omaha. She agreed.

In the early fall, two days after her arrival in that Missouri River City, they were married in Vor Frelsers Danske Evangeliske Lutherske Kirke by Pastor V. S. Jensen. She was Mathilde Kirstine Jorgine Pedersen, and he was Marinus Thorup. She had more names than he, but to me she was "Mom" and he "Dad."

On Christmas Eve in 1920 he requested their Christmas Eve guests to leave and at 10:00 a daughter was born prematurely. A son was born on June 24, 1922.

Dad's health had been damaged in his efforts in France, so the marriage became one of truly working together. She was a good

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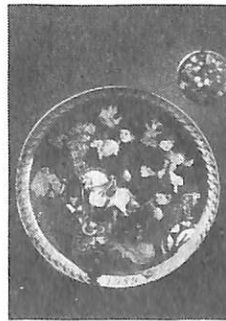
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cook and they decided that a boarding house for Danish immigrants would be practical and make for additional income. They wanted to own their own home eventually.

The first boarding house secured was a rented one at 25th and St. Mary's Avenue, about five city blocks from the church where they had been married. In 1923 they acquired by purchase a much larger house with room for family and more boarders and roomers. Through the years the house was remodeled and "modernized" by removing stained glass windows and the old beautifully ornate fireplace. Porches were redone at a later date.

The Thorup boarding house was generally full with up to fourteen men living in the house plus those who roomed in the neighborhood. There were at times nineteen or twenty men around the dining room table.

The folks frequently received calls from Mike Bach or from Bisgaard Nielsen — pool hall owners — places where the young immigrants congregated. The pool hall served as an employment agency and provided information about boarding houses. These two men would ask if there was a vacancy at Thorup's filling station, or if someone hadn't died to make room for a new boarder. Those who roomed in the neighborhood had first chance at an empty bed.

Mother and Dad adhered to a rigorous schedule. Since the men took "Danish lunch" mother started at 5:00 a.m. to make smørrebrød — pumpernickle bread, roast beef or pork, Danish cold cuts (rullepølse, medisterpølse), cheese, eggs, etc. These were wrapped in wax paper and then packed in newspaper and awaited the men as they left for work. Dad helped to get breakfast — oatmeal, cornflakes, eggs, bacon, pancakes. As Mom served breakfast, Dad slipped upstairs and made the beds. He left for work shortly after 7:00 a.m. for his employment at the Union Pacific Railroad shops where he was a steamfitter's helper. Mother then had dishes, cleaning, laundry, baking, meal planning and food preparation to tackle — plus two children.

I can recall the boiling of sheets and towels before they were placed in the washing machine. In my mind I can still see the sheets and towels on the clothesline — strung from the big tree in the front yard to those along the side and on to the ones in the backyard. Sometimes the clothes were frozen dry.

Mother did not do personal laundry for the men, but merely gave it to the Kimball man, a driver for a commercial laundry, received it back a week later, and the men reimbursed her for the charge. Mother was of an adventurous nature and had many a conversation with one Kimball driver who wanted to take her up in his little airplane. He convinced her that it was safer than being on the ground. I believe it was the cost of \$5.00 that kept her from flying at that time.

I remember spring cleaning with rugs on the same clothes line being beaten with a special wire beater — an immense fly swatter swung with zest. My brother and I thought it great fun but I'm sure we did not raise much dust.

Once someone brought home some nasty creatures known as bedbugs. You can bet that our house got whatever treatment was necessary to rid the house, the clothes, and all of that invasion! Mattresses were soaked in kerosene and other drastic measures were taken. I believe there was also some wall paper removed and replaced. There was a hazard in having a rooming house.

Mom baked her own pies and cakes; cooked everything from scratch. No fast food helpers as her daughter now has access to and uses so readily. The men appreciated Danish cooking — red cabbage, Danish entrees of pork, beef, etc., and home made soups with dumplings. Desserts were aebleskage (apple cake), jello, puddings, fruit, cakes and pies. They ate well.

Saturday was shopping day. She with Dad and frequently with her two children accompanying them took the street car downtown. Meat was purchased at Buehler Brothers' Meat Market where she knew the butchers well and they knew of her demand for quality meat. These men were frequently amazed at her knowledge of the cuts of meat. Other groceries were purchased at Hayden's, a multiple storied department store. I can still smell the basement — coffee grinding, a humid odor from produce, the cheese and fish department. I believe that is where she got her buckets of "sild" (herring) which she then regularly pickled for the men. There was also a Jewel Tea man who came quite often with tea, coffee, spices, etc. She bought enough from him to earn a complete set of china for twelve — the old green Greek key pattern, our best for years.

What a blessing when we acquired the first electric refrigerator in the neighborhood. The kids, our peers, sat on the back porch steps waiting for the first ice cubes to be frozen. What youngsters would do that today?

Before then, Roy, my brother, and I often took our wagon to the ice house about two and a half city blocks away. There we purchased a large block of ice which performed its duty well in the old ice box in the basement. I wonder how many times mother went up and down those steps to use this old ice box. The new refrigerator was in the kitchen so it was more convenient — also it made possible larger quantity purchasing.

We came home from school for lunch each day and always had a good meal, a chance for a good visit about the good and bad at school. My brother one day was disturbed because he had been placed with the "sparrows" in music class and I was a "bluebird." I also remember my mother's irate reaction when we came home and reported to her that the nurse had said they did not have bottled milk in Denmark.

By 5:30 Dad was home, many times with a Planter's Peanut Bar in his lunch box for the two children who met him when he got off the streetcar.

The men had dinner at 6:00 all sitting at the one large table eating family style. Mother expected and received good table manners from her "sons" as some of them have said they were. There was no taking of more meat than was a fair share. Once in a while someone would complain, and the offender was advised that "hvis du klager paa kosten, kan du rejse til den første." (If you complain you can move on the first of the month.) For all of this the men paid \$7.00 per week.

At the table the men discussed many things — work, would it be better to be in Chicago than in Omaha, and I remember "hot" table talk when Hoover and Smith were presidential candidates in 1928. Though some were not church goers, there was strong feeling against a Catholic becoming president. In the evening the men gathered in the living room, listened to the radio, or played cards. Some times they would play ball with the neighborhood kids in the alley.

Dad had purchased a victrola shortly after he was married. When Dad was ill one time he asked his brother to buy a record. He wasn't sure of the wisdom of that when my uncle returned with a record entitled "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There." The victrola served as music when the rugs were thrown back and dancing could take place. Now enter the aunts who were the dance partners. The young immigrant and farm women came to Omaha to take positions in the Dundee area of Omaha, the wealthy section of the city. My mother's sister was one of these. She and the other Danish girls came to our home on Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon. They, too, had dinner, helped with the dishes and then spent the evening at the house or went to the church for a meeting of "Vaegteren," the young

people's society.

Frequently we all went on picnics on Sunday afternoons. The men who had cars (at that time mostly touring cars or coupes) furnished the transportation. Mother made the sandwiches for supper. The men had three meals seven days a week.

For me the greatest miracle of all the above was the long time when we had only one bathroom. What luxury when we had a stool and shower put in the basement!

The four of us ate after the men's evening meal — always as a family and always with plenty of food. Dad helped with the dishes, the breakfast table was set, lunch making preparations were placed in order, and it was time for bed. Prayer closed the day.

Who were these men who added much to the fellowship in our home, who provided much joy to the children there, who spoiled them? Why did they come to America and from where did they start?

They came from many places in Denmark, each with his own reason and each with his own personality. One came to America because as a member of a legal posse, he had shot the man trying to escape. The cornered escapee vowed to kill the man who shot him if he ever went free. Some years ago an article in a local Danish paper again reported the story — but the freed man never came to the Omaha area. This I know is true for the man became my uncle through marriage.

Most came seeking a better life. There were probably some with personal, family or unique economic reasons, but these I never heard. In so large a family it was necessary to have personal, identifying names — Jens Vejmand (the road man), Carl Fynbo (from the island of Fyn), Skradder Thompson (the tailor), Gamle Ras (whom my brother dubbed Gammel Yas and it stuck), Gamle Niels for there was also a younger one, den Store Smed (the big smith), whom I last saw after he retired to the home in Solvang, California. I was told that they put a trunk at the end of his bed to hold his feet. There was also one called Sognfoged (the sheriff). One man had his son Irving with him and they roomed down the street. The young man went to high school. If his dad became too hard on him the men would give "uncles' advice."

These men held many interesting and varied jobs. One named Pete, had his first job at a local hospital as a dishwasher. He lasted only one day for he could not stand dried egg yolk on the

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plates and proceeded to break them rather than wash them.

Gamle Niels worked at a local creamery. He not only told about the many "things" that were found in the cream cans when they came from the farms, he brought some home — table ware, jewelry, etc. I was the recipient of much of the jewelry. None of it was of great quality but you can guess that the little girl in the boarding house was pleased to receive these items. He remained with us as a roomer until he retired and returned to Denmark prior to World War II.

In the 20s there was a Ford assembly plant in Omaha at 16th and Cuming Streets. Some of the men worked there prior to the depression. One related to me recently that his first car came off that assembly plant at a cost of \$500. Some worked with my father at the Union Pacific Railroad Shops. Many were skilled tradesmen who had learned their skills in Denmark — bricklayers, carpenters, dairymen.

Jens Vejman was an excellent bricklayer as was Fred — they worked on contracted jobs. These brought tragedy to the big family through the years when Fred was killed as a scaffold collapsed at the old city auditorium at 15th and Jackson Streets, and Jens Vejman fell off a porch roof while sleep walking.

Gamle Yas was a cement finisher who took small jobs. One afternoon my brother disappeared and mother was frantic. After her quick search of the neighborhood yielded no little boy, the police were called. About 5:00 my excited brother came to my mother with the message that he had helped Gamle Yas all afternoon at a job about eight blocks from home. Imagine the status he gave Roy when he asked him to help. Gamle Yas later went to

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Alberta, Canada, to raise wheat. He returned to Omaha in his later years and did odd jobs.

Carl Fynbo worked first for a creamery and then became a driver for a Danish owned coal yard. Several worked as motormen or conductors on the streetcars which were the main mode of transportation in the city.

Two brothers came from Odense, Fyn in the late 20s. One was an outstanding cabinet maker, especially in the eyes of the two children. One Christmas my brother received a perfectly constructed and professionally finished pool table; another time a fine tool chest. I received an especially attractive and ornate doll bed.

The other brother worked for Bekins Van and Storage Company in the storage area. He later was drafted in World War II at the upper age level and became "grandpa" in his unit. Their sister was to visit us later and spend time in Omaha and in Des Moines. I was to visit their home in Denmark several times.

Others held jobs as a tailor, a maintenance man for a foundry, or delivered oil for Standard Oil to local stations. Sognfoged (sheriff) was a small dairy man. He and his wife, one of the aunts, moved to Iowa and farmed. We visited there many times. It was from that farm that I first visited the Grotto at West Bend, Iowa. I also had my last horseback ride there for after mounting the horse, I promptly slid off.

John did construction work; Holger was a bartender; Martin came from Aalborg and carpentered for a house builder named Christensen. Charlie was the manager of the local Piggly Wiggly store that came to our neighborhood when Mr. Corneman, a Jewish man, gave up his one man operation.

Alfred cleaned stock cars for the Northwestern Railroad. After three years at the house, he and his lady friend went to Glenwood, Iowa, one Friday afternoon in 1927. Their request to keep the marriage a secret was not honored. Sunday at breakfast he was greeted with congratulations. He stayed at the boarding house for a time as his wife kept her job doing housework in Dundee. He later drove a truck until he retired. Their sons are successful business men in Omaha today. Peter, another one, truly had a green thumb. He worked at a green house, raised gardens, gave special care to the Danish cemetery for a number of years.

One became a special member of our family for he married and lived close to the boarding house. Mom became grandma to his children. He was a carpenter for Kiewitt Construction Company and a fireman for the city of Omaha. Holidays were shared as were sad times.

The men helped each other as brothers. One Niels lent the other money to reach an out of town job. Another lent his tools to one who needed them in order to get work. However, there were other situations where one took advantage of another. One sold a car on which all the payments had not been made. Dad stepped in and set that one straight as a father or older brother would do.

In the late 1920s immigration slowed due to the depression. Many of the boarders married and established homes of their own — our home remaining theirs right up to the wedding day. Later several of their children attended my Sunday school class. Mother no longer served meals. Several who had been boarders stayed in "their" rooms and ate elsewhere. By 1932 only two remained. In that year my brother was killed just before Christmas. The "uncles" rallied around and helped my parents through those days which were followed by my father's heart attack. His health began a long and hard decline.

May I be permitted to reminisce as older people do? Our lives as children went on as in other families. Mother had time to take us to the park for lunch during the summer months. While

mother still served Sunday supper, the four of us — Mom, Dad, Roy and I — would have an afternoon outing. We took a street car ride to the Florence area in North Omaha, had ice cream at an outdoor parlor, and a long street car ride home.

Before Christmas the men sat around the dining room table making Danish Christmas paper baskets and candy containers. After our Christmas Eve dinner which consisted of the traditional rice pudding, pork roast, red cabbage, and birthday cake for me, we enjoyed the Christmas tree illuminated by candlelight. Giving gifts was not so important, but the sharing of the season in a home with dear customs and traditions made the holiday meaningful. Thoughts for many of the boarder's family members in Denmark were shared. Singing Danish songs and celebrating in a Danish home made Christmas special.

A special Christmas memory for me is the number of Danish Brotherhood Christmas tree parties we attended. Dad belonged to DBIA Lodge No. 74 in South Omaha as did some of the "uncles." The tree was big, we danced around it and sang both Danish and English carols. Our treats were candy and fruit.

When Dad was seriously ill in 1927, the boarders offered to pay in advance to give Mom needed funds. They reminded her that she had carried them when they were out of work. Four of them built a garage behind the house giving an additional income of \$4.00 per month for there were four stalls.

During the years that Dad was sick, off and on, he had visitors from the Brotherhood on a regular basis. He was eligible for sick benefits, and these came weekly. During his last illness a brother came nightly to the hospital to shave him.

My life was enriched by these men who had a special place in my young life. They were truly members of my family. Today there are three still living. One never became a member of the family, but two are still part of my world. These two belong to DBIA Lodge No. 1 as I do and we share the fellowship I learned about as a child.

To these men I say thanks, but mostly I thank my parents who gave us a strong family life and yet included so many wonderful "uncles."

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — We were pleased to initiate a new member, George Pedersen. Hope to see you often, George.

Our lodge appointed a nominating committee for the slate of officers for 1990. It is a tough job so if Ed Olsen, Margaret Craford or Niels Jensen call you, please serve as you are asked. And if you do choose to serve, please attend the meetings also.

The lodge voted to accept the Five-Year Plan for the DBIA. Our lodge appreciates all the work done by our National President, Clyde Langsted, and his slate of officers.

Care and Share needs you more than ever with the cold season upon us. Martin is taking the canned food down to the foodbank and would like to be overloaded!

Our joint installation party will be held on January 13 at the Swedish Club by our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 40. Jerry Jensen will be the chairperson.

At our December 6 meeting, the Christmas season will be celebrated by visiting and sharing coffee and cakes. Everyone should bring their favorite cookies or cakes for all to enjoy. The U.S. Marines will be there to collect toys for tots and we also ask for donations (toilet articles, etc.) for a nursing home. You will make some lonely person very happy.

The grand opening of the new Danish Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum was held October 1, 1989, with about 200 Danes in attendance. It was a gala event; the culmination of three years' efforts of a committee of about 25-30, along with donations of value from many Danes. The tables were decorated with red and white flowers and Danish flags everywhere. It was beautiful. The guests were served delicious home baked Danish cookies and coffee before the dedication of the Danish Room. Then Gunnar Sorensen, the general chairman, gave a short talk on how it all began. Our Danish Consul, Martin Metzson, gave a short talk. After this, everyone proceeded to the second floor for the cutting of the ribbon to open the beautiful room. It was truly an occasion to remem-

The best idea for December goes to Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA. See page 11.

ber. Many thanks to all who helped make this occasion a success.

The Rebild Society together with the Brotherhood and Sisterhood held a fun evening at the Nordic Heritage Museum following the opening of the Danish Room. A delicious dinner was followed by a presentation by Jens Hvidtoft Nielsen of Dansk Samvirke.

A Danish Night is being planned for the end of February, 1990, where all Danish organizations and committees are invited to be represented to let the Danes and other interested people know what they are doing in their groups.

Danes Soccer Club held their annual match with their rivals from Vancouver, B.C., on September 30. It was a fun filled day with a lot of action. The "Old Boys" (players from Lodge No. 29 and Molbak teams) won 2-1. The Seattle Women's Team lost 0-1 in overtime. The kids (SAS team players) won 3-2. The Over-30 guys (Scan Travel team players) won 2-1. In the evening, everybody went to the Airport for a delicious dinner and dance.

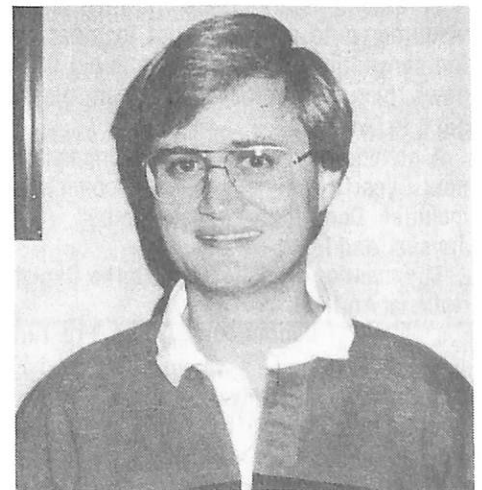
Frank Poulsen, Cor.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — This year's traditional Christmas party began at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. Each family was asked to bring cake, candy or cookies. Children were admitted free and were encouraged to be a part of the program by singing, dancing, playing an instrument or reciting a holiday-flavored story, poem or riddle. Adults were asked to donate \$1.00 each. Dancing around the Christmas tree and singing Christmas songs brought Santa Claus with goodies for all the children who had been good all through the year. Congratulations to Mary and Emil Larsen who were presented with their 25-year membership pins.

Election of 1990 officers will be held during the meeting scheduled for January

4, with the installation planned for the March meeting. We assume snow will not be a factor in having the District Presidents with us for the installation of officers as it was this year. **Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The October 4 meeting was brought to order with 52 members present. George and Hazel Larsen were presented with a cake for their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!



Welcome new member, Scott McAdams!

Asbjorn Fisker introduced a guest he works with at PGE, Scott McAdams. Scott's mother's side of the family is from Denmark. He attended school a short time in Copenhagen. Ray Zuschlag introduced his father and uncle from north New Jersey. They belong to DBIA Lodge No. 116. Ray is transferring to London, England, with his job for the next three to five years. Good luck!

Three applicants were initiated, Albert Stefanski from Tigard, and Robert and Kirstin Thomsen from Gresham. Velkommen! We look forward to getting to know you.

Kris Roley gave a Young Vikings report. They are planning an event in February, maybe a trip to Anderson Lodge in Washington. They will make and sell buttons at Scanfair if they can get the button maker.

Elly Batchelor has reserved Sunday, December 10, at Bethany Lutheran Church for the Christmas party. She needs some volunteers to help.

Sheila Hamilton wants to remind us that the National Convention is two years away. She would appreciate it if you will fill out and return the questionnaire she passed out.

Asbjorn Fisker volunteered to take charge of Scanfair. Anyone who would like to help out is very welcome. It can be a lot of fun.

Maggie Esrom and Debbie Johnson are planning the bowling tournament for March 10, 1990, in Tacoma. Most everyone will be staying at the Best Western Motel near the bowling alley. For more information, contact one of them.

Diane Fisker is setting up her Danish Outreach office at Bethany Lutheran Church. The primary goal for this program is to help Danish seniors. Volunteers are needed to help with such things as household services, etc. Most of the furniture in the office is from Jens Gimbel. Diane said it is as though Jens is there with her. Diane volunteered to put an album together for the convention. Anyone who has old DBIA news, pictures or other information, please get it to Diane.

A nominating committee was chosen for next year's officers. This committee includes Don Bogh, Joyce Gimbel, Jens Jensen, and Doug Turner.

The meeting was closed with the Danish National Anthem.

Debbie Turner, Sec. Pro-Tem

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — Our December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at 8:00 p.m. at the Swedish Hall. Only paid-up members will be able to vote at our general meeting. You will be able to pay your dues at the meeting.

At our last meeting there were 50 Brothers present. Reports were given by the various committees. A motion was made by Conny Vinther that the Board of Directors will look into getting new Brotherhood booklets printed. After the meeting we all enjoyed open-faced sandwiches, beer and snaps. Everybody had a good time.

On the weekend of September 30, some Brothers from our lodge went to Seattle to play soccer. The weather was just right. The first Vancouver team to play was the Over 30 B Team. Both teams played evenly matched; any team could have won. Vancouver played a tough game but Seattle unfortunately got out ahead with a lead of 2-0. Vancouver came back near the end but Seattle still won with a score of 3-2.

The Ladies then played. This game was also evenly matched. At the end of official time, the score was tied 0-0. Then they

played two overtimes. In the second overtime, Vancouver's Megan Christensen scored a fantastic shot leading Vancouver to win with a score of 1-0.

At this point it was time for the young men to take over. Vancouver again found themselves behind 2-0 but our young guys came back and tied the game. Seattle scored again letting Seattle win with a score of 3-2.

We were now into our final game, the Over 30 A Team. Again Seattle went ahead and won the game with a score of 2-1.

Overall, it was a beautiful day with sunshine and rain. After a long day at the field, a party was arranged for the evening that took place at SeaTac Airport. They served a wonderful buffet fit for a king. If Vancouver could not win on the field, they made up for it at the party that evening. Thank you Seattle!

Again this year, there will be a Christmas luncheon on December 8 in the afternoon at the Swedish Hall. It will again be the big Danish smorgasbord. The price will be \$20 per person. There is only enough room for 40 people so make your reservations as soon as possible with Karl Kristensen. This is not only just for members so bring a friend or business associate.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — President Scott Stefansen called the September 14 meeting to order with approximately 45 members present. Val Hempel was introduced as a returning guest.

Lois Toftemark moved the deadline for submitting material for the newsletter to the 15th of every month. The newsletter will be mailed earlier in the month.

President Stefansen reported the National Headquarters has new insurance benefits for newborns, graduates and newlyweds. Please see Kris Sand for information on these benefits.

President Stefansen called the October 12 meeting to order with approximately 35 members present. Peter Jensen's father, William Jensen, applied for membership. Martin Tackker moved to accept him as a new member, Kris Sand seconded it and it was approved.

Everyone had a good time at Mt. Angel and there is a possibility of it becoming an annual event. The crabbing trip was also successful.

There is now a notebook to check out books in our library. If you plan to check out a book, please put your name, the name of the book and date in the notebook so the book's whereabouts can be located. The library is located in the lounge room to the right of the fireplace.

Tickets are still available for the raffle which is being held to help fund next year's Himmelsberget language camp. A round of applause was given to Al Nye-gaard and Eva Nielsen for the good job they did with the camp.

Five members were nominated for the Nominating Committee to nominate next year's officers. The members nominated were Birgit Sand, Glen Matson, Jim Larsen, Svend Toftemark, and Poul Olesen. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the five people selected to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Our next regular business meeting with a program and coffee will be held on December 14. Hope to see you there.

Lois Toftemark, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA — An earthquake hit the Bay Area in California on October 17 and created big destruction around the area. It seems that all members of the Bay Area lodges came through it without any loss of property, but still it was a shock for everybody touched by it.

October 27 was the night of the annual Italian dinner which was enjoyed by 45 guests. The talk of the evening centered around the earthquake. It was decided by the members to donate \$100 to each of the Red Cross and Salvation Army to aid disaster victims in the Watsonville area.

In 1990 we will celebrate our 100th anniversary so a committee was formed to look into accommodations for a place to have the celebration party.

At the November general meeting the new slate of officers for the coming year was elected and will be installed at a joint installation with Hayward Lodge No. 184 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 17. It will take place on January 26 at our meeting place, 1349 Hays Street, San Leandro. Cocktails will be served followed by sandwich plates, coffee and dessert.

Christmas time is here again and we send to all our friends the best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I will say Glaedelig Jul and Godt Nytaar from Denmark where my wife and I are celebrating Christmas and New Year's together with our family.

Aage Lundquist, Sec.

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — At our October meeting, L. S. DeLaurant was awarded a 50-year membership pin with as much pomp and circumstance as the 17 members present could summon. Mr.

DeLaurant stated that his 50 years with the Danish Brotherhood were a privilege, an advantage and a sentimental journey.

He has had the privilege of being associated with some fine, honorable and productive people; and enjoyed the advantage of a measure of protection and security. There was the advantage of having fellow members finding job leads in the event of unemployment. Then there was the security of knowing that in the event of death, there was a small fund for his wife and children to use while adjusting to the new circumstances.

Then there is nostalgia. When he joined the Brotherhood, meetings were conducted in Danish, later in heavily accented English and now finally the accent is nearly gone.

He was initiated into the Brotherhood at the 1939 National Convention in Chicago and married the following weekend so there are two 50-year anniversaries.

Both his father, Jacob DeLaurant, Lodge Nos. 118 and 211, and his father-in-law, James Beck, Lodge No. 35, were Danish Brotherhood members over 50 years.

L. S. DeLaurant, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — President Karl Duus opened the October meeting with 22 members present. After the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, two new applica-

tions for membership were submitted by our President. These applications were investigated by Peter Breum, Lars Westerskov and Gene Thuesen. We then voted on them and they were accepted. Secretary Betty Seale read a letter from the Home Office congratulating us on our 90th anniversary. We thank the President of the National Board of Directors, Clyde Langsted, for his warm letter.

It was voted on and passed that we send \$30 to the Solvang Lutheran Home for raffle tickets that were mailed to the lodge. The lodge's name will appear on the stubs of these tickets.

Our guest at the meeting was Tommy Bristing, a brother to one of our new members John Bristing. Tommy's application was accepted and he will be initiated very soon. Now that you are in the swing of coming to meetings, Tommy, keep coming after you are initiated!

The Lutheran Church in Los Angeles has asked the Brotherhood to sell 100 pins (American and Danish Flags) at \$5.00 each. Because there were so many pins being sold in these past few months, the Brotherhood voted on donating the \$500 towards helping in the relocation of the church. The pins will then be used appropriately at the convention in 1990.

The 90th anniversary party was a

complete success. The dinner was delicious and our thanks go to Lis, Grethe and their helpers. Corky did a fine job of keeping everyone dancing. The tables, as usual, were tastefully decorated. In fact, they were just beautiful. We would like to thank everybody that helped in putting on the great party, but most of all, our thanks go to the President's wife, Louise Duus, who really knows how to do it. Where, oh where do you get all that energy? After the dinner, Harold Mathiasen and Kristian Sorensen received their 50-year membership pins. Congratulations!

Our guests at the last meeting were Shirley Jespersen, Ingrid Ahl, Jette and Olav Berge. They were not only guests, but new applicants for membership as well. Two members were initiated, namely Ella Jespersen and Stinne Jensen. You have waited for this day, haven't you Stinne? A big welcome to these two ladies.

General elections will be held on Thursday, December 7 at the Alamo Hall.

We are already making plans for our socials in 1990. A fund raiser was discussed for the third Friday in January. It was unanimous that we have a potluck dinner and auction. The auction that we had earlier in the year was so much fun and so well attended that we'd like to try it again. There was a suggestion that we

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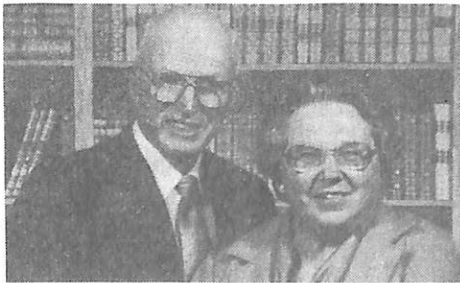
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Our Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 17 at the Alamo. Danish sandwiches, tea and coffee will be available for \$5.00. Reservations are a must by December 14. Contact Karl Duus or Harold Mathiasen. Everybody is welcome. We hope to see many young children. There will be many nice goodies for the youngsters, including a visit from Santa Claus.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — Earl Kjer and Dorothy Cochran were married in the parsonage of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Reno, Nevada, on October 24, 1939. Now, fifty years later, part of the weekend festivities, on October 22, 1989, included an open house for about 100 relatives and friends. This was held at the home of their son, and hosted by their children, Darrell Kjer, his friend Shirley Taylor of Sacramento, John and his wife Linda from Ukiah, and daughter Judie Denney of Eureka.



Congratulations Earl and Dorothy Kjer!

Earl and Dorothy, retired dairy people, have been members of our lodge for several years, both of whom have served on countless committees as well as offices in the order. At present, Earl is serving as Treasurer and Dorothy is the capacity of Past President. They are both members of the Humboldt County Historical Society, and Earl is a member of many years of the Native Sons of Golden West in Arcata. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

All officers and members again express their sincere good wishes to this wonderful couple.

Even though our lodge has become smaller in membership, we are still search-

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Annual Board Meeting Expense: Clyde R. Langsted, \$538.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$483.00; Erling C. Braumann, \$578.00; Paul Carlsen, \$547.50; Barry F. Edmonds, \$340.00; Ebba L. Norby, \$539.00; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$376.10; Robert E. Ibsen, \$499.00.

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ing for new members. On January 27 we will be holding our installation ceremonies jointly with Ferndale lodges at the Masonic Temple in Arcata. Preceding the ceremonies, there will be a delicious dinner followed by a program. Please mark your calendars as this will be an interesting evening.

Laura Schuler, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — The regular monthly meeting on October 11 was attended by 25 members. Traditionally, we started with dinner consisting of pork served wienerschnitzel style. It was created by Roy Alexander and crew, was very delicious and was enjoyed by 43 members and guests.

Arne Madsen, former Postmaster in Solvang and a long-time member of the lodge, now living in the recovery residence and unable to attend our meetings, was given a lifetime membership.

Johannes Jaeger reported that it was decided to delay the local Danish museum fund raising plans because so many other activities were going on at this time. He pointed out that the museum was in great need of financial support.

A lengthy discussion followed, concerning the lodge's ability and willingness to such support, under which Ed Madsen reminded that the lodge was committed to support the museum as well as the district's scholarship fund.

Steen Weber reported on the last Coordinating Council's meeting and the various organizations' requests for funds from the council. After a discussion, directions were formulated as to how Steen should vote at the next council meeting.

It was reported that the Danish Days had been very successful with a good profit from the dinner and dance.

On Max Hanberg's request, Susie Johnson's scholarship was extended to next year.

The lodge agreed to buy raffle tickets for the Vikings fund raiser for \$25.00.

A committee was picked for the upcoming Christmas dinner. The members are Ed Madsen, Johannes Jaeger, Max Hanberg, Bob Lassiter, Mark Bates, and Mogens Mortensen. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — It's hard to believe but that "Little Old Man in the Bright Red Suit" will be visiting us again on December 3. As an added attraction for the adults, this year we are going to have a white elephant gift exchange. Now is the time for you to get rid of some item around your house you just haven't known what to do with. If you bring a gift, you will get to take one.

Our installation of officers will be held on Friday, January 12.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At our October meeting, the Five-Year Plan of the Danish Brotherhood was discussed and we signed the resolution to adopt it.

We will have our Christmas party and gift exchange on December 15.

We presented our longtime member and former President, Jens P. Andersen, with a check in the amount of \$25.00 to celebrate his 80th birthday. He was also presented with a large birthday cake followed by singing "Happy Birthday."

After the regular meeting we joined Lodge No. 126 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 for refreshments where Jens shared his birthday cake with other members. Thank you Jens. Hope you had a very happy birthday!

The nominating committee chaired by John Kristensen, Karen Rowse, and Clarice Christensen will prepare a slate of officers for the coming year.

A committee will be selected by the President to be nominees for a law committee consisting of five people for the next National Convention.

Lodge No. 126's 90th anniversary party celebrated October 21 was a smashing success. Eighty-seven happy Danes convened at the Alamo to help them celebrate. The tables were beautifully decorated by Louise Duus, the very talented wife of President Karl Duus. Colorful balloons galore added to the festive mood.

The food was excellent consisting of stuffed pork tenderloin with prunes, vegetables and to finish it off a delightful sherry fromage. The food was catered by the European Caterers, headed by Grethe Vournas and Lis Ingerslev. Afterwards there was dancing to the tunes of "Corky's." You can't beat this combination of good food, good fellowship, and good music. A good time was had by all! Congratulations to Lodge No. 126!

Kate Krake Nielsen, Past Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARDS BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — October was a month with lots of happenings. We experienced a terrible earthquake to the northern section of our state. We are so thankful that amidst the terrible events of that quake, the injury count was quite low. Our sympathies and concerns are sent to those in need at this time. I understand that the American Red Cross is the best way to help out at this time. There is an agency in most large cities. So if you want

to help, this would be a good way to contribute.

Our October meeting was really a time of socializing rather than taking care of business. We had about 90 members and guests with us so we had a full house, or should we say garage. We had our meeting at the home of Ken and Gerry Olsen and Ken had made his large garage available to set up tables. We thank Ken for all his work in clearing out lots of stuff to make his garage suitable. The Board members were in charge of the evening so we have a lot of thank yous to give. Thanks to all who so efficiently helped make the evening a big success. We do want to thank the Danish Dancers who came out to dance for us on this evening. These friends from Los Angeles came and showed us their talents free of charge.

President Gary Gossett is asking everyone's help in planning the 1990 calendar. If you have any ideas that would enhance our meetings and/or socials, please let Gary know as soon as possible. We'd like to incorporate new ideas. You could make a difference in the activities that we will be doing in 1990. **Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Thank you members and guests who attended our 11th anniversary barbecue party on Sep-

tember 30. We had 40 people big and small at Kaja and Bill Del Grippos' beautiful backyard. Bill and Kaja planned a very good dinner with two grills going to cook all the London Broils so thanks to Bill, also to Jim Patterson for helping with the cooking and to Tom Loveday for serving the meat for us. Kaja fixed a very fine salad and we didn't run out of beans. Bill was very busy tending bar and trying to cook and he even found time to play a trick on his wife. Bill and Lynda Jones planned the evening's entertainment which included several games, one of which was a real trick on our hostess Kaja. Darlene Petersen won the scavenger hunt, Lisa Piehl won the game called Desert and Helen Kristensen won the Banana Walk. Thank you Bill and Lynda for the games for the big and little folks. Everyone had a great time and a big thank you to Kaja and Bill for the use of your home, all the prizes you donated and, of course, your hospitality!

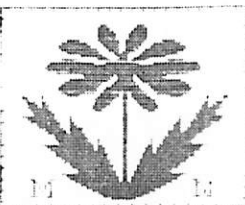
Our Octoberfest was something special this year because we had 23 members and 40 guests in attendance. We had the pleasure of initiating two families into our lodge, Eric and Lisa Piehl and Bill and Lynda Jones, who have been participating in many of our activities and have helped out on more than one occasion. Welcome! We're so glad you're a part of our family.

We also made some money this year on our raffle and the Little Old Engraver made us some money too, all of which will go toward the revamping of our new meeting place. We didn't run out of beer and we had plenty of good food to eat. Thanks to Vikki Garrison who made the red cabbage, to Norm for fixing the sauerkraut, to Nancy Nielsen for the really good German potato salad and a very special thanks to Mary and Fred Becker and family who did the cooking of the sausages.

Thanks to Erik Mathiesen for selling raffle tickets and to Kaja Del Grippo, Carolyn Lindberg, Jim Patterson and Anelise Andersen for their donations of raffle prizes and game prizes for the fest. Thanks also go to Inge Mathiesen for getting some of the sausages for us and to everyone who helped set up and clean up for this activity. **Sue Patterson, Pres.**

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NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — On October 3, we learned that there are a number of Danish Youth for Understanding students in the Omaha area. The lodge will include them in its Christmas plans.

Flo Hansen gave a report from the state convention. Our lodge is the host for the 1990 convention.

The lodge voted to adopt the Five-Year Plan to preserve heritage and gain members. Chris Larsen presented a new gavel to the President. The lodge was given the district award for the best newsletter.

Duane Hansen, Annette Andersen, and Ruth Stollard will serve on the nominating committee. Election will be held in December.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met October 9 at the Community Center with 34 attending. President Wisthi Thomsen called the meeting to order and a short business meeting was held. All signed a get well card for Herman Bjorklun who had surgery.

Don Thomsen became King at the state convention. He gave highlights in a report on the convention and thanked the lodge for nominating him as one of the candidates. We had a good representation at the convention. President Wisthi thanked all for going.

Our lodge received \$25.00 and a certificate for the Best Single Social Activity. Bill and Merrie Jorgensen received a certificate for teaching Danish heritage to the third graders in the Minden school. Bill Jorgensen was awarded a certificate of commendation for outstanding work to fraternalism.

President Wisthi appointed Dale Space, Ralph Burchell, Virginia Schmidt, Shirley Nielsen and Vergie Hansen as the Nominating Committee.

Ruth Richardson of Hastings, and Mr. and Mrs. Lysthauge and son Olie of Sending, Denmark, were visitors. Olie gave a short talk and answered questions from the group.

For entertainment, games were played using the theme of Halloween. Pumpkin dessert, cider and coffee were served by the committee of Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Per and Gail Lysthauge, and LeRoy and Vergie Hansen.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — At our September meeting, we listened to a tape of a concert

by Victor Borge. Everyone, including the children, enjoyed his music and brand of humor.

President Laurids Pedersen presented Les Larsen with his 25-year pin. This pin should have been presented in 1971 so we are just a little late with the presentation.

Two new members, Lorraine Madsen and her mother, Nina Sandberg, were voted in at the September meeting. We welcome them into our lodge.

The Ed Meyer family from Missouri Valley, Iowa, were back with us after a busy summer. Their son was elected Boy Stater of the Year at this year's gathering.

Bob Johnson, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The October meeting featured a potluck dinner with the theme focusing on international foods. The 40 members attending the meal enjoyed a variety of dishes that satisfied the taste buds of everyone. Some of the featured dishes included a curry meat recipe from India, Italian Wanda, French flavored chicken, Iranian spinach, Greek rice, Swedish meatballs, Danish frikadellar, and Hawaiian fruit cups. One bachelor contributed bananas from the Banana Republics. Thanks to the organizational efforts of Joan Sorensen and Margaret Gee, everyone ate a hearty meal. The Pepto-Bismol that was available at the serving table wasn't needed during the entire evening.

Mention should also be made that Edith Paulsen managed the Danish booth at the Des Moines International Food Fair held at the Veterans Auditorium on Sunday, November 5. Volunteers from both the local Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges provided help in the preparation and serving of Danish foods at the fair.

Wilber Williamson, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — We celebrated the annual couple's anniversary banquet November 3 at the American Legion Club rooms. Guests were greeted with beautifully decorated tables of mauve and wine fall colors. Members planning the banquet were Marion Hanson, Chairman, Mabel and Milton Larsen and Maurine and Earl Levison. Special favors were presented to each guest as a gift from our President Cliff Petersen.

President Petersen welcomed the guests and together we cited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The Rev. Clifford Paulson gave the invocation before sharing a bountiful supper together.

Helen and Norval Nelson and Ruth and

Fred Paulsen, couples who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries in 1989 were feted and presented a gift by the lodge as a remembrance of the year.

A special guest at our banquet was Rebecca Rohrmann, a Danish exchange student from Copenhagen, Denmark, who is spending the school year as a member of an American family and attending our schools. Rebecca states she is planning to become a journalist and in reaching this endeavor is anxious to study other cultures.

Betty Thompson entertained us on her special musical instrument, which is an accordion with a special organ attachment. She played many numbers and honored requests from the guests. Betty Thompson displayed a 125-year-old family heirloom scarf and told how this was a gift to her great-grandmother in Denmark, given by a young daughter, who used her first earnings herding a neighbor's cattle to purchase the gift for her mother.

A special comedy presentation by Ed Ordalen and son Burt was very enjoyable.

The benediction by Rev. Paulsen and the drawing of names as winners of the table decorations concluded an enjoyable evening of fellowship and visiting.

Grace Thomson, Sec.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — Our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 devoted their regular meeting time in October to a family Halloween party with costumes an option for all attending.



Young Danes pose with a suspended witch's head.

About six adults came in a variety of costumes, including some very impressive witches. Children present were also pretty scary in their costumes. Two prizes were awarded as follows: Best Girl's Costume to Rhiannon Olsen, and Best Boy's Costume to Kyle Hansen.

The evening started with story time for the children, led by Janeen Danielsen, which was followed by a parade of those in costume, led by the witch, so that the judging could take place. Then we had witch's stew, which was much better than the name implies. Everyone was to bring a can of soup and then the cooks would pour

it all together, but it had to be planned better than that because it was very good! And then, as Danes always do, there were many desserts!

To top off the evening, our Main Dane, Svend Koch, and his wife, Elin, led the adults and children circling and dancing together. It was a well planned and fun event. Thanks to Barbara Andersen, Janeen Danielsen, Bernice Craig and Leorna Madsen. **Lyle Refshauge, Sec.**

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Many members went to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in September. Everyone enjoyed the convention and special thanks to the West Branch lodge for their hospitality.

In October we all enjoyed an aebleskiver and sausage supper. Several guests came for this. Thanks to all who helped! Delegates Todd and Jerry Sonsalla gave reports on the convention. Steven Sorensen was elected as a district trustee. Todd read a resolution regarding the Five-Year Plan. After some discussion, Todd made a motion to adopt the plan, seconded by Jerry Sonsalla. The motion carried.

Good luck and safe trip to our "snowbirds" heading south. We look forward to having you back in the spring.

Alvin Miller discussed the new insurance program. IRAs and annuities are something the members should be looking into. The DBIA has very competitive rates. Contact Alvin for more information.

President Thorvald Sorensen gave an explanation about the Danish Brotherhood organization to our visitors.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met on October 23 at the Kimballton Town Hall for our annual aebleskiver

supper. Eighty-five members and three guests were present. The meeting was called to order by President Signe Madsen. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Petersen received a plant for their 50th wedding anniversary.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Petersen on their 50th anniversary.



Welcome new members Viola O'Neill, Nita Larsen and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Durham.

Vice President Gary Christensen reported on the district convention at Corralville, Iowa. He also praised the West Branch Lodge No. 326 on the great job they did handling the convention. Their lodge has about 25 members. A big hand of applause to them for a job well done!

Gary told us that our lodge is the largest in the Iowa-Minnesota District. Let's keep it that way! Mel Boose was named Vice President of the district.

The Five-Year Plan resolution was approved by the lodge.

Conductor Bob Sorensen escorted four new candidates for membership to the President to be initiated. They were Viola O'Neill, Nita Larsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Durham.

New officers for the next year were elected as follows: Signe Madsen, President; Gary Christensen, Vice President; Alice Simonsen, Secretary; and Mabel Madsen, Treasurer. Trustees Esther Gearhart, Ray Johnson and Folmer Bonnesen.

The meeting was adjourned. Entertainment was provided by a chorus group of Naomi Steen, Mrs. Burton Esbeck, Mrs. Warren Jacobsen, Mrs. Howard Sorensen, and Kathy Leistad. Naomi also read several Scandinavian jokes.

Our next meeting will be Friday, December 29 in the Elk Horn Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. for our Christmas potluck and party.

JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — After the usual business meeting had been conducted by President Blair Thornbloom on October 19, an order form was presented for the members to purchase some lovely Christmas cards or prints. All proceeds will go to the Danish Immigrant Museum — a great way for everyone to participate in putting the museum on the map, so to speak.

Howard Christensen was the speaker of the evening and gave a rather surprising and enlightening speech about a Dane who had opened a Danish museum in Logan, Kansas. Howard and Donna had been

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
10-8-89	Magnus E. Andersen	99	Heddinge, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1911
10-5-89	Hans C. Rasmussen	85	Brahetrolleborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1928
10-7-89	John N. Westergaard	85	Nykbøbing, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1943
10-7-89	Marius Gundersen	95	Odense, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1916
9-30-89	Paul W. Wallace	77	Bethany, Missouri	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1963
10-17-89	Svend A. Munck	83	Copenhagen, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1924
10-24-89	Carl J. Hansen	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1937
8-17-89	Harry Nielsen	80	Malling, Denmark	273	Dillon, Montana	1933
10-24-89	Jens P. Smith	78	Owen, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1929
10-27-89	Jens M. Jacobsen	74	Denmark	39	San Leandro, California	1968
9-25-89	Gerhard D. Jensen	63	Denmark	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	1973
8-26-89	Herman F. Bentz	78	Amber Township	51	Ludington, Michigan	1985
10-14-89	Fred C. Larsen	80	Odense, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1979
10-22-89	Roy I. Larsen	73	Oyens, Iowa	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1984
9-11-89	Elmer Jepsen	73	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1974
8-3-89	Poul V. Streander	85	Not Known	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1946
9-16-89	Edith A. Gage	91	England	42	Spokane, Washington	1963
11-13-88	William G. Frayseth	73	Milan, Minnesota	227	Detroit, Michigan	1980

through Logan many times but never stopped to go through the museum until this past summer. Howard recommended anyone who is going to Logan should stop and get better acquainted with the museum. Here is one more example why we should be proud of our Danish heritage.

Last, but not least, scholarships were handed out to Krista Andersen, Lisa Andersen and Kathy Sue Root. Congratulations girls!

When refreshment time came, we all went to a lovely Halloween decorated table full of goodies made by Emma Safley, Norma Nietert and Erma Jorgensen. Thanks ladies! **Alice Gorsch, Cor.**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

MIDWEST

Brotherhood President Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. and Sisterhood President Lydia Hansen bid everyone welcome at the 38th annual Midwest District Convention. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and everyone singing the National Anthem, both the Sisterhood and Brotherhood adjourned to their respective rooms after introduction of the dignitaries.

President Rudy introduced the dignitaries present. They were as follows: Einar Danielsen, Past President of the DBIA; Robert Ibsen, National Past President; Erling Braumann, National Second Vice President; and National Sales Director, Andy Andersen.

Convention Chairman and President of Lodge No. 14, Richard Wade, was introduced as well as other special guests.

Karen Nysten, Chairperson of the "Focus on Youth" program, reported that she had received 15 applications for camp grants. Karen reported that the bylaw committee needs to revise the bylaws to read for "Skovsøen Camp Only."

Barbara Ervin of Lodge No. 14 sent a thank you note to the Midwest District thanking the lodges for helping her out in her critical time. She really appreciated the \$6,000 sent to her, as her hospital and doctor bills were out of sight after her insurance ran out.

Lodge No. 36 received and accepted a standing ovation for all the work and effort it took to spearhead such a large task of bringing over from Denmark the Gladsaxe Girls Guard Band to march in the City of Festivals Parade on June 24, 1989. Axel and Inga Hermansen also had to find food and lodging for the girls and chaperones

for a two week stay here in America. Axel and Inga deserved a standing ovation for a job well done.

John Jacobsen, who is a Past President of the Midwest District, was made an "honorary member" as he is a charter member of the Midwest District.

Ronald Jensen reported that the secretary had received four scholarship applications this year. They were evaluated and the two chosen were Paul Danielsen from Lodge No. 92 and Christopher Stevens from Lodge No. 182.

Fraternal Coordinator Ray Nielsen reported that there was a drop off in participation from the lodges in the Midwest District events.

The Best Single Social Activity Award went to Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, Best Newsletter Award went to Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Best Annual Activity Schedule Award went to Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, and the Best Single Civic Activity Award went to Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee.

The following were elected as Midwest District officers for 1989-90: Past President, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; President, Ahlmann Iversen; Vice President, Richard Wade; Secretary-Treasurer, Albertice Nysten; 1st Trustee, Virgil Holzhauser; 2nd Trustee, John Jorgensen; 3rd Trustee, Karen Nysten; and Conductor, Richard Perschnick.



Congratulations to the newly elected district officers.

Erling Braumann, National Second Vice President, talked about the Five-Year Plan proposal for a name change for the Brotherhood. Mr. Braumann said the Board of Directors have agreed that with progress we have to have some changes. They feel it is time now for a change to a family type name.

Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, stated that the Five-Year Plan can turn all the lodges around and make sure the Brotherhood will continue to be a viable organization for years to come. The chart is to "know where we are today and where we want to be the next year. The plan is simply a road map for the future." He also said to make the plan work, we need the support of the entire organization.

The convention was closed and joint installation of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood was held. Installing officers were Nancy Nyholm for the Sisterhood, and Erling Braumann for the Brotherhood. Woodrow Petersen, National First Vice President, assisted. **Albertice Nysten, Sec.**

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — At our last meeting, a letter from Robert Ibsen, Secretary-Treasurer of the Past President's Club of the Midwest District, requested he be sent a list of our activities for 1990 by December 1. Present at this meeting were Past Presidents of the Midwest District, Erik Raahauge, Kenneth Janssen and John Mollerskov. These three have scheduled a meeting to lay out a program of events. If you have any events you would like to see, please contact them.

All the comments we received for the Torsk Dinner held October 21 were great. Everyone enjoyed it immensely and asked when we will be having another one.

The committee is planning a gala Christmas party for the members and friends of our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 5. A sit-down family style dinner of pork and beef, with potatoes and gravy, salad, vegetable, cranberries, pumpernickel, rye bread, butter with blue cheese, homemade desserts and coffee.

We will be entertained with the music of all time favorite, Irv Johnson, for our listening and dancing pleasure. There will be some very nice door prizes. All this for the charge of \$12.00 per person. Reservations are a must, make them early as there will be a limit of 72 people. Send your reservation in along with your check to John Mollerskov.

Our next meeting will be January 10, 1990.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — This year's Midwest District Convention held in Kenosha and hosted by our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 20, was a tremendous success. Appreciation and thanks are extended to the Board of Officers, members and Danish Sisterhood for a job well done. Everyone was so impressed by this convention that one home office dignitary remarked "It will be a long time 'til this convention can be topped!" President Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. did a great job in running the meetings.

It keeps growing and growing. What started out with one busload a few years back is now up to four buses attending Arlington Race Track on August 19. Coffee was the order of the day when all arrived at

the lodge early. Beer, wine coolers, soda and bloody marys were served along with snacks on the bus. Food was obtained at the track with all having reserved seating in the grandstand area.

Thanks to Chairman Ed Zydowsky for his leadership in making this one of our most successful events. The following helped out: Bus No. 1, Todd Barnett, Gene Keck, Randy Kessenich; Bus No. 2, Duke Ellingham, Todd Bernhardt, Brenda Frederick, Roger Sorensen; Bus No. 3, Bob Ibsen, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Tom Nelson, Bill Lee, Charles Woelfler; Bus No. 4, Dan Greenwald, Donovan Wuolo, Don Servais.

Thanks to Anker Adelsen, Rich Walker and Ray Zeith for fixing the canopy in the kitchen and to Rich Walker for tile repairs in the men's bathroom; to Carl Larsen for repair of Rathskellar chair, ladies' room settee and door lock; Ed Gastaldi for painting the front entrance; and Jack Sorensen for many things!

We want to recognize Lodge No. 14's softball team. They had a disappointing season, but remember "win or lose — it's how you play the game."

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — A belated thanks, but still sincere, to Harvest Day button sellers — Carla Earing, Frank Perschnick, Bob Andersen, Chuck Johnson; to Hazel and Leo Pedersen for making sure that Dick and Bob kept busy and to Dick and Marlene Perschnick for letting us use Sears as a relief station. The correct profit was \$572.50.

A very impressive convention report was read by delegate, Dick Perschnick, as written by delegate, Shirley Holzhauer. Enough couldn't be said how great the convention was and from reading other newsletters, I think the feeling was mutual. Dwight will be hosting the Midwest Target Shoot, the Trap Shoot, and the golf and picnic in 1990. R. Virgil Holzhauer was elected as 1st Trustee and Richard Perschnick as Conductor for the 1990 Midwest District Board.

Thirty-eight members enjoyed a delicious dinner and a very entertaining play "Everybody Loves Opal" at the Conklin Theater on October 15. It was a beautiful day to view the awesome fall colors. Thanks to Keith Telford for lining this event up.

On Saturday, October 28, sixty-two dart shooters (42 men and 20 women) enjoyed another day of fraternalism. Word is around that the tournament was "fixed" since the two men that lined it up took first and second place. "How about it, guys?" Harry Johnson and Steve Seyller

took first, Gregg Jensen and Rick Stevenson took second; Carla Seyller and Velda Paulsen took first for the women, and Wanda Nielsen and Donna Hoegger took second. A delicious lunch of roast beef, potato salad, cole slaw, applesauce, rolls and coffee was served at noon to 65-70 people. Thanks to Gregg Jensen and Harry Johnson for doing all the leg work. Also, thanks to all who contributed to the raffle which profited \$178.00.

It was suggested that we sell kringle at Christmas time. It was voted to donate \$100 to the Dwight Community Chest.

Margaret Godwin, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Ed Larsen reported on the Midwest District Convention in Kenosha and thanked the lodge for sending him and Eric Jensen plus the alternates Grethe Jepsen and Audrey Christiansen. He stated that the Scholarship Fund

was given a lot of attention and that donations are needed. He also encouraged participation in the various functions of the Midwest District. There was also some discussion of the possible change in the name of the Danish Brotherhood. He said the hospitality of the Kenosha lodges were great. Al Iversen is now President of the Midwest District and John Jorgensen is on the Board. Thanks to Lodge No. 14 for all the hard work that goes in preparing for such an event — you did a fine job!

Our Christmas party will be on December 8 and the committee is already starting to make plans. Are you bringing a grandchild, your own child or a friend's child to the party? If so, Grethe Jepsen needs to know whether it is a boy or girl, name and age so proper presents can be purchased.

The September 15 meeting was conducted by Vice President John Jorgensen in the absence of President Paul Sloth. Arlene A. Christensen, Carole Kost, Lillian

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
Jacquelyn N. Fuller	1—	Omaha, NE	Jerry Christensen
John A. Liljestrom	14—	Kenosha, WI	Roger Sorensen
Myron E. Schulz	14—	Kenosha, WI	Don Badgerow
Nicholas A. Fanning	14—	Kenosha, WI	Todd Barnett
Thomas Conforti	14—	Kenosha, WI	Frank Maletta
Eric P. Marck	15—	Des Moines, IA	Anna Marie Marck
Karla A. Berger Marck	15—	Des Moines, IA	Anna Marie Marck
Joseph Polka	17—	Chicago, IL	P. Glen Holmen
Elliott S. Hagen	30—	Muskegon, MI	Donald Hansen
Bruce A. Mitchell	51—	Ludington, MI	Randy Hansen
Kevin M. McClendon	95—	Ferndale, CA	James S. Thomsen
Tommy Bristing	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Stinne Jensen	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Knud Grosen Andersen	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Ella Jespersen	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Robert S. McAdams	167—	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen, Asbjorn Fisker
Scott C. Fynboe	190—	Schenectady, NY	Roy C. Fynboe
Elmer F. Hansen	299—	Solvang, CA	Bob Lassiter
Hans E. Sorensen	299—	Solvang, CA	Johannes Jaeger
William John Allds	299—	Solvang, CA	Bob Lassiter
John Larsen	328—	Vancouver, B.C.	Harald Andersen
John T. Jensen	328—	Vancouver, B.C.	Harald Andersen
Michael Berg	328—	Vancouver, B.C.	Jens R. Hvelplund
Tor J. S. Jensen	328—	Vancouver, B.C.	Bent Jensen
Preben Andersen	328—	Vancouver, B.C.	Uwe Bruhn
Jesse E. Durham	341—	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Signe Madsen
Izroa K. Durham	341—	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Signe Madsen
Viola J. O'Neill	341—	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Signe Madsen
Phil E. Petersen	343—	Waupaca, WI	Fred Rasmussen
William J. Jensen	348—	Eugene, OR	Peter Jensen
Shelley Jo Petersen	600—	Omaha, NE	Harvey J. Andersen

Mauro and Mario Mauro were initiated into the lodge and made welcome by members present. It was announced that a profit of \$64.82 was made on our picnic in August.

The Nominating Committee was selected. The three trustees shall be on this committee plus Jenny Jensen and Ray Nielsen.

Vice President Jorgensen informed us that we can no longer meet on Friday evenings at our regular meeting place. Also, it will cost \$100 to rent the place from now on. Discussion followed. We can stay there on the first four nights of the week. They will furnish a bartender for this amount.

After our sandwiches, we had a good time with the Make It, Bake It, Sew It or Grow It Raffle and \$140.00 was raised for the Scholarship Committee. Thanks to those who donated items to be raffled off and thanks to those who purchased. It was fun.

Elsa Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Due to hard work by some of our members, we served 118 Torsk dinners on September 29. We wish to salute them all with a special thank you. A dinner is always a lot of work and a special acknowledgement must be given to "Chef" Inga Hermansen and Chairperson Elsa Berlin.

We had four raffle items donated by members — an attractive cross-stitch pillow made by Inga Hermansen, camera by Greta and Erik Hansen, popcorn popper by Barbara H. Larsen, and liquor by Al and Carol Larsen.

To help make the evening more enjoyable, a Scandinavian program was presented in song and dance by the Milwaukee-based Scandinavian Chorus, under the direction of Richard W. Horngren, and the Senior Nordic Dancers under the direction of Arne Moxness. Many thanks to both groups for sharing their talents with us.

The 38th Annual Midwest Convention was hosted in Kenosha on September 23-24, by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 14 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 20. Our thanks and congratulations to them for a great job. Our delegates Elsie Hein and Albert Larsen attended all sessions.

Midwest District President, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. awarded a certificate and \$25 check to our lodge for Best Single Civic Activity. President Inga Hermansen accepted this award which was based on Axel and Inga Hermansen's efforts in securing the appearance of the Gladsaxe Pigegarde in this area in connection with our lodge's centennial.

On October 7, our lodge was guest host

at the Scandinavian Husfliden held at Norway House. Thanks to the members who joined in this event. Inga Hermansen sold cross-stitch items, Axel Hermansen and Rev. Ernest O. Norquist sold tickets for our four raffle items, Al Larsen furnished information and handed out literature about the Danish Brotherhood in America, the Danish Windmill and the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, and Den Danske Pioneer. Raffle items were donated by Elsa Berlin, Elsie Hein and the Hermansens.

Elsa Berlin, Elsie Hein, Carol Larsen and Jeanette Norquist were Lodge No. 36's kitchen crew. Our thanks to Ellie Thoresen and Phylliss Solberg of the Norwegian Fossegrimen lodge for their assistance.

Thanks to the following members who served refreshments following our business meetings: Grace Gertz on September 6 and Lars and Alice Andersen on October 4.

Everyone attending our anniversary potluck enjoyed a delicious dinner on November 1. Lodge No. 36 has excellent cooks! Thanks to Inga Hermansen for preparation of frikadellar and to Elsie Hein, chairperson for this event.

A Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday, December 6, at Bavarian Wurst Haus Restaurant. Please note the dinner will be at the restaurant rather than the International Institute. A cash collection will be taken with monies to be donated to Milwaukee Christian Center Food Pantry, as we have always done for Operation Care and Share. Also please bring some non-perishable food items to be given to a church food pantry. After the dinner, there will be a business meeting and social gathering at the home of Elmer Jorgensen. Election of officers will also take place at the business meeting.

Al Larsen, Sec.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Our regular business meeting was held on November 1 with 14 members present. We wish to welcome into our lodge Bruce A. Mitchell who was initiated at this meeting. The nomination of officers for 1990 was held. Following the meeting, lunch was served by Randy Hansen.

An adult Christmas party, a roast pork and roast beef dinner followed by dancing will be held Friday evening, December 8. The children's Christmas party will start at 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon, December 9. Both parties are chaired by Rob and Sue Jensen.

Our New Year's Eve party will be Sunday, December 31, chaired by Bruce Genia.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that everyone will have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Keith Koegler, Pres.

Lodge #70, Greenville, MI — The Danish Festival for 1989 is now history and a good one it was once again.

We welcome Leo Hansen into our lodge. Initiation took place at our October meeting by the Vice President.

It is time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year, with a new year resolution to attend and participate in more of the meetings and activities at your lodge in the coming year. After all, you are important to your lodge. Make it important enough for you to be there. See you again right here in 1990.

Oluf Jensen, Vice Pres.

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — Marius Gundersen, long time member of our lodge, passed away on October 7, 1989. He would have been 96 years old on October 24. Born in Hossen, Denmark, he came to America in 1913 and joined the Brotherhood three years later on May 23, 1916, when he was 23 years old. He made frequent trips back to the homeland with his wife, Carrie, before she passed away. He was always happy to get back to his greenhouse and farming in Avon, Ohio. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Richard Zeager, Sec.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On October 11 we had 60 Brothers and Sisters show up for our pre-meeting dinner which was followed by our regular business meeting, where 30 Brothers were in attendance. Herman Boraks was presented with a 25-year pin at the September meeting. Other things that took place during the meeting were thank you notes from the young people that our lodge helped sponsor to the Skovsøen Language Camp.

Thorkild Nielsen brought up the point that apparently there was some confusion about the starting time for the social night events that are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, so for everyone's information, the social night activities start at 7:00 p.m.

At the October 25 social, 35 people showed up for the slide presentation and the coffee and sandwiches that were served afterwards and, of course, all the conversation that takes place among friends.

I hope to be able to list the names of the

newly elected officers of the lodge for 1990 in the next issue of the American Dane so be sure to take the time to find out who will be leading us for the coming year.

In my travels visiting other lodges in our district, I have found that most of them have been very active in getting new members and we here in Detroit have been quite lax on this matter. Don't forget that we must continue to add to our membership if we are going to continue to be the great lodge that we are. **Bob Sorensen, Cor.**

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Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Any member or member's child or grandchild under the age of 12 is entitled to a gift from Santa at our Christmas party. Please see that the appropriate information is given to Santa's helpers, either Berit Mann or Winnie Edmonds, as soon as possible. Remember even the elves try to shop early!

We are going to try to make medister-polse at Art and Vergie Sorensen's home. If you are interested in this, please call Gerda Sorensen. Anyone is welcome to come and keep us company.

Some of the things for the convention have been decided. We will have it at the Branford Motor Lodge with the banquet at the Cherry Hill Caterer about a mile from the hotel. If you wish to hear the whys and wherefores, please attend the next meeting. **Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our next meeting will be December 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that the meeting night has been changed to the second Friday of each month as it was prior to moving to Millburn. Please bring a non-perishable item to the meeting to be donated to the local food pantry. This will be given to someone for Christmas.

A donation of \$200 was given to the home for their needs. In addition, \$400 was given to two Brothers for their use.

The Christmas party will start at 7:00. The exchange of gifts will be the same as in the past. Each person is to bring a gift. The men bring a gift for a male and the women bring a gift for a female. This is going to be a catered affair. There will also be a Christmas tree along with singing.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our member, Fritz Harder, celebrated his 96th birthday and received a certificate of merit from the Home Office which was presented to him by our President, Howard Hansen. Also with the help of the Home Office and



Congratulations to Mr. Harder on his 96th birthday!



Secretary Evelyn Hansen presents President Hansen and Treasurer Behling with their 25-year pins.

our social fund, he was presented with a case of his favorite medicine, Danish Turborg. He was very pleased with his gift and gave a short speech to thank the Home Office and our lodge. He also sang a Danish song and played his harmonica for our group. Fritz Harder is a grand ole Dane!

At our last meeting on October 19, President Howard Hansen and Treasurer Gil Behling received their 25-year membership pins for service to the Danish Brotherhood. These pins were presented by Secretary Evelyn Hansen. Howard Hansen is a dual member with Detroit Lodge No. 227. He now resides in sunny Florida.

Gil Behling, Treas.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — A lively and larger than usual crowd showed up for our monthly meeting on Friday, October 13. The delightful smell of food from the kitchen assured us that a delicious Danish meal was being prepared. The busy cooks were Birgit and George Jacobsen, Johnna Bedell and Else Bekker. Rita Nielsen and Raymond Andreasen kept us equally happy by serving refreshments. Vice President Niels B. Hansen added just the right touch to the atmosphere by playing his Danish music tapes for us all to enjoy. All in all, a little piece of Denmark right here on Long Island.

We were happy to initiate Susan Henry

into our lodge and congratulations were also extended to Eluf Holmgren on the occasion of his 80th birthday on October 14.

Our guest speaker, Suzanne McMurray Ko, a familiar name thanks to her many articles in the Danish Pioneer, shared with us her great love for the Danish ships. She spoke about her initiative and involvement in bringing "Georg Stage" on its transatlantic voyage in 1989 from Denmark to the East Coast including the trip on the Mystic River to the Mystic Seaport where "Georg Stage" met with her sister-ship "Joseph Conrad." We were very impressed with her involvement and extensive knowledge of the Danish ships.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA — We will host the annual joint Christmas party of our lodge and Lodge No. 172 in Philadelphia on Friday, December 15 at the Sons of Norway Lodge, Andalusia. The cost is \$26.50 per person which includes the meal, dancing and an open bar. The cocktail hour will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For reservations, contact Geert Pedersen.

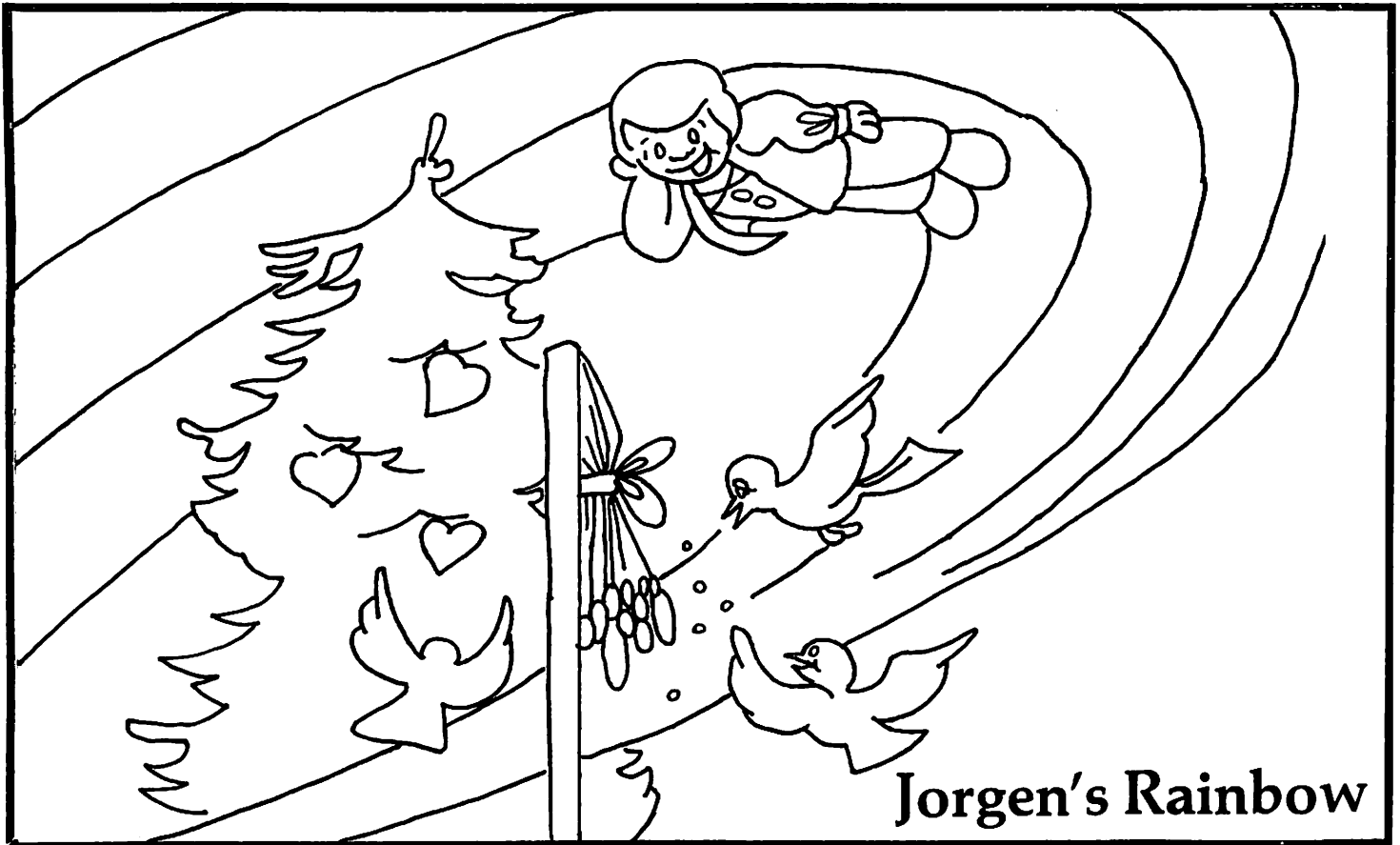
Of special interest in October were the hilarious comedies presented by the Viking Players under the able direction of Sharon and Tage Kvist. They deserved the thunderous applause that they were given.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

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For further information, contact the American-Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 73rd St., New York, NY 10021.



Jorgen's Rainbow

A Christmas tradition in Denmark is to hang a sheaf of grain from a pole for the birds to eat. Jorgen's three friends thank him for the gift as he rides on his "regnbue" Bifrost.

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.

November winners: Amanda Brown, Heather Jorgensen, and Chris Perez.

Grandma's Kitchen Jule Risengrød

(Rice Pudding for Christmas)

2 cups long grained rice	1 tsp. cinnamon
2 1/2 quarts whole milk	1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup heavy cream	3 cups raspberry syrup
1/2 tbs. salt	1/2 cup sweet butter

Wash and clean rice. Scald with boiling water and drain. Scald again and pour off the water. Heat the milk and when it boils, add the drained rice gradually so the milk keeps boiling. Stir with a wooden spoon until rice comes to a full boil. Cover saucepan with a tight lid and allow to boil slowly for at least fifty minutes. A double boiler is a big help, but then pudding should cook at least 1 1/2 hours.

Cream should be added when the rice is removed from the fire. Allow cream to warm up and add salt. Stir and add a blanched almond to the rice. Whoever finds it in his pudding wins a small prize. Serve in bowls with a lump of butter in the center of each serving. Dust the rice with cinnamon and sugar mixture. It is an old tradition to place a bowl of the pudding outside for the Christmas elves on Christmas Eve.

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Erling C. Braumann National Second Vice President

Erling joined Lodge No. 102 of Providence, Rhode Island, in 1965 to associate with other people of Danish origin and those interested in Danish culture. Erling enjoys speaking Danish with others which helped him retain his knowledge of the language since he came to the United States as a youngster. He has served as President and Treasurer of his lodge and has been very active in the G.C.E.L. District, serving as Trustee, Treasurer, Vice President, President and Past President.

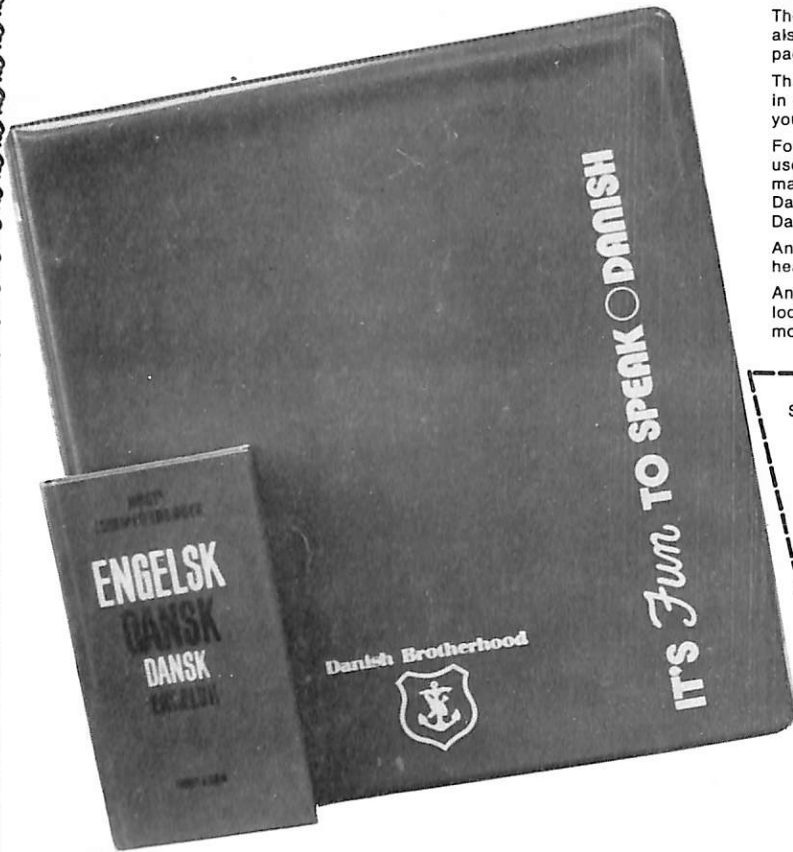
After graduating from Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, Erling attended Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, followed by a three year period in the United States Army, one year of which was spent in Vietnam. He currently holds the position of Branch Manager at Commercial Credit. Erling is married to Mary, and they have three children, Mark, Justine and Cristine. All are proud of their 100% DBIA insured family membership. The entire family belongs to Washington Park United Methodist Church where Erling serves as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer of the Ecumencial Emergency Fund, and a member of the Parish Council.

Erling was originally elected to the DBIA National Board of Directors at the 1983 National Convention held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He became interested in serving on the Board after he attended his first National Convention. Erling thought that it would be appropriate to offer his time to the DBIA since he had completed his responsibilities as a district officer and had more time for other endeavors.

When asked for any advice Erling would like to offer to DBIA members, he pointed out how fortunate we are to belong to the largest Danish fraternal benefit society in the United States. He urges all members to work hard so others will also have the opportunity to enjoy DBIA membership. Erling stated, "A road map to the future, the Five-Year Plan, has recently been presented to all members of the DBIA. With your support and promotion of this plan, the Danish Brotherhood in America can celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2082."

Erling's experience proves to be very beneficial as he serves as Chairman of the Scholarship/Camp Grant Committee and as a member of the Investment Committee.

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