

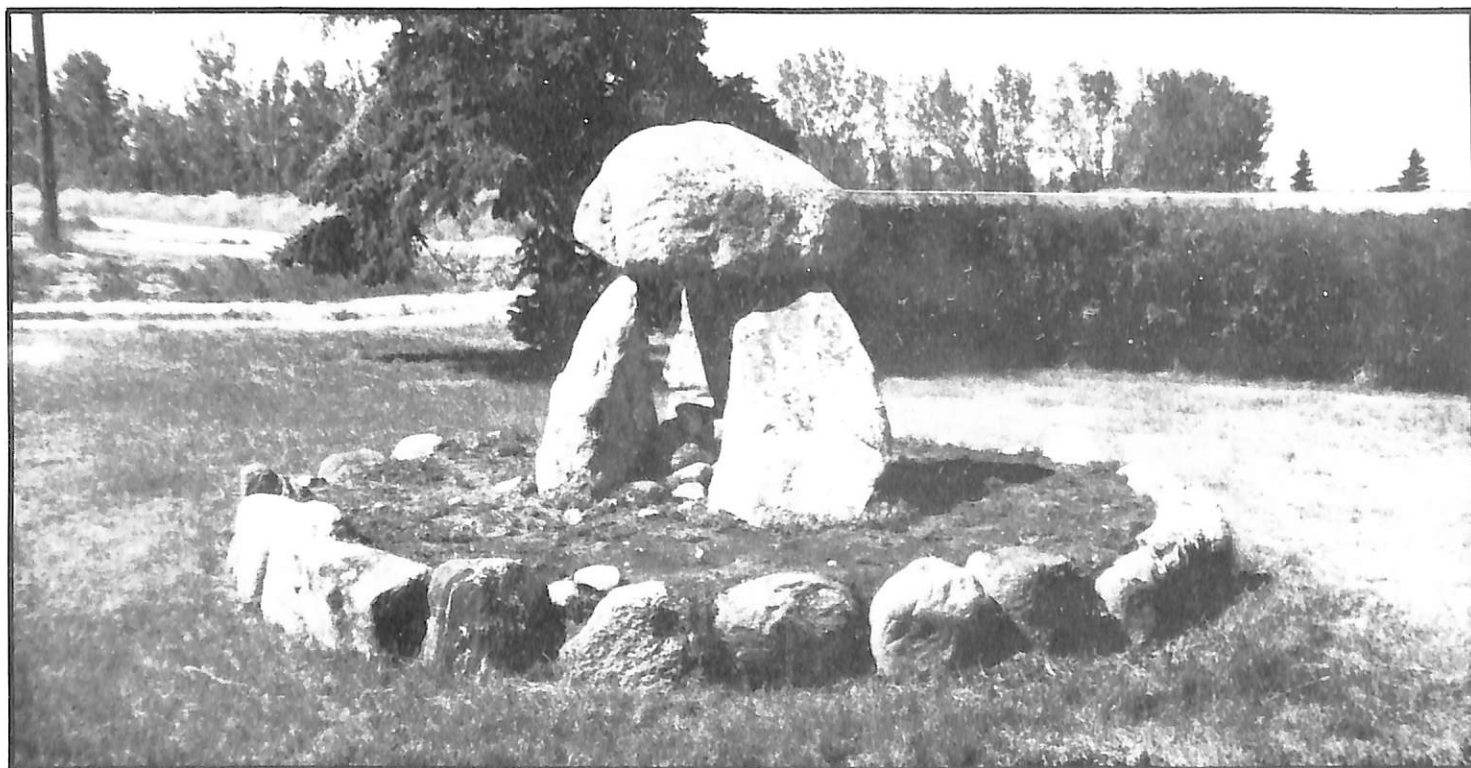
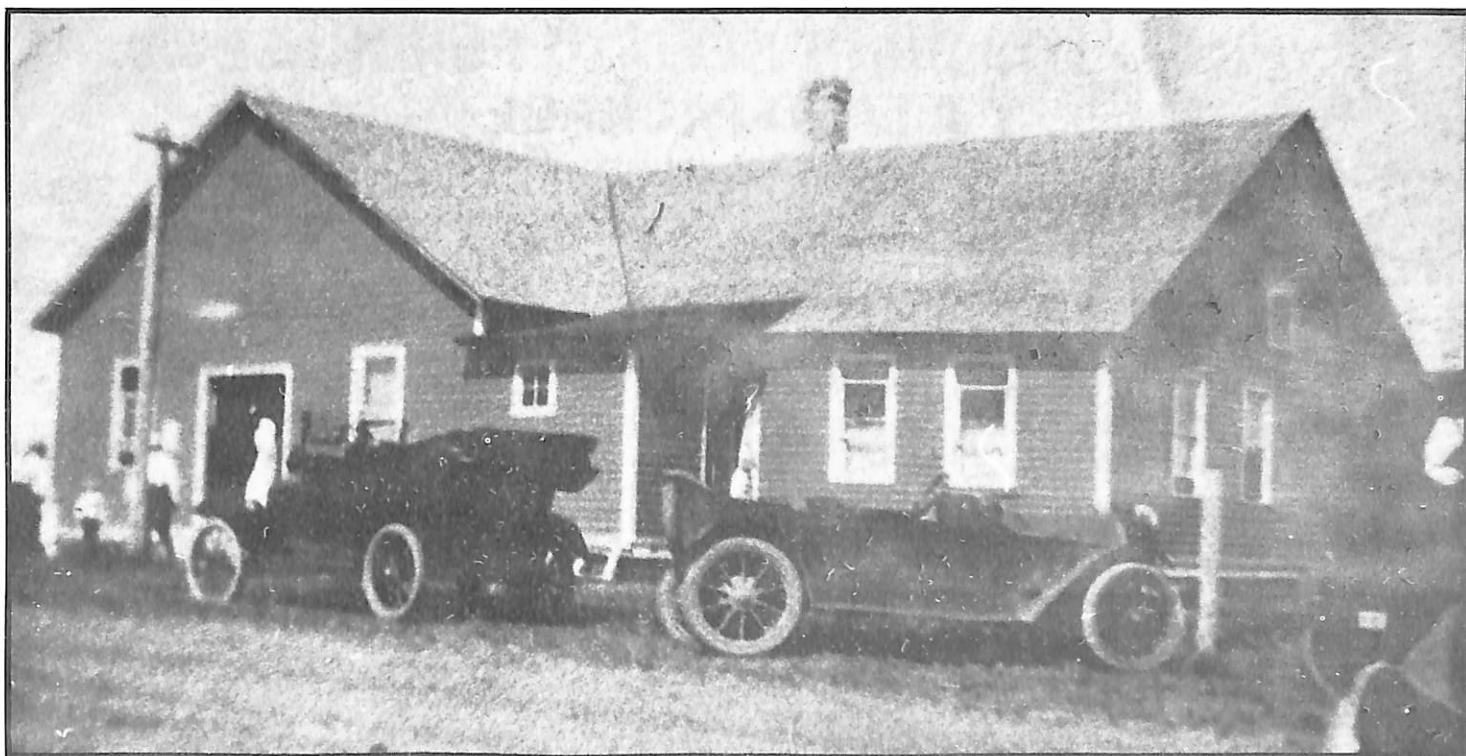
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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

Happy February everyone! I assume that by now all of you are well into the practice of writing 1990 on your checks and letters rather than 1989. I also hope you will join with us in this new decade of optimism for the Danish Brotherhood in America. Many lodge secretaries should now be in the process of completing their annual reports and I am confident that many have already been sent to the home office. Admittedly, some of our secretaries find this a drudgery. I did it for many years and found it to be interesting and challenging. Sometimes we do not realize what our lodge has actually done until this report is completed, often from information gleaned from the lodge minutes. Momentarily I will give you some examples of why it is important to complete lodge reports accurately and thoroughly and submit them in a timely manner. I recently received a report from the National Fraternal Congress of America (and you are aware that the Danish Brotherhood in America has been a participating member for many years) which is a compilation of reports submitted by member societies and the statistics you report to our National Headquarters becomes an integral part of the overall findings. It demonstrates the commitment of fraternal societies and emphasizes our common goals in fraternalism to the American society in general. We do much through Operation Care and Share and those participating members see first hand the results of their efforts. So I present and share these many activities and contributions toward our fellow man.

In 1989 NFCA member-societies reported that local lodges:

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I will point out that not all of our member-societies participated in these statistics simply because they gave no report of their activities. Our Danish Brotherhood did and that is one of the many reasons why I urge **all** lodge secretaries to submit their reports. The foregoing is impressive in and of itself as it is used in our collective efforts to retain our non-profit, tax-free status which fraternal benefit societies continue to enjoy. We really need your cooperation.

So, besides statistics, why do we do all of this? Is it because we are mandated to do so? NO! Is it because we are morally obligated to do so? I think not! In a previous edition I mentioned volunteerism.

We are volunteers first because we wanted to be a part of this organization. We are volunteers because we want to help people and we do what we do without personal benefit or profit. We volunteer to help because it makes us feel good and the positive benefits of those labors are the reward.

We recently had the U.S. Marines representing "Toys for Tots" pay a visit to our lodge to collect the many toys our members had brought to make a memorable Christmas for those less fortunate. Many of our members make this a joint venture but for years it has been Marie Mauritsen who has been in the forefront. In an approximate 30 mile strip between the cities of Federal Way, Seattle and Everett, Washington, there was a need in excess of 50,000 toys for kids and each year that number grows. In a small way we helped but it takes many to resolve that growing need. I felt good about my participation and I know all the rest did as well. I know the same applies to the many members nationally who work hard to help make someone else's life just a little bit better. We are volunteers and it is a task I don't feel any one of us regrets being a part of.

As reported in January, the Board of Directors, insurance representatives and District Fraternal Coordinators will meet in Omaha at the end of March. I am looking forward to this as it is a first for all of us to present and exchange ideas and thoughts for our future. We have already begun to implement many new ideas for our five-year plan and I don't mind telling you that what has been presented thus far puts us among the top in our offerings as a fraternal benefit society. I have much more to comment upon in this area and I will be pleased to advise you as we progress.

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Denmark 'Roots' Visit

by Harley K. Larsen



Sheep now graze on many Denmark farms instead of cattle.

The November 1988 issue of the American Dane featured an article concerning DBIA Lodge No. 172 and its ships. This pertained to the Lodge reaching out via the Seaman's Church Institute to Danish ships. Officers of these ships, while returning to Denmark on rotation were kind enough to convey messages and greetings from lodge members to their relatives.

On a recent trip to Denmark, attempts were made to contact these officers to keep in touch. Another reason was to get an update on their perspectives of life in Denmark at present.

Life is like a kaleidoscope that is a constantly changing picture. This is true of Denmark. Denmark has always been recognized as a seafaring nation. However, it was surprising to learn that the Danish ships which were visiting Philadelphia were not built in Denmark but rather in the far east. The reason being one of pure economics. The fact that shipbuilding was off was confirmed by observation of near dormant shipyards in Copenhagen and Aalborg.

Furthermore, the officers mentioned in passing that none of the ships, even though they bore the Danish flag, had ever been in Danish waters and most likely never will. And the only Danes on the ships were the officers themselves. The seamen were from other lands. Hard, cold business principles dictated these facts. Shipping is a highly competitive business. And Denmark maintains a leading and respected position by running its shipping industry in a tight and efficient manner. Several of the Danish corporations are large and maintain top reputations in the international trade community. Tankers, reefers and containers are three specialties in which they have a major presence.

What else is taking place in Denmark? Things have changed and other things have stayed the same since Thomas Larsen of Aalborg married Antonia Basse of Aarhus in 1927. The couple thought it would be astute to accept Canada's invitation to come over at its expense to settle in its country. The ads posted around Denmark even promised a free ride over. Their thoughts were that they would graciously accept the invitation. The Canadian government would be underwriting their honeymoon trip. The newlyweds would look around Canada for a while and then return to the homeland to live happily ever after just like the other

four million Danes were doing. The Empress of Australia set sail with the happy couple on board. The honeymoon had begun! Looking around was next.

"Looking around" went from weeks and then to months. And then a son arrived. Like many other newcomers, they stayed. There were three sons and a daughter. In due course a construction company was formed. Real estate was developed. And there was an appointment to Danish consul in Saint John, New Brunswick. This appointment involved contact with ships and their personnel. Visits on board and having captains for coffee at home. All of which were most satisfying experiences.

What does one see when one makes the "roots" visit to the family farm outside Aalborg? The farm was sold long ago. The new owner was most hospitable to the son of the previous "landman." He was only too pleased to show me around. Quintessential Danish. A large building quadrangle with white walls. The thatched roof had been replaced with terracotta. And there is a windmill, a ubiquitous item on the Danish horizon at this point in time. This one supplies the farm's electrical needs and then some.

One considers Denmark a land of emigration. After all, that is where we originated. So much so that that is the base reason the Danish Brotherhood was established. However, there is a significant immigration to Denmark. This is very apparent in Copenhagen where one sees a distinct sprinkling of orientals, blacks, eurasians and the occasional turban and sari. What is more, these individuals are completely integrated into society. Working, going to school and attending church. It seems so out of character to hear these individuals speaking perfect Danish.

One meets the occasional American, and of non Danish origin, who has moved from the U.S. and is living in Denmark. Dr. Jeffrey Houser is a good example. He was drawn to Denmark by a tall, blonde, blue eyed girl. He eventually got married, fathered two boys, attended university and is now practicing veterinary medicine near Roskilde. He and his family live in a restored, picturesque Danish house complete with thatched roof, by a lake. They love it.

Dinner with the Housers was typical Danish. A beer, chicken, wine with a glass of Gamle Dansk to top things off. More on the wine.

Houser's roots go way back to England. Here was a chance to get an unbiased reflection on Danish society, culture, business and comments on its future.

"I like it over here. The government underwriting the costs of my DVM degree, my wife's PhD in anthropology and the medical bills associated with our two new boys is well recognized and appreciated."

Houser continued and expounded on the familiar Danish litany. High taxes.

"Taxes are high and so are prices." He went on to discuss a subject which is a seemingly never ending grist for conversation. "I am like everyone else over here; I like everything the state provides and furthermore I do not want to see any of these services withdrawn. But the taxes have to change."

"What to do?" was asked. "There is a move afoot requiring people to pay for some services. The raising of tax money continues to be a conundrum. And being involved in the Common Market could be a complication. With the Common Market comes the lowering and eventual removal of trade barriers. These barriers provide a significant source of revenue."

"Common Market" was mentioned. Houser stated "Countries are no longer entities unto themselves. Instead they are part of what has now become a global economy. This is exemplified by the subtle yet definite change in the shipping industry. Furthermore, Denmark is flowing with the current generated by the Common Market. This current is taking down trade barriers and permitting an easier flow of goods between countries. It is analogous to the easing of trade between the U.S. and Canada."

It is this easing of trade which permitted the Housers to serve Yugoslavian wine for dinner and strawberries from Italy for dessert. The cream was Danish. Two years ago, the presence of foreign goods would not have been so prevalent.

One of the country's strong points is the farm industry. "What is happening here?" Houser advises that the dairy industry is way down and will stay that way. This fact was illustrated by the visit to the family farm where there are presently no cattle at all. The large cow barn now stood empty. The same applies to that of a distant uncle in a nearby town. Two years ago there was a bustle of activity. Today the buildings are still, the stanchions empty. An eerie silence prevails.

This is contrary to the typical bucolic Danish picture. What has happened? Houser advises "Plain and simple, the world is awash in milk. There is no market to speak of. Even Africa has its needs taken care of" he went on. "Poultry and hogs are doing well. An industry which is growing is mink ranching. And in my particular part of the country there is a special horse breeding facility."

What one notices on the farms are sheep. There seem to be more of them than cattle. Houser confirms this fact. What used to be grazing land has now been converted to oats, rye and

rapeseed. The latter gives the landscape a bright yellow patchwork perspective in the spring. The color is the same as mustard. Most spectacular and eye catching.

"Why sheep?" The vet advised this is more or less a hobby of the farmers. "There is no money in it. The landmen raise the animals as a hobby." An elaboration was offered. "It is in the Danish farmer's blood to have animals on the farm. The idea of raising nothing but wheat, say, is entirely contrary to tradition. A farm is not a farm unless there are some animals on it."

This fact was born out by the visit to the old family farm at Biersted. The present owner invited me in for a beer and most graciously showed me around the house, pointing out the modern conveniences installed since my forefather's days. Walking around the courtyard presented postcard photo material in the form of a mother cat and her kittens, a large friendly dog and a half dozen geese. There were no horses. There were a couple of large American made tractors complete with cultivating equipment attached.

Inside the living room was a nice Japanese TV set. As stated previously, the power requirements were supplied by the on site windmill. A modern unit in direct contrast to the travel poster perspective of the one hundred and fifty year old building complex.

While making conversation over the beer, one's eyes glanced out the window and noticed a couple of large sheep with several brand new frisky lambs bouncing around including a couple nursing.

When questioned about the sheep, the landman's comments paralleled those of Houser's. "Everyone else has a few so I thought I would try as well. There is no money in the wool or the meat. They are no trouble and they do not take up any space so

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why not?" And why not, indeed?

The sense of orderliness of Denmark is immediately apparent. There is a well run ground transportation system. "Precise" is a word one associates with the train system. You can almost set your watch by it.

Just about everyone is drinking beer, it seems. And just about everywhere. No screw off tops and you have to go out of your way to get the light kind. It seems that every teenager is smoking. And with all the fancy pastry around, the question arises as to how everyone stays so slim.

With regards to the ubiquitous beer drinking and smoking, I have been informed that the health aspects of these two items have been established. The movement is getting underway towards light beer and the cutting down on smoking just as in the U.S.

My father's side of the family came from the Aalborg area. Rebild is near here and it is here that there is a yearly celebration of significant proportion of the U.S. independence on the fourth of July. This is an event the Danes take pride in and make you aware of.

One last attempt was made to contact ship's personnel; however to no avail. It was apparent that all were at sea.

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Mini Danish Folk Tales

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

The Honored Garment

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a man named Peder. He and his wife were very poor people, but they were relatively happy as they were kind and honest citizens.

Years later, a son was born to them and all of the neighbors brought gifts to celebrate the event.

The most beautiful present was given to them by an extremely wealthy man who loved Peder and his wife very much.

The wealthy man brought yards and yards of the most expensive material in the world.

No one ever saw such a fine fabric.

The wife locked it away in a trunk and thought, "When my son is grown and goes out into the world, I will make him a wonderful garment from this material."

The son eventually grew into a fine youth, but being poor he was always dressed in clothes that were torn and tattered.

One day, the richest man in the community invited all of the townspeople to a great feast in honor of his 70th birthday.

Among the invited guests was the son of Peder.

When the son entered the room, nobody would allow him to sit near them. Nobody invited him to dine.

The son was sad at this cruel behavior in people and left the room right away.

He went home and told his mother the tragic story.

"Don't be sad, my son," she said. "I will make you a wonderful garment that all of the guests and your host will bow down before you!"

And so, the mother took out the material she had received at

his birth and sewed a magnificent robe.

When the son returned to the celebration he was now dressed in fine clothes and everyone rose from their seat, bowed from the waist and called out to him to sit down. Before he sat down he removed his robe, held it high above the food and said, "Eat, Robe!"

The merchant and the guests were shocked at his behavior and the merchant said, "What is the meaning of this? Why are you talking to your robe?"

The lad stood up. "Twice I came into your house as an invited guest," he said, "but the first time I was dressed in torn and patched clothing. No one paid any attention to me then. Not you or your guests. Nobody asked me if I wanted anything to eat. Nobody cared!"

All eyes were on the youth.

"The second time I came here," he said, "I had on a new garment. You made room for me next to you. Everyone looked at me and wanted to treat me with the finest of food!"

"I still don't get it," said the rich merchant.

The lad shook his head. "I took off my garment because it was my robe that was invited to your feast. Not I. It was the garment and not I that was honored!"

The merchant's face grew pale and the guests felt quite ashamed of their behavior.

The lad then left to go to his humble but proud home.

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The Mayor walked to another part of the room and picked up a mirror. He told the rich man to look into the mirror and tell him what he saw.

The rich man laughed, but did as he was told. "I see the same thing I would see in any other mirror. I see myself."

The Mayor then told the rich man, "Go to the window and look out in the street and tell me what you see!"

The man again did as he was told. "I don't see anything unusual. Someone is asking directions. There is a child playing ball. An old man is walking across the street leaning on his cane. I see life around us!"

"Exactly," said the Mayor. "That's just the point I want to make. When you looked through a window you see life. When you look into a mirror you see only yourself!"

"So what," said the rich man, sneering.

"A mirror is only a plain piece of glass," said the Mayor, "just like a window, but the mirror is coated on the back with a layer of silver, so you only see your own reflection. And the same way the silver that you own — your great wealth — has been an obstacle that has concealed everything else from you — in the street, in the homes of the poor. You only see yourself. Look through the glass window and see life!"

The rich man was so ashamed he bowed his head.

The Mayor left the house, leaving the rich miser alone to deal with his own thoughts.

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — We congratulate our member, Rudy Hansen, who was recently featured in the "Seattle Times" for his volunteer efforts with the Senior Citizens. Rudy volunteers at least 3 days a week and normally tallies up more than 400 miles a month as he provides much needed transportation services. We thank Rudy for proving what it really means to have a Fraternal heart.

Again this year, Santa was busy at the kid's Christmas party on December 10. Danelag was leading the singing around the tree with dancing and playing. When Santa arrived, the children knew which corner to line up in order to give him their lists and he was nice enough to hand them each a bag of goodies. Edith and her crew were busy serving coffee, pop, hot dogs, kringle, and ice cream. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

We had a very well attended December meeting. Julegløgg was served during the meeting and a lot of business was taken care of.

After the meeting, our lodge, with the Sisterhood lodge, got together for Christmas treats and coffee. There were two Marines in full dress uniform present to pick up the Toys for Tots which were donated. Also there were bags of food for the Food Bank and various articles of clothing and toiletries for the needy. It was a joyous evening.

We initiated a new member, Frants Holm-Nielsen, who has been in the U.S. for four years. Welcome and hope to see you often.

The Northwest Danish Foundation will be holding an Open House, Dinner-Dance and raffle in conjunction with the completion of the renovations at the Meridan Office Building, their new home in Seattle, on February 17.

The District Bowling Tournament will be held on March 10 at the Bowlero Lanes in Tacoma. Motel rooms will be reserved at the Best Western Tacoma Inn where the banquet also will be held. This bowling

The best idea for February goes to Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI. See page 22.

tournament is sponsored by the Portland lodges. Seattle's bowling coordinator, Frank Poulsen, says to get your team together and start bowling to obtain your bowling average.

We elected the following officers for 1990: Past President, Gerald Jensen; President, Mel Hollister; Vice President, Frank Poulsen; Acting Secretary, Clyde Langsted; Treasurer, Ken Kroman; Financial Treasurer, Gretchen Pembroke; Conductor, Knud Hansen; First Trustee, Ove Nielsen; Second Trustee, Hans Nielsen; Third Trustee, Borge Schlegel; Guard, Niels Jensen. Congratulations to the officers elect.

A Danish Night will be held at the Swedish Club on Thursday, February 22, 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.

Frank Poulsen, Cor.

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — There was a full house for our Christmas party at Titlow Park Lodge. Almost 100 members and guests attended the party. About 20 children and Santa gave the day the full meaning of Christmas. The tables were decorated by Marie Dess. The word beautiful does not say it all, they were artistically made up with centerpieces of snowmen, Santas, candles and all of it was hand-made.

The President, Myra Brochner, bid welcome and asked Peter Rasmussen to take charge of the singing and dancing around the tree. Peter made sure everybody had a good time. Then Santa arrived with his bag of goodies. There were candy, toys, and even money for the kids.

To top it all, a delicious dinner was served, pork roast with all the trimming and ris-ala-mande with cherry sauce.

You did it again Tacoma.

Let's bottle the spirit of Christmas and use it all year round. To all of you that are not yet members, come and have another taste of that bottle.

Svend Rasmussen, Past Pres.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — We approved the discontinuance of the public Pinochle parties with the last one taking place last November. The numbers interested in participating had been going down the past few years and it was determined that the continuance was not cost effective any more. This brings an end to one of our social programs which was designed to provide pleasure to the seniors of our community. Historically, we hosted over 100 players month in and month out for a long period of time and looking back, we are pleased we were willing and able to enrich their lives by providing our service.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — On Sunday, February 11, at Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall from 3 to 5 p.m. there will be a general meeting of both the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood members to plan for the 1991 National Convention. We expect a big turnout and lots of help as the members voted for this convention. If you have not signed up to be on a committee, please attend the meeting and do so. If you do not sign up, you will be assigned to duties where you are needed most.

The Young Viking annual Christmas party was held at Bethany Lutheran Church with over 100 members, friends, and guests in attendance. Diane Fisker is in charge of our Young Viking program and we thank her for all of her efforts.



All the children enjoyed the Danish Christmas celebration.

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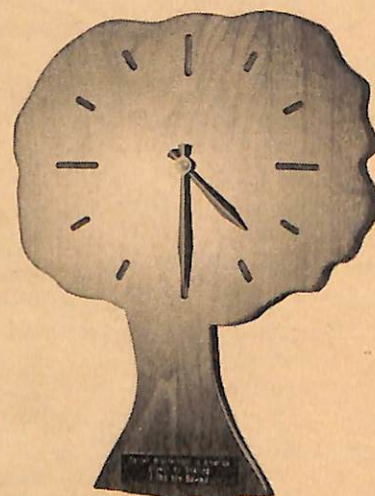
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Mr. and Mrs. Chase welcome their daughter, Erika, to the lodge.



We welcome new member, Del E. Strand.

Many of our members attended the 50th wedding anniversary of George and Hazel Larsen, long-time DBIA members. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Larsen.

The December 6 meeting opened with 41 members present. George Larsen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Asbjorn Fisker explained the Danish symbols. Our charter was draped in memory of two of our members. Irving Enna passed away in November and Magnus Esrom died from a sudden heart attack on December 3. He was involved in all Danish activities and a member for 53 years. He was Past President of the district, a Past President of the lodge and past Treasurer.

The meeting opened for business, we initiated five new members: Betty Ann Roschko, Del Strand, Darlene Vose, and John and Bodil Hansen. A short intermission followed to greet our newest members. We are also very pleased to welcome new member, Erika Chase. Please come often.

The Young Vikings are also working on a youth bowling team for the March tournament in Tacoma.

Unfinished business consisted of voting in the slate of new officers for 1990 as follows: Fred Batchelor, Past President; Larry West, President; Lisa Mortensen, Vice President; Kirsten Thompson, Secretary; Scott McAdams, Treasurer; Norman Powell, 1st Trustee; Steve Sorensen, 2nd Trustee; Marion Buchholz, 3rd Trustee; Frank Dally, Conductor; Dana Nielsen, Inner Guard; and Sylvia Hurst, Outer

Guard. Nominations were opened from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the above nominations be accepted as presented by the nominating committee.

A big thank you from the members goes to the following officers leaving this year: Karlene Thorkildsen, Jan Christensen, George Larsen, Debbie Turner, and Asbjorn Fisker. **Sylvia Hurst, Cor.**

Lodge #273, Dillon, MT — Our December meeting was called to order by President Thomas Andersen with 19 present. Correspondence for the meeting was a letter from National Headquarters explaining the Five-Year Plan they would like each lodge to take part in. The plan was discussed and voted on to accept. A Lodge Resolution for accepting it was signed and returned. An application for membership was received from Charles G. Larsen. He was voted in as a new member. Welcome to the lodge! Leonard Hansen, Chairman of the nominating committee, read the slate of new officers for 1989-1990 to be elected. A unanimous vote was made to elect them as follows: President, Ronald Nielsen; Vice President, Howard Andersen; Secretary, Helen Tommerup; Treasurer, Pamela Nielsen; Outer Guard, Judy Brown; Inner Guard, Helen Brown; Conductor, Clifford Bay; and Trustee, Robert Miller.

Harry R. Abernethy, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 68 Brothers present at the November meeting.

Our December meeting was also our annual general meeting. We began with our usual meeting procedures. We accepted one new application for membership. His name is Poul Mailand. Poul B. Christensen was chairman for our general meeting. We began with the President's report and then the Treasurer's report which were both accepted.

The new officers for 1990 are as follows: Past President, Karl Kristensen; President, Peter Praegel; Vice President, Kjeld Christensen; Secretary, Peter M. Jensen; Treasurer, Herluf Pedersen; First Trustee, Poul Sorensen; Second Trustee, Henning Hald; Third Trustee, Tommy Johansen; Conductor, Uwe Bruhn; Inner Guard, John P. Mikkelsen; Outer Guard, Kalle Moser; First Alternate, Jorgen Larsen; and Second Alternate, Conny Vinther.

A thanks was given to Poul B. Christensen for conducting the general meeting in a proper fashion. After the meeting everyone enjoyed the two sandwiches and two drinks that were donated by the Brotherhood.

We have been given the honor of hosting

the 4th annual soccer tournament between the Danish teams in North America. The date for the tournament has been set for the weekend of June 9. All interested teams are invited and we are planning the following divisions: (1) Ladies (any age); (2) Men's open (young); and (3) Men's Over 35. Teams attending the tournament in 1989 in Solvang, California, were from the following cities: Vancouver, Toronto, Chicago, New York, Spokane, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Solvang. We hope to see all the above mentioned teams in Vancouver, but also any other teams interested in the event.

We are hoping to play all games on Saturday, June 9, but that will depend on the number of teams interested in attending the tournament. We can inform you that a beautiful sports complex has been reserved for the event as has 130 rooms in a comfortable hotel five minutes from the soccer fields. The hotel has banquet facilities for 600 people so there will be a minimum of driving required during the stay for the event. Vancouver airport is approximately 35 minutes from the hotel. Inquiries should be sent to Kjeld Christensen, Chairman, 13531 Blundell Rd., Richmond, B.C. Canada V6W 1B6.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Our Fish Dinner and Bingo in November was truly a great success with so many wonderful prizes. There were turkeys, akvavit, a beautiful embroidered shirt, and many more nice things. The fish dinner was excellent and plenty of food for everyone. The tables were nicely decorated with Louise Duus' special touch. Well over a hundred people attended this annual social.

Our meeting on December 7 started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were read and accepted and correspondence was attended to.

Five applications for membership were investigated by a committee, and were unanimously accepted after being voted on. Their initiations will be upcoming in the New Year. This should start our new year with a bang!

Five new members were initiated at the meeting. Congratulations! and welcome to a great fraternal organization.

Officers for the year 1990 are: Past President, Anne Kofod; President, Karl Duus; Vice President, Doris Christensen; Secretary, Betty Seale; Treasurer, Owen

Miller; Financial Secretary, Harold Mathiasen; Conductor, Sofie Christoffersen; Inner Guard, Necco Hansen; Trustee (Chairperson), Roy Christoffersen; Trustee, Erik Kofod; and Trustee, Ove Hansen. Congratulations to all the officers for 1990! Because of the convention in July, 1990 in Los Angeles, these people, with the help of the members, will be extremely busy. We wish them a very successful year. Let's support them when called upon for any assistance and let's make this year even better than last year. The installation of officers will be February 17, 1990.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The Christmas party was a fun filled afternoon. Many thanks to the committee and to all who supported this traditional event. If you didn't make this special day, you really missed out.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — We accepted the slate of officers as it was presented at the December meeting. Our new President will be Clarice Christensen. She is going to need our support for the year so please come out and participate!

The Board of Officers express appreciation for the efforts of all individuals who "chaired" or hosted events, made various donations, served on committees, and actively participated in meetings and events during 1989.

Thanks to our Past President, Richard Rowse, for a job well done!

Joint installation of officers will be held in the "Alamo" on February 17. Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 will be in charge this year.

Our Christmas party was completely sold out. Fifty children and 64 adults all convened at the "Alamo" for an old-fashioned Christmas party. The hall was beautifully decorated with the lighted Christmas tree in the middle of the room, green and red helium balloons by the hundreds hung from the ceiling. The tables were also beautifully decorated with green tablecloths and Christmas decorations, even the walls were decorated with garland.

When Viggo Bech Nielsen started to play on the piano all the old favorite Christmas carols, everybody joined hands and sang along. There were so many people that we had to have two circles around the tree.

It wasn't long before Santa Claus arrived with his bag of goodies. He had a bag for all the children. Some were so happy to sit on Santa's lap, while others screamed and squirmed around, but they all received a gift nonetheless. Afterwards there were hot

dogs and ice cream for the kids.

Victor Jachel had brought two tapes along for the children to see, namely Bambi and the Wizard of Oz. He set that up in the fireplace room. While the children watched the tapes, the parents had a chance to eat smørrebrød, coffee and kringle. The bar was also open.

I think a well deserved pat on the back is in order for Lodge No. 126 and for the many people who helped especially to Karl Duus and his family. They had worked on this party for a month. Thank you all for a job well done!

Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

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Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — With the holidays behind us now, I trust you all had a joyous and meaningful time and that all your expectations of this holiday season were fulfilled. Those of us who gathered for our annual Christmas dinner were treated with a delightful and delicious evening. Our evening was once again celebrated at the Compton Hunting and Fishing Club with 59 members and 54 guests in attendance.

The children were delighted with Santa Claus and the wonderful gifts he passed out. Each child received a specially made bag filled with goodies. Thanks to Rosemary Allison for sewing the bags and Sherm and Dawn Nielsen for filling them. Soren Christensen donated the oranges and Jim Dwyer supplied the apples for each bag. Our lodge provided the toys and other goodies inside. The children really look forward to these bags. An extra special thanks goes out to our lodge Santa, Jim Dwyer, who greeted each child cheerfully. His helpers this year were Sherm Nielsen and Christiana Hinz.

While the children enjoyed their time with Santa and opened their gifts, the adults had some holiday cheer and awaited the fantastic meal prepared for them by President Gary Gossett, his father, Bob Gossett, and Trustee, Soren Christensen. Thanks to Gary for preparing, shopping and cooking an outstanding meal of ham, turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, and homemade rolls. Dawn Nielsen supplied the delicious red cabbage for everyone. Thanks to all of you for bringing those wonderful desserts. They added the finishing touch to our Christmas meal. Thanks also to Gary's other helpers, Bryce Gossett, Jamey Gossett, and Aaron Dye who helped around the kitchen and hall and who decorated the Christmas tree which was donated by Ken Olsen. Thanks

Ken. Sherm and Dawn Nielsen, who were chairmen for the evening, did a great job with decorations and on each table were red and white poinsettias arranged around driftwood. The arrangements were given to one lucky winner at each table. Thanks also to Sherm for conducting the Christmas program which followed the business meeting. Everyone had a good time singing Christmas carols. Each family also received a Glaedelig Jul Christmas bulb for 1989 decorated by Toni Gossett.

President Gary did conduct a short business meeting which covered introduction of families and visitors, paying the bills and the announcement that our lodge had won two national awards, namely Best Newsletter and Best Single Civic Activity.

We were delighted to have one application for membership which went to Lisa Smith. We are looking forward to her becoming a part of our lodge. Thanks to all our members and their guests for making our Christmas party a wonderful event!

Our lodge has chosen to lend a helping hand to the Christian Temporary Housing Facilities. A temporary shelter for persons and families in need. We assist by members bringing canned foods and paper items to our meetings, to be donated each month, plus \$25 given by the lodge to purchase needed items that the director recommends. Counseling and guidance is provided by the housing facility in helping people find employment so they can lead an independent life. They have two homes in the city of Orange each having seven rooms that can accommodate a family of four to six in each room. A large kitchen and dining room is also available.

Our lodge wishes to thank Gerry Olsen who has been the newsletter editor for the past five years. During this time, we have received four district and three national newsletter awards. She has put her time, energy and countless hours into making our newsletter a complete success. Thank you, Gerry, for giving us a newsletter we look forward to receiving and reading each month. Your informative articles and lively comments kept us up-to-date and without exception, at one time or another, brightened our days. Many thanks for a job well done!

Toni Gossett, Cor.

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Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We had a very lovely dinner on November 18 at Pete and Darlene Petersen's as Darlene fixed an outstanding meal for us. After dinner, we held a short meeting before we got to the important part of the evening — the bingo games. During the meeting, a motion was made and approved by the members to make a \$50 donation to the district scholarship fund in memory of Erik Mathies. We also heard of a new meeting place from Bill and Marcia Johansen and I have since heard from Marcia and she has for sure gotten us the Senior Citizen's Center in Grand Terrace for the first Saturday of every month. We will be meeting there for the first time in February. Thank you very much Bill and Marcia! We also had our election of officers and they are: Past President, Sue Patterson; President, Vikki Garrison; Vice President, Jim Patterson; Secretary, Nancy Nielsen; Treasurer, Ann Hanson; Chairman of Trustees, Richard Perez; Second Trustee, Doris Thompson; Third Trustee, Carolyn Lindberg; Conductor, Tom Loveday; Inner Guard, Grethe Perez; Outer Guard, Norma Loveday; and Chaplain, Pete Petersen. Congratulations!

Well, our Christmas party was sure lots of fun. We had 30 members and 49 guests in attendance. The weather was really great so we put the tree out on the apron of the barn and 29 youngsters and some of us "oldsters" sang around the tree. Nancy Nielsen and Lisa Peihl were our pølse cooks this year and a good job the girls did! Vikki Garrison made her now famous red cabbage. Our Santa, Norm Runstrom, was a very welcome sight to all the kids as usual and Pete Petersen held another very successful adult gift exchange.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lodge #139, Viborg, SD — On January 14, 1990 we held a soup supper on Sunday night. On January 4, there was election of new officers with 11 members present. We have new members and there will be a party for them. We are also planning an aebleskiver party. Like all Danes, we like to eat in Viborg. For entertainment we also conduct dances on Saturday evenings.

Ruth Peterson, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — At the December meeting the following new officers were

elected: President, Walt Granholm; Vice President, Duane Hansen; Treasurer, Pam Dorau; Past President, Andy Andersen; Trustees, Poul Steffensen, Jim Weedman, John Norton; and Conductor, Flo Hansen. Best wishes for the new year! Three guests, exchange students in the Omaha area from Denmark, were present.

A goal of 25 new members in each 1990 and 1991 was established.

A lovely Christmas party followed.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$240.60.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The Christmas party with over 90 people (37 children) was a wonderful event! Santa stopped by for a visit, Wilber Williamson read us a good Christmas story, there was caroling and dancing around the Christmas tree, wonderful snacks to eat, and a good beginning to the Christmas season. The group had hoped to go caroling after our party and visit some of our shut-ins but the weather did not cooperate. In spite of bad weather, the poinsettias used as centerpieces on the tables were delivered to our shut-in members.

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Santa welcomes Danish exchange student, Thomas Mosander.

At our regular December meeting, Richard Wahlstrom, vice president of Drake University here in Des Moines, spoke on life in the Virgin Islands where he once taught. He also told about the Danish background and influence there.

At this same meeting, Iowa-Minnesota District President, Ed Harris, presided over the installation of the new slate of 1990 officers.

Happy New Year to all of you brothers and sisters!
Mary Olsen Riber, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Members of our lodge gathered with members of the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 60 at the Senior Citizen's Center on January 6 to share in a heritage potluck supper. All enjoyed the good food which included many of the traditional Danish dishes.

Vice President Marge Neve presided at the meeting and called upon Viggo Berthelsen to install the new officers. Elected to serve for the year 1990 are the following: Rev. Clifford Paulsen, President; Alton Neve, Vice President; Grace M. Tomson, Secretary-Treasurer; Warren Raben, Financial Secretary; Robert Behrens, Conductor; Elvin Reim, Arnold Levison, and Jack Paulsen, Trustees; and Clifford Petersen, Past President.

A slide history of the Danish settlements in Freeborn County, Alden, Clarks Grove, and New Denmark (now North Side), was presented by Bidney and Marie Bergie. Mr. Bergie told us of the Dane Shoot held annually in Alden, Minnesota, where a metal turkey was placed at the top of a high pole and marksmen would shoot at this target until it was dismantled. He showed pictures starting in the early 1900s of the changes in structures and scenery to the present.

To close the meeting, coffee and dessert was served by the committee of Helen and Viggo Berthelsen, Irene and Harlan Hansen, and Erma and Arnold Levison.

Grace Tomson, Sec.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — We enjoyed our Christmas party on Saturday evening, December 2. Special guests were Herluf and Marian Ries and Roger Nielsen and Sara. A potluck dinner began the festivities at 7 p.m.

Following dinner, a program was presented with Thelma Jorgensen reading the Christmas Gospel and Therkel Jorgensen presented a talk on the "Meaning of Christmas." Christmas carols were sung, accompanied by Marjory Paulson of Clear Lake, SD. Andrew Jacobsen, of Brookings, SD, gave an interesting and humorous talk on the "Cuckoo Clock." Leona Jensen shared a sentimental Christmas family experience with us.

Santa Claus made an appropriate appearance and distributed gifts after which we played Christmas bingo.

The tables were cleared and the traditional dance around the Christmas tree was enjoyed by young and old. They sang "Nu Har Vi Jul Igen," using a double circle in order to include the large group of dancers.

The evening concluded after coffee, punch, and Christmas goodies were served by the hosts and hostesses, David and Agnes Nielsen and Glen and Ilene Sorensen.
Thelma Jorgensen, Cor.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — On February 10, we will view a Danish film following the 7:30 p.m. meeting. Coffee and snacks will follow.

A potluck supper was held in November. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Trustees LaVonne Sorensen and John Smeby draped the charter in memory of Henry Bergman. Janice Heyer was visiting with us. It was good to see her again. There was a discussion on the certificate of deposit and investment possibilities. We set a membership goal for 1990 and 1991. Steven Sorensen said we must "talk" to get the word out about the Danish Brotherhood. Jerry Sonsalla said we must do more things of interest to get and keep new members interested. Alvin Miller discussed ways other organizations work and activities they are doing. We did receive a letter discussing possibilities of having an ethnic day in the Mason City-Clear Lake area. This would get the word out about the Danish Brotherhood. A few people volunteered to go to the meeting. It was then decided to set a goal of getting six new members in 1990 and also in 1991. Todd and Jerry Sonsalla discussed some ideas with the members, including the possibility of a dance.

Several guests were present at the annual Christmas party. They included

Rosemary Eden, Bob, Laurie and Brian Eden, Mike (Shannon) McKee, and Yvette Sorensen's guests, Kelly and Michael. Thorvald Sorensen shared an article that appeared in the Mason City Globe Gazette regarding his pride on being a Dane and a member of the Danish Brotherhood and also a short story about Lars. The only people to attend the ethnic day meeting was our Danish Brotherhood people and the Greeks. There will be another meeting in the future. The members sang Christmas carols around the Christmas tree. All enjoyed a game of bingo with Todd Sonsalla calling the numbers. A delicious lunch was provided by the members.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — Our Christmas spirit actually started on November 18 when Cedar Rapids had their big televised Christmas parade. We were well represented with our Danish float. It was well done and the parade was a great success.

Our Christmas party was held on December 15 at Squaw Creek Lodge out in the country, a beautiful place in a breathtaking setting. The decorating committee started at 3 p.m. to turn the lodge into a warm and cozy Santa Claus den. When the members arrived at 6:30 p.m. the two fireplaces were blazing, the decorated tree stood tall and proud in the corner and the smell of good food from the kitchen greeted everyone. It was extremely cold in Iowa that evening. It was snowy, icy and very windy so we wondered if many would show up. But never fear, the Vikings were here and we had a group of 65 members.

We wish to thank the food committee for going through a lot of work. We were served a seven bean soup and a vegetable soup, both great for a cold winter night. In addition to that, there were seven big trays of open-faced Danish sandwiches and for dessert we had ice cream, plus homemade cookies brought by the ladies. Needless to say, everyone was happy, content and stuffed.

Then came the big moment. All joined hands, sang and danced around the Christmas tree. Kathy McLaren had brought an auto harp which made it fun for the young and the "mature."

The door opened and 13 pair of sparkling eyes stared at Santa Claus (Howard Christensen) in childish awe. He was a wonderful Santa and his big sack was full of gifts for the children. However, the adults were not forgotten either. Thanks to Norm and Sharon Nielsen and Dave and Norm Nietert, we are now all proud owners of a little handmade, decorated sleigh to hang on our

Christmas tree at home.

We wish to thank everyone who participated in this wonderful, warm Juletide celebration. May the new decade we now enter hold health, happiness and peace on earth for all. Godt Nytaar.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — Fifty-three members and three guests enjoyed a typical Danish smorgasbord at our Christmas party held on December 4 at the Danish Inn in Kimballton, Iowa. Tables were decorated for Christmas and the almond in the rice pudding added to the festivities. The prize for finding the almond went to Nadine Williamson.

Ardis Petersen from Elk Horn gave an interesting presentation on Danish Christmas customs. New members of our group who had not previously been initiated were presented DBIA pins by their sponsors.



Welcome new members of Lodge No. 349!

Christmas cookies were served at the close of the evening by the committee of Dick and Harriet Becker, Jack and Eileen Denne, Wilbert and Esther Hoegh, Gladys McCrory, and Cliff and Mary Ann Christensen.

Mary Ann Christensen, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Let's all begin the New Year by regularly attending and participating in your lodge meetings and activities. In an effort to help you to want to participate in your functions, the Past Presidents Erik Raahauge, Wayne Kavaliauskas, John Mollerskov, and Ken Janssen worked together to set up monthly activities in which members and their friends may participate in. It certainly looks like a very fine list of activities for all of us. We will be talking about them at upcoming meetings so come to our next meeting. You may have an idea or ideas that we need.

For those of you that could not make it to our Christmas party, everything was just great. The service was excellent as well as the fine food and plentiful. The entertainment was very good and it was nice to have Harry and Edie Swendsen from Dundee,

IL. Enjoyed having you with us and do come back soon. Everyone had a great time so be sure to attend the upcoming events. Next one is February 14, with a torsk dinner for members and friends.

Here's something we've been hoping for the city of Racine. A group headed by co-chairpersons Mr. Leigh Strand and Mrs. Margaret Johnson, are planning a Danish Kringle Fest to be held at the Racine Festival Park on June 8, 9, and 10, 1990. They are asking for help from the Danish organizations and churches. On December 20 Wayne Kavaliauskas along with his wife, Sandy, and Betty Mollerskov attended a

meeting of the planning committee. They would like to suggest that we invite Leigh Strand to attend our February torsk dinner to answer and ask questions of the members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood who will be present at this dinner. Let's all support this very special upcoming event.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — 140 people came and immensely enjoyed the annual Torsk Supper and Dance. The hall was decorated nicely in red and white with

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
Clifford B. Johnson	14—	Kenosha, WI	Carson Rohde
Daniel G. Ervin, Jr.	14—	Kenosha, WI	Daniel G. Ervin, Sr.
John E. Bayer	14—	Kenosha, WI	Todd Barnett
Robert J. Strahan	51—	Ludington, MI	Tom Schneider
Donald F. Sleeper	51—	Ludington, MI	Joe Sielski
Clyde B. Lemke	51—	Ludington, MI	Arnold Koegler
George F. Wilson	51—	Ludington, MI	Arthur L. Andersen
Hans J. Petersen	56—	Kansas City, MO	Paul Petersen
Nicholas J. Barney	95—	Ferndale, CA	Daniel Barney
Ingrid M. Ahl	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Olav Berge	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Jette M. Berge	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Ebba Alley	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
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Joan Aagaard Hansen	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Gracie Lerno	126—	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Sharon K. Ness	139—	Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Ralend Lee	139—	Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Elaine Lee	139—	Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Donald C. Pederson	139—	Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Deborah K. Pederson	139—	Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Gregory A. Higgins	143—	Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
Kevin J. Spiller	143—	Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
John Frank-Hansen	167—	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Bodil Frank-Hansen	167—	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Darlene Vose	167—	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Delbert E. Strand	167—	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Erika K. Chase	167—	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Annie Chesser	167—	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Jean C. Whittlesey	167—	Portland, OR	Debbie Turner
Lisa J. Whittlesey	167—	Portland, OR	Debbie Turner
Ellen Jean Rutter	170—	Rocky River, OH	Verner Pedersen
Darrol C. Larsen	177—	Cordova, NE	Faye Petersen
Carol A. Larsen	177—	Cordova, NE	Faye Petersen
Roger L. Mikkelsen	268—	Junction City, OR	Jacob Loth
John H. Gusmer	343—	Waupaca, WI	Loyal Lundorf
Katherine I. McLaren	347—	Cedar Rapids, IA	Dorothy Nissen
Devin A. M. Fredericksen	600—	Omaha, NE	Erik M. Fredericksen
Margaret A. Jensen	600—	Omaha, NE	William L. Jensen
George A. Sellnau	600—	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Lisa M. Willems	600—	Omaha, NE	Jeffrey Bernhardt
Roger M. Willems	600—	Omaha, NE	Jeffrey Bernhardt

posters and ships. Akvavit and Carlsberg were served along with plenty of torsk and all the trimmings. All enjoyed the music of Brother Jay Nelson's Trio. Thank you to the committee — Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Ray and Jayne Zieth, Roger and Henrietta Sorensen, Anker and Joyce Adelsen and Linda Kirby.

On December 16 a Baby Boomer Bash Dance was held and those who attended had a good time — this one lacked attendance which is unfortunate. We thank Todd Bernhardt and his workers for their attempt at something new.

A group from our lodge attended Lodge no. 35 in Chicago for their 100th anniversary party with well over 300 in attendance. At this event National President Clyde Langsted presented our lodge with the National President's Award for 1989 of Best Activity Schedule for the second year in a row. Lodge No. 35 received the Best Newsletter Award and Midwest District was Best District. The Tremper Golden Strings performed at this event and were once again well received.

Forty new members and sponsors were treated to our annual membership recognition dinner hosted by the lodge. All had a good time — hope you will be there next year by bringing in a new member.

250 people made for a full house at the adult Christmas Party. We were entertained by the Bradford Singers with their excellent young voices. Following this, prizes were given away from our lodge and Hansen's Funeral Home. The food was great, the dancing wonderful and a good time was had by all. Past National President Bob Ibsen presented our lodge with the National President's Award for the Best Activity Schedule for 1989 which was won the second year in a row. He also reminded all those present of our commitment to the DBIA Five Year Plan to recruit new members. It is everyone's obligation to participate to keep our lodge and the DBIA in a strong position. Soon a membership contest with worthwhile prizes will be announced by the National Office that we will be involved in, so pick up those applications and get those new prospects signed up!

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — Congratulations



Svend Jorgensen is presented with a 25-year pin.

to Svend Jorgensen for becoming a 25-year member. He was presented a commemorative pin by President Merle Nylen.

Albertice Nylen, Sec.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus came to our party on December 11. About 90 members, families and guests were on hand to greet them and enjoy a delicious potluck supper. Bruce and Clair Newton of Garfield Goose fame, entertained us with music and merriment. We sang carols around the Christmas tree and everyone received a sack of candy and fruit. Thanks to the officers for hosting this event.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — The 100th anniversary party of our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 was attended by about 340 members and friends. The setting for the celebration at the Rosewood West Restaurant was lovely and the tables were made so pretty by decorations made by the Sisterhood ladies. We were honored to have Consul General Niels Lassen and Mr. Carl Hansen, Cook County Commissioner speak to us as well as Mr. Clyde Langsted, President of the National Board of the Danish Brotherhood and Ms. Mary Jean Grunberg, President of the National Board of the Danish Sisterhood. Woody Petersen was Master of Ceremonies and kept things moving along. There were many other dignitaries present who added their congratulations.



Several dignitaries were on hand for our 100th anniversary celebration.

The dinner consisted of delicious roast pork and chicken, red cabbage, etc., and during the dinner hour we were entertained by a group of young people from Kenosha, members of The Kemper Golden Strings. They played lovely music and serenaded as we ate. They exited after about 45 minutes of non-stop music to thunderous applause. After the dinner, dancing to Hansen's Band from Dwight, Illinois, took place and the dance floor was kept full.

The evening will long be remembered by all who attended.

Thank you to the ad-book makers and planners, the meal planners, the facility

planners, the seating planners, the ticket sellers, the history-makers, the speakers, decorators, inviters, etc. — thanks for all your hard work in planning our party. A special thanks to Bea Zimmerman for her lovely poem and to Charles Jespersen for making up the history of the lodge.

Well over 150 members, friends and children enjoyed our annual Christmas party in December. More children attended this year than ever before and that is exactly as it should be. Grethe Jepsen reports that there were 42 children present.

Thanks to all who brought food to share. Everything was delicious. Thanks to the committee who worked so hard to get ready for this festive party. A special thanks to our own Santa Claus who always does such a good job. Paul Sloth led the singing around the tree. Thanks, Paul! The Al Iversens donated a beautiful cake which was very much enjoyed and Grethe Jepsen did her usual good job of buying and wrapping all those toys for the children. It was a good way to start the Christmas season.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Twenty-three members and friends attended our Christmas events held December 6.

An enjoyable dinner was held at the Bavarian Wurst Haus Restaurant with members ordering off the menu.

After the dinner, the group met at the home of the Elmer C. Jorgensens for the December business meeting including election of 1990 officers.

Thanks to Sally and Elmer Jorgensen for the well planned dinner arrangements and the serving of refreshments after the meeting.

Members showed their "caring" with cash donations for the Milwaukee Christian Center food pantry. The donated non-perishable food items were left with the Jorgensens for their church's distribution to the needy.

Members again participated in bringing Christmas cheer to the Milwaukee area by decorating trees for display. Inga Hermansen and Sally Jorgensen decorated the Danish tree at the Pabst Mansion for Sugar Plum Days; Bob Rasmussen and Al and Carol Larsen decorated the tree and Danish House in the European Village at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

"Scandinavian Medley" is the title of a travel lecture to be held at Shorewood Auditorium, 1701 East Capitol Drive, Shorewood, Wisconsin, on Sunday, February 11, 1990 at 2:30 p.m. Ed Lark is the lecturer and will show the best of Sweden, Denmark, and Norway.

Al Larsen, Sec.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — At the January 3 meeting, attended by 24 members, the installation of officers took place. The officers for 1990 are Keith Koegler, Past President; Randy Hansen, President; Chuck Peterson, Vice President; Rob Jensen, Secretary; Vern Winiecke, Treasurer; Gary Wickery, Arnold Koegler and Todd Chavalia, Trustees; Mike Bray, Conductor; and Vic Samuels, Guard. Following the meeting, a lunch of roast beef sandwiches, potato salad and baked beans was served by Chuck Peterson.

On Friday, December 8, we held our adult Christmas party in the Danish Hall which was decorated nicely in red and white and two Christmas trees decorated with Danish ornaments. The party started with a roast pork and beef dinner with all the trimmings served family style, followed by dancing to our own Sound System. Fun, dancing, good food and cold drinks, together with the joy of seeing and being together with old friends and members, made this an enjoyable evening for 70 members and guests.

On Saturday, December 9, it was the children's Christmas party featuring Ver-Lou-Win and his magic show, a long visit from Santa Claus with all the little ones sitting on his lap and Santa giving each one a gift and candy. Games were played and ice cream, cookies, and punch were served to 65 children during the afternoon. The money for the children's Christmas party comes from people donating into the fish bowl at the bar, which this year amounted to \$420.00.

We wish to thank Rob and Sue Jensen and their committee and everyone who put in the time and effort to make these parties a great success, and also to all the people who donated to the fish bowl.

Keith Koegler, Past Pres.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On December 10 the annual children's Christmas party

was held at the Danish Club where a total of 106 people, including 52 children, showed up to visit with Santa Claus (Ron Hammer). There was singing and dancing around the Christmas tree followed by gifts from Santa for all of the youngsters and refreshments for all.

December 13 was the combined Sisterhood and Brotherhood Christmas party which featured a roast beef dinner followed by a Christmas ornament auction. Each person donated an ornament to be auctioned off and, with 97 people bidding, you can imagine it sometimes got quite spirited. Auctioneer Houghton Smith, assisted by Jim Crocket, Hans Nielsen, and Bob Sorensen, had their hands full keeping track of the bids, but all in all it was a fun evening.

Don't forget February 28 is a social night and I hear that aebleskiver and movies are on the schedule, so come on down and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Bob Sorensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — Congratulations are in store for all the hard workers in our lodge. When we look back one can see that the hard work, effort and devotion on everybody's behalf, made this past year a most successful one.

The annual Christmas party was held on December 9, and our thanks are offered to the committee for their untiring effort in making the night a huge success.

The evening opened with remarks by President Eric Brown, who introduced the lodge officers and Master of Ceremonies, Carl B. S. Petersen.

The invocation was given by Arnold Nielsen and the National Anthem was led by Ellen Christensen.

During the last few years we have had problems finding a band that could play Danish music, for certainly no Christmas party would ever be the same without it. But this time, thanks to Joyce Thompson, daughter of the late Ernie Christophersen,

a well known musician and former member of Thor Lodge, music was furnished by the Nostalgias, who did such a good job that they are likely to be brought back again next year, due to popular demand. To add to the enjoyment of the evening, Esther Prang did her usual good job at the piano during intermissions, with renditions of additional Danish tunes.

At our December 13 meeting, President Eric Brown and his officers were again re-elected by popular demand for the next year, and if the 30 members attending were an indication of things to come, it certainly looked promising. After a short business meeting, a smorgasbord was served of Danish delicacies together with chilled akvavit and beer, and finished off with coffee and wienerbrød, occasionally interrupted by a Glaedelig Jul and Godt Nytaar. A very fitting way to finish a good year. Skaal!

Have you ever been to a Fastelavnsfest? Well, the lodge is having one on February 24. Don't miss it.

To all of you, tak for det gamle, og paa gensyn i det nye aar.

Kenneth Nielsen, Sec.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — Our December meeting had 44 members and guests in attendance. The meeting began with business as usual. Reports on the Danish Home in Edison told of a joyous and successful Christmas party the Danish way, with carols and cheer. Also there has been a much appreciated increase in donations to the home. It was really a very short meeting so that we could get down to the real business — our Christmas party! After a delicious luncheon, we sang carols in English and in Danish. Then everyone picked presents from the grab bag. At the end of the meeting, everyone left with joy in their hearts and a smile on their face.

Rachel Connor, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — Our December 8 regular monthly meeting was canceled when Mother Nature spread snow and ice on the Delaware Valley.

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
11-20-89	Jorgen J. Knudsen	92	Ribe, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
12-8-89	Olav Grand	80	Holsted, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1939
11-26-89	Hans V. Jensen	34	New Brunswick, New Jersey	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1958
11-2-89	Jens P. Jensen	86	Ansonia, Connecticut	41	Derby, Connecticut	1923
12-10-89	Herbert J. Jorgensen	78	Brooklyn, New York	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1945
9-30-89	Fred Benjamin	81	Bradgate, Iowa	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1975
6-17-89	Paul F. Loeffler	72	Atco, New Jersey	342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	1988
12-15-89	Eleanor E. Wegner	70	Hollandale, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1981

The planned good old-fashioned family style Christmas party planned for that evening was held in the afternoon on the following Sunday. Some members had to cancel out but we still entertained 43 adults and 14 young people at the party. It was a great moment when the visitor from the North Pole announced his arrival in the hall, and was he ever big this year. We danced around the Christmas tree and sang the familiar Danish and American songs. Presents "Santarized" to the individual young person was presented and everyone enjoyed a fantastic flaeskesteg dinner, followed with a selection of desserts, cookies and coffee. The committee and the girls of the lodge did an outstanding job arranging the party, and it turned out "just like the ones we used to know."

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our December meeting and Christmas party was held on December 14 with a good turn out of members. Our President Howard Hansen had the honor to present and initiate two new members to our lodge, namely Ms. Evelyn Frederiksen sponsored by Ms. Ellen Jensen and Lilly Klingenberg, also Mr. John Razlornik, sponsored by Grethe Larson. We all wished them velkommen.



President Howard Hansen welcomes new members, Ms. Evelyn Frederiksen and Mr. John Razlornik as Grethe Larson assists.

After the meeting we had our Christmas party. The food committee did an excellent job. The comments were oh so good and we ate too much of course. We had potato juice and all the cookies and cakes were a delight served with coffee and some beautiful Danish Christmas songs.

Vi sige Glaedelig Jul og Godt Nytaar.

Gil Behling, Cor.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — This past September, many members of our lodge attended the GCEL District Convention in New Hope. It was a well run convention and a lot was gained from it, especially the

Five-Year Plan that Jerry Christensen and the Home Office have come up with. We are all looking for growth in our lodges.

In December, our lodge held its annual Christmas party for the children. We had 22 children attending and 50 adults. Santa Claus, Paul Nelsen, came all the way from his winter home in New Hampshire, to give gifts to the children. Gracielle Nissen played the piano as in the past and everyone had a great time singing and dancing around the tree. We all enjoyed sitting down to a full course dinner. Many thanks go to members of our Sisterhood lodge for all their work to make our party a success.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy new year.

Waldo Elliott, Sec.

Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — We met December 16 at the Senior Citizen's Center in Lake Worth. After the reading of the minutes of the November meeting and the treasurer's report, a discussion was held concerning the long distance most members travel to attend the meetings.

Isabel Larsen gave a report on the publicity she sent out to the area newspapers. The lodge commended her for all the work she had done.

The following officers were elected by unanimous vote: President, Eva Stevens; Vice President, Gladys Jorgensen; Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence Andersen; Board members, Isabel Larsen, Clarence Andersen and Bertha Hilts.

In February we will meet at the Tu Tu Restaurant in Lake Worth for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

After the meeting, Isabel Larsen served her famous apple cake with real whipped cream. Isabel took the plants she used as centerpieces to Greta Nordstrom of Port St. Lucie and Marie Jensen.

A. Clarence Andersen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — Our meeting on December 8 opened with a candlelight Lucia Pageant performed by the Scandinavian Children's Folk Dance Club, Junior Wings 101, of Huntington. On the kitchen committee serving a traditional Danish Christmas Eve dinner were Jørgen Petersen, Susie Lang, Hans Pedersen, Rita Nielsen, Jørgen Lutje, Otto Andreasen, and Birgit and George Jacobsen. The dinner was outstanding and enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by Leo Jensen. Carol Rasmussen accompanied us on her guitar and led us in the singing of Danish and American Christmas carols.

Our annual children's Christmas party was held on December 10. Thirty-seven children enjoyed a visit with Santa and his helpers. There were gifts and games for

the children, delicious Danish pastry for everyone and we all enjoyed the singing around the Christmas tree. The party was a great success thanks to everyone who helped out.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA — With almost 100 people present, our joint Christmas party held at the Sons of Norway Lodge was extremely successful. The food, catered by Erich, was superb as always. The music, presented by the Continental Duo, Don and Willy, was romantic, exciting and certainly kept people on the dance floor to the very end. Special mention should be made of Mary Linton and her wonderful "Boombass" performance with the band. The large number of door prizes helped make it a very special evening. Special thanks to the committee who did a great job.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

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"Modern Welfare States" analyzes the political, economic, and social challenges facing three small, affluent, industrialized democracies: Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. The contemporary emphasis also incorporates political history, governmental institutions, policy making, parties, interest groups, political socialization, and political culture. Scholars and advanced students of comparative politics and public policy, researchers of social welfare policy, readers interested in modern Scandinavia, or anyone interested in contemporary economic and political issues will find "Modern Welfare States" a source of stimulating ideas.

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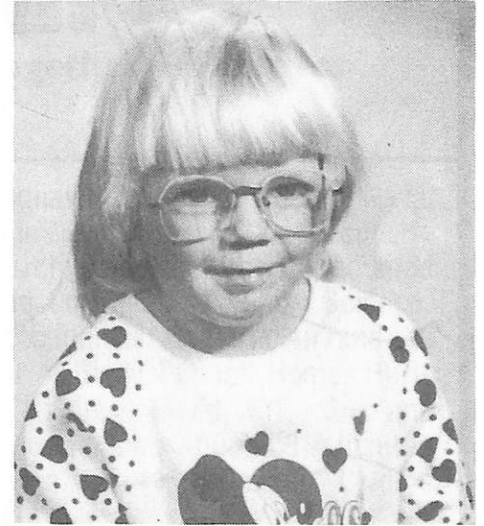
Candice M. Martella, our newest Young Viking who joined Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale, California, and has this to say:

"I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade. I live in Ferndale, California, like to play basketball, run track and listen to music. I raise cows and sheep in 4-H. I joined Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale because I'm Danish and I've been on the Danish dance team since I was 4 years old."



Christina Ann Lary, another one of our new Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines, Iowa, and has this to say:

"I am seven years old and the daughter of Doug and Rae Ann Lary. My grandparents, Guy and Marguerite Lary, sponsored my DBIA membership. I have attended the lodge meetings for quite some time and enjoy visiting with members and especially the Christmas and Fastelavns parties."



Amanda Grace Lary, another new Young Viking who joined Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines, Iowa, and has this to say:

"I am five years old but I'll be six very soon. My parents are Doug and Rae Ann Lary and my grandparents, Guy and Marguerite Lary, sponsored my DBIA membership. One of my favorite toys is the big fluffy rabbit I won for having the best girl's costume at our lodge's 1989 Fastelavns party. I was dressed like a clown."

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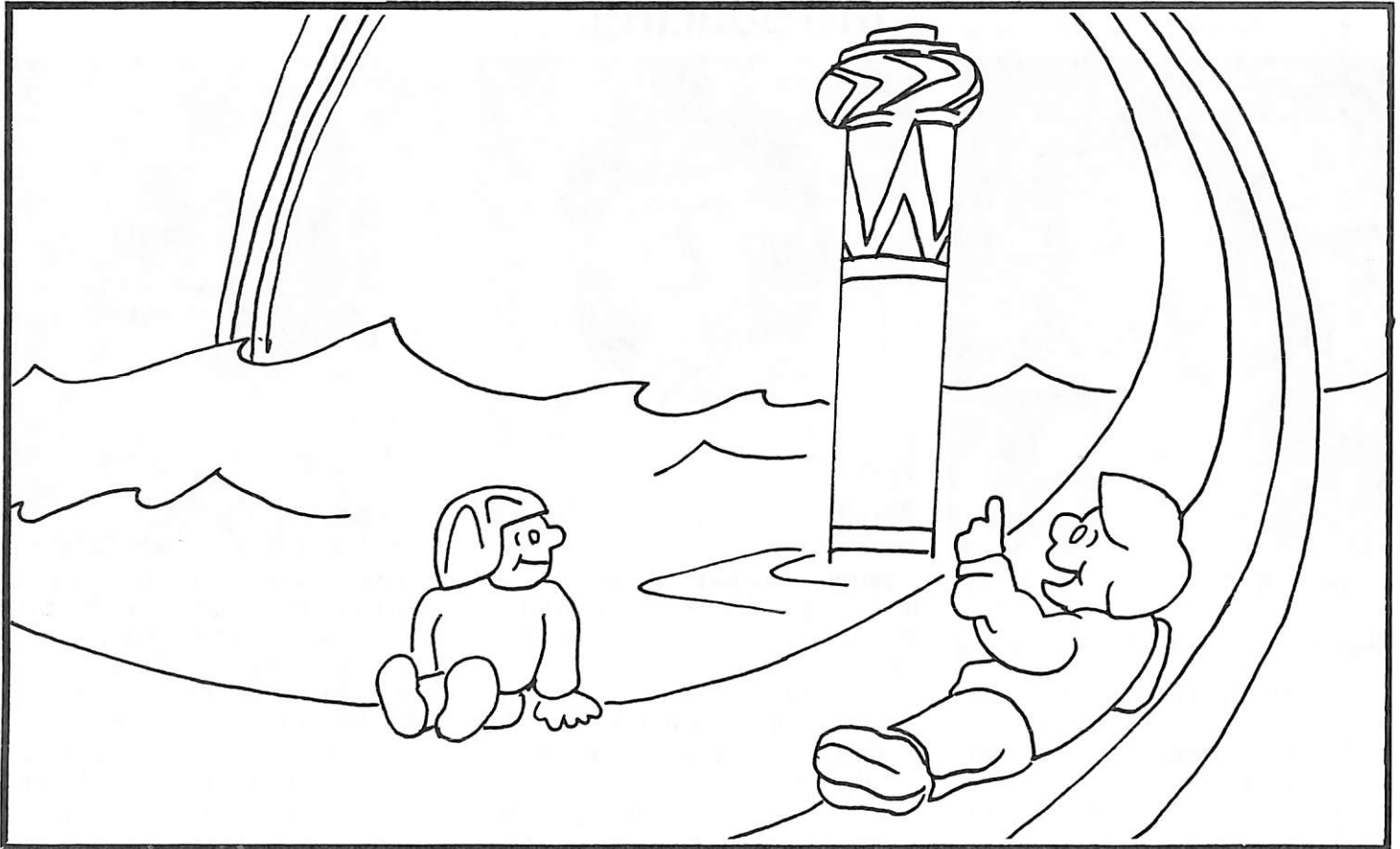
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Jorgen's Rainbow



The flat lands of Ribe have always been subject to floods. Jorgen and Stephen are riding Bifrost over the flood of 1634. This was one of the worst floods in Danish history. On the Flood Column, the top rings show where the water will reach in that year. It's a good 6 meters above the regular water level in Skibbroen on the river.

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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.

January winners: Michelle Jackson, Jared Pharr, and Beth Doty.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Fastelavns Boller (Lenten Balls)

7 cups flour	1 or 2 yeast cakes
1 tbsp. sugar	2 cups milk
¼ lb. raisins	½ lb. butter
1 tbsp. citron	

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm milk. Mix in flour, raisins, sugar and citron. Knead well. Roll out and spread butter on dough and fold over. Put aside to rise for 15 minutes in a cool place. Roll again and let rest. Repeat three to four times. Form into balls, brush with eggs and let rise about one hour. Bake in a very hot oven until golden brown.

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.

Viking Adventures

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Working Together — Success**



**Clyde R. Langsted
National President**

It almost seems unnecessary to introduce our National President in the American Dane magazine. Many DBIA members have had the opportunity to personally meet Clyde during his attendance at the various District Conventions, National Conventions, 100th Anniversaries, etc., and, of course, through his monthly contributions to the President's Page of the American Dane magazine. However, it's been noted that Clyde has a tendency to talk about the Danish Brotherhood more than himself, so this is an opportunity to learn about Clyde on a more personal basis.

Clyde joined Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington, in 1967 and said he really didn't know why. Through his parents, he had been associated with the Danish Brotherhood for many years, but no one had ever thought to ask him to become involved. It wasn't until his older brother made the invitation, that he joined. Clyde states that he is truly pleased he did and that he has never regretted joining and only wished he would have done it sooner. Clyde has been very involved in his local lodge serving as Guard, Trustee, Secretary (12 years), Vice President, and President. He has also served as Trustee, Conductor, Vice President, and President of the Pacific Northwest District.

After graduating from Queen Anne High School in Seattle he was on active duty with the United States

Navy where he graduated from United States Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. He attended Seattle University and then graduated from San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. Clyde's current occupation is mortician and he serves as manager of Bleitz Funeral Home. He is the father of four children, David, Kris, Eric and Brian and is very proud to be a 100% DBIA insured family including the newest member, Clyde's grandson, Kyle, who is less than a year old.

Clyde was originally elected to the DBIA National Board of Directors at the 1975 National Convention held in Denver Colorado, and admits that he really wasn't sure what he was getting into. He hoped to be a responsible member of the Board and to be a part of the ultimate guidance and direction for the DBIA. Clyde is very proud of the honor but mentioned that it goes beyond that. Serving on the National Board of Directors is a tremendous responsibility and requires a great deal of personal time. He suggests that anyone considering it should really investigate what is required of that person.

"Try and recognize that ours is not a perfect organization although we make valid attempts in obtaining that status. Look beyond imperfections and to our purpose, what we represent and our credentials for doing so. It will take hard work but the personal rewards are worth it," is the advice Clyde offers to all members. He mentioned that he has really enjoyed his association with the DBIA, not only with local lodge members but with the many friends he has made throughout his District and the Danish Brotherhood as a whole. He realizes that the DBIA has an abundance of dedicated members and that their pride in our organization is apparent. As Clyde states, "they are the ones making us go and grow!"

In his capacity as President, Clyde is officially considered a part-time employee of the Danish Brotherhood. However, he demonstrates more than a full-time commitment of his energy, time and talents. In addition to providing his leadership capabilities, he serves as chairman of both the Executive Committee and the President's Awards Committee.

Training Ship "Danmark" Now Available

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

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

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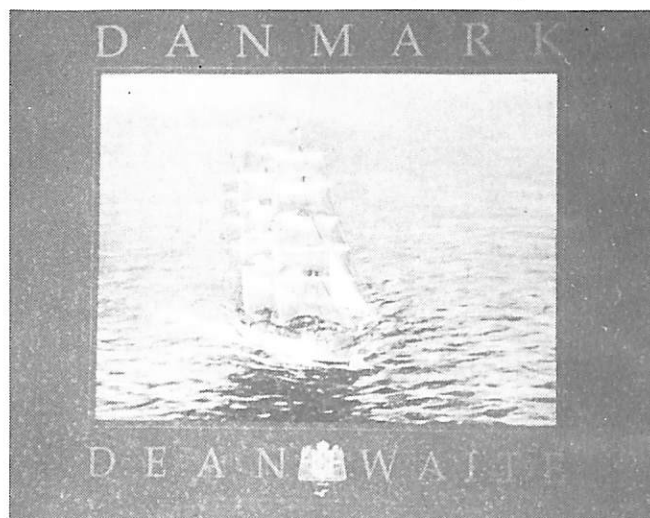
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