

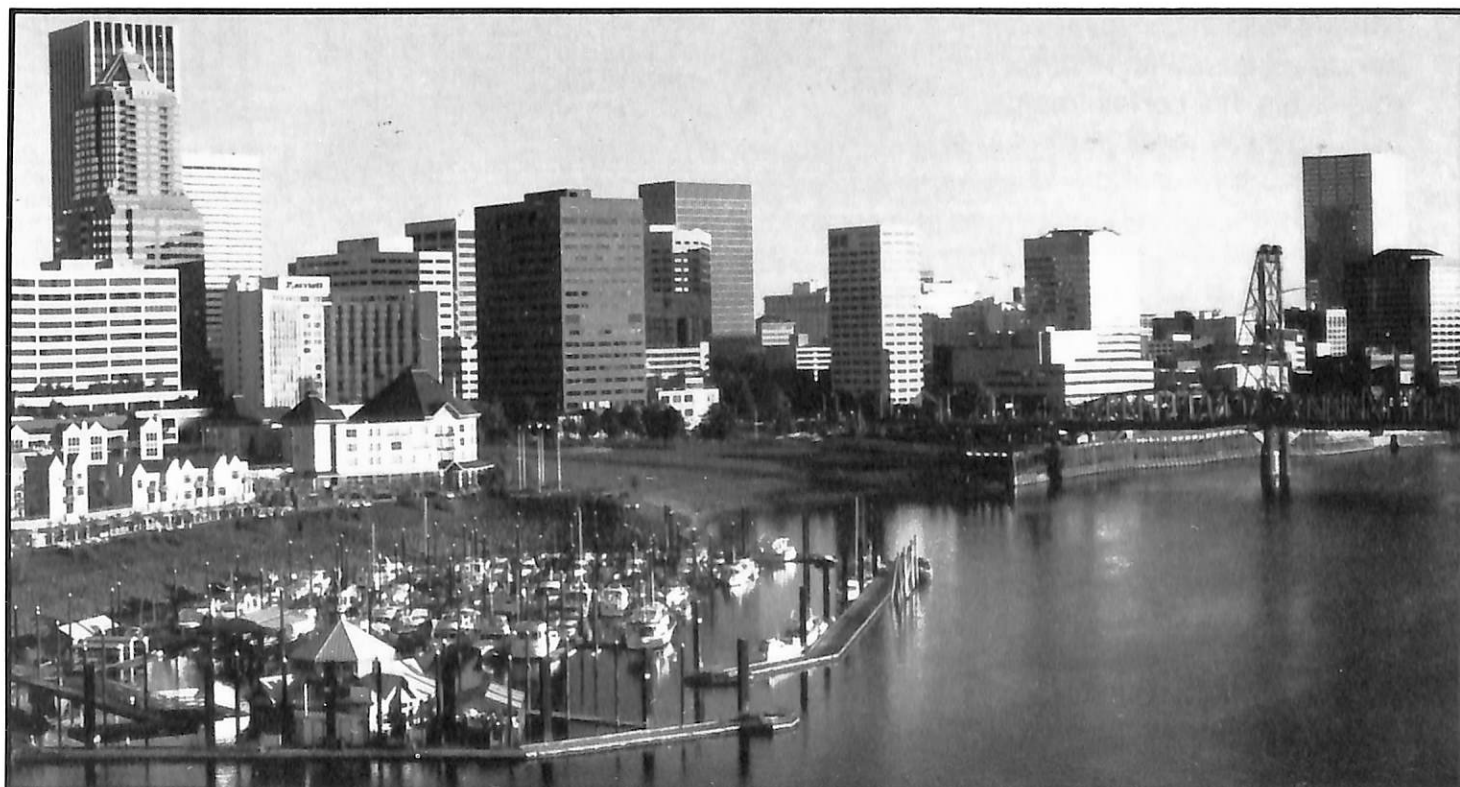
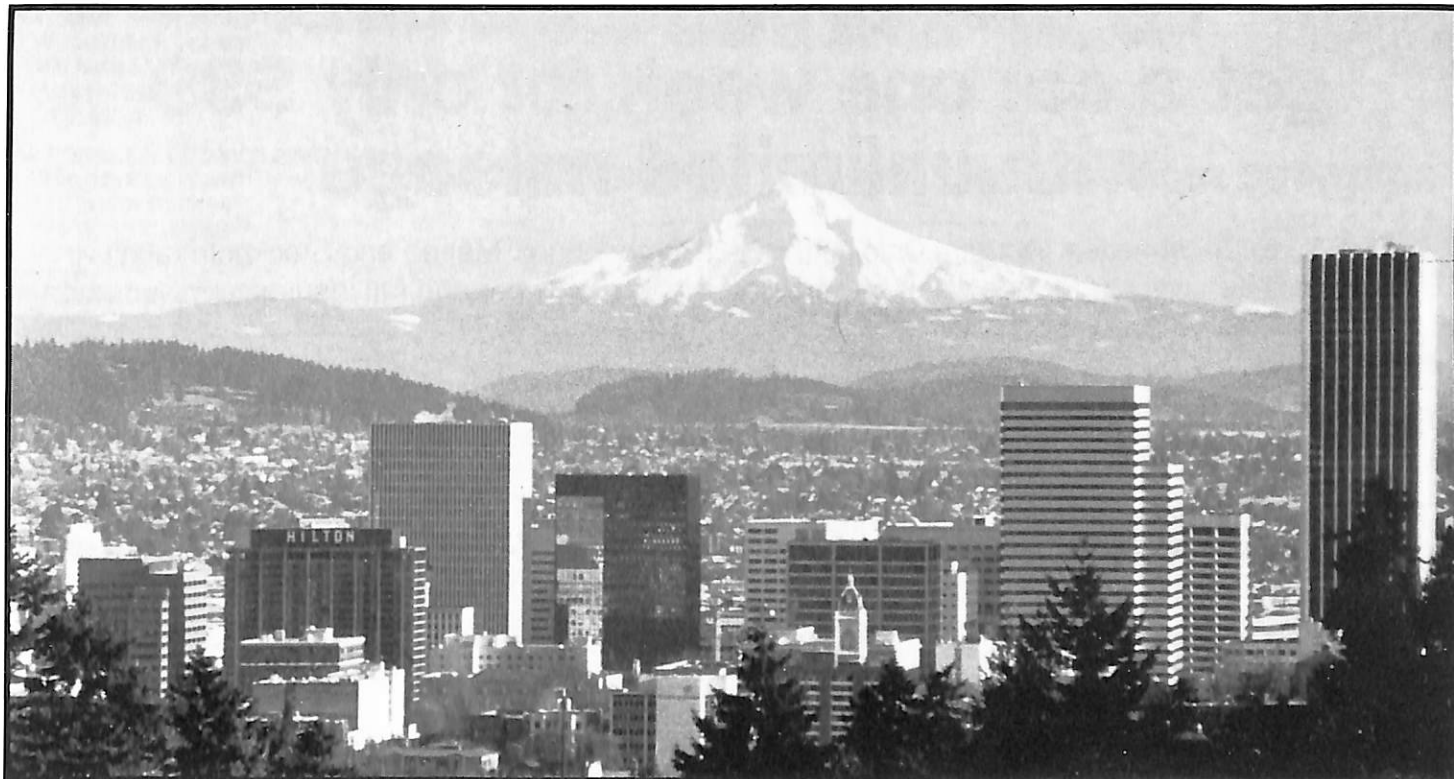
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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

Occasionally, and when I have time, I like to browse through my dictionary or Thesaurus and pick out interesting words and attempt to remember their meaning. It is fascinating and relaxing and it is interesting to note the many meanings a single word may have. In our derivation of the English language many words are used with similar pronunciations but with entirely different meanings. It just depends upon how they are used in the sentence and I have often wondered how difficult it was for the immigrant to eventually grasp these varied words. I am sure I would have the same problem were I in Denmark. The early immigrant, however, did not have the luxury of language classes prior to their departure. I recall my early days in elementary school and how teachers pounded the correct spelling of words into our head and how we would have 'snap spelling tests' or some kind of contest in the school room on a weekly basis to test ones mettle with their ability to spell words that were contemporary with the times and to the student's ability to comprehend. I found it to be spirited, challenging and fun and something to look forward to. I am utterly amazed as to how well I did with spelling while in elementary and high school. Something has happened. I find myself increasingly referring to the dictionary for reference in how to correctly spell a word but I guess that what is important is that I know where and how to look. We use many words in our daily lives but how many of us take the time to fully understand those words we think we know? How many times can we take a word and make a message out of it, especially when a word may have so many other words with it that are synonymous (have the same meaning). Take, for example, the word APATHY. Want of feeling: indifference. Sadly, in our Danish Brotherhood, we could conceivably change some surnames to Apathysen. Apathy has a number of meanings i.e., inaction, doldrums, inertia, stagnate, vegetate, do nothing, abstain, refrain, resist, shriek, avoidance, failure, neglect, not take part in, not attempt, motionlessness. The list goes on and it doesn't take much to understand the simple message of the foregoing words. Know of anyone who has these symptoms? Then there's UNWILLINGNESS, referring to aversion, obstinacy, reluctance, refuse, begrudging, unaccommodating. Again, recognize any of these symptoms? Sadly, I see it a great deal and I have met these people many times. Let's continue with our word-game. I like the word VOLUNTEER where we can offer, offer one's services, do things of one's own accord, be spontaneous, do freely and willingly. I like the simple word ACTION and how many times do we see it used? Action refers to performance, exertion, working, functioning, interact, DO, assume, undertake (no pun intended), wade into; accomplish, achieve, commit. Recognize any of these symptoms? I've seen VOLUNTEERS in ACTION all the time and I like what I see. I have met many of them. These are good symptoms!

I would like to see us collectively go to work and eliminate or expunge the words APATHY and UNWILLINGNESS from further usage within the Danish Brotherhood circle of lodges and members. For those of you who do have apathy please be careful with your fellow members as it can be contagious. There is a cure, however. Get into your car and attend the next meeting. Become a volunteer and put things into action. For those who volunteer and who are full of action, my sincere thanks for your efforts and concerns. You don't need the cure but it would be hopeful that your actions become contagious also.

I have said it many times that ours is not a perfect organization. There is always room for improvement but it is the membership that can make it happen.

Please remember your lodge charitable projects and/or Operation Care and Share. Many individuals are counting upon you.

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Erindring

by Virginia Stuart

Not long ago my thoroughly American sister-in-law (who is at least seven generations removed from her English forebears) sent me an unexpected package. While rummaging through the accumulated junk in the attic of our old family house in Wisconsin she had come across my baptismal certificate, and thinking it would make an attractive conversation piece, had it neatly matted and framed as a gift for me.

Under ordinary circumstances I would no more think of displaying my baptismal certificate than I would my 6th grade award for proficiency in spelling, but this was different. To my surprise and delight, I found it was in Danish and so I hung it in a prominent spot where I can see it every day as I go about my tasks. My certificate, or "Daabs Attest," records that I had been "dobt i hjemmet" — baptized at home — and a scroll entwined with flowers calls on "Faderens, Sonnens, og den Heligaands Navn" to bear witness to my enrollment in the ranks of the saved.

At the sight of the sentimental pastel lithograph wreathed in white lilies, a hundred details of my early life in a largely Scandinavian immigrant town in Wisconsin rushes back to memory. In particular, I think of the series of Danish Lutheran pastors who had married the early immigrants, baptized us — their children, and then guided us on a rocky path through Sunday School and on to the glorious day of Confirmation. Most of them were a mild lot, as I recall, quite unlike the often cantankerous and contentious Norwegian Lutheran pastors of Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon.

The first pastor I was aware of I knew only through a photo-

graph, which my mother cherished, of the minister who had married my parents. In a stiffly posed portrait, the Reverend Adam Dan appeared as a formidable, fierce-eyed patriarch who looked exactly like a sixteenth-century English martyr going to the scaffold in his snowy Elizabethan ruff and black cassock. Later on I remember feeling relieved to learn that he had already passed on to his reward and therefore could not shake a reproving head at my shortcomings in Sunday School.

St. Mary's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church was a typical immigrants' church when I was a child. Sunday morning services were in Danish at 11 a.m., but as a concession to increasing numbers of growing children bored by the incomprehensible monotony of a Danish sermon, there was an earlier English service at 10 a.m. Then, as I grew a little older the order was reversed and the Danish service relegated to the earlier spot.

After I grew up and moved away, I came back now and then to visit and soon found Danish services had disappeared from the morning schedule entirely. For a time they were held once a month at evensong, but the old Danes were dying off rapidly. It was not long before Danish services were abandoned altogether — the newer pastors knew little of the language. The surviving church members who had been born in "the old country" were so Americanized that among themselves they spoke only a pidgin variety of Danish-English, resulting in a kind of dialect known only to their intimates and incomprehensible to either an American or a visitor from Denmark.

The first pastor I can really remember when I was in Sunday school back in the '20s, still wore the Elizabethan ruff, such as



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pastors in Denmark wore, atop a dusty black robe. But there was none of the dignity of old Adam Dan's righteous scowl. The Reverend Holger Bundesen's small head bobbed about annoyingly on his skinny neck and the ruff tended to be a bit wilted and dingy. Pastor Bundesen had a meek, overworked wife whose many children gave her a convenient excuse for not leading the Ladies Aid. She must have been a terrible cook, since the pastor was seldom at home for dinner. He had a habit of scheduling his parish calls, just before supper, and stayed so long his parishioners would be forced to invite him to eat with them.

Once my mother, annoyed by his unannounced visits, decided to outsit the pastor. As a result we ate an ice-cold, dried-out meal some hours later, and my mother bowed to the inevitable the next time the pastor came to call.

Pastor Bundesen gave up the Elizabethan ruff before long and began to wear what seemed to be a black, academic robe that made him look like a second-rate college president about to confer degrees when he served the Lord's Supper.

In between Pastor Bundesen and my next Danish Lutheran pastor was a Norwegian Lutheran minister, Pastor Andreas Borg. Pastor Borg was the rather dour shepherd of a church we attended in a brief interim of living in a town where there was no Danish church. He was a tall, bad-tempered man who always liked to accentuate the negative side of Luther's Small Catechism. "We should so FEAR and love God..." he would admonish our Confirmation class, the word "fear" booming out, while "love" seemed to stick in his throat.

After I moved to the east coast and married, I did not return to Wisconsin very often, but when I did after some years, I met Pastor Henning Larsen, the latest incumbent at St. Mary's. Pastor Larsen may have been a reasonably good preacher but he was so disconcertingly cross-eyed I was too busy figuring out who he was looking at to really listen to his sermons.

On one awful occasion he presided over my brother's wedding at which a male cousin and I were attendants. Because of Pastor Larsen's affliction, we were never quite sure whether he was marrying the bride and groom or the unwary attendants instead. As I think back to that unnerving experience, I can't help but feel it's no wonder the marriage was doomed. It lasted less than a year.

Attendance at church in later visits to see my mother, now widowed, was obligatory, not because my mother was especially devout, but because it was the very best way to show me off to her friends. By that time the church had moved to a modern building in a well-to-do suburb. The words "Danish Evangelical" had disappeared from the church's name and it was simply St. Mary's. The Reverend Luther Karsten, St. Mary's pastor now, was a product of an American seminary and turned out to be an excellent preacher with a distinctly modern approach. Services in Danish were a long thing of the past and no one heard Danish anymore except now and then among a few surviving old timers like my mother.

When my mother died a few years later, funeral services were held at St. Mary's. The modern stained glass window in an abstract design that was a backdrop for the altar was a far cry from the Garden of Gethsemane window in the old church, with its larger than life figure of a grieving Savior that used to preoccupy my melancholy mind during especially boring sermons.

My mother and I had been particularly close, and I was numb with grief and loss, my eyes dry as the familiar ritual of burial was read. The formal English cadences seemed arid and without meaning. It was not until the graveside services on that wet February day, with the graveside churned to black mud, that the numbness left me.

After the formal commitment service was over, Pastor Karsten stepped forward and placing his hand on the coffin, spoke once more, this time in Danish. It was a prayer I remembered my mother often praying with me at bedtime, when I was still so young that Danish was as free and natural to me then as English is now. I listened to the warm, comforting phrases in a tongue I had almost forgotten, and at last found I could weep.

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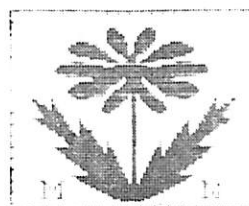
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A Troll Tale

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a poor man who had two sons. They were handsome and young, but that's where the resemblance ended.

Lars, the eldest son, was mean, selfish and lazy. Knut, the youngest, was kind, cheerful and generous.

The father would remark when he saw his eldest son idling around, "There goes Lars. He will remain a beggar all of his life."

When the father saw Knut, he said, "My son, you will be rich and famous someday."

"Not so," said Knut, "because what I have, I shall always share with my brother."

One day, the king issued a statement that any man who could free the princess from her troubles would receive her hand in marriage and half of the kingdom.

The unfortunate princess was indeed in trouble as she was first courted by a silver-headed troll and then by a golden-headed troll.

The silver-headed troll said, "I shall not move from here until you become my wife!"

The golden-headed troll said, "I will not budge from this spot until you become my wife!"

The princess did not want to become a troll's wife and told them so.

Hearing this, the trolls changed the princess into a copper-headed troll.

The king wept when he saw three trolls sitting close together in a row.

When the poor man heard the king's announcement, he spoke to his eldest son, Lars.

"You aren't much use here at home because you are so lazy," said the father. "Go and try your fortune. You might win the princess and the kingdom!"

With a lot of grumbling, Lars prepared for his journey to see the princess.

On his way he became tired and sat down. He began to eat cakes he brought with him. While he ate, he noticed ants crawling toward some crumbs. Angry, he swept them away, got up and left.

Soon, he came upon a lake where golden ducklings were swimming. The sight of them annoyed him so much he grabbed some pebbles and threw them at the ducklings. They became startled and swam away.

Lars' temper calmed down a bit and soon he arrived at the castle.

He knocked on the door and an old woman peeked out.

"What do you want?" she asked.

"I came here to free the princess," he replied.

Quickly, the old woman threw crumbs on the ground in front of him. "Gather them up and put them into this bag," she snarled. "This is your first test!"

But before he could do it, an army of ants appeared and ate up the crumbs.

"You failed that test," laughed the old woman, as she threw golden keys into the lake. "Find me those keys, as this is your second test!"

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Lars jumped into the water, but couldn't find the keys.
 "You failed the second test," laughed the old woman. "Go home! There is nothing for you here!"

"Give me one more chance," urged Lars.

"All right," said the old woman, leading him into the room that had the three trolls. "Tell me, which one is the princess?"

Lars didn't know which one to pick as they all looked alike. Finally, he pointed and said, "The right one. No, it's the one on the left!"

"Wrong," snapped the old woman. "Now leave!"

When Lars returned home, the father was not surprised.

He called to his son Knut. "Go and try your luck," he said, smiling.

Knut made his way into the dark forest. He became tired and sat down to eat cakes. When he saw some ants swarm around the crumbs he crumbled the cakes and gave it to them.

Later he continued on his walk when he came upon a lake with golden ducklings. They looked hungry, too, and he gave them his remaining cakes.

The next day, Knut arrived at the castle and knocked on the door.

The old woman whom Lars had seen opened it.

"What do you want?" she replied.

"To free the princess," replied Knut.

Quickly, the old woman threw crumbs to the ground in front of him. "Gather them up and put them into this bag," she said. "This is your first test!"

But before Knut could do it, the army of ants he saw before gathered up the crumbs and filled the bag for him.

The old woman nodded and said, "You passed the first test. Now find these golden keys that I just threw into the lake!"

But before Knut could do it, the golden ducklings he saw before dove into the water and retrieved the keys.

"You have passed the second test," said the old woman. "Now I shall take you to the room with the three trolls and you must tell me which one is the princess!"

Knut followed the old woman and when he saw the trolls he was startled.

They all looked alike.

Except the two on either end appeared more ferocious and mean, while the one in the middle sat quietly and had a sad look in its eyes.

"I believe," said Knut, "that the princess is the one in the middle and I have come to claim her as my wife!"

Instantly, the middle troll changed into the lovely princess she was before, while the other two trolls disappeared in a puff of smoke.

Those Fierce Grownup Soldiers

by Halfdan Rasmussen

translated from Danish by Marilyn Waniek

Those fierce grownup soldiers
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1	Omaha, NE	99	102	DB	405,407	1,112.12	39,490.23
3	Davenport, IA	8	6	DB	40,000		1,769.57
4	Racine, WI	87	17	DB	169,875	125.00	1,544.33
9	Oshkosh, WI	9	0	1.77	8,500		3,002.75
10	Council Bluffs, IA	49	8	DB	61,750	200.00	2,400.00
14	Kenosha, WI	173	231	DB	724,744	4,900.00	121,895.52
15	Des Moines, IA	43	68	DB	117,000	284.00	26,692.37
16	Minden, NE	96	69	DB	502,250	1,051.93	521.53
17	Chicago, IL	47	27	55.19	167,000	279.00	719.45
26*	Fremont, NE	13	0	DB	15,750		
29*	Seattle, WA	179	47	38.17	511,505		
30	Muskegon, MI	35	4	9.98	33,625	200.00	
32	New Haven, CT	68	11	18.65	111,047	572.54	22,243.81
33	Tacoma, WA	18	21	DB	16,250	550.00	7,077.89
34	Dwight, IL	188	57	DB	193,125	711.93	16,253.20
35	Chicago, IL	93	88	DB	333,437	4,970.00	64,796.34
36	Milwaukee, WI	40	25	4.42	103,000	470.15	3,534.81
37*	Bridgeport, CT	16	0	15.60	27,500		
39	San Leandro, CA	43	6	11.39	43,875	600.00	84,620.29
41	Derby, CT	14	1	10.73	9,625		3,490.71
42	Spokane, WA	40	15	23.56	50,125	293.00	11,842.99
43*	Denver, CO	49	35	DB	65,625		
45*	Minneapolis, MN	38	42	14.46	22,756		
46	Perth Amboy, NJ	41	99	6.89	101,000	2600.00	46,135.63
49	San Francisco, CA	52	25	26.62	32,750	200.00	23,280.11
51	Ludington, MI	143	75	24.96	193,690	1,850.00	166,741.50
56	Kansas City, MO	29	35	5.39	31,500	660.00	3,529.78
62	Sioux City, IA	19	10	9.85	80,750		7,017.97
64	Rockford, IL	22	9	DB	48,625		876.95
67	Fresno, CA	31	19	33.66	56,375		200.00 29,063.93
70	Greenville, MI	55	10	28.17	48,875		605.00 18,195.43
71	Penn Yan, NY	58	10	45.96	88,000		300.00 48,200.00
75	Albert Lea, MN	39	71	49.39	67,750		210.00 11,148.84
78*	Salt Lake City, UT	6	0	DB	2,500		
84	Lincoln, NE	36	23	9.38	95,269		475.00 931.96
89	Superior, WI	7	10	1.28	3,500		
90	Port Reading, NJ	6	0	1.77	5,500		
92	St. Charles, IL	72	20	9.72	360,000		299.87 51,302.06
95	Ferndale, CA	53	26	DB	85,750		300.00 58,968.17
102*	Providence, RI	20	2	12.35	37,625		
106*	Trufant, MI	53	0	44.22	54,500		
107*	Chicago, IL	10	0	DB	7,500		
110*	Winside, NE	8	4	DB	7,000		
113*	Enumclaw, WA	14	9	5.54	13,855		
116*	Newark, NJ	58	6	12.21	78,625		
117*	Plainview, NE	44	0	DB	38,375		
121	Tyler, MN	9	30	DB	4,750		
125*	Weeping Water, NE	16	2	1.03	45,424		
126	Los Angeles, CA	122	74	55.33	156,095		1,400.00 98,827.61
134*	Ringied, IA	7	0	DB	7,500		
139	Viborg, SD	54	8	DB	97,750		
143	Petaluma, CA	47	27	8.84	67,625		185.00 1,800.00
144	Dike, IA	67	14	DB	102,000		313.50 13,619.65
147	Newell, IA	21	12	.77	69,750		245.00 2,700.08
148*	Cheyenne, WY	10	0	DB	13,000		
155	Bellingham, WA	16	11	1.24	14,000		133.66 1,539.45
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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — On Saturday, March 3, we had a delicious dinner and joint installation of officers and honored some members who have earned membership pins.

Emil Larsen has the lodge's VHS video tape of Denmark so if you are interested in taking an outstanding trip which lasts about one hour, all you need to do is contact him and let him know when you want it. **Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The 1991 National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood is getting off to a good start with committee meetings being held and organizational structure forming. Sheila Hamilton is the overall coordinator and has formed groups of people to help with this



Committees progress with plans for 1991 National Convention.

large event. She has been working out plans with Mel and June Pihl of Pihl's Five Star Travel for a prize of two tickets to Denmark by Scandinavian Airlines. A chance will be included in every packet that is sold at the convention. Only a year and a half away, the Portland Danish community is getting ready for the event. Sheila Hamilton addressed over 50 people who attended the committee meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church. **Jens Jensen, Cor.**

Lodge #194, McMinnville, OR — We celebrated our 85th anniversary with a potluck dinner held in the Lafayette Community

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$240.60.

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The best idea for April goes to Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR. See page 12.



Our anniversary dinner was enjoyed by many.

Center. Seventeen members and guests attended.

Johannes and Roelie Goddik are our newest members and Otto Larsen has been a member for the longest time.

Dorothy Rasmussen, Treas.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting, there were 44 Brothers present. We installed a new Brother, John Elijah.

It was reported from the old Fest Committee that the Smoker had been well attended but resulted in a loss due to the purchase of certain items for stock. It was also reported that our Fest Committee for the coming year will be Kjeld Christensen (Chairman), Herluf Pedersen, Bent Jensen and Poul Sørensen.

The Sports Committee reported that everything was progressing nicely for the upcoming Danish American Soccer Tournament, to be held in Vancouver. The fields being used are Burnaby Central Valley, close to Burnaby Lake. Hotel rooms have been secured at the Sheraton Villa Inn in Burnaby. The party will be held at Gozeh Temple, 3550 Wayburne Drive, Burnaby (just off Canada Way). The Sports Committee received a loan from our lodge in the amount of \$1,000.

After a long debate, with many different suggestions, motions and amendments, it was tabled by Herluf Pedersen and seconded for the Board of Directors to come up with a proposal on how to deal with our different membership fees and sick benefits.

The Pacific Northwest District Convention will be taking place on May 18-20 at the Royal Towers Hotel in New Westminster, B.C. Our delegates are Henning Hald, Leo Pedersen and John Mikkelsen. Our three alternates are Kjeld Christensen, Poul Sørensen, and Karl Kristensen.

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

Peter Praegel, Pres.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — President Scott Stefansen called our February 8 meeting to order with approximately 35 members present. Guests were introduced including Diane and Asbjorn Fisker who were visiting from Portland, and Karen McCumsey's brother and sister-in-law, Herald and Margaret Madsen.

Diane Fisker, the coordinator for Danish Outreach, gave a presentation regarding the Danish Outreach. Some of its services include senior citizen support, a library, cultural events, and scholarships which anyone can apply for. She mentioned that the Oregon Historical Society's 1992 Centennial of the Oregon Trail needs Danish oral history. A newsletter will be sent to anyone interested in receiving it. Please let her know of anyone who would like to receive it.

Pacific Northwest District Convention delegates were nominated and voted on. Al Nyegaard and Martin Taekker are delegates and Marilyn Nyegaard and Birgit Sand are alternates. The convention will be held in Vancouver, B.C., on May 18-20.

At the meeting, Flemming, Bente and committee served delicious Fastelavnsboller and Flemming told about Fastelavns in Denmark. Bente decorated a kransesage to be raffled off.

Our lodge, meeting at the Sons of Norway building, now has its own small library with many Danish books. We encourage our members to take advantage of the good and interesting books. All we require is that the borrower make use of the protocol there and sign his/her name, title of the book and date checked out. All the books are Danish and have been donated to the lodge.

Glenn and Bettie Matson, our Program

Committee Chairpersons, have made arrangements for us to travel via chartered bus to Portland on Sunday, June 3, to enjoy all the festivities of this year's Grand Floral Parade. This trip will include a pre-parade show, the Grand Floral Parade, and upon completion of the main event, we will stop for lunch and then return to Eugene. The cost per person is \$27.50 and this includes the bus ride and entrance ticket into the Coliseum. For further information, contact Glenn or Bettie Matson.

Birgit Sand, Cor. Susie Staats, Sec.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA — Our meeting on April 27 is set for 2:00 p.m. where we will nominate and elect delegates for the California-Nevada District Convention in Los Angeles on July 26-28.

The date for our 100th anniversary will be August 11, so don't forget to mark your calendar for this date. It will be a gala luncheon at Blue Dolphin Restaurant in San Leandro.

Aage Lundquist, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The joint installation of officers went very well with a few jokes, some laughter and clapping. Kaj Kristensen, President of the California-Nevada District, and Jim Larsen, Conductor of the District, installed our officers along with Lodge No. 323 officers.

The hall, as usual, was nicely decorated. The food prepared by the famous European Caterers was delicious. They served a meal fit for a king (or a queen). After the installation, we kicked our heels up to Gilman's Orchestra. This event was attended by 85 members, friends and visitors from other lodges. We congratulate the newly installed officers and wish for you a very successful year.

Our condolences to the family of Ebba Alley of Chino, California. Ebba was one of our newest members. She enjoyed people and was known throughout the Danish community. She will be missed by her family and friends.

We had 38 members and guests present at our last meeting. Guests included Ronald Brenes and his wife Leda, and Ricardo Ramirez. Ricardo is now a member of Kenosha Lodge No. 14 and is planning to transfer to our lodge since he is now living and working here. Welcome to California, Ricardo, and eventually our lodge.

Borge and Ellen Andersen were initiated. Welcome! We are really looking forward to getting you involved! After the meeting we joined the Sisterhood for refreshments.

The California-Nevada District Convention to be held on July 28-30 is fastly approaching. All the committees are working hard to make this a convention to be proud of. Our Chairman, President Karl Duus, listens to all suggestions and has some excellent ones of his own. The different aspects are now taking shape. The entertainment for Thursday, Friday and the banquet for Saturday are organized. The dinner menus for the three evenings have been chosen and delegated. The children's entertainment is being looked after by Betty Seale. All the transportation for both groups has been looked after. We still have work to do but it's looking good!

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — Our installation of new officers was held on February 3 at Petaluma Golf and Country Club. Installing officers were District President, Kaj Kristensen, and our own Jim Larsen, District Conductor. Officers were escorted by Sisterhood drill team members Lydia Hansen, Nancy Cameron, Dorothy MacKinnon and Maria Martens. Our new officers are Past President, Dick Hansen; President, Jim P. Larsen, substitute, Harvey Rasmussen; Vice President, Jim A. Larsen; Treasurer, Walt Miller; Secretary, Henry Brown; Trustees, Jack Cameron, Harvey Rasmussen and Jim P. Larsen; Conductor, Frank Taddei; and Guard, Ed Johnsen. Congratulations to these

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Brothers. A pork roast dinner with all the trimmings was served following the installation and dancing followed. A "send-off" brunch was held at Petaluma's Valley Inn on Sunday, attended by 16 people, including some of our out-of-town guests.

The January meeting was held at the home of our new President, Jim P. Larsen. We all enjoyed the hospitality of Jim and his wife Donna.

February found us at the Veterans Memorial. Our meeting was preceded by a Valentine potluck with a delicious assortment of food.

Our Christmas party was held at Cinabar School and was well attended by members and their families. The children presented a program, under the direction of Dorothy MacKinnon, and refreshments furnished by the Sisters were enjoyed. Candy furnished by Brother Martin Miller and his wife Marilyn was enjoyed by the children. Thank you to the Miller's for their generous contribution. The "price of admission" for each adult was a can of food or some paper products which we presented to a local charity, "F.I.S.H.," who in turn distributed the items to needy people. We also enjoyed singing carols around the Christmas tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

Brother Jim Smith passed away in January and we express our sympathy to his widow Marge and their family.

Our bowling team continues to play the game every Monday night. The bowlers are Jim P. Larsen, Harvey Rasmussen, Ray Larsen, Larry Parks and Earl Upchurch. Substitute bowlers are Jim A. Larsen and Norman (Whitey) Christensen.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — Our lodge hosted a joint installation ceremony with Brotherhood Lodge No. 95 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 131 of Ferndale on January 27 at the lovely Masonic Temple.

The "Kitchenaires," a band of senior citizens who play musical instruments made from kitchen utensils and have performed throughout the United States, entertained us for an hour following a delicious catered dinner. This band delighted the entire audience; the oldest performer in the group is over 80 years of age, and they have been in existence for over ten years.

Several "out of town" members arrived to spend the gala weekend with us including National Director Ebba Norby, and Keith Wright; Past National Officer, Al Tunsen and his wife, Ethel; our District President, Kaj Kristensen and his wife, Eva; Past Presidents, Walt and Lil Miller; Past President, Harvey Rasmussen and his wife, Alice; Dorothy Petersen, Supreme

Board officer of the Danish Sisterhood; Pat and Frank Taddei, Lillian Bostrom; Jim Larsen; and Past President Erla Chance. Kaj Kristensen and Dorothy Petersen were the installing officers with Jim Larsen and Erla Chance as Conductor and Marshal. Lillian Bostrom, Lil Miller and Pat Taddei were our escort team.

Laura Schuler accompanied Al and Ethel Tunsen in their lovely motor home to Petaluma where they attended their impressive installation at the Petaluma Country Club. Prior to the departure of the "out of towners," about 25 people gathered at a local restaurant for brunch. It was here that the "Scandinavian Good Will Tour" was formulated. Laura contacted the owner of Customer Coach and Trucking business, and was fortunate to engage his luxurious bus for a six day tour to Astoria, Oregon, on June 21-26, when we will take in a Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. This trip has been a great attraction for tourists all over the world. We cannot begin to describe the beauty and grandeur of Mother Nature on this entire trip. We should arrive home between 8 or 9 p.m. on June 26. Booking is almost filled at this date. The cost of this trip is only \$375.00 each (double occupancy). This includes bus, motels and the trip "up the river". Our lodge is sponsoring this trip and if anyone is interested, please contact Laura Schuler, secretary, for further information. We hope that this will create an interest in membership to our order, as we have booked several Scandinavians as well as other good friends who are good prospects.

Laura Schuler, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our condolences to the family of Brother Arne Madsen of Solvang who passed away on February 11 at the age of 91. Mr. Madsen, by command of then King Frederik IX, was accorded Knighthood, Denmark's second highest honor, on February 5, 1966. At that time, there were only two other Knights of Dannebrog in the United States.

He was instrumental in organizing Solvang's first Danish Days celebration in 1937, welcomed Crown Prince Frederik, the future King of Denmark, and Crown Princess Ingrid to Solvang during a visit on April 7, 1939; and delivered the welcoming address for Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and Prince Henrik when they visited Solvang on May 23, 1976.

His Viking Travel office became an unofficial branch of the U.S. Danish Consulate in Los Angeles, from where he dispensed passports and assisted Danish immigrants on applying for U.S. citizenship.

Mr. Madsen will be truly missed by our lodge.
William Allds, Sec.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Our joint installation dinner/dance was a great success — perfect in every way. We were honored by 80 members, guests, visitors and dignitaries from other lodges and from the California-Nevada District. The installing officers were California-Nevada District President, Kaj Kristensen, and California-Nevada District Conductor, Jim Larsen. The installation ceremony was efficiently run, interspersed with laughter and clapping.

The food was out of this world. Our hats off to the chefs, Grethe Vournas and Lis Ingerslev, from the "European Caterers."

The music, Gillman's Orchestra, was wonderful. The dance floor was jammed until the last tune had died down.

Best of all was the gathering of friends and making of new friends on this special evening.

A special thanks to Louise Duus who made the hall look festive with the beautifully decorated "tuxedo" tables with red tablecloths, black and white napkins and an array of fresh multicolored flowers.

Let us take a moment to think of our purpose in this great fraternal society. We aim to strengthen ties of friendship, to preserve customs and traditions of Denmark, and to extend good fellowship and timely assistance to fellow members.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — It hardly seems possible that spring is already here. Now is the time for all of us to make some calls and invite someone back who hasn't been attending or invite new friends and neighbors to our meetings. Wouldn't it be nice to reach our goal of at least five new members for this year!

Our Fastelavns potluck evening was attended by 44 including five guests. Thanks to all who prepared, brought, and shared the delicious entrees and salads. There was plenty to go around and the desserts were especially good.

In the absence of Gary Gossett, Vice President Jim Wiegandt conducted the meeting. Lisa Smith's application for membership was approved by the lodge. Our new treasurer, Patty Kessler, gave financial reports for December and January which were filed as read.

Gerry Olsen received a call from the Kjellsens in South Dakota and conveyed their greetings to the lodge. Jim Wiegandt then

introduced guests Marge Brommer, Muriel and Harvey Jorgensen, and Aimelies Olstales. We were pleased to have them with us for the evening.

Following the dinner and business meeting, our evening was turned over to Kaj and Helga Bjorn who led the children in attempting to strike the cat from the barrel. Kaj had constructed such a secure barrel that it took numerous strikes and partial dismantle of the barrel before we could crown our Cat Queen. Kaleena Chappel won the honor of Cat Queen and chose her brother D.J. Chappel as Cat King. Everyone really enjoyed the balloon popping event which took place next as Helga gave each person a balloon to pop. The balloons were popped by sitting on them and anyone with a star in their balloon received a prize. This was so much fun as the balloons went off like tiny bombs. After much socializing and indulging in the delicious refreshments our evening was

concluded. Many thanks to Kaj and Helga Bjorn, sponsors for the evening, and also those who pitched in helping Helga in the kitchen.

It is great to be involved in a lodge where the members are willing to help out, clean up and participate in all the crazy things we sometimes ask of them. All of our Board members also deserve a lot of credit in organizing and sponsoring at least one monthly event each year that they are on the Board. This kind of participation and dedication is what keeps our lodge going strong!

The Christian Temporary Housing Facility, which we have chosen for our 1990 Care and Share project, still needs our support in the way of member donated goods. Our lodge is continuing to allocate monthly funds which our chairman, Vivian Schuette, spends according to the needs of the facility.

Tony Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — On February 3, we had 18 members plus two guests visit our new location and attend our new president's first regular meeting of the year. We had a real good sit down and go around meeting which we had not had in a long time. We really had a pretty good turnout for a February meeting and we got lots of old and new business taken care of. Our new location is just perfect for us and we hope we'll be seeing all of you out for our next meeting. We had an impromptu bingo game. Hans Terkelsen called for us and many thanks. Thanks to Vikki Garrison, Norma Loveday, Sue Patterson and the lodge for their donations for the bingo

game. A big thank you to Ken and Nancy Nielsen for the refreshments for our meeting. They just happened to have the second layer of their daughter's wedding cake left and it was shaped in a heart (appropriate for a Valentine's meeting). We did a good job of getting rid of it for them! It was our new bartender's first night and Bill Jones was "right on", Bill Del Grippo taught him well.

Well, neither sleet or snow or dead of the night was going to keep the kids away from Fastelavns. We had the ugliest weather on February 18 that we have ever had for an activity, but 27 of us braved the elements. I think we had cabin fever. We had lots of fun and lots of good food. Pete and Darlene's grandson, Shane, was our Cat King as he chose his mom as his Cat Queen. Shane and his sister Brandy won the \$5 prizes for best costumes.

Doris Thompson did her puppet show for the kids and they just loved it. Thank you Doris. Thanks also to Marchia Johansen, Elisa Mitre, Darlene Petersen, Lynda Jones, Carol Lindberg, Lisa Piehl, and Nancy Nielsen for the goodies. We had some steaks left over from our anniversary



Congratulations Cat Queen Kaleena Chappel and Cat King D.J. Chappel.

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In Grateful Remembrance Of Their Service and Fellowship, We Honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since The Last Report.

Date Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
1-31-90	Marie Jensen	90	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1965
2-1-90	Jens K. Husted	97	Skjern, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1943
1-30-90	Minnie M. Jensen	91	Ringsted, Iowa	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1961
1-2-90	Rosella C. Espelien	76	Centuria, Wisconsin	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1978
2-11-90	Arne M. Madsen	91	Kimballton, Iowa	299	Solvang, California	1966
6-15-89	Peter Z. Norgaard	97	Denmark	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1921
11-10-89	Erik J. Mathiesen	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	346	Riverside, California	1988
1-15-90	Eugene R. Cater	66	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1959
2-16-89	George R. Schmock, Sr.	78	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1977
7-25-89	Paul V. Nielsen	84	Lexington, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1986
11-5-89	Irving Enna	75	New York, New York	167	Portland, Oregon	1977
2-22-89	Irene B. Sabey	88	Chicago, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1988
1-20-90	Minnie M. Espensen	93	West Branch, Iowa	326	West Branch, Iowa	1980
2-24-90	Mabel L. Godfrey	95	Waupaca, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1976
12-31-89	Otto Gudmandsen	80	Hellebaek, Denmark	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1982
12-31-89	Emil H. Jensen	76	Devils Lake, North Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1936
1-23-90	George W. Lilhammer	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1934
1-23-90	Harold A. Rasmussen	73	Exeter, Nebraska	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1938
2-2-90	Willy E. Brandal	83	Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1953
2-14-90	Elvin S. Christensen	77	Pocatello, Idaho	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1936
11-13-89	Leonard Schmidt	82	Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1928
2-22-90	Carl M. Steiner	80	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1948
2-27-90	Poul Bruno	86	Norre, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1929

party so we made up some warm steak sandwiches so, as usual, we were all fed well.

Join us on April 24 for the chili cook-off and fiesta hosted by the Lovedays. There will be games, horse races, horse shoes and good food and drink and music. The doors will be open at 10 a.m. for those in the chili cook-off who need plenty of time for the 2 p.m. judging.

Sue Patterson, Past Pres.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — At our February meeting, Rabbi Katzman spoke on the "Rescue of the Danish Jews." On April 22-23, there will be an International Conference on this subject at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. Registration for the two day meeting will be \$15.00; meals can be purchased during those days. Among the speakers will be Rabbi Bent Melchior, himself a survivor of the rescue, Paul Simon, Senator from Illinois, a Danish journalist and others.

Our sympathy is extended to Irving Holm and his family on the death of his mother.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — We met Saturday, March 10, for our regular meeting. Twenty-one members were present.

Thank you notes were read from three of our members, Florence Borgen, Harold Martens and Willard McCutcheon, for flowers they received while in the hospital. A card was signed by all present for Sylvia Cox. Everyone was a winner while we played bingo as Glenn and Norma Ridle treated everyone to some of their delicious home grown Nebraska popcorn. Thank you! It was very good. Finger food and coffee were served by the committee of Helen Shaw and Bud and Gerry Schultz.

Edith Meyer, Treas.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lodge #139, Viborg, SD — A potluck supper was served to 40 people at our meeting on March 1. Fourteen new members were initiated into the lodge. Howard Kjellsen of Arlington, South Dakota, was Conductor of the ceremony. Each member was presented with a membership lapel pin. The officers congratulated them all and wished them to be good standing members. For entertainment we played bingo and cards.

Our lodge was started in 1900 and up to

1990, 880 people have been members over the 90 years. There are now currently 65 members.

Ruth Petersen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At our February meeting, our special guest speaker was Dr. Arthur Puotinen, President of Grand View College. He presented the challenge to us to really search for our roots, how interesting it may be, how much it could mean to our children, etc.

Our annual Fastelavns event was held Sunday, February 18, and was a great success. There were not as many children in costume as last year, but those who were, were wonderful! There was a total of 19 enthusiastic children and about 40 fun-loving adults in attendance. First, thanks to the committee for a good job well done — Arne Sorensen, Elly and Svend Christensen, Rae Ann and Doug Lary, and Marguerite and Guy Lary. Thanks also to our three most able judges for the costume decision — Goldie Sorensen, Katherine Andersen and Junior Bartlett. The best girl's costume prize went to Amanda Lary and the best boy's costume prize went to Austin David. By coincidence, these two were the winners in 1989 for best costumes.

Rae Ann Lary then told the story of Fastelavns to the children, after which they lined up to take turns breaking the barrel. Beth Rudisill was crowned by Svend Christensen as Queen of Fastelavns! Anne Paulsen won a prize for the whack on the barrel that knocked out the first piece of candy. Thanks to all the children and adults for coming and we hope to see all of you and many more costumed children at the 1991 Fastelavns. Grateful thanks to J. O. White and Ellis Lundgren for keeping the barrel stable and the children safe. Thanks to Guy and Marguerite Lary for donating one of the prizes.

While the children enjoyed themselves, Guy and Marguerite Lary led an American Lotto game for the adults from which many of us took home nice prizes. The money collected will be used to help pay for the bingo games at Valborg Home for the Elderly.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — Our lodge enjoyed an evening of fun with oyster stew and chili to start the festivities. There were other good things to eat as well. Brothers Mervin Andersen, Delmar Danielsen, George Olsen and Neal Thuesen tended the oyster stew and Sisters Barbara Andersen, Bernice Craig and Evelyn Stumme prepared the



Congratulations to Cat Queen Karina Hansen and King Marvin Andersen.

chili. There was a kransekage also to help celebrate the event. There were about 52 present, including some children. These young-uns enjoyed the game of "Cat in the Barrel" and the winner of that was Karina Hansen who then chose her bedstefar for her king.

Svend Koch then explained the origin of Fastelavns, which began in about the years 1000-1100, when Denmark was predominately Catholic. To make the long eight week period prior to Easter more bearable, the Danes prescribed a little fun. Fastelavn might include a meal, dance or the "Cat in the Barrel" game, or all of the above.

The Brotherhood held a short business meeting and voted to provide a \$100 scholarship for a Skovsøen applicant. It is good to know the younger generation is still interested in their heritage.

The secretary is still working on obtaining prices for Danish Brotherhood outdoor signs. If there are other lodges interested in placing a DBIA official logo sign at the site where there may be other organizational signs at the edge of your city, please let Lyle Refshauge, secretary of our lodge, know. We may be able to work out a group package price.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Officers were elected at our January meeting. Members discussed the possibility of meeting earlier during the winter months. Steven Sorensen was presented with his 25-year membership pin. National Director, Jerry Sonsalla, installed the new officers as follows: President, Thorvald Sorensen; Vice President, Steven Sorensen; Secretary, Kathy Sonsalla; Treasurer, Edith Skene; Trustees, Wally Johansen, LaVonne Sorensen, and John Smeby; Conductor, Todd Sonsalla; Inner Guard, Rich Skene; Outer Guard, Frances Miller; Pro-

gram Chairman, Jerry Sonsalla; Insurance Representative, Alvin Miller; Membership Chairman, Thorvald Sorensen; and Youth Chairman, Steven Sorensen.

At our February meeting, the bylaws were reviewed and changes were approved by the members. Dues will be changed. Insured members will pay \$20 annually, families will pay \$30 annually, and social members will pay \$10 annually. This is still below many other organization's dues. The members watched a movie on Denmark which was brought by Thorvald Sorensen.

Congratulations to Helen Bergman! She has brought the most visitors to our lodge meetings. In order to grow, we must let others know about the Danish Brotherhood. Visitors are always welcome to attend our lodge events.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #341, Elk Horn-Kimballton, IA — We met February 26 at the Kimballton Town Hall with 55 members present. President Signe Madsen presided over the meeting. Gary Christensen is in charge of the scholarships and Howard Hansen will take care of plans for the bowling tournament. We had three guests including Pastor and Mrs. Thompson and Berthe Andersen.

It was decided to have a bake sale with Leota Olson and Naomi Steen as chairmen. Gary Christensen will be editor of our newsletter to be published in April, August and December. Members of our lodge are having a contest to name the paper.

A donation was made to the Danish Immigrant Museum from the lodge plus some members added personal donations.

Gifts were presented to Einar Leistads and Herbert Larsons for their 60th and 50th wedding anniversaries respectively.



Congratulations to Arnold Knudtson and Veneta Sorensen as Cat King and Queen.

Alice Simonsen and Esther Gearhart were installed as new officers. Gary Christensen gave a talk on the meaning of Fastelavns. Arnold Knudtson and Veneta Sorensen were crowned King and Queen by last year's royalty. We had the grand march followed by boller and coffee for our refreshments.

JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — Have you ever known a Dane who doesn't want to celebrate at any given opportunity? Well, our February meeting proved it again. The lodge celebrated the Danish festival, Fastelavns. This celebration is like a mini Mardi Gras. Everyone dresses up in costumes and plays games. Fastelavns is usually held the Monday before Ash Wednesday, a celebration before Lent.

After the usual business had been concluded, everyone approached the popcorn cart and helped themselves to a bag of hot, buttered popcorn. That was a wonderful treat, thanks to the ingenuity of Kathy McLaren who had rented the cart for the evening. Our speaker was Ulla Wall and since Ulla was born in Slangerup, about 35 miles from Copenhagen, she came well equipped to tell us about sights to see in Copenhagen and other parts of Sjaelland

(Zealand). Denmark has five million inhabitants but one million live in Copenhagen. Unfortunately, space here does not permit us to go into the details of Ulla's informative speech.

Now the real festivities began. A colorful pinata was hung up for the children to hit with sticks until it broke and loads of candy spilled on the floor. For the adults, we had a real barrel and the men were equipped with baseball bats in order to break it. Poul Nielsen broke it to pieces and that made him "King for a Day." He then had to choose a queen, so he selected Alice Gorsch and they were both presented with the proper crown. To "slaa katten af tonden" brought back a lot of childhood memories. Incidentally, in the olden days, they did put a live cat in the barrel.

We then played a game of guessing letters — gaekkebrev. Thanks to Emma

VELKOMMEN!

In recognition of DBIA members who are participating in the growth of the Danish Brotherhood in America by recommending their family and friends.

Member	No.	Location	Sponsor
Frank L. Clark	14	Kenosha, WI	Peter Camponeschi
James T. Roach	14	Kenosha, WI	Peter Camponeschi
Wilma I. Duffield	15	Des Moines, IA	Harvey Andersen
Inga B. Hoifeldt	15	Des Moines, IA	Ralf Hoifeldt
Christina A. Lary	15	Des Moines, IA	Guy Lary
Amanda G. Lary	15	Des Moines, IA	Guy Lary
Jane Andersen	15	Des Moines, IA	Ken Andersen
Edward J. Schmidt	16	Minden, NE	Virginia Schmidt
Michael A. Wilson	34	Dwight, IL	Bonnie R. Wilson
Irving E. Welch, Jr.	51	Ludington, MI	Ray Finholm
James N. Melvin, Jr.	51	Ludington, MI	Bill Kraus
Richard A. Chavalia	51	Ludington, MI	Victor Samuels
Marjorie L. Larsen	62	Sioux City, IA	Clara Schulte
Harry W. Sorensen	62	Sioux City, IA	Clara Schulte
Alvern E. Molskow	62	Sioux City, IA	Clara Schulte
Colleen Lee Molskow	62	Sioux City, IA	Clara Schulte
James P. Lauridsen	67	Fresno, CA	Paul Morrison
Borge B. Andersen	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Ellen Andersen	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Anna H. Swensen	139	Viborg, SD	Sharon K. Ness
Esther A. Ness	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Wallace L. Hortness	139	Viborg, SD	Robert G. Mark
Irene E. Jorgensen	139	Viborg, SD	Sharon K. Ness
Alma Jones	167	Portland, OR	Richard C. Henkel
Warren Jones	167	Portland, OR	Richard C. Henkel
Axel P. Nielsen	186	Luck, WI	Eugene C. Petersburg
Elizabeth L. Nielsen	186	Luck, WI	Eugene C. Petersburg
Reuben J. Haglund	186	Luck, WI	Christine Pedersen
Ardyce I. Haglund	186	Luck, WI	Christine Pedersen
Delbert B. Battles	211	Grand Island, NE	Arne S. Espersen
Delores O. Battles	211	Grand Island, NE	Arne S. Espersen
Bernice E. Wagner	211	Grand Island, NE	Clyde Barth
Marcus R. Clemmer	261	Fowler, CO	Jay Fosdick
Paula J. Cano	294	Barre, VT	Arthur Lund
Lisa N. Smith	345	Orange Co, IA	Irene Everson
David W. Nietert	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	Arthur Wall
Donna B. Winterton	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Scott M. Winterton	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Katherine A. Jensen	600	Omaha, NE	William L. Jensen
Lance J. Relf	600	Omaha, NE	Ruth Peterson

Safely and Ulla Christensen, we ended the evening with good finger sandwiches and wonderful fastelavnsboller, coffee and punch. The evening was certainly worth braving the five inches of snow and sleet.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

MIDWEST

Midwest District

Midwest District scholarship applications are available for the 1990-91 school year and will be considered May 1, 1990. Eligible members wishing to apply should write the Midwest District Secretary, Albertice Nylen, 97 Carriage Road, Barrington, IL 60010 for an application. Applications received after the deadline of May 1, 1990, will not be considered by the committee for an award.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — We're off to a good year. Our Valentine's Torsk Dinner was attended by 58 people with Harry and Edie Svendsen from Dundee, Illinois, and Leigh Strand and Bob Olesen from the Kringle Fest Planning Committee as our guests. Leigh and Bob filled us in on the plans that are being made for a Danish Fest to be held June 8-10 at Festival Hall. It will be in the festival hall only and booths will be sold for exhibitors. Also, there will be an opportunity for your organization wishing to prepare and sell food. Initial plans are to have a fish dinner Friday night. There will be entertainment also. The idea is to keep it very ethnic oriented. We will have further plans as the date gets closer.

We will take volunteers or host couples for the upcoming social events. If no one offers, please say "yes" if asked to shoulder the responsibility.

Wayne Kavaliauskas, Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — With sorrow we report that we have again lost a link in our fraternal chain of Brotherhood and it is with profound regret and in thoughtful remembrance of Brother Richard N. Wade.

We sincerely thank the following members who visited our sick Brothers and shut-ins at Christmas: Ben Peterson, Duke Ellingham, Ray Zieth and Roger Sorensen. A big thank you to all who brought food and clothing to the Christmas party for our participation in Operation Care and Share. It was given to Unified School Headstart Program and they were very appreciative.

Our Children's Christmas party was attended by 140 children and many adults.

The party was well received by all with games being played, face painting, marching around the Danish Christmas tree, Santa's visit with gifts for everyone plus ice cream and soda. It is always great to have the little ones as our guests as they are the Danish Brotherhood of the future. We had a one year member and his wife take the chairmanship and they did an outstanding job. Thank you Ron and Penny Zieth. They had lots of helpers too, namely Harold Borgeau, Penny Walter, Ray and Jayne Zieth, Harve and Ann Cecil, Roger and Henrietta Sorensen, Al and Terry Aceto, Ben Peterson, Natalie Walter, Angie Bartel, and Anker Adelsen. We want to thank Agency Rent-A-Car for donating the savings bond that was given away.

A repeat of last year's successful New Year's Eve party took place with 200 people present and having lots of fun. The evening started out with a beautiful meal followed by the Night Shift Band playing popular music for all age groups. Favors, hats and horns were distributed and balloons were dropped to usher in the New Year. Hot snacks and coffee were served after midnight and the band played until 2 a.m. Thanks to our reliable New Year's Eve committee of Rudy and Glori Bernhardt and Roger and Virginia Nelson as chairpersons, assisted by Bob Batten, Tom Banski, Jerry and Darlene Wamboldt, Jim Bohn, Jeff Bernhardt, and Todd Barnett.

Installation of officers for 1990 took place on January 2 with Midwest District President, Al Iversen, installing, assisted by Ray Nielsen as Conductor. We thank them for coming up to perform this ceremony. Please give our officers support and make 1990 a great year for our lodge!

A crowd estimated at 450 came to our annual aebleskiver breakfast on January 21. Many members and their wives served on this committee. For fear of missing someone, we will just say we sincerely thank you all for working and making it a very successful day for our lodge. Special thanks once again to chairman Jim Bohn for taking this assignment.

Although our lodge is in good shape membership wise, it is our obligation to continue to grow and be involved in the national membership campaign. The member accumulating the most points (at least 100) receives two round trip airline tickets to Denmark courtesy of SAS. The winner will be announced at the National Convention in Portland in 1991. It is very possible that person could come from our lodge.

Thank you to Brother Jack Angelo for making a video of the Gladsaxe Girl Guard Band for the Danish Brotherhood. We have a historical tape of various events if anyone

is interesting in seeing it.

Welcome new members, Dan Ervin, Jr., and Clifford Johnson!

Mark your calendars for our 98th anniversary banquet on April 14. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Members and widows will be admitted free and cost for wives will be \$12.00. Sorry, no guests. Reservations close when we have 250 signed up. Call Rick Wade or Malcolm Young for reservations.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — There were 85 members and visitors present at our February 16 meeting. Three members were initiated and made welcome: Gertrude and Marius Landbo and Diane L. Thompson. We hope they will enjoy their association with this lodge.

A letter has been received from Joanne Harrington, daughter of the late Joseph Wakild, thanking the lodge for the memorial. Also received a letter from Lutheran Family Mission thanking the lodge for the donation of \$150 made by various members.



Members enjoyed working at Danish booth at annual Bloom Fest.

Ray Nielsen announced that our lodge is sponsoring the bowling event for the Midwest District on April 21 at the Glenwood Bowling Alley. There will be a happy hour at the Connerys who live almost across the street from the bowling alley. A banquet will be held at the Harald Viking Club in Tinley Park with "The Tempo" presenting the music. Banquet tickets are \$14.00 each. Call Ray to order now! Ray emphasized that you do not need to be a talented bowler, just participate and have fun! If you do not want to bowl, come to the banquet.

President Jorgensen presented certificates of merit from the National Headquarters to Paul Sloth, Martin Christensen and Charles Jespersen for their devotion and duty to this lodge. Their names have been submitted for the annual Howard Christensen Award.

Quite a few members dressed up for the Fastelavns event but we could always use more. Let's have even more next year. It's fun! The best children's costumes were

awarded as follows: Lisa Connery was in an outfit that looked like giant fingers which won her first prize, Kristopher Jensen was a little pizza server who won second prize, and Beth Nielsen won third prize with her devil outfit. The adult prizes went to Lillian and Mario Mauro who were dressed up as an organ grinder and his monkey, and second prize went to Frieda and Grant Rau who were escapees from the Joliet prison and were still wearing their ball and chains, and Woody and Elsa Petersen who portrayed surgeons named Dr. Feelgood and Dr. Neatstitch. Audrey Christiansen, Marie Johansson and John Jorgensen acted as judges. Thanks!

After the costume parade, children and adults took swings at the barrels trying to knock the cats out. Chris Noble did so out of the children's barrel and chose Lisa Connery as his Kat Queen and he was crowned Kat King. For the adults, Paul Sloth was Kat King and chose his wife Jodie as Kat Queen.

Sandwiches and boller were then enjoyed and also a bit of that good liquid stuff. The children were treated to ice cream and cookies and lots of candy from the barrels. It was fun!

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We mourn the death of our faithful member, George W. Lilhammer, who joined our lodge in 1934 and died January 23, 1990, at the age of 83. Our condolences are extended to all members of his family.

On February 8, Al and Carol Larsen accompanied Dick and Jewell Doyne to the Danish Home in Racine. They presented five pieces of counted cross-stitch works to the Danish Home. Henning Andersen, President of the Board, accepted the donation and extended the thanks of all members of the Home. Among the exquisite works of art was a meticulously detailed scene of early Copenhagen in 1511.

Betty and Bob Rasmussen, Program Chairpersons, presented "Buns for Puns" at our February 7 business meeting. It was a fun time with members reading puns. The winner of the evening was Al Larsen whose prize was some tasty buns from a local French bakery!

President Inga Hermansen presented a certificate of merit to Al Larsen for his dedicated work as lodge president in 1977 and 1981 and as lodge secretary each year from 1978 through 1989.

Thanks to Barbara Larsen who served refreshments following the meeting.

Al Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — We especially wish to remind members of our lodge that

the meeting night has been changed to the second Monday of the month.

1990 has gotten off to a good start with memories of the 1989 Christmas dinner and entertainment.

It was not a cold and snowbound January in Wisconsin this year. But the choice of chili or chicken soup with Danish dumplings was a welcome treat at the January meeting.

The highlight of February was our observance of Fastelavns Dag (a day before the beginning of Lent). Brothers Harry and Lauritz Jensen remember from childhood entering their parent's bedroom that day to awaken them by beating on their bed with green branches. This was called "birching." They were then sent running to their aunt and uncle's place to do the same and ask for hot cross buns.

That day also observes the ancient belief that by exterminating cats, evil will be driven away. Hence the expression "slaa katten af tonden" (strike the cat off the barrel).

Harry and Darlene Jensen made the wooden barrels and stuffed cats and supplied straw, peanuts and candy for our February 26 meeting. Each member had several chances to strike the barrel with a club hoping to release the contents.



Queen Pearl and King Aubert are crowned by President Jensen.

Clifford Aubert and Pearl Jensen employed the final blows and later were crowned as King and Queen by President Jensen. They then led the grand march.

Coffee and hot cross buns were enjoyed for lunch.

Esther Nies, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — After missing our January meeting due to unfavorable weather, our meeting was held February 22. We voted to try and put together a unit for the New London, Wisconsin, Loyalty Day Parade. Also, we voted to make our annual donation to the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival.

Our new officers for the year were installed: Melda Mortensen, President;

Vivian Jensen, Secretary; and Sarah Rasmussen, Treasurer. After our business meeting, we were honored by having Klaus Kroner, son of one of our members, telling us about his memories of living in Denmark and Germany before coming to the United States. He also showed us a Danish flag that flew over his grandparents home in Denmark which was over 100 years old.

Melda Mortensen started us on a scholarship fund by making and selling baked goods, with the money to be placed in the fund.

A delicious lunch was served by Lucille Johnson and Harold and Violet Rasmussen.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #70, Greenville, MI — We want to wish all our Sisterhood and Brotherhood members as well as occasional readers a happy Easter from all of us here in the Danish Festival City, Greenville, Michigan.

We welcome our new Brother, Randy Hauter, to our lodge. He was initiated in February. Hope to see you often!

For our February 9 meeting, our Valentine's meeting, the members of the Brotherhood made dinner for our Sisterhood members. That includes serving it and cleaning up, in honor of all our Sisters 80 years and older. It was also a celebration of the Sisterhood Lodge's 83rd anniversary. Everyone enjoyed our meal consisting of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green salad, and delicious fruit pie for dessert. Sort of a payback for all that the Sisters do all year round. It was real nice.

It is time to make plans and reservations for the upcoming Michigan-Ohio District Convention to be held May 19 in Ludington. Please note the change in the date (not May 12). Mark your calendars so you won't forget and do plan if possible to attend. It's always nice to meet friends and acquaintances there — the bond that holds us together. Do your part!

Also, plan to attend our Danish Festival in August. More details to follow at a later date.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — February 14 saw the Detroit area hit by an ice and snow storm, but despite the bad weather, 57 people showed up for the pre-meeting dinner, after which we had 30 Brothers attend the business meeting that followed.

At the meeting, delegates to the Michigan-Ohio District Convention, which will be held on May 19 in Ludington, were elected. The delegates are as follows: Ken

Rehan, Paul Carlsen, George Petersen, Don Boyd, and Henning Jensen. Alternate delegates are Ron Hammer and Jim Crocket.

The Board of the Danish Village Old Peoples Home requested that the election of Board members be changed from June to November each year to agree with the election of the officers of the lodge. The requested change was approved. Dr. Soren Jorgensen was elected to serve on the Old Peoples Board at this meeting, this taking place before the change of election date was effective.

April 25 is scheduled to be a dinner honoring all past presidents and also to present 25 and 50-year membership pins to all eligible Brothers.

April 28th is the date of the Sisterhood lodge luncheon and card party. The time is noon to 3 p.m.

We had 45 people at the aebleskiver night where everyone enjoyed the goodies and a good evening of socializing. Thanks to the workers who did such a good job of preparing the food.

The new owners of the club are now open for business with a luncheon and dinner menu available. They are open under the name of the Danish Inn and their hours are as follows: lunch, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. They would be very happy to see the Danes in the area stop in and enjoy a meal. They are also available for hall rentals and banquets.

Bob Sorensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On February 9, Frank and Marilyn Zacarelli put on a spaghetti dinner for us. It was great. We had ziti and meatballs with fresh bread and butter. Thank you Frank and Marilyn!

Our convention plans are really starting to come together now. The time is going so fast that before you know it, Labor Day will be upon us. We still need a few volunteers to help out on weekends and in making some of the food we will need for the breakfast. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you would like to help in any way. We will be having a raffle and still need two or three nice prizes. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Once again our lodge will be awarding two camp grants of \$100 each to two youths in our lodge. We will draw the winners at our June meeting. The child must be 12 or younger, be a member, or have a parent or grandparent as a member in good standing with the lodge. Contact a lodge officer for an application.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — On February 24, our lodge hosted a revival of the Fastelavn's Fest — an event some of our senior members remember celebrating at Washington Hall where we scrambled for pennies when some blindfolded adult succeeded in "knocking the cat out of the barrel."

Carl B. S. Pedersen chaired the committee for this affair which featured a potluck buffet at 3:00 p.m. The variety of dishes ranged from Fastelavnsboller and aebleskiver to medisterpølse, sylt and herring. Also available were the traditional liquids to wet the appetite. Especially enjoyable was the seven-layer Danish apple cake.

Artistic banners from the sanctuary of Kenneth Nielsen gave those who were less knowledgeable an insight to the capabilities of the modern computer. A red and white "cat in the barrel" was there to be demolished, but due to lack of ceiling height, this activity was put "on hold" until a later date.

Edna Brems favored us with some tunes on the piano and Chris Thomsen surprised us with his rendition on the harmonica.

Approximately 100 were present. Twenty members of Sisterhood Lodge No. 36 joined us as well as several from the Newark lodge. Also present were representatives from Long Island Lodge No. 325 which included Past President George Jacobsen and his wife Birgit. GCEL President Chris Simonsen was also a welcome visitor. The residents of the Home welcomed the change the day's activities provided.

All in all, a well planned and enjoyable activity. None of which would have been possible without the cooperation and assistance of the staff at the Home.

Jens C. Jessen, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our condolences to the family of Ove Miller who passed away in January. Ove was our oldest member.

At our January meeting, we had the installation of officers. Installing officer was Carl Ingeholm, assisted by Viggo Nielsen, Conductor.

Also at the January meeting, Art Haber-bush was presented with his life-time membership card and Fred Andersen was presented with his 25-year membership pin by Edith Nielsen. Congratulations to you both!

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — Our Fastelavns party this year was again arranged by Annie Christiansen and Mark Mussari. The barrel was a cleverly made

paper mache pussycat with a long tail, filled with many goodies inside. The hall was beautifully decorated and the refreshments, which included hot chocolate with whipped cream, and many other good things to eat, all made for a good party.

In January we received Omaha's approval of membership for Birthe Olesen and Ebba Christensen and we welcome them into our lodge. President Bendix Christensen initiated his sister-in-law at our February meeting.

Put the date of Friday, April 13, on your calendar for another square dance. Last year we had a great time. So come out and let Mogens Hempel demonstrate the "Yellow Rock."

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our February meeting was combined with Valentine's Day. We had 24 members and guests. President Howard Hansen opened the meeting after welcoming everyone. We had a minute of silence for our departed member, George Petersen from Bradenton, Florida. He was born in Denmark and was a member since 1940.

The meeting was continued with the usual reports.

Before the close of the meeting our President introduced the guests, namely Henry Hansen, Grethe Larsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Arno Hansen.

This was followed by coffee hour. Our compliments to the hosts who had the tables decorated so beautiful with flowers, Valentine hearts and candy kisses. The food included boller with Danish cheese and cake and cookies. Bet that's why we have such good turnouts from our members.

Gil Behling, Cor.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA — Our lodge will have a Beef 'n' Beer party at our meeting on Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m. Set ups will be provided for drinks. There will be dancing to the music of a disc jockey.

Reservations for tables is in progress now. Contact Rick Trust for more information. The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes a disc jockey and music the way we like it to be played. Mark your calendars!

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

"Rescue of the Danish Jews"

During the first three years of the German occupation of Denmark in World War II, (1940-1945) the Danish government and King Christian X protected the Jewish population. But with the increasing tension between the Danes and the Germans, the

Jews were targeted for deportation to concentration camps in the fall of 1943.

Unlike the unspeakable story of the Holocaust in most of Europe, 97% of the Danish Jews were miraculously saved by the Danes — thousands of ordinary men and women who spontaneously came to their aid.

Jews were hidden by Christian friends, neighbors, and complete strangers while arrangements were completed for secret passage across the waters to Sweden by brave Danish fishermen risking their own lives. In less than two weeks, more than seven thousand Jews escaped right under the noses of the Germans.

This remarkable human drama will be examined in a two-day international conference entitled, "Rescue of the Danish Jews," set for April 22-23 on the campus of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. Dana is one of only two educational institutions in America founded by Danish pioneers.

It is the aim of the conference to tell this story through first-hand accounts by some of the people who were actually involved. More than that, however, the broader aim is to understand what there was about Denmark and the Danes that allowed for this historic and unique outcome.

Conference presentations begin at 4 p.m. on April 22 and continue through the evening of April 23.

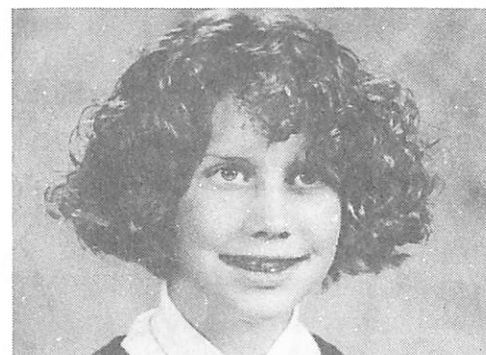
All events of the conference are open to the public. Registration information is available from the Public Relations Office, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska.

The Danish American National Junior Contest

1990 promises to be an exciting year for the Danish American Junior Club (U.S.A. Branch).

This summer, a young man and a young woman will be sent to Denmark as representatives at the July 4th celebrations in Rebild Hills. Regional competitions will be held for young men and women throughout the United States this spring, beginning with preliminary questionnaires. This year, three regions will be offered (West/Central/East). From each region, a young man and woman will be selected as finalists. The six finalists will travel to New York with all expenses paid by the DAJ/USA. The final competition will take place June 2nd and the winners will be presented on June 3rd during the Danish Constitution Day Celebration at the Danish Home in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. A luncheon is also planned for the benefit of the Danish-American youth with the Ambassador present.

Both young women and young men up to 25 years of age (including the 25th year)



Kimberly Stark, one of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 600 and has this to say:

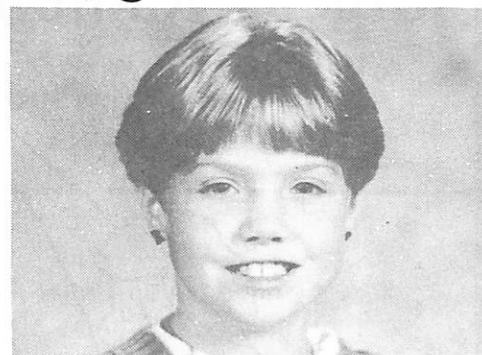
"I am 13 years old and a 7th grade student at Ridgeview Intermediate School in the Gifted and Talented Program. I enjoy music and have played violin for two years in elementary school. Then, I changed to clarinet in the 6th grade and play in the Ridgeview Concert Band. I also participate in the Youth Choir and Youth Handbell Choir at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church where we are members.

and

Kristina Stark, another Young Viking who joined Lodge 600 and has this to say:

"I am 10 years old and a Gifted and Talented student at Diamond Elementary School. I am an active Girl Scout in Troup 362 under the jurisdiction of The Girl Scout Council of the nation's capital. I enjoy scouting for the activi-

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ties which enhance a girl's life and future— my favorite is camping. I am now in my second year of playing the flute in the school band. I also am a member of the Children's Choir and Handbell Choir (the Joyringers — 5th and 6th graders) at our church.



Lance James Relf, another one of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 600 and has this to say:

"I will be one year old on June 23, 1990, and my parents are Jim and Holly Relf. My great-grandparents, Soren and Katherine Simonsen, came from Denmark and were members for many years. We are all proud of our Danish heritage."

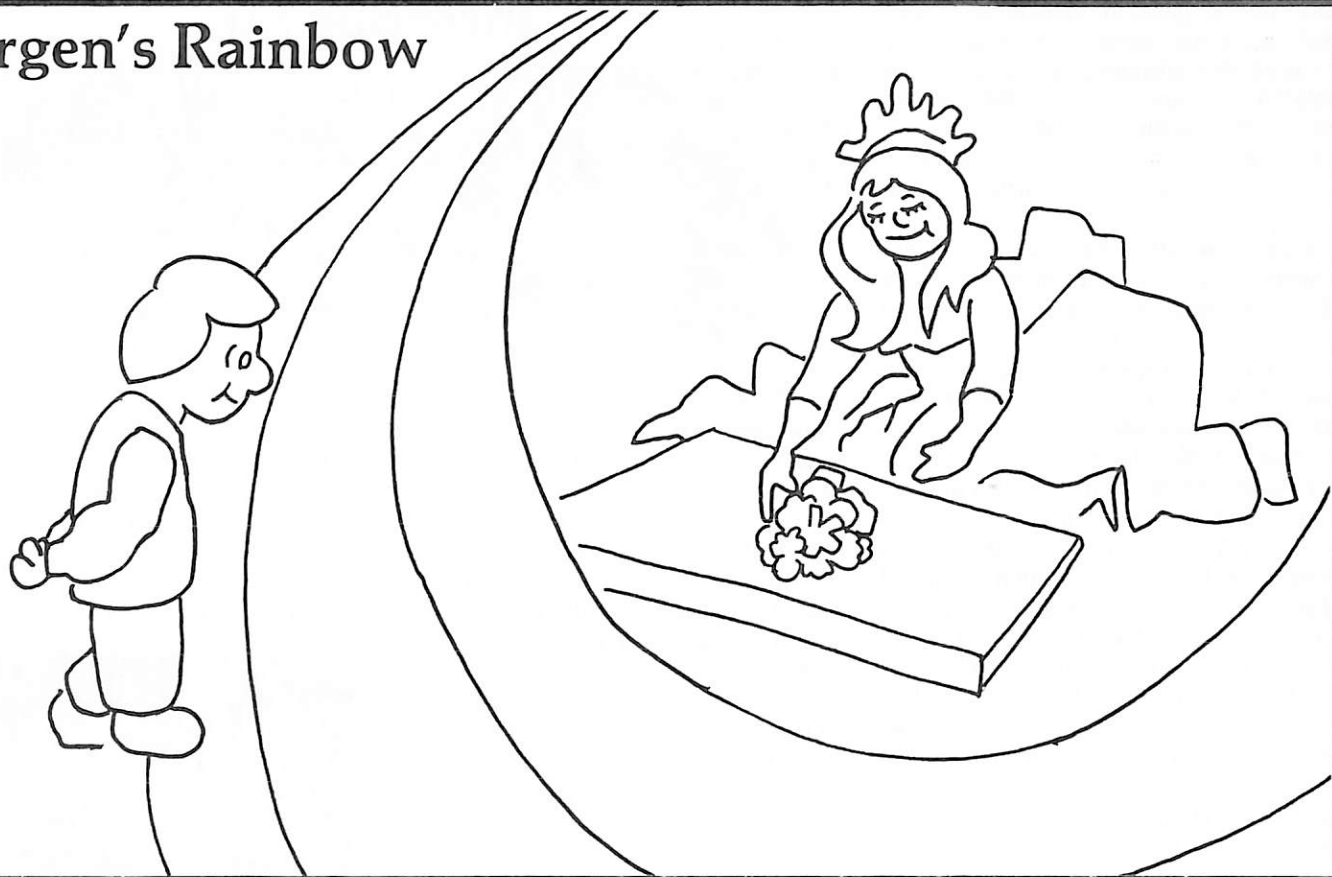


Christina M. Newhouse, another one of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 16 in Minden, Nebraska, and has this to say:

"I am 14 months old. I love to play and climb on everything. I am proud to become a Young Viking just like my big brother Chris."

Welcome, Kimberly, Kristina, Lance and Christina!

Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen watches the Danish custom of laying the bridal bouquet by a new bride on the grave of Liden Kirsten at the Vestervig Church in Jutland. According to legend, Prince Henrikssen was engaged to Kirsten. However, her half brother, King Valdemar didn't like the prince, so he chained him up. In her great love for her betrothed, Kirsten died with him in the cellars of Valdemar's castle. The laying of the bridal bouquet is a symbolic gesture to a wife's loyalty.

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.

March winners: Sara Rasmussen, Robyn Burkall, Cassie Austrus, and Missy Thomsen.

Museum to Begin Construction

At their meeting in Portland, Oregon, February 17 and 18, the Board of Directors of The Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn, Iowa, voted to begin construction of its new multi-million dollar facility this summer. The capital campaign has been successful in raising over \$1.5 million in contributions, pledges and land, needed to start the core Museum space this building season.

The conceptual design developed with architects Astle/Ericson of Omaha and Salt Lake of a contemporary design around a central courtyard similar to a gaard or Danish farm will be kept.

Other action of the Board included the unanimous acceptance of Bedstemor's House, a completely restored and furnished historic home in Elk Horn, offered by the Elk Horn-Kimballton Arts and Recreation Council. The home was purchased by the Council in 1984, restored and opened for tours. The Board approved the development of a Wall of Honor for immigrants and recognition of donors of various levels in the new facility. For a contribution of \$200 family and friends may place the name of one person born in Denmark on the Wall of Honor. The wall space will honor donors who have made gifts between \$1,000 and \$10,000. Lis Jorgensen of Gilroy, California, was elected to the Board bringing the total to twenty-four members. The Board also took action to form a publications committee to provide advice on books on the Museum will publish and sell.

The regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum are held at different locations around the country so its far flung members and supporters can gather and meet the Board members. The next meeting will be held in June in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Grandma's Kitchen

Vand Risengrød med Æble

(Rice Porridge with Apples)

1 ½ cups rice
1 tsp. salt
6 apples

Cook rice one hour in six cups of salted water. Peel apples and cut in eight pieces. Add to rice and cook until tender. Serve with sugar and cream. (Rhubarb or raisins may be used instead of apples.)



by Dagmar Jensen

Viking Adventures

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



Eigil M. Andersen
National Sales Director

Probably the most well known home office staff member is National Sales Director, Eigil "Andy" Andersen, who has logged more miles traveling for the Danish Brotherhood than any other employee. Andy also holds the record among the current employees for longevity. Andy originally began his career with the Danish Brotherhood in 1974 as an Area Manager, and in 1976 he was promoted to his present position. As National Sales Director, it is Andy's responsibility to promote and market our life insurance and annuity products and to make sure we provide good service to our members. Additionally, since Andy is the true Dane among the staff — he emigrated from Denmark at the age of 21 — he also pitches in and assists with correspondence written in Danish. If you ever have the

opportunity to talk with Andy, be sure to ask him about what it was like coming to the United States and not knowing the language. He has many very interesting stories to tell!

Andy served in the United States Army for a period of two years before attending Grand View College in Des Moines. He completed his degree in business administration at Drake University. Since that time, he has earned the designation of Certified Life Underwriter.

When asked for any advice Andy would like to share with DBIA members, he stated, "Become active! If you contribute something to the success of your lodge, you will get much more enjoyment out of being a member." Of course, he also would like to remind all members that if you or any of your family members are in the market for life insurance, check out our rates and certificate values before you buy. He knows you will find DBIA's rates very competitive and suggests that you support your organization by fulfilling your insurance needs with the Danish Brotherhood.

Along with his lovely wife, Annette, Andy is very involved in the local Danish community. They are both members of a Scandinavian Folk Dancing group and perform quite frequently. Andy is the Past President of DBIA Lodge No. 1 and is a board member of Vennelyst Park, a Danish facility located in Omaha. Andy has three grown children, Michael, Erik and Linda, and one grandson, Daniel. His son, Erik, shares Andy's interest in Denmark. In 1984 Erik took part in a work exchange program planning to stay in Denmark for one year. Erik enjoyed his experience so much, that he continues to make Denmark his home. In 1988 Andy and Annette had the pleasure of visiting Erik and other relatives in Denmark, and are already making plans for another visit to Denmark in 1993.

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Because pens are always needed and always appreciated, DBIA pens will make a perfect gift for prospective members, officers and long-service members. These low-cost pens contain long-lasting blue ink with a nickel finished clip, plunger and band. Each pen lists the address and telephone number of the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters for easy reference.

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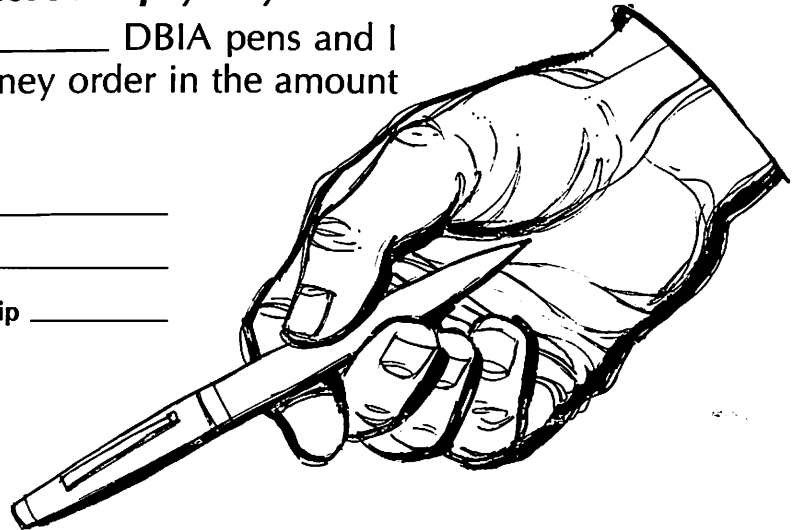
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