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# President's Page

## The Annual Report to the Membership

**Clyde R. Langsted**  
**National President**

This issue of the American Dane includes my report to the membership of the activities within the Danish Brotherhood this past year and a busy one it was indeed.

I have commented in the past as to the valuable (and necessary) services of our actuary, John Ballard of Taylor-Ballard and Co. As you are probably aware, an actuary calculates risks and premiums needed and also serves as an advisor to us and I am again pleased to report that the solvency ratio of the Danish Brotherhood in America remains most adequate.

The Five-Year Plan for the Danish Brotherhood is off to a great start. Members of the Board of Directors were given the opportunity of explaining the concept to the delegates attending the various district conventions. I am pleased to report also that the Board of Directors unanimously supports the plan and districts as well as local lodges have gone on record endorsing these proposals. Yes, we even discussed the possibility of a name change for our organization. While it is probably a back-burner consideration by some individuals, it is something which may require more comment as we have much to do in the way of improving our image and our future. It is my hope that such a suggestion would be taken in the positive vane it was intended and not something to diminish our proud record of heritage, service and fraternalism.

We have also asked all lodges to join with us in a campaign for positive growth and many have already set their goals for 1990 and 1991 and you have my heartfelt thanks for committing with us. We have commenced our "Growth by Sharing" campaign with many magnificent prizes being made available to members who introduce new members to us. The ultimate grand prize will be a trip to Denmark.

During 1989 we introduced a new family series of fraternal benefits including a brochure outlining these plans. Our Newborn, Graduate and Newlywed benefits usher in a new concept of protection and we have some very competitive plans in the offing.

Our District Fraternal Coordinators Program is still in its infancy but these dedicated and special members are doing their utmost to be the extension of this Board and the Home Office to the membership in general. They are there to assist and help the local lodge and bring timely information for programs and to introduce new ideas. I ask the lodges to open their doors to these people and discover how important such a visit can be for your lodge. As a result of a recent survey, the majority of lodges find this program worthwhile and I know I can count on you to support them and listen to the important message they bring to you.

In order to further assist the local lodges, we have recently completed a program of notifying those members of Lodge 600 of the closest local lodge to them where they can participate and meet with other people who have the same common bond. We hope to have some positive results of this plan and remember, it will be the local lodge benefiting from it.

We regretted the resignation of Tami Hansen as Chairperson for the 1991 National Convention in Portland. The Portlanders found an able replacement in the person of Sheila Hamilton. Some very capable committees have been formed and they are hard at work in their endeavors to provide a memorable convention and visit to the City of Roses. I will meet with them from time to time in order to report their progress to you.

While the Board of Directors meet twice a year in Omaha, during which time budgets are reviewed, departmental reports discussed and many other agenda items covered, the work of the Board does not stop there. Throughout the year many items are covered by the process of mail and it seems as though not a day goes by without something being there to review and serve an opinion on. We do this because some things require immediate attention and it is not financially practical to have a special meeting for that purpose. If need be, we will also discuss matters by telephone. The Board is in constant communication with itself. Our best support group rests with the home office staff who are diligently working for the benefit of all of us. I don't know what we would do without this fine group of people and their prompt and timely assistance.

I commented last year on the various committee responsibilities members of the Board have and how important these assignments are to the overall workings of our fraternal society. Their duties also include representing the entire Board and home office at various district conventions and/or other functions. In 1989 I assigned members of the Board to attend the district meetings with Paul Carlsen representing at the GCEL in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. I might stray a bit and also mention that at that particular meeting our own Jerome Christensen left his mark along a river bank.

Ebba Norby attended the Michigan-Ohio convention in Detroit with Erling Braumann going to the Midwest in Kenosha. Barry Edmonds was assigned to the Nebraska meeting in Lincoln; Jerry Sonsalla was in Santa Barbara for the California-Nevada assemblage and Woody Petersen cast a giant shadow by the Space Needle in Seattle for the Pacific Northwest convention. It was my privilege to represent the Board at the Iowa-Minnesota convention in Coralville, Iowa. A highlight of my trip to that meeting was to stop off and visit the site for the forthcoming Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. A magnificent setting. These meetings afford the membership the opportunity to see us, meet with us and hear what we have to say. In reverse we meet many grand, dedicated members and have the opportunity to hear what you have to say and come away richer for the experience. Each member of the Board is required to give a report on his convention activities at the annual meeting.

I am pleased to announce to you that in conjunction with our Five-Year Plan we have engaged the services of Mr. Leonard Thompson on a consulting basis and to use his expertise as we look to the future. Mr. Thompson recently retired as Chief Executive Officer of the Sons of Norway and I believe his record there speaks for itself.

In all we have had a good and very active year and one chock-full of commitments for our future. The Board of Directors and the home office cannot do all of this alone and we look forward to a collective endeavor on the part of every member. I, personally, appreciate the cooperation I have received from my colleagues on the Board of Directors and I know the job is not always easily accomplished. In their behalf I thank all of you.

In 1989 my duties to the Danish Brotherhood in America covered over 25,000 air miles alone and included the 100th anniversary of Lodge No. 36 in Milwaukee, Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, and Lodge No. 35 in Chicago and in that order. These events were special privileges to me and opportunities that will never be afforded again. I am grateful for all the wonderful members I met along the way and for their graciousness to me personally.

Before closing, I must offer my thanks and appreciation to all those in attendance at the meeting held in Omaha for the District Fraternal Coordinators and the insurance representatives. What a group of dedicated members! It was certainly an inspiration for me as well as my colleagues on the Board of Directors. I also offer a big congratulations to the home office staff for putting together the excellent meetings.

I ask all of you to remember your lodge charity or whatever activity you have in helping others. This is what helps in making us Danes such unique people.



## The Danish Brotherhood in America

### Balance Sheet December 31, 1989 (Note 1)

NOTE: Failure of items to add to totals shown is due to dropping amounts less than one dollar.

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
<b>Admitted Assets</b>			
Bonds, at amortized cost	\$ 295,894	\$ 7,416,737	\$ 7,712,631
Real Estate, at cost: Land, Building, and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$123,688	—	208,138	208,138
Certificate Loans	—	165,501	165,501
Cash, including \$40,000 of CD's and Savings Accounts	63,660	137,045	200,705
Short-term Investments	—	134,085	134,085
Electronic Data Processing Equip., at cost, net of depreciation of \$32,844	—	20,157	20,157
Premiums Receivable from Lodges	—	40	40
Investment Income Due and Accrued	4,163	155,159	159,323
Other Assets	—	44	44
	<u>\$ 363,718</u>	<u>8,236,909</u>	<u>8,600,628</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
Aggregate Reserve for Life Certificates and Contracts (Note 4)	\$—	\$6,375,814	\$ 6,375,814
Reserve for Employee Retirement Plan Group Annuity (Note 3)	—	149,379	149,379
Supplementary Contracts Without Life Contingencies	—	6,814	6,814
Certificate and Contract Claims	—	22,946	22,946
Refund Accumulations	—	59,833	59,833
Estimated Refunds to Members for 1990	—	61,942	61,942
Premiums Received in Advance	—	61,611	61,611
Liability for Premium Deposit Funds	—	26,455	26,455
Accrued General Expense	—	51,071	51,071
Accrued Taxes, Licenses and Fees	—	8,588	8,588
Other Liabilities	—	2,216	2,216
Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—	81,616	81,616

TOTAL LIABILITIES	—	\$6,908,284	\$6,908,284
Fund Balances	363,718	1,328,625	1,692,343
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 363,718</u>	<u>\$8,236,909</u>	<u>\$8,600,628</u>

### Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For Year Ending December 31, 1989

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
<b>Income:</b>			
Premiums & Annuity Considerations	\$—	\$ 451,455	\$ 451,455
Considerations for Supplementary Contracts With Life Contingencies	—	—	—
Considerations for Supplementary Contracts Without Life Contingencies and Refund Accumulations	—	10,234	10,234
Net Investment Income	25,692	643,629	669,321
Miscellaneous Income	781	265	1,047
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 26,473</u>	<u>\$1,105,583</u>	<u>\$1,132,057</u>
<b>Benefits and Expenses:</b>			
Death Benefits	\$—	\$ 89,414	\$ 89,414
Matured Endowments	—	6,723	6,723
Annuity & Old Age Benefits, including \$5,562 in Retirement Benefits under Employee Group Annuity Contract (Note 3)	—	23,640	23,640
Waiver of Premium Benefit	—	504	504
Surrender Benefits	—	101,769	101,769
Interest on Certificates or Contract Funds	—	1,977	1,977
Payments on Supplementary Contracts With Life Contingencies	—	6,816	6,816
Payments on Supplementary Contracts Without Life Contingencies and Refund Accumulations	—	8,281	8,281
Increase in Reserves for Life Certificates and Contracts, SCNILCS and for Refund Accumulations	—	354,554	354,554

Commissions	—0—	16,571	16,571
General Expenses, per accompanying statement	37,685	373,787	411,472
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	—0—	15,998	15,998
Depreciation Expense/Data Processing Equipment	—0—	11,054	11,054
<b>TOTAL BENEFITS &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 37,685</b>	<b>\$1,011,089</b>	<b>\$1,048,774</b>
Gain from Operations, before Refunds to Members	(11,211)	94,495	83,284
Refunds to Members	—0—	61,676	61,676
Gain (Loss) From Operations	(11,211)	32,819	21,607
Fund Balances, beginning of year	274,929	1,432,298	1,707,228
Change in Non Admitted Assets		(3,270)	(3,270)
Net Capital Gains and Losses		(32,706)	(32,706)
Change in Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve		1,421	1,421
Miscellaneous Adjustment to Surplus		(1,936)	(1,936)
Transfer Between Funds	100,000	(100,000)	
<b>FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)</b>	<b>\$ 363,719</b>	<b>\$1,328,625</b>	<b>\$1,692,343</b>

7 Other Benefits to Members	—0—	40,830	40,830
7.1 Subtotal (items 5-7)	—0—	207,558	207,558
8 Commissions, Other Expenses and Taxes	37,684	385,043	422,727
9 Refund to Members Paid	—0—	74,533	74,533
10 Net Increase in Certificate Loans	—0—	7,612	7,612
11 Other Operating Expenses Paid	—0—	11,053	11,053
11.1 Subtotal (items 9;11)	—0—	93,199	93,199
11.2 Net Cash From Operations (items 4.1 minus 7.1, 8 and 11.1)	(12,696)	377,936	365,239
12 Proceeds from Bonds Sold, Matured or Repaid	35,000	842,266	877,266
13 Other Sources	—0—	—0—	—0—
13.1 Subtotal (items 11.2, 12 & 13)	22,303	1,220,202	1,242,506
14 Cost of Investments	160,998	1,099,206	1,260,204
15 Other Applications	—0—	11,424	11,424
15.1 Subtotal (items 14 & 15)	160,998	1,110,630	1,271,628
16 Net Change in Cash & Short-term Investments (items 13.1 minus 15.1)	(138,694)	109,572	(29,122)
16.1 Transfer Between Funds	100,000	(100,000)	
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>			
17 Cash & Short-term Investments: Beginning of the year	102,354	261,558	363,913
18 End of the Year (item 16 plus 17)	\$ 63,660	\$ 271,130	\$ 334,790

### Statement of General Expenses For Year Ending December 31, 1989

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Rent	\$—0—	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
Salaries and Wages	—0—	145,085	145,085
Insured Benefit Plan for Employees	—0—	18,817	18,817
Contribution to Employee Retirement Plan (Note 3)	—0—	4,752	4,752
Legal Fees	—0—	45	45
Medical Examination Fees	—0—	1,244	1,244
Travel Expense	—0—	38,771	38,771
Advertising	—0—	1,082	1,082
Postage, Express, Tele. & Telegraph	—0—	14,368	14,368
Printing and Stationery	—0—	22,123	22,123
Cost or Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	—0—	3,533	3,533
Fraternal Products/Lodge Supplies/Cultural Heritage Programs/American Dane Card, net	—0—	473	473
Books and Periodicals	—0—	1,846	1,846
Bureau and Association Dues	—0—	2,738	2,738
Insurance, except on Real Estate	—0—	1,651	1,651
Collection and Bank Service Charges	—0—	1,370	1,370
Sundry General Expense	2	2,325	2,327
Field Expense Allowance	—0—	2,061	2,061
Official Publication	—0—	37,619	37,619
Expense of National Convention	—0—	21,000	21,000
Actuarial/Consultation Fees	—0—	20,099	20,099
Data Processing Expenses and Fees	—0—	13,327	13,327
Membership Awards	—0—	4,209	4,209
District Fraternal Coordinators Program	—0—	4,741	4,741
Fraternal Aid (Special and General)	10,630	—0—	10,630
Scholarship Awards	27,052	—0—	27,052
Fraternal Donations	—0—	—0—	—0—
<b>TOTAL GEN. EXPENSES INCURRED</b>	<b>\$ 37,684</b>	<b>\$ 373,787</b>	<b>\$ 411,472</b>

### Notes to Financial Statements

- (1) The Danish Brotherhood in America is incorporated in the State of Nebraska as a non-profit fraternal benefit society. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. These financial statements are unaudited. The applicability of general accepted accounting principles to financial statements of fraternal benefit societies has not been determined. The principal accounting practices followed by the Society are as follows:
- A. Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.
  - B. Policy reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration of withdrawals.
  - C. Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost, preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.
  - D. The mandatory securities valuation reserve is reported as a liability.
  - E. Certain assets designated as "non-admitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to surplus.
- (2) The fund balances at December 31, 1989, consist of the following:
- | Fund      | Contingency Reserve | Unassigned Funds | Total       |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Fraternal | \$ —0—              | \$ 363,718       | \$ 363,718  |
| General   | 655,762             | 672,862          | 1,328,625   |
|           | \$ 655,762          | \$1,036,581      | \$1,692,343 |
- The contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with the bylaws of the Society for the following purposes:
- A. to provide for fluctuations of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.
  - B. to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership and charitable and educational activities.
- (3) The Society has a retirement plan for employees meeting certain minimum eligibility requirements. The plan is funded through a group annuity contract with the Society. Contributions for 1989 were \$4,752.
- (4) The Society reinsures certain of its life insurance business with other insurance companies. The retention limit on any one life is \$10,000. Under the primary reinsurance agreement, the reinsuring company has agreed to accept automatically all amounts on any one life in excess of the retention limit not exceeding 400% of that retention. Amounts in excess of 400% of the Society's retention may be applied for facultatively.
- The amount of insurance in force ceded under the agreement was \$3,316,435 at December 31, 1989. To the extent that the reinsuring companies are later unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements, the Society would remain liable.
- (5) The Society is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### Cash Flow For Year Ending December 31, 1989

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
1 Premiums & Annuity Considerations	\$—0—	\$ 451,788	\$ 451,788
2 Other Premiums, Considerations and Deposits	—0—	10,234	10,234
3 Investment Income Received (excluding realized gains/losses and net of expenses)	24,206	601,432	625,639
4 Other Income	781	281	1,062
4.1 Subtotal (items 1-4)	24,988	1,063,737	1,088,725
5 Life Claims Paid	—0—	64,959	64,959
6 Surrender Benefits Paid	—0—	101,768	101,768

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Now, therefore, do I, John G. Bookout, President of the National Fraternal Congress of America, proclaim

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and urge all fraternalists throughout the United States and Canada to join with me in heralding the accomplishments of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors and to note our gratefulness with pride.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John G. Bookout". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

John G. Bookout  
President

# 1990 Scholarship Winners Declared



**John D. Meerschaert, Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI**  
 Recipient of the 1990 Axel Skelbeck  
 Scholarship Award for Excellence



**Elizabeth Steffensen, Lodge No. 17, Chicago, IL**  
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**Gretchen A. Hansen**  
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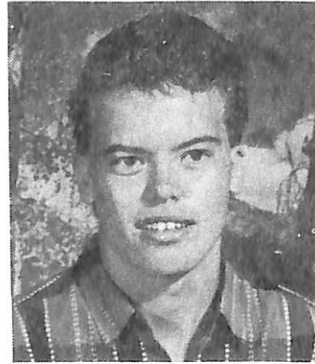
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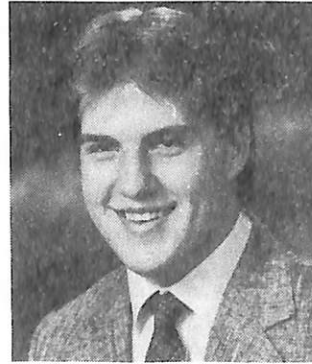
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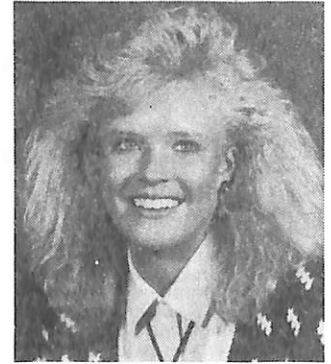
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# Lost Viking Capital in York (Jorvik) England

by Phyllis Nelson

Children shouting Viking cheers, shoppers gossiping in an ancient tongue, and the smells of cooking are bringing life back to the 1,000-year-old Viking trading capital of Jorvik, now known as York, in northern England.

Archaeologists spent eight years excavating the Viking city from under a millennium of mud, to re-create the life of its original residents for visitors.

The project started when bulldozers clearing the way for an office complex in York's center, unearthed blackened timbers, remnants of the ancient homes and stores of a city that was one of Europe's great trading ports. Four rows of buildings were found. Contents had been so well preserved by dampness — even down to boots and shoes, pins and needles, plants and insects — that every aspect of life at the time could be reconstructed.

Life-size clay figures were put in the Viking village. A bone carver was shown at his daily task of making combs and pins and ice skates from deer antlers; a wood carver carves spoons and bowls; fishermen clean their fish.

To get the feel of this time-warp atmosphere, visitors are transported in Disney-like electric cars through a "time tunnel," into a crowded little alley called Lundgate, which is populated by 10th-century townfolk buying and selling, working and playing. A bustling market, a busy wharf, and dark smoky houses have all been re-created in accurate detail.

Twelve canisters of resin, freshly treated each day with

chemicals, give off smells that archaeologists believe are authentic. They are the smells of the food the Vikings ate, the animals they kept, and their primitive drains.

Odors of wood smoke, cooking, raw wool, fish, pigsties and even of toilets reach the noses of visitors. "We added a smell of tar at the end in case people feel sick," said a worker on the site.

Tape recordings fill the air with sounds of grunting pigs, clucking chickens and children shouting, **Jorvikingar ratha ja**, which means "Vikings rule OK," according to Christine Fell, a language professor and one of only half a dozen Britons who speak Old Norse, the ancient Viking tongue.

After the "time cars" have passed through the village, they turn a corner into the actual site of the archaeological digs, revealing the remains of wells and toilets, warehouses, shops and homes. At journey's end, there is a display of the archaeological techniques that uncovered Jorvik, and some of the original finds — fish hooks, walrus-tusk dice, metal brooches, locks and keys, a sock, and a wonderful helmet which is **not** Viking, but probably one worn by an Anglo-Saxon nobleman at about the time of the first Viking attacks.

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At the end of the 8th century, Vikings surged out of what is present-day Denmark and Norway and stormed the ancient old Roman fortress and town called Eboracum. The Anglo-Saxons then occupying the area were astonished at the capability of the longboats that could travel such long distances, and even more amazed when other boats arrived in armadas of several hundred and turned the city into a great trading center with links to the Middle East and to Samarkand, Central Asia's oldest city.

The locals quickly fell in with the traditions of the Scandinavian colony — the farming systems, administrative systems, the Old language, styles of house building, and Scandinavian crafts and industries.

But the last Viking king, Erik Bloodaxe, was expelled in 954, and Jorvik disappeared under the streets as the invading French Norman barons who conquered England in 1066 put up their own buildings.

Still, the Viking legacy is noticeable in hundreds of Yorkshire villages that still bear Scandinavian names.

And walking through the York city streets, you'll notice that the influence of the Vikings lives on in the many streets that end in "gate," the Scandinavian word for street. Petergate, Stonegate, Goodramgate, Billygate, and Coppergate.

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# *The Scratched Diamond*

## A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME, a king owned a diamond of great value. He was so proud of his gem that he kept it close to himself. He never let it out of his sight for fear that someone would try to steal it from him.

The king handled this gem with great care. Even the slightest move would hurt its pure and perfect beauty.

He was so fearful of injuring his diamond, his hands shook as he moved it around to admire it.

Sure enough, he dropped the diamond right onto the tiled floor of his chambers.

Down went the diamond with a big crash.

The king was horrified as he saw a terrible scratch right in the middle of the diamond. A long crooked line marred its center.

He didn't know what to do.

He lost sleep over this terrible trauma.

"What should I do now?" he asked himself over and over again.

He called to his master servant.

He told him how very helpless he felt and that there must be someone who could rectify the diamond.

The master servant quickly called for some messengers.

"Please find someone who can correct this imperfect diamond for the king," he said, "and he will be greatly rewarded!"

The messenger left and within a week brought back a man who said he had the answer.

He was a maker of mirrors and tried painting the surface of the diamond with silver.

The king looked pleased.

But when the man tried to polish the diamond, all of the silver came off.

He left the palace disgraced.

The next messenger went out.

Within a month he returned with a man who said that he had the answer.

He was a cutter of glass and tried applying a small piece of glass over the diamond.

The king looked pleased.

But after the man finished gluing the glass onto the diamond, you could see the scratch right through it.

He left the palace quite disgraced.

The last messenger went out to try his luck.

He searched for months trying to find someone to repair the marred diamond.

At last, he found a man who said that he had the answer.

He was a person of all trades and said that he could cut the diamond in half, whereupon he would get rid of the scratch and then the king would have two separate gems.

"No! no!" protested the king. "That must never be!"

And so, the man left the palace disgraced, also.

"I guess," thought the king, "that there are no answers. There is no way to restore my precious diamond!"

Then one day, he decided to consult with diamond cutters and jewel experts.

Unfortunately, they all told him the same sad story.

Even if they polished the stone, they would never ever be able to remove the scratch.

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The king was indeed saddened that his once perfect gem was perfect no more.

"What shall I do?" asked the king to himself. "If only I had not been so selfish and kept the diamond to myself that would not have happened."

He paced back and forth.

"My own selfishness was the cause of this disaster," he continued. "I will never hide any of my treasures. I will let all of my people see them from now on."

And so, the king put his treasures on display in the royal museum.

One day, a jeweler from another land came by.

He admired the diamond and thought it was a splendid jewel.

Nearby was a guard.

The jeweler went up to him and said, "Why doesn't the king carve this stone and shape it into something which will enhance it?"

"Do you think it will work?" asked the guard, eagerly.

"It would make the diamond even more beautiful," replied the jeweler. "That is, if it was carved correctly."

And so, the guard went and told the king.

Quickly, the king called upon the jeweler.

"Please," begged the king, "tell me how you can make my diamond more beautiful!"

The jeweler smiled, "I can make your gem look better than it was before the accident," he said, "if you allow me to try."

The king wasn't sure about this. He didn't want anything more to happen to his diamond, but he relented and told the jeweler to do his very, very best.

Soon, the jeweler began his work.

He made the scratch the center of his carving.

Out of the crooked line he cut out the roots and stem of a flower.

In nature, the roots are crooked.

The jeweler imitated the way in which a crude root grows to

the surface. How it gradually unfolds and finally produces a perfect flower.

The king was delighted.

When it was finished, he again put the diamond on display.

Everyone understood what the jeweler had done.

That is, out of a scratch, out of crudeness, out of imperfection, there can come the most delicate and beautiful of art. Out of a scratch came a flower.

The worst fault in the diamond had been changed into a virtue.

## Parasol and Glasses

by Halfdan Rasmussen

translated from Danish

by Marilyn Waniek

A woman sitting in a boat  
with parasol and glasses  
fell in the water and got soaked  
with parasol and glasses.  
When she got on land again  
with parasol and glasses  
she fell in love and married a man  
with parasol and glasses.

After some years of love and joy  
with parasol and glasses  
they had a girl and then a boy  
with parasol and glasses.  
They had a cat that lived on rice  
with parasol and glasses  
because it's so hard to catch mice  
with parasol and glasses.

## 1989 Top 20 Lodges

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1989

Lodge No.	Total Membership	Lodge No.	Total Membership	Gain or Loss
1. 14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	394	1. 14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	404	+10
2. 227 Detroit, Michigan	318	2. 227 Detroit, Michigan	285	-33
3. 167 Portland, Oregon	270	3. 167 Portland, Oregon	279	+9
4. 34 Dwight, Illinois	242	4. 34 Dwight, Illinois	245	+3
5. 29 Seattle, Washington	219	5. 29 Seattle, Washington	226	+7
6. 51 Ludington, Michigan	213	6. 51 Ludington, Michigan	218	+5
7. 1 Omaha, Nebraska	211	7. 1 Omaha, Nebraska	201	-10
8. 16 Minden, Nebraska	184	8. 126 Los Angeles, California	196	+31
9. 4 Racine, Wisconsin	183	9. 35 Chicago, Illinois	181	+1
10. 35 Chicago, Illinois	180	10. 16 Minden, Nebraska	165	-19
11. 126 Los Angeles, California	165	11. 299 Solvang, California	148	-8
12. 46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	156	12. 328 Vancouver, British Columbia	143	-1
13. 299 Solvang, California	156	13. 46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	140	-16
14. 328 Vancouver, British Columbia	144	14. 347 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	127	-8
15. 341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	135	15. 15 Des Moines, Iowa	111	+12
16. 325 Nassau County, New York	116	16. 75 Albert Lea, Minnesota	110	-4
17. 75 Albert Lea, Minnesota	114	17. 4 Racine, Wisconsin	104	-79
18. 161 Ruskin, Nebraska	106	18. 325 Nassau County, New York	104	-12
19. 345 Orange County, California	104	19. 161 Ruskin, Nebraska	101	-5
20. 263 Askov, Minnesota	102	20. 345 Orange County, California	100	-4
15 Des Moines, Iowa	99	263 Askov, Minnesota	100	-2
		92 St. Charles, Illinois	92	-2

# Our Lodges in Action

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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — Welcome to John B. Jensen, Ulla Nielsen and Eivind Eskildsen. Hope to see you often at the meetings. We also approved a membership application from Finn Bo Petersen.

We have decided to make a goal of ten new members in 1990 and 15 more in 1991. Please make sure you get your friends and family initiated.

The delegates for the Pacific-Northwest District Convention in Vancouver on May 18-20 include Paul Hansen, Ted Kofoed, Gretchen Pembroke, and Ove Kilgren. Alternates are Flemming Sorensen, John B. Jensen, Ulla Nielsen, and Eivind Eskildsen.

Members voted to spend up to \$4,000 on programs for the betterment of its members. Please come to the next meeting. There will be snacks after the meeting that you haven't had since the last time you were in Denmark. Come on out to the newly opened Danish Center and attend your meetings.

The Howard E. Christensen Award nominee this year is Martin Rasmussen. As a long time and always hard working member, Martin deserves this recognition. A certificate of merit was presented to Martin for his unselfish service.

About 60 people attended a delicious Hakkebøf dinner with cake for dessert at the Swedish Club. Following dinner, installation of 1990 officers was conducted with Lilly Anderson and Clyde Langsted as installing officers. Following the installation, a disc jockey played music for dancing until midnight. A good time was had by all. Thanks, Jerry.

At our March meeting, three membership applications were approved for Kristian Kofoed, and Robert and Lillian Svensen. Lem Petersen reported on the preparations for the picnic to be held July 29. He is trying to get a representative from each of the Danish organizations.

Our lodge needs an insurance representative. Currently, it is handled by the Home Office, but we do need a local representa-

**The best idea for May goes to Lodge No. 345, Orange Co., CA. See page 15.**

tive.

The Northwest District Bowling Tournament was held in Tacoma on March 10 with Portland in charge. It was a very successful day with lots of fun. Four prizes went to Seattle: Eric Langsted and Jerry Jensen won individual prizes and a team consisting of our lodge members, Eric Langsted, Jerry Jensen, Flemming Sorensen, Leif Sorensen and Frank Poulsen also won. Seattle guest bowler Sandi Mortensen also won a prize. Thanks to Portland with Debbie and Aggie in charge.

**Frank Poulsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — On February 11 we met at the Bethany Lutheran Church with Sheila Hamilton and got the committees for the 1991 National Convention formed and started to plan their jobs. We still need more members for the various committees. It is not too late to get involved. We have only 19 months left. Sheila needs everyone's support now and I hope you will get with it today.

The Howard Christensen Award committee met and chose Ed Hirsch as the nominee from our lodge.



**Ed Hirsch is congratulated by President Larry West.**

We wish to thank Fred, Elly, Debbie and Joyce for the installation dinner at the

Gresham Elks. It was a very good dinner and everyone had a good time.

Our March 7 meeting came to order with 40 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an explanation of the symbols done by Past President Fred Batchelor. Several applicants to the Brotherhood were initiated, namely Victor and Beryl Dahl, Darlene and Carlene Vose, Ruth Dally and Anne Chesser. A short intermission followed in which we greeted our new members.



**Welcome new members, Carlene M. Vose and her mother Darlene Vose.**

Various National Convention committees gave their reports. Sheila Hamilton stressed that chairpersons of the committees need to get in touch with her to set up budget costs. There was a discussion on electing a treasurer for the convention, as both Sisterhood and Brotherhood need to be represented. We will authorize two from each lodge to handle the funds, while there needs to be only one from each lodge to sign the checks. There will be an announcement for another general meeting for the volunteers soon.

Kris Roley reported that the Young Viking's snowday was warm with 23 persons participating.

A motion was made, moved and seconded to spend \$150 and mail to all members an updated membership book.

The following delegates were elected to attend the district convention in Vancouver in May: Larry West, Fred and Elly Batchelor, and Lisa Mortensen. Alternates are Frank and Ruth Dally, and Norman and Emma Powell. There was discussion regarding an ad for the convention. We will

use our 1991 convention logo. It was moved and seconded that we take out a full page ad and split the costs with the Sisterhood.

On behalf of the Northwest Danish Foundation, Diane Fisker gave a report on her trip to Seattle, the little city of Scandinavian nationalities. She highly recommended the Nordic Museum and the University of Washington's Scandinavian Studies Department.

**Larry West, Pres.**  
**Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — At our last meeting there were 66 members present. It was reported from the Sports Committee that everything in regard to the International Soccer Games was progressing quickly and on schedule.

The Board reported that a discussion had taken place regarding membership fees. A decision was made that a committee should be structured with input from the general membership. Two representatives from the floor were nominated. They were Al Paquette and Leo Pedersen.

Bent Jensen reported from the Convention Committee that everything was finalized for the upcoming convention in Vancouver.

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

Again this year there will be a bus trip to Reno sponsored by our lodge. Your tour guide will be Herluf Pedersen. He has informed us that the bus will be leaving Vancouver on Saturday, October 6. For more information, please contact Herluf.

Over 100 people from the Northwest District attended our yearly Bowling Tournament in Tacoma, Washington. The Male High Single Game was won by Gerry Jensen, 214, from Seattle. The Male High Three Game winner was Eric Langsted, 609. The Women's High Team winner was the Sisterhood Lodge No. 179 from Vancouver with a score of 1960. The Men's High Team winner was "Kuglehoder" from Seattle with a score of 2583. That evening was ended with a dinner/dance. Everyone had a wonderful time. Next year, the District Bowling Tournament will be sponsored by Vancouver.

**Peter Praegel, Cor.**

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — We had a well attended March meeting. President Scott Stefansen recommended the Danish language camp Himmelbjerget, held at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Oregon, in July. Scott also reminded us about DBIA's Five-Year Plan

and our goal to increase our membership. A certificate of merit was presented to Kris Sand for his work for the lodge.

Glenn Matson gave a report on upcoming events. On June 3, we will have an old fashioned picnic at Armitage Park with food, games and fun for all ages. We hope to see both present and future members of the Brotherhood and encourage our members to bring along children and grandchildren. On June 10 there will be a bus trip to the Portland Rose Parade.

We continue to bring canned food for Operation Care and Share. We also collect any unneeded clothing to be donated to needy people in the community.

After the meeting, Otto and Bernice Jensen and their committee served coffee and delicious kringle. They also gave a demonstration on square dancing and invited all of us to give it a try.

On March 18, 36 of our members went to the theater to see a play followed by a dinner. All who attended enjoyed it immensely.

**Birgit Sand, Cor.**



**Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA** — We enjoyed a joint installation with Humboldt Lodge No. 230 and Danish Sisterhood Fjeldronning Lodge No. 131. Lodge No. 230 was the host. Kaj Kristensen and Dorothy Petersen were the installing officers and did an excellent job. Many thanks to all of the out-of-town guests and to the Petaluma drill team.

Our bowling on the first Sunday of the month is well attended and everybody is having lots of fun.

Everybody is busy preparing for our 40th annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival to be held June 16-17 in Ferndale. Two days of fun and food. Sisterhood Lodge No. 131 will sell aebleskiver at the Danish Hall on Saturday. The dance teams have started practice for the festival. We have two new members taking over the tiny tots, Sue Richardson and Jennifer Becker. Erla Chance who has instructed the children's teams for 39 years is still in charge of the immediate group. Lorana Sweet is in charge of the adult team. A highlight for the adult team was their trip to the Tivoli Fest held at the Danish Retirement Home, Aldersly, in San Rafael, California. This trip was made possible by Harvey and Alice Rasmussen of Petaluma who put the team up for the two nights.

Hans Andersen is recovering from his stroke and we hope to be seeing him at the meetings soon.

We were all saddened by the death of Rosemary Nielsen. Our sympathy to her wonderful family.

Norwegian Constitution Day will be celebrated on May 20 at Fred Elliott's with a potluck picnic and dancing.

**Francis Sweet, Sec.**

**Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA** — March found us discussing plans for the California-Nevada District Convention which we will host in 1991 when our Brother Jim P. Larsen will be installed as President. The convention will be held on August 15-17, 1991, at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Petaluma. A contest is being held among our members to pick a theme for the convention. The winner will be awarded a convention activity book of tickets, to be awarded at the Brothers Treat in May.

Congratulations to Brother Bob MacKinnon who on April 1 joined the ranks of the retired after being employed for 27 years by Clover-Stornetta Creamery.

Our bowling team is holding its own. They can be found every Monday night bowling the early league at Petaluma's Boulevard Bowl. They will not bowl during the summer, however they will resume play in September.

We will keep you informed as to future convention activities as plans are formed.

**Alice Rasmussen, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — Our lodge and the city mourned the loss of one of its outstanding citizens. Arne M. Madsen passed away in late February. Arne's two sons, Vern and Ed, have set up a trust fund in memory of their father that will generate a scholarship annually to any young person of Danish heritage in the Valley toward a college career. The sons have asked the local Danish Brotherhood lodge to administer the annual grant. All of the Solvang area will miss this energetic man that helped so many people.

**William Allds, Sec.**

**Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA** — The installation of officers and dinner/dance was held this year in our regular meeting hall on our regular meeting night and was a very memorable success. The dinner was catered by Susie Hansen and featured many Danish specialties. The eye appeal equaled the kind you would find in the best of restaurants and the taste proved it. A champagne reception preceded the dinner.

Officers installed by Bob Lassiter of Solvang were Verner Stenderup, Past President; Vernid Peterson, President; Bill McDonald, Vice President; Jacob Jeppesen, Secretary; Erik Michelsen, Treasurer; Louis Jacobsen, Elton Nelson and Viggo

Stenderup, Trustees; Owen Nelson, Jr., Conductor; and Elton Nelson, Inner Guard. Jim Larsen of Petaluma was installing conductor.

Special memberships pins were presented to Vernid Peterson, Fred Stenderup and Erik Michelsen for 25 years of membership. Louis Jacobsen was presented a 50-year pin.

The March meeting was a planning session with the Sisterhood joining us after the business meeting. Tentative projects include the Spring Breakfast on May 6 and a bus trip to Thousand Oaks for the California Lutheran College's Scandinavian Festival on May 12. Verner Stenderup is chairing the breakfast and Owen Nelson, Jr. is chairing the bus trip.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — The social held March 23 at the Alamo was another fundraiser for the convention committee. Approximately 45 people attended. Each were requested to bring a plate of sandwiches, cake or cookies. Some even brought Akvavit. The food was sold at reasonable prices, coffee and cake was served. The sandwiches were "højt belagt," and oh, sooo good. After the dinner they sang to their heart's content with Viggo Bech Nielsen at the piano. This was followed by card playing or playing of different games. A good time was had by all. A definite winner for the fund raising committee!

Olaf Christensen, age 84, died March 6 following surgery for a malignant brain tumor. Olaf resided in Rosemead for many years. Olaf was a long time member of the Danish Brotherhood. He joined in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1928 and later became a member of our lodge. He is survived by a son Ronald Jens Christensen of Covina. Aere vaere hans minde! He will be missed!

Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

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BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — Our March meeting and social drew a rather small crowd but those in attendance had a great time.

President Gary Gossett opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the Danish National Anthem, and roll call of officers. There were three new applications for membership taken and the members voted to accept these applications. They were for Marian Aymar, Muriel Jorgensen and Harvey Jorgensen.

Conductor Kaj Bjorn passed around this

year's new password. Also passed out was a new pamphlet provided by the National Headquarters. This pamphlet contains brief, easy-to-read information about the Danish Brotherhood in America including our fraternal philosophy, lodge membership, fraternal benefits and insurance protection. This is an excellent handout for anyone interested in membership. If you did not receive one, contact Gerry Olsen.

These would be ideal to pass out to interested friends and neighbors.

Vivian Schuette, chairman for Operation Care and Share, reported that she had purchased and delivered five 60" round tablecloths to the Christian Temporary Housing Facility for their use. **She also suggested that the lodge could participate in a gasoline voucher program for the facility. Gas vouchers in the amount of \$5.00 each**

# VELKOMMEN!

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

**Lodge**

Member	No.	Location	Sponsor
Albert J. Arzt	14	Kenosha, WI	Harold Kubart
Raymond E. Tritt	14	Kenosha, WI	Lloyd Tritt
John H. Angotti	14	Kenosha, WI	Elmer Shemanske
Lyle A. Hansen	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Darlene M. Hansen	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Patricia J. Naughton	15	Des Moines, IA	J. Merton Kuhr
John D. Rudisill	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Elizabeth Rudisill	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Jonathan Rudisill	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Patricia Rudisill	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Jeffrey Rudisill	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Carol A. Rudisill	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Carmon A. Pesek	16	Minden, NE	William Jorgensen, Jr.
Melissa M. Pesek	16	Minden, NE	William Jorgensen, Jr.
Emma K. Pesek	16	Minden, NE	William Jorgensen, Jr.
Gretchen A. Pesek	16	Minden, NE	William Jorgensen, Jr.
Patricia A. Pesek	16	Minden, NE	William Jorgensen, Jr.
Thomise J. Botts	16	Minden, NE	William Jorgensen, Jr.
Judy L. Botts	16	Minden, NE	William Jorgensen, Jr.
Danny H. A. Resek	16	Minden, NE	William Jorgensen, Jr.
Finn B. Petersen	29	Seattle, WA	Frank Poulsen
Lillian V. Swenson	29	Seattle, WA	Borge H. Schlegel
Nepia M. Bower	35	Chicago, IL	John Jorgensen
James P. Svenningsen	35	Chicago, IL	Jenny E. Jensen
Herbert M. Dalleck	35	Chicago, IL	Ed Eriksen
Henry Larsen	35	Chicago, IL	Ed Eriksen
Emma Jean Larsen	35	Chicago, IL	Ed Eriksen
Rose M. Begeman	35	Chicago, IL	Ed Eriksen
Wallis E. Fillipp	43	Denver, CO	Norman R. Wittrup
Herluf H. Ries	121	Tyler, MN	Therkel Jorgensen
Marian V. Ries	121	Tyler, MN	Therkel Jorgensen
Maurine K. Hortness	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Terry D. Mark	139	Viborg, SD	Robert G. Mark
Dominick A. Lamorte	164	New York, NY	Walter Peterson
Michele A. Lamorte	164	New York, NY	Walter Peterson
Lloyd W. Nelson	167	Portland, OR	Kristine Hake
Andrew L. Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Sarah J. Petersen	211	Grand Island, NE	Vera Petersen
Leland F. Vandecar	299	Solvang, GA	William Villa
Jorge A. Andersen	325	Nassau Co., NY	Mariana Andersen
John Scheuber	332	Ripon, CA	John E. Craig
Max L. Stowers	332	Ripon, CA	Ann Stowers
Josephine A. Gillette	340	Wood Dale, IL	Ann Andersen
Edith W. Weinholtz	342	Bucks Co., PA	Mary C. Linton
William E. Weinholtz	342	Bucks Co., PA	Mary C. Linton
Dale R. Bonikowske	343	Waupaca, WI	Melda B. Mortensen
Marian H. Aymar	345	Orange Co., CA	Gertrude J. Nielsen
Harvey G. Jorgensen	345	Orange Co., CA	James Wiegandt
Muriel M. Jorgensen	345	Orange Co., CA	James Wiegandt
Glenn W. Ohms	349	Atlantic, IA	Richard G. Knudsen
Joan P. Ohms	349	Atlantic, IA	Richard G. Knudsen
Norman L. Henriksen	349	Atlantic, IA	Glenn Olsen
Dorothy M. Henriksen	349	Atlantic, IA	Glenn Olsen
Carl L. Andreasen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Anne E. Pitt	600	Omaha, NE	Fred W. Elliott, Sr.

will be distributed to those needing to hunt for jobs and housing. In order for them to receive a voucher, extra work must be completed first. Vivian suggested that our lodge could periodically support this program when monthly goods were not needed.

President Gary divided the room, set up a scoring sheet, and we began our evening by playing Trivia. We have some very smart members in our lodge as the questions went on for some time until the two people remaining were Gertrude Nielsen and Cal Christensen. Both these people were in turn made captains of their team. Sherm Nielsen and Erna Andersen went head to head whistling their way through "Camp Town Races." Win, Loose or Draw was next as both teams managed to stay neck and neck on the scoring. Following this, we played a game of identification where objects such as an antique candy thermometer, buggy spring spreader, corn planter, potato planter, and drawing tool were attempted to be identified by two teams. We finished the evening by playing Encore, a game suggested by the National Headquarters in the activity suggestions. This game was indeed a hit and everyone participated, young and old. We had songs being sung from World War I era and rock songs so current only teenagers would know them. Everyone had a fun time with Cal Christensen's team being victorious. Refreshments were then served and we would like to thank those ladies responsible. Also, a big thank you to Gary Gossett who sponsored this month's activity.

Remember to sign up for our Mother's Day banquet to be held Saturday, May 12, at the lodge. Contact Rosemary Allison or Irene Everson for reservations.

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — Our hats are off to our Irish Colleens, Nancy O'Nielsen and Darlene McPetersen for their culinary expertise! They did a beautiful job on the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Eighteen of us had a wonderful dinner after which President Vikki Garrison held a business meeting. During the meeting, we were reminded that the District Convention will be held in Burbank on July 26-28. We have since received raffle tickets from the host Lodge No. 126. First prize is a trip for two to Copenhagen on SAS and second prize is two nights and three days at the Tropicanna Hotel in Las Vegas and, of course, there are many more prizes. Both Nancy Nielsen and Sue Pattersen have them for sale at the upcoming events.

President Vikki announced that at our May meeting, Ken Nielsen has gotten us a

guest speaker by the name of Tom Grimes of the Redlands Police Department. Mr. Grimes will give a talk on earthquake awareness — a very appropriate subject for us as four days before the meeting, we had a big one hit us.

After the meeting, we had a fun time with our silent auction. We made \$50.15 in just 20 minutes. We ended the evening with Irish coffee or coffee and cake. Thanks again to our "cooks" and to our bartender Bill.

We have a change of dates for the annual Deep Pit Bar-B-Que. Instead of being on May 12, it will be June 9, so please make a note of it on your calendars.

**Sue Patterson, Past Pres.**

## COLORADO

**Lodge #43, Denver, CO** — Columbine Lodge is privileged to meet in the Radiant Chapter Lodge building where the Eastern Star dinner committee serves an excellent menu each month. The Danes became Irish for the meeting on March 12 with 45 members and guests present to enjoy corned beef and cabbage.

To begin the business meeting, Norm Wittrup, President, presented a plaque to Fred Nielsen, Treasurer, in recognition of Fred's many years of devoted service to the lodge. News from the Danish Immigrant Museum included the anticipated start of construction this summer and the gift of Bestemor's historic house to the museum. The five-year goal of the membership drive of the National DBIA was approved.

Past President and Secretary Svend Sonderup, who now lives near Aarhus on Jutland, Denmark, came for his annual visit, renewing old friendships. Exchange students shared some of their culture with us, namely Claire Bignet from Ferrand in France and Kirsten Meyer from Hanover, Germany.

The program was provided by Shirley and Dutch Kuhlman, sharing a video tape on Alaska's Inside Passage from their recent trip there. We viewed this on our newly acquired television and VCR, thanks to Lee and Sven Pedersen.

## NEBRASKA

### Nebraska District

The Nebraska District Convention will be held in Omaha on September 21-23. A Friday night get-together will be held at Vennelyst Park. All of Saturday's activities will be held at the Regency Best Western

Motel, located at 909 S. 107th Avenue. Sunday morning breakfast plans are being made, also. Mark your calendars!

**Jim Christiansen, Vice Pres.**

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — We are planning "A Day at Tivoli" on Saturday, May 12. It will be held at Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st Street, in Omaha, Nebraska, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We'll have entertainment for everyone. The program will include Scandinavian Folk Dancers, Danish songs, story-telling of fairy tales, and more. Clowns will be on hand to brighten the day.

No Danish get-together is complete without food. Five kinds of open-faced sandwiches, aebleskiver, and Danish cookies will be available along with coffee, soda vand (pop) and Danish beer. A polser vogn will be there, too.

You will be able to buy chances on a raffle, which will include a framed print of the "Danmark" ship, plates and more. Games of chance will be set up. Booths representing Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges, Danish Immigrant Museum, Danish Windmill, Rebild Park, and more will provide information for all. There will be a number of Danish crafts.

Come and join our lodge for "A Day at Tivoli." We will donate all of the profits from the day to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. Help make it a success. We hope to see many of you there on May 12.

**Jim Christiansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — We met Thursday, February 15, at the Community Center for our annual aebleskiver and ham supper. Forty-eight members and visitors were present to enjoy the supper and the cherry cake for dessert.

Kenneth Bundgaard was the winner of the \$5.00 drawing. All enjoyed a Danish film about one of the small islands near Denmark, the island of Faroe, belonging to Denmark.

Visitors were Calvin and Phyllis Soderquist and Alma Space. The committee in charge was Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Lyle and Doris Maurer, Dorrit Jones and Edith Thomsen, assisted by Virginia Madsen and Cindy Kinney.

We met Thursday, March 15, at the Community Center for a St. Patrick's Backwards Party with 23 in attendance. President Herbert Nielsen called the meeting to order. Due to the absence of the secretary, Glen Haselbarth gave the secretary's report and Minna Newbold gave the treasurer's report. Virginia Schmidt was the lucky winner of the \$5.00 drawing.

For entertainment, we played bingo. The

committee served a green salad, crackers, coffee and tea. The committee consisted of Clarence and Marian Johnson, Ralph and Ruth Buchell, Ed and Virginia Schmidt and Thurza Nelson. **Lillie Hansen, Cor.**

Lunch was served by Gunnar and Gen Fisher which consisted of open-faced sandwiches and chocolate cake. The evening adjourned after some visiting and card playing. **Katherine Chrysler, Treas.**

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**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — We met at the Grange Hall on Monday, February 26, with a good attendance and plenty of food and coffee as usual. Deloris and Duane Hansen, District Fraternal Coordinators from Omaha, were guests to give us assistance in planning our programs for the year.

John Mark Nielsen from Dana College was also present and gave us some insight on the conference "Rescue of the Danish Jews" held at Dana College on April 22-23. He also gave us some information on the progress of the Danish Immigrant Museum being built in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Doris Stokes and Anita Johnson were presented certificates for being nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

After much discussion, it was decided that the Blair lodge would host the Danish Brotherhood State Picnic. The matter is to be chaired by Laurids Pedersen, who will establish a date. It will, however, be sometime in July. **Doris Stokes, Pres.**

**IOWA-MINNESOTA**

**Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN** — We met Friday evening, March 16, for our monthly meeting. There were 19 members present and most of our discussion was about our 99th anniversary banquet which was held March 31.

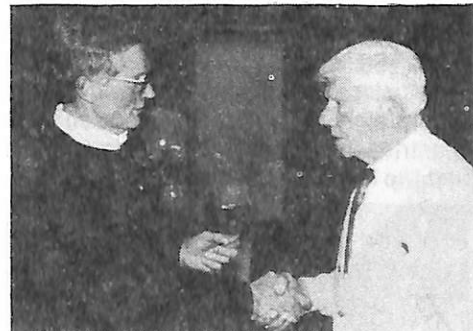
**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — At our March meeting we enjoyed five presentations by Dike High School speech students, namely Ryan Hemmen, Heather Hollis, Megan Nielsen, Kurt Noack, and Eileen Ringnald.



All were entertained by Megan Nielsen.

Megan Nielsen was the most entertaining in giving her presentation about a family life situation where, as an example, it was necessary to use three or more tents when the family goes camping, some for eating, some for sleeping. Megan was also recently in the high school production of "Annie Get Your Gun" and did a superb job as "Annie." We were again reminded of the good things the youth of our community are doing and realize the very definite influence of good teachers.

Congratulations to Russell Nielsen on his 25 years of membership and to his granddaughter and family!



Dale Danielsen, President, presented Russell Nielsen with his 25-year pin.

**Lodge #186, Luck, WI** — For the February Fastelavn's meeting, Darlene and Harry Jensen made the two wooden barrels, the

**MAY ASSESSMENT  
NUMBER 1091**  
is Due and Payable to the  
Lodge Treasurer  
**May 1, 1990**  
and Must Be Paid Before  
**June 1, 1990**  
Members failing to pay their local  
lodge treasurer as per above will be  
considered in arrears.

**Lest We Forget**

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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
10-4-89	Floyd H. Andersen	74	Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1973
9-21-89	Nels Sorensen	86	Gibson City, Illinois	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1962
12-31-89	Stella Boerema	82	Stenbjerg, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1989
3-11-90	Roy D. Thompson	78	Victory Township	51	Ludington, Michigan	1975
8-9-89	Mary O. McLaughlin	74	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	347	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1979
3-1-90	Magnus L. B. Petersen	102	Fyn, Denmark	41	Derby, Connecticut	1906
7-13-89	Crystal R. Nelson	72	Missouri	345	Orange County, California	1977
1-1-90	Paul F. Petersen	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1981
5-31-89	Marian C. Emberson	74	Kaneville Township	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1979
10-28-89	Elmer C. Borgaard	82	Minden, Nebraska	268	Junction City, Oregon	1978
2-13-90	Valdemar H. Hansen	89	Astrup, Denmark	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1930
2-19-90	Frank Nielsen	88	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1951
3-6-90	Olaf Christensen	84	Halvrimmen, Denmark	323	Alhambra, California	1949
3-10-90	Kristian L. J. Kusk	72	Veddum, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1949
2-21-90	Borge T. Petersen	74	Elizabeth, New Jersey	325	Nassau County, New York	1935
2-12-90	Axel Hansen	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1931
3-14-90	Arthur G. Kern	60	Dwight, Illinois	314	Dwight, Illinois	1975
2-27-90	Max Meyer	74	Hartford, Connecticut	34	Hartford, Connecticut	1940
3-13-90	Louis C. Brinkman	80	Mokena, Illinois	107	Chicago, Illinois	1953
3-12-90	John J. Johnson	85	Canton, Ohio	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1953

stuffed cats, and supplied the hay, peanuts and candy. The barrel was hung from the ceiling. Each member had several chances to strike the barrel hoping to release the contents. Clifford Aubert and Pearl Jensen each employed the final blows, were crowned King and Queen and led the grand march. Coffee and hot cross buns were served for lunch.

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — Henrik Steffen, an air freight manager and owner of Worldwide Shipping and Airfreight Service of Copenhagen, Denmark, was a special guest in the home of Harlan and Flor Johnsen from November 15-19. Mr. Steffen and Mr. Johnsen are cousins.

Mr. Steffen had been in the United States since November 7 on business. He speaks eight languages and has been in 24 countries around the world. This was his first trip to the United States.



Welcome Danish visitor, Henrik Steffen.

During his four days' visit in Laurens, he was kept very busy. He was invited by Mrs. Nancy Stumpf to speak to the Laurens-Marathon students about his native country, Denmark. He felt the students were very interested. He also thanked the school for the meal and it was his first Thanksgiving meal in the United States.

He spent his last day in America by visiting the Danish communities of Elk Horn and Kimballton, dining at the Danish Inn, seeing many Danish products and visiting with Danish people from those communities. He also saw the World's Largest Bull, Albert, at Audubon, and the Little Mermaid Fountain in Kimballton.

Mr. Steffen commented that "America is really a big country, everything... it is composed of different people from different ethnics, cultures, etc., where you can find a place or settlement just like Denmark. Laurens is a small quiet town with friendly people who really give a warm welcome to a foreigner."

Henrik resides in Hillerød, Denmark, with his wife, Lisbeth, daughters Pia, age 18, Tine, 15, and Pernille, 11. He drives to Copenhagen to his office daily.

Harlan Johnsen, Dist. Treas.

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA** — Our March 15 meeting turned out a little different than we had scheduled. The business was taken care of as usual, but one unfortunate announcement was made. The Rev. Oluf Kongshaug, who is from Denmark, had to cancel his speaking engagement for our lodge, due to an illness that put him in the hospital. We have since learned the Reverend is doing better.

President Kathy McLaren, who always seems to have a knack for solving problems, arranged in the last minute to get a delightful gentlemen, Chuck Debban, who is a world traveler, to come and speak. The subject chosen was Scotland. It was very interesting and enlightening. Mr. Debban also brought slides. It was funny to see how some parts of Scotland resemble Iowa.

Our own Ulla Christensen spoke of the Danish region of South Jylland (Jutland).

The refreshment committee of Dave and Norma Nietert provided us with a wonderful strawberry dessert. John McLaughlin brought punch and Alice Gorsch provided baked goods.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — Forty-six members and four guests attended the March 12 meeting at the Atlantic Fire Station meeting room. We welcome Glenn and Joan Ohms as new members. A welcome was extended to guests Norman and Dorothy Henriksen and Claude and Norma Andersen.

It was decided May would be "Care and Share" month. We would donate money and also each member is to bring a pound of canned food for the Food Pantry. The May committee would remind everyone of this project.

Discussion was held on getting past president's pins for our past presidents.

Calla Jensen from Cass County Home Health Care gave us an interesting presentation on the care available for the homebound in Cass County.

The March committee of Chet and Marj Holland, Gladys McCrory, Richard and Ardyce Knudsen, Don and Fern Nelson, Marvin Ohms and Paul and Nadine Williamson served a delicious lunch.

Doris Bell, Sec.

#### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

### MIDWEST

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — We had a good March meeting with 18 members in attendance. Thank you to Jeff and Marilyn for our lunch. Let's each try to ask someone to

join us for the May meeting.

It seems the Danes are coming alive. Kringlefest in Racine, a national Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. We have a chance to protect and preserve our heritage. We will be hearing more about this later and we'll pass it along to you.

Plan to play cards in May, cribbage or whatever. Should be a fun day. Keep Saturday, May 19, open and get a partner or come alone and play cards!

It's not too early to think about our Midwest Golf Outing and Midwest Picnic to be hosted by Lodge No. 34 of Dwight, Illinois, on July 21 and you can be assured that if you attend, you'll have a good time.

Also, mark your calendars for our annual picnic to be held at Pritchard Park on July 11.

Wayne Kavaliauskas, Pres.

#### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — A small but enthusiastic group attended the sock hop in February. Thanks to Todd Bernhardt and Annette Sopata, Rick and Chris Wade, Jeff and Chris Bernhardt and Martha Marion.

Thank you to Eddie Gastaldi for painting the basement boiler room and refinishing the shelves in the kitchen; to Jack Sorensen who cleaned out the boiler room, put in new kitchen ceiling and fixed several banquet tables among his other various duties; to John Sullivan for donating a large mixer to the club; to Dean Hansen and Paul Roskres for donations to the building fund; and to all the Brothers who donated poker chips — we received over 3,000. The paint for the basement was donated by the Rathskellar poker players.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — The Midwest District Annual 22 Caliber Fleming Andersen Target Shoot was hosted by our lodge on Saturday, March 17. Forty-nine shooters and guests met at Starks Restaurant and then proceeded to Wren's Gun Shop in Streator where coffee, rolls and donuts were available for enjoyment during the morning. Four Midwest District lodges were represented by 37 men, eight women and four Viking shooters. A noon lunch was enjoyed back at Starks by 55 people. Thanks to Fuzzy Andersen, Jim Andraesen and everybody else who helped make this another successful Midwest District event.

It was voted on and approved to sell Harvest Day buttons again this year. A certificate was presented to James Andraesen for being nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Hospitality and Brotherhoodism were certainly evident at the Spring smørrebrød held on March 23 at the home of Elmer Jorgensen. Attendees enjoyed the tasty, attractive smørrebrød, thanks to Rev. Jim Albys, the Lars Andersens, the Axel Hermansens, the Elmer Jorgensens, Elsa Berlin, Grace Gertz, Elsie Hein and Barbara Larsen.

Thanks are extended to Swedish Linde Lodge for a most enjoyable evening on March 16 with Milwaukee Danes as guests. An H. C. Andersen skit entitled "Little Claus and Big Claus," was presented by a small dedicated "band of actors/actresses" and brought laughter and applause! A delicious lunch was served after the evening's program.

**Al Larsen, Cor.**

### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — We held our regular monthly meeting on March 22 at the Trinity Lutheran Church social room. Our President, Melda Mortensen, had each member present sign a birthday card to be sent to Queen Margrethe II of Denmark for her 50th birthday on April 16. We discussed building a replica of the Viking Ship to be used in our Home Town Days parade on July 4 with each male member contributing time and materials for the project. Also, our members were reminded of our annual potluck picnic to be held at Riverside Park on July 26 with our new member, John Gusmer, telling us about his visits to Denmark and his industry, Filter Materials, here in Waupaca. It was also decided to have a regular meeting in November following our Mortensaften goose dinner — the meeting to be held at a later date. John Gusmer and Dale Bonikowski were accepted as new members in our organization.

Following our meeting, Miska Savolainen, a Finnish exchange student, spoke to us about life in Finland and the differences

## **Payment to Board Members**

MARCH 1990

Semi-annual Board Meeting, Clyde R. Langsted, \$691.50; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$430.00; Erling C. Braumann, \$641.00; Paul Carlsen, \$571.25; Barry F. Edmonds, \$618.00; Ebba Norby, \$703.00; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$426.10; Robert E. Ibsen, \$488.00. Semi-annual expense allowance, Woodrow T. Petersen, \$250.00; Erling C. Braumann, \$250.00; Paul Carlsen, \$250.00; Barry F. Edmonds, \$250.00; Ebba Norby, \$250.00; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$250.00; Robert E. Ibsen, \$250.00.

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$240.60.

he found here in America. This was followed by a silent prayer in memory of two of our recent departed members, Otto Gudmandsen and Mabel Godfrey. A letter was read from our former members, Aage and Vivian Lindholm, who have moved to Kokomo, Indiana. Following this, a delicious lunch of Danish open faced sandwiches and kringle was served by Mr. and Mrs. Leland Darrow and Fred and Debbie Rasmussen.

**Vera Yorkson, Cor.**

## **MICHIGAN-OHIO**

### **Michigan-Ohio District**

March 24 was the date of the first district activity of the year. The District Bowling Tournament was hosted by the Greenville, Michigan lodge. Twenty-one teams including both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood took part in this event. We had representatives from Ludington, Muskegon, Detroit and Greenville, all from Michigan. Before I get to the winners, I feel obligated to report that your District Secretary, Bob Sorensen, captured the low game of the tournament for the men. The game was 93. Now, on to the winning teams. The ladies from Greenville won the traveling trophy for the ladies and one of the Detroit teams won the traveling trophy for the men. Otto Pedersen, Willy Pedersen, Paul Carlsen, Ron Hammer, and George Petersen comprised the winning team.

Future dates for district events are as follows: May 19, District Convention in Ludington; July 7, District Picnic in Muskegon; and July 28, Detroit Lodge No. 227 will host the District Baseball Outing. At this time, no definite date has been set for the District Golf Outing in Ludington, but possibly by convention time, they will have the date set. More information will be forthcoming about the upcoming activities.

**Bob Sorensen, Dist. Sec.**

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — We will be hosting the Michigan-Ohio District Convention this year and the date has been set for Saturday, May 19. Our District President, John Laird, and our lodge President, Randy Hansen, send a special invitation to all our Brothers and Sisters to keep this date in mind and make plans to attend and enjoy the fellowship that is always present at our district conventions.

Our plans have been completed and the program will be as follows. On Friday, May 18, there will be a pre-convention warm-up. The lodge will be open in the evening

consisting of munchies, liquid refreshments and most importantly, to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances. No reservations are needed. On Saturday, May 19, registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., the business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., lunch break from 3:00-3:15 p.m., banquet at Bethany Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m., dance at the Danish Hall at 9:00 p.m., and an evening lunch at 11:00 p.m.

The price will be \$10.00 per person. As our Saturday evening banquet is catered, we have to pay for all who make reservations for this event. Therefore, we would like to request that the total number of delegates, wives, and other members and wives be sent to John Laird, District President, Lodge No. 51, 210 Fourth St., Ludington, MI 49431. We will make reservations according to the number received from each lodge. Please make sure those that make reservations attend so we do not end up paying for people who do not show up for this event. Deadline for reservations is May 12.

Scholarship applications must be received by Ken Johnson prior to the convention. Anyone needing applications should contact Ken Johnson, 3031 N. Jebavy Dr., Ludington, MI 49431.

We are looking forward to seeing you on May 19.

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — On March 14 we had a good turnout for the pre-meeting dinner but only 29 Brothers stayed for the business meeting that followed. Attendance at our meetings is dropping but this trend can be easily changed if only a few more Brothers would come down and show more interest in their lodge.

March 28 was the social night at which the Danish film "Pelle the Conqueror" was shown. Over 40 people showed up to enjoy the movie and coffee and cake afterwards. Of course, getting together and just talking to each other is also a benefit of these social nights.

On March 18 we had four teams bowl in the National Tournament with mixed results. Our President, Otto Pedersen, rolled a game of 77 and our National Director, Paul Carlsen, came in with a game of 96. Although we didn't bowl all that well, we did have a great time and that's part of the fun.

Don't forget the "Night at the Races" scheduled for May 23 at the Hazel Park Raceway. A mailing about this outing was

sent to all members in our area on or about April 6 and I hope a lot of you responded to this outing as it usually is a good time (except for those who the ponies don't treat too good).

Other dates to remember are June 3 for the Grundlovsfest Picnic at Middle Straits Lake and June 27 for Danish sandwiches and a movie for our final get-together until fall.

**Bob Sorensen, Cor.**

## GCEL

### District Scholarships Available

The deadline for the GCEL District \$500 Scholarship is June 15, 1990. For information contact Erling Braumann, 115 White Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 or your local lodge secretary.

#### G.C.E.L. District

On Labor Day weekend, September 1, 2 and 3, 1990, a Young Viking Conference will be held in New Haven, Connecticut, in conjunction with the GCEL District Convention. This conference is for Young Vikings between the ages of 10-17 and is being sponsored by the General Committee of Eastern Lodges. Many activities and fun events are being planned for the Young

Viking Conference.

Harry Jensen of Troy, New York Lodge No. 183, has volunteered to coordinate this event. If you are planning to attend, please send your name, address, age, sex, hobbies, interests and musical talents to Harry B. Jensen, 50 McDonald Drive, Cohoes, NY 12047.

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — Our joint installation party was attended by eighty people and everybody had a good time. Plenty of food and drinks, good music and dancing, and the fun developed by the installing conductor's difficulty in pronouncing the names of the people to be installed made for an enjoyable evening. Apparently, the most difficulty occurs when people try to pronounce a simple name like Knud Koefoed. Nobody left before the music went home.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL** — We held our meeting on March 15 and had a surprise visitor from Detroit Lodge No. 227. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fabricius, who are enjoying our lovely sunshine, wanted to surprise their old buddy Howard Hansen, our president. They were very active in Detroit. However, this was one of those

rare days when our president could not attend the meeting. I'm sure the surprise was on Chris. After we had introductions to all of our members, the meeting was called to order by our past president, Robert Jorgensen, who hasn't lost his old touch in conducting as he called on Chris to give a talk on our Brothers way up north. After the close of the meeting, we had our coffee hour and it looks like Grethe and Chris Fabricius have a lot of new friends. Our coffee and cake hosts were Tove and Poul Parkes and John Razlornik. We wish Grethe and Chris a safe journey back to Detroit.

**Gil Behling, Cor.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA** — Two proposals for the annual June outing have been presented by Rick Trust. One is a trip on the "Liberty Belle" up the Delaware River to Bristol. The ship features dinner and a show. The other is an evening at Lily Langtry's in Valley Forge. More information will come later. Contact Rick to help him decide and possibly leave your reservation.

Remember the Beef 'n' Beer party at the Friday, May 18 meeting at 8:00 p.m. Set ups will be provided and there will be dancing to the music of a disc jockey.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

# Having a Party, Membership Dinner or Banquet?

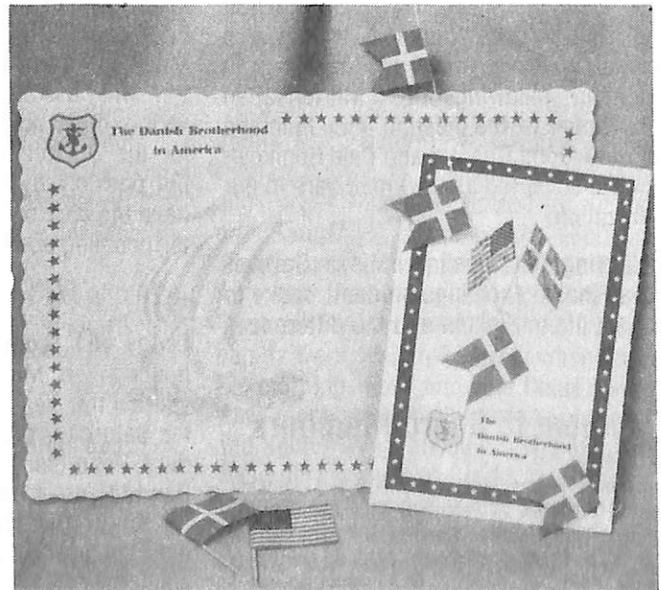
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## Ethnic Heritage Exhibit Now Traveling

A traveling exhibit, "The Ethnic Heritage of South West Iowa, Five Communities" has started a nine month tour at the Harrison County Historical Society and Welcome Center in Missouri Valley. The exhibit created by The Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn, Iowa, is supported in part by the Iowa Humanities Board and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The exhibit focuses on five communities where Welsh, Swedes, Danes, Germans and Filipino people settled in the southwest quarter of Iowa. Between 1850 and 1900, European immigrants settled in homogeneous communities, while in the twentieth century, Filipino immigrants became part of larger, already established communities. In both periods, these people have worked to keep their language, traditions and ethnic identity. Visitors to their communities of Wales, Stanton, Elk Horn-Kimballton, Manning and Council Bluffs may see traces of these traditions today.

It was Danes from Wisconsin who first settled in the Elk Horn and Kimballton area. Later "chains" of immigration were formed when relatives and friends were given a start in the Danish villages and then moved on. The two southwestern Iowa counties of Audubon and Shelby remain the counties with the highest percentage population of Danish Americans in the United States. They have reviewed and celebrated their Danish heritage with their Danish windmill, statue of the Little Mermaid and annual Tivoli Festival Memorial Day weekend.

For further information about the exhibit and how to schedule it in your area, call The Danish Immigrant Museum at (712) 764-7001.

## Americans in Denmark

**Americans in Denmark: Comparisons of the Two Cultures by Writers, Artists, and Teachers** (170 pages, \$22.95, March 26) edited by Richard Thomas offers clues to the issues, problems, joys and challenges that must be confronted not only by writers, artists, and teachers, but by all Americans who live abroad.

The emigrants who tell their stories here have dared to enter a social and cultural limbo in which they can never be Danes, nor ever truly American again. Yet many of them feel that they have become "citizens of the world" by bridging the two cultures and escaping a limited perspective resulting from identification with a single country. In addition, the cultural differences generate an increase in the creativity of some "Ameridanes."

F. Richard Thomas is Professor of American Thought and Language at Michigan State University. He spent 1974-75 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and 1985-86 in Odense, Denmark,

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## Introducing . . .



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"I am called Michael Ann by everyone. I am one year old and even though I enjoy tearing apart the kitchen cupboards, everyone still thinks I am a little sweetheart!"

### Welcome Michael Ann!

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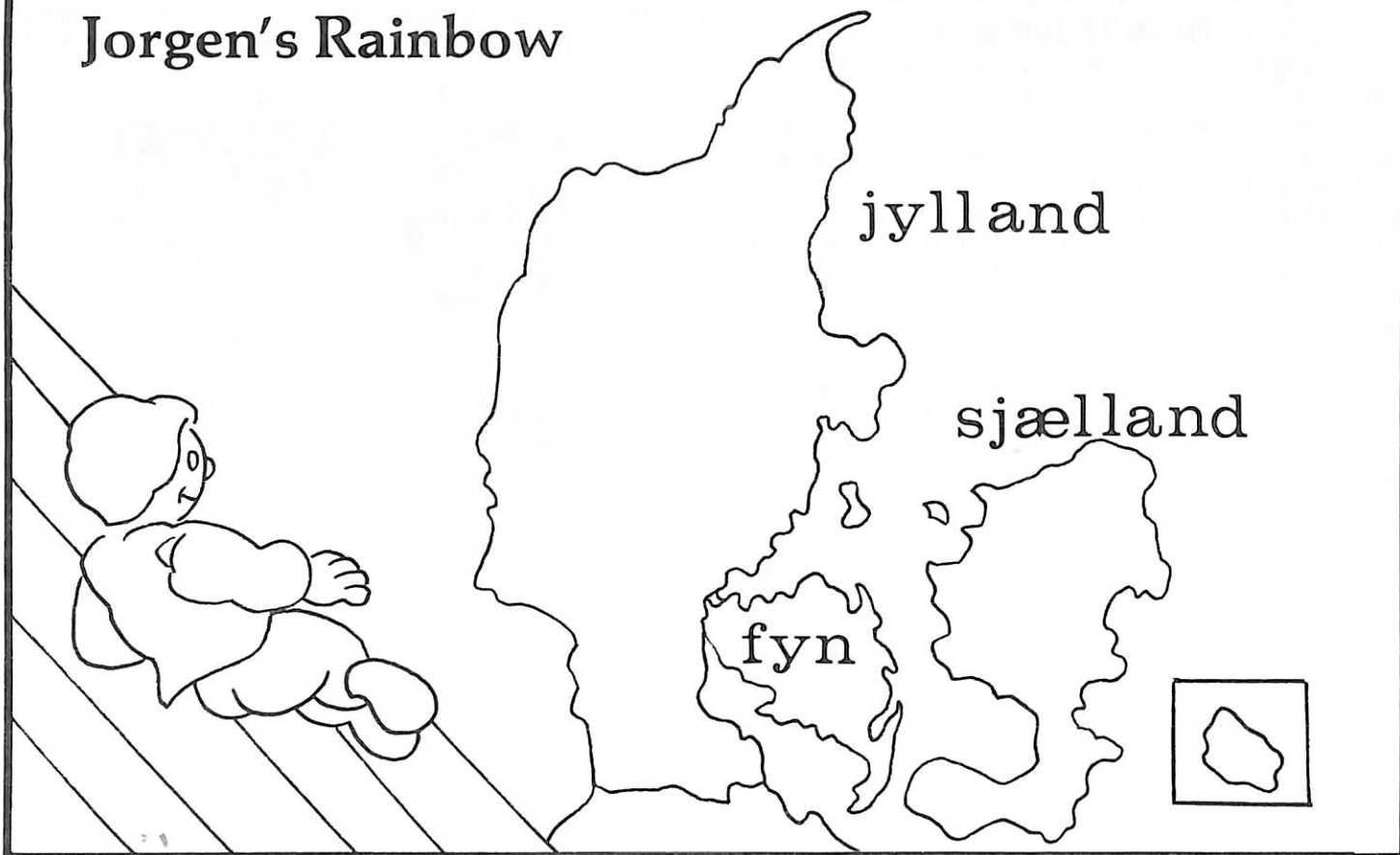
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# Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen says that Denmark is an "archipelago" (which is not Danish but English for "a large group of islands"). The largest land mass is called "Jylland" or "Jutland." Along with Sjaelland (Sealand), Fyn (Funen) and the islands, Jylland lies just north of West Germany and just south of Norway and Sweden.

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.

**April winners: Kaleena Chappell, Christina Lary, and Randi Elizabeth Coe.**

## Grandma's Kitchen

### Horns

(Horns for Breakfast or Lunch)

4 cups flour	1 ½ cups milk
1 tsp. salt	1 egg
¼ lb. butter (1 ½ cups)	poppy seed
1 yeast cake	

Sift flour and salt. Mix butter and flour mixture to a fine meal. Then add egg and milk to the dissolved yeast cake. Combine flour mixture and yeast mixture. Knead until it leaves the bowl. Put aside until the next day (in a moderately heated room). Roll out on a floured board, cut into two inch squares, roll from corner to corner. Give the two ends a twist like a protruding cow horn. Put on buttered pan. Brush with milk. Sprinkle with poppy seed and bake 20 minutes in a 400 degree oven. Should make about 20 horns.



by Dagmar Jensen

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# Viking Adventures

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## Pamela K. Dorau National Fraternal Director

Pam originally began her career with the Danish Brotherhood in 1982 when she was hired as Agency Secretary. In 1984 she was promoted to Underwriter and in 1985 she was promoted to her present position of National Fraternal Director and Editor-in-Chief of the American Dane magazine. In this capacity, she administrates all the fraternal benefits, supplies, and programs. She oversees the District Fraternal Coordinator Program and edits the American Dane Magazine. If you ever need an idea for a lodge activity, or if you have any questions, give Pam a call. She is anxious to provide any type of assistance.

When asked for any advice Pam would like to share with DBIA members, she stressed the importance of volunteerism. "It is so important that DBIA members realize the potential of the Danish Brotherhood in terms of facing the needs of today's society. Many times we tend to look at organizations, such as the Red Cross or the Salvation Army, to meet social ills while we look at the Danish Brotherhood as the place to celebrate our Danish heritage. Of course, our main purpose is to promote and perpetuate Danish traditions, but at the same time, we cannot forget our responsibilities as a Fraternal Benefit Society. We need to show the general public how much the DANES REALLY DO CARE!"

Pam continues by saying that the only way this can be accomplished is with the personal commitment of individual members. She states, "No volunteer program, no matter how well it is developed, no matter how well it is funded, can succeed without the commitment of the individual — it's the lifeblood of any movement, no matter its size or scope. We have recently been able to witness a volunteer program which has shown a great deal of success — the District Fraternal Coordinator's Program. These people are giving up their time, energy, and talents to assist lodges in their fraternal endeavors. They have made individual commitments to the Danish Brotherhood and realize that there is no limit to what the Danish Brotherhood can do to combat social challenges. They are anxious to share ideas with you and hope you will join them and make YOUR personal commitment." Pam realizes that many times it may be easier to simply donate a sum of money to a charity and let them do the work. However, she hopes that you also realize that in the end you are cheating yourself. "By committing your time, energy and talents, you get to see the results of your work, enjoy spending time with your fellow Danes, meet new friends, and have the satisfaction of making a difference in today's society."

In addition to her responsibilities at the National Headquarters, Pam represents the Danish Brotherhood in many other organizations as well. She is a member of the Board of Directors of The Danish Immigrant Museum, Skovsøen, Inc., and serves on the International Education Advisory Committee of Metropolitan Community College. She is the current Vice President of the Communications Section of the National Fraternal Congress of America and was recently appointed to serve on the 1990 Publicity Committee of the NFCA.

Another very important part of Pam's life is her family. Along with her husband Dale, they are the very proud parents of two Young Vikings, their daughter Molly who is nine years old, and their son Jesse who is six years old. They all are active members of DBIA Lodge No. 1 and St. John's Lutheran Church and enjoy spending the weekends playing softball, basketball or swimming.

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