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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

With June comes the ushering in of summer, a glorious time of the year for vacations and other outdoor family activities. Before you become active and engrossed in these many activities, I am hopeful you will take a few minutes and carefully read what I am about to cover. I have commented many times about our membership in and the importance of that with the National Fraternal Congress of America and I would like to single out some statements from their 103rd annual meeting. Are you aware that right now in the United States we have 23 million illiterate U.S. citizens? That's just about one out of ten. Many of us were taught that a generation lasted 25 years. Do you know what it is today? Four years! Sociologists have detected fundamental changes in values of human beings. Startling isn't it? Here are some interesting statistics: 85 percent of Americans do not recall the Depression; 75 percent of Americans do not recall Pearl Harbor. Seventy-five percent of Americans cannot remember a time without TV; 60 percent of Americans do not remember Sputnik. How many of you remember when John F. Kennedy was assassinated? Well, fifty percent of Americans do not remember. Thirty percent of Americans do not remember the Arab oil embargo and 25 percent of Americans don't even remember our Bicentennial.

Are you aware that one in four teenagers will not graduate from high school? That 50 percent of those who do graduate will not attend college? That is what the federal Department of Education claims. Because of the change in the nature of future employment, we will see more and more individuals attending trade or vocational schools and the Danish Brotherhood will and is, helping in that area. Trade schools may become more expensive and their students earlier into the work force than their college-bound counterparts.

People who now are in their 20s can expect to have five or six career changes in their lifetime because of technology. Many people who have completed high school and college will find they cannot obtain jobs in their chosen fields so they must look for a new career. Many positions will be service-oriented and will require special training skills beyond what is offered in high schools. We acknowledge that some people are turned off by classes on literature and history yet fit nicely into trade and technical schools because the courses are job related.

A recent study of people who completed high school in 1980 found those who attended a trade or technical school were the most likely to have a certificate or license in their chosen field and were employed full time. This is the time to take advantage of a free book offer "Getting Skilled, Getting Ahead: Your Guide for Choosing a Private Career School," a consumer guide, endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and is available from the U.S. Consumer Information Center, Dept. 574W, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. I hope many members will take advantage of this.

The Danish Brotherhood is changing and it is evident that the world around us is changing and it is coming very rapidly. Lodges that can respond to these changes will succeed; lodges that cannot will not survive. I believe that with these many changes something must happen to balance those differences. The lodge system is a viable part of that. The family oriented unit is probably the most important thing we have going for us and it is apparent that many of you are trying to make it happen and make it go. It is obvious in the summaries I receive from your editors. Our lodge system was important as a community unit many years ago. There is no reason why it should not be the same today but, perhaps, molded somewhat differently but no less dedicated to the family and community of which it is apart. Are you with me on our vision of the future? Are you concerned or startled by the foregoing statistical facts? Are you concerned because your lodge refused to acknowledge positive change?

Next month I am going to present more information and commentary on the lodge system as perceived by Jerome Christensen and written in the Des Moines lodge newsletter where Jerry was a guest columnist.

Between June 8th and 14th we celebrate Fraternal Week and the week culminates with Flag Day on the 14th. Our flag has taken a lot of bashing of late but that banner represents something beyond stars and stripes in the form of the greatest democracy in the world. For every one that is burned there is another ready to take its place. We Danes have always been proud to display Dannebrog together with Old Glory. I would invite our Canadian brothers to fly the beautiful Maple Leaf as well. In my book, any day is an appropriate flag day.

I read excellent accounts of various lodges doing their work for Operation Care and Share. How about your lodge? Remember to do your share at the next lodge meeting. It takes so little effort.

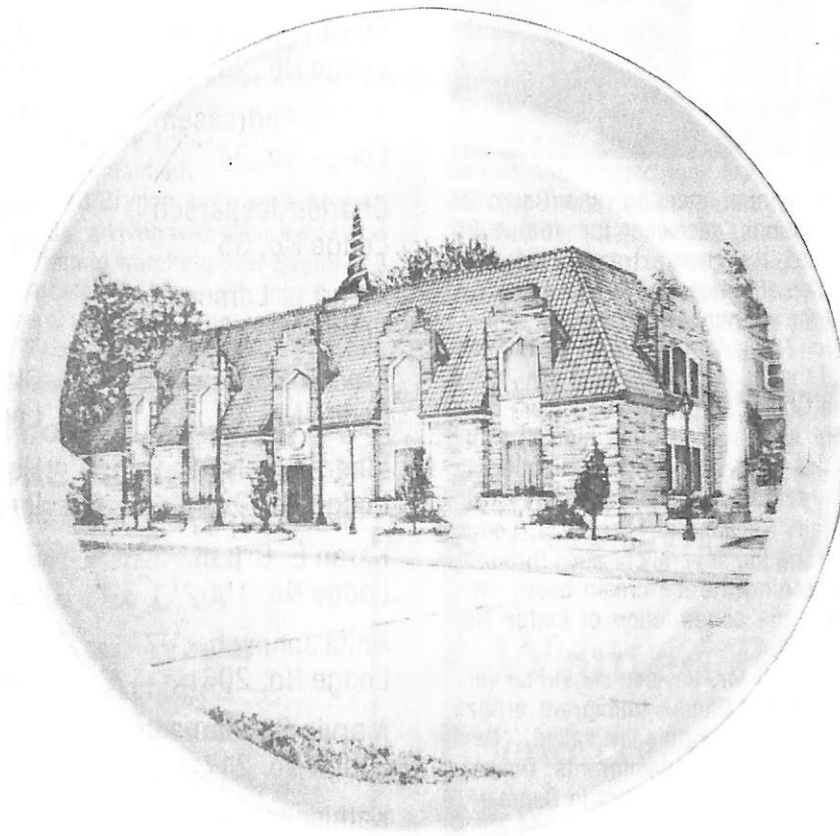
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Donald M. Levisen Declared Recipient of the 1990 "Howard E. Christensen" Award



At their recent spring semi-annual meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed all nominations received for the 1990 "Howard E. Christensen" Award. It is their extreme pleasure to announce that Donald M. Levisen of Lodge No. 75 in Albert Lea, Minnesota, has been declared the winner of this award.

Mr. Levisen joined Lodge No. 75 on April 1, 1976, and is very proud to be a Past President of the lodge. He has willingly served on many committees and was Chairman of the 1988 Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. He has taken it upon himself to be the designated "fund-raiser" of Lodge No. 75 by instigating an ice cream stand at the July 4th parade and celebration in Lincoln Park and at the local county fair. Because of his efforts, Lodge No. 75 is able to donate these funds to several charities throughout the year. In addition to manning the ice cream booth, Mr. Levisen also annually oversees the construction of Lodge No. 75's float for the July 4th celebration.

One achievement in particular that Mr. Levisen should be very proud of is his involvement with the Danish Immigrant bronze statue in Lincoln Park. This area was originally called "New Denmark" due to the high influx of Danish immigrants. Donald, after visiting the homes of several of his ancestors in Denmark, and seeing their numerous lighted statues, felt that this community should have something similar to pay tribute. He has spent countless hours raising funds to visualize this dream for the Danish descendants. Funds were raised by the designing of a Bing and Grøndahl plate depicting the statue. Later, a blue and grey mug was offered. These two items continue to be very popular and are sought by many collectors.

Additionally, through his efforts, a post card depicting the statue, has been designed and is sold in local shops. Currently, Donald is working with the United States Department of interior, National Park Service, in an effort to get the immigrant statue designated as a National Monument.

Mr. Levisen is involved in many other organizations as well. Currently, he serves on the Albert Lea Local Area Committee to raise funds for The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. He is a life member of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was an integral part of raising the

necessary funds to purchase a van for the American Legion to transport patients to the Veterans Hospital.

The entire DBIA membership appreciates and congratulates Donald for his many years of outstanding service and dedication, not only to the Danish Brotherhood, but to his entire community as well.

The Board of Directors would like to show their appreciation to all who were nominated for this award. They realize that it's members like this who keep the Danish Brotherhood alive and growing. A huge thank you goes out to:

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At the Spring Meeting, the DBIA National Board of Directors approved the purchase of a facsimile machine for the National Headquarters in an effort to maintain and improve communication capabilities. Now, messages can be received at the home office 24 hours a day, seven days a week by sending a "fax" message through (402) 341-0830. Please make a note of the new "fax" number.

Svend's Good Luck

by Don Peyer

Many centuries ago, during a time called "The Viking Period," in the country of Denmark there lived a poor but handsome young man whose name was Svend. He owned a small piece of rocky land, a ramshackle one-room house and two suits of clothing. The land and the house came down to him from his parents who died a few years before. On the land he managed to grow some of his vegetables which he stored in a cellar to tide him over the winter. By spring most of these had been used or had become rotten so that he had to subsist on bread and cabbage soup, and wild berries if he was lucky.

Svend did not actually own the land but was subservient to a noble who in turn was under the power of the king. He couldn't remember the name of the king, if he ever did know it. He thought he should ask Canute and Bryged, who lived on the other side of a morainic ridge, but when he saw them he forgot. When the men representing the noble came to collect the rent and taxes, even they were appalled at his poverty and could find nothing worthwhile to collect.

During the long summer days, Svend made bricks out of the peat he dug from the lignite formation on the lower end of his property which he used for fuel or to trade for grain and bits of meat. His parents had raised pigs but the animals sickened and expired during the winter that his parents died.

One day in late winter, Canute and Bryged, who were nearing forty years of age and still childless, arrived with their horse and cart to trade for fuel. They had taken to watching over Svend and brought him a piece of frozen pork and a large fish that Canute had caught through the ice. Svend admired the horse and patted his soft muzzle. "Someday, I'll have a horse like you," he said

and he imagined himself traveling long distances on a horse of his own, maybe even to the ocean shore which, in fact, was not far at all.

Bryged eyed him. "How old are you now?" she asked.

"I don't know," he replied. "About twenty-five, or twenty-six maybe."

"It is time that you had a woman," she said.

Svend had thought often about having a woman of his own, especially when he saw Canute and Bryged together, but he did not know any eligible woman and did not know how to go about finding one or how he would feed her if he did.

"I know of a woman who is twenty-seven and still unmarried," said Bryged. "Her parents are anxious for her because they are getting old and worry about what will happen to her when they are gone."

Svend thought for a minute. "I don't know how I would care for her."

"We'll help," said Canute. "I'll help you repair the walls and rebuild the shelters. We'll buy some young piglets this spring. We will share them and you will get a new start." Bryged nodded in approval.

A few weeks later, when the weather had turned warm, Canute and Bryged took Svend with them to call on the family with the unmarried daughter. When they arrived, Svend saw that she had dark hair, unlike the light hair of the other inhabitants. She was beautiful in his sight and he discovered what it was like to be in love. Her name was Veyna. Svend, never having heard of such a name, repeated it to himself several times so that he would get it right. The four older people went inside the large

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house, leaving Svend and Veyna outside. Svend looked down at his tattered clothing and felt awkward but Veyna put him at ease and took him on a tour of the animal shelters and to see where the hay and grains were stored. Veyna's father, Harald, owned several cows, two horses and many pigs. Svend's spirits sank when he saw all of this, for how could any woman be happy with him after leaving such wealth.

Nevertheless, after Veyna consulted with her parents and Svend poured out his thoughts and fears to Canute and Bryged, it was decided that one month from now, after all the piglets were born, Harald, Hylda and Veyna would visit Svend's farm and a match might be arranged. On the way home, Bryged told Svend that Veyna liked him and wanted him even though her parents were unsure.

During the next month, Svend and Canute worked nonstop at repairing buildings and corrals with rock and blocks of peat that they dug from Svend's fields. Bryged gathered swamp grass for the roofs. When it was finished, they took the horse and cart to a distant neighbor, who had more pigs than he could take care of on his small farm, and for one load of peat blocks and a promise of a few more, they brought home all the half grown pigs they could load in the small cart. The pigs were put in one of the enclosures and the two men agreed to a half share each and that, sometime in the future, Svend would help Canute enlarge his own pig house.

"But now that we have them, what are we going to feed them?" Svend asked.

"I have some grain left over," said Canute. "Meanwhile, we have repaired the stone walls and will put them out on their own for the summer. I'll plant some extra corn for them this year. They'll be full grown by this fall."

Harald, Hylda and Veyna came as planned. After visiting Svend's farm, they crossed the ridge where Bryged had prepared a large feast of flaeskesteg, grønsager, rødkal, brød and smaaager for the many guests.

Later, Svend said to Canute and Bryged, "I don't know how to thank you. It is as if I again have parents."

The wedding took place at a small church near Veyna's home. Bryged had sewed a new suit for Svend to wear. A large feast was provided by the bride's parents. When it was time for the married couple to leave, a cart with many gifts, including blankets and linens, was hitched up to one of the mares. A milk cow with her calf was tied on behind. The horse, the cow and the cart were a gift to the new couple from Harald and Hylda.

Svend now possessed more wealth than he had ever dreamed of. But best of all he had his Veyna. "We will breed the mare," he said. "Then Veyna will ride with me."

The story does not end here. A couple of years later a daughter was born to Svend and Veyna. It turned out to be their only child. A year after that, Canute and Bryged were also surprised with a child, a son. When the two children were fully grown, Bryged, again, became the matchmaker.

An Open Invitation

Seattle's Danish community announces its first annual All-Danish Summer Picnic, Sunday, July 29, 1990, at the Nile Country Club grounds beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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Green Bar Bill

The Danish Contribution to American Scouting

by Charles Dickson, Ph.D

Any list of treasured American books is certain to include the Boy Scout Handbook. Its author is a Danish-American, William Hillcourt. Living in Copenhagen in 1911 he joined the Boy Scouts and says he has been one ever since. His journey from a practicing pharmacist in Copenhagen to being the author of a book selling over half a million copies a year is a fascinating odyssey that Danish-Americans can appreciate.

Hillcourt attended the first Boy Scout jamboree in 1920 in London. During the 1920s he wrote several books about the organization and using the money from these publications, he decided to come to America. Soon he was to meet with James West, the chief executive of the BSA. When asked his opinion of the Boy Scout movement, Hillcourt criticized the lack of a patrol method in which boys were under the leadership of other boys, rather than the adult domination which had evolved. The executive director agreed and asked Hillcourt to write a handbook. He recalls being worried about his English which might not be good enough. He later told an interviewer, "I had a limited vocabulary, but so does the average 14 year old boy and it was in the language of the boys who would read it."

Thus, the Boy Scout Handbook was born as the result of a distinguished Danish-American, William Hillcourt. Hillcourt went on to become an editor of Scouting Magazine as well as an editor of Boy's Life Magazine, where he began writing under the pen name of Green Bar Bill, a nickname that follows him to this day.

He had witnessed the best and worst times for the Boy Scouts. He watched them expand from less than a million members in

1925 to more than 6 million in 1960. Then he saw the membership begin to tumble dramatically. He blamed this decline on the youth rebellion of the 1960s, but also on the national trend toward management. In what he refers to as "The Days of Management," the program changed completely, a new handbook was written by management leaders and the sales dropped from over 600,000 copies a year to half that amount.

Then in desperation in 1978, they came back to Hillcourt who proceeded to write a new Scout handbook. The result — sales back up and membership swelling to more than 5 million.

So it is that a Copenhagen pharmacist and now distinguished Danish-American became one of the great leaders of the Boy Scouts of America movement. His sensitivity to young boys, his relentless dedication to building an international program for human betterment is perhaps best summed up by his own reply to a friend's question, "What is it that boys want?" Hillcourt replied, "They want to be helped to become men."

We remember Hans Christian Andersen and his unique ability to communicate with children. We need also to remember William Hillcourt and his same ability to communicate with young boys. The next time you see a young man in a Scout uniform, proudly displaying his BSA insignia and merit badges and carrying his Handbook, remind yourself of the tireless efforts of Green Bar Bill. To him we all must say "Tacksigelse, Vilhelm."

Tuttymen and Chatterwomen

by Halfdan Rasmussen

translated from Danish by Marilyn Waniek

Tuttymen don't walk, they caper,
and they look a lot like elves.
When they read the morning paper
they say tut-tut to themselves.

Chatterwomen laugh and titter
and their hair is full of curls
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The DBIA National Headquarters takes great pleasure in announcing the 1990 District Fraternal Coordinators. These dedicated members have volunteered their time, energy, talents, and expertise to assist DBIA lodges in all aspects of their fraternal endeavors. We very much hope you will contact them for their assistance and support.

On this and the following page please find a listing of the District Fraternal Coordinators and the lodges they have agreed to serve. Please feel free to contact them whenever you have a question or feel your lodge could use that extra boost. You will find their enthusiasm and excitement for the Danish Brotherhood to be very contagious.

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Payment to Board Members

MAY 1990

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$238.35.

JUNE ASSESSMENT NUMBER 1092

is Due and Payable to the
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June 1, 1990

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July 1, 1990

Members failing to pay their local
lodge treasurer as per above will be
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33rd Danish Brotherhood National Convention

Portland, OR

October 3, 1991

Lodges and districts qualified to send a delegate to the 33rd Danish Brotherhood National Convention must follow procedures described in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Qualifications for a delegate and specific bylaw references are given below. Remove this page and follow the prescribed procedures for assurance of your representation in Portland.

If your lodge or district has any questions concerning the requirements below, write to the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

Qualifying to Send a Delegate:

A DBIA local lodge must have at least 15 insured members in good standing as of December 31, 1990, and meet on a monthly basis. Delegates representing lodges with more than 100 insured members have two votes. A delegate must be at least 16 years of age and elected by written ballot.

A DBIA district must have at least 500 insured members in good standing. The delegate must be an insured member and will be the highest ranking district officer, providing he/she is not a delegate from his/her lodge. Rank determined by office held as of December 31, 1990.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 26, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Lodge Law Committee Election Deadline — 10-3-90

Lodges must elect a law committee not later than 12 months before the convention opens. The law committee is composed of at least 5 insured members in good standing, and must have been members at least one year at the time of election. One member of the law committee must have been a delegate before, excepting law committees for newly chartered lodges. Other exceptions include lodges where resignation, suspension, transfer or death of former delegates makes meeting this requirement impossible.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 30, paragraph 1(a).

Lodge Delegate Election Deadline — 11-3-90

Delegate and alternate delegate must be elected not later than 11 months prior to the convention and selected from the membership of the lodge law committee.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 30, paragraph 1(b).

Convention Committee on Laws, Notification of Selection — 2-3-91

Nine lawfully elected delegates constitute the convention committee on laws. The committee will consider proposals to come before the national convention amending articles and bylaws. Those delegates asked to serve will be notified 8 months prior to opening the national convention and will meet in the National Headquarters office not later than 6 months prior to the convention. The members of this committee will be selected by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting beginning October 18, 1990. Your delegate will be eligible to serve on this committee, if desired and selected, **only** if your notification of election of delegate is received in the National Headquarters **before October 18, 1990.**

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 23, paragraph 1.

Deadline for Sending Proposed Amendments — 3-3-91

All proposed amendments, resolutions and proposed new material must be written in English, typed, and sent **in duplicate** to the National Headquarters 7 months before the convention opens. They must have been read to the members of the lodge and passed by majority vote. Members to be notified of such meeting. A summary of the reason for the proposed change must accompany the proposal and must be in English and **in duplicate.**

The Board of Directors may submit motions to the convention in the same manner as the local lodges.

Reference: DBIA Bylaws, Section 32, paragraphs 1-5.

The Princess Who Found Her Prince

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a lovely princess and when she grew up her father told her it was time to marry.

The princess then told the king to find her a prince who was Keen of Eye, Quick of Mind, Strong of Arm and Wise of Heart.

The king sent out notices to all lands to find a man who had all of the qualities his daughter hoped for.

Over one hundred princes appeared at the castle, but when the next prince came, the princess (who was looking out the window) fell in love with him.

The princess told her father that just to be sure that he was the one, he would have to pass some tests before she would be his wife.

The first test was to see if the prince was Keen of Eye.

The king led him along a path until they came to two snakes. "Are they King snakes or Queen snakes?" he asked.

The prince replied. "The one to the right is the King Snake. The one to the left is the Queen."

"How can you tell?" asked the king.

The prince moved closer. "His tail is thick," he said, "and her tail is thin. His head is round and hers is oval. His eyes are big and her eyes are small. He is long and she is short."

The king smiled. "You passed the first test!"

The next day, the prince had to take the second test, which was to see if he was Quick of Mind.

The king led the prince out into the courtyard of his castle. He gave him a bag of rice.

"You must cook this rice," said the king, "but you cannot use a pot or water. You must burn no wood. You must send the rice to me in a bowl held by two hands, but not by a man or a woman!"

A crowd stood around the prince to see him try to pass this test. He said to the man next to him, "Please bring me a clay bowl, for that is not a pot. Fill it with snow, for that is not water."

Then the prince put the rice in the snow in the clay bowl and said, "Please bring me straw to burn in place of wood."

He set the rice to cook on his fire of straw and when it was done he put it into a fresh bowl and handed it to a child who stood near him. "Please bring this bowl of rice to the king, as you are just a youth!"

The king was ever so pleased that the prince passed his second test.

The next day, the prince was going to reveal if he was Wise of Heart.

He was brought before a judge who had two women and a baby standing before him.

Each claimed that the baby was hers.

The prince had to judge which one was the real mother.

He told one mother to hold the baby's hands.

Then he told the other mother to hold the baby's feet.

"Now pull!" ordered the prince.

One of the mothers quickly let go of the child and wept.

But the other mother held onto the child.

The prince came forth and said, "The one who stands and cries is the mother!"

The judge wanted to know how he arrived at that decision.

"The mother who would not let her child be in pain," offered the prince, "is the real parent. She let go of him at once!"

The king ruled that he passed another test, but he still had one more to deal with the next day.

This was to show if the prince was Strong of Arm.

To pass this test, the prince had to throw a man some distance, but must not put a hand on him.

Everyone in the city came to watch the contest.

A large, strong man appeared. He began to jump to and fro and flex his muscles at the crowd.

The prince came with a long leather strap and stood opposite the strong man.

Someone in the crowd said, "But how can he win if he cannot put a hand on this man?"

Just then, the match began.

The strong man tried to reach out and grab the prince, but the prince flung out one end of the leather strap and it went around and around the strong man until he was all tied up. Then he tossed him into the lap of an onlooker.

Everyone cheered.

The king was amazed. "You passed the test. If it is agreeable with the princess, you can marry her."

The princess was so very happy to have found a man who was Keen of Eye, Quick of Mind, Strong of Arm and Wise of Heart she knew she had found her prince.

Meet One of Our Newest DBIA 100% Families



Welcome to the Rudisill family, the newest DBIA 100% Family to join Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines, Iowa.

John Rudisill is an earth science teacher at East High School in Des Moines. He also serves as a lecturer and lab instructor in physical geography at Drake University and helps with cub scouts and girls softball.

Carol Nielsen Rudisill is a substitute teacher; church youth choir director at Grace Lutheran Church and girl scout leader.

Elizabeth (Beth) Rudisill, age 11, enjoys softball, girl scouts, vocal music, band and babysitting.

Jonathan (Jon) Rudisill, age 10, spends his time in Little League; boy scouts, church youth choir and band.

Patricia (Tricia) Rudisill, age 8, likes softball, girl scouts and church youth choir.

Jeffrey (Jeff) Rudisill, age 7, also enjoys scouts and Little League and church youth choir.

The whole family enjoys participating in the fellowship of DBIA parties.

Our Lodges in Action

Material for publication must be received at the Danish Brotherhood in America National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131 by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue.

The American Dane is mailed by the sixth day of the month.

The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Our May 2 meeting at the Northwest Danish Foundation Building was called to order early in the evening by President Mel Hollister because of a special program which was to follow. Four new applications for membership were accepted. Committee reports were given. It was a pleasure to find that all of our activities are doing so well.

Hans Rasmussen reported on the annual Ethnic Fest which was again held during the weekend of April 20-22 at the Northgate Shopping Mall here in Seattle. Many different nationalities were represented with people in costumes, demonstrating their ethnic backgrounds with food, music and entertainment. Our lodge was represented in a booth beautifully decorated with many Danish flags which left no doubt that this was the Danish booth.

Many of our lodge members took their turn manning the booth. We had for sale Danish Brotherhood caps and shirts, neckties, etc. Also, there were pamphlets and brochures available with information about the Danish Brotherhood and Denmark, and of course, we had application forms for any possible new members. I think we signed up a couple of new members. That is one of the main reasons why we set up shop here. And of course, we also had coffee and Danish pastry available. The Danish pastry was all sold out by Sunday afternoon. This is a great way of relating to the public and make the public aware of our Danish organizations.

Martin Rasmussen reported on the Care and Share Program and informed us that the Emmanuel Lutheran Church where he takes the food items collected at the lodge meetings is now observing its 100th anniversary. The church is of Norwegian background. Congratulations!

Our meeting was adjourned about 8:00 p.m. We enjoyed a most unusual slide show together with the Sisters, the Birkefoss Travellog! The young newlywed couple from Denmark spent their honeymoon traveling around the world on bi-

The best idea for June goes to Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR. See page 14.

cycles about 30,000 miles, besides miles by ship and airplane, beginning in Holland through Germany, the Balkan States, Italy, down to Egypt and the Holy Land. Then over to India and the Orient, down to Australia, the Hawaiian Islands, and finally winding up at Solvang, California. A most unusual and interesting program and well presented. Thank you Kurt and Kirsten Birkefoss and good luck to you! Wherever this program is presented, a donation to defray their expenses will be appreciated.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the All Danish Picnic on July 29.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — We will be 100 years young on October 1, 1990. We need everyone's thoughts and active participation to make this unique October event successful and you won't have another chance until 2090. Every member has been and continues to be very important to our organization. This includes members living in far away places. We need all members including every one of you out-of-towners to take a few minutes or more, think about the 100 years, be creative, jot down your ideas about what, where, when and how we should celebrate



Kristian Sand, Pacific-Northwest District Danish Brotherhood President from Eugene, Oregon, joins hands with Rudy Vida, President, and Darrell Larsen, Vice President, from our lodge during a recent visit to Spokane.

our 100th anniversary. We ask each of you living in the Spokane area to take the time, jot down your ideas and bring them to a meeting. Every idea you have is important!

Emil Larsen plans to show the outstanding Denmark travelogue video as an extra treat for everyone attending the June meeting so plan to join us. The October planning will be continuing so bring your ideas along then also.

Congratulations to Lee Ann Gilbert for having received a Danish Brotherhood Scholarship from the National Headquarters. Lee Ann lives in Tri Cities and will graduate from Pasco High School.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Our April 4 meeting was called to order with 41 members present. Debbie Johnson of the Sisterhood returned the \$200 deposit she was given for the bowling tournament in Tacoma. There was a small profit but all expenses hadn't been turned in so she couldn't report on that. The tournament was great, great fun! Debbie and Aggie did a terrific job. Mange mange tak.

Regarding the bowling tournament in Tacoma, the ladies Brotherhood team known as the "Gutterbusters" took first place. Congratulations Diane Fisker, Karlene Thorkelsen, Trina Turner, Ginger Morris, and Debbie Turner. The Young Vikings team beat the Vancouver team for the first time. Way to bowl, Christian and Allison Fisker, Colin, Dawson and Morgann West. Next year we encourage more young people and their parents or grandparents to come join the fun.

The Brotherhood has a new American flag which was donated by Steve Sorensen. Thank you Steve!

Ed Hirsch reported the Eugene lodge has already donated \$200 toward the scholarship for a child who wants to go to the Menucha Retreat Camp. Last year we gave a \$500 grant to Menucha but funding this year has been taken care of through fund raisers and raffles and donations, according to Mel Pihl. After much discussion about whether we should or shouldn't donate money, it was agreed to donate \$200 for scholarships to be divided equally between the children or grandchildren of

members of Lodge No. 167, also members eligible from completed 4th to 8th grades. This is for those who did not receive a full grant from Omaha.

One of our past officers, Bob Brown, has changed his name back to his father's name. He is now Bob Aagesen and has a shop in Cannon Beach above The Beach House. It's called Aagesen Imports. He would love for anyone to stop in and visit. Bob offered his help with the St. Hans Fest which we plan to have on June 23.

Each month we feature a Dane For a Night. At our last meeting, we interviewed Valdemar Ingholm Johansen, a long time member of our lodge. Valdemar was very interesting to interview and we learned about his early life in Denmark. He was born in 1899 in Fyn, Denmark. He was the oldest of nine siblings and his father was a fisherman by trade. Valdemar received training in the dry goods trade.

Valdemar came to America shortly after the First World War in 1921 and met his wife-to-be at Emanuel Hospital where she was visiting the same friend as he was. He took her home and then they started dating. They were married in 1926 by a Danish Pastor Rasmussen in St. Paul, Oregon.



Congratulations to our "Dane For A Night" Valdemar Ingholm Johansen!

Valdemar has been a DBIA member for many years but could not recall exactly when he joined. He gave a delightful interview and I think some of the people who have known him for many years possibly learned a few things about him that they had never heard before.

Debbie Turner, Cor.
Ruth Dally, Cor.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting there were 59 members present. At this meeting, we installed a new Brother. Welcome to Paul Nielsen.

Kjeld reported on the International Soccer Tournament which will be held in Vancouver on June 9. Everything is going according to plan and progressing well.

Uwe Bruhn reported on the bowling tournament which was held in Tacoma, Washington, on March 10. He reported that the Women's High Team Winner was the Sisterhood, Lodge No. 179, from Vancouver who were the only Vancouverites to

win. Everyone had a great time and the dinner/dance was good. Next year the Northwest District Bowling Tournament will be sponsored by Vancouver.

Herluf Pedersen reported that he had attended a seminar in Omaha along with many DBIA members on March 31. Herluf said it had been an exciting weekend. Herluf and Bente Pedersen have agreed to serve our lodge as a District Fraternal Coordinator Team for 1990.

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

On April 21, Vancouver traveled to Seattle to compete in the yearly rivalry between the two. Vancouver sent four teams to compete. The competition was played at 60 Acres Soccer Fields where Seattle had two fields for this special day.

Our Over 30A started things off; but unfortunately, Seattle won that game with a score of 4-1. Axel Jensen was Vancouver's only goal scorer. After this game, Vancouver's Over 30B started. This was the team that everyone could play on. (This was the team that there was not a player under 40.) The whistle sounded, and with six seconds Kurt Baarts had scored for Vancouver. The other goals scored by Vancouver was Bent Østergaard, Alpo, and Tommy Johansen.

At the same time, the ladies were playing. Unfortunately, when we are going to Seattle, it seems like Seattle shows up with a strong team. Seattle won with a score of 4-1. Vancouver's goal was scored by Barbie.

Now it was time for the young teams to take over; but before Vancouver realized it, Seattle was ahead with a score of 3-0. As halftime came, Vancouver had scored it's first goal. The second half started with Vancouver pressing forward looking like they had gotten everything together, and before Seattle realized, it was a tied game at 3-3. But in the heat of the moment, at a fast and close attaching game, one of our young players unfortunately lost his temper, got a red card and was gone for the day. Vancouver played with only ten players for the last 25 minutes. A defender saved a sure goal and that gave Seattle a penalty shot. The final score was 4-3 to Seattle. A great game! The Vancouver goals were scored by Alan Benjamine, Stacy Baarts.

That evening we all attended a wonderful party given by Seattle. Everybody ate and danced the night away. It was a wonderful day!

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — We held our monthly meeting on April 26. It was post-

poned two weeks due to our regular meeting night being Maundy Thursday. We had 46 people attending including Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomsen from Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale, California. There were seven applications for membership, among them Hanne and Martin Taekker's daughter Susanne and her two children. All of the applications were approved. We look forward to initiating them at our next meeting.

A \$50 scholarship was given to David Applegate to attend the Danish Language Camp, "Himmelbjerget."

Several Scandinavian organizations are working on jointly sponsoring a performance by Victor Borge at the Hult Center in Eugene. President Scott told about our lodge's involvement. The event will be November 11.



Welcome new members Elisabeth, Christopher and Susanne Engelmann!

After the meeting, the committee of the month served refreshments. Christa Christensen donated two kringles to be raffled off. We then played bingo and everyone had a good time. Again this year, Karen and Knud Tøftemark have invited the lodge to St. Hans Fest at their place at Lake Creek west of Triangle Lake. It will be held Saturday, June 30. We will meet in the afternoon, enjoy a picnic, and have a bonfire at dusk.

Birgit Sand, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA — Forty-five members and guests gathered at the Danish Hall in Ferndale for our aebleskiver and sausage supper. Our thanks to Lorana Sweet and her committee.

We were pleased to welcome a 100% DBIA family to our lodge. We hope to see Mr. and Mrs. Mel Thomsen, Rachael, Stacey, Greg and Kevin often.



Welcome to the Thomsen family!



Special recognition was given to our past presidents: Clara Sherrill, Herman Bertelsen, Lorana Sweet, Jens Thomsen, Fred Elliott and Francis Sweet.

It was great to see Hans Andersen out after his stroke. We also honored past presidents on this night. Four deceased presidents were also honored including Hans Holgersen (1919) and Nis Eskildsen (1938) who each had a son present, Ole Johnsen (1925) who had a grandson present, and Pete Jacobsen who had a daughter present. Past presidents attending were James Thomsen (1957), Herman Bertelsen (1959), Francis Sweet (1964), Fred Elliott (1965), Lorana Sweet (1979), and Clara Sherrill (1984).

Come and join our "Viking Days" 40th Annual Scandinavian Festival on June 16-17 and enjoy aebleskiver, craft and souvenir booths, entertainment and a pit roast beef dinner.

All members of the Danish community are invited to the potluck barbecue at the Sweet ranch in Petrolia on July 4 for the little Rebild Fest. **Francis Sweet, Cor.**

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — We had a great social in March. Some fifty people attended and brought Danish sandwiches.

Those sandwiches were the most delicious I have had in a long time. What a variety! You name the sandwich and we had it. It seemed as though no one thought of cheese for a sandwich and I think we all kind of missed that cheese sandwich. Just as we were finishing our meal, Lilly Freriks walked in and guess what she brought? A large plate of cheese sandwiches. We ate them as fast as they were passed around and they went great with that akvavit. Thanks Lilly! During and after our feast, we sang songs — Danish and English — and that was a lot of fun. During the evening, there was card playing in addition to other games. We had a real enjoyable evening. Viggo Beck Nielsen did a beautiful job at the piano and Karen and Hilmar Jensen kept us going, singing to our hearts content. Thanks to all of you! The social netted \$135.00 for the Convention Fund.

The 1990 California-Nevada District Convention will be held Thursday, July 26, through Saturday, July 28. We are looking forward to having all of you attend. It will be held at Burbank Hilton Hotel. Program highlights include registration on Thursday afternoon; a welcome party at "The Alamo" on Thursday evening (bus transportation will be provided); registration on Friday morning; "Roaring Twenties" dinner party on Friday evening; installation of officers on Saturday afternoon; and a banquet at Burbank Hilton on Saturday evening featuring music by Ray Vermuelen's "The Vagabonds." During these days there will be plans for fun activities for the children also. Details to be announced later.

Our April meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty-eight members were present with all officers being present. An extremely good turnout so far for 1990 thanks to many of our new members attending. Good show!

Ken and Gerry Olsen of Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 recently attended the annual District Fraternal Coordinators meeting in Omaha. They met with all the Fraternal Coordinators throughout the United States and with the National Board of Directors and insurance representatives. Ken and Gerry are representing the California-Nevada District. They will be visiting the lodges soon. **Anne Kofod, Cor.**

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Important dates to remember include June 23, our Annual Beach Party celebrating St. Hans Fest; July 22, our Annual Picnic at Bill Jensen's home, games and lots of fun are planned; July 26-29, the District Convention in Los Angeles; and September 7-9, camping at Ma-Tar-Awa Reservation.

We also have some special things planned for the lodge meetings, so plan to attend and bring a friend!

Lodge #322, Santa Barbara, CA — At the regular monthly meeting in April, the Brotherhood treated the Sisterhood to open-face sandwiches and dessert, which was followed by the semi-annual bingo game. Harvey Jensen was responsible for rounding up some superior food.

The Brotherhood holds two open-face sandwich treats for the Sisterhood during the year to show their appreciation for the ladies serving coffee and snacks for each monthly meeting.

On April 10, Nels Christensen, a charter member of our lodge, celebrated his 96th birthday. On behalf of the National Board of Directors, Harvey Jensen, President of our lodge, presented a certificate of merit to Nels in recognition of his long service and contributions to the organization.

Soon after Nels came to America, he joined the Brotherhood Lodge at Ferndale, California, on January 8, 1914, and on January 22, 1914, he joined the Sisterhood

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
3-21-90	Lloyd H. Hulett	85	Buffalo, Missouri	51	Ludington, Michigan	1986
3-16-90	Mary Elizabeth Jensen	76	Oregon, Wisconsin	230	Arcata, California	1978
2-1-89	Edwin B. Larsen	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1968
8-16-89	Viggo J. Nielsen	97	Manistee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1910
10-16-89	Martin Fischer	90	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1970
1-12-90	Edith S. Nielsen	79	Copenhagen, Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1984
2-1-90	Leona T. Jensen	69	Balaton, Minnesota	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1984
4-20-90	William Rasmussen	81	San Francisco, California	332	Ripon, California	1946
3-30-90	Nels Nelson	95	Ølgod, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
1-24-90	Frank H. Petersen	73	Hartford, Connecticut	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1940
4-11-90	June R. Hoj	67	St. Paul, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1967
4-6-90	Albert S. Basse, Sr.	74	Akron, Ohio	301	Akron, Ohio	1953
3-23-90	John Earl Nielsen	72	Ogden, Utah	29	Seattle, Washington	1936
4-19-90	Johannes G. Andersen	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1932



President Harvey Jensen presents certificate of merit to Nels Christensen on his 96th birthday.

Lodge at that location and still maintains the Ferndale Sisterhood membership. On March 23, 1924, he transferred his Brotherhood membership to Lodge No. 332 and is now the only surviving member.

He was a painting contractor doing business over the State of California and adjoining areas and had 45 employed at one time. He gave many Danish immigrants their first employment in America and helped them get established in their new country.

Nels was always active in the local, district and national organization while his health permitted. He and his wife, Anna, have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They have three daughters who are all members of the Sisterhood. He extends his best wishes to all of his old friends and co-workers.

Carl Lauritsen, Sec.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At our April meeting two delegates and two alternates were elected to represent our lodge at the upcoming district convention to be held in Burbank on July 26-28. The delegates are Clarice Christensen and Richard Rowse and the alternates are Viggo Bech Nielsen and John Kristensen.

Ken and Gerry Olsen of Lodge No. 345 recently attended the annual District Fraternal Coordinators meeting in Omaha. They met with all the coordinators throughout the United States and with the National Board and insurance representatives. Ken and Gerry are representing the California-Nevada District. They will be visiting the lodges soon.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — Our April meeting began with a short happy hour followed by a pizza dinner. All our members participated in bringing their favorite pizza to share and the lodge served minestrone soup and green salad. The pizzas were delicious and there was plenty

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of everything to go around. Following dinner, President Gary Gossett proceeded onto the business meeting calling us to order at 8 p.m. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the Danish National Anthem and the roll call of officers. Visitors Dorris and Don Fox were introduced. Gary then asked that Conductor Kaj Bjorn bring up new members, Marian Aymar and Harvey and Muriel Jorgensen, for initiation into the lodge. The initiation was carried out as Gary explained our society's symbols. All the members then proceeded up to the front to extend our welcome to these new members. Our lodge agreed to bring in three new members without losing any members in 1990 and we agreed to bring in five new members for 1991. Seems that we are off to a good start and with the incentive program offered by the National Headquarters, we all have several months to bring in even more new members. The Growth By Sharing membership campaign now lists lodge member Jim Weigandt with two points and lodge member Gertrude Nielsen with one point. Way to go members!



Welcome new members Marian Aymar, Harvey Jorgensen and Muriel Jorgensen!

Gerry Olsen read the March minutes and Patty Kessler gave the financial report for March. Both reports were accepted. Gerry then read a letter from the Los Angeles lodge concerning the district convention at the Burbank Hilton Hotel on July 26-28. Vivian Schuette, chairman for Operation Care and Share, reported that she had purchased five gasoline vouchers for The Christian Temporary Housing Facility for the month of April. She also delivered to them sugar and cooking oil. Gary explained that the Spencer Nielsen Award will be given in August. All members have the chance to submit in writing their nominations and reasons for the nomination. Gary will accept nominations at the June meeting. The nominations will be read and voted on at the July meeting. Every member will cast a ballot for their choice and the award will be made at the August meeting.

Delegates for the district convention were chosen and are as follows: Gerry Olsen, Gary Gossett and Ken Olsen. Alternates include Jim Dwyer, Ardyce Dwyer and Bryce Gossett. Congratulations to these six members! Any member in good standing

within our lodge was eligible for nomination.

District Fraternal Coordinator Ken Olsen gave a report on their recently attended meeting on March 31 with the members of the Home Office staff, Board of Directors, insurance representatives and other District Fraternal Coordinators. Ken extended hearty greetings from the Home Office and thanked the National Committee for sponsoring this event. Ken asked to have half an hour at the next Board meeting to review fraternalism and asked each Board member to bring their red lodge handbook with them. Ken and Gerry will be visiting eight lodges during the next year.

Jim organized the members for Bingo and several games were played and everyone had a good time. Some nice gifts were won and the refreshments served were delicious. Many thanks to all who came and brought pizzas, bingo gifts and refreshments and especially Jim and his committee for making this evening such a fun time.

Toni Olsen Gossett

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We had another successful day at our first Chili Cook-off. The Lovedays had everything organized to perfection. The contestants had their own individual cooking tables and even trash barrels for our messes. The yard was set up so everyone could sit outside and visit and watch the "cooks" cooking or sit on the patio and watch or play games and it was a shady place to eat or just visit with the 53 members and friends who were in attendance.

Ken Nielsen along with his wife Nancy made us some really nice badges for the participants as well as for the winners. Speaking of winners, Lisa Piehl took this cook-off very seriously (she even sent for a chili cookbook from Texas) and it paid off as she did win first prize which was a \$25.00 cash prize and a chili cooking apron. She's a real winner as it was the first time she had ever made chili. Bob McGinty was our second place winner winning \$15.00 and Sue Patterson won \$10.00 as a third place winner. I know everyone who entered had a good time and I believe it was the first time any of us tried to do it.



Congratulations to the Chili Cook-Off winners!

Many thanks to our judges, Norm Runstrom, Don Hedgon, and Jim Thompson. They really watched the contestants. Thanks to our own Anna Hansen and Carol Lindberg who were our "bookies" for the horse races and to Jim Thompson and Steve Lee who did the jockeying of the horses for us. This time the lodge actually made some money on the races.

A big thank you to President Vikki Garrison who brought a pinata shaped like a ship (SS Kodan) for the kids filled with goodies for the big and little people and to Sheri Runstrom who was our Pokeno dealer. The guys who really worked the hardest who were our cook and bartender. It was a very warm day and Tom Loveday spent most of the day over a very hot barbecue cooking chili and hot dogs and Bill Jones, our bartender, was right next to Tom working hard trying to keep everyone happy with a cool drink of their choice.

Sue Patterson, Past Pres.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Thanks to the banquet committee headed by Flo Hansen and Jim Christiansen for another successful anniversary celebration. The Queen's fiftieth birthday was celebrated in proper fashion.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met at the Community Center on Thursday, April 19 with 32 in attendance. President Herbert Nielsen called the meeting to order. Mabel Haselbarth gave the secretary's report and read correspondence. Marie Nelson thanked the lodge for remembering her when she was ill.

Mrs. Beverly Jorgensen, Jayson, Jeremiah and Joshua Jorgensen were received as new members and welcomed by the lodge. Conductor Merle Haselbarth presented them with membership pins.

For entertainment Mabel read "Signs of Getting Old." A film of Victor Borge was shown which was enjoyed by all. Sandwiches and ris al'amande topped with cherries was served. Several whole almonds were hidden in the dessert and the lucky ones received a prize. Those on the serving committee were Merle and Mabel Haselbarth, Elmer and Dorothy Davidson, Lois Nelson and Lillie and Laura Hansen.

Lille Hansen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Bingo was the entertainment for the March meeting. Those of you that were not there missed

out on a good time. President Doris Stokes taught us a lot of variations of Bingo that we had not done before and made it interesting as well as a lot of fun. Thirty members turned out for this meeting.

Laurids Pedersen reported that plans for the State Picnic to be held in Blair are going forward. It was decided to hold the picnic on June 24 at DeSoto Bend.

Bob Johnson, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — Chaplain Earl Nelson, from Iowa Lutheran Hospital, was the featured speaker at our March meeting. He spoke on the subject of "Health and Humor." As it was an interesting and timely topic, the audience's reaction and participation was most rewarding. Mary Riber and Goldie Sorensen provided the refreshments following the program.

The April meeting was highlighted by the annual bingo party. Roland Jensen was in charge of the games and he kept everyone alert by calling a variety of games. Many funny, nice, wierd, and exciting white elephant prizes were donated and "fought" over as the winners claimed them from each other. Goodies to snack on during the games were furnished by Elizabeth Ibsen

and Jane Gillaspey. Virgil Jacobsen furnished the cake for the refreshments afterwards in recognition of his retirement.

Wilber Williamson, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — We met with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 60 at the Senior Citizens Center on Saturday, April 7. President Clifford Paulsen called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The winner of the door prize was Erma Levisen.

Evelyn Behrens was initiated into the lodge as a new member.

Brad Wedge gave his presentation and plans for the clean-up and restoration of Albert Lea Lake. It is encouraging to learn of a feasible way of accomplishing this insurmountable task.

A lunch of traditional open-faced Danish sandwiches and goodies was served by the committee of Lois and Merlin Steele, Maurine and Earl Levisen and Marcella and Luverne Clausen.

Grace Tomsen, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — Our regular monthly meetings have been held on the second Monday of each month. A book "Steps and Stairways" by Melchior and his wife has been purchased and presented to the Humboldt Library in memory of Fred Benjamin, Carol Jensen and Karen Sorensen. As a lodge, we have accepted

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	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Albert F. Hansen	1	Omaha, NE	Larence Pedersen
Dorothy A. Hansen	1	Omaha, NE	Larence Pedersen
B. D. John Madden	14	Kenosha, WI	Shuart Waldo
J. Thomas Curda	14	Kenosha, WI	Michael Antony
Francis S. Pzloski	14	Kenosha, WI	Anthony Maruca
Duane W. Kreier, Jr.	14	Kenosha, WI	Lloyd Tritt
Mark C. Hunter	14	Kenosha, WI	James Johnson
Edith M. Kilgren	29	Seattle, WA	Ove Kilgren
Thomas G. Christensen	32	New Haven, CT	Paul A. Christensen
Elena M. Dalleck	35	Chicago, IL	Marion Eriksen
Mitchell H. Senkler	35	Chicago, IL	Elsa M. Petersen
Jens F. Jensen	43	Denver, CO	Norman Wittrup
Eugene L. Hulett	51	Ludington, MI	Keith Koegler
Terry F. Kraus, Sr.	51	Ludington, MI	Roger Hansen
Ted A. Daniels	51	Ludington, MI	David A. Wikarejczak
Evan E. Klinkby	67	Fresno, CA	Paul Morrison
Randy S. Hauter	70	Greenville, MI	Darwin Noah
Bianca P. Millan	84	Lincoln, NE	Paul Hansen
Rodney N. Ness, Sr.	39	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Peter R. Parks	143	Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
Nawdean Barth	211	Grand Island, NE	Clyde Barth
Charles G. Larsen	273	Dillon, MT	Howard Andersen
Christopher M. Beehler	299	Solvang, CA	Andrew H. Andersen
Michael B. Harris	325	Nassau, CA	Karen Witt
Clarence "Wayne" Black	332	Ripon, CA	Ann Stowers
Frank K. Schmidt	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Carley M. St. Clair	600	Omaha, NE	Sheri St. Clair

the resolution for the Five-Year Plan and completed the Howard E. Christensen Award nomination form.

Carl and Marilyn Hansen attended the meeting of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood in Newell. On March 12, a potluck supper was enjoyed. Following the business meeting, quizzes of the month was conducted by President Harold Jensen.

In April, Julian, our youngest member, observed his fifth birthday. He is the son of Harlan and Flora Johnson.

Guest speaker for the evening was Marilyn Dodgen. Her topic, "The Vanishing American Outhouse" and "Iowa's Vanishing Outhouse" was interesting and amusing.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — Lodge members met at the home of Winifred and Deloris Ross in Springville on Sunday afternoon, January 14. Seventeen members were present. President David Nealson presented Hans "Pete" Petersen with his 60-year membership pin. Til lykke, Pete! Hostess Deloris Ross talked about her recent trip to Denmark for Christmas.

On Sunday afternoon, April 1, nineteen lodge members met at the home of Stewart and Ruby Arnold in West Liberty. Our guest was Elina Paavilaineu, an exchange student from Finland. Lodge members played a game of making as many words as they could from the word "heritage."



Our booth created a lot of interest for our lodge.

On Saturday, April 7, lodge members helped "man" a booth at the Sycamore Shopping Mall in Iowa City. This was to promote the Danish Brotherhood in America and let people know that there is a fraternal group known as the Danish Brotherhood. Several interested people will perhaps become prospective members.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met April 23 at Elk Horn Town Hall with 90 members and 12 guests present. After a delicious dinner of homemade soup, sandwiches and desserts, the meeting was called to order by President Signe Madsen.



President Signe Madsen congratulates Melvin Boose as Lodge No. 341's "Howard Christensen" Award winner.

Melvin Boose was presented with a certificate for being nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Pastor and Mrs. Harry Thomsen joined the lodge.

A report was given on our bake sale the first part of the month as being very successful. Proceeds went to our scholarship fund.

Dagmar and Harvey Sorensen were honored for their 60th wedding anniversary. Mildred and Milo Andersen and Lucille and Henry Paulsen were also honored for their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Special guests were David and Judy Nealson of West Branch. They gave us some good ideas of things we could do in our lodge. Eri Inamoto, foreign exchange student at the Elk Horn-Kimballton school, was our speaker. She is from Hiroshima, Japan.

Our next meeting will be June 25 at the Elk Horn Creek Park celebrating St. Hans Aften (Midsummer's Eve) with a potluck supper at 6:30. See you there!

Jo Ann Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — On April 19, after the American and Danish National Anthems were sung, the minutes read and the treasurer's report given, quite a few more business tidbits were revealed. For example, we learned that the construction of the Danish museum in Elk Horn starts in August. This should be a very exciting event for everyone with Danish background.

Howard Christensen gave a very descriptive speech about northern Jutland, the region where several of our members have their roots. A job well done, Howard!

On our program for April was scheduled the musical literary club of Marion, "Highlights in Music," which we had all looked forward to. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, this was canceled a few days before the meeting. President Kathy McLaren searched for someone else to cover the program and found a most fascinating gentleman, Adrian Andersen, from the Linn County Historical Society, to speak of the importance of keeping one's heritage alive. Mr. Andersen did a wonder-

ful job on such a short notice. In fact, we were all a little disappointed when he ended his speech.

The evening ended with all of us being pampered by Anker and Katherine Severinsen and Howard and Donna Christensen with some open-face sandwiches and wonderful homemade goodies.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — The Flaske Pandekage was held May 2, and a big thank you goes out to Doug Larsen, Elmer Ericksen and John and Betty Mollerskov for all their hard work. It was a very, very good breakfast in true Danish style. Thirty-six people attended and no one went away hungry. We even made a small profit! Thanks to all for attending and supporting this activity.

It's not too early to think about the Midwest District Golf Outing and the Midwest District Picnic hosted by Lodge No. 34 of Dwight, IL. It will be held July 21.

Also, mark your calendar for our annual picnic to be held at Pritchard Park on July 11. We need volunteers to help with this event.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — March was a busy month for activities. On March 17 there were 18 of us attending a well organized target shoot in Dwight, Illinois, sponsored by Lodge No. 34. A good time was had by all even though Todd Bernhardt insisted on shooting off the target holder. We thank Ken Jensen, Lodge No. 34, for his fraternalism in getting Dan Ervin's car going.

That same night came the ever popular corned beef dinner/dance. The hall was nicely decorated in green and the food was very good. Duke Ellingham and Ken E. Hansen sang Irish songs and dancing was provided by Jay Nelson and the Keynotes. Thanks to the hard working committee of John, Angeline, Jane and Joan Hosmanek, Mike and Carol Burditt, Bob and Judy Bernhardt, and Gary and Peggy Starr. Special thanks to Rudy Bernhardt who was master of ceremonies. We thank the Merle Nylen's and Kris Steffensen's for coming from Chicago.

Sunday, March 25, found a large group at the beer bust, our annual fund raiser for the softball team. We thank the committee, Chairman Todd Bernhardt, Jeff and Rudy

Bernhardt, Annette Sopata, Paul Chase, Mark Sadowski, Todd Barnett, Nick Fanning, and Bob Rescke. Donations were received from Dick Greb, Jeff and Rudy Bernhardt, Todd Barnett and Russ Hackbarth.

On March 22 we had 32 people for a chicken and mostocolli dinner at the Stink Club. We thank Dean Hansen and John Sullivan for their work on this.

Another successful smoker was held March 29. This is always a good fund raiser for the lodge. We thank Chairman Randy Kessenech, Tom Nielsen, Todd, Jeff and Rudy Bernhardt, Todd Barnett, Bob Ibsen, Dean Hansen, Malcolm Young, Harve Cecil, Carl Swanson, and Rick Wade for this event. Special thanks to Brother John Sullivan for doing lunches in Ron's absence.

Welcome new members Frank Clark, Ray Tritt, Al Arzt and John Angotti.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — Our May meeting was a huge success with 20 members attending, along with National First Vice President Woody Petersen, and Fraternal Coordinators Ray and Wanda Nielsen and Henry and Grethe Jepsen. Woody Petersen said this was one of his proudest evenings when he presented one of our lovely younger members Elizabeth Steffensen with a \$1,000 scholarship and a plaque from the National Board in Omaha. Congratulations, Elizabeth, from all of us at Lodge No. 17. We are all so proud of you.

The Fraternal Coordinators presented a very interesting evening with discussion of how we should all work together in brotherly love and that working together like that can achieve great things.

These dedicated coordinators are ready to assist our lodge and other lodges in every way possible that they may be able to help. Just feel free to call upon them. It was a very enlightening evening having them at our May meeting. Thanks for coming!

Another highlight of the evening was that one of our newer members, Joe Polka, won a bowling award at the Midwest District Bowling Tournament and placed second in the men's high series. The award was presented to him at the meeting. Congratulations Joe!

The evening was finished off with good Danish sandwiches, akvavit, beer, coffee, cake, and a delicious crumb cake which was homemade by Ellen Sutter. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Franklin Andreassen.

The evening ended with cheery good-byes and see you next month.

Albertice Nysten, Sec.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Around 625 people came and ate and ate aebleskiver on Sunday, April 1. Approximately \$900 was cleared. A profit of \$407.80 was made on the kringle sale. It was a profitable weekend with a lot of hard work by a lot of people. I'm not going to try and name them all but especially to Marge Lauritsen and Genny Andreassen for taking the orders on the kringle and to Ken Jensen, Rick Sullivan and Ray Holzhauer for going to get them and to Paul Smith for again heading up the committees and doing an extra special good job. Thank you everyone!

The Midwest District Bowling Tournament was held Saturday, April 21 at Glenwood Bowl sponsored by Lodge No. 35 of Chicago. Our lodge entered 12 teams. A good time and good food was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Lodge No. 35 for sponsoring another great district event. Thanks to Bud and Margaret Goodwin for getting the teams together.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Neola Bowen was initiated and made welcome by members present at our March 9 meeting. Grethe Jepsen requested \$1,000 from the lodge for the Scholarship Fund. Motion was made and carried.

Audrey Christiansen stated she has been sending notices of our meetings to The Star publications and has been receiving some calls.

Woody Petersen, on behalf of Care and Share, passed out certificates to be used at the Jewel Food Stores to benefit Lutheran Family Mission.

Motion made and carried to send \$25 so our lodge can be represented on a greeting to the Queen of Denmark on the occasion of her 50th birthday.

Paul Sloth brought up the fact that the Viking Ship Restoration Committee is asking for donations for this project. Our lodge decided to give \$50 after a vote was taken.

Cash donations were received for various causes. Helge Johnson donated to the Scholarship Fund; Al Steffensen, the Trankars, the Woody Petersens and Paul and Jodie Sloth gave cash to Care and Share; Martin Christensen and Pauline Jensen donated a bottle of akvavit each; and Marie Johansson gave some cards and a small plate. Thanks!

The program on handwriting analysis presented by Margaret Thomsen was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Margaret for a great presentation!

Mark your calendars now for June 15 so you will be sure to come to our June meet-

ing. The committee is making aebleskiver — those delicious Danish pancakes — only they're not! The meeting will start at 7 p.m. followed by a meal and at 8 p.m. we will be entertained by accordion music. The cost for this will be \$1.00 payable at the door. Please let Ray or Wanda Nielsen know if you are coming so they can have enough aebleskiver.

The April 20 meeting opened with our charter being draped for 30 days in memory of Robert Kleinhaus. A moment of silence was observed by all in honor of his memory.

Six new members were initiated. They were Jean and Henry Larsen, Herb and Elena Dalleck, Rose Begeman and James Svenningsen. Members present took time out to welcome our new members.

Thank yous have been received from Lutheran Family Mission for recent donations and from Roberta Kleinhaus.

A letter was received from Pam Dorau about the exciting March 31 weekend in Omaha and Pam stated she is pleased to inform us that Grethe and Henry Jepsen and Wanda and Ray Nielsen will continue to serve as Fraternal Coordinators which means that they are very willing to assist any lodge where needed.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our April 6 Torsk Dinner was another successful event for our lodge with excellent food, raffles and door prizes! Thanks to all who volunteered to help with a special "bow of appreciation" to Chef Inga M. Hermansen and Chairperson Elsa Berlin. We were pleased to have Danish librarian, Mogens Tost, join us for this event.



National Past President Bob Ibsen presents the 1990 Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence to John Meerschaert.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 1990 Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence to our member John D. Meerschaert. The award was presented by Past National President, Robert Ibsen. The Axel Skelbeck Scholarship is the highest award granted by the National Board of Directors. Congratula-

tions John. We are very proud of your achievement.

Scholarships have been provided by our lodge to Lisa Hansen and Christian T. Schoewe to attend the Danish Language Village, Skovsøen, during August 13-25. The Danish Language Village is affiliated with Concordia Language Villages, Moorhead, Minnesota.

The Second Annual Scandinavian Festival will be held June 9 at Schwabenhof in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Sponsored by the Nordic Council of Wisconsin, there will be food, crafts and entertainment from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Come rain or shine — there is a large outdoor pavilion. Support your local lodge by volunteering to assist.

The seminar held in Omaha by the Headquarters staff on March 31 for District Fraternal Coordinators and insurance representatives was an enlightening experience. Particular emphasis was placed on the Five-Year Plan which is vital to the longevity of the Danish Brotherhood. We need every member's assistance to realize success in this venture. **Al Larsen, Cor.**

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — On Friday, March 9, our lodge enjoyed our Annual Torsk Dinner. Emma Kusk and her committee prepared the delicious meal for over 30 members and guests. Danish kleiner and kringle were served for dessert.

We were pleased to welcome a special guest, Thomas Petersen, a Danish exchange student studying in St. Charles for a year. We all enjoyed visiting with Thomas and his sponsor.



Congratulations to long time members!

A special part of the evening was the awarding of membership pins to two of our lodge members. President Marty Seyller presented a 50-year pin to Walter Kusk and a 25-year pin to David Hunecke. Congratulations, Brothers! We're proud to have such loyal members. **Carol Hunecke, Cor.**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Lori Funk entertained our April 26 meeting with a humorous forensic number which was enjoyed by all present. This was followed by a slide presentation by Dave Natzhe of his bus trip to China last fall. He also told of

conditions there after their recent revolt and of the foods they were served. It was also a very interesting presentation.

There was some discussion on changing our meeting time from evenings to afternoons during the winter months. We also discussed the float we are preparing for the annual July 4 parade, the theme of which is "Mighty Nineties." A note was read from Grace Bahr informing us her mother, Ada Petersen, was ill.

Refreshments were served by Loyal and Jean Lundorf and Leonard and Vera Yorkson. **Vera Yorkson, Cor.**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On April 11, we had our monthly pre-meeting dinner with 60 people in attendance and at the business meeting that followed, 32 brothers were present.

During our meeting, District Fraternal Coordinator Bob Sorensen talked to the members about the need to build our lodge membership up again. He offered a couple of suggestions but the lodge needs a lot more input from its members as to what can be done to accomplish this goal, so if any of you have some ideas please come forward and let your officers know.

Tom M. Curro and Carl E. Hansen are new members and it is great to see a couple of young fellows join. They are the sons of Preban Hansen, our current conductor.



Welcome new members, Tom Curro and Carl Hansen!

April 25 was the social night that was set aside to honor the past presidents of both the Sisterhood and the Brotherhood and 75 people showed for that occasion. Among them were five Sisterhood and ten Brotherhood past presidents enjoying the dinner and the socializing that took place.

Don't forget the social night on June 27. I am told Danish sandwiches will be the order of the day along with the possibility of a movie. The evening starts at 7 p.m.

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 #32, New Haven, CT — At the March 9 meeting we presented three 25-year pins, one each to Barbara Larsen, Peder Pedersen, and Kristian Larsen III.



Congratulations to 25-year members; Peder Pedersen, Barbara Larsen and Kristian Larsen III.

Helping to celebrate the evening with them were over 50 members, each family bringing a covered dish for our potluck dinner. There was a great assortment of food and all of it was delicious.

The plans for the Labor Day Convention are progressing nicely. A brief rundown of events are as follows: Saturday registration

will begin at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the meetings will start at 3:00 p.m. and run for two hours. At 7:30 p.m. we will have entertainment at the hotel. On Sunday there will be meetings all day. For those who are not going to meetings we have a list of interesting places to go visit and places to shop. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. there will be a banquet where you will have your choice of prime rib or baked stuffed shrimp. Music will be by Carl and Erik Eklund.

One of the ways we plan to raise funds to offset the cost of the convention will be to hold a raffle on Sunday night. Our first prize will be a 19" color television.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our next meeting will be June 8. The meeting night will change in September to the fourth Friday of each month. For the year, the meetings will be September 28, October 26, November 23. The meeting in December will probably be changed to December 15 in order to have our Christmas party.

Any changes to the GCEL District bylaws must be submitted by June 15 to the district secretary.

At our April meeting we had 11 members and two guests. Danish cheese sandwiches were enjoyed after the meeting.

Brother Viggo Nielsen has announced his retirement as treasurer as of the end of this year. It was accepted with great regret. As you know, Brother Viggo has served the Brotherhood for many years. However, he will still be attending all of the meetings.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — A remarkable celebration took place at our March 9 meeting when Past National President, George Jacobsen, presented the following members with their 25-year membership pins: Birgit Jacobsen, Ib Andersen, Soffy Andersen, Jørgen Petersen, Niels B. Han-

sen, Nette Hansen and Glen Jacobsen. Also receiving their 25-year pins this year are Irene Kaminsky, Erik Ersboll, Alice Ersboll, Paul Møller, Ingrid Brantley, Ester Steffensen, Kira Lauritsen, Sandra Strathmeyer, Jeanette Gurney and Barbara Petersen. It was a festive evening — kransekage and champagne was served and well chosen dance music was provided by Vice President Niels B. Hansen.

We also celebrated Fastelavns thanks to Carol and John Rasmussen who brought in the barrel.

Birthday wishes were extended to Viggo Schonberg who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 19.

The hard working kitchen committee consisted of Helen Kofod and Bill and Audrey Herbst. Inger and Bent Mortensen were busy serving refreshments.

Pastor Henrik Fossing and his wife Bodil from the Danish Seamen's Church in New York were our guests of honor at our monthly meeting held Friday, April 13.

We enjoyed a delicious dinner cooked and served by Leo and Evelyn Jensen, Eleanor and John Hjulmand and Leif Pedersen. Along with dinner, red and white wine was served to toast Queen Margrethe II on the occasion of her 50th birthday. Also working to keep everyone happy were Bill and Audrey Herbst who served refreshments.

To end the evening, we watched a 1990 Tivoli video thanks to the Danish Consulate General in New York. **Karen Witt, Sec.**



Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL — We held our monthly meeting on April 21 at the Senior Citizens Center in Lake Worth, Florida. The meeting followed a buffet lunch at the Holiday House Restaurant.

Following the roll call and reading of the minutes of the March meeting, the trea-

surer's report was given.

A letter from the National Headquarters was read regarding the March 31 meeting in Omaha of Fraternal Coordinators and staff regarding future plans. Norman Hanson was again named District Fraternal Coordinator for our lodge.

We had two interesting guests at our meeting. They were Anders Larsen of Riviera Beach, Florida, and Inge Nelson of Singer Island, Florida. They told us about the Danish Club of Palm Beach County and their successful first meeting. They meet periodically and have a dinner and fun time. They are not affiliated with the DBIA but we gave them membership applications for our lodge and they indicated some of their members might be interested in joining.

Isabel Larsen furnished a delicious cake and Bertha Hilts furnished the coffee for refreshments following our meeting.

A. Clarence Andersen, Sec.



A Letter of Appreciation

On behalf of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, I want to thank the members of the Danish Brotherhood in America for their assistance to The American Immigrant Wall of Honor. Your gift, along with the other societies, raised \$276,500. We are delighted with your success! In Room 209 of the Museum, "Leaving the Homeland," a plaque will be displayed crediting the Member-Societies of the National Fraternal Congress for underwriting the Gallery.

We are now entering the final months of the historic restoration of Ellis Island. Restoration and reconstruction are now complete. Installation of the exhibits for the new Ellis Island Immigration Museum is underway, with plans to open to the public this September.

You will be interested to know that nearly 200,000 names were registered for The American Immigrant Wall of Honor which is being readied for Ellis' opening this fall. Since the registration deadline, over 7,000 people contacted the Foundation requesting to add their families to this tribute. By tradition, Ellis is a place of inclusion, not exclusion and the Foundation together with the National Park Service have decided to extend this opportunity once again to those Americans who missed the first deadline. Registrations are now being accepted for the Centennial Edition to the Wall which will be completed in 1992, Ellis Island's centennial.

Congratulations and thank you again for your interest and support.

Harriet A. Katz
Associate Director of Fund Raising



June 15 is Dannebrog or "Flag Day" in Denmark. Jorgen and Bifrost are helping to celebrate this joyous holiday by singing their national anthem "Der er et yndigt land" — (There is a Lovely Land). Did you know that the Dannebrog is Europe's oldest flag? Some legends say it literally fell from heaven in 1219. Jorgen enjoys legends and next month will visit a legendary Danish "Old Town."

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood

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Grandma's Kitchen

Horns

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("S" Kager)

1 cup soft butter 2 egg yolks
1 tsp. vanilla 2½ cups flour
½ cup sugar

Cream butter and vanilla until soft. Add sugar slowly. Beat in egg yolks, one at a time. Add flour slowly blending well after each addition. Fill a cookie press about half full of dough and press on greased and lightly floured cookie sheet in "S" shapes. Bake in 350 degree oven for 12-14 minutes or until golden brown on edge. Watch cookies while they bake because they scorch easily. Makes 6 dozen.



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Deloris Hansen Bookkeeper

On November 1, 1980, the DBIA National Headquarters was blessed with an employee who has proven her dedication to the Danish Brotherhood over and over again. Originally hired as the billing clerk on a part-time basis, it didn't take long to realize what an asset Deloris could make to the Danish Brotherhood in America. On September 16, 1983, Deloris agreed to work on a full-time basis, and in January of 1985 she was promoted to the position of Bookkeeper. In this capacity, she maintains detailed accounting records, handles lodge suspensions, and processes direct and lodge billings. She is also the type of person who is always willing to pitch in and lend a hand with any type of duties.

Deloris has been married to J. Duane Han-

sen for twenty-nine years, and they have three grown children, Ron, Russell, and Robin. The entire family have been members of DBIA Lodge No. 1 for many, many years and you can always count on them to assist with any type of activities. In fact, Duane is a Past President of Lodge No. 1 and currently serves as Vice President. When the District Fraternal Coordinator's Program was implemented in 1987, Duane and Deloris were one of the first couples to volunteer to serve the members in this important position. They continue to offer their free time and experience to many of the lodges in the Nebraska District and from comments received, they are providing a very valuable service.

When asked for any advice that Deloris would like to share with DBIA members, she stated, "Get involved in your lodge activities and don't be afraid to try new ideas or programs." She also encourages all members to attend district events and learn what other lodges in your area are doing. Deloris also mentioned that she very much enjoys working with the "great staff" at the National Headquarters and likes the small office atmosphere.

Duane and Deloris have recently purchased a new home and spend much of their time getting everything organized. Deloris says she is having fun filling up all the closets and cupboards and enjoys watching Duane play with his new toy — a riding lawnmower. While their three children are living on their own, Duane and Deloris share their home with their two "babies," Spike and Ginger. These two Brittany Spaniels are not only eager companions but serve as hunting dogs for Duane.

In addition to their involvement with the Danish Brotherhood, Duane and Deloris are very active members of Pella Lutheran Church, and have been very involved in scouting. When they find the time, they like to get away and enjoy camping and fishing.

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