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Cover photos: Crater Lake (top) and the Oregon Coast (bottom) are a beautiful combination for a fascinating tour. Photos courtesy of Sheila Hamilton.



President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

In late 1990 the annual meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America was held in Portland, Oregon, site of our forthcoming National Convention. As I have repeated many times, the Danish Brotherhood in America is an active participant in NFCA. During that meeting a report was given to the membership based upon some important fraternal statistics obtained from 1989 member reportings. The following information is based upon the reports of 80 members out of 99 societies which could have contributed and which would have made these statistics even more impressive!

It was reported that in 1989 local lodges:

HELD	841,839 local unit events
PERFORMED	11,764,649 acts of fraternal service
SPENT	56,411,360 hours in fraternal service
COSTING	57,722,460 dollars, and gave
A TOTAL OF	\$134,451,471 in charitable disbursements

"Facts impress and persuade legislators, public interest groups and insurance departments" and that is why the NFCA counts on the response from member societies. These statistics are used in the quest to retain our not-for-profit, tax-free status and while the DBIA represents a very small part of the overall picture, nonetheless we are a part of it!

About the time of local lodge elections, our National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerome Christensen, sent a packet to all lodges within our society for the purpose of learning who the new officers are, the status of your lodge and an account of your activities during the preceding year. It is from these reports that we compile our statistics and which ultimately becomes a part of the NFCA National Report. I know Jerry Christensen will be pleased and I will also, if all lodge secretaries would submit their reports in a timely manner. How about it?

By now you have all had the opportunity to learn about our NEW Young Viking Life Plan and I urge all of you grandparents and yes, parents, to consider doing this for that Young Viking in your life. I cannot think of anything better on the market and the Board of Directors is very enthused about it. Just one of the many things coming as a part of our Five-year plan.

Here we are in to the second month of 1991 already with plans being made for the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Directors and the National Law Committee in Omaha next month. Remember, the early March deadline for submitting proposals and bylaw changes is upon you and since many lodges will not meet by March 3rd, it is important that you be prepared now. I know that Niels Nedergard, acting Chairperson of the Law Committee, is already hard at work in preparation for this task.

We have received some excellent name change recommendations for our organization and I look forward to giving you a report on the comments we have received.

I want to emphasize that the proposal for a change in name is not, and I repeat, **NOT**, a foregone conclusion nor is it hammered in stone. It is my hope that a reasonable presentation can be given to the delegates at our National Convention and based upon that, the representatives can reach a conclusion in their own right and make a decision which will benefit all of us. In any event, every presentation will be listened to as it is, at least, worthy of that consideration.

I know that all of you are working hard on your local charities and you have done excellent work as noted in your monthly newsletters. I want to thank all of you for those efforts and at the same time encourage and invite you to keep up that good work.

With that I will leave you with this anonymous thought for the day: "Laughter translates into any language."

Are You Earning 8% On Your IRA?



If not, investigate the Danish Brotherhood Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity currently paying 8%. The annuity may be issued as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or as a non-qualified retirement plan. Current interest of 8% is guaranteed for one year from date of issue of the annuity certificate.

Retirement values based on \$2,000 annual contribution

End of Year	(Projected at 7%)	(Projected at 8%)
5	\$ 12,310.00	\$ 12,672.00
10	29,570.00	31,290.00
15	53,780.00	58,648.00
20	87,730.00	98,846.00
25	135,350.00	157,908.00
30	202,150.00	244,692.00
35	295,830.00	372,204.00

You may also consider transferring the assets from an established IRA or from a maturing CD earning less than 8%, to a Danish Brotherhood Single Premium Deferred Annuity currently paying 8%.

Retirement values based on \$10,000 single premium

End of Year	(Projected at 7%)	(Projected at 8%)
5	\$ 14,030.00	\$ 14,690.00
10	19,670.00	21,590.00
15	27,590.00	31,720.00
20	38,700.00	46,610.00
25	54,270.00	68,480.00
30	76,120.00	100,630.00
35	106,770.00	147,850.00

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Danish Folk Tales by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Little Stones and Big Stones

ONCE UPON A TIME two men came before the king and asked him for instructions in the differences between right and wrong.

One of the men was a wrongdoer, for when he was a young man he had a terrible quarrel with a close friend and in the heat of the argument struck him with a heavy stick and hurt him very badly. He never got over this incident and his conscience gave him no rest.

The second man had never fallen into evil or wicked practices and he felt that he was pure and without guilt.

The king listened to the two men and asked them to talk about themselves: what they had done in the past, how they earned a living, and so on.

The first man broke down and cried. He confessed how he had brutally hurt his best friend. He felt that such a deed could never be forgiven.

The second man stated that he had never committed any wrongs so therefore he could not remember any bad thing he had done. Whatever minor evils he had committed had all but disappeared from his mind.

After hearing this, the king said to the first man, "Go across to the other side of the road and find one very large stone!"

Then the king said to the second man who told him that he led a blameless life, "You go to the same field across the road and bring me many, many small stones — as many as you can carry in your hands!"

Both men went forth and did as they were told.

When they had finished their task, the king looked at the stones and said, "And now I want each of you to take all of these stones and bring them back one by one to the exact spot where you got them. Then come back to me where I am standing!"

Again, both men started to do as the king had told them.

The one who carried the big stone easily found the spot where he had picked it up and quickly put it back.

But the second man could not remember each of the many single places from where he had picked up each little stone. He came back to the king without being able to fulfill the king's request.

The king seeing this said, "Man's wrongdoings and errors are like these stones. You can easily find the place from where you took the large stone and you were able to bring it back at once; but you," he said to the second man, "could not replace the little ones because there were too many spots for you to remember!"

The two men looked at each other, but didn't say a word.

The king continued. "The man whose conscience is heavy upon him — like this big stone — remembers his guilt; but the man who pays no attention to the little errors he commits pays no attention to them and he will never try hard to remember them. Thus, the man who knows he has done an evil thing knows right from wrong!"

The Understanding Man

ONCE UPON A TIME a shopowner lost all of his possessions in a fire that left him in debt. He was in debt because he had bought most of his goods on credit and now he did not have a way of repaying.

The shopowner owed a large sum to a wealthy merchant with whom he had been dealing with for many years and who had treated him fairly.

When it came time to pay (the merchant sent the shopowner a bill) he didn't know what to do. He went around asking friends and they suggested that he go to the merchant and explain his misfortune. They felt that the merchant would understand and perhaps even cancel the bill altogether.

And that is just what the shopowner did.

He traveled to the city in which the merchant lived, but when he reached the house he stopped, because he didn't have the courage to enter. The shopowner thought, "How can I show up empty-handed? I owe this man a great deal of money for which he had entrusted me!"

Then he started to cry like a child.

Hearing the weeping from inside his house, the wealthy merchant opened the door and saw the shopowner crying his heart out. "What happened? Why are you sobbing so?"

The shopowner caught his breath and said, "I owe you so much money and I haven't a cent to pay you. All I had in the world was destroyed in a fire. I don't know what to do!"

Hearing this, the merchant took pity and asked the sobbing man to come into his house. The merchant offered him some tea and tried to console him. "Don't weep, dear friend," he said. "I see that you are an honest man and that you want to pay, but cannot. Forget about the money you owe me and I'll give you new credit with which you can start a business all over again." Then he tore up all of the man's debts.

"Oh, thank you," said the shopowner. "You are a most gracious and understanding man. I will never forget this!"

The men shook hands and the shopowner left with pride and new confidence in what lay ahead.

The shopowner was overjoyed and returned to his home where many people were gathered. He told them how the merchant had canceled his debt of several thousand dollars.

One of the men hearing this story hurried over to the merchant's house in the city.

He parked himself outside the door and started crying.

When the merchant heard sobbing he came outside and saw a total stranger and asked him why he was crying in front of his house.

The stranger replied that he was in great need and came to ask the merchant to give him a gift of two thousand dollars to set him up in business.

"What do you mean," asked the merchant, aghast at this stranger's request, "by asking me to present you with so much money?"

The stranger moved closer. "Well," he said, "you granted the shopowner money. Why am I worse than he?"

"How can you compare yourself with him?" scolded the merchant. "I've been dealing with this man for years. I've done business with him and realized much profit through him. And now something terrible happened that made it impossible for him to repay me so I canceled the debt. But you . . . I don't even know you! And you don't know me! I've never had any dealings with you! By what right do you have coming here and asking me for such a sum of money!"

An old man who was standing nearby heard the conversation and said, "Such a demand is the height of impudence!"

The stranger upon hearing this, shrugged and walked away.

Rescue in Denmark

Rescue in Denmark, the story of the Danish rescue of her Jewish citizens by Harold Flender, opens:

On the morning of Friday, September 30, 1943, Rabbi Marcus Melchior stood before the Holy Ark of the 110 year old Copenhagen Synagogue.

"It was the day before Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. About 150 members of the congregation were present. They were puzzled by the fact that Rabbi Melchior was not in his rabbinical robes.

"There will be no service this morning," said Rabbi Melchior. "Instead, I have very important news to tell you. Last night I received word that tomorrow the Germans plan to raid Jewish homes throughout Copenhagen to arrest all the Danish Jews for shipment to concentration camps. They know that tomorrow is Rosh Hashana and our families will be home. The situation is very serious. We must take action immediately. You must leave the synagogue now and contact all relatives, friends and neighbors you know are Jewish and tell them what I have told you. You must tell them to pass the word to everyone they know is Jewish. You must also speak to all your Christian friends and tell them to warn the Jews. You must do this immediately, within the next few minutes, so that two or three hours from now everyone will know what is happening. By nightfall tonight we must all be in hiding'."

The Germans first offered to exchange imprisoned army and navy officers for Jews — an offer that was rejected by the Danes since "there is no point in exchanging one Dane for another." Next the Germans offered to lift the state of military emergency.

On October 2, 1943, the illegal newspaper, FREE DENMARK, carried an editorial rejecting the idea of deserting the Jews at this time. On October 3 the Danish Lutheran Bishops sent a letter to the German occupation officials. This letter was read to the worshipers in the Danish churches at Sunday services:

"We will never forget that the Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, according to God's promise to the Chosen People of Israel.

"Persecution of the Jews conflicts with the humanitarian conception of the love of neighbors and the message which Christ's church set out to preach. Christ taught us that every man has a value in the eyes of God.

"Persecution conflicts with the judicial experience existing in the Danish people, inherited through centuries of culture. All Danish citizens, according to the fundamental law, have the same right and responsibility under the law of religious freedom. We respect the right to religious freedom and to the performance of divine worship according to the dictates of conscience. Race or religion should never in themselves cause people to be deprived of their rights, freedom or property.

"Notwithstanding our separate religious beliefs we will fight to preserve for our Jewish brothers and sisters the same freedom we ourselves value more than life. The leaders of the Danish Church clearly comprehend the duties of law-abiding citizens, but recognize at the same time that they are conscientiously bound to maintain the right and to protect every violation of justice. It is evident that in this case we are obeying God rather than man."

Jews were in hiding but could not remain so. To get them to Sweden would take courageous acts and organization.

Sweden had profited economically from her neutrality. However, by October of 1943 it appeared the Allies would win the war. Niels Bohr, the Nobel prize winning physicist, upon his rescue to Sweden refused to go to the United States to work, until he was assured that Sweden would accept Jewish refugees. When the Foreign Minister refused, Bohr asked to see the King. The Monarch assured Bohr that Sweden would accept the Jews. Swedish papers carried the news and the message was received in Denmark via radio.

Realizing that the Danes could only reach Sweden by boat, the Germans called in all boats except those used for fishing. The Jews needed to be hidden til such time as arrangements could be made to get them to a boat.

Captain Christian Kisling and his wife Gethe, harbored forty Jews in the large empty attic over the salvage company garage where he worked. They fed them by buying groceries in different stores to avoid arousing suspicion. They spent their evenings trying to keep up the spirits of the Jews awaiting what they knew not.

Collection points were necessary and one was set up in a bookstore across the street from the Nazi headquarters. Hospitals were used as well.

On one occasion a group of what was supposed to be forty Jews was brought to Bispeberg hospital in a funeral procession. Wearing black and carrying flowers they went to the cemetery on the hospital grounds. The mourners were directed to the chapel and when they actually arrived there were 140.

A large truck was able to transport 40 to the fishing boats. The remaining Jews were taken a few at a time with safe intervals of time and admitted to the psychiatric buildings. The next day 200 more mourners came to the chapel. The nurses opened their living quarters to this group. Another 100 arrived before curfew.

The refugees were transported to the fishing boats in ambulances. Jørgen Knudsen and Captain Kisling were two outstanding drivers. The latter also used salvage trucks and fire engines for transport.

Jews with Jewish sounding names were dismissed on the records and re-admitted with Danish names. Dr. Køster and Signe Jensen, head nurse, arranged other matters at the hospital by getting food and settling Jewish "escapees" in the nurses' apartments.

One evening following a mistaken signal to a German boat, the Jews were returned to a fleet of 30 cabs (which had brought them to the beach), directed to the southern tip of Zealand and then to the island of Møen. There Dr. Køster bought a fishing boat. The evening cost him \$22,000.

The hospital received donations of money as the word spread about their work. This money was kept in an open shoe box on Nurse Signe Hansen's desk. The nurses themselves were heavy contributors. During October over 2000 Jews passed through Bispberg hospital on their way to freedom in Sweden.

In time the Germans suspected Dr. Køster. Fortunately one evening when the Germans were at his home his wife was able to warn him of their presence. He left for Sweden, then offered his services to Britain and remained in their service til July of 1946.

Why did these men risk their lives for the Jews? Dr. Køster said, "It was the natural thing to do. I would have helped any group of Danes being persecuted. The German's picking on Jews made as much sense to me as picking on red heads."

Ole Secher stated, "We just had to. We — that means some of

my medical student friends and myself — just felt that we had to do something about this particular situation. There was nothing else we could do."

Nurse Jensen reported, "I was brought up in a democracy and to believe that you have to be willing to fight if you want to preserve that democracy. As for helping the Jews, I didn't feel any particular responsibility for Jews. As a matter of fact, I never thought of them as Jews or anything else. They were merely my countrymen and they needed my help."

And Jørgen Knudsen answered, "It was never a question of Jew or non-Jew. It was a question of people in distress. I would have helped anyone to escape from the Gestapo."

The story of one fisherman is illustrative of what was taking place along the Danish seacoast.

In the first week of October 1943, Peder Christopher Hansen, a fisherman, was approached by a sixty-year-old stranger. The gentleman related that he needed to get his two sons to Sweden. He was willing to stay in Denmark and take his chances but wanted to make certain his boys were safe. Hansen agreed to take his sons and offered to take the gentleman as well. Then Hansen learned there were 50 more Jews hiding along the beach. Hansen agreed to take them all and did so by making two trips. Hansen informed the stranger that, "I don't give a damn about any money."

After several trips Hansen was approached by resort owner Werner Christiansen who asked if he could take more Jews to Sweden. He was told there were 400 in need of transportation, and there would be more. His response, "Oh, human beings are more important than codfish. Okay, I'll do whatever I can."

The author relates the work of other Danes who helped the Jews get to Sweden. The efforts of Professor and Mrs. Ege, Mrs. Iva Haxen (a half Jew), the Lyngby group, the Elsinor Sewing Club, etc., making for exciting reading — reading about people who were willing to take chances because they believed in helping other Danes.

In other countries there were some who helped the Jewish population but it was only in Denmark that virtually the entire Jewish population was saved. It was only in Denmark that almost everyone, from King to fisherman, played a part in rescuing Jews. Only in Denmark, after World War II, were more than 98.5% of the Jewish population still alive.

At that time the Danes could proudly sing "Der er et ydigt land." (There is a beautiful land.)

by Ruth Nielsen

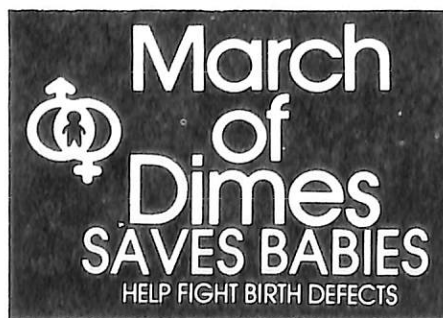
Other writings which might be of interest:

Arnald: **A Night of Watching**

Goldberger, Leo (ed.): **The Rescue of the Danish Jews: Moral Courage Under Stress**

Melchior, Marcus: **A Rabbi Remembers**

Thomas, John O.: **The Giant-Killers: The Story of the Danish Resistance Movement**



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Revised nomination forms, along with revised guidelines and procedures have been forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to receiving a nomination form from every Danish Brotherhood lodge by the deadline of February 15, 1991. Please note, the same member may be renominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

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

For further information, contact your local President or Secretary or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

Our Lodges in Action

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The December meeting came to order at 8:00 p.m. with 37 members and several guests present. Don Bogh was Vice President protem while George Larsen was Inner Guard protem. Frank Dally led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance; Past President Fred Batchelor explained the symbols of the DBIA. The charter was undraped. It had been draped in memory of Hans Junker's passing.

We discussed the Pacific Northwest District Convention to be held in May. We will ask the Sisterhood to share the cost (\$110) of a full page ad in the Bellingham News to advertise the National Convention to be held in October. Enumclaw Lodge No. 113 advised us that they would like to consider a name change to reflect the combination of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. This will be brought up at the National Convention in October. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded to support Enumclaw's request. Bills were read and a motion was made to pay them. The treasurer's financial report was read and approved.

Asbjorn Fisker reported that Scanfair was well attended and sold \$182 worth of T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, ties, etc. He will continue to be our representative for Scanfair.

We welcomed our visitors: Dave and Kathleen Jensen from Lebanon, Oregon. Dave will be initiated as a new member soon and would like to start helping with the sandwiches and be a committee member for the National Convention. Ralph Hansen, Jan Hansen's brother, was also a guest and will be initiated as a new member soon.

The slate of officers for 1991 was presented for nomination and the floor was opened for further nominations. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed slate of officers. The floor opened for further nominations. Larry West was

The best idea for February goes to Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI. See page 16.



Welcome to new member Phillip Baker.

nominated for president but declined. The officers selected for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Larry West; President, Lisa Mortensen; Vice President, Jan Hansen; Treasurer, Scott McAdams; Secretary, Sylvia Hurst; Conductor, Frank Dally; First Trustee, Norm Powell; Second Trustee, Steve Sorensen; Third Trustee, Marion Buchholz; Inner Guard, John Hansen; and Outer Guard, Elvin Kasch.

Donations to the following groups from the benefits of the auction were accepted: Northwest Danish Foundation - \$100; Salvation Army - \$100; and St. Vincent DePaul - \$50. These amounts were moved, seconded and the motion carried. It was also brought to our attention that a barrel will be at the next meeting, and for the rest of the year to put canned goods, etc. for Operation Care and Share.

To celebrate Fastelavn, there will be a Fastelavnsfest for the kids on Sunday, February 10 from 2-4 p.m. at the Norse Hall. Kids, plan on what kind of costume you are going to wear. The one you wore for Halloween would be just fine.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC — There were 66 Brothers present at the December meeting. It was also our annual general meeting. We began our usual meeting procedure.

At our last meeting, we appointed Poul

B. Christensen as chairman for our General Meeting. We began with the president and treasurer's reports. Both reports were accepted.

The elections began with the following results for 1991: Past President, Karl Kristensen; President, Peter Praegel; Vice President, Villy Andersen; Secretary, Peter M. Jensen; Treasurer, Herluf Pedersen; First Trustee, Poul Sorensen; Second Trustee, Jens P. Vestergaard; Third Trustee, Tommy B. Johansen; Conductor, John P. Mikkelsen; Inner Guard, Michael Bang; Outer Guard, Henning Hall; First Alternate, Julius Nicolaisen; and Second Alternate, Conny Vinter.

Uwe Bruhn reported that the gold watch was auctioned off for the amount of \$720.00. The bidder was Kalle Moser.

The Sports Committee reported that the 5th Annual Danish-American Soccer Tournament will take place in Chicago, Illinois, in August. Vancouver has committed some of their teams.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed the sandwiches and drinks donated by the Brotherhood. Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — At our December meeting, we welcomed two new members, James and Ilene Haines.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 1991. They were elected unanimously and are as follows: Past President, Scott Stefansen; President, Al Nyegaard; Vice President, Glenn Matson; Secretary, Susie Staats; Treasurer, Kris Sand; Trustees, Otto Jensen, Jim Larsen and Anita Lyngaard; Conductor, Martin Taekker. They were installed at our 9th anniversary dinner on January 5.

We also nominated and elected delegates to the Pacific Northwest District Convention to be held in Bellingham on May 10-12. Delegates are Birgit Sand and Scott Stefansen with Martin Taekker and Mogens Pedersen as alternates.

After the meeting, the committee served coffee and pastry. The extra pastry was raffled off. We then sang some Christmas songs and enjoyed the fellowship.

On December 27 we had our Christmas party at Sons of Norway Hall. About 80

members and guests, of which 20 were children, gathered around the Christmas tree as we sang familiar Danish and American songs. After the singing, there was storytelling and then Santa made his appearance with a bag of goodies for each of the children. It was an evening of fun for everyone.

Birgit Sand, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Our fish dinner and bingo in November was a super success. Ninety-four members and 19 guests enjoyed the fish dinner and later played bingo for some exciting prizes.

The meeting was opened by President Karl Duus at 8:05 p.m. All officers were present and 31 members were in attendance.

A card was received from the Danish Lutheran Church thanking us for the donation in memory of Pete Pedersen.

Our new officers for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Karl Duus; President, Doris Christensen; Vice President, Neco Hansen; Secretary, Betty Seale; Treasurer, Owen Miller; Financial Secretary, Hal Mathiasen; Trustees, Erik Kofod, Ove Hansen and Roy Christoffersen; Conductor, Sofia Christoffersen; and Guard, Tom Bristing.

Alhambra Lodge No. 323 will host the installation of officers on Saturday, February 23 at the Alamo. Happy hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — The evening of December 14 saw our annual Christmas dinner for charity in Solvang and the Santa Ynez Valley. This dinner was attended by 140 Brotherhood members, their wives and Sisterhood ladies with their husbands.

Admission to the dinner was \$5.00 worth of canned goods or \$5.00 in cash. Our lodge raised \$180.00 in canned goods and \$500.00 in cash. The lodge gives this to the Operation Outreach of the Santa Ynez Valley.

President Mark Anderson stated that this year's was the best ever for the lodge's Christmas project. He wishes to thank Ed Madsen and his crew for the tremendous job they did.

Bill Allds, Sec.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Our next lodge meeting will be held on February 13 and the installation of officers will be held on February 22 at the Red Fox.

If you are interested in being on the social committee or volunteering your help in planning any of our events, please contact Alma Jensen or Lillian Suda.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — One hundred ten members, friends and their families gathered for our annual Christmas dinner on December 8. The highlight of the evening was the appearance of Santa Claus who passed out individual gifts and Christmas bags to the children and also made sure to greet each adult as he handed them a candy cane. Many thanks to those who donated the items for the Christmas bags.

The wrapped auction we held after the meal went to benefit the District Scholarship Fund. This was our first effort in aiding this fund. Thanks to those who graciously brought wrapped items.

As part of Operation Care and Share, Jim Dwyer played Santa Claus for those at the Christian Temporary Housing Facility on December 22. Thank you Jim.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We had a great turnout for our Christmas party with 54 adults and 35 children in attendance.

The weather could not have been nicer. We were able to eat outside as well as have the tree there too.

Curene Stoltz was initiated by President Vikki Garrison during dinner. The children then decorated the tree and, with the help of the "Kodan Choir," sang around the tree and then Julemanden came with a gift and stocking for each child. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Ten camping sites at Cluster Pines on Big Bear Lake will be reserved for our St. Hans campout this year. We will have rates and dates for you soon so we can start taking reservations.

A calendar is available and if anyone would like to have a social or do a program, please contact Jim Patterson.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

IOWA-MINNESOTA

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — Our members enthusiastically supported the joint Brotherhood and Sisterhood Christmas project with gifts of food, clothing, money, toys, a bicycle and Christmas tree with decorations for a single mother with six children ages 2 to 10. Two twin beds complete with bedding and chairs were also donated. A Christmas dinner along with a good supply of food for the future was provided. This was a particularly gratifying experience and we hope to keep in contact with the family in order to continue support throughout the year.

Our annual children's Christmas party held December 16 was a success with 47 children and 75 adults in attendance. Kirsten Lundgren read "The Little Match Girl" and 'Twas the Night Before Christ-

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Lest We Forget

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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
11-12-90	Otto C. Thomsen	89	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1929
11-29-90	Bessie L. Olsen	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	332	Modesto, California	1967
10-16-90	Mads Lauritsen	82	Skals, Denmark	325	Nassau Co., New York	1936
12-6-90	John Gellert	91	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1945
12-5-90	Knud M. Ronde	91	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
12-22-90	Leslie McPherson	62	Livermore, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1977
12-12-90	Leo E. Christiansen	83	Ionia Co., Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1928
12-21-90	Carl Olsen	88	Plainfield, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1920
12-21-90	George W. Iverson	79	Bridgeport, Connecticut	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	1937
1-3-91	Ivan J. Gribskov	67	Cozad, Nebraska	268	Junction City, Oregon	1955
7-90	John Nelsen	99	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1909
12-10-90	Clifford Strouse	82	Seneca Co., New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1976
12-16-90	Astrid Brewer	87	Fredericks, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1976

SKOV SØ EN '91

Concordia Language Villages, Moorhead, Minnesota

The Danish Language Village Inc., the Danish Brotherhood in America and the Concordia Language Villages are offering scholarships to villagers of Skovsøen.

Skovsøen — Danish for “lake of the woods” — is one of the 10 villages in the Concordia Language Villages program. Villagers at Skovsøen learn and participate in the Danish language and culture in many ways. They learn the spoken language through learning groups and discover culture through mealtimes, crafts, singing, dancing, and playing Danish games and sports, all with the help of an excellent staff of both Danes and Americans. They also become aware of global issues through this year's Language Villages theme — “World Without Walls.”

Arrival at Skovsøen is much like arriving in Denmark. There is a passport check and passage through “customs.” Villagers choose a Danish name and exchange American money for real Danish currency.

Danish heritage and culture are explored through the celebration of Jul (Christmas), Midsommer (midsummer) and other Danish traditions.

There is a two-week session available that focuses on the spoken language and experienced culture and a four-week credit session for high school students that meets the Minnesota state requirements for a year of high school credit.

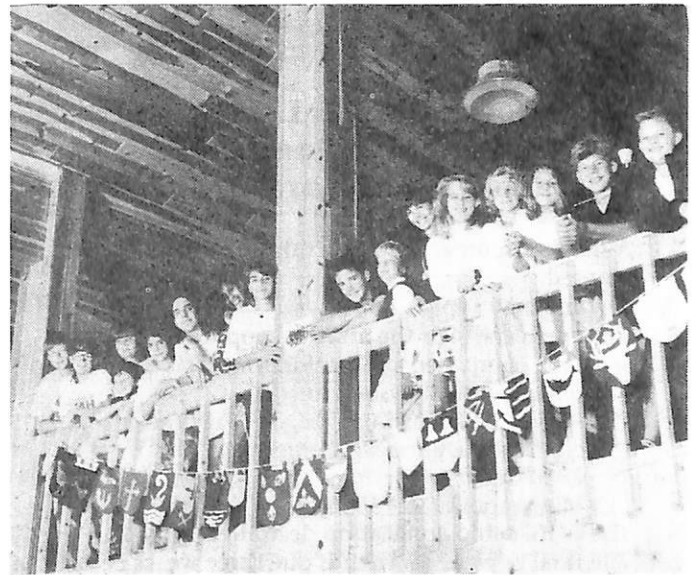
Life at Skovsøen is more than everyday learning. It's a discovery— an experience that will last a lifetime.

Where:

The Danish Village will be held at Camp Emmaus on Morgan Lake, about one and one-half miles northeast of Menahga, Minnesota, which is approximately 12 miles south of Park Rapids, Minnesota, on Highway 71. The first two weeks of the credit session will be held at Camp Minne-Wa-Kan on Lake Andrusia, about 11 miles from Cass Lake, Minnesota.

When:

August 12-24 for the two-week session, and July 29-August 24 for the credit session.



Exhibition of Byvåben (town shields).

For Whom:

Young people aged 8-17 who are interested in Denmark, the Danish language and culture.

Costs:

The cost for the two-week session is \$580 and for the credit session, \$1,260, but no one using the attached application form need pay the full price because of a variety of scholarships available (see next page). The cost includes tuition, food, lodging, insurance, and instruction. A deposit of \$75 (\$40 non-refundable) is required with each application.

Transportation:

Villagers must pay transportation costs to and from the village. Chartered buses will be available from Minneapolis-St. Paul and Fargo-Moorhead. Further information will be sent once application is received.

Cancellation Policy:

Should a reservation need to be cancelled, full refund less the \$40 non-refundable deposit will be made until two weeks before the session begins.

Described below are three different scholarships available for attendance at Skovsøen in 1991.

The criterion for receiving a scholarship is interest in learning the Danish language, culture and heritage. Scholarships are not awarded on the basis of financial need and are available to anyone regardless of race, creed, gender or national origin. All scholarship applications will be acted upon in the order of postmarking.

I. Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Scholarships

1. A limited number of scholarships for \$125 each will be granted.
2. Anyone may apply.
3. Complete and sign the attached application form.
4. Send the completed application form and a check for \$75 made out to Skovsøen to:
Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc.
c/o Danish-American Center
4200 Cedar Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55407
5. The scholarship application deadline is May 1.
6. The final payment, which is due three weeks before the session begins, should be sent to the above address.
7. This is the only form necessary for enrolling. Please do not send another application to the Concordia Language Villages office. We will send a copy of this application to that office, which will then send you further information.

II. Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge Scholarships

1. If your Danish Brotherhood lodge awards you a \$100 scholarship, the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters will match that amount for a total scholarship of \$200.
2. Members, children of members or grandchildren of members of Danish Brotherhood in America may apply.
3. Complete and sign the attached application form.
4. Submit the completed application, a letter explaining why you would like to attend Skovsøen and a check for \$75 made payable to Skovsøen to your lodge secretary, who should forward them to Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131. Please do not send another application to the Concordia Language Villages office.
5. The scholarship application deadline is June 1.
6. A check for your final payment, which is due July 15, should be made payable to Skovsøen and sent to Skovsøen, 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407

7. Skovsøen Inc. and Danish Brotherhood in America scholarships are mutually exclusive; therefore, if you receive one, you will not receive the other.

III. Concordia Language Villages Scholarships

1. Scholarships of \$40 each will automatically be given to anyone who registers in accordance with I or II above.
2. This scholarship is given in addition to any other scholarships you may receive.

IV. Important

The Concordia Language Villages has requested Skovsøen Danish Village Inc. (described below) to coordinate all Danish Village scholarship applications and tuition payments. It is important, therefore, that you observe the following instructions:

1. You must use the Danish Village application form on the next page. Do not use the Concordia Language Villages application form found in the summer brochure or in the Interpreter.
2. Process your application and payment through either Skovsøen in Minneapolis or through the Danish Brotherhood in America in Omaha. Do not send your money or application directly to the Concordia Language Villages. All checks should be made payable to "Skovsøen."
3. Failure to process your application and payment according to the above instructions will result in not receiving a scholarship.
4. The only payment to be sent to the Concordia Language Villages should be for transportation. All requests for transportation must be made to the Concordia Language Villages, 901 S. Eighth St., Moorhead, MN 56562.

Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc. is a Minnesota non-profit, tax-exempt, tax-deductible corporation organized as a support group separate and distinct from the village itself. Its headquarters is at the Danish American Center at 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407. It is a progeny of the Danish American Fellowship of Minnesota, an umbrella organization for various Danish interest groups.

Skovsøen Inc., in its support activities, seeks funds for scholarships, grants scholarships, promotes the village and villagers, aids in seeking counselors and staff, assists in providing materials for projects for use at the village and has been requested by the Concordia Language Villages to coordinate all Skovsøen Village applications, scholarships and tuition payments. Skovsøen Inc. has no employees or paid solicitors, and all officers and directors are volunteers. All contributions to it are tax-deductible for those who itemize.

1991 Application, Danish Language Village

Type or print clearly. Please fill out completely and include two 2" x 2" photos for your village passport. Sign your name on the back of each photo.

For office use only	
# _____	Session _____
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Passport _____	#3 _____
2wk 4wk _____	

I. Village session:

August 12-24 (2 wk) July 29-August 24 (4 wk)

II. Background information and passport information

Name: _____ Birth date _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____ School Information: _____
 Street _____ School _____
 City _____ Address _____
 State _____ ZIP _____ City _____
 Country _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Home telephone (_____) _____ Social Security # _____ Gender: M F
Area code Teacher _____

Height _____ Color of hair _____ Color of eyes _____
 Place of birth _____ Country of citizenship _____
 World languages studied, if any (specify) _____ Amount of instruction _____
 Description of residence abroad, if any _____
 Language Villages attended, if any _____
 Years '82 '83 '84 '85 '86 '87 '88 '89 '90 Ethnic name(s) at villages(s) _____
 Description of language exposure (travel, language spoken at home, private tutoring) _____

III. Information about your parents/guardians

Father's name _____ Mother's name _____
 Street address _____ Street address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Telephone: home (_____) _____ Telephone: home (_____) _____
Area code Area code
 work (_____) _____ work (_____) _____
Area code Area code
 Father's occupation _____ Mother's occupation _____
 Send bills/receipts to _____
 Street address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Country _____
 Send progress reports to _____
 Street address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Country _____
 Parent/guardian during time at the village _____
 In case of emergency while at the village, notify _____ Relationship _____
 Full name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone: daytime (_____) _____ evening (_____) _____
Area code Area code

IV. Note to parents

Villagers will be divided into cabin groups according to age and gender. The majority of the participants do not request specific cabin mates. If your child would like to be in a cabin with someone, we will make every effort to honor that request, but please understand it is not always possible.

Name of cabin-mate choice (list only one) _____

V. Skovsøen Scholarship application

(If you are granted a scholarship through your Danish Brotherhood, you will not be granted one through Skovsøen Danish Language Village Inc., Minneapolis)

I hereby apply for a scholarship to the Skovsøen Danish Language Village:

Name _____ Parents' or guardians' name _____
 Signature _____ Signature _____
 Applicant's age _____ Gender _____ Address _____
Street
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Are you the recipient of any other scholarship? _____ If so, how much _____
 And from whom _____

Please make checks out to Skovsøen and **SEND** application plus deposit either to:

Skovsøen, Danish Language Village Inc. Or
 c/o Danish-American Center
 4200 Cedar Ave.
 Minneapolis, MN 55407

to your **Danish Brotherhood**
 lodge secretary who in turn will mail it
 along with the lodge's scholarship check
 to the Danish Brotherhood in America,
 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131

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mas." Several circles of children and adults danced around the tree singing carols finishing with 'Nu Har Vi Jul Igen.' Santa then paid a visit with special sacks for each child containing goodies and McDonald's gift certificates.



I've been good. Honest!



The children of our lodge gather to listen to Christmas stories.

Congratulations to Svend Christensen on his selection to serve on the nine person National Law Committee for the 1991 National Convention.

Welcome to our newest member, Sally Blount.

We are looking forward to the Fastelavns Party planned for 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, at the Urbandale Legion Hall.

Harvey Andersen, Sec.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Preceding our regular meeting on January 5, members met with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 60 and shared a heritage potluck supper at the Senior Citizens Center.

Vice President Alton Neve conducted the business meeting. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read. Secretary Grace Tomson read recent correspondence received.

Installation services were conducted by the Rev. Roy Mumm. Installed were President, Alton Neve; Vice President, LuVerne Clausen; Secretary-Treasurer, Grace Tomson; Financial Secretary, Marcella Clausen; Conductor, Waldo Smith; and Trustees, Arnold Levisen, Jack Paulsen and Phillip Sorensen. Immediate Past President is Rev. Clifford Paulsen.

The guest speaker for the evening was Harlan Nelson who spoke on the Middle East crisis and gave us an insight into the

character of Saddam Hussein and the Arabian people and the people of Iraq.

Grace Tomson, Sec.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — We met at the Senior Center for our annual Christmas party. A potluck dinner was served at 7:00 p.m.

Therkel Jorgensen welcomed the members and guests. He read the Christmas gospel from Luke, interspersed with Christmas carols. Thelma Jorgensen read a Christmas story entitled "He's Alive." Therkel then read the story of how the hymn "Silent Night" was written in 1818. The highlight of the evening was dancing around the Christmas tree and singing the traditional Danish song, "Nu Har Vi Jul Igen."

Thelma Jorgensen, Cor.

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — Our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 109 held their annual potluck supper and Christmas party on December 30 at the Nain Lutheran Fellowship Hall with 30 members and guests present.

Our special guest was Kim Nissen of Halsted, Denmark, a Danish exchange student who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gunderson of Rolfe, Iowa. Supper and singing and dancing around the Christmas tree was followed by bingo.

Elmer Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — It was voted at the November meeting to change the lodge meetings back to the third Monday of each month.

Officers elected for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Ernest Espelien; President,

1991 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1991 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1991 and June 1, 1991.

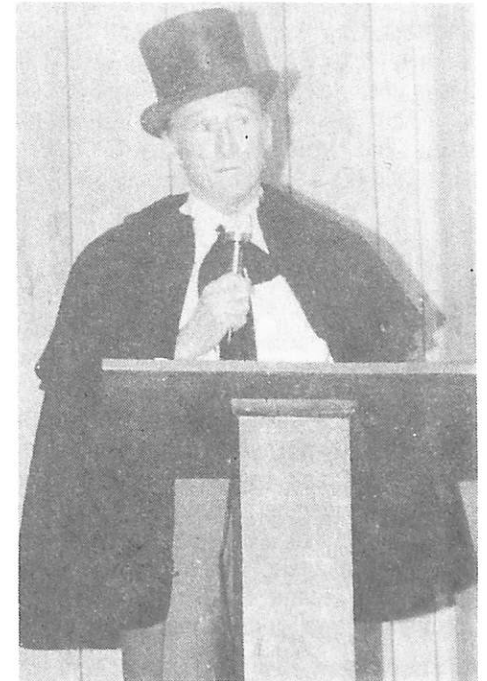
Prize money will be awarded for the 20 highest teams, high men's individual game, high men's individual series, high women's team, high women's individual game, and high women's individual series.

The winning Young Viking team will be awarded a certificate to avoid conflict with eligibility requirements for school athletics.

All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of the Danish Brotherhood. A lodge may enter one or more teams. No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Lauritz Jensen; Vice President, Darlene Jensen; Secretary, Esther Nies; Treasurer, Reuben Haglund; Trustees, Harry Jensen, Arlee Hansen and William Nichley; Conductor, Carol Wietz; and Inner Guard, Walter Konopacki.

Our Christmas dinner was held on December 8. We were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson of Minneapolis as our guests. Ed is the Regional Manager for the Danish Brotherhood. The highlight of



Ray Christensen portrays Hans Christian Andersen at our Christmas dinner.

the evening was entertainment by our guest Ray Christensen of WCCO Radio - Minneapolis/St. Paul. Ray Christensen is well known for his portrayals of Hans Christian Andersen, the Danish folk tale writer. He also spoke of his own Danish heritage and experiences during visits to Denmark.

Esther Nies, Sec.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Our lodge will meet on February 9 at 4:00 p.m. We will have an aebleskiver supper at approximately 5:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome!

President Thorvald Sorensen called the December meeting to order. Election of officers was held with the following results: President, Thorvald Sorensen; Vice President, Steven Sorensen; Secretary, Kathy Sonsalla; Treasurer, Edith Skene; Chairman of Trustees, LaVonne Sorensen; Trustees, John Smeby and Tammi Sonsalla; Conductor, Todd Sonsalla; Inner Guard, Rich Skene; Outer Guard, Frances Miller; Program Chairman, Jerry Sonsalla; Insurance Representative, Alvin Miller; Membership Chairman, Thorvald

Sorensen; and Youth Chairman, Steven Sorensen.

A collection was taken for the National Hospitality Room. Our traditional Christmas party was held with singing around the Christmas tree, potluck supper and bingo. Several guests were with us for the evening.
Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #263, Askov, MN — Our Christmas party held on the evening of December 5 at the Partridge Cafe was attended by 35 members, spouses, relatives and friends. A social hour was held followed by a delicious meal. Music was furnished before and after the meal by Arol Hansen on the accordion and Ruth Jensen on the guitar. After supper, Santa's helper handed out gifts to everyone. Danish and English carols were sung finishing with "Nu Har Vi Jul Igen" as everyone danced around the tables. Those present enjoyed themselves as the party put them into the holiday spirit.
Edna Petersen, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — On December 15 we had our Christmas party at Squaw Creek Lodge. We had a good showing of members and guests. We also had four Danish exchange students with us. Three of them, Birthe Schultz, Søren Bunk and Henrik Stadsing, came from Wyoming, Iowa, and the fourth young man came from Marion with his American parents. They all seem to enjoy their Danish Christmas here.

The big moment came when Santa arrived with a sack full of gifts for the children. Of course, we did a lot of singing and dancing around the Christmas tree. Cartoons were shown for the children and a short movie entitled "Christmas in Denmark" was shown for the adults.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

MIDWEST

Midwest District

District Scholarship Available. Midwest District Scholarship applications for the 1991/92 school year will be considered May 1, 1991. Eligible members wishing to apply should write the district secretary, Albertice C. Nylén, 97 Carriage Rd., Barrington, IL 60010 for an application. Applications received after the deadline of May 1, 1991, will not be considered by the committee for an award.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Our Brotherhood and Sisterhood Christmas party was enjoyed by all who were in attendance. The food was excellent and thank you go to all

who helped.

A meeting is being planned for the bylaw committee to recommend any changes needed to our National Bylaws. These changes must be submitted to the National Law Committee which meets in April.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — One hundred fifty people came and immensely enjoyed the Annual Torsk Supper and Dance. The hall was decorated nicely and all enjoyed the music of Brother Jay Nelson's trio.

Forty new members from 1990 and their spouses were treated to our Annual Membership Recognition Dinner hosted by the lodge. Dean Hansen was recognized as top recruiter with four new members.

The adult Christmas Party was attended by 260 people. President Rudy Bernhardt introduced the Board of officers, Rick Wade, Midwest District President, who brought greetings from the district, and Past National President, Bob Ibsen who presented the lodge with a special certificate from our National President Clyde Langsted for being number one in membership for the past five years.

The children's Christmas Party was attended by 155 excited children. Games were played along with the serving of ice cream and soda. Christmas carols were sung and then Santa made his visit with presents for everyone.

Welcome new members Todd Strangberg, Albert Barber, Amel Bolyard, Conrad Carroll, Charles Cornell and Harry Nelson.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus came to our Christmas party

on December 10. Everyone enjoyed good food and great entertainment by Mo the Clown. After magical entertainment, balloon animals and hats were made for the kids (and some of the adults). Songs were sung around the Christmas tree and efforts are put forth to make this a "fun" evening for everyone.
Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — There were well over 200 people at our annual Christmas party. Santa Claus was popular. He gave each child a gift of candy and fruit.

The evening started with a potluck dinner. The food was delicious.

Before Santa made his appearance, we sang Christmas carols, Danish ones too.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Seventeen members attended the Christmas events held December 5 at the home of the Elmer Jorgensens. After appetizers, a buffet dinner was served.

A short business meeting followed the dinner and included election of 1991 officers, which resulted as follows: Past President, Inga Hermansen; President, Grace Gertz; Vice President, Lillian Jensen; Corresponding Secretary, Carol Larsen; Recording Secretary, Sally Jorgensen; Treasurer, Elmer Jorgensen; First Trustee, Barbara Larsen; Second Trustee, Elsie Hein; Third Trustee, Albert Larsen; and Conductor, Elsa Berlin.

All year our lodge has been active in Operation Care and Share. A cash donation is collected at every meeting and monies given to the Milwaukee Christian Center Food Pantry.
Albert Larsen, Cor.

VELKOMMEN!

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

Member	No.	Location	Sponsor
Kenneth L. Krellwitz	14	Kenosha, WI	Rudolph C. Bernhardt, Jr.
Steven R. Cornell	14	Kenosha, WI	Charles A. Cornell
Jeffrey R. Redmond	70	Greenville, MI	Darwin Noah
Myron O. Levisen	75	Albert Lea, MN	Donald M. Levisen
Earl R. Colstrup	75	Albert Lea, MN	Donald M. Levisen
Charles E. Anderson	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Ralph E. K. Hansen	167	Portland, OR	Lilli I. Hansen
Michael A. Brown	167	Portland, OR	Deborah M. Turner
Katherine A. Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Earl A. Jensen
Larry D. Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Ronald E. Madsen
Iris L. Driver	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Heather M. Boyer	230	Arcata, CA	Laura L. Schuler
Arne G. Hinkelaisen	283	Dagmar, MT	Lloyd D. Sorensen
Christofer R. Kofod	325	Nassau Co., NY	Helen Kofod
Lars Kofod	325	Nassau Co., NY	Helen Kofod
Aaron J. Dye	345	Orange Co., CA	Bryce Gossett
Marcus G. Christensen	600	Omaha, NE	Grant J. Christensen
Ruth A. Nelson	600	Omaha, NE	Edward C. Nelson

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our annual Christmas party was held December 13 with a potluck supper. After a delicious meal, a short meeting was held to elect officers for 1991. They are as follows: President, Melda Mortensen; Vice President, Fred Rasmussen; Secretary, Vivian Jensen; Treasurer, Sarah Rasmussen; Conductor, August Christensen; Trustees, Jean Lundorf, Henry Mortensen and Aleine Miller; Inner Guard, Inga Polly; and Outer Guard, Everett Hansen. Vera Yorkson was again appointed Corresponding Secretary and Margaret Miller will again head the Cheer Committee while Inga Polly and May Stocker will head the Lunch Committee.

Instead of exchanging gifts, a collection was taken for Tomorrow's Children, a home for handicapped children.

After the meeting, we sang some carols and everyone present told of one of their most memorable experiences as a child at Christmas.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

NEBRASKA

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our new officers for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Walt Granholm; President, Duane Hansen; Vice President, John Norton; Secretary, Jim Christiansen; Treasurer, Svend Greve; 1st Trustee, Jim Weedman; 2nd Trustee, Paul Steffensen; 3rd Trustee, Lois Hansen; and Conductor, Flo Hansen.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met December 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center for our Christmas dinner/party with 74 in attendance.

We enjoyed a lovely meal and while we were eating a group from the Community Players sang Christmas carols.

President Herbert Nielsen installed the following new members: Helen Binderup, Melissa Pesek, Emma Pesek, Gretchen Pesek, and Patricia Pesek. Conductor Merle Haselbarth presented the membership pins.

William Jorgensen introduced Darrel Larsen from Cordova. He portrayed Hans Christian Andersen as he told his stories.

Mabel Haselbarth, Sec.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — We had our Christmas party at Ron and Co. in St. Paul. We were entertained with music by Roger and Deb Wells.

A Danish exchange student, Jonna Broberg, who attends Centura School, spoke

to us which was followed by games. Everyone had a great time.

GCEL

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — The year 1990 has ended and what a success it was. First it started with a Fastelavns Party attended by more than 100 members and their families.

The bus trips to Atlantic City were well attended. There was one in April and one in October. Everybody had a marvelous time.

On June 9, our outdoor meeting was a great evening. William O. Olafson was initiated to membership in our lodge and presented with a Brotherhood pin by his father, Oliver T. Olafson. Also, two scholarship presentations were made. A buffet dinner followed with good fellowship. An evening truly enjoyed by the 70 people attending.



Members enjoy the beautiful weather and an evening of fellowship.

Our annual Christmas party was held December 1. The evening opened with remarks by President Eric Brown who introduced the lodge officers and the Master of Ceremonies. Our band, the "Nostalgias," played plenty of Danish tunes. At the end of the evening, everybody was singing Christmas carols.

At the December 12 meeting, President Eric Brown and his slate of officers were re-elected for 1991 and if the 30 members attending were an indication of things to come, it certainly looked promising. After a short business meeting, a smorgasbord was served.

Kenneth Nielsen, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We were the host this year for the joint Christmas party with Bucks Co. Lodge No. 342. It was held at the Springfield Masonic Lodge with 72 persons attending. An excellent dinner was served. We had plenty of door prizes. Good old Santa took care of that. The high point of the evening was when everybody joined hands and danced around the Christmas tree singing American and Danish songs.

Joint installation of officers will be held on March 15. Lodge No. 342 will be the host and we ask you to reserve the date.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — Our 64th anniversary dinner/dance held on November 17 was attended by 75 people with Leif C. Pedersen as our master of ceremonies. This evening was dedicated to Hans Pedersen in celebration of his 50th anniversary as a member and treasurer of our lodge.



President Elizabeth Pedersen presents Treasurer Hans Pedersen with flowers, two plaques and a pin for his 50 years of membership and service.

We welcomed Alfred Andersen who was initiated as a member of our lodge.

Our monthly meeting was held December 14. Lars and Christofer Kofod and Michael Harris were initiated and welcomed into our lodge.

A traditional and very delicious Christmas dinner was served as well as refreshments.

Some talented members of our lodge entertained us with lip syncing of Christmas songs. We ended the evening with a visit from Santa Claus who brought everyone a goodie bag.

Karen Witt, Sec.

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Niels Malmquist, Cor.

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Introducing . . .



Marcus Christensen, one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, Nebraska, and has this to say:
 "Hello! My name is Marcus Christensen. I was born on August 8, 1990, at Omaha, Nebraska. My parents are Rita and Grant. My mother works at the DBIA Home Office. By joining The Danish Brotherhood in America, I hope to learn more about my Danish heritage, and am looking forward to continuing my family's Danish traditions."



Curene Stoltz, another new Young Viking, who joined Lodge No. 346 in Riverside, California, and has this to say:
 "As a member of the Danish Brotherhood, I would like to tell you some things about myself. I have long brown hair and brown eyes.
 "I like to ride my bike, skate and swim. I also like to help other people and sew. In school, I like to do math and art."

Welcome Marcus and Curene!

Are you a new Young Viking member? If so, everyone would like to meet you, too! Just send a picture and a short article describing yourself and the hobbies or activities which you enjoy with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.



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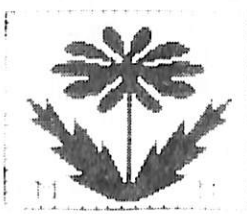
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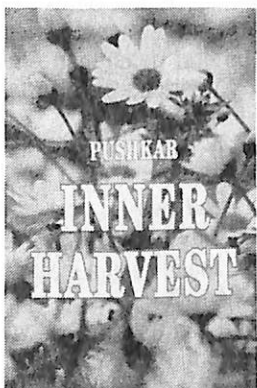
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National Name Change

The Home Office has received a tremendous response regarding the possible National Name Change being considered by the National Board of Directors. As with most issues, 'there are two sides to every story.'

Listed below are a few of the most common responses that have been received at the National Headquarters. As of January 4, 619 name change forms had been returned to the National Headquarters.

As you read these, keep this in mind: 1) A name change will not be put into effect unless voted on and passed by the delegates at the National Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon, in October; 2) These comments and responses are in no way a vote. They are simply for you to review, so you know what other members are saying.

Obviously, this is an important topic to the Danish Brotherhood in America. It is important for your delegate to know how your lodge feels and how to vote on the topic at the National Convention.

YES, I am in favor of a name change.

"I also feel it's time to change the logo. I feel it needs to be more modern."

"Whatever helps lodge times and conditions change."

"I have noticed that when most people hear I belong to the Danish Brotherhood in America, their reaction is not based on 'sexism' but on fear that 'BROTHERHOOD' sounds like the Mafia — heavy-handed organized crime. (And 'fraternal' does sound 'sexist' to most people.) I am definitely in favor of a name change! We do not want anything that might even remotely sound heavy-handed since America is again plagued with the KKK in the South and Neo-Nazi and skinheads, etc., etc. We don't want that image of 'Brotherhood'."

"Yes, I'm sure we should have complete families involved. And anyone interested in Danish things."

"Membership should be limited to descendants of Danish immigrants, their spouses and children."

"I have mixed feelings. I **do not** believe in changes as sexist or ethnic. I do go along with a change for the betterment of our organization."

"... Our ancestors deserve respect for their courage and will to make this country their home. But it's time that it be laid aside a bit, and allow the name of their society to be changed allowing, the new American Danes, (to) become the leaders, to carry on their traditions."

"Thank you for letting me express my feelings I have carried in my heart for 45 years."

"... I strongly believe there should be one order, rather than a Sisterhood and Brotherhood. We are all equal. I was brought up believing this. By both, my parents and my country..."

I am NOT in favor of a name change.

"...109 years of persistence speaks for itself. I made a considerable effort to become a member of the 'Danish Brotherhood.' Your description of 'a limited circle of non-existent immigrants' is almost insulting. I may be first generation American, but I consider myself Danish, in America, and certainly in existence. I am sure others feel the same."

"Change by itself is not necessarily beneficial nor desirable, and is not, by itself, a reason for a new name."

"'Brotherhood' is a perfectly good word, and only the uninformed considered it 'sexist.' I truly question your opinion that it limits family involvement. What makes you certain that any lack of participation is related to the name?"

"In summary, the only conclusion I can draw is that you wish to dilute the DANISH character of the lodge, and convert it into a non-descript assemblage. I would have no interest in such an organization. Another insurance company or American-American Lodge holds no interest..."

"I think the name Danish Brotherhood has much tradition and it is **most** disheartening to see the National degrading the name and lowering its standards in order to increase membership."

"The letter is biased. Do we need more feminism? Do we want the image of the DBIA to **improve**? Why are you telling us what image the Brotherhood is trying to promote? I personally like the present image — a group of cigar smoking, aquavit drinking men and there are plenty of 'family' groups around with harmless plain vanilla names."

"'Brotherhood' of mankind includes children and women."

"It sounds like you want to open the organization to everybody or anybody — Why not take out the word Danish as well as Brotherhood?"

National Name Change at a Glance

As the responses to the National Name Change poured in, it was decided to track the state of origin. This was simply done by taking note of the return address of the state on the postmark.

This is not intended to be used as a vote or as proof for or against a name change. The process we have used is very basic.

Many circumstances must be considered. If a member did not include their name, lodge and/or address, the response was recorded according to the state printed on the postmark. Many responses came from Florida and Arizona. It is our assumption that a majority of the members responding from these states are wintering there and attend lodge meetings somewhere else during the warmer months. In addition, you will note, seven responses came from unknown addresses. In these cases, the envelope was not post-marked. These responses were received without a

name, lodge number or postmark. We must also keep in mind that everyone had the opportunity to send in two National Name Change forms, one from the December issue of the American Dane and the other was sent directly to the members.

The possible change in name is getting the attention of many members who have not been heard from in the past. It is encouraging to think these members are becoming interested in the future of the Danish Brotherhood in America. The future of this organization is the responsibility of all the members.

President Clyde Langsted will address the National Name Change in the March issue of the American Dane. The responses are appreciated. The concerns and comments will be taken into consideration by the National Board of Directors when they meet in April.

Remember, March 1, 1991, is the last day to suggest possible name changes.

State	Yes	No
Alabama	1	0
Alaska	0	0
Arizona	3	3
Arkansas	1	0
California	45	37
Colorado	7	6
Connecticut	5	2
Delaware	0	0
Washington, D.C.	0	0
Florida	16	3
Georgia	1	0
Hawaii	0	0
Idaho	0	0
Illinois	25	19
Indiana	2	0
Iowa	28	19
Kansas	0	1
Kentucky	1	0
Louisiana	0	0
Maine	0	1
Maryland	0	1
Massachusetts	1	2
Michigan	25	31
Minnesota	23	14
Mississippi	0	0
Missouri	1	2

Montana	2	3
Nebraska	29	24
Nevada	2	0
New Hampshire	1	0
New Jersey	10	8
New Mexico	0	0
New York	7	4
North Carolina	0	2
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	9	8
Oklahoma	0	0
Oregon	24	15
Pennsylvania	8	6
Rhode Island	0	0
South Carolina	2	0
South Dakota	1	1
Tennessee	1	0
Texas	3	2
Utah	1	0
Vermont	1	0
Virginia	1	0
Washington	23	6
West Virginia	0	1
Wisconsin	34	41
Wyoming	1	0
Canada	2	3
Unknown Address	4	3
Total	351	268

Jorgen's Rainbow



What we call "dinner" or "supper" Jorgen calls "aften-samad," the evening meal. On tonight's menu is frikadeller, a kind of fried meat patty as well as "kartofler" (potatoes) and a "suppe" (soup). Jorgen and Bifrost love to eat with friends and their newest friend is a dog named Bansen. What kind of dog is he? Why a Great Dane of course!

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by Sheila Hamilton

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A breathtaking view awaits you on Oregon's magnificent coastline. A visit will be made in the charming community of

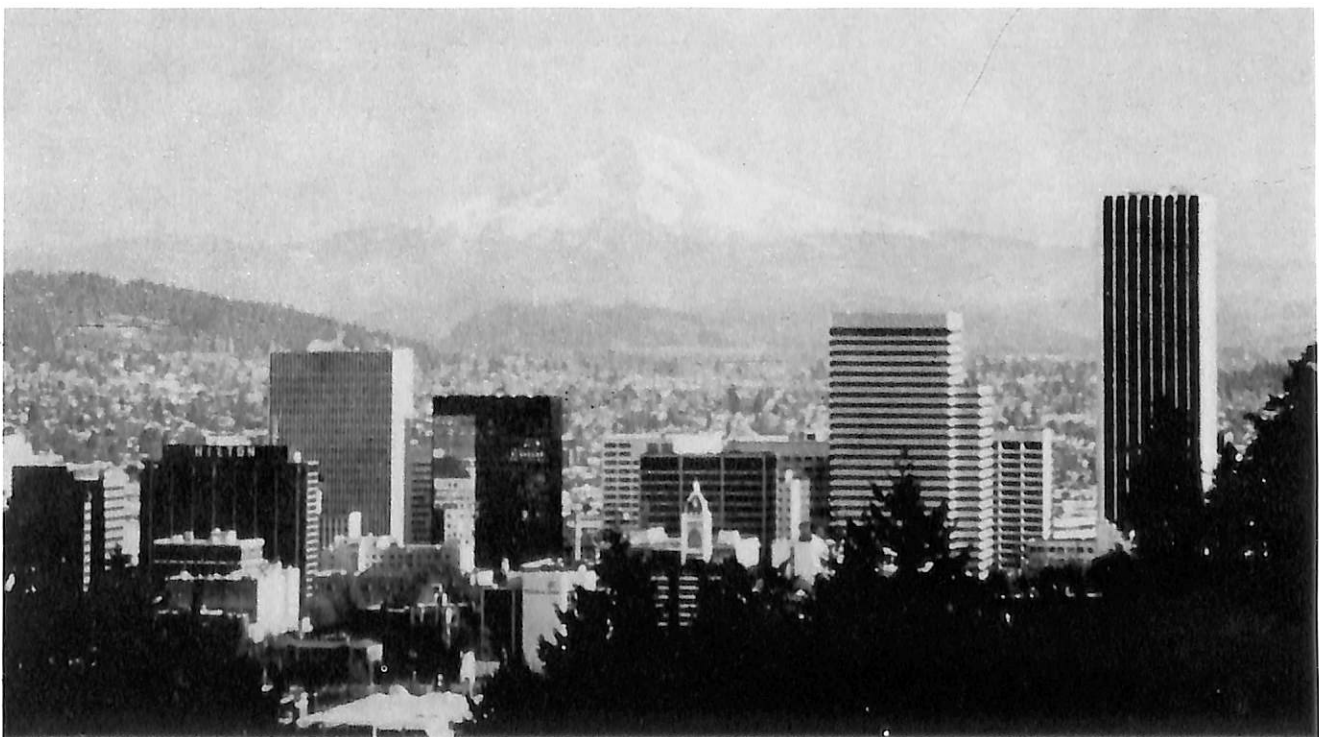
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