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# President's Page

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

This is an important month for us as we prepare for the semi annual meeting of the Board of Directors and the quadrennial meeting of the National Committee on Laws and I know everyone will be anxious to learn the results of these endeavors. It is the last time that this Board officially meets prior to the National Convention in Portland.

As promised in a previous edition of the American Dane, I am going to share some name change suggestions and related commentary with you. As I have previously stated, a name change is not a foregone conclusion by this writer, the Board or the Home Office. It is a suggestion and part of the many things we have currently going for us to update our image. The response has been more than stupendous, it has been overwhelming! The vast majority of responses favor a change in our name and there are also many individuals who are happy with what we have and are not in favor of any change. Some very thoughtful and sincere comments have been made and there were also some which bordered on being flippant and as you continue reading, I assume you will agree. Nonetheless, caring people have taken the time to express an opinion. It bodes well for all of us and it tells me that we have many members concerned for our future. Some chose not to write or comment and that does not diminish their involvement within the Danish Brotherhood. Many times I have read editorial opinions in local newspapers and have chosen not to respond although something inside of me says I should. We are not expecting everyone to participate but we were certainly not expecting the vast number of you who did. I thank all of you for your input, your concern, and for your comments. As I repeat these, I will keep your involvement confidential. The commentary, however, is not isolated. It represents a broad cross-section of our membership.

Some misunderstanding has occurred on my statement concerning a "limited circle of non-existent immigrants" and in that I refer to the fact that we no longer have the multitudes immigrating from Denmark as we did in the early part of the century. It should be taken in that context. To you present magnificent Danish immigrants, our treasure, I apologize for adding to the confusion.

Let me indulge you and share a few highlights and comments from our membership: American Danes Society, The American Danish Fellowship Society, The Danish Society of North America, The American-Danish Society, The Danish Alliance in America, Danish-American Family Society, Danish American Fraternal Insurance, Danish Club of America, The Danish Foundation in America, The Danish Federation in America, Danish Heritage Society, Fraternal Order of American Danes with the list going on with many wonderful and thoughtful new names. Then we have those anonymous ones such as "Kringel og Kransekage Klub" which speak for themselves; or comments such as: "The present name is good but it does not reflect the type of membership which is the focus of the organization." "The lodge felt a name change was in the best interest of the Society," or, "Why change?" "I do not want our name changed — I'm proud to be a Dane and anyone knowing the Danish heritage should understand that this is a **family** organization. I am against this change." or "This is what our fathers wanted, why change?"

Some commented that they do not see insurance companies changing names, and perhaps that may be true. Throughout the history of the National Fraternal Congress, over 200 organizations have changed names or merged with others. But remember, we are not strictly an insurance company. We are a fraternal benefit society with a definite purpose of helping our members and preserving our culture and heritage. It would serve no purpose to diminish those concepts.

This topic is so important I would like to continue with the subject next month. In browsing through a magazine dated 1938, I came across the following anonymous quotation: "Look not mournfully into the past. It will not return. Wisely improve the present and go forth to meet the future, without fear, and with a courageous heart."

With that, continue to support your area Care and Share program. I appreciate all the newsletters outlining what you are doing, not only as a lodge but what you are doing for others. Talk with you next month.

# A Tax Break Today . . . Retirement Income Tomorrow!

by Ed Nelson, CLU, ChFC, Regional Manager

For most of us the key to a comfortable, financially secure retirement is income! An adequate income can mean being able to enjoy the things we have worked toward during our more productive years. But, the limited amounts available from government and company pension plans may not provide as much as we need.

The Danish Brotherhood has available current tax-qualified and non-qualified retirement plans to help you preserve your personal wealth instead of giving it up to the public wealth (taxes). However, because the 15th of April is rapidly approaching, it's Individual Retirement Annuity (IRA) time again for our members and potential members! Now is the best time to consider what you are going to do about a 1990 IRA! All eligible taxpayers have until the date of filing their income tax return or April 15, 1991.

Now, IRAs have been around for some time. Because of recent tax law changes, you may think that you no longer qualify. The fact is that over 80% of Americans may still be eligible to deduct all or part of their 1990 IRA contributions (\$2,000 individual maximum or \$2,250 spousal maximum) from their taxes. But even a non-deductible IRA, with taxes deferred during the higher income accumulation period, has significant advantages for **individuals** really concerned about their future **retirement** income. A Danish Brotherhood Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity — IRA can give you a tax break today . . . retirement income tomorrow!

Our rates are competitive with the financial and commercial institutions! We can set up the entire program for you, including a premium deposit schedule and the naming of a beneficiary. But probably the most important thing to remember about the benefit of a Danish Brotherhood Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity — IRA is that it is a special contract which provides protection for either spouse (or beneficiary) until the retirement (settlement) date; and even then the settlement can be so arranged so as to provide needed retirement income until the second death.

You may have already filed your 1990 income tax return, or you may not be financially able to consider an IRA for 1990; but if you have received, or will receive a tax refund or a lump sum payment from a retirement plan because of a job change, retirement, or disability, there is no better time than early in the year, because of the power that comes from tax-deferred compounding, to make your 1991 deposit.

Even though you may already have some other "investment" form or individual retirement arrangement (which you may want to "roll over" into something more secure now and more flexible later), or you have already started a Danish Brotherhood Flexible Deferred Annuity — IRA, now is the time to realize the full benefit that The Danish Brotherhood in America IRA has for you! For more information about how this contractual fraternal benefit can help you, just complete and mail the form below. If you know of others who might benefit from this and the many other fraternal opportunities as full members of The Danish Brotherhood, please pass on the information! After all, a tax break today may mean a more comfortable retirement income for you or someone else tomorrow!

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# More Danish Tales

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

## The Hidden Treasure

ONCE UPON A TIME a man with his two sons lived in a little village.

The man was growing old and he gave all of his money to the poor.

The two sons did not say a word about this, instead they thought to themselves, "Why does our father give all of his money away and leave us nothing?"

The wise father knew what his sons must be thinking and said to them, "My dear sons. I am about to die. I have hidden a great treasure and when I am gone, I want that treasure to belong to you both!"

"Treasure?" asked his sons. "What treasure?"

The old father looked at his sons and said, "The treasure is hidden in the big field which belongs to me. After I am gone, go and search in that field, then you will become rich, too!"

And a few days later, the old man died.

And so, the two brothers went into the field and began to look

for the treasure. They dug and dug, but found nothing.

After digging a very long time, one brother said to the other, "Look, we have dug up the whole field and we have not found any treasure. We remain poor men!"

"What you say is true," said his brother. "We are indeed poor, but now that we have finished ploughing the field, let's sow it with wheat and corn."

So they sowed the field. The wheat grew tall. At the end of the harvest the brothers found themselves with bushels and bushels of fine wheat. So fine was their wheat that they made a great deal of money.

Suddenly, the first brother stood up and looked at the money they had earned and laughed. "Why, here is our treasure! This is the treasure that our father gave us! This is the treasure he told us we would find if we dug for it!"

The second brother nodded. "You are so right," he said. "Our labor is our treasure!"

## How It Feels To Be Poor

ONCE UPON A TIME the wife of a shoemaker gave birth to a child on a cold winter's night.

The shoemaker was a very poor man and did not have one penny left to buy food or even heat the stove, so he ran to the Mayor.

The shoemaker poured out his heart and the Mayor said, "I am a poor man myself and cannot help you. Let us go to one of the rich men in our village and see if he can do something for you!"

Both of them went to the magnificent home of the richest man in town and knocked on his door.

"Who is there?" asked the rich man.

"It is I, the Mayor," he said.

The rich man quickly opened the door. "Come in, Mayor," he said, kindly.

"No," said the Mayor, "let's talk right here!"

"Why talk here?" asked the rich man. "It's terribly cold outside and I'm shivering."

"I don't want to waste time coming inside," said the Mayor, "because what we have to discuss is very important!"

"At least close the door," cried the rich man. "This cold is more than I can take!"

The Mayor started to tell the rich man about the virtues of helping the poor. He kept talking, quoting and lecturing for a long time.

"Get to the point!" said the rich man. "I'm dying of the cold!"

So the Mayor finally told him. "That is the point! Your door is open for only a few minutes and already you are dying of the cold. Now look at this poor man! His wife has just given birth, he has no fuel to heat his house, his children are hungry. See how much worse off he is than you — and yet you cannot suffer for a few minutes what he endures all of his life!"

The rich man nodded and agreed with the Mayor. "No one should go hungry or be cold," he said, and gave the shoemaker a large sum of money whereupon he returned home happy that he could take care of his family for some time to come.

## How To Divide a Reward

ONCE UPON A TIME two men were lost in a forest. The first one had five loaves of bread, the second one had three loaves. As they wandered they came upon another man, also lost, who had no food at all.

The two men shared their bread with the other man.

Fortunately, they were rescued just after their rations ran out.

In gratitude, the man who had contributed nothing in food, gave the two other men eight pieces of gold in payment for their kindness.

The first man claimed that his rightful share was seven gold pieces.

The second man claimed that the eight gold pieces should be divided five and three.

When the matter was taken before the Mayor, he said that the first man's claim was just.

How did the Mayor arrive at this decision?

**ANSWER:** Divide the loaves into three portions. The man with five loaves contributed fifteen portions. The second man contributed nine portions. All together there were twenty-four portions available to be eaten. Each of the men ate eight shares. The man who contributed fifteen portions and consumed only eight portions gave away seven portions. The second man contributed nine portions and consumed eight. Therefore, he gave away only one portion and deserved to receive only one gold piece while the other man deserved to receive the other seven gold pieces.

## National Name Change

The following are the statistics as of February 8, 1991. The Board of Directors will review all National Name suggestions at their semi-annual meeting in April.

State	Yes	No
Alabama	2	0
Alaska	1	0
Arizona	3	5
Arkansas	1	0
California	78	72
Colorado	13	7
Connecticut	10	7
Delaware	1	1
Washington, D.C.	0	0
Florida	20	7
Georgia	1	0
Hawaii	0	1
Idaho	0	0
Illinois	38	35
Indiana	2	0
Iowa	40	26
Kansas	1	2
Kentucky	2	0
Louisiana	1	0
Maine	1	1
Maryland	0	2
Massachusetts	1	2
Michigan	33	50
Minnesota	31	19
Mississippi	0	0
Missouri	2	2
Montana	6	8

State	Yes	No
Nebraska	38	33
Nevada	2	0
New Hampshire	1	1
New Jersey	26	19
New Mexico	0	2
New York	31	50
North Carolina	1	2
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	12	8
Oklahoma	0	0
Oregon	40	18
Pennsylvania	10	15
Rhode Island	0	0
South Carolina	2	0
South Dakota	1	2
Tennessee	1	0
Texas	4	1
Utah	2	0
Vermont	22	2
Virginia	1	0
Virgin Islands	1	0
Washington	38	8
West Virginia	0	1
Wisconsin	57	65
Wyoming	1	0
Canada	7	3
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# Having Your Cake, and Eating It Too!

by Edward C. Nelson, Regional Manager

The United States has appropriately been called a nation of "joiners" in that a substantial majority of people belong to at least one organization, and multiple memberships are the most common. Many individuals become affiliated with such associations during their childhood or early adolescence and then go on to become active adults. People are joiners because they have learned that in our American society there are many things which we can do better together than we can separately or apart. People are also joiners because their personal needs for individual expression, self-fulfillment, or specialized services can be provided within a distinct group. This has helped us maintain the pluralism that is so important in our American society.

Particularly since the last quarter of the nineteenth century, as a result of these two forces, literally thousands of diverse organizations, associations, and societies have been formed. Each has had a common objective or purpose which has become the unifying strength or glue for its members. Some of these have helped distribute power at different societal levels. Others have been organized either to change the social order or help maintain the status quo. Still others possess the resources for providing unique information, education, services, and products for a considerable segment of our population.

While some of these organizations may appear to support questionable goals, the vast majority uphold many worthwhile causes, particularly in such areas as education (enabling thousands of students to attend colleges and universities); public health (supporting medical research and providing special facilities for the treatment and care of crippled children, the homeless, and the mentally retarded); financial support and financial services (providing assistance that may not be available or even considered elsewhere); and general philanthropy. The objectives of these organizations make our American society possible. And in the process of reaching their goals, many of these organizations are also attempting to provide the opportunity for their members to "have their cake, and eat it too!"

People who "belong" to a group, we are told, have a more favorable self-image and are less likely to feel alienated and powerless. They have a certain sense of prestige; of being different and distinctive. So belonging to at least one association gives one the chance for status and a sense of feeling privileged.

Belonging to a fraternal association gives one the added occasion to be able to help others. Most fraternal organizations do much more than just serve as short-term social clubs or fund-raising centers for some far-off national or international project. The members of fraternal organizations are usually concerned about the needs of their neighbors, and the preservation of the communities in which they live.

And, belonging to a fraternal benefit society gives one yet another special opportunity; that of being able to care for the financial needs of others while also taking care of one's own financial responsibilities. Members are willing to share in finding the potential answers to the financial questions of life: What if I should die?; What if I should become disabled?; What if I should live too long?. This is true fraternalism at its best! Here the privilege of giving is returned, multiplied, and given again. This is the freedom to reach one's full potential. Here is the real advantage to "have your cake, and eat it too!"

Especially in the 1870s, thousands of people left their native Denmark, as did emigrants from many lands, to come to the

United States in search of greater opportunities. There were no governmental social security programs or employer-provided fringe benefits. As immigrants, they found themselves living in various parts of a vast new land. Given their need to belong, their willingness to help one another, and their desire to be able to pool their financial risks, it is not surprising that in 1882 several small groups from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Nebraska joined together to form a not-for-profit benefit association which has now become The Danish Brotherhood in America. The unifying purpose behind this fraternal benefit society was its desire to promote and perpetuate the Danish culture and traditions in the American society, and to provide fraternal benefits and family protection for its members.

In those early years, all the benefits were non-contractual and all the members were eligible for the limited benefits even though they might not have had any need. The benefits could be changed or even eliminated if it seemed best for the group, regardless of an individual's needs. But because The Danish Brotherhood was formed as a fraternal benefit society, it has been able to enter into agreements with its individual members to help them face their changing financial risks. These contractual benefits have not been less meaningful in helping the society fulfill its purpose, rather they have made the society much more personal. And as long as members are willing to pay in some form of fee, The Danish Brotherhood as a whole has been willing to accept the risk.

While our American society has certainly changed since those early years, the risks and responsibilities of life still remain the same. The Danish Brotherhood has become more business-like or professional, relying on reserve funds rather than hoping that in some way the fraternal spirit would compensate for any actuarial weaknesses. Nevertheless the opportunity still remains for people desiring to promote and perpetuate the Danish heritage, to find a sense of feeling special; to help others and their own communities; and to be able to care for the changing financial needs which are being raised by life's financial questions.

Aren't you glad that those Danish immigrants had the firm desire to reach their full potential? Because when they founded the fraternal benefit society which is now called The Danish Brotherhood in America, they gave us a foundation so that we also "can have our cake, and eat it too!"

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## It's Time For Camp

Every year The Danish Brotherhood awards camp grants to youngsters to help them attend a camp of their own choosing. Your application for a grant must be received by April 15. Request the form from: The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

The camp grant program provides you with a cash award to be used to help reduce the cost of the camp you will attend.

The camp grant program is not related to the Skovsøen grant program being sponsored by local lodges of The Danish Brotherhood.

# Our Lodges in Action

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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — The Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood annual Christmas party for the children held on Sunday, December 9, at the west Seattle Masonic Hall was a big success again. About 180 kids sat on Santa's lap and about as many adults enjoyed watching. Everybody danced around the tree and sang carols.

All Board members were present at the December meeting except Ove Nielsen, 1st Trustee. The lodge decided to place a full page ad in the booklet for the district convention which is to be held in Bellingham on May 10-12.

Officers for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Mel Hollister; President, Frank Poulsen; Vice President, Jesper Mortensen; Secretary, Jerry Jensen; Treasurer and Financial Secretary, Ken Kroman; 1st Trustee, Hans Nielsen; 2nd Trustee, Borge Schlegel; 3rd Trustee, Robert Riley; Guard, Carl Remming; and Conductor, Knud Hansen.

Remember Operation Care and Share. Bring items such as canned soup, cereal, baby food, tuna fish, rice, juices, sugar, flour, canned meats, canned fruits and canned vegetables to the next meeting.

**Frank Poulsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA** — Eighty-five members and friends were present at our Christmas party. Santa Claus, 15 children, a Danish Christmas tree and singing of Danish and American carols gave everyone a feeling of Christmas.

The January meeting was well attended. The lodge welcomed four new members: Jeannette Madsen, Kirsten and Dave Williams and Lyle Harbo. President Myra Brochner welcomed the new members. We are still driving for more new members.

**Svend Rasmussen, Cor.**

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — Approximately 70 children and their parents at-

The best idea for March goes to Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL. See page 14.

tended Julefest at Bethany Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 8, 1990. We were treated to folk dancing by the Laekarringen Folk Dancers. Several of our own Danish children are members of this group. A program that included a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale read by Jens Jensen, children telling about the history of several of the Danish Christmas plates, a visit by the Julemand, who gave them each a bag of Christmas treats, and dancing and singing around the tree was enjoyed by young and old alike.

The January 2 meeting came to order at 7:40 p.m. with 38 members present, all officers were present with the following exceptions: Fred Batchelor protem for Larry West, President; Ed Hirsch protem for Past President; Asbjorn Fisker protem for Treasurer; and George Larsen protem for Conductor. Ed Hirsch explained the DBIA symbols.

We had several guests present: Melissa, Annie and Karsten Walther from Copenhagen, Denmark, Ruth and Rich Brown, Pete Christensen and Lisa Whittleston's friend, Keith, from California.

We initiated five new members: Ruth Brown, David Jensen, Kathleen Jensen, Debra Kyle and Shirley Madison. The meeting was interrupted for a short intermission to welcome them.

Welcome new members,



Lill and Kim Hansen,



Ruth Brown,



David Jensen



and Kathrine Jensen.

The December minutes were approved as written. The correspondence read in-

cluded the requirements for the Howard Christensen Award that each lodge may enter. Norman Powell was selected as our nominee. Bills were read and approved to be paid. The treasurer's report for December was read and also approved.

The lodge was reminded that this is the first year we will sponsor a scholarship for a graduating senior to the college of his/her choice. The applicant must be going into the first year of college and if not a member, have parents who are members.

Our lodge will be supporting the Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp this summer with several of the members' children. Phil's Five Star Travel will be supporting the camp also with two tickets to Scandinavian countries as a fund raiser.

Asbjorn Fisker submitted the Scanfair profits of \$182 to go to the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. This was moved and seconded. The meeting was then adjourned in the normal fashion.

**Sylvia Hurst, Cor.**

**Lodge #268, Junction City, OR** — On December 18, the Danish Brotherhood, along with the Sisterhood, had our monthly potluck. Following the meal, the children and most of the adults joined hands and danced around the Christmas tree, singing Danish and English carols, finishing with "Nu Har Vi Jul Igen." To the delight of the children, Santa arrived as he had heard how good the children had been. The older folks must have been good also as Santa brought gifts for all. The Christmas party was enjoyed by about 40 adults and children.

**Axel Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — On January 16 we held our Annual Smoker. There were approximately 90 Brothers, wives and escorts in attendance. There was a tremendous variety of food. After a wonderful meal, everyone danced to the music and had a wonderful time.

During the evening, Axel Johannsen was presented with his 25 year pin. We would like to thank all the people for their kind donations making this event a success.

At our last meeting, there were 36 Brothers present. As this was our first meeting after elections, the Board was installed by Herluf Pedersen. Julius Nicolaisen was the Conductor during the installation.

During the meeting, it was moved and seconded that we should renew our membership in the Federation of Danish Clubs in Canada. Motion was carried.

Kjeld Christensen, from the Sports Committee, presented a financial statement. He reported that the Fifth Annual Danish-Page 10

American Soccer Tournament will be taking place on August 31 in Chicago. An invitation has been received to participate. Vancouver will be participating with two Men's Teams and a Ladies Team as of the present. He also reported on the annual soccer games against Seattle. In the past, the Brotherhood has looked after the finances, and last year's tournament had cost \$350. A motion was made that the Brotherhood should look after this finance. The motion carried.

The committee in charge of our 60th birthday reported that it will be taking place on May 4 at the Royal Towers in New Westminster.

The Pacific-Northwest District Bowling Tournament will be held on March 9. It will be hosted by the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Vancouver at Bowlero Lanes in Tacoma, Washington. Bowling begins at 1:00 p.m.

**Peter Praegel, Cor.**

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — We started the new year with an anniversary/installation dinner which was attended by 45 people. Pacific Northwest District President, Asbjorn Fisker, and his wife Diane came from Portland. Asbjorn installed our officers for 1991. They are as follows: Past President, Scott Stefansen; President, Al Nyegaard; Vice President, Glen Matson; Secretary, Susie Staats; Treasurer, Kris Sand; Trustees, Otto Jensen, Jim Larsen, and Anita Nyegaard; and Conductor, Martin Taekker.

At our January meeting, which was preceded by a potluck dinner, there was discussion about a "Young Vikings Club" for the children of our lodge and the possibility of activities for them during the business meetings.

We received a check from Scanfest in Portland for sponsoring the recent Victor Borge event, together with Sons of Norway and Vasa.

Martin Taekker was chosen as our nominee for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

On January 20 we had a theater-dinner outing. Thirty-two members went to the theater and for dinner afterwards. Our thanks to Glenn and Bettie Matson for arranging the event.

**Birgit Sand, Cor.**



**Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA** — On January 25, we had a joint installation of officers with Hayward Lodge No. 184. The following from our lodge were installed by

President of the California-Nevada District, Sue Patterson, assisted by District Conductor, Johannes Jaeger; Past President, Bob Jensen; President, Cecil Hedrick; Vice President, Kenneth Mikkelsen; Secretary, Aage Lundquist; Treasurer, John Mottoros; Trustee, Ralph Kerr; Conductor, Hans Sorensen; and Guard, Bob Jensen.

We were happy to see members from other lodges attend the installation. The Danish sandwiches, coffee and cake served after the installation were enjoyed by all.

**Aage Lundquist, Sec.**

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — The children's Christmas party was a complete success. Fifty-two children and 61 adults attended. The youngsters danced around the tree, had hot dogs, cookies and sodas, and later in the evening, Santa gave out goodie bags with a gift inside each one.

Our last meeting was opened at 8:05 p.m. by President Karl Duus. All correspondence was read, bills paid and several reports were given.

Again a trip to Laughlin, Nevada, has been organized because you asked for it! We leave on March 15 and return on March 17.

**Anne Kofod, Cor.**

**Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA** — Our annual Christmas party was held on December 21 at Cinnabar School and was very well attended. Santa put in an appearance and distributed gifts, and we all joined hands and danced and sang around the beautifully decorated tree. Refreshments brought by Sisterhood members were enjoyed, along with beverages, and at the end of the evening, candy-filled stockings were given to the children. We have started another tradition at our Christmas parties. Each adult brings canned food or paper products which are then donated to the local FISH program to help feed the needy.

**Alice Rasmussen, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — A potluck dinner has been planned for the March 13 meeting.

The social committee is looking for some new members. If you are interested in helping to plan any of our events, please contact Alma Jensen or Lillian Suda. We need your help and new ideas.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — We hope to be able to form a bowling team this year so we can participate in the National Bowling Tournament. All members interested can participate. The lines are to be bowled between March 1 and June 1 with scores submitted on provided score sheets to the National Headquarters by June 20.

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #332, Ripon, CA** — About fifty Scandinavian-Americans gathered together to celebrate their common heritage at the picnic held at Tuolumne River Regional Park in October, 1990.



Vernon and the late Bessie Olsen at the Scandinavian picnic. Photo courtesy of Modesto Bee.

**Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA** — Our meeting for January was the joint installation of officers. We would like to thank Kodan Lodge No. 346 of Riverside for hosting this event. The installation and dinner dance was held at the Elk's Lodge in Redlands, California. Many thanks to District President Sue Patterson and District Conductor Johannes Jaeger for jointly installing the officers. The master of ceremonies for the dinner dance was Riverside's own Ken Nielsen.

Our new lodge officers met on January 15 for their first Board meeting. They prepared this year's calendar of events.

Gary Gossett, Chairman of the District Youth Committee, met with ten of his committee members on January 19 in Solvang. Their meeting served to organize the responsibilities of the youth delegate and

youth representatives. We hope to be able to begin the youth program in district convention involvement.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — We started the new year off with our joint installation at the Redlands Elks Lodge. District Conductor Johannes Jaeger and his wife, Marie, came from Solvang to install. In attendance were our District Fraternal Coordinators, Ken and Gerry Olsen, who are members of Holger Danske Lodge No. 345. Gerry reminded us to fill out and return the national name change questionnaire.

Horizon House did not have any clients in the home on Christmas Day so there was no need to buy gifts as planned. However, they were in need of bath towels. On behalf of our lodge, bath towels as well as wash cloths and hand towels were purchased.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

**COLORADO**

**Lodge #43, Denver, CO** — At our November meeting, we presented our cooks with "Danmark" aprons. Our dinners are provided by volunteers from Radiant Chapter of the Eastern Star.

One of our artist members, John Christensen, displayed his oil painting which he created from his original sketch of "Jens Veymand," "The Roadman," a scene typical of the Danish countryside early in the century. The painting will be John's gift to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.



Arlene Frieberg, chief cook, assisted by her husband Lloyd and daughter Nancy, with Angie Fisher and Rose Barton.

At the December meeting, these officers were elected for 1991: President, Norman Wittrup; Vice President, Lee Pedersen; Secretary, Susan Jensen; Treasurer, Fred Nielsen. After a delicious Christmas dinner, the evening was spent in socializing and fellowship, complete with Christmas cookies. Members brought momentos of their Danish heritage to show and talk about.

In January Norm Wittrup confirmed plans for the lodge's centennial celebration. Our lodge will be 100 years old in March. There will be a festive dinner and program at the Continental Denver Hotel on Saturday, April 13. Another highlight of the January meeting was the presentation of 60-year membership pins to Fred Nielsen and Miller Jacobsen.

We look forward to helping host the annual meeting of the Rebild Memorial Park Society in Denver early in April. The Rebild Society links Danish immigrants and their descendants with their heritage in Denmark. Several members of the lodge have attended its Fourth of July celebrations near Aalborg in Jutland, Denmark.

Elinor Paulson George, Cor.

**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
9-22-90	Johan A. Nielsen	77	Kerteminde, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1946
12-29-90	Niels Rasmussen	86	Aarslev, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1931
1-2-91	Glen A. Olsen	73	Modesto, California	332	Ripon, California	1942
12-16-90	Otto F. Pedersen	95	Vigsø, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1926
1-4-91	Niels Nielsen	95	Borris, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1921
1-10-91	Oscar Christensen	89	Sjendrup, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1951
1-10-91	John H. Peterson	85	Hollingstadt, Germany	190	Schenectady, New York	1935
1-9-91	Soren C. Jacobsen	86	Lilevorde, Denmark	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1929
1-14-91	Knud V. Larsen	88	Bornholm, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1931
1-1-91	John H. Hansen	88	København, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1927
11-2-90	Ellen Petersen	94	Tyler, Minnesota	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1982
11-29-90	Paul Mortensen	73	Waterloo, Iowa	347	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1979
12-5-90	Edward Meyer	68	Superior, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1975
6-19-90	Carl C. Andersen	76	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
12-9-90	Katherine R. Steen	79	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1981
12-29-90	Peter Sorensen	96	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1936
11-5-90	Alfred W. Johnson	78	Ironwood, Michigan	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1978
1-24-91	Levi Persson	81	Laaland, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1948
2-2-91	Borge C. Nielsen	84	Hunnerup, Denmark	39	San Leandro, California	1950

## SOUTH DAKOTA

**Lodge #139, Viborg, SD** — We advertised our New Year's Eve party in the local newspaper inviting the public to attend. There was a good turnout. There was some dancing and card playing. It was a "brown bag" lunch so there were lots of goodies. We were all dancing to "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight. It was a fun evening!

**Alice Jensen, Sec.**

## NEBRASKA

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — The Law Committee met and reviewed the national by-laws. They are proposing the following sentence be added to Article III, Section 29, Paragraph 1: "No nominee may decline a nomination more than one time in this total election procedure of the Board of Directors." The reason for this addition is to simplify the election procedure.

**Deloris Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — We met Thursday, January 17, at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. for our annual soup supper with 46 in attendance. President Herbert Nielsen called the meeting to order. Roll call of officers was then taken. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer gave a report. Both were accepted as given.

State Vice President, Glen Haselbarth, installed the 1991 officers: Past President, Wisthi Thomsen; President, Herbert Nielsen; Vice President, Bill Jorgensen, Jr.; Secretary, Marie Nelson; Treasurer, Edith Thomsen; Conductor, Ralph Burchell; and Trustee, Lyle Maurer.

Mary Johnson, a coach for the Special Olympics at the Minden T.M.H. School and a teacher's aide, gave a talk and showed a video of many activities of the children at the T.M.H. Schools. She was honored as State Coach of the Year.

**Lillie Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE** — We met February 9 at Ruskin Community Hall with 48 members and guests present. The evening began with a soup, sandwiches and pie supper. President Schultz conducted the business meeting. Bill Jorgensen, Jr. installed the new 1991 officers.

The lodge will hold a spring dance Friday, April 5, at Ruskin Hall coinciding with the local square dancers. Advance tickets

will be sold. Also, lunch will be served. You may contact any lodge member for more information.

We had a special guest speaker, Jaana Kortlisen of Finland, an exchange student living with Harold and Erna Martens. It was very interesting.

**Glennis McCutcheon, Sec.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Our annual Christmas supper was held at Jeff and Mary's Restaurant on December 3 with 42 members and guests present. Jerry Christensen entertained us with a number of Christmas carols and guests joined in for a sing-a-long. Kirsten Christensen, Danish teacher from Dana College, briefed us on how Christmas is celebrated in Denmark. Gifts were presented to the children followed by an adult "White Elephant" gift exchange.

Officers for 1991 are as follows: President, Doris Stokes; Vice President, Jerry Christensen; Secretary, Bob Johnson; Treasurer, Mabel Kastrop; Conductor, Jens Krogh; and Trustees, Tage Christensen, Edith Grabe and Robert Jorgensen.

**Harriet Palle, Cor.**

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — We had a good turnout for our January Bingo Night. Roland Jensen did his usual superb job of calling the numbers and introducing an interesting mix of games. There was much imagination exhibited by the members with the White Elephant items brought as prizes. Some of them turned out to be familiar items that seem to make an appearance each year. Members had a good time selecting prize items already won by someone else.

We welcome one new member, Larry Stougard, sponsored by James Breining.

**Harvey Andersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN** — Our lodge, along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 60, gathered at the Senior Citizens Center at 7:30 p.m. on February 2. President Alton Neve called the meeting to order and we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by roll call of officers present.

Conductor Waldo Smith escorted new members Rosemary Colstrup and Earl Colstrup to the front and were presented membership pins for the Danish Brotherhood in America.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read. Secretary Tomson reported the

auditing committee of Arnold Levisen, Phillip Sorensen and Alton Neve met and audited the books and financial statements for the year 1990.

We were privileged to have Rose Marie Harty, City of Albert Lea Librarian, as our guest speaker. Mrs. Harty had a visual display of the many items available and enlightened us of the many services afforded to us.

**Grace Tomson, Sec.**

**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — After the business meetings of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and the installation of officers at our January meeting, the groups merged to listen to and watch a slide presentation. Meta Espersen, of Skive, Denmark, age 17, provided some very interesting slide pictures of some of the more beautiful and historic sites in her country. Meta is currently staying with the Jim Lewis family in Parkersburg, getting to know a bit about the American way of life. In Denmark, this year of school will not be recognized, so she will continue her education and has set a goal of becoming an accountant in a bank or business. She has already attended a Commercial School in Denmark. She indicated that to get a good job in Denmark, it required that the person know Danish, English and German which she has accomplished.



**Meta Espersen, Danish Exchange Student, center, and her American parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lewis.**

**Lyle Refshauge, Sec.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — Ron Hansen, a Humboldt councilman and a member of our lodge, gave a report on city government and problems they deal with.

On January 14 we had our belated Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m. at ArJays. Members gave a cash gift or a gift of groceries to be given to the Humboldt County YOUR Food Pantry. This was in place of a gift exchange among members.

A 25-year membership pin is to be presented to Niels Schultz who is 100 years old. Niels is a resident at the South Care Nursing Home.

**Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

**Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA** — We met on January 12 at the Elk Horn

Town Hall for our Christmas party. It was postponed due to bad weather on December 28. About 45 members and guests, and Pastor and Mrs. LaVern Nielsen, of the Salem Lutheran Home, enjoyed a delicious potluck supper.



President Gary Christensen and retiring President, Signe Madsen.

A short business meeting was held. A report was given about the bake sale held November 24 during Yule Fest.

President Signe Madsen installed the following officers that were present: President, Gary Christensen; Secretary, Alice Simonsen; and Herb Larsen, Trustee. Then she turned the meeting over to President Gary. He spoke to us about the convention to be held in Portland in October, the Howard Christensen Award, scholarships, among other things.

**JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA** — The installation of officers took place at our January 17 meeting. All members have now received the program book for 1991, assembled by Steve and Karla Labs. They will also be responsible for the monthly newsletter.

Norm Nielsen was the in-house speaker. His topic was "family heritage." It was a personal insight of the family tree.

The program continued with five exchange students from Denmark including Claus Christensen from Copenhagen, Birthe Schultz and Søren Bunk from Aarhus, Henrik Stadsing from Aalborg, and Thomas Jacobsen from Bornholm. They all gave a little background of their lives in Denmark followed by a question and answer period.

**Alice Gorsch, Cor.**

## MIDWEST

**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. Nylen, 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** — At our January 9 meeting, Midwest District President Rick Wade of Kenosha Lodge No. 14 installed our officers for 1991. He was assisted by Jeff Bernhardt, also from Lodge No. 14, as his installing conductor. Thank you Rick and Jeff. Our 1991 officers are as follows: Past President, Wayne Kavaliauskas; President, Jeffrey Christiansen; Vice President, Glenn Nyboe; Secretary, Daniel Christensen; Treasurer, John Mollerskov; Conductor, Kenneth Janssen; Guard, Douglas Larsen; and Alternate, Erik H. Raahauge.

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — A repeat of last year's successful New Year's Eve party

took place with 209 people present. The evening started out with a beautiful meal followed by the Night Shift Band playing popular music for all age groups.

Installation of officers for 1991 took place on January 2 with Midwest District Past President John Mollerskov of Racine Lodge No. 4, assisted by Erik Raahauge as his Conductor, also from Lodge No. 4. We thank them for coming.

A big thank you to all who brought food and clothing to the Christmas party for our participation in Operation Care and Share. It was given to the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen and they were very appreciative.

We received \$100.00 for the building fund from Alfred Kolmos in memory of his father, Chris J. Kolmos. Thank you, Alfred!

A wine and cheese party will be held

## 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
Carly B. Perschnick	34	Dwight, IL	Richard H. Perschnick
Amie M. Hoggan	34	Dwight, IL	Tammy L. Lund
Paul H. Sorensen	36	Milwaukee, WI	Carol M. Larsen
Sandra Sorensen	36	Milwaukee, WI	Carol M. Larsen
Amanda M. Sorensen	36	Milwaukee, WI	Carol M. Larsen
Debra L. Topolovec	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Carl Pedersen	39	San Leandro, CA	Aage Lundquist
Stanley E. Hedher	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Kenneth L. Nielsen
Donald R. Drost	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Kenneth L. Nielsen
David L. Outcault	51	Ludington, MI	Bertran V. Norris
Timothy M. Wertz	51	Ludington, MI	Marlin D. Fouts
Thomas A. Kubes	84	Lincoln, NE	Quentin C. Johnson
James A. Dangel	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Marilyn A. Dangel	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Raymond L. Marquardt	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Maxine Schneider	161	Ruskin, NE	Florence M. Borgen
William A. Nelson	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Elizabeth A. Walther	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Kirsten Walther	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Flemming A. Walther	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Sys B. Madsen	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Paul A. Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Larry D. Jensen
Ruth M. Brown	167	Portland, OR	Deborah M. Turner
Mikael C. Snitker	167	Portland, OR	Jorgen F. Snitker
Paris D. Petersen	182	Waukegan, IL	Beman W. Petersen
Russell Broholm	261	Fowler, CO	Mike Pharr
Melvin H. Larsen	283	Dagmar, MT	Carl G. Larsen
Jasper S. Petersen	283	Dagmar, MT	Oluf K. Petersen
James Carl Jensen	294	Barre, VT	Harry Mikkelsen
John Blaney	299	Solvang, CA	William J. Allids
Lars I. Hansen	325	Nassau Co., NY	Niels B. Hansen
Jay B. Nealson	326	West Branch, IA	David Nealson
Theron J. Nealson	326	West Branch, IA	David Nealson
Melva L. Lane	346	Riverside, CA	Victoria M. Garrison
Iona M. Maier	349	Atlantic, IA	Vivian Lane
Sonya M. Mikkelsen	349	Atlantic, IA	Don H. Nelson
Carla M. Nelson	600	Omaha, NE	Edward C. Nelson
Joann H. Jacobsen	600	Omaha, NE	Ray L. Jacobsen
Nils A. Hansen	600	Omaha, NE	Herluf Hansen
Harold L. Larsen	600	Omaha, NE	Egil M. Andersen
Randall M. Larsen	600	Omaha, NE	Egil M. Andersen
Brett R. Larsen	600	Omaha, NE	Egil M. Andersen

Friday, March 8, from 4-8 p.m. This is to benefit the Kenosha Lighthouse Fund.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner and dance will be held Saturday, March 16. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner will begin at 7 p.m., and a dance following at 8 p.m. Reservations must be made before March 10.

All members and friends are invited to a "Beer Bust" at the hall on Sunday, March 24, from 1-5 p.m. for a \$3.00 donation. Proceeds will go to our Youth Committee.

Men's Smoker Night will be held on Thursday, March 28, from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00. **Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #17, Chicago, IL** — We met on January 3. President Merle Nylen called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written. The bills were read and it was moved and seconded that they be paid. The treasurer's report was read and approved as read.

It was moved and seconded that we accept Gerard Swidergal as a new member. Jerry, as we all know him, is the fiance of our member, Karen Nylen. Jerry was initiated into the lodge and welcomed by President Merle Nylen. All the lodge members took a minute off from the meeting to shake Jerry's hand and welcome him into our lodge.

Kris Steffensen volunteered to be chairman of a dinner for all members and other lodges who might want to join us. The dinner is to be held in St. Charles at "Erik and Me" on May 19, 1991. We hope the weather permits so the dinner can be held on the deck.

Installation of officers was held. Officers for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Thorkil Winther; President, Merle Nylen; Vice President, Kris Steffensen; Secretary, Albertice C. Nylen; Treasurer, Svend Jorgensen; Trustees, Karen Nylen, Thorkil Winther and Joseph Polka; and Conductor, Linda Steffensen. **Albertice C. Nylen, Sec.**

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Some goals that our lodge have set for 1991 are as follows: (1) to get new members — There are approximately 25 members who have spouses and/children who are not members. Let's get them signed up! Become a 100% family. Give our representative, James Andreassen, a call; (2) to see more of our 240 members at the meetings — One night a month is all we're talking about.

It was voted on and approved at our January meeting to help Carla Earing and also recommend special and general aid for her. The lodge approved giving her \$100. Also, the \$26 jackpot that Joanne Telford won

and elected to give to Carla. Carla extended her sincere thanks to all.

The vote to donate \$1,000 to the school track fund was not passed. Discussion and a new vote, if so desired, will be held when more members are available to vote. Come to the meeting to voice your opinion!

Thanks to Ray Nielsen and John Jorgensen of Chicago Lodge No. 35, for coming to our January meeting and installing our officers.

The 1991 Board of officers met January 9 at the home of President, Shirley Holzhauser. The purpose of the meeting was to plan the activities for 1991 so mark your calendars for the following: March 9 — Hard Times Dance at the VFW from 8:30-11:30 p.m.; March 23 - Target Shoot with lunch at the VFW; and April 6 — bowling hosted by Wood Dale Lodge No. 340.

A link has been added to our chain as we welcome new member Marian Leach. Jennifer Janicki and son, Stephen Burg, were approved for membership. Welcome!

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — The Medisterpølse dinner has been postponed due to a scheduling problem. The regular March meeting will take place on March 8.

About 73 members were present for the January 18 meeting. All officers were present. Treasurer Jepsen announced that his books had been audited by the trustees and were in order. Trustee Jensen confirmed this.

Al Iversen read a change for the first time regarding members 70 years or older being exempt from dues if they live in a nursing home and have been a member for a number of years.

The third reading of a change regarding the nominating committee was read and defeated due to the committee coming up with a better idea. This idea is that there would be five people on the nominating committee (instead of three). Three of these would be elected by members at the same time that regular elections are held in November. Two of the nominating committee would be chosen by the president from his Board. Reasons for this new concept were (1) to get more people involved; and (2) more time to consider possible candidates for the Board being that they would be elected at the November meeting and have a year to seek out candidates. This proposal will be read two more times before voting. Discussion took place.

Ray Nielsen urged members to come forward with changes for the National Bylaws to him or Paul Sloth, Al Iversen or Woody Petersen. They will be taken into consid-

eration for the National Convention in Portland in October.

Eric Jensen informed us that the Howard Christensen Award committee will submit Ray Nielsen's name for the award. A vote was taken and Ray's name received a unanimous vote. Ray thanked the lodge for according him this honor.

The installation of officers then took place with Eric Jensen acting as Conductor and Woody Petersen as installing officer.

Woody Petersen expressed appreciation to those who have been supporting Operation Care and Share this past year. \$1,353 has been contributed to Lutheran Family Mission with food, clothing and furniture also going to them.

Upcoming events include the Midwest District Target Shoot on March 23 sponsored by Dwight Lodge No. 34 and the Midwest District Bowling event on April 6 sponsored by Wood Dale Lodge No. 340.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Thanks to Axel Hermansen, a Past President of the Midwest District, who, assisted by Lars Andersen as Conductor, installed the 1991 lodge officers at our January 2 meeting.

Our members will support Public Television by answering phones, on camera, on Friday evening, March 8, during the Channel 10/36 Membership Fund Drive.

The Nordic Council of Wisconsin's Third Annual Scandinavian Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at The Schwabenhof in Menomonee Falls. Scandinavian Airlines has donated a grand prize for our raffle. Someone will win two round-trip airline tickets from O'Hare in Chicago to a destination in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden! Those of you who attended last year's festival know how much fun it is working with members of other organizations to promote Scandinavian heritage.

Our lodge along with the Sisterhood Lodge No. 15 will co-host the 40th annual Midwest District Convention on July 19-21. More details will follow at a later date.

**Albert Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL** — On December 16, our lodge held its annual Christmas party at the Olde Farm Inn in Wasco. Thirteen members met for a delicious buffet brunch. All enjoyed the tasty and leisurely meal and socializing afterward.

A snowstorm held back attendance at our January meeting. Those present discussed events for the upcoming year including plans for our Torsk dinner in April and convention and bowling tournament details. **Carol Hunecke, Cor.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — At our January 24 meeting, Dave Boeb, president of the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce, was our speaker. He told us of the activities and events the chamber is planning for the coming year.

The officers for the coming year were installed by Leonard Yorkson, former Past President. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and socializing.

We also helped Ella Gudmandsen, one of our charter members, celebrate her 90th birthday. Also, Esther Engbretson, another of our charter members, celebrated her 95th birthday at Bethany Home.

**Vera Yorkson, Cor.**



Charter member, Ella Gudmandsen, celebrates her 90th birthday.

## GCEL

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** - Our next meeting will be March 8 at which time we will have installation of officers. Hope to see you all there! **Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge #116, Newark, NJ** — The election of 1991 officers was held at the November meeting and are as follows: President, Paul Ifversen; Vice President, Janet Ifversen; Treasurer, Chris Mogensen; Secretary, Don Heckmann; Conductor, John Jensen; Trustees, Carl Ingeholm, Art Haberbusch, and Viggo Nielsen.

The 1991 convention at the Home will be on March 10.

There were 22 members and guests present at our annual Christmas party. Everyone had a good time.

There will be a dinner dance this spring to celebrate the lodge's anniversary.

**Don Heckmann, Sec.**

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — A joint installation of officers will take place on March 15 for the officers of our lodge and Bucks County Lodge No. 342. Cocktails will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by a sit down smorgasbord. The installation will be

performed by Past National President George Jacobsen and Conductor, John Hjulmand of Lodge No. 325. A dance will follow the installation. Reservations must be made by March 8.

Our January 18 meeting was followed with our annual codfish dinner. Len Gottlieb and Mogens Hempel caught four 10-pound cods on their expedition and that proved to be barely enough fish for the crowd we had assembled that night. It was delicious and it was wonderful to see so many members attending.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY** - One of the highlights of the year is the children's Christmas party which was held on December 16. It was attended by 24 children and 45 adults who enjoyed a lively afternoon.

As always, Santa Claus delighted the children with his presence and a gift for each one of them. This year was Fred Pedersen's 20th anniversary as Santa Claus and he was honored by President Elizabeth Pedersen who thanked him for being so faithful to our lodge and presented him with flowers and an award.



Santa Claus is honored by President Elizabeth Pedersen at the children's Christmas party.

Carol Rasmussen accompanied us on her guitar as we sang Danish and American Christmas carols and danced around the tree.

Coffee was served with Danish pastry. Thanks to Elizabeth Pedersen, we had beautiful prizes for our raffle.

**Karen Witt, Sec.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA** - At our January meeting, Hans and Ida Andersen were nominated by the lodge for the Howard Christensen Award. Hans and Ida have been the lodge delegates for some ten years to the Old People's Home in Edison, New Jersey. They are well deserving of the award.

A joint installation of officers will take place on March 15 for the officers of our lodge and Philadelphia Lodge No. 172. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with cocktails followed by a smorgasbord at

8:15 p.m. Past National President, George Jacobsen, and Conductor, John Hjulmand, of Lodge No. 325 will perform the installation which will be followed by a dance. March 8 is the deadline for reservations!

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

## FLORIDA

**Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL** — The following officers will serve in 1991: President, Howard Hansen; Vice President, Robert Jorgensen; Secretary, William Steffensen; Treasurer, Gilbert Behling; Trustees, Grethe Larsen, Chris Madsen and Helen Wester.

Our last meeting for 1990 was also our Christmas party. It was attended by 28 members and guests. Before the celebration ended, we all joined in singing American and Danish Christmas carols.

Our January 17 meeting was attended by 21 members. President Howard Hansen opened the meeting with a moment of silence in respect for our men and women overseas who are fighting for our country.

We had the pleasure of initiating Barbara Stewart as our first new member for 1991. Welcome Barbara!

We would like to see more members at our meetings. May we have the pleasure of seeing you at a meeting in the near future?

**Bill Steffensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL** — We met on January 19 at the Senior Citizens Center in Lake Worth. Norman Hanson, District Fraternal Coordinator, met with us. This time we discussed with him what to do about loss of members without being able to interest young people to join us.

Our lodge was organized on August 29, 1922. Due to deaths and illnesses through the years, many members were lost. After much discussion and consultation, we decided to disband. We have close to \$650 in our treasury. We voted to give half to the Danish Immigrant Museum and the other half to the Scholarship Fund at the National Headquarters.

We concluded our meeting with refreshments provided by Isabel Larsen and Dorothy Andersen. Those of us who are left plan to get together soon just to keep in touch.

**Eva Stevens, Pres.**

**MARCH ASSESSMENT NUMBER 1101**  
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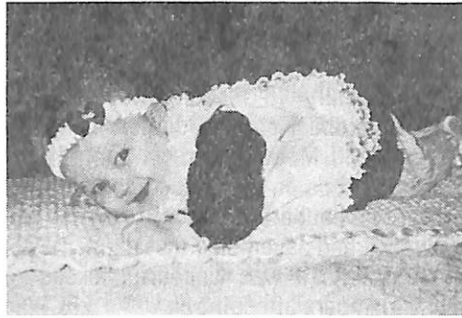
# Introducing . . .



**Jasper Svend Petersen**, one of our new Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 283 in Dagmar, Montana, and has this to say:

"Hi, my name is Jasper Svend Petersen. I'm 18 months old. I was named after my two great grandfathers. We just moved to Oregon from Montana. I enjoy reading books and talking on my play phone. I'm also a climber. The kitchen table is my favorite place to climb. I'm in Lodge No. 283 and my grandpa is Oluf Petersen. He and my dad have been members of the Danish Brotherhood for years."

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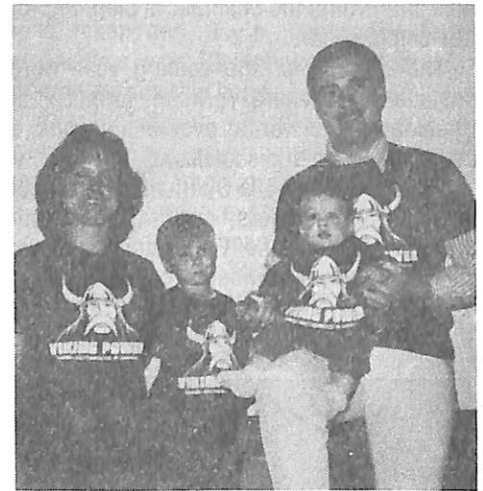
**Amber Trampedach Staats**, another one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 348 in Eugene, Oregon, and has this to say:

"Hi, my name is Amber Trampedach Staats. I was born on September 21, 1990, and am the youngest member of Lodge No. 348 in Eugene, Oregon, where my mom is the secretary. My morfar and mormor, Flemming and Bente Pedersen, are also members. I enjoy going to the meetings so I can meet all the fun people. I cannot wait until I am older so I can play with the other kids in the lodge. I am glad to be a part of the Danish Brotherhood."

### Welcome Amber and Jasper!

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 68131-3844.

# Welcome New 100% DBIA Family



The Paul Christensen family is the most recent 100% DBIA family of Lodge No. 32, in New Haven, CT. Members of the Paul Christensen family include: Mom Linda, Peter, Dad Paul and Tommy. **WELCOME!**

### May We Meet You, Too?

We would like to give all our members the opportunity to meet the new DBIA 100% insured families. If your family has just joined, please forward a picture and a short article describing your family and why you joined the Danish Brotherhood in America to 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

Remember, new DBIA 100% insured families will receive an attractive plate produced by Bing and Grondahl to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Danish Brotherhood while supplies last.

## Payment to Board Members

FEBRUARY 1991  
Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$238.35.

## Semiannual Board Meeting

The semiannual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood will begin on April 4, 1991, at the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844. The National Bylaws Committee will be meeting there at the same time.

### NOTICE

Due to an editorial error in the November, 1990 AMERICAN DANE, the Viking Adventures feature story wrongly stated that Svend Jensen was born and raised near Als Odde. It should have read, "Svend Jensen grew up near Als Odde." In addition, credit for the article as well as the photograph goes to Elinor Paulson George.

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# 1991 Danish Brotherhood Lodge Directory

NOTE: Information for this list is in this order — number and location of the lodge, the secretary's address, the meeting date and meeting place of the lodge. Where no city is mentioned in the secretary's address, it is the same as the city in which the lodge is located. The zip code is given in parenthesis. Secretaries who find an asterisk (\*) behind their lodge number are asked to send their 1990 annual lodge report which include their 1991 lodge officers to the Home Office as soon as possible.

## CALIFORNIA

- 39 San Leandro, CA** Aage Lundquist, 1159 Island Drive, Alameda, CA (94501). Fourth Friday, Oddfellows Temple, 1349 Hayes St., San Leandro.
- 49\*San Francisco, CA** Kenneth N. Larsen, 4175 Berdina Rd., Castro Valley, CA (94546). Fourth Wednesday, Odd Fellows Bldg., 26 Seventh St., San Francisco.
- 67\*Fresno, CA** L. S. DeLaurant, 1505 N. Lafayette (93728). Second Thursday, 2540 E. Floradora, Fresno.
- 95\*Ferndale, CA** Francis Sweet, P. O. Box 195, Petrolia, CA (95538). Fourth Tuesday, Danish Hall, Ocean Ave., Ferndale.
- 126\*Los Angeles, CA** Betty Seale, 708 N. Avon St., Burbank, CA (91505). First Thursday, Alamo Hall, 6401 Ruby St., Los Angeles.
- 143 Petaluma, CA** Henry C. Brown, 302 West St. (94952). Third Friday, Petaluma Veterans Memorial, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. So., Petaluma.
- 184\*Hayward, CA** Signe Ann McNeil, 40759 Creston St., Fremont, CA (94538). First Friday every other month, members homes.
- 230 Arcata, CA** Laura Schuler, 3223 U St., Eureka, CA (95501). Second Thursday, officer's homes.
- 255\*Selma, CA** Walter Hoegh, 1071 E. Nebraska Ave. (93662). First Thursday, Odd Fellows Hall, Selma.
- 299 Solvang, CA** William J. Allds, 238 Willow Dr. (93463). Second Wednesday, Veterans Wing-Memorial Hall, Mission Blvd., Solvang.
- 306\*San Diego, CA** Lillian Suda, 755 Prescott Ave., El Cajon, CA (92020). Second Wednesday, Norway Hall, 3875 43rd St., San Diego.
- 319 Bakersfield, CA** William J. McDonald, 1600 El Portal Drive (93309). First Thursday, Labor Hall, 200 W. Jeffery St., Bakersfield.
- 322\*Santa Barbara, CA** Carl Lauritsen, 2162 E. Valley Rd. (93108). Third Tuesday, 1232 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara.
- 323 Alhambra, CA** Helene Kristensen, 320 Genoa St., Arcadia, CA (91006). First Thursday, Alamo, 6401 Ruby St., Los Angeles.
- 332\*Ripon, CA** Vernon Olsen, 1001 Strathmore Dr., Modesto, CA (95355). Third Friday, Eagles Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto.
- 345 Orange County, CA** Geraldine Olsen, 16410 California Ave., Bellflower, CA (90706). Second Saturday, 14272 Hoover St., Westminster.
- 346 Riverside, CA** Nancy Nielsen, 1291 W. Sunset Dr., Redlands, CA (92373). First Saturday, Grand Terrace Community Center, 22130 Barton Rd., Grand Terrace.

## COLORADO

- 43\*Denver, CO** Susan Jensen, 10201 Riverdale Rd., #265, Thornton, CO (80229). Second Tuesday, Eastern Star Building, 225 Acoma St., Denver.
- 254\*Brush, CO** Lance S. Christensen, 20101 Rd 27 (80723). First Monday, members homes.
- 261\*Fowler, CO** Mike Pharr, 32973 County Rd 3 (81039). Second Thursday, Danish Hall, 3½ miles west of Fowler, on Dotson Road.

## CONNECTICUT

- 32 New Haven, CT** Bernadette Gaudino, 30 Windsor Ave., Meriden, CT (06450). Second Friday, Dunbar Hill Firehouse, Hamden.
- 37\*Bridgeport, CT** Erik Garde, 26 Brooklawn Pl. (06604). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Cemetery Dr., Stratford.

**41 Derby, CT** Allen C. Miner, 184 River Rd., Shelton, CT (06484). Third Thursday, members homes.

**314\*Hartford, CT** James W. Elliott, 368 Monaco Lane, Glastonbury, CT (06033). First Wednesday, 302 White St., Hartford.

## FLORIDA

**257 St. Petersburg, FL** William B. Steffensen, 7055 Monte Carlo, Pinellas Park, FL (34665). Third Thursday, American Legion Post #104, 7550 60th St. N., Pinellas Park.

## IDAHO

**264\*Pocatello, ID** Shaun Watson, Rt. 1 N., Box 68 (83201). First Saturday, 1365 N. Main, Pocatello.

## ILLINOIS

- 17 Chicago, IL** Albertice C. Nylan, 97 Carriage Rd., Barrington, IL (60010). First Thursday, 5844 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.
- 34 Dwight, IL** Margaret Goodwin, 304 E. James St. (60420). Second Monday, V.F.W., Old Route 66, Dwight.
- 35 Chicago, IL** Frank Connery, 340 Virginia Ave., Glenwood, IL (60425). Third Friday, 9701 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park.
- 64 Rockford, IL** Sofus T. Sorensen, 3126 Nadine Ave. (61111). Third Wednesday, Baltic Lodge, 1524 9th St., Rockford.
- 92\*St. Charles, IL** Andrea Krueger, 6N899 Crestwood Drive (60175). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, 2nd Ave. & E. Main, St. Charles.
- 107\*Chicago, IL** Wilbur Jensen, 3110 W. 114th Place (60655). Second Tuesday, Harold Petersen's Hall, 14537 Chicago Rd., Dalton.
- 182\*Waukegan, IL** Janet Petersen, 1933 N. Jackson (60087). Second Friday, Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County, Waukegan.
- 340 Wood Dale, IL** Janet Villacci, 7231 S. Wolf Rd. C-8, Indian Head Park, IL (60525). First Friday, members homes.

## INDIANA

**245 South Bend, IN** Donald B. Lynch, 405 Sugar Pine Dr., Mishawaka, IN (46545). No meeting.

## IOWA

- 3 Davenport, IA** Carl Christensen, 528 W. 12th Ave., Milan, IL (61264). Second Thursday, American Legion Hall, Davenport.
- 10 Council Bluffs, IA** E. A. (Bud) Grunberg, 2315 S. 11th St. (51501). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Temple, 530 1st Ave., Council Bluffs.
- 15\*Des Moines, IA** Harvey Andersen, 400 2nd Ave., #126 (50309). Second Monday, American Legion Hall, 68 & Douglas, Urbandale.
- 62 Sioux City, IA** Charles W. Boulden, 3226 4th Ave. (51106). Last Saturday of April, June, August, October and December, 1801 4th St., Sioux City.
- 134\*Ringsted, IA** No meeting.
- 144 Dike, IA** Lyle R. Refshauge, Box 272 (50624). Second Monday, Dike Community Hall, 540 Main St., Dike.
- 147 Newell, IA** Elmer Jensen, RR 1, Box 5 (50568). Third Wednesday, Allee Building, Main St., Newell.
- 217\*Humboldt, IA** Violet Bergeson, 1108 N. 15th St. (50548). Second Monday, Senior Citizen's Building, Humboldt.
- 219 Clear Lake, IA** Kathleen Sonsalla, 801 Crestview Dr., Webster City, IA (50595). Second Saturday, I.O.O.F. Hall, 309½ Main Ave., Clear Lake.
- 326\*West Branch, IA** Judie Neelson, RR 1, Box 108, Lone Tree, IA (52755). First Sunday afternoon, members homes.
- 341 Kimbalton-Elk Horn, IA** Alice Simonsen, RR #2, Box 65, Atlantic, IA (50022). Fourth Monday of even numbered months, alternating Kimbalton & Elk Horn.

**347\* Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA** Ulla Wall, 362 E. Post Rd. S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA (52403). Third Thursday, Marion Community Center, 10th Ave. & 6th St., Marion.

**349 Atlantic, IA** Doris Bell, R.R. 3, Box 41 (50022). Second Monday every other month, Fire Station Committee Room, Atlantic.

### MICHIGAN

**30 Muskegon, MI** David B. Weller, 1742 W. Norton Ave. (49441). Fourth Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 2330 Barclay Ave., Muskegon.

**51 Ludington, MI** Robert Jensen, 5416 W. Chauvez Rd. (49431). First Wednesday, 1014 S. Madison St., Ludington.

**70 Greenville, MI** Darwin Noah, 2769 W. Sidney Rd., Sidney, MI (48885). Second and fourth Friday, DBS Hall, 126 W. Grove, Greenville.

**106\*Trufant, MI** Mary L. Nielsen, 121 First St. (49347). Fourth Saturday, DB Hall, Second St., Trufant.

**227 Detroit, MI** Karl Larsen, 6535 Kingsbury, Dearborn Heights, MI (48127). Second and fourth Wednesday, Danish Club, 22711 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

### MINNESOTA

**45\*Minneapolis, MN** Louise Anderson, 2021 Edgerton #106, Maplewood (55117). Third Friday, 4200 Cedar Avenue So., Minneapolis.

**75 Albert Lea, MN** Grace Tomson, 711 North Shore (56007). First Saturday, Senior Citizens Center, 146 W. College, Albert Lea.

**121 Tyler, MN** Hilda Hansen, 441 S. Tyler St. (56178). First Saturday, Senior Citizens Center, Tyler.

**263 Askov, MN** Edna Petersen, Box 85 (55704). First Wednesday, Partridge Cafe, Askov.

### MISSOURI

**56 Kansas City, MO** Otto M. Larsen, 328 N. 13th St., Kansas City, KS (66102). Third Saturday, Senior Citizens Center, 13425 Walnut, Lenexa.

### MONTANA

**273 Dillon, MT** Helen Tommerup, 2100 Sawmill Rd. (59725). First Saturday, Jan.-May and Oct.-Dec., 9th and Idaho, Dillon.

**283 Dagmar, MT** Gregg Nielsen, 522 E. 1st Ave., Plentywood, MT (59254). Second Monday, Lodge Hall, Dagmar.

### NEBRASKA

**1 Omaha, NE** James Christiansen, 3012 S. 126th Pl. #62 (68144). First Tuesday, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st St., Omaha.

**16\*Minden, NE** Mabel Haselbarth, 1380 N. Colorado (68959). Third Thursday, Community Center, 403 N. Colorado, Minden.

**26\*Fremont, NE** Larry L. Ludvigsen, 1619 E. 16th St. (68025). When called.

**84 Lincoln, NE** Erik Hansen, 3912 J Street (68510). Second Saturday, Odd-fellow Hall, 1101 N. 56th, Lincoln.

**110\*Winside, NE** When called.

**117\*Plainview, NE** Louis Petersen, RR 1, Box 226 (68769). Third Tuesday, Legion Club, Plainview.

**125\*Weeping Water, NE** Kenneth Lauritzen, Rt. 1, Box 9 (68463). Second Tuesday, secretary's home, Weeping Water.

**161 Ruskin, NE** Glennis McCutcheon, RR 1, Box 152, Hardy, NE (68943). Second Saturday, Ruskin Community Room, Ruskin.

**177 Cordova, NE** Faye M. Petersen, RR 1, Box 42, McCool Junction, NE (68401). Third Thursday, members homes.

**195\*Omaha, NE** Edward Krause, 1308 S. 165th Ave. (68130). First Thursday, American Legion Hall, 61st and Maple Streets, Omaha.

**206 Blair, NE** Robert Johnson, 1146 N. 18th Ave. (68008). Fourth Monday, Riverview Grange Hall, 21st and Jackson St., Blair.

**211 Grand Island, NE** Vera Petersen, Rt. 1, Box 120, St. Paul, NE (68873). Last Thursday, Blue Flame Room 515 W. Third Grand Island. No meetings in June, July and August

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**213 Ord, NE** Marlea Kittle, RR 1, Box 42 (68862). When called.

**288 Cotesfield, NE** Doris Simpson, RR 1, Box 4 (68829). When needed, members homes.

### NEVADA

**339\*Las Vegas, NV** April Gerrity, P.O. Box 72211 (89170). Last Monday, 3527 Montego Dr., Las Vegas.

### NEW JERSEY

**46 Perth Amboy, NJ** Kenneth Nielsen, 95 Ira Ave., Colonia, NJ (07067). Second Wednesday, 855 New Durham Rd., Edison.

**90\*Port Reading, NJ** Ejlif H. Kjems, 11 Kilfoyle Avenue, Fords, NJ (08863). Third Tuesday, Danish Home for Aged, 855 New Durham Rd., Edison.

**116 Newark, NJ** Donald Heckmann, 32 Rector St., Millburn, NJ (07041). Fourth Friday except July and Aug., Continental Masonic Temple, 37 Spring St., Millburn.

### NEW YORK

**71 Penn Yan, NY** Clarence Jensen, 1179 Townline Rd. (14527). Third Saturday, Lodge Home, 100 E. Elm St., Penn Yan.

**164\*New York, NY** Barbara Perrin, 38 Prospect Park S.W., Brooklyn, NY (11215). Third Saturday, Danish Athletic Club, 735 6th St., Brooklyn.

**183 Troy, NY** Harry B. Jensen, Jr., 50 McDonald Dr., Cohoes, NY (12047). Second Saturday, DB Hall, 37 112th St., Troy.

**190 Schenectady, NY** Carl Christensen, 1357 Wemple Lane (12309). Third Wednesday, Van Dyke Restaurant, 237 Union St., Schenectady.

**300\*Onesonta, NY** Ivan Kollgaard, Box 222, Laurens, NY (13796). Second Saturday.

**325\*Nassau County, NY** Karen Witt, 48 Broad St., Williston Park, NY (11596). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Franklin Ave. and Legion Place, Malverne.

### OHIO

**170\*Rocky River, OH** Richard A. Zeager, 2812 Northview (44116). First Friday, American Legion Hall, 695 Cahoon Rd., Bay Village.

**225\*Canton, OH** Audrey Pedersen, 3615 Frazier Ave. NW (44709). First Friday, First Federal Savings Bldg., 1000 N. Main St., North Canton.

**301 Akron, OH** Ejnar Madsen, 1602 Fairfax Rd. (44313). Third Saturday, 2074 W. Market St., Akron.

### OREGON

**167 Portland, OR** Sylvia Hurst, 2920 SW Stanley Ct. (97219). First Wednesday, Norse Hall, 111 N.E. 11th Ave., Portland.

**194 McMinnville, OR** Marie Jensen, 1313 Brooks St. (97128). First Monday, 133 Adams, Lafayette.

**268 Junction City, OR** Einar Skovbo, 93710 Prairie Rd. (97448). First Tuesday, 195 W. 5th St., Junction City.

**348\*Eugene, OR** Susie Staats, 805 Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg, OR (97446). Second Thursday, 1836 Alder, Eugene.

### PENNSYLVANIA

**172 Philadelphia, PA** Knud Koefoed, 1004 Orienta Terrace, Pitman, NJ (08071). Third Friday, Masonic Lodge, Woodland Ave., Rt. 420, Springfield, PA.

**202\*Warren, PA** Lawrence A. Andersen, 179 Davis St., Youngsville, PA (16371). Second Wednesday, Warren Grange Hall, Crescent Park, Warren.

**242 Erie, PA** Henry Jensen, 2656 Sigsbee St. (16508). Third Wednesday, Danish Club, 1146 W. 8th St., Erie.

**342 Bucks County, PA** Betty Jensen, 44 Roundabout Lane, Levittown, PA (19055). Third Friday, Sons of Norway Hall, 187 State Rd., Andalusia.

### RHODE ISLAND

**102 Providence, RI** Erling Braumann, Treasurer, 115 White Ave., Warwick (02886). Once a month at members homes.

### SOUTH DAKOTA

**139 Viborg, SD** Alice Jensen, R.R. 3, Box 10, Apt. 2 (57070). First Thursday.

**UTAH**

78\*Salt Lake City, UT Maurice Nelson, 4059 S. 895 East, Ogden, UT (84403).  
Second Tuesday.

**VERMONT**

294 Barre, VT Helen Lunde, 5 Beech St. (05641). Second Tuesday, Barre Senior Citizen's Center, 135 N. Main St., Barre.

**WASHINGTON**

29 Seattle, WA Gerald B. Jensen, 9316 47th Ave. S.W. (98136). First Wednesday, The Danish Center, Meridan Office Bldg., 1833 N. 105th St., Room 204, Seattle.

33 Tacoma, WA Signe Wenness, 1213 N. Verde (98046). Second Saturday, 3025 Pacific Highway E., Tacoma.

42\*Spokane, WA Lawrence Charneski, E 3324 15th (99223). First Thursday, W. 120 Mission Ave., Spokane.

113 Enumclaw, WA Kai Rasmussen, P. O. Box 1203 (98022). Second Saturday, Danish Hall, 1708 Porter St., Enumclaw.

155 Bellingham, WA Karen Bruun, 2737 N. Park Drive (98225). Second Saturday at members homes.

**WISCONSIN**

4\* Racine, WI Daniel Christensen, 2731 Fleetwood Dr., (53403). Second Wednesday, D.D.R.'s Pub, 1814 Taylor Ave., Racine.

9\*Oshkosh, WI Richard Segor, 424 W. Nevada Ave. (54901). Fourth Thursday, Eagles Hall, 405 Washington Ave., Oshkosh.

14 Kenosha, WI Roger Nelson, 2016 76th St. (53143). First and third Tuesday, 2206 63rd St., Kenosha.

36 Milwaukee, WI Carol M. Larsen, 2571 S. Shore Dr. (53207). First Wednesday, International Institute, 2810 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee.

89 Superior, WI Marion L. Christensen, Rt. 3, Box 288, South Range, WI (54874). Third Monday, Polish Club, 1901 Broadway, Superior.

186 Luck, WI Esther Nies, 405 Lake St., Rt. 3, Box 60A (54853). Third Monday, DBIA Hall, 300 1st St. So., Luck.

343 Waupaca, WI Vivian Jensen, E. 382 Hwy. 54 (54981). Fourth Thursday, Trinity Lutheran Church, 206 E. Badger St., Waupaca.

344\*Janesville, WI Alice Barlass, RR 1, County A E (53545). Fourth Thursday, V.F.W. Club, Janesville.

**WYOMING**

148\*Cheyenne, WY

**CANADA**

328 Vancouver, B.C. Peter Jensen, 1721 Laurier Ave., Port Coquitlam, B.C. (V3B 2C3). First Wednesday, Swedish Hall, 1320 E. Hastings Street, Vancouver.

**DENMARK**

318\*Copenhagen, Denmark Tage Werner, Mariendalsvej 28, DK 2000 Kobenhavn F Denmark. When called.

**1991 District Secretaries**

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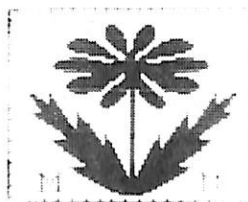
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**1991 DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

District	Host Lodge	Date
Pacific-Northwest	Lodge No. 155, Bellingham, WA	May 10-12
California-Nevada	Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, CA	August 15-17
Iowa-Minnesota	Lodge No. 263, Askov, MN	September 6-8
Midwest	Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI	July 19-21
Nebraska	Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE	August 23-25
Michigan-Ohio	Lodge No. 70, Greenville, MI	May 18
G.C.E.L.	Lodge No. 294, Barre, VT	Aug. 31-Sept. 2

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## The 1991 "Students of Heritage" Contest

The Danish American Junior Club of the United States invites young Danish-American men and women (18-24 years of age — up to and including their 24th year) to participate in the 1991 Danish American National Junior "Students of Heritage" Contest. The winners will become the 1991 Danish American Junior Club Ambassadors and serve as representatives for the Danish-American and American-Danish youth in America.

This ninth annual contest is sponsored by the Danish American Junior Club of the United States, Danish American Junior Contest, Inc. (Not-For-Profit), Scandinavian Airlines, Clairol, Scanticon Hotels and more.

Regional winners will travel to the Danish Constitution Day celebration in Croton-on-Hudson, New York for the national finals/all expenses paid. The national winners will go to Denmark to celebrate the American Independence Day on the 4th of July 1991, at the Rebild National Park. Winners to Denmark are sponsored by Scandinavian Airlines, Clairol, Hotel Hvide Hus-Aalborg, Rebild National Park Society and the Danish American Junior Club of Denmark. In addition, the national winners shall receive a \$1000 scholarship, designated for education in either Denmark or the United States.

The first step is to fill out the official entry form and include an essay, minimum of 300 words, indicating knowledge to and interest of one's Danish heritage. Besides the heritage, the essay must include knowledge of a minimum of one Danish tradition. The deadline for the essay portion of the contest is March 31, 1991.

For complete rules, call for information:

Danish American Junior Club, **Eastern Region:** 609-799-1497, ask for Michael R. Olsen or Niels R. Olsen.

Danish American Junior Club, **Midwest/Central Region:** 708-882-2552, ask for Linda Steffensen.

Danish American Junior Club, **Pacific Region:** 714-495-2084, ask for Tina Zimmermann.

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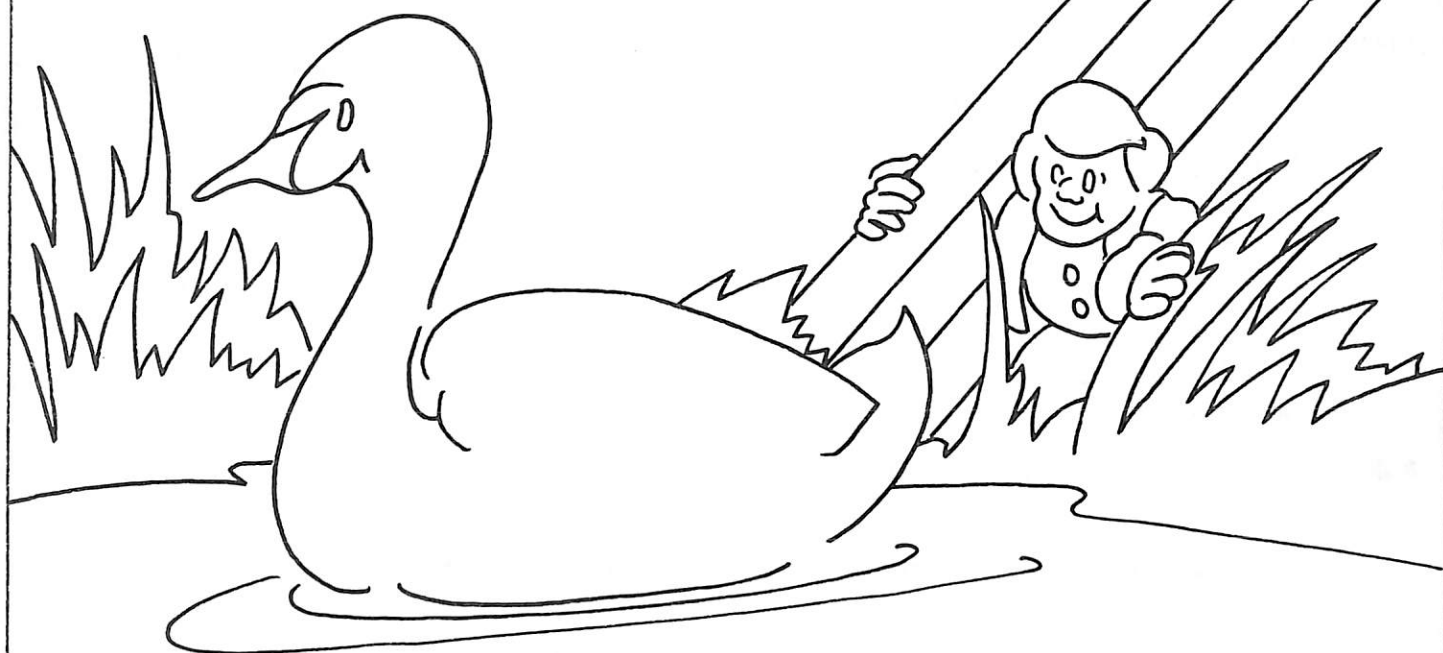
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## Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen and Bifrost land smack dab into a fairy tale. **The Ugly Duckling**, Jorgen's favorite, was written by the Danish storyteller Hans Christian Andersen. Our heroes have come in the tale's end when the "grim" or "ugly" duckling has grown into a "smuck", a "beautiful" swan. Next time Jorgen reads more about fairy tales. Do you have a favorite?

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844. Be sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

**February winners are: Lindsay Pedersen, Erin Hassen, Amanda Dangel, Erica Labriola.**

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## Grandma's Kitchen

### Melboller (Soup Dumplings)



by Guld Ostergaard

Can be made ahead. Freezes well. 15 servings.

½ lb. oleo	3 c. Sapphire flour
2 c. water	½ c. cornstarch
12 eggs	

Melt oleo and water together; remove from heat and mix flour and cornstarch into melted mixture all at once, stir until it forms a paste. Put back on burner and stir constantly until completely smooth patting with a spoon. Remove pan from heat and cool 5-10 minutes; after cooled, add eggs 6 at a time into a mixer and beat well, then add remaining 6 eggs and continue to beat until mixed **very** well; add 1 tsp. salt and beat in.

Heat 4 quarts of water with 1 tsp. salt and bring almost to a boil (not boiling); drop dumplings with teaspoon, dipping spoon in hot water each time so it doesn't stick to spoon. Pan will hold about 160 dumplings at one time. Cook 3-5 minutes stirring occasionally with straining spoon. Put into bowl of cold water for 3-4 minutes, then strain into collendar. Makes approximately 320 dumplings.

**\*\*Note:** Good with chicken, beef or Danish fruit soup.

# Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning      Keeping Together — Progress  
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## Mount Hood Loop

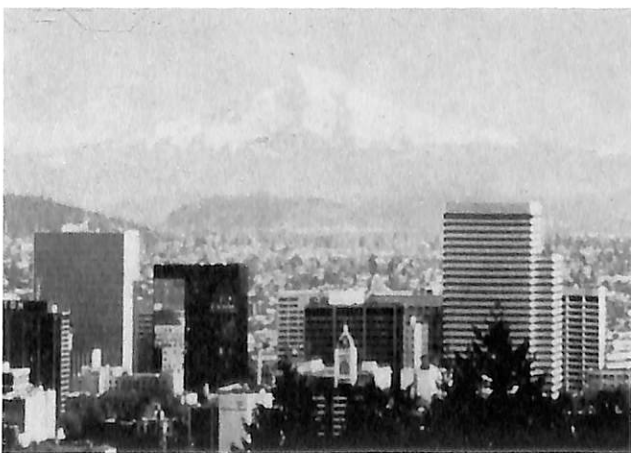
by Sheila Hamilton

Travel the scenic Columbia River Highway with its breathtaking natural beauty to historic Timberline Lodge, located at the 6,000 foot level of majestic Mount Hood. This huge stone castle was built by northwest craft people for the W.P.A. during the depression. Throughout you will see beams shaped by hand, Indian artwork and wood-carved pictures depicting the life of the early Oregon pioneer.

You will appreciate Portlanders love affair with the famous Columbia Gorge, drawing millions of visitors annually. Each stop will prepare you for the next. Viewpoints visited:

- Vista House atop Crown Point offering a panoramic view of the Columbia Gorge.
- Multnomah Falls, second highest waterfall in North America. It is one of a series of 11 waterfalls.
- Bonneville Dam, the first and largest hydroelectric dam built on the Columbia. Visit the underwater viewing room of the fish hatchery.

There will be ample time for exploring and picture taking... A photographer's paradise. Don't miss this one!



Mt. Hood as seen from the city of Portland.

## Thank You For Giving

The following lodges participated in **Operation Care and Share** in 1990 and have returned reporting forms. We would like to take this time to say "thank you" and "keep up the good work" to all lodges participating in this program.

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI** — Donated \$200.00, 100 pounds of food and clothing items to a local soup kitchen.

**Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL** — Collected \$1,353.25, 270 pounds of food, 1,270 pounds of clothing, and 20 pieces of furniture and volunteered 15 hours to the Lutheran Family Mission.

**Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI** — Donated 10 hours and \$175.00 to the Milwaukee Christian Center.

**Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA** — The Dike Food Bank benefited from 75 pounds of food donated by Lodge No. 144.

**Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR** — Members donated to Operation Care and Share all year at monthly meetings.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA** — Collected clothing and canned food, volunteered 20 hours of service for the benefit of the needy.

**Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE** — Through a Lyp-Sync contest raised \$75.00, 275 pounds of food and 21 packages of paper products for the community pantry.

**Lodge No. 332, Modesto, CA** — Through annual raffles \$200.00 was raised to benefit the needy.

**Lodge No. 342, Bucks Co., PA** — 60 volunteer hours and \$75.00 went to benefit the needy as well as making special Danish dinners, baked goods, and bringing gifts to residents staying at the Danish Home.

**Lodge No. 345, Orange Co., CA** — The Christian Temporary Housing Facility received \$300.00 and 420 pounds of food.

**Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, IA** — \$42.00 and 22 pounds of food was donated to the local food pantry.

# Write Right with DBIA Pens

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

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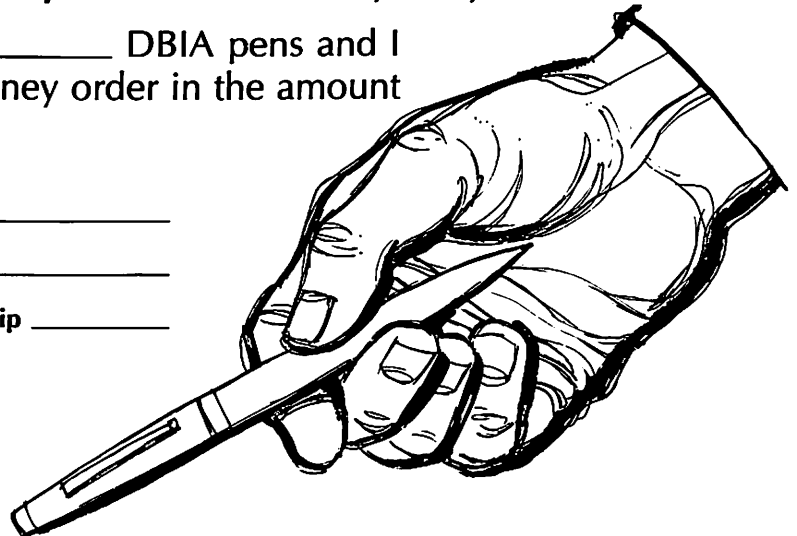
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We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive *The American Dane* each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

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