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The Legends and Loves of Karen Blixen

by Beatrice S. Levin

Two museums are now devoted to the legendary author, Baroness Karen Blixen, her home in Africa and her home in Denmark.

Best remembered for her autobiographical "Out of Africa," and the glorious "Gothic Tales," Karen Blixen, who wrote under the pseudonym Isak Dinesen, owned and lived in the house called Rugstedlund in Rugsted, about 15 miles north of Copenhagen. She was born there in 1884. She died in 1962 in the house that Queen Margrethe of Denmark dedicated as a museum in May 1991 to honor this remarkable author. The garden has long been open to visitors, but the house was opened for the first time in May 1991.

In the early 1700s, Rungstedlunde was an inn used by travelers heading north to Helsingor from Copenhagen. Here horses could be replaced and weary wanderers could find a bed. Interestingly, another author had made Rugsted Inn his home for a few brief years, Johannes Ewald, who wrote the Danish national anthem.

Karen's father, Wilhelm Dinesen, bought the Inn in 1875. Karen was devastated when her father, just before her tenth birthday, committed suicide, an event that colored Karen's attitudes about divine fatalism.

Karen's younger brother, Thomas, wrote that Rungsted, until the end of the last century, when the railway was built, was a lonely fishing village without a school. His three older sisters never went to school. A tutor and an "indefatigable grandmother" taught them English and French, world literature, art and history. He was proud when Karen began speaking to him as an equal, though she was twenty and he only twelve. One winter they went to Norway to ski. Karen had never tried skiing before, but on the second day, she bravely went to the top of a glacier, six thousand feet high, and down, straight down, "one whirling fall after another."

In 1914, Isak Dinesen married her cousin, Baron Blixen and accompanied him to British East Africa. He infected her with syphilis during the first year of their marriage. In 1921 she divorced him.

In Kenya, the Baroness continued to manage the coffee plantation for another decade until the collapse of the coffee market forced her to sell the property. She had run the farm for eighteen years, hiring Africans and allowing them squatter privileges on her land. Now leaving Africa, she worried about the fate of her loyal, loving squatters.

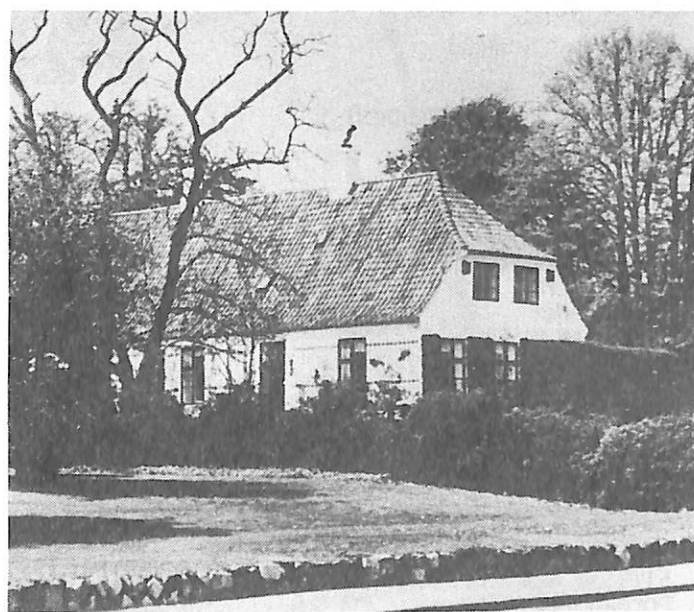
The buyers of the farm planned to "take up the coffee-trees," she wrote, "and to have the land cut up and sold as building plots." The squatters had six months to get off the farm, a bewildering determination for Africans who had been born on the plantation.

Blixen observed, "It is more than their land you take away from the people, whose Native land you take. It is their past as well, their roots and their identity. If you take away the things that they have been used to see, and will be expecting to see, you may, in a way, as well take their eyes."

When Karen Blixen left Africa and returned to Denmark, she received letters from her houseboy, Kamante. Though he could not write and knew no English, he went to an Indian letter writer outside a post office and explained what he wanted.

Kamante communicated his greatness of soul: "I was not forgot you Memsahib. Now all your servants. If we was bird we fly and see you. Then your old farm it was good place

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The Karen Blixen Museum, Rungstedlund, not far from Copenhagen, was opened to the public in May, 1991. In a quiet corner of the six acre bird sanctuary and garden, Karen Blixen is buried.

for cow small calf black people. Now they no anything cows goat sheep they has no anything. Now all bad people they enjoy in their heart because your old servant they come poor people now...

"Write and tell us if you turn. We think you turn... We think that you shall never can forget us... We think that you remembered still all our face and our mother names."

Back in Denmark, she asked her brother Thomas to finance her for two years. She did not know what she would do, but she thought she could take care of "mad people;" she considered herself a good cook and she could write. They settled on writing. She launched what she herself called a "second life" as a storyteller, a voice.

The Baroness worked more than a year on her first book, "Seven Gothic Tales." She was sick and in pain. She sent the manuscript off and it was returned repeatedly from New York and London publishers; "unsaleable." She went to London herself, from one publishing house to another. Seeing how rejected she felt, her brother, Thomas, introduced her to his friend, the American author, Dorothy Canfield, who found a publisher willing to take a risk. Later, Thomas, invited to dinner at Rugstedlund, was delighted when Karen said, "You may congratulate me. My book has been selected for the Book of the Month."

Her books brought her world-wide fame. "Seven Gothic Tales" was published when she was 49. For decades, she had filled many notebooks with notes and fragments of stories. Three years later, she published the story of her experiences in Kenya, "Out of Africa." Then followed "Winter's Tales." In her seventies, "Last Tales," and the magical prose of "Anecdotes of Destiny," and "Shadows on the Grass" cemented her reputation. The remarkably revealing collection of short stories, "Ehregard" published after the author's death, includes one of the great tales of all time, "Babette's Feast," made into a stunning movie in the eighties.

After the publication of her "Seven Gothic Tales," Isak Dinesen launched a successful United States tour that created a special bond between the author and American readers. In 1957, Isak Dinesen was elected an honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

"When I compare the American and Danish reviews of my first books," she commented, "I cannot help but think how much better I have been understood and accepted in America than in Denmark."

Incidentally, the Danish author is the focus of a one-woman play that opened on Broadway in the Spring of 1991 and launched a national tour in San Francisco in the fall, "Lucifer's Child." Julie Harris interprets Karen Blixen. The play picks up the author's life decades after Meryl Streep left off in the emotional movie, "Out of Africa" (1985). The screen version of Blixen's biography story focused on a romance between the author and a beguiling British hunter, Denys Finch Hatton.

In the play, Julie Harris as Blixen says with a Danish accent, "There are two things a woman can do in such a situation, accept it or shoot the man. I didn't shoot Bror. Instead, I made a pact with Lucifer. I gave him my soul. In return, he promised to transmute my sorrow into tales the whole world would read... so I'm Lucifer's Child. And if it didn't sound so beastly, I might say that, the world being what it is, it was worth having syphilis just to be called 'Baroness'."



Julie Harris played Karen Blixen in a one-woman show that interpreted Blixen in "Lucifer's Child." The production picked up the author's life decades after Meryl Streep left off in the movie, "Out of Africa."

Blixen considered herself a Scheharazade. She was about twenty-one years old when she first met her father's family of Danish nobility, very different from the friendly farmers and horseman she has always known. At Frijsenborg, one of the most beautiful castles in Denmark, her father's cousin, Count Frijsenborg and his daughters fascinated her with their aristocracy and wealth. From then on, throughout her life, she felt ambivalent: she wanted to be a great lady, a European aristocrat. Dinesen wanted also to be a writer. She desired most of all, recognition for her great imagination and artistic talent.

She achieved both. But she paid a high price in sickness and suffering.

Robert Langbaum, in "The Gayety of Vision, A Study of Isak Dinesen's Art" (Random House, 1964) records that Karen published "The Angelic Avengers" under a pseudonym during the Second World War. He dismisses it as less than worthy. Yet a playwright, Donald Windham valued it enough to dramatize it. In a book of memorial tributes (Random House, 1965), Windham wrote: "There are authors more interesting than their books, and books more interesting than their authors. But there are authors who fittingly complement their books, and their books them. Isak Dinesen, for example."

Julie Harris' one-woman show, "Lucifer's Child" is by William Luce, who also wrote "The Belle of Amherst" (about Emily Dickinson). The new play, set in 1958, not a pivotal year in Dinesen's life, examines a time when Blixen visited the United States for a lecture tour. In the first act, Blixen, packing silks, feather, sequins and kid gloves for her tour, discusses her clothes. She names them: the kid gloves are "Tristan and Isolde," a dark dress is "Sober Truth," and her silver fox neck piece is "Beowulf."

Of the fascinating women of history that Julie Harris has portrayed on the stage, none had a greater resilience or incandescence of spirit than this extraordinary gifted author, known as Karen Dinesen, Karen Blixen, Isak Dinesen. Miss Harris makes a silvery-faced triumph of an ambitious disease-ridden artist.

In a book of Memorial tributes to her, Eugene Walter wrote a little play in which he called her "Queen of the Monkeys."

"Not by the face shall the man be known, but by the mask," one of Isak Dinesen's characters remarks. The author herself went far beyond looking into a mirror. She donned a mask that

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helped her play out her fantastic potentials, to step from her own story into God's tale. In 1954, eight years before her death, when Ernest Hemingway received the Noble Prize for Literature, he said he would have appreciated seeing it given "to that beautiful writer, Isak Dinesen."

The Blixen Museum contains a library highlighting every edition of Isak Dinesen's works, a small theater featuring presentations of the storyteller's life and career in England and Danish, a cafeteria and a bookstore.

The Green Room contains many pictures and furniture that Blixen took to Africa and an old phonograph Denys Finch Hatton gave Karen. The largest room has the grandfather clock that went with the author to Africa. From this room, the Baroness spoke on radio to a wide audience in the 1950s.

In a peaceful corner of the six acres bird sanctuary and gardens is the storyteller's grave marked simply "Karen Blixen."

The Museum will be open seven days a week May through September 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays October 1 to April 30, 1992, 1-4 p.m. admission is \$5.00.

Karen Blixen's Gravesite

Beneath a bursted beech
at the edge of a Rungsted wood
lies the soul of one I.D.
whose identification
with last century
hopeful ideals
of beauty and sentiment
romantic intent
and the chivalrous bent
were too illusory
for the ignoble world

Once adventurous and quixotic
scandalous and erotic
illuminating and hypnotic
passionate and exotic
feasting ever but always desirous

This baroness and cousin
at home in the bush
fourteen years out
shaping the memories
of a life
returning to the house
between the meadow and the sea
in sight of her youth
her triumph
and the rest

—Bruce E. Massis

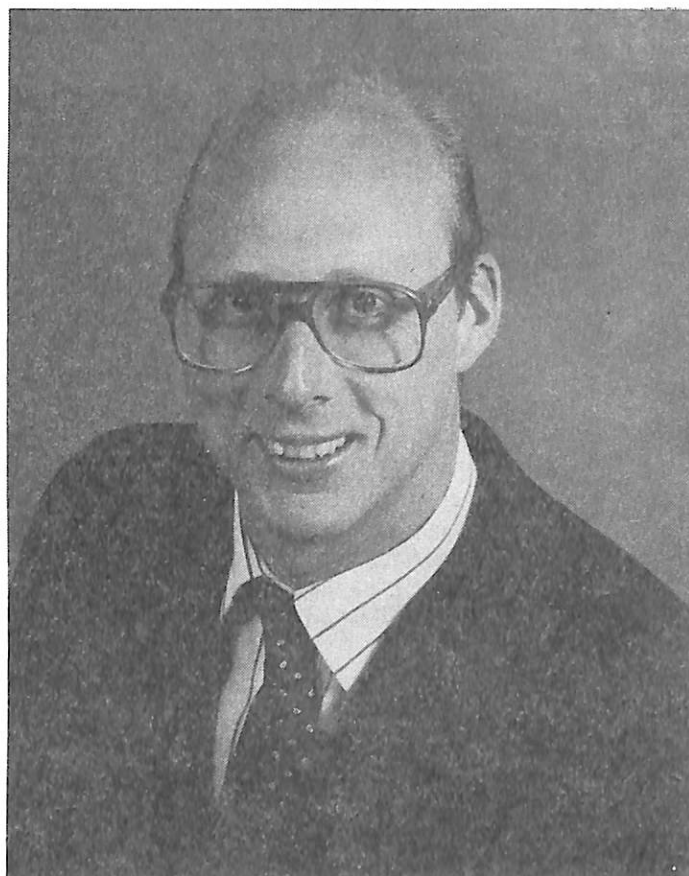
It's Time For Camp

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.

New Employee Hired



John Reuss

There is a new face among the staff at the National Headquarters. John Reuss has joined the Danish Brotherhood in America's Home Office staff.

John has been named Data Processing Manager/Programmer. He began working with the DBIA on December 16, 1991. His position is a new one. As the data processing manager/programmer, John is responsible for maintaining the computer systems, debugging and modifying the current computer programs and coordinating personal computer software with the users needs.

Before coming to the Danish Brotherhood, John worked for Imperial Casualty and Indemnity Company. He attended Lincoln School of Commerce and received an Associate Degree in accounting and computer programming in 1986. He received a Bachelor of Science Education Degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He is a graduate of Elgin Pope John XXIII High School in Elgin, Nebraska.

The small office atmosphere and the friendliness and cooperation of his fellow associates is what John likes most about working at the National Headquarters. He has this to say to members, "The Danish Brotherhood in America is a great organization. Get involved and stay involved. Have fun being a member."

He continues by saying, "If you come to Omaha, stop in the office. I'd enjoy meeting and visiting with you."

John is a member of Gifford Park Neighborhood Association and The Photographers Club of Omaha. He is a Red Cross Volunteer and chairperson of his Neighborhood Watch. His hobbies include: photography, computers, reading, bicycling, water and snow skiing, cooking and traveling as much as possible.

John and his wife, Diane, live in Omaha.

Two More Danish Tales by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

A Jar of Honey

ONCE UPON A TIME there were two women. This is the story of how they were judged by a crime: a widowed woman and her neighbor.

One day, a king saw a beautiful, rich widow and wished to marry her, but she declined his offer and decided to go to her parents to live.

So she put all her silver and gold in two large jars and then filled them with honey.

She trusted her neighbor and asked her to keep the jars until she returned.

Time passed and the neighbor's children were going to celebrate a birthday.

As the mother was baking some cakes she ran out of honey.

It was night time and the stores were closed.

The neighbor remembered the jars of honey that her widowed friend had given her when she went away to her parent's home. "I'll use this honey now and tomorrow I'll buy some more and fill up the jars!"

When she opened the jars and found the silver and gold beneath the honey she was surprised and delighted.

Taking the treasure, she hid it and the next day filled up the jars with fresh honey.

Months passed and the king died. When the rich widow heard this, she left her parent's home and returned to her own house and asked her neighbor for the two jars of honey.

When the widow opened the jars all she found was honey — no silver or gold.

She ran into the streets sobbing and bumped into the Mayor of the town who asked what was wrong.

The woman told him the whole story: about how the king wanted to marry her and why she had refused him and before she had run away she gave her neighbor two jars filled with silver and gold that were covered with honey, but when the king had died she had returned and found the silver and gold gone from the jars.

"How can I prove I was wronged?" she asked, tearfully.

"Let's go before the judge!" said the Mayor. "He will decide who is telling the truth. You or your neighbor!"

And so, the widow and her neighbor appeared in court.

"Do you swear," asked the judge, "that these jars had silver and gold in them and that your neighbor gave them back to you with nothing but the honey?"

"I do!" replied the widow, adamantly.

"And you," said the judge, to the woman's neighbor, "do you swear that these jars held nothing but honey in the first place and that you never saw any silver or gold in them, much laid hands on it?"

"I do!" replied the neighbor, adamantly.

"Then break the jars!" ordered the judge to the woman.

The jars went crashing to the floor and a single gold coin was found sticking to the honey at the bottom of one of them.

"I think we found out who was telling the truth," said the judge, as the neighbor confessed her evil deed and promised to return what she had stolen.

A Poor Man's Plight

ONCE UPON A TIME there was such a poor man that he owned nothing.

One freezing, snowing day a rich man passed and saw the poor man shivering from the cold.

The rich man said, "If you can sit naked on a mountain top for a whole night, I will reward you with many riches!"

The poor man had nothing to lose, for he had nothing in the first place and was determined to get the reward.

And so, he climbed to the top of the mountain, removed his ragged clothing and sat there while the wind and snow battered his slim body.

Meanwhile, when evening came a woman living at the foot of the mountain lit a lamp which shone in her window all night long and the sight of it gave the man the power and strength to endure.

When morning came, he got dressed and came down the mountain to claim his reward.

"Did you see anything while you were up there?" asked the rich man.

"Not a thing," replied the poor man, "except for a small light at the foot of the mountain."

"Then I don't owe you anything!" said the rich man. "Since the light gave you warmth, you didn't keep your end of the bargain and the wager is off! You were to sit naked and unprotected all through the night!"

The poor man wept feeling that he had been cheated. "You leave me no choice but to demand justice from the king! Come with me to court!"

And so, the two of them went before the king.

Both men presented their side of the story and the king listened.

Then the king said, "I find the poor man guilty because he did not stick to the terms of the wager!"

The poor man left the king's chamber weeping because justice had not been done.

A soldier that stood nearby asked him why he was sobbing.

"I am a victim of a fraud!" replied the poor man and he told the soldier the whole story.

"Come with me," said the soldier. "We'll see the king again. I have an idea."

The poor man went with the soldier to see the king who was still talking with the rich man.

"Your highness," said the soldier. "May I remind you that you once ordered lamb to be cooked with a fire always at a distance from it and you asked if the meat was done?"

"What is your point?" asked the king.

"How could have the meat be done," said the soldier, "when it was nowhere near the fire? The same holds true for this poor man who was on the mountain top and the light was far below... how can anyone claim that it warmed him?"

The judge ordered the rich man to pay his debt and the poor man became rich himself and lived happily ever after because of the wisdom of a soldier.

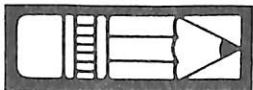
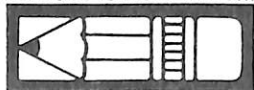
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The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1992 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America and be nominated at a regularly scheduled lodge meeting.

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, 1992. Please note, the same member may be renominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

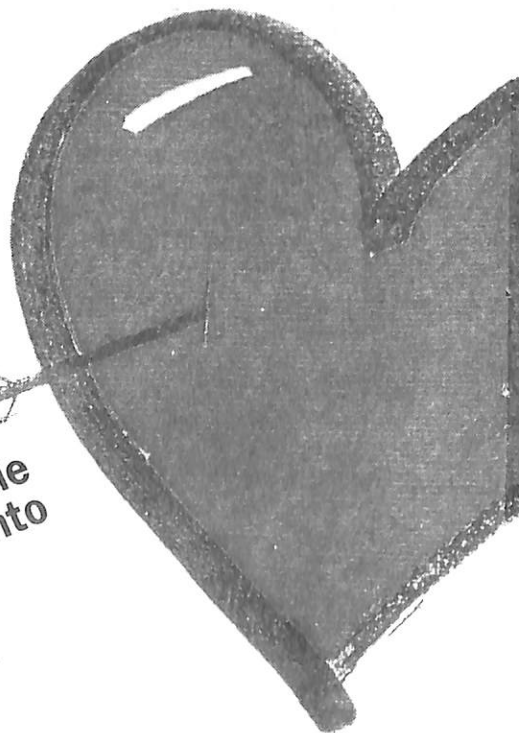
The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress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

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The November meeting was called to order by Mel Hollister. We had two guests in attendance.

The lodge decided to continue sponsorship of the Danes Lodge 29 soccer team with \$300. We are delivering flowers to shut-ins via Mel Hollister. The Nominating Committee report was not complete. There was a moment of silence in memory of Svend Nielsen. A total of \$48 was collected for Operation: H.O.P.E.

The December meeting was called to order by President Frank Poulsen at 7:35 p.m. All officers were present except Vice President Jesper Mortensen and Third Trustee Robert Riley. Two new members were initiated; namely Eric Jensen and Svend Jespersen. Hope to see you often.

The best idea for February goes to Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI. See page 18.

The children's Christmas party was again a big hit at the West Seattle Masonic Hall. The house was full and Santa and his helpers were very busy. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success.

The Pacific Northwest District bowling tournament will be hosted by the Enumclaw Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges on Saturday, March 21.

Frank Poulsen, Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The December 4 meeting came to order at 8:15 p.m.

with 38 members and guests present. The following officers were absent: Jan Hansen (Don Bogh was pro-tem), and Ed Hirsch (Fred Batchelor was pro-tem). We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Larry West explained the Danish symbols. President Lisa Mortensen opened the meeting in the usual manner. Mange tak! A thank you to Don and Jan Christensen for the wonderful dinner served before the meeting. A welcome to Mo Pedersen from Eugene. Four new members were introduced, namely Carol Hansen from Salem; John Nielsen, Joan Jaren of Milwaukie and Harry Lund. These four new members were approved to join our lodge and a short recess followed so we could meet them.

Correspondences and expenses were read and expenses were approved to be paid. The treasurer gave his report.

A big thank you to Bodil and John Hansen and all the volunteers who helped



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to make the Julefest so very nice this year. About 60 children, parents and grandparents joined together to make jul decorations, decorate the tree, sing and dance around the tree and see the Julemand; before having delicious homemade refreshments. A reading of H. C. Andersen's "Thumbelina" and a nice piano carol by Morgan West added to the festivities.

Young Vikings of all ages are invited to come to Snow Bunny Lodge on Saturday, February 8. A day of inner-tubing and playing in the snow awaits all who want to have a good time. Tube rentals by the hour and the day are available at the lodge; and cross country trails leading to Timberline are there for those interested. The Young Vikings will again rent space for our group inside the lodge. Stoves, refrigerators, ovens, etc., are available for our use. Bring a picnic lunch or something to share in the potluck. Friends and family are welcome. The more the merrier!

Mo Pedersen again greeted us and thanked us for the dinner and social gathering. He also gave us a great thank you for the success of the National Convention and suggested a great gift for Christmas — a Danish commemorative plate. Del Strand was the recipient of a centennial plate for Joshua Keen, his grandson. Del accepted it and showed it to the group.

The new slate of officers were presented to the members as follows: Past President, Lisa Mortensen; President, Norman Powell; Vice President, Steve Sorensen; Secretary, Katherine Jensen; Treasurer, none at this time; 1st Trustee, Phillip Baker; 2nd Trustee, Karsten Walther; 3rd Trustee, Del Strand; Conductor, Darlene Voss; Activities Director, Debbie Turner; Inner Guard, John Hansen; Young Vikings, Kris Roley; and Outer Guard, Pete Christensen. A motion was made to accept these and the floor was opened for a nomination for treasurer. It went back to the nomination committee to find a treasurer.

National President Woody Petersen has sent us a letter asking when we want Leonard Thompson, the keynote speaker at the National Convention, to come and speak to our lodge. He has some items of concern and many suggestions for the improvement of our operations.

A thank you to Phil Baker for playing the piano while we sang the National Anthem. Just before the close of the meeting, James Chase volunteered to become our next treasurer. He has been a member for 21 years. It was moved from the floor that we pass a ballot for James Chase as the new treasurer.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 65 Brothers present at the December meeting which was also our annual general meeting. We began with our usual meeting procedure. At our last meeting, we appointed Poul B. Christensen as chairman for our general meeting. We began with the president's report followed by the treasurer's report. Both reports were accepted as read.

The election of 1992 officers resulted in the following: Past President, Peter Praegel; President, Jens Peter Vester-gaard; Vice President, Poul Sørensen; Secretary, Peter M. Jensen; Treasurer, Herluf Pedersen; Trustees, Uwe Bruhn, Tommy B. Johansen and Erik Esmann; Conductor, John P. Mikkelsen; Inner Guard, Aksel K. Jensen; Outer Guard, Per Hansen; First Alternate, Karl Kristensen; and Second Alternate, Kalle Moser. A thanks was given to Poul B. Christensen for conducting the general meeting in a proper fashion.

The holiday spirit was present at this meeting. A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Salvation Army and \$200 to the Ladies Auxiliary of Dania Home to help the senior residents. Both motions passed.

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

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — We had the pleasure of one another's company often during December as we came together to handle lodge business and celebrate the Christmas season.



Santa delights the children at Julefest.

At our regular meeting on December 12, we cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers nominated to lead us in 1992. They formally assumed their respective offices at

the installation dinner on January 9. Following the business meeting, we enjoyed coffee and Christmas treats as Al Nyegaard entertained us with his in-depth history of the Christmas Seal. What a delight to learn that a Dane introduced the decorative stamps in 1904 to support treatment of tuberculosis. We shall remember Einar Holbøll as the "Father of the Christmas Seal."



The newest Young Vikings greet the lodge after initiation at the Christmas party.

We held our Julefest on December 15, kicking off the festivities with the initiation of five new Young Vikings: Jill Nyegaard, Carey Taekker, Karin Nyegaard, Jesse Taekker, and Krista Nyegaard. After that special ceremony, we danced and strolled around the Juletrae, caroling alternately in Danish and English. We then took our seats to hear Otto Jensen read the Christmas story. Next, Barbie Whitford gathered the children around her and shared with them a story that has become a tradition in her own family. Then, we heard the sound of sleigh bells and a Julemand appeared, carrying gifts for all the children. We finished our celebration with refreshments.

On December 22, many of us attended the Lillejuleaftens worship service at Bethesda Lutheran Church. Pastor Jørn Muller conducted the service in Danish with assistance from Bethesda's Pastor Troy Mooneyham. Martin and Hanne Taekker also assisted with the service and Birgit Sand played the piano.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

**CALIFORNIA-
NEVADA**

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — President Doris Christensen called the December meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call following. Officers again had 100% attendance. That's the way to end a good year.

Secretary Betty Seale thanked Sofie for taking the minutes of the last meeting which she read. She read the important correspondence from the Home Office. For the past few months, DBIA Alhambra Lodge No. 323 has been corresponding with the Home Office indicating that they would like to merge with our lodge. The Home Office endorsed such a merger. A motion was made and the members unanimously accepted the merger. Our lodge will undoubtedly become much stronger because of this action. Alhambra Lodge has many hard working and talented people and we look forward to an excellent and progressive year. Welcome members of Alhambra Lodge No. 323!



Lodge No. 126 President Christensen and Lodge No. 323 President Christensen.

Our lodge received a check for \$10.00 from the Home Office for the best idea award in the November issue of the **American Dane**. Correspondence from Bent Christensen and the Danish Lutheran Church was read. The church is in need of many more contributions for the new church so let's all pitch in and help! Treasurer Owen Miller gave his report on the finances.

Vice President Neco Hansen and President Doris Christensen gave a report on the fish dinner and bingo which was a complete success. The European Caterers and helpers served delicious food just like the Danes like it and the bingo went very well. The proceeds of \$301.83 will be donated to the California-Nevada District scholarship fund. We hope to do this again this year.

Arrangements were made for Betty and David Seale to take the donated food items and the Christmas gifts to the Salvation Army Quarters within the week after the lodge's Christmas party. It was very heartwarming to see so much food and so many beautiful gifts donated. Thank you.

Past President Karl Duus, Chairperson of

the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers for 1992. **Anne Kofod, Cor.**

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — A good time was had by all, especially the children, at the Christmas party. They performed the traditional "Twelve Days of Christmas" song. Santa arrived on time after our singing around the tree and had a much awaited pair of hand knitted slippers for each little (and big) child. The committee wishes to say mange tak for all your support with the decorating, sandwiches and Johanna's special apple cake.

Due to some difficulties we have encountered with the Norway Hall, we will not be meeting there anymore. The February 12 meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and Bill Jensen will be our host. We will meet at the home of Rick and Margaret Carlson on March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Our Christmas potluck dinner on December 14 was attended by more than 85 members, family and friends. Everyone participated by bringing delicious dishes to share. There was plenty to eat and we would like to thank everyone who prepared and brought the food.

Following dinner the children gathered together to meet Santa Claus. Many thanks to Jim Dwyer who once again participated as our lodge's Santa. Each child, big and small, was called up and sat on Santa's lap as he handed them their gift and a special Christmas bag from the lodge.

Special thanks to Rosemary Allison for making the cute Christmas bags for the children. Thanks also to Jim Wiegandt who donated the oranges, Soren Christensen for the apples, Gary Gossett for the candy, Gerry Olsen for the cotton candy and the lodge bought the toys inside each Christmas bag. Santa also passed out candy canes to everyone and greeted the adults as he passed through the crowd.

Following Santa's visit, President Jim held a brief business meeting. We began with a moment of silence in honor of the passing of our dear member, Holger Christensen.

Several visitors were introduced. We were pleased to have them join us. It was voted to pay all the bills for December and January. Vivian Schuette accepted \$50 for current and future purchases for the Christian Temporary Housing Facility as part of our Operation: H.O.P.E. Thanks to everyone who generously donated the many canned goods for our December Operation: H.O.P.E. project. Helga will be taking these goods to the Salvation Army and they will be given to a needy family.

Following the meeting, dessert was

served. Many thanks to the Weigandts and the Gossetts for organizing the evening.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Fifty-nine guests and members attended our annual Christmas party. It was a little cooler than past years but we still had a great time and the kids were able to sing around the Christmas tree outside. The food was good and many thanks to the cooks who helped to make this a real traditional Danish dinner. Once again, a joint effort returned a great meal. There were almonds in the pudding and six people got to take home the poinsettia plants that decorated the tables.



Many enjoyed singing and dancing around the Christmas tree.

Santa, or Julemand, and his helpers gave out the gifts to the children along with the bags of candy Lynda Jones made up for them. Thank you Lynda and thanks to Julemand from our lodge. We need to say a special thanks to "Elf" Doris Thompson who did the shopping and wrapping for Santa this year. Thanks, Doris! Secretary Nancy Nielsen presented our Treasurer, Anne Hansen, with a check for \$100 that the lodge received from the National Headquarters for the National President's Award for the Best Activity Schedule for 1991. President Jim had a fire going in the shop and we all kept warm as we held our adult gift exchange.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus check on the members of Lodge No. 346.

SKOVSEEN '92

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 10 villages in the Concordia Language Villages program.

At Skovsøen, "villagers," as participants are called, become immersed in the Danish language and culture.

Upon arrival at Skovsøen, villagers present their passports, go through customs, select Danish names and exchange their money for Danish currency. Next, they are shown to their cabins, which are named for Danish cities. They are now citizens of Skovsøen.

The spoken language is emphasized through large and small learning groups, games, mealtimes and singing. Danish culture is discovered through traditional crafts, sports and dancing. Evening programs are devoted to the Danish heritage, holidays and folklore as well as environmental and political issues.

An excellent staff of both native Danes and Americans are eager to share their knowledge and experience with the villagers.

There are two-week sessions that focus on the spoken language and culture. Four-week credit sessions, for those who want a more intensive study of the language, meet the Minnesota state requirements for a year of high school credit.

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

There is a two-week session held August 10-22 and a four-week credit session held July 27-August 22.



Credit villagers learn vocabulary by labeling the parts of the body and a traditional costume.

For Whom

The sessions are for young people aged 8-18 who are interested in Denmark, the Danish language and culture.

Costs

The cost for the two-week session is \$615 and for the credit session, \$1,340, 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.

Described below are three different scholarships available for attendance at Skovsøen in 1992.

The criterion for receiving a scholarship is an 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 (\$40 for two weeks and \$80 for the credit program) 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. How to Apply

The Concordia Language Villages has requested that Skovsøen Danish Village Inc. (described below) 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.

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 beginning of your session. Cancellation within the last two weeks is subject to an additional \$35 fee. Refunds for cancellations during the session will be prorated, less a non-refundable administrative fee of \$25 per day and the \$40 non-refundable registration fee.

Include two 2" x 2" photos for your village passport. Sign your name on the back of each photo.

1992 Application Danish Language Village

Type or print clearly. Please fill out completely.

For office use only

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Passport _____	#37 _____
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I. Village session: ☐ August 10-22 (2 wk) ☐ July 27-August 22 (4 wk)

II. Background information and passport information

Name: _____ Last First Middle	Birth date _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Address: _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Country _____ Home telephone (_____) _____ Area code	Grade (1991-1992) _____ Gender: M F School Information: School _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Teacher _____ Country of citizenship _____ Amount of instruction _____ Place of birth _____ World languages studied, if any (specify) _____ Description of residence abroad, if any _____ Language Villages attended, if any _____ Years '83 '84 '85 '86 '87 '88 '89 '90 '91 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 _____ Street address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Telephone: home (_____) _____ Area code work (_____) _____ Area code Father'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 _____ If not available in an emergency, notify _____ Relationship _____ Full name _____ Address _____ Telephone: daytime (_____) _____ evening (_____) _____ Area code Area code	Mother's name _____ Street address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Telephone: home (_____) _____ Area code work (_____) _____ Area code Mother's occupation _____
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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 _____ Signature _____ Applicant's age _____ Gender _____ Address _____ Street City _____ State _____ ZIP _____	Parent's or guardian's name _____ Signature _____
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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:

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 c/o Danish-American Center
 4200 Cedar Ave.
 Minneapolis, MN 55407

or 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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Thanks to Nancy Nielsen who once again made the glugg and to all of you who donated cookies to the cause and to all the children who brought food for the needy. Darlene Petersen took the donations to a family in need in the Colton area. Thanks to President Jim for the use of the barn and as always, a big thank you to the members for your support.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — Due to an ice storm, our December meeting was postponed until Monday, December 30, at the Community Center for our Christmas party with 56 in attendance. The table prayer was prayed in unison in Danish. Visitors were Alfred Hansen and Alma Space of Minden, and Nels and Mary Jo Hansen of Chicago. All enjoyed a delicious supper.

President Herbert called the meeting to order. Due to illness, no secretary's report was given. The treasurer's report was given and a thank you was read from Bethany Home. Ten fruit baskets were delivered at Christmas time to shut-ins. Dorrit Jones thanked the lodge for her husband's and mother's fruit baskets. A thank you was read from Elmer Davidson for remembering him when he was hospitalized and for the fruit basket.

Glen Haselbarth presented Edith Thomsen with an engraved silver plate in honor of being chosen Monarch Queen at the Nebraska District Convention this past year. Herbert Nielsen thanked Glen for making the year books.

The meeting was turned over to the program committee. Margaret Sorensen announced that the program would be something like a rural school Christmas program with readings by Ed Schrock, Judy Schrock, Bill Jorgensen, Jr., Per Lysthauge and Gail Lysthauge. Gerald Sorensen talked about P.T.A. meetings. The

group sang several songs and hymns with Glen Haselbarth at the piano. We sang Happy Birthday to Alfred Hansen, Fred Bronson and Wesley Nielsen. A fun game was played with the Schrocks as leaders. The year books were distributed. Thanks to the program committee of Gerald and Margaret Sorensen, Per and Gail Lysthauge, and Ed and Judy Schrock.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — Excitement reigned at our lodge on the evening of December 14 when Quentin Johnson brought the famous Dane, Victor Borge, to the I.O.O.F. Hall in Lincoln for a 45 minute show, which featured the introduction of Mozart, inflationary language and the duet of Victor Borge and Marylyn Mulvey. Yes, he is the Master Funnyman of our age and all of Denmark. Thank you, Quentin, for having Mr. Borge on the program this evening, even if it was on video tape.

Gladys Sorensen was our evening Mistress of Ceremony, leading the group in songs of the season, Christmas caroling and featuring the speakers for the evening, Ingrid Hansen, Ida Pedersen and Agnete Pechous. Ingrid told us what was done before Christmas. Ida told all about the goodies that were made and Agnete told what happened after Christmas. Yes, the customs are different. Ingrid and Ida were farm girls, while Agnete was a city girl in Copenhagen.

Then the three Danish ladies sang a Danish song, assisted by Erik Hansen and Svend Boyer, who were also born in Denmark.

The "Little Fir Tree" by Hans Christian Andersen, was read by Eudean Lehn.

The festive table filled with goodies kept our interest. Thanks to the committee in charge; namely Stenvald and Ida Pedersen, Earl and Isabel Christiansen, Paul and Arla Mae Hansen and Agnete Pechous.

Forming a huge circle, the presentation of gifts for everyone was made and happy

members said "Glaedelig Jul" to each other.

Don Lehn, Cor.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — We had our Christmas party at the Blue Flame Room in Grand Island. A catered supper was served. Eric Martinsen of St. Paul showed slides and told about his experiences of being an exchange student in Denmark last year. Afterwards, games were played.

Vera Petersen, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — A Christmas party was experienced by 30 children and 72 adults on December 8. The afternoon was filled with the sounds of Kirsten Lundgren telling stories to the children; dancing around the tree decorated by the children and adults; singing led by Virginia Jacobsen; visit by Santa with greetings and bags of goodies for the children; and conversation by all while sipping cold or hot drinks and eating holiday cookies and other delicious snacks.



Santa checks to find out who's been naughty and who's been nice.

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
11-27-91	Hans B. Nielsen	80	Ordurp, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1942
12-1-91	Irwin Rogge	68	Essen, Germany	227	Detroit, Michigan	1979
11-30-91	Nels P. Christensen	97	Hellinge, Lolland, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1920
10-19-91	Edvind H. B. Rasmussen	82	Assens, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1949
12-10-91	Roy J. Hansen	78	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1974
12-14-91	Nanda Gamborg-Nielsen	82	Aalborg, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1972
12-10-91	Holger T. Christensen	81	Los Angeles, California	345	Orange County, California	1981
12-2-91	Joseph Dudik	73	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1974
11-30-91	Christian Miller	89	Varde, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1974
12-4-91	Everett A. Moore	70	Fords, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1976
10-1-91	Hans F. Christensen	96	Fuglsang, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1914
11-9-91	Irwood A. Hay	86	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1943
12-17-91	Paul E. Roberts	83	Erel Free Co. Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1945

The regular December meeting followed on December 9. After the business meeting, four of our members entertained with a session of "Show and Tell." Dick Kramme showed books and photos and told about raising various types of unique birds, Vietnamese pot-belly pigs and banty chickens.

Curt Sorensen displayed beautiful samples of his woodworking craftsmanship including lovely inlaid bowls, clocks, a small zebra wood table and cleverly designed heart with an arrow through it.

Doug Lary displayed his scuba diving equipment and shared some of his diving experiences in the Midwest and the Bahamas.

Our President, Wilber Williamson, showed two authentic silver artifacts from Denmark which dated back to the wedding of his great-grandparents in 1818. One was a silver flask-type container for smelling salts given to the bride by the groom to be carried during the wedding. The other was a silver buckle for the groom's pantaloons given by the bride. This type of program proved quite interesting. The members enjoyed "seeing and hearing" the talents, hobbies and collections of some of our members.

We were all pleasantly surprised when Secretary Goldie Sorensen read the letter from National President Woody Petersen announcing that the National President's Awards Committee had declared our lodge as the winner of the 1991 President's Award for Best Newsletter, and especially knowing that a check for \$100 was included with the award.

For our Operation: H.O.P.E. Christmas project, members contributed 22 gifts and \$35 in cash which made it possible for each of the five sponsored children to receive two articles of clothing plus three other gifts which varied from games, books, toys, dolls, or personal items. Our lodge also sent \$50 to Lutheran Social Services to be used for additional Christmas giving.

The program at our February 10 meeting will feature George Falk, a member of the famous "Ironmen" of the University of Iowa football team in the late 1930s. Members, please remember the new 7:00 p.m. starting time. Our popular Fastelavns Party will be held Sunday, February 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Our lodge joined with Sisterhood Lodge No. 60 on Saturday, January 4, at the Senior Citizens Center for our annual heritage potluck supper.

Vice President Luverne Clausen called

the business meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and matters of business were completed.

A thank you was read from Major Norma DeGraff thanking the bell ringers of the Danish Brotherhood for ringing the bell for the Christmas kettles. Bell ringers were Alton Neve, Earl Levisen, Maurine Levisen, Arnold Levisen and James Tomson.

Don Levisen reported that the City of Albert Lea is agreeable to the erection of the Mermaid Statue proposed by the Mermaid Statue Group.

Newly elected officers for 1992 were called to the fore and Luverne Clausen read the installation of officers ceremony. Officers for 1992 are as follows: President, Harlan Nelson; Vice President, Harlan Erickson; Secretary-Treasurer, Grace M. Tomson; Financial Secretary, Alton Neve;

Conductor, Arnold Levisen; and Trustees, Jack Paulsen, Phillip Sorensen and Clifford Petersen.

A most interesting and educational program was presented by Robert Entorf telling of their elderhostel vacation in Arizona visiting and learning the habits and unusual traditions of the Navajo and Hopi Indians.

Following the potluck supper, dessert was served by Irma and Arnold Levisen, Lois and Merlin Steele and Grace and Jim Tomson.

Grace Tomson, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — We held our regular meeting on Saturday, January 4, at the Senior Center. President Therkel Jorgensen opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by the members.

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
Robert H. Rowe	1	Omaha, NE	Eigil M. Andersen
Lynne S. Wayne	3	Davenport, IA	Leonard C. Scherff
Santo F. Meo	14	Kenosha, WI	William H. Myers
Harold "Bud" W. Brandt	14	Kenosha, WI	Martin M. Petersen, Jr.
Rudy P. Butteri	14	Kenosha, WI	Ronald J. Ziehl
Orville R. Canfield	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert L. Loss
Emil A. Olson	14	Kenosha, WI	Anker E. Adelsen
Leonard A. Monroe	14	Kenosha, WI	James L. Nolen
Norman J. Huber	14	Kenosha, WI	Roger J. Sorensen
Henry W. Anderson	14	Kenosha, WI	Emil A. Olson
Nelson D. Thulin	14	Kenosha, WI	Emil A. Olson
William J. Evans	14	Kenosha, WI	William N. Jensen
Roy L. Dupuis	14	Kenosha, WI	William N. Jensen
Richard A. Misch	14	Kenosha, WI	Marinus C. Van Boven
John M. Wamboldt	14	Kenosha, WI	James P. Bohn
Lars Peder Boerre	15	Des Moines, IA	Svend A. Christensen
Eugene Olsen	92	St. Charles, IL	Carl Kristensen
Joan E. Jaren	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Charles E. Creamer	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Shirley Fisher	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Vagn Petersen	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Lisa G. McCoy	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Elizabeth Bigler	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Karin R. Bigler	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Joseph D. Rodriguez	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Kenneth Sunkin	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Eva Christensen	167	Portland, OR	Elizabeth Ann Walther
Katie M. Larsen	167	Portland, OR	Steven L. Larsen
Kasey Hudson	167	Portland, OR	Morris H. Stansbury
Jeffrey Hudson	167	Portland, OR	Morris H. Stansbury
Joel J. Chase	167	Portland, OR	James E. Chase
George H. Rutter	170	Rocky River, OH	Gunild Ostergaard
John B. Moullette	257	St. Petersburg, FL	Eigil M. Andersen
Werner Mayer	268	Junction City, OR	Carl N. Nielsen
Jesse M. Taekker	348	Eugene, OR	Martin C. Taekker
Carey C. A. Taekker	348	Eugene, OR	Hanne Taekker
Robert E. Conrad	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Per Hvid	600	Omaha, NE	Eigil M. Andersen
Lucille Sunleaf	600	Omaha, NE	Eigil M. Andersen
Boyd Walton	600	Omaha, NE	Eigil M. Andersen

Therkel welcomed our guests, Harald and Margaret Madsen.

We were honored to have a group of five guests from the National Headquarters in Omaha. The keynote speaker was Jerome Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer. Leonard Thompson, our Danish Brotherhood Consultant, spoke at length and brought to our attention many items of concern and many suggestions for improvement in our operations.

Andy Andersen, National Sales Director for the past 17 years, gave an interesting account of his experiences with the DBIA. Jennifer Denning-Kock, Editor-in-Chief of the **American Dane** and National Fraternal Director, presented ideas for future programs.

Bradley Riley, our area manager, offered to share his ideas relative to a membership drive beginning in February, 1992.

Following a period of questions and answers, the meeting adjourned. A delicious lunch was served by Mary and Delno Hansen and Olga and Magda Sorensen.

Therkel Jorgensen, Pres.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — Our lodge along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 had a grand time at our Christmas party on December 8. Traditional reading of Hans Christian Andersen stories and others to about 26 children was done by Janeen Danielsen. Some of the children were in costume, as were some of the parents and grandparents. We also danced around the tree and sang. After that, we ate good things and Peter Mommer, son of Jack and Mary Mommer, got the prized almond in the rice pudding. About 75 persons attended.

We are hoping to have Leonard Thompson at our February meeting to talk about the future options for the Danish Brotherhood.

Plans are progressing for our lodge to host the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in September. We will again be using the facilities of the Red Fox Inn in Waverly, Iowa.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — At our December meeting, our 1992 officers were elected as follows: Thorvald Sorensen, President; Steven Sorensen, Vice President; Kathy Sonsalla, Secretary; Edith Skene, Treasurer; John Smeby, Chairman of the Trustees; Tammi Sonsalla, 2nd year Trustee; LaVonne Sorensen, 3rd year Trustee; Todd Sonsalla, Conductor; Richard Skene, Inner Guard; Frances Miller, Outer Guard; Jerry Sonsalla, Program Chairman; Alvin Miller, Insurance Representative; Thorvald Sorensen, Membership Chairman; and Steven Sorensen, Youth Chairman.

The \$100 National Convention loan was returned from Portland, Oregon, Lodge No. 167. Alvin Miller talked about the new insurance representative, Brad Riley, from Spencer, Iowa.

We had our annual Christmas party with dancing around the tree while singing Christmas carols and then we played bingo.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — Our January meeting was well attended for our installation of officers. The slate of officers remained the same with the exception of the treasurer. Due to increased operating expenses, it was voted to increase our local lodge dues to \$7.50.



50-year members, Gunnar and Paul Krogh.

It was the President's pleasure to present two 50-year pins to Gunnar and Paul Krogh. The men are brothers and this is not the first 50-year pin in the family. Their late father, Alfred Krogh, also received a 50-year pin and was a charter member of our lodge. The Krogh family has been well represented from the beginning of the lodge.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch and laughs.

Judie Nealson, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met December 30 at the Elk Horn Town Hall for our annual Christmas party and meeting. About 55 members attended and enjoyed a delicious potluck supper. Lucky people to find an almond in their dessert were Signe Madsen, Mabel Madsen, Burton Esbeck, Alice Simonsen, Lydia Andersen, and JoAnn Sorensen. Each received a prize.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Christensen. National and local dues were discussed. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Christensen were presented a gift for their golden wedding anniversary.

Installation of the new officers was done by President Gary. Warren Jacobsen is the new Vice President. Gary turned the meeting and gavel over to our new President, Elmer Jensen. He made some comments and adjourned the meeting.

Our program was presented by Mrs. Burton Esbeck who read one of Hans Christian Andersen's stories. Several members shared Christmas memories with us and, of course, we sang carols and danced around the Christmas tree. A good time was had by all.

JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — Our annual Christmas party was held at Squaw Creek on December 14. As usual, the decorating committee had been busy converting the hunting lodge into a cozy Christmas den - Julestue. It was a truly beautiful job and welcomed everyone to start the holiday season on a happy note. The weather was lovely, for Iowa in December, and we had a good turnout. Fortunately, we had a lot of little children in the group. They sat and listened to stories read by Kathy McLaren, who also played the accordion, much to everyone's delight.

Our soup supper turned out very well. We thank the food committee for a big task well done. It was greatly appreciated by all.

Then came the time for the old familiar Christmas carols. We all joined hands and danced around the tree. The biggest thrill of all was the arriving of Santa Claus with his sack full of toys. Thank you, Santa!

The adults were not forgotten either, thanks to Norm and Sharon Nielsen and Dave and Norma Nietert. We all received a handmade hobby horse to add to our collection. This was the fifth year these dear people had worked on a Christmas decoration for each lodge member. It is a big job but so well received.

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the wonderful, warm Christmas celebration. May 1992 be a great, happy year for all. Godt nytar.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

MIDWEST

Midwest District

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE. Midwest District scholarship applications for the 1992/93 school year will be considered May 1, 1992. Eligible members wishing to apply should write the District Secretary, Albertice C. Nylen, 97 Carriage Road, Barrington, Illinois 60010 for an application. Applications received after the deadline of May 1, 1992, will not be considered by the committee for an award.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Our goals with the Home Office were 50 new members in 1990 and 50 new members in 1991 for a total of 100. We took in 52 new mem-

bers in 1990 and 49 in 1991 for a total of 101. Congratulations to all who brought in new members. Twenty-five new members from 1991 and their sponsors were treated to our annual membership recognition dinner hosted by the lodge. All had a good time of fellowship. Hope you will be at this year's dinner with a new member. Ralph Petersen brought in three new members in 1991 as the top recruiter. The new 101 members were brought in by 82 different members.

Our adult Christmas party was attended by 260 people. We were entertained by the Bradford Singers with their excellent young voices. Christmas carols were sung, led by Duke Ellingham, Bill Kuessow and Roger Nelson. Following a great meal, door prizes were given out courtesy of our lodge and Hansen's Funeral Home. We heard from President Rudy Bernhardt who introduced his board of officers for 1991 and thanked them for their efforts along with all of the members who worked hard this last year to improve our club. Tom Nelson was given a gift certificate for the HobNob Restaurant to thank him for all of his efforts in the store problem that we had. Roger Nelson was honored with one of our Viking ships for his many years of dedicated service on the Board. Betty Jean and her trio kept the dance floor full the rest of the evening and a good time was had by all.

Election of officers for 1992 was held. All officers will remain in their same positions except Roger Nelson. Our new secretary is Ronald Jensen.

The annual children's Christmas party was attended by 170 excited children. Brother Ralph Pfarr performed his great magic tricks, games were played along with serving ice cream and soda. Christmas carols were sung as they marched around the Danish tree and then Santa came to give everyone a present. This is a big job and we thank Chairman Ron and Penny Zieth along with Anker Adelsen, Ray and Jane Zieth, Harold Bordeau and other Santa's helpers. The whole event was taped for cable television.

The deadline for national scholarships is February 15 and the Midwest District scholarship deadline is May 1. You must be an insured member to receive a scholarship. Please contact Ron Jensen for forms and information.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — Twenty members attended our first meeting of 1992 which was held on January 2. A short business meeting was held which was followed by the installation of officers for the new year. They are as follows: Past President, Thorkil Winther; President,

Merle Nylén; Secretary, Albertice Nylén; Treasurer, Svend Jorgensen; 1st Trustee, Karen Nylén-Swidergal; 2nd Trustee, Thorkil Winther; 3rd Trustee, Joseph Polka; and Conductor, Linda Steffensen.

After the installation, a delicious tray of Danish sandwiches was served, made by our member, Rosie Farrelly. The sandwiches were enjoyed by all. A sing-along for our birthday member, Joe Polka, who donated the akvavit, was held.

Albertice Nylén, Sec.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — The 1992 officers as elected at the December meeting are as follows: Past President, Shirley Holzhauer; President, Virgil Holzhauer; Vice President, Richard Perschnick; Secretary, Margaret Goodwin; Treasurer, Carol Clavey; 1st Trustee, Robert E. Weller; 2nd Trustee, Roy Hoegger; 3rd Trustee, Robert Andersen; and Conductor, James Lauritsen.

Thanks to Marge Lauritsen and Ray Holzhauer for taking orders for kringle and to Kenny Jensen and Ray for picking them up and to all those who helped bag and distribute them. A total of 300 kringle were sold.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Our annual Christmas party took place on December 13 and our meeting hall was packed! President John Jorgensen welcomed everyone and then did some reminiscing back to a Christmas party in 1978 or 1979. The party was held at John and Cindy's home! That is how this Christmas event has grown. On December 13, 1991, there were over 200 adults and children!

Pastor Lynne Petersen offered the invocation and then everyone had a chance at the buffet table. Thanks to everyone who provided all kinds of good foods. Also, thanks to the Iversens for the beautiful dessert. The hall looked very festive.

During the supper hour, a brass ensemble consisting of young lodge members entertained us with Christmas music. They were really good and their Santa Claus hats looked perfect. Those in the ensemble were Lisa And Kristin Connery and Brian, Kevin, Mark and David Johanson. We hope they will play for us at every Christmas party. Thanks so much from all of us who were listeners.

The children had a chance to make wierd shapes out of the marzipan candy that Doris Whitcomb provided. She said they deviated somewhat from the usual different fruit shapes but had a good time. Thanks Doris!

Paul Sloth lead the singing of carols while the children danced around the tree.

Earlier in the evening, they had decorated the tree with traditional Danish ornaments. Ellen Haukedahl accompanied on the piano and some Danish carols were also sung. Thanks Paul and Ellen!

Then came the best part of the evening for the children. That jolly old fella, Santa Claus, arrived and the kids loved him. He had a toy for over 70 children and other goodies, too. Whoever his helpers were surely did a good job shopping and deserve a big thank you. Santa read the Christmas story and the children sat around in front of him. Thanks Santa!

It was a great evening and credit must go to the committee members who worked so hard to prepare for the party. Dick and Eleanor Sabey got the troops in order and did the planning. Thanks Dick and Eleanor! For those who worked and are not mentioned here by name, consider this your thank you. Your efforts were appreciated by all who attended the party.

Two young men from Copenhagen came to our party. They are in Chicago working in a program that provides food (and I believe lodging) for the indigent. They had seen the news about our party in the **Danish Pioneer** and made some calls and put in an appearance that evening. Bill Baerentzen and Andreas Magnussen were most welcome and it is hoped they will be able to come to more of our meetings.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We thank Chairperson Sandra Sorensen for making arrangements at the Country Gardens Restaurant where 15 members enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on December 9. The non-perishables brought by the attendees were donated to the Food Pantry of Grace Lutheran Church, Grafton, Wisconsin. Thanks to all who helped.

After the singing of Christmas songs, President Grace Gertz conducted a short business meeting of the Nominating Committee of Ernie Norquist, Elsie Hien and Al Larsen. The election resulted in the following: Past President, Inga Hermansen; President, Grace Gertz; Vice President, Lillian Jensen; Corresponding Secretary, Carol Larsen; Recording Secretary, Sandra Sorensen; Treasurer, Albert Larsen; First Trustee, Elsie Hein; Second Trustee, Albert Larsen; Third Trustee, Barbara Larsen and Conductor, Elsa Berlin.

Thanks to Sandra and Paul Sorensen for the donation of poinsettia plants.

Al Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — On December 19, members and guests gathered for our annual Christmas potluck dinner at

Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall. After a delicious meal, Phil Peterson rendered several Christmas songs, followed by group singing of carols and dancing around the Christmas tree. A collection was taken to be given as a gift for the children at "Tomorrow's Children," a home for handicapped children.

The 1992 officers who were nominated by the Nominating Committee and were elected by voice vote are as follows: Past President, Melda Mortensen; President, Harold Rasmussen; Vice President, Fred Rasmussen; Secretary, Vivian Jensen; Treasurer, Jean Lundorf; 1st Trustee, Aleine Miller; 2nd Trustee, Henry Mortensen; 3rd Trustee, Marjorie Darrow; Conductor, August Christensen; Inner Guard, Inga Polly and Outer Guard, Everette Hansen.

We thank Marjorie Hansen for selling tickets and Debbie Rasmussen for distributing name tags at our Mortensaften. Thanks to Esther Engbretsen for her story about the Danes and the historical events. The Norwegian Dancers were excellent and the announcer depicted the variation of costumes. It was a gala celebration and the food was excellent. **Vera Yorkson, Cor.**

Melda Mortensen, Past Pres.

GCEL

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — Our December meeting was well attended by 41 members. A moment of silence was observed and our charter draped in memory of Chris Miller. The lodge welcomed Glen Sorensen into membership as an active member.

Election of officers for 1992 was held and the new roster consists of Past President, W. Brose; President, E. Brown; Secretary, K. Nielsen; Treasurer, A. Nielsen; Financial Secretary, W. Gillespie; Conductor, J. Schneider; Inner Guard, C. Pedersen; Trustees, W. Brose, V. Lamana and G. Nielsen. Delegates for the Home include C. Pedersen and A. Nielsen with alternates of J. Schneider and E. Erickson.

Christmas dance chairman K. Nielsen reported on the success of the event socially and financially. The next major event will be the Fastelavns Fest to be held at the Home on February 29.

Following the meeting, the members enjoyed the smorgasbord prepared by a knowing committee and some helpful wives. Janet Palmer surprised us with a large beautifully decorated cake that was appreciated and enjoyed by all

Jens Jessen, Cor

Lodge #164, New York, NY — Forty-three hardy souls braved the December weather for our lodge's annual Christmas party. Santa brought many beautiful and unusual gifts.

To all the DBIA lodges, may the New Year be filled with increased membership for all of us. **Maggie Cull, Cor.**

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — At the Christmas party on December 6 we found out how many young children we have in our lodge when 20 of them showed up to make friends with Santa Claus. A great flaeskesteg dinner with all the trimmings was served to 56 adults and young people. Christmas presents to the children, door prizes to the adults and much singing of the old familiar songs and dancing around the Christmas tree made this a memorable evening for everyone. The ladies preparing the food and the committee did an outstanding job and all who attended are most appreciative.

Mark the date on your calendar for the joint installation of officers for Sisterhood Princess Marie Lodge No. 86, Brotherhood Viking Lodge No. 342 and our lodge to be held at Springfield Masonic Lodge in March with our lodge as the host.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — We thank Barre Lodge No. 294 for hosting a beautiful convention last September. It was my third convention there and they just keep getting better. Our lodge was represented by delegates Carl Sorensen and Paul Nielsen.

In October, Brother Carl Sorensen traveled to Oregon as our delegate to the National Convention, accompanied by his wife, Nancy. Also representing our lodge at the convention were Paul Nielsen and his wife, Ingrid.

In December, the Sisterhood and Brotherhood had a Christmas party on our meeting night. We all enjoyed the food and the grab bag and look forward to an encouraging new year.

Waldo Elliott, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Aase Melendez was initiated as a new member by President Niels B. Hansen at our monthly meeting held December 13. We welcome Aase into our lodge. A traditional Christmas dinner was served by the kitchen committee complete with rise almande and mandelgave. Throughout the evening, Niels supplied Christmas and dance music adding just the right touch to a festive evening.

Two of our members were honored this evening. On behalf of the National President of the Danish Brotherhood, Niels B.

Hansen presented a certificate of merit to Dr. James Mills for his extensive research of the history of Danish churches including the fresco paintings. Leo Jensen received an award from our lodge for his generous donation of new draperies which have greatly enhanced the appearance of our meeting hall.



Leo Jensen receives a certificate for his service to the lodge.

Birgit and George Jacobsen were honored with a plaque at our November dinner dance for their many outstanding contributions and ways of serving our lodge.



Birgit and George Jacobsen are honored by President Niels B. Hansen.

The children's Christmas party was held Sunday, December 15. Our faithful Santa delighted more than 30 children and about 50 adults who joined the party. As in previous years, a group of dedicated members took care of the preparations, decorating the hall and the Christmas tree, etc. We sang around the tree and as usual, Santa's helpers were there to entertain the children with games. Each of the children received a gift and a goody bag to take home.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — It was a full house for our annual Christmas party and most of the guests stayed to the very end for an excellent evening of food and dancing. Thanks to the party organizers, it was a great evening!

A joint installation of officers for Sisterhood Lodge 86, Brotherhood Lodge No.

172 and our lodge will be held in March at the Springfield Masonic Lodge. Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 will be the host.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

A Salute to 49 and 24

Golden Gate #49's centennial celebration on November 9th was, from all indications, a qualified success. Now that the dust has settled, the hard-working, worried committee can rest on their laurels.

It is, however, fitting and proper to look back over the past century and recognize that other forces helped to sustain #49 through both good and difficult times. But, of course, with a full program and a pent-up desire on the part of 200 guests to dance, there was no time for anyone to elaborate on the real history of Golden Gate #49 except for brief comments during the dinner program.

From time to time the words, "The Danish Colony" or "Danish Community" are heard. There is no such thing today, but for many years from the turn of the century it was a reality in San Francisco. The guiding force for many years was the so-called "Big 4:" Danish Brotherhood of America, Danish Sisterhood of America, Society of Dania of California and Nevada and Society Dannebrog of California and Nevada.

The leaders of these Danish-American organizations recognized that one group alone could not exert enough influence on any important event to make it noteworthy in California history, so the leaders of the Big 4 with the support of their membership closed ranks and supported good causes such as Ansgar Lutheran Church, Aldersly, representation at two world fairs, a Danish singing society, masquerades, amateur plays and revues and, of course, the Danish newspaper "Bien." Also, holding many formal events honoring Royal and Government officials from Denmark.

While it cannot be said that the "Big 4" was one big, happy family, there was seldom heard a discouraging word when there was need for real cooperation.

The purpose of these brief comments is to point out that even though the world has changed since 1891 and people also have changed, lessons from the past should not be ignored.

Without a doubt, members of #49 in their hearts share their pride and pleasure of celebrating the important occasion not only with members of Margretha #24 but also with the many members of other Danish-American groups who enjoyed the festive evening with them.

Best wishes for Happy Holidays to all.

Chris Pedersen

Introducing . . .



Jillian Laura Nyegaard, one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 348 in Eugene, Oregon, and has this to say:

"I am 11 years old and am in the sixth grade. I love to sing and have taken piano lessons for nearly four years. I really enjoy basketball and attended two basketball camps last summer.

My great-grandfather Kaj Nyegaard was born in Nykøbing Falster. My great-grandmother Laura Beck Nyegaard's grandparents all came from Vejle and Skaerbaek in Sønderjylland."

and



Karin Alexis Nyegaard, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 348 in Eugene, Oregon, and has this to say:

"I am 10 years old and am in the fourth grade. My parents are Phil and Sally Nyegaard. I like to sing and am in the children's choir at church. I am also in my second year of piano lessons.

Last summer I got a new mountain bike and I ride it a lot."

and



Krista Michelle Nyegaard, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 348 in Eugene, Oregon, and has this to say:

"I am 7 years old and am in the first grade. Like my cousins Jill and Karin, I sing too. I love the water and am becoming a good swimmer. Reading is also a favorite of mine. My mom loved to ride horses and so I learned to ride at a very young age."

and



Anders Asa Christiansen, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 294 in Barre, Vermont, and has this to say:

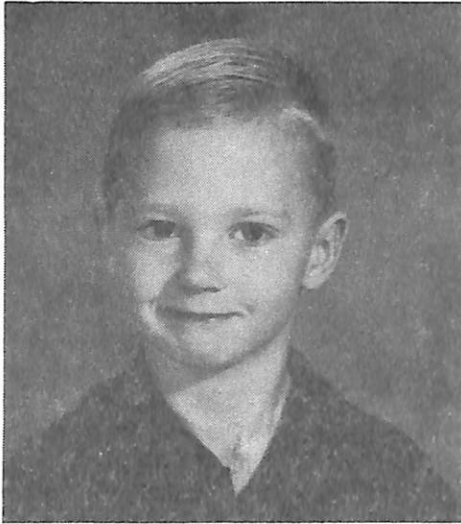
"Hi! My name is Anders Asa Christiansen. I was born on May 23, 1991. My mommy's name is Jennifer and my father's name is Andrew.

I am about two feet, three inches tall, cute as a bug's ear and have a dimple when I smile which is most of the time.

My favorite hobbies are nursing and sleeping. I also like to do gymnastic floor shows — fancy crawls and roll-overs and modern dance, when I have a partner to hold my hands.

The reason I joined the Danish Brotherhood is because my great-grandfather was one of the first to start a chapter here in Vermont and I was given his name. Actually, Anders was also the name of my great-great grandfather and my great-great-great grandfather who lived in Denmark a long time ago."

and



Carey Carsten Andersen Taekker, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 348 in Eugene, Oregon, and has this to say:

"I am 6 years old. I am in kindergarten. Last summer I got to go to Denmark with my Dad, Carl Christian Taekker. Dad also is a member of Lodge No. 348. Grandfather Martin Taekker was born in Haderslev and Grandmother Hanne Taekker was born in Brovst, Han Herred, Jylland. Now my whole family is a 100% DBIA family."

and



Jesse Martin Taekker, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 348 in Eugene, Oregon, and has this to say:

"I am 10 years old and am in the fifth grade. I like to play soccer. Some people say I am pretty good. I have to play my best, my mom is a coach.

Last summer I attended Himmelbjerget Language Camp.

Carey and I are cousins. we enjoy belonging to a 100% insured family."

and



Matthew McCollom, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines, Iowa, and has this to say:

"I am 4 years old and enjoy building spaceships with Legos, playing army men, and exploring and hiking in the woods with my dad. I also like to play with micro machines.

I would like to thank my grandfather, Arnold Faaborg, for helping me become a Young Viking of Lodge No. 15."

and

Christopher McCollom, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines, Iowa, and has this to say:

"I am 6 months old and just learned to sit up by myself. I enjoy watching my brother Matthew play and I like to grab his toys. I hope to be crawling soon.

I would like to thank my grandfather, Arnold Faaborg, for helping me become a Young Viking of Lodge No. 15."

and

Jennie Adolf, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, Nebraska, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Jennie Adolf. I turned six years old in January. I enjoy kindergarten, computers, swimming, and coloring. As a matter of fact, I won the Jorgen's Rainbow coloring contest for 2-4 year olds in August, 1990.

I became a member of the Danish Brotherhood when my grandfather purchased a life insurance policy for me."

Welcome Jillian, Karin, Krista, Anders, Carey, Jesse, Matthew and Jennie!

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.

1992 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1992 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1992 and June 1, 1992.

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.

The 1992 ASF Translation Prize

The thirteenth annual ASF Translation Prize will be awarded by The American-Scandinavian Foundation in the fall of 1992 for the best translation of poetry, fiction, drama, or literary prose written by a Scandinavian author after 1800. The award includes \$2000, publication of an excerpt in an issue of **Scandinavian Review**, and a commemorative bronze medallion.

Rules

1. The Prize is for an outstanding English translation of poetry, fiction, drama, or literary prose originally written in Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian or Swedish.

2. Translations should be conceived as part of a book. If prose, manuscripts must be at least 50 pages long; if poetry, 25. (Please do not exceed these limits by more than a few pages.)

3. Translations must be from the writing of one author, although not necessarily from a single work. Please include a one paragraph description about the author.

4. An entry consists of:

Four legible copies of the translation, including a title page and a table of contents for the proposed book of which the manuscript submitted is a part;

One copy of the work(s) in the original language;

A separate sheet containing the name, address and telephone number of the translator and the title and author of the manuscript with the original language specified; and

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February 1, 1992

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JANUARY

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100% Insured Family



Fred, Helen, Alexandria, Edward and Dale Elliott. Tammy Elliott, not pictured.

Three generations of Danes! That's one way of describing the Fred Elliott family of Lodge No. 95. Not only are Fred and Helen Elliott members of the DBIA, they are members of a Danish dance team. Son, Edward and his wife Tammy, are members of Lodge No. 95 bowling team. Their children, Dale and Alexandria, are Young Viking members. Alexandria is the first granddaughter in the Elliott family for several generations. **Welcome!**

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January winners: Robert Frederiksen, Jeni C. Lind and Karla Sorensen.



Grandma's Kitchen

by Gunild Ostergaard

Low Fat Chicken Frikadeller

1 lb. chicken meat
2 onions (medium)
2 eggs

4 ½ tbsp. flour
½ cup water
salt, pepper & celery salt
to taste

Remove skin and fat from chicken.

Chop through meat grinder. Grate onions and add with above ingredients. Blend well by hand or mixer. Melt ½ cup margarine (corn oil). Dip tablespoon in melted margarine then form meatball in spoon. Cook until brown approximately 4-5 minutes.

Low Fat Fish Frikadella

1 lb. fish fillets
(cod, haddock, flounder)
3 tbsp. corn starch
8 tbsp. flour
6 tbsp. margarine (corn oil)

1 ¼ cup milk
1 grated onion
3 eggs
salt & pepper to taste

Chop fillets through meat grinder three times, last time add cornstarch. Mix flour and margarine to make a roux adding milk a little at a time. Cool and then add the egg yolks one at a time, mix well. Beat egg whites till fluffy, then fold into fish mixture. Melt 4 tbsp. margarine in frying pan. Dip spoon in melted margarine then form frikadeller with spoon. Cook and then brown approximately for 4-5 minutes.

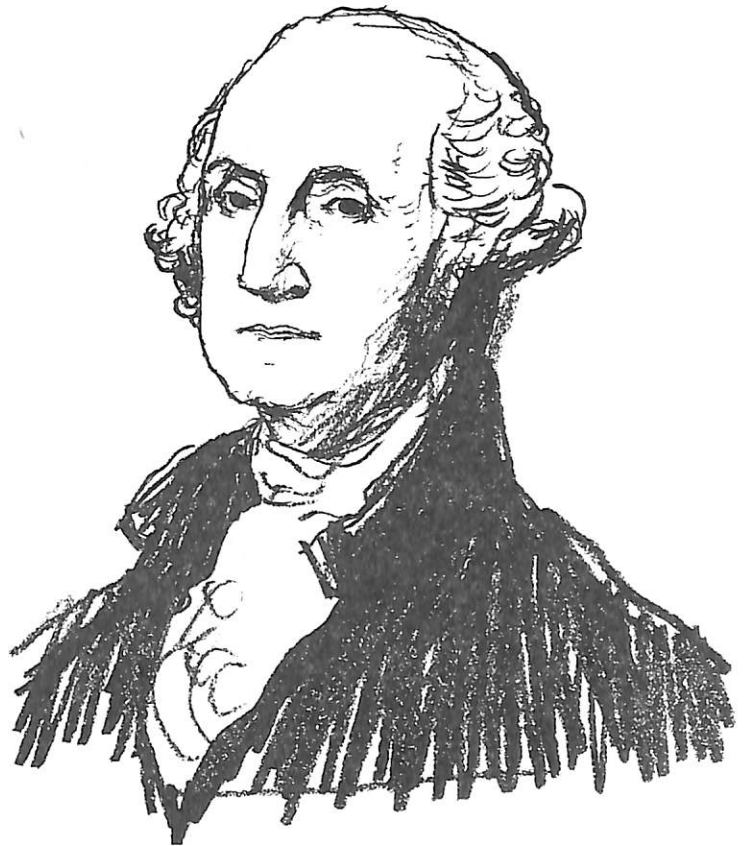
Frikadeller

1 lb. ground pork
(80% lean, 20% fat)
½ heaping cupful flour
½ med. onion (grated)
1 tsp. salt

½ tsp. onion powder
dash of pepper
3 eggs
¾ cup milk

Mix the above ingredients in a mixing bowl and blend well by hand or with a mixer. Texture will be mushy. Melt ½ stick oleo and 1 tbsp. oil in a pan. Dip spoon into grease and then into meat; drop by spoonfuls into pan. Brown on both sides and cook until done.

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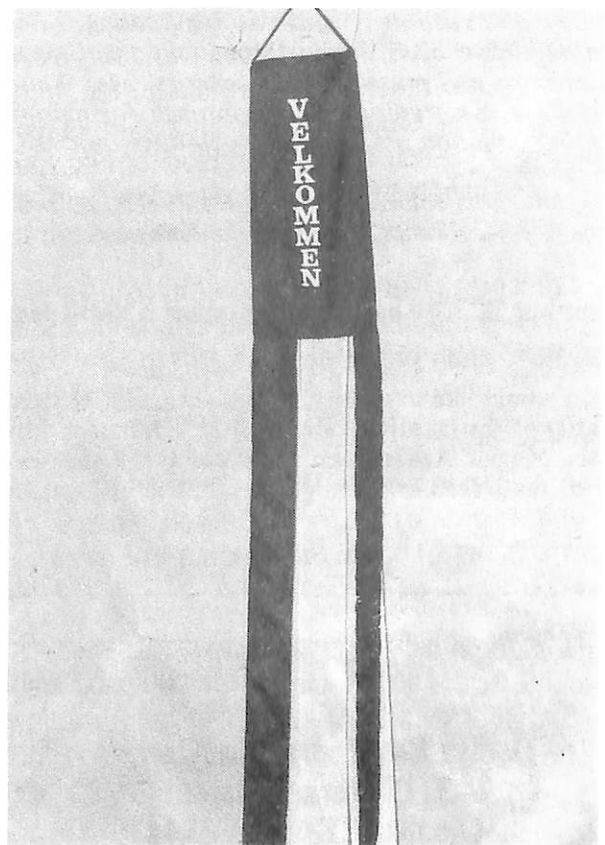
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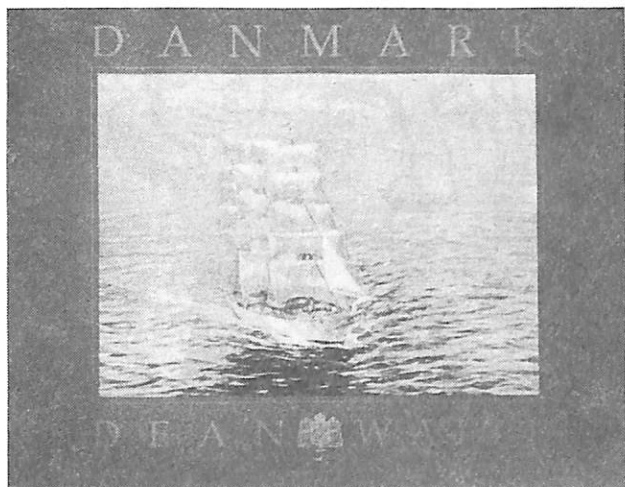
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Dean has designed covers for: "The Open Roads for Boys," "Yachting," and "Motor Boating." His paintings have been shown throughout the United States in several museums and galleries. Mr. Waite specializes in a traditional art approach for marine painting, aviation art, mini-vue paintings, portraits and landscapes.

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Viking Adventures

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Asbjorn Fisker National Director

National Director, Asbjorn Fisker, is proof that Danes are still attracted to life in the United States. However, he is the only member of his family living outside of Denmark. His two older brothers are in the Danish furniture business.

Asbjorn was born on a small dairy farm in Gislev, Fyn. He came to the United States in March, 1971. He has been in the electrical business for many years. Currently he is employed with Portland General Electric as a system

coordinator supervisor. Asbjorn also has his commercial pilot's license. He is active in Boy Scouts of America and enjoys hiking, mountaineering and skiing.

Denmark's loss is the Danish Brotherhood in America's gain. Especially, Lodge No. 167, Portland, Oregon. Asbjorn joined that lodge in March, 1981. Since then he has held lodge offices of: inner guard, treasurer, president and past president. As a member of the Pacific Northwest District, Asbjorn has served as secretary/treasurer, vice president and president. He currently serves as past president of the Pacific Northwest District.

He brings leadership experience to his role as a member of the National Board of Directors. As an ambitious and active DBIA member, Asbjorn stresses the importance of youth to the society. "As a director I hope to contribute leadership to make our society stronger and increase our membership, and promote more youth involvement on the local level." His goal, "is to reach the day when prospective members will seek out the society and not the other way around."

As a Director, Asbjorn has been appointed to the auditing and securities committee, scholarship/camp grants committee and he is chairman of the building committee.

"I joined (DBIA) to get our two children involved with the Danish tradition and to carry on our Danish heritage." Asbjorn and his wife Diane are the parents of two children, Christian and Alison.

He advises members, "Try to update your lodge activities to fit into today's world, don't dwell on what has been done in the past. Yet, hold on to the valuable traditions."

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