

Our Lodges in Action

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Pacific

Northwest

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA--During our Dec. 12 meeting Otto Brask announced the nomination committee's list of officers for 1995. The elected officers are: Past Pres., Gert Wolff; Pres., Otto Brask; Vice Pres. Anker Sorensen; Sec., Ken Kromann; Treas., Edith Andersen; Trustees, Don Hansen, Dana Nielsen and Per Larsen; Conductor, Knud Hansen and Guard, Michael Nielsen. It was announced that our Feb. meeting will include dinner and installation of officers. The District Bowling Tournament will be held at Kenmore Lanes on March 11 at 1:00 pm. A dinner will follow at 7:00 pm at the Rodeside Boiler in Seattle. A motion to donate \$25 to Toys for Tots was approved. **Jeff Jensen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR--A brief business meeting was held prior to the Christmas party on December 7. The following people were elected into office: Past Pres., Peter Larsen; Pres., Debbie Turner; Vice Pres., Jean Whittlesey; Sec., Ruth Dally; Treas., Jim Chase; Trustees, Don Bogh, Norman Powell and Jan Christensen; Conductor, Phil Baker; Guards, Larry West and Frank Dally, and Young Viking advisor, Kris Roley. **Ruth T. Dally, Sec.**

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR--There was singing around the tree at the Christmas Party. George Petersen read the Christmas story. Elizabeth Engleman told Christmas stories to the children and Santa arrived with bags for the children. The Children's Fastelavn Party will be held before the regular meeting, on February 9. There will be games, prizes and fun. **Kathleen Thomsen, Ed.**

California

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA--Sec. Seale suggested we attend a TV show screening to earn \$200 as a Convention fund raiser. A profit was reported from the Fish Dinner/Bingo.

The Children's Christmas party was a success. Sixty-five adults and 39 children were in attendance. Each child received a Power Ranger.

The following officers will be installed on February 25 at the "Alamo": Past Pres., Karen Rowse; Pres., David Seale; Vice Pres., Richard Rowse, Sec., Betty Seale; Fin. Sec., Harold Mathiasen; Treas., Sofie Christoffersen; Conductor, Tom Bristing; Trustees, John Kristensen, Ove Hansen and Roy Christoffersen, and Guard, Oluf Pedersen. **Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.**
Inger Achton Dix, Ed.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA--Our 1995 officers are: Past Pres., Ken Olsen; Pres., Toni Olsen Gossett; Vice Pres., Kandy Chappell; Sec., Ardythe Wiegandt; Treas., Betty Christensen; Conductor, Kaj Bjorn; Trustees, Helga Bjorn, Ozzie Schuette and Soren Christensen, and Guards, Ike Kessler and Patty Kessler.

Our Christmas dinner was held at Andy and Ella Andersen's. We brought a Christmas tree and decorated it with our annual lodge ornaments. We played games and enjoyed a gift exchange. Everyone took home a 1994 Christmas decoration, a candy cane and poinsettia. **Gerry Olsen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA--We ended the year with over 50 people attending our Christmas party. The children received gifts from Santa and the adults enjoyed a gift exchange. **Sue Patterson, Cor.**

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE--Members represented Denmark at the Western Heritage Museum Scandinavian Christmas by assisting with demonstrations, exhibits and translations. Vennelyst Park was the site of the Christmas Party hosted by five Danish groups. There was dancing, singing, dancing around the tree and a story was read by Bedstemor. Our next regular lodge meeting will be February 7. **Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE--The committees of Erik and Ingrid Hansen and Stenvald and Ida Pedersen prepared a traditional Danish Christmas dinner for 80 members of DBIA Lodge No. 84, DS No. 90 and guests. Afterwards we

watched a Hans Christian Andersen film. During intermission we enjoyed rice pudding with gifts for the lucky people with the almonds. Instead of a gift exchange we brought food items for the Lincoln Food Bank. **Gayle Miller, Pres.**

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE--Tom Pedersen showed us how to make Danish woven heart decorations. We all had the opportunity to make our own. **Helen McNichols, Sec.**

Heartland

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA--Our new officers are: Pres., Raymond Burkett; Vice Pres., James Breining; Sec., Shirley Burkett; Treas., Edith Paulsen; Trustees, Erik Sorensen, Russell Jensen and Curt Sorensen, and conductor, Doug Lary. Our Christmas party was complete with story telling, dancing and singing around the tree, Santa and refreshments. **Harvey Andersen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN--We celebrated Christmas by listening to a high school chorale program. We contributed \$100 to the Salvation Army. The slate of officers was approved as follows: Past Pres., Harlan Erickson; Pres., Richard Nelson; Vice Pres., Alton Neve; Fin. Sec., Arnold Levisen; Sec.-Treas., Grace Tomson; Conductor, Donald Levisen; Trustees, Jack Paulsen, Harlan Nelson and Myron Levisen. A fun time was enjoyed when gifts were distributed. **Grace M. Tomson, Cor.**

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA--The following officers were elected: Past Pres., Svend Koch; Pres., Harlan Thuesen; Vice Pres., Jack Mommer; Sec., Lyle Refshauge; Treas., Neal Thuesen;

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
Ansley C. McConnell	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Wayne Lubeck
James A. Gillespie	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Unknown
Charles P. Larsen	29	Seattle, Washington	Ruth Jensen
Dorothy R. Patterson	34	Dwight, Illinois	Meta Jensen
Rodney A. Patterson	34	Dwight, Illinois	Meta Jensen
Charles H. Nilsen	342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	Ulla Pedersen
Sara Daniels	600	Omaha, Nebraska	Soren and Grace Thomsen

Trustees, Delmar Danielsen, Arlan Andersen and George Olsen; Conductor, Ray Nissen; Guards, Gordon Sloth and Robert Christensen.
Lyle Refshauge, Cor.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA--Our Christmas party was enjoyed after election of officers was held with the following results: Pres., Thorvald Sorensen; Vice Pres., Kenneth Gutterman; Sec., Kathy Sonsalla; Treas., Edith Skene; Trustees John Smeby, Tammi Sonsalla and Jean Stenberg; Conductor, Evelyn Gutterman; Guards, Helen Bergman and Todd Sonsalla. Then members sang carols around the tree. Lunch was served and members enjoyed playing Bingo.
Kathy Sonsalla, Cor.

Lodge No. 263, Askov, MN--Thirty-three members and friends gathered for our Christmas party. Social hour was followed by dinner. After the gift exchange we joined hands and sang "Nu Har Vi Jule Ingen" and other carols.
Edna Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 326, West Branch, IA--Seventeen members and guests met at the Brick Haus Restaurant in Amana for the "New Traditional" Christmas dinner.
Judie Neelson, Cor.

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA--We elected officers. Robert Bloch was elected President. Sharon and Norman Nielsen shared their recent trip to Denmark with us.
Ulla Wall, Cor.

Missouri

Lodge No. 56, Kansas City, MO--Lodge members participated in the St. Joseph, MO "Faces of

the Nations" festival. Lodge members were treated to a Danish Christmas dinner at the Senior Citizen Center in Lenexa, KS. Members donated canned goods for local charities. The annual election of officers was held with all incumbents re-elected.
Bob Wallace, Cor.

Midwest

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI--The adult Christmas party was attended by 220 members and guests. The 1994 officers were introduced and thanked for their efforts during the past year. Thanks to those who donated to the Shalom Center. 1995 election results are: Past Pres. John Hosmanek; Pres., Todd Bernhardt; Vice Pres., Jim Bohn; Rec. Sec., Roger Nelson; Fin. Sec., Robert Ibsen; Treas., Richard Wade; Trustees, Jeff Bernhardt, Duane Kreier, Jr. and Kevin Gleason; Guards, Dean Hansen and John Sullivan, and Conductor, Jason Kreier. One hundred fifty children attended the Annual Children's Christmas Party. A puppet show, games, the Shoreland Lutheran Chorus and singing of Christmas carols were entertaining. The children danced around the tree as Santa arrived with gifts and had his picture taken with them.
Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL--We met Dec. 10 for a potluck supper. After supper Dave Moyemont, the clown, entertained everyone. Santa arrived and they sang Christmas carols and danced around the tree. Each child took a turn sitting on Santa's lap and received a sack of goodies. A short meeting was held. The slate of officers was read, voted on and approved. Our

kringle sale was a success with 480 kringles sold.
Marge Lauritsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL--The Christmas party was a success. The children love when Santa makes his visit and reads to them. Thanks to the committee for preparing for the evening.
Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI--Thanks to Paul and Sandie Sorensen for inviting us to their home for the Lodge's 105th Anniversary/Christmas Party. Election of officers was held after dinner. Officers are: Past Pres., Grace Gertz; Pres., Albert Larsen; Vice Pres., Elsie Hein; Cor. Sec., Carol Larsen; Rec. Sec., Sandra Sorensen; Treas., Paul Sorensen; Trustees, Barbara Larsen, Don Jensen and David Hjortnaes, and Conductor, Elsa Berlin. After the meeting Heather Hjortnaes played the piano and led the group in singing carols. Our members contributed to Sojourner Truth House as one of our Operation: H.O.P.E. projects.
Albert Larsen, Cor.

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Lodge No. 164, New York, NY--We had a Christmas party for the residents of the Home in Edison. They enjoyed singing and receiving gifts of money and cups of candy that we made for them. After our business meeting we had our Christmas party with music provided by Barbara Perrin.
Gloria Jacobsen, Cor.

Payment to Board Members

December
 Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$99.65.

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	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
11-22-94	Clark E. Stover	59	Manzanola, Colorado	261	Fowler, Colorado	1972
9-18-94	Christian Christiansen	83	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1960
11-25-94	Toby Larsen, Jr.	84	Reinbeck, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1956
12-11-94	Eugene V. Albeck	69	Menomonie, Wisconsin	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1980
11-16-94	Karl K. Eckberg	86	Jamestown, New York	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1963
12-15-94	Clyde Langsted	61	Seattle, Washington	29	Seattle, Washington	1967
9-22-94	Anders G. Elmbjerg	64	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	1959
12-17-94	Henry E. Gormsen	90	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1926
11-24-94	Svend Birkelund	87	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1936
12-19-94	Laura Sorensen	99	Kansas City, Kansas	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1963
12-8-94	Ardean P. Nielsen	82	Dannebrog, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1993
12-7-94	Theodore Anker	78	Unknown	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1970
12-25-94	Niels J. Hansen	67	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1991
11-11-94	Ole Christensen	65	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1960
12-18-94	Alvin M. Christensen	88	Cordova, Nebraska	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1949
12-23-94	Virginia P. Madsen	72	Kansas City, Missouri	16	Minden, Nebraska	1962
12-10-94	Laurits Petersen	88	Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1929

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As sunny weather returns to Denmark, Jorgen visits a Danish farm. There are almost twice as many pigs as people in Denmark --no wonder his country is the world's largest exporter of pork, thinks Jorgen. Bifrost says the nation is the second largest exporter of butter, and the third largest of cheese as well! Next month Jorgen eats a unique alphabet soup.
January winners: Tyler Hansen and Jenna Moore.

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