

Our Lodges in Action

Lodge news should be sent to American Dane, PO Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska 68131 by the 10th of the month.

Pacific

Northwest

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA--Our April 5 meeting was the 107th anniversary of the founding of our lodge. Otto Brask read the minutes from the first meeting 107 years ago. The original charter was displayed.

Past meeting minutes and the treasurer's reports were read and approved. Frank Poulsen reported on the District Bowling Tournament.

Ken Kromann, Sec.
Jeff Jensen, Cor.

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA--We will celebrate St. Hans at Harold Olsen's on June 17. This is a potluck so bring your favorite dish. We will light a bonfire on the beach.

Our next meeting is September 9 as we do not meet in the summer.

Egon Calundann, Sec.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR--At our April meeting the charter was draped in memory of four members who recently passed away. The minutes of our March meeting were accepted as written and bills were approved to be paid.

It was moved and seconded to send Outreach \$25 to help defray the cost of the Fastelavnsfest as well as \$100 for the Danish Boys Choir visit in October.

Ruth Dally, Sec.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR--At our April meeting, the minutes from March were approved as printed. Homer Hansen gave the treasurer's report.

Chris Taekker addressed the membership regarding constructing new tables for Misty Meadows and helping clean the grounds. Two tables have been constructed for a cost of \$200. It was moved and seconded to pay for these two tables plus two more. **Susie Staats, Sec.**

California

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA--We received a thank you from the Danish Lutheran Church for our \$25 donation in memory of

Svend Birkelund. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Poul Dalby Andersen will deliver a 25-year membership pin to John Torrance.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor
Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor

Lodge No. 345, Orange Co., CA--At our April 8 meeting, the minutes were read as well as the treasurer's report.

A donation of \$100 was approved for the Danish Special Olympics Team.

Delegates for the district convention are Toni Olsen Gossett, Gerry Olsen, Betty Christensen and Kaj Bjorn. Alternates include Jim Wiegandt, Ardythe Wiegandt, Kandy Chappell and Soren Christensen. DaNeil Gossett will be our youth delegate.

Gerry Olsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA--We had our Easter egg hunt on April 8. The children each received a prize for their hat decorating and Brandy Adkins won the adult hat decorating prize.

Our delegates for the district convention will be Kaja Del Grippo, Lynda Jones and Norma Loveday. Alternates are Richard Perez and Jim Patterson. Tina Del Grippo will be our youth delegate.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE--It was approved to donate \$1,000 to the Dana College Choir for their trip to Denmark.

We will have a fish fry on June 6 prior to our meeting. **Ruth Nielsen, Pres.**

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE--At our April meeting, the secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. It was voted to give a monetary gift to the Minden Special Olympics. Emma Pesek was presented with a scholarship certificate.

Marie Nelson, Cor.

Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE--On April 8, we were treated to a special evening for our 100th birthday. After dinner, we were entertained by Irving Middle School swing choir.

Quentine Johnson introduced five National Board members and National President Woodrow Petersen who extended his greetings. Greetings from State President Ed Krause followed.

Erik Hansen gave a history of the lodge's past 100 years. There was also a large display of artifacts, maps, pictures and record books. Our thanks to chairman Gayle Miller

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
Thomas H. Hansen	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Ansley C. McConnell
Jerome M. McNamara	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Robert E. Ibsen
Theodor P. Repsholdt, Jr.	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	William L. Kastman
Michael P. Pearson	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Brad Kovachik
Ellinor K. Borgaard	268	Junction City, Oregon	Unknown
Ila M. Christensen	268	Junction City, Oregon	Norman C. Christensen
Dorothea J. Nielsen	325	Nassau Co., New York	John Hjulmand
James W. Bard	325	Nassau Co., New York	John Hjulmand
Kim B. Christensen	342	Bucks Co., Pennsylvania	Ulla Pedersen
Nicole D. Christensen	342	Bucks Co., Pennsylvania	Ulla Pedersen
Audrey Sorensen	342	Bucks Co., Pennsylvania	Ulla Pedersen
Olga Little	342	Bucks Co., Pennsylvania	Ulla Pedersen

and his committee. **Gayle Miller, Pres.**

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE--At our March meeting, the secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The dates of August 25-27 were chosen for the district convention to be held in Superior.

We had our annual hamburger fry supper on April 8. The secretary and treasurer's reports were accepted and bills approved to be paid. **Geraldine Schultz, Sec.**

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE--Our Lip Sync Contest was a success with several groups in three age categories. The proceeds were given to the D.A.R.E. Program.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE--After our April 19 business meeting, Delbert and Delores Battles showed a video of their trip to Denmark. A silent auction afterwards raised \$52 for the district scholarship fund.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

Heartland

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA--Our annual potluck was held on March 13. We were entertained with accordion music and vocal stylings of Mike Bredesky.

The bus trip to Elk Horn and Kimballton on April 1 was a smashing success.

Following our April business meeting, we were treated to a slide show of Bali, Indonesia by Lou Bredesky.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA--At our April 8 meeting, the treasurer and secretary's reports were given. Our flag and charter were draped in memory of Beverly Sorensen.

We will celebrate our 90th anniversary on June 10 by having a supper at the Colony

Inn in Ventura.

The meeting was followed by a potluck supper with Charlotte Nordman providing the turkey and dressing.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA--We met on March 27 for a potluck supper. Members shared family histories. President Signe Madsen presented a \$200 check to the swimming pool board. **Irene Boose, Sec.**

Midwest

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI--Our March æbleskiver breakfast and the Easter brunch were both a success. The Youth Committee Beer Bust, a fund raiser for our youth projects, took place on April 2. Our last Stink Club for the season was a huge success with 75 attending.

Welcome new members Thomas Hansen, Jerome McNamara, Theodor Repsholdt and Michael Pearson.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL--New member Ruth Patterson joined at our April 10 meeting. President Jim Lauritsen presented Richard Perschnick with a past president's pin. Reports were given on our kringle sale, raffle and æbleskiver breakfast.

Marge Lauritsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL--At our April 21 meeting, Carl Christensen and Dick Sabey were elected as delegates to the district convention with Frank Connery and Ray Nielsen as alternates.

A motion was made and carried to place an ad in the souvenir program for the Sisterhood National Convention and also the souvenir program for the Summer Festival at the

Danish Home on June 25.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI--We will have a booth at the annual Scandinavian Festival on June 10 featuring kringle, sandwiches, cookbooks, etc.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge No. 164, New York, NY--Our last meeting opened with the salute to the flag. All reports were read and approved. We had our white elephant sale followed by our luncheon. **Gloria Jacobsen, Sec.**

Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., NY--At our April meeting, President Bill Herbst initiated Dolly Nielsen and James Bard. Our annual Easter egg roll contest was enjoyed by all.

Jerry Lane provided entertainment and we enjoyed dancing to a variety of music.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Announcing...

Woodrow and Elsa Petersen Scholarship Awards

As printed earlier, a special scholarship fund was established by the children of National President Woodrow Petersen and his wife, Elsa, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family contributed \$5,000 to this fund and the Petersens requested that this money be used to award five \$1,000 scholarships, two of which could be awarded to graduate students. From the scholarship recipients featured in the May issue of **American Dane**, the following were designated as receiving Woodrow and Elsa Petersen Scholarships: Lucas Christensen, Jeremy John, Sara Daniels, Charles Hokanson, Jr. and Berit Mann.

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
3-12-95	Peter K. Breum	86	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1952
3-31-95	Kasey Hudson	8	Billings, Montana	167	Portland, Oregon	1991
4-18-95	Darlene Vose	49	Susanville, California	167	Portland, Oregon	1989
4-2-95	Nelson Esrom	54	Portland, Oregon	167	Portland, Oregon	1983
4-6-95	Lorene Westergard	76	Exeter, Nebraska	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1994

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June 5 is Constitution Day, the most important secular (non-religious) holiday in Denmark. In 1849, King Frederik VII signed the Danes' first free constitution, which set the standard for the independent lifestyle Danes enjoy today. Jorgen and Bifrost enjoy the holiday with a playful woodland hike.

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