

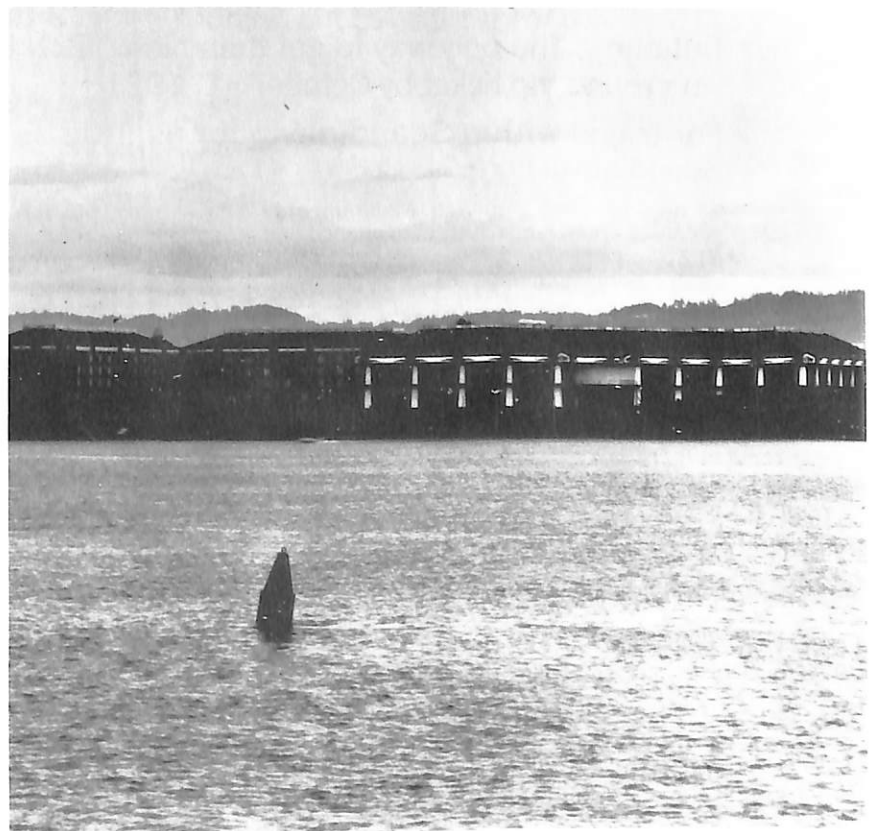
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# President's Page

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

By the time most of you receive this magazine, many summer activities will have begun to wind down and we will be commencing plans for, and gearing up to, a busy fall season. Many district conventions will have concluded and many of you will have had the opportunity to listen to the powerful message given by Leonard Thompson. The delegates to the forthcoming National Convention in Portland will hear a similar message.

Leonard Thompson's message was, to say the least, sobering! Most importantly, it was factual! The Board of Directors engaged the services of Mr. Thompson with the hopes that his ideas and knowledge of the fraternal system would bring forth a revitalization of the Danish Brotherhood and preserve our very being and purpose. We have spoken often of our five-year plan and the many things implemented under that title. There is more to come and much more to do.

Mr. Thompson has a long list of credentials in the fraternal field and his record in that area speaks for itself. Those who attended the district conventions learned of his expertise and can readily understand why we chose to engage his valuable service.

When the convention was held in Philadelphia eight years ago, a proposal was brought forth by the Tacoma lodge to consider making certain changes relative to the operation of the Danish Brotherhood as an insurance organization. A committee was subsequently appointed to study the issue (as mandated by the convention) and after careful consideration, it was determined that we could not abandon the insurance aspect of the Danish Brotherhood, at least at that time. We could conceivably have become strictly a social organization with expensive annual dues and a good possibility of becoming less attractive to the membership in general.

Let's face it. We have all heard and yes, even discussed, the negative aspect of our insurance program. Frankly, I have not found anything wrong with the program, just the way it has been handled for the past century. Insurance is our most important product and is one of the main reasons for the success and tenure of this organization. I have said this before and I will say it again; insurance has held us together whether we wish to believe it or not.

At a recent district convention in Bellingham, Washington, that lodge authored and presented a similar resolution to the delegates for their consideration and which encouraged the lifting of mandatory insurance and creating an equal stratum for all the members, eliminating what they referred to as "second class members" where everyone could share in the benefits of what the society as a whole has to offer.

Bellingham's proposal was presented to the delegates and there wasn't a great deal of discussion. There were some who felt that it was not given its just due in the process. Perhaps they might be right. They should know, however, that the intent of the Bellingham resolution did not go unnoticed!

These proposals have emanated in the Northwest but the concept has pervaded the entire organization and I say that based upon what I have heard and what I have observed. We, on the Board, have not been deaf to these concepts. We do have the opportunity of viewing them from a different perspective and one which ultimately makes us uneasy to categorically accept them, knowing there could be some real consequences for doing so, no matter how valid. We are trying to do something about it but we must look at the whole, not just its parts in the decision making process.

Yes, we could simply eliminate the insurance program (if that is the answer) and wind down that aspect of our operation and ultimately become purely a social organization. The insurance, as we know it, would be turned over to a different company and we would try to find the best we could. With that transfer would ultimately go the assets attached to insurance. Just about everything we have has come from insurance and the investment of premium dollars. It certainly has not been paid for by fraternal dollars nor has it been paid for by social members. Now our entire membership would have equality. What else would we have?

So, we return to Leonard Thompson and his expertise. He does not like failure and has never encountered it. I like that premise. I don't want to see him fail either. Do you? We are currently introducing new programs and engaging the right people to carry them out. We are taking our programs out of the hands of well-intended and well-meaning volunteers and letting the professionals go out and sell our product and the Danish Brotherhood. Is there something wrong with that concept? It isn't going to be easy and we are in the early stages but most importantly, it deserves a chance to succeed and it deserves your cooperation. It really is our only option. When we have these programs firmly in place and have professional people devoting their full time to us and we see the expected positive results from all of this, it will be time to consider a reasonable alternative as has been suggested. Right now, proposals to change what we are and how we operate are not practical but that isn't to say they can never be implemented.

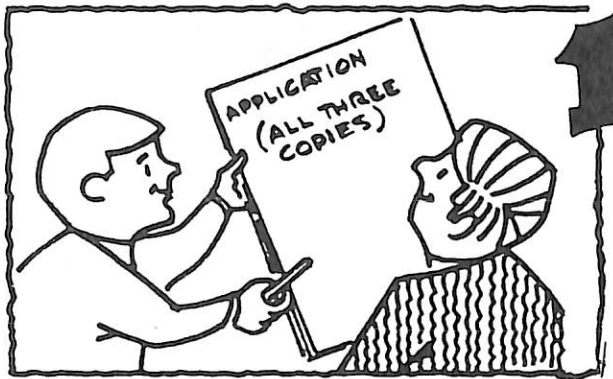
Next month we will be holding the National Convention in Portland and I wish all of you could be there. We will be taking some major steps for the future of the Danish Brotherhood in America. The delegates will be asked to commit to that future. We are in a new era for our century plus fraternal benefit society and while concepts may change, the principles upon which we were founded and to which we adhere, will never change. I must, however, remind all of you that we must change and adapt to the times, yet not lose sight of what we stand for. I believe it is possible and I believe our mere survival depends upon it.

Let's forget all the talk of what is wrong and cooperatively find solutions to our problems. We can start in Portland. The decisions of the delegates will be the barometer for the future and will have far reaching effects. I vote for progress and the future, not failure and the past. I hope you are with me.

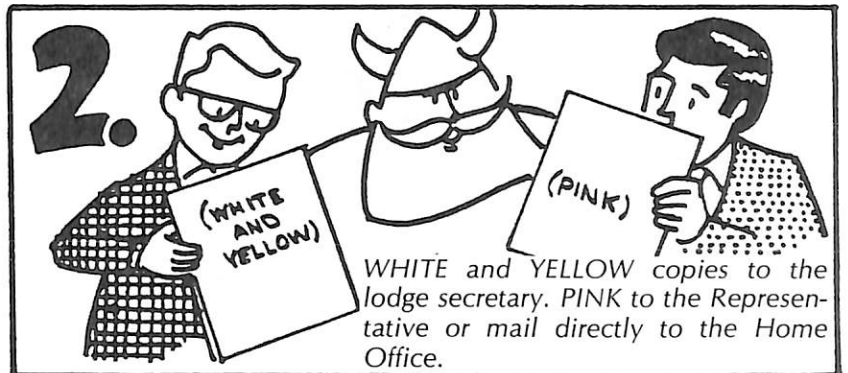
Let me leave you with the following to ponder: "People in committees agree on decisions which, as individuals, they know are stupid." Have you ever noticed this? To the anonymous author... right on!

A reminder to help those less fortunate. Please remember Care and Share or your favorite lodge charity.

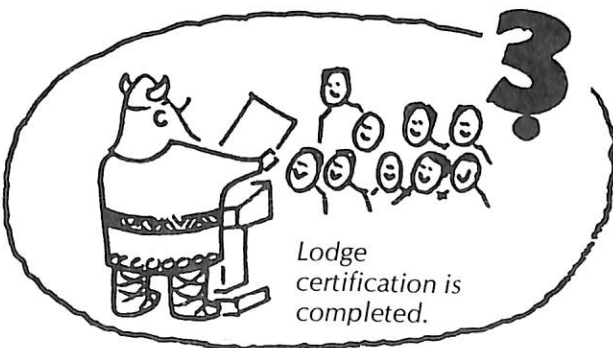
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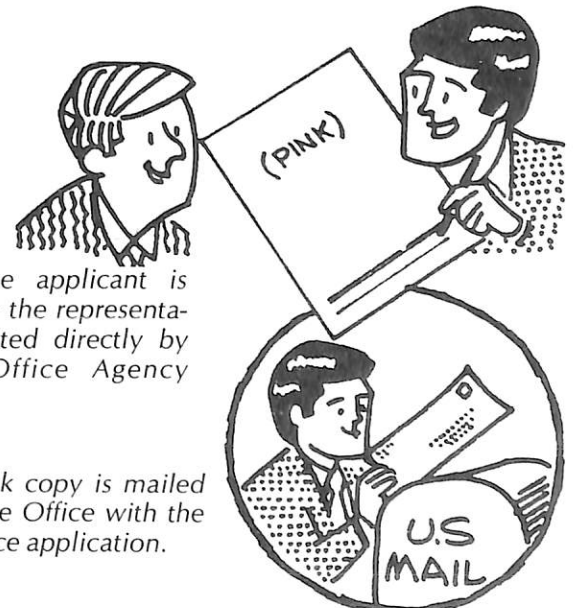


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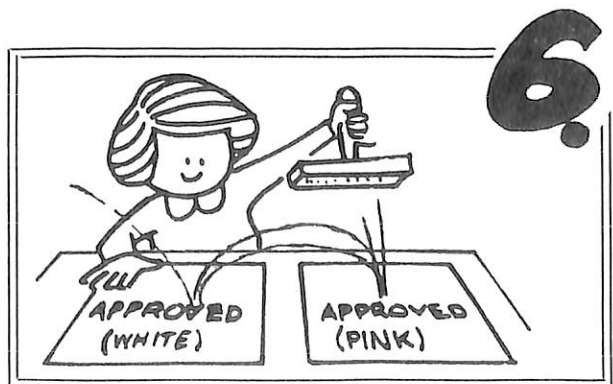
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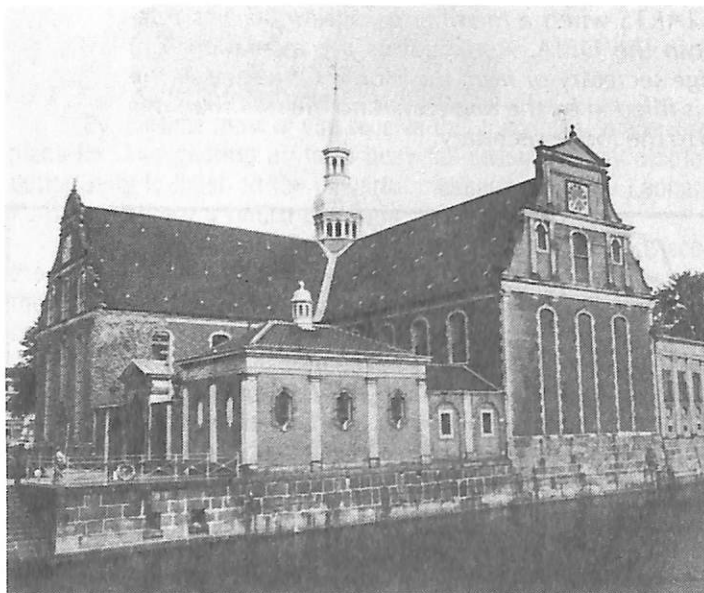
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The Lodge may hold its initiation.

# Copenhagen Roots

by Dallas D. Lassen



Holmen's Church - Located on Holmen's Canal near the Royal Palace in Copenhagen.

As our Boeing 767 left the runway in New York, we felt great exhilaration. Holding my wife's hand, I looked at her, smiled and said, "Copenhagen is seven hours. Wow!" This was a roots trip, an attempt to trace my ancestors, great-grandfather, Emil Euty chius Lassen and his father, Christian Augustinus Lassen. When I was a young boy, I remember vividly my father proudly telling me all about our Danish heritage. One of my goals in life has been to visit the country of my ancestors.

Copenhagen, a city with over 600,000 people, of which ninety-seven percent are Danes, seems smaller than most American cities of like size. Traffic is very heavy with hundreds of bicycles in the streets. The bikes have the right of way over pedestrians. We were almost run down numerous times, always with a few choice words from the bike riders. We did not understand Danish, but we could tell we were in the wrong.

Much background research was completed before our trip. This was necessary to get the most information in the time available. For example, we knew my ancestors attended Holmen's Church. Church records of marriages, births, christenings and deaths are usually very accurate. Also, we knew that Danish National Archives records are available.

Fortunately, our hotel was located where we could walk to Holmen's Church and the National Archives building. Holmen's Church, constructed in 1635, still has an active membership. It is the official church of the Danish Navy and The King and Queen of Denmark. Our video camera shots of the massive exterior: the hand carved altar; the elevated box for the royal family and the gigantic pipe organ are breathtaking. The church secretary told us that all of the old records were moved across Holmen's Canal to The National Archives. Our two days of gleaning information from the Archives were very fruitful. We found confirmation of the names of my ancestors, their marriage, birth, christening, death dates and a previous residence location in Copenhagen.

The Danish National Archives facility is archaic compared with American facilities. The microfilm reading room is small with few readers and no printers in the reading room. There is only one

printer available and it is located in a smaller room on a different floor. After finding the information needed on microfilm, we had to take the two rolls of film from the reader downstairs, to the upstairs office. A special permit is required from the office before the individual in charge of the printer is allowed to copy. We found this very inconvenient and time consuming. Printing is done only once a day from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This discourages morning research and there is usually a long line for printing in the afternoon. By comparison, public libraries in most cities in the United States have services equal to, or better than, the Danish National Archives facility. However, the archives staff was outstanding. We had eager, smiling, personal assistance during our search when problems arose.

We learned that in 1836, my great-great grandfather lived in the Nyhavn area about three miles from our hotel. Late one day, we found his old address in the archive records. With time fleeting, even though our feet were crying for rest, we decided to take a cab to Nyhavn. On the way we stopped at the large Holmen's cemetery and had the cab wait while we searched for the graves of my ancestors. We hurried through this beautifully maintained memorial area, but there was just too much ground to cover before dark. Also, I had visions of spent Kroners in my head as the meter in the cab ran on and on. My wife, Sandy, went one direction and I went another. After about twenty minutes the day was ending, I gave up, but I couldn't find Sandy. In desperation I began racing around, yelling, "Sandy!" "Sandy!" I even asked passersby if they had seen my wife. Needless to say, I got some strange looks and comments, which I did not understand. Soon, Sandy returned to the entrance to the cemetery. We were disappointed in our inability to find the "Lassen" graves. We got back in the cab, as I hid my face from the meter, and proceeded to Nyhavn. Our cab driver was a "jewel." He spoke fluent English, helped us look for everything and hurried as darkness approached.

Arriving in Nyhavn, we hoped we had saved the best for last. Our cabbie went up and down the street in the designated area looking for house number 34, which was the address of my great-great grandfather 200 years ago. Over the years, apparently the numbers had been changed. However, we exited the cab in front of a building and by comparing numbers, with the cab driver's help, we were able to determine where number 34 would have been. The white, three story apartment building was still there . . . the home of Christian Augustinus Lassen. It is now a rest home for aged sailors. This is so fitting since the Lassens were seafaring men and members of the Admiralty. To add to our great excitement, we also found that Hans Christian Andersen lived in the same block at the same time my great-grandfather, Emil Lassen, lived as a young boy. As the video camera hummed, we felt honored to be able to record this history on film for our children, our children's children and future generations of the Lassen clan. Arriving back at the hotel, we thanked our very helpful cab driver. I reluctantly asked how much the fare was and found that the 180 Kroner fare plus a 20 Kroner tip (approximately \$35.00) was a small price to pay for the great experience we had in Nyhavn.

Leaving Copenhagen gave us an empty feeling. How often does one get to go to the church, walk the streets and see the home of his ancestors of 200 years ago? Our trip continued to Stockholm and Oslo but we left our hearts in Copenhagen.

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## The Clever Thief

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a very poor woman. She had a son called Sven. Sven was an honest, frank and clever young man. He was capable and skillful, too. He was so clever that word had soon spread throughout the kingdom that Sven could do anything.

Now, the ruler of this kingdom was a bad and dishonest king. He was also mean and jealous. So jealous, that when the news of Sven's fame reached him, he feared that it would overshadow his own. He was determined to put an end to Sven and so he sent for him.

Sven bowed before the king. "How may I help you, sir?" he asked him.

"I have heard," began the king, "all about you! If you are as clever as they say, are you a clever thief as well?"

"Never," said Sven, "have I ever stole anything in my life and I do not intend to start now!"

The king grinned. "You MUST and I shall put you to the test at once! If you succeed my treasure is yours — I stole it anyway. If you fail you will go to prison!"

"What must I do?" said Sven, angrily.

"You must steal the farmers ploughs and oxen!" ordered the king. "Report back to me when this deed is done!"

Sven went home and thought about what the king had told him. Then he had an idea.

He took some hens and a rooster and went to the field where the farmers were working. He released the birds and shouted: "THERE THEY GO! A WILD ROOSTER AND HIS MAGIC HENS! LUCKY HE WHO CATCHES THEM!"

The farmers quickly left their ploughs and ran to chase the hens. The hens became frightened and went into the forest with the farmers following them.

Sven then gathered up the ploughs and oxen and drove home.

When the king heard that Sven won the first test he became angry and sent for him again.

"I hear that you managed to steal my ploughs and oxen," said the king, "but you must perform another task! You must steal the corn by morning! If you succeed, my kingdom is yours — I stole it anyway. But if you fail you will go to prison!"

Sven sighed and left. Once again he thought just how he could remove the sacks of corn from the guards.

Suddenly, Sven had an idea. He made a man out of straw and dressed it in his own hat and coat. He placed the straw man in front of the barn and hid. Then he sneezed loudly.

The guards dashed out when they heard the sneeze. They saw the straw man with Sven's hat and coat and jumped on him. Straw flew everywhere.

Meanwhile, Sven stole quietly away with all the king's corn.

When the king heard this, he was livid. He ran into the barn and there was not a single grain to be seen. He sent for Sven once more.

Between clenched teeth the king said, "You have stolen my corn, but you are not off the hook yet! My golden horse is in the stable! My grooms guard him constantly! If you steal him, my crown is yours — I stole it myself anyway. But if you fail, you go to prison!"

Sven bit his lip and left. Then he had an idea. He dressed himself as a gypsy and tucked a fiddle under his arm.

He went straight to the stable and knocked on the door.

The grooms didn't recognize Sven in his disguise and allowed this poor "Gypsy" with his fiddle inside.

Sven told a few stories and the grooms laughed. Then he

produced his fiddle and played soothing music and the grooms danced and sang until they were so tired they fell asleep in the stable.

Quietly, Sven led the horse out of the stable and rode him home.

The king turned blue when he heard this. He was so very angry he held his breath for almost four minutes until he had another plan. He called Sven again.

"You have stolen my horse," seethed the king, "but I have something else you MUST do or else! Tomorrow when I have my lunch I want you to steal it from me. If you succeed, my sword is yours — I stole it myself anyway. But if you fail, you go to prison!"

Sven thought very hard. "How can I steal the king's lunch right before his eyes?"

The next day, when the king's lunch was served, he saw a hand reaching for it through the window.

Sven had carved a wooden hand and painted it the night before. He tied it to a rope and pushed the hand towards the dish when the king saw it.

The king cried out, "THAT'S SVEN! WE SHALL CATCH HIM NOW!"

The king grabbed the hand. The maid grabbed the king. The cook grabbed the maid. They all pulled. They pulled and pulled until the rope gave away. The king, maid and cook fell onto the floor. By the time they got to their feet, Sven and the lunch disappeared.

The king paced back and forth. Finally, he thought of another plan to defeat the clever Sven. He called the youth to the castle.

"You have stolen my lunch," whispered the king, "but I have one final test for you! If you succeed, my daughter is yours — I did not steal her, but I want her to marry a man who is worthy of

her. But if you fail — goodbye Sven!"

"What must I do this time?" sighed Sven.

The king smiled. "You must steal the golden ring from my wife's finger! You won't get away with this one!" And he went into his wife's room.

Sven followed the king and overheard the king tell his wife that he was going out for awhile and that when he returned to give him her ring. "It will be safer on my finger," said the king.

The king left and Sven stood outside the queen's room and changed his voice to sound like the king. "My dear, give me the ring now before Sven gets it!"

The queen who was near-sighted handed Sven (whom she thought was the king) the ring.

When the king returned he asked for the ring.

"I already gave it to you!" replied the queen, annoyed. "Honestly, you are so forgetful!"

The king was enraged. Tricked again.

The next day, Sven came to the palace. "I have done everything you asked me to do and I have come here to claim the rewards you promised: Your treasure, your kingdom, your crown, your sword and your daughter!"

The king knew he couldn't get out of this and turned everything over to Sven; whereupon he made the king promise No More Stealing.

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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — On Saturday, September 14, our lodge will sponsor a day at the races for members and potential members for only \$10. Gates will open at 11:30 a.m. There will be no-host cocktails all day. The first race will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a roast beef and chicken dinner at 3:00 p.m. and the last race at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required.

**Frank Poulsen, Cor.**

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — Despite the gloomy weather in Portland on June 22, those who adventured to the coast had a great time meeting at Hug Point State Park. After eating plentifully and roasting marshmallows, the big bonfire was lit and the witch was chased off to Germany for another year. Those who missed it should have attended. It was fun!

The Young Vikings of our lodge, parents and others attending Himmelbjerget Language Camp met at the Oaks Skating Rink for a skating party on Sunday, July 2. Young Vikings, Christian Fisker, Benjamin Roley and other members of Boy Scout Troop 204, including Asbjorn Fisker, climbed to the top of Mount Hood on June 1.

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — At our last meeting, there were 46 Brothers present. We received one application for membership, Renwick Baker. We also installed a new Brother, John Jensen.

On Saturday, June 1, Vancouver traveled to Seattle to compete in the yearly rival between the two. Vancouver sent four teams to compete. The competition was played at 60 Acres Soccer Fields. It was a great day for soccer. Vancouver took home most of the trophies.

The Over 30A Team won with a score of 4-3; the Over 30B Team won with a score of 4-3; the Women's team won with a score of 1-0. The Open Division team lost with a score of 2-3.

After a full day of playing soccer, we all enjoyed a wonderful banquet that was held

at Sea-Tac Airport. Everybody ate and danced the night away. Seattle, it was a great day!

It was also reported at our last meeting that when Seattle comes up to play in Vancouver in September, an Old-Timers team will be added.

Brother Leo Pedersen reported on the Pacific Northwest District Convention which was held in Bellingham in May.

A new meeting place was discussed, due to the sale of the Swedish Hall. The Brotherhood needs to find a new place to meet. It was left up to the Board to arrange this. The new meeting place is Lions Club, 5024 Rumble Street, Burnaby, and it is on the first Thursday of each month.

We selected a bylaw committee to revise our bylaws so they comply with the changes through the years. The committee consists of Poul B. Christensen, Elith Marcussen, Herluf Pedersen and Leo Pedersen.

If you would like to join us in a fun filled trip to Reno, leaving Vancouver October 12 and returning October 18, there are still some tickets left. Contact Herluf Pedersen if you would like to join us.

**Peter Praegel, Cor.**

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — The Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood will hold their next meeting on September 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 3848 Center Street. We are just trying this hall so please come and offer your opinion. There is parking in front and directly across the street. Bring a friend!

Those who attended St. Hans Fest really enjoyed the day and believe me, the witch was really great. Thanks Hans and Fritz Jensen for their artistic ability.

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — We had a good attendance of 65 at our annual family picnic held at Lake Park on July 14. Our day started with aebleskiver and coffee prepared by Soren Christensen and Sherm Nielsen. The crowd continued to arrive throughout the morning and around noon

Gary Gossett and Gerry Olsen led us through games. Thanks to Gerry Olsen for all the new games and to Gary for helping with them.

Following the games, we had a nice lunch. Thanks to Gary who cooked the hamburgers and to all the ladies who set up and cleaned up afterwards and especially the Chappells who did all the shopping for our picnic.

Everyone who attended spent an enjoyable day visiting with family and friends, playing games and enjoying wonderful food. We were especially pleased this year to have so many young members in attendance. The picnic is one of our annual events and this year's sponsor was the Holger Danske Board. Thanks to those who planned, bought, cooked and organized to make this such a pleasant day.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 14, so you can attend our Hawaiian luau. It is sure to be delicious and fun!

We received word from the National Bylaws Committee that our lodge bylaws which we submitted to them will be certified as soon as two minor changes are made. Once these changes are made and the bylaws retyped, they will be available for distribution to our members.



Everyone enjoyed the St. Hans Aften dinner.

In June, members of our lodge joined together with River Lodge No. 346 to celebrate St. Hans Aften. Kodan sponsored a superior dinner, hayride and witch burning. It was great fun!

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

## Payment to Board Members

JULY  
Jerome B. Sonsalla, Midwest District Convention, \$420.60  
SEPTEMBER  
Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$238.05

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST NEWSLETTER**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — Sixteen people attended our hamburger barbecue and board meeting on July 11 at the Pattersons. Thanks to those of you who came out and for the goodies you brought with you.

Nancy Nielsen gave us a report on our hayride and barbecue in Oak Glen and we not only had a great time, but we made enough to cover the difference the lodge committed itself to cover for the children's expense plus a few extra dollars.

The treasurer presented our delegates with their check for the convention along with a check to present in Petaluma for the district scholarship fund from our Cuatro De Mayo party profit.

The rest of the meeting was spent on planning our country fair.

**Sue Patterson, Cor.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST DISTRICT**

**IOWA-MINNESOTA**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — Our July 8 meeting took place at the Viking Inn where

some 40 members and guests enjoyed a social evening of dining and entertainment. Business was kept to a minimum. We approved membership applications for Melissa George, a college student, and Carol Christiansen, an elementary school teacher. Lodge President Wilber Williamson presented a 25-year membership pin to Erik Sorensen.



**Erik Sorensen receives membership pin from President Williamson.**

Two thank you letters from the Salvation Army were read which expressed appreciation to our lodge members for assisting with their Homeless Breakfast Project on June 11 and for the many breakfast casseroles prepared and furnished.

Our September 9 meeting will be a special event. Darrol Larsen of Cordova, Nebraska, will present his Hans Christian Andersen impersonation. We are emphasizing welcoming recent new members and many guests. There will be a potluck sand-

wich supper beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Legion Hall at 68th and Douglas in Urbandale, our regular meeting site. Members are urged to bring guests and also extend special invitations to our many new members. **Harvey Andersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #121, Tyler, MN** — We held our regular meeting on Saturday, July 6. The Pledge of Allegiance was given after which President Therkel Jorgensen, in his Points to Ponder, spoke about the Mt. Rushmore anniversary.

After a short business meeting, Herluf Ries presented a video entitled "Discover Denmark." It was very colorful, interesting and entertaining.

A delicious lunch was served by the committee: Marian and Herluf Ries, Andy Jacobsen of Brookings and Andrea and Margery Paulson of Clear Lake.

**Hilda Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #147, Newell, IA** — Together with Sisterhood Lodge No. 109 on June 19, a picnic potluck supper was held at Warden Park in Newell with 30 in attendance.

On July 4, in conjunction with the Danish Sisterhood and Newell Historical Society, an aebleskiver breakfast was served to about 250 people. **Elmer Jensen, Sec.**

# The right flight to Denmark

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**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — We were well attended at our July 8 meeting with 19 members present. Delegates and alternates were elected to attend the lowa-Minnesota District Convention.

Following the business meeting, Jo Simonson and Elaine Barr, members of Hospice of Humboldt Co., were introduced. They presented a skit entitled "Helpless Hattie" and presented the Hospice Care and Hospice Services for patients and families. A check of \$25.00 was given to the Hospice Fund.

**Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

## NEBRASKA

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

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — I want to thank Jim Christiansen and all those who helped at the State Picnic. We had a good turnout from all over the state. I am sorry we had so many missing from our lodge. There were many compliments on the program, with Dr. Myrvin Christoffersen speaking on Denmark and our own Joyce Christensen speaking for the United States education program.

**Duane Hansen, Pres.**

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — We met July 15 at the Community Center at 8 p.m. for a first time program of a "Christmas in July" party and meeting with 43 in attendance.

The state convention at Superior hosted by Ruskin Lodge No. 161 was discussed. Glen Haselbarth and Edith Thomsen were chosen Monarch King and Queen candidates to represent our lodge at the convention. The delegates chosen were Marie Nelson, Bill Jorgensen, Jr., Herbert Nielsen, Lyle Maurer and Edith Thomsen. Glen Haselbarth, State Vice President, is automatically a delegate. Alternates are Doris Maurer, Shirley Nielsen, Merle and Mabel Haselbarth and Merribelle Jorgensen.

President Herbert installed Dora Hansen, Paul Hieronymus, Charlotte Thorpe and Brittany Shepherd. Conductor Dale Space presented the membership pins. Velma Talbert, a new applicant, was approved for membership.

With our theme of Christmas in July, a small Christmas tree was decorated with a string of small Danish flags, stars, etc. Gifts were around the tree for the gift exchange and distributed by the Kinney children. April, Brandon, Dustin and Cynthia Kinney, adorned in their winter caps and scarves, sang Christmas carols.



Our lodge float in the Fourth of July parade.



Debra Pesek and Joshua Jorgensen rode this bicycle in the Fourth of July parade.

The girls also entertained the group with dancing. Darret Jones read how they celebrate Christmas in New Zealand and Denmark.

**Lillie Hansen, Cor.**



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# SAS

SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Gateway to the West days are now over and we had another successful coffee and bake sale. We want to thank everyone who helped, those who brought baked goods to sell and also a thank you for the cash donations. If you have not sent in your donation as of yet, it is not too late and can be mailed to Mabel Kastrup.

The DBIA float in the parade was a Viking ship with the great Vikings, Laurids Pedersen and family and Jerry Christensen and family, riding on it. We also say thanks to them for making this float possible.

The state picnic held at Vennelyst Park in Omaha was also a success and a good time was had by the Blair members who attended. Because of the unpredictable weather, the picnic was held indoors which made it even more enjoyable since it was air conditioned. Myrvin Christofferson, President of Dana College, and Joyce Christensen, principal of South High School, were guest speakers. Myrvin spoke for Denmark and Joyce spoke for America. **Bob Johnson, Sec.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — The Midwest District Trap Shoot was held in Kenosha on June 15 with 19 shooters from our lodge, Dwight Lodge No. 34, and Chicago Lodge No. 35 with 23 staying for dinner. Dwight won the first place team and Kenosha was second with Bob O'Neal, Dan Ervin, Dennis Andersen and Louis DeFord, Jr. The committee was chairman Bob and Nena O'Neal, Roberta Andersen, Kevin Stauch and Bob Ibsen.

Thanks to Warren Piehl who is taking all of our recycled plastic and glass for proper disposal. Thanks also to Carrie Kirby who was doing it for us previously before leaving for college.

On June 29 we hosted the Midwest District annual golf outing at Bristol Oaks. There were 80 golfers from Kenosha, Chicago and Dwight. A nice buffet followed with prizes being awarded and dancing. First place team went to Dwight Lodge No. 34. The following teams placed from our

lodge: 2nd place - Virginia Nelson, Glori Bernhardt, Darlene Wamboldt, Martha Learmong; 4th place - Jim and Bill Kirby, Ron Fechner, David Rohde; 5th place - John Hosmanek, Tony Maruca, Donna Carlsen, Harry Data; and 6th place - Don Scott, Paul Saftig, Ed Schiller, Chuck Woelffer. Low gross went to Bob Lubeck and Marlene Perschnick with low net going to Jim Kirby and Darlene Wamboldt.

On July 14 we held our annual picnic at Kennedy Park with over 200 in attendance. Games for children and adults were enjoyed. We thank the committee for the great time - Rick and Mike Wade, Todd Bernhardt, Annette Sopate, Todd Barnett, Russ and Lori Hackbarth and their children, Jeff and Chris Bernhardt and Bob Ibsen. Special thanks to Jay and Jane Nelson for providing us with music, Tom Nelson for the truck and donations by Town 'N Country Liquors, May Beverages, A&B Hardware, Kevin Gleason, Jack Sorensen and Elaine Ibsen. A big thank you to Harold Teising for his generous donation.

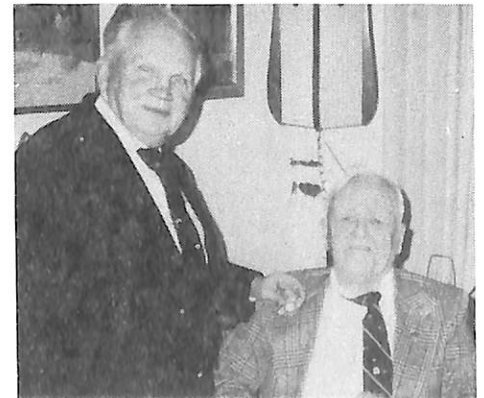
Thanks to all who helped on the kitchen remodeling including Jack Sorensen and Bob DeHaan and to Tom Nelson and George Follensbee for moving the stove and cooler.

We presented a check for \$1,000 to the Danish Immigrant Museum at the district convention.

Welcome to new members Michael Medvecz, David Tappa, Jr., Dr. Chester Sattler and Marv Van Boven.

**Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #17, Chicago, IL** — President Merle Nylén presented Kristian Poulsen with his 50-year membership pin and read a congratulatory note that was received from the Home Office. Kris is a past president of



**Congratulations, Kristian, on 50 years of membership.**

our lodge. He and his wife Anna, who is also a member of our lodge, are residents at the Danish Peoples Home in Chicago and are both hard and dedicated workers for the lodge. **Albertice Nylén, Sec.**

## 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		Sponsor
	No.	Location	
Viola F. Brannen	1	—Omaha, NE	Ruth H. Nielsen
Glen A. Andersen	14	—Kenosha, WI	Dennis J. Andersen
Robert J. Andersen	14	—Kenosha, WI	Dennis J. Andersen
Dora Hansen	16	—Minden, NE	Andrew E. Madsen
Paul Hieronymus	16	—Minden, NE	Andrew E. Madsen
Velma P. Talbert	16	—Minden, NE	Shirley M. Nielsen
Logan W. Krople	34	—Dwight, IL	Vicki S. Krople
Duane S. Dixon	36	—Milwaukee, WI	Lars Andersen
Leif Nissen	46	—Perth Amboy, NJ	Eric Brown
Vincent J. LaManna	46	—Perth Amboy, NJ	Eric Brown
Harry Olsen	46	—Perth Amboy, NJ	Arnold C. Nielsen
David L. Tykoski	51	—Ludington, MI	Arlan M. Heemstra
Chester J. Lewis	143	—Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
Ella V. Nielsen	164	—New York, NY	Raymond V. Leth
Gail C. Segraves	170	—Rocky River, OH	Carl Herman Ostergaard
Inger Marie Christensen	172	—Philadelphia, PA	Mogens Hempel
Erich Stockmann	172	—Philadelphia, PA	Mogens Hempel
Bente Rose	172	—Philadelphia, PA	Knud O. Koefoed
Helen E. McNichols	206	—Blair, NE	Dania B. Hundtoft
Tyler J. Petersen	211	—Grand Island, NE	Vera M. Petersen
Rachael E. Jensen	268	—Junction City, OR	Theodore E. Jensen
Kristin E. Ranzoni	268	—Junction City, OR	Walter M. Petersen
Mindy M. Morgan	268	—Junction City, OR	Walter M. Petersen
Travis J. Morgan	268	—Junction City, OR	Walter M. Petersen
Charles A. Arnholm	294	—Barre, VT	Harry Mikkelsen
Rachel Arnholm	294	—Barre, VT	Harry Mikkelsen
Hans B. Skodt-Nielsen	325	—Nassau County, NY	Elizabeth Pedersen
Kurt Nelson	348	—Eugene, OR	Martin C. Taekker
Jillian L. Nyegaard	348	—Eugene, OR	Allan J. Nyegaard
Karin A. Nyegaard	348	—Eugene, OR	Allan J. Nyegaard
Krista M. Nyegaard	348	—Eugene, OR	Allan J. Nyegaard
Bertha J. Schroeter	349	—Atlantic, IA	Lucille Nelson
Joshua T. Schnitzer	600	—Omaha, NE	Willard Westra
Finn Pedersen	600	—Omaha, NE	Kris Sand
Julian A. Jastrowski	600	—Omaha, NE	Carl E. Kristensen

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Welcome to our youngest new Viking, Logan William Krople, son of Mickey and Vickie Krople.

The district golf outing was held June 28 in Kenosha. Our lodge fared very well: ladies low gross - Marlene Perschnick; men's third low net - Dick Perschnick; longest drive - Robert F. Weller. Our team of Dick and Marlene Perschnick, Robert F. Weller and Jim Anderson placed first and our team of Jim and Deveraux Jensen, and Edith and John Clausen placed third. Several stayed for the dance and banquet. Thank you Kenosha, we had a great time! Thank you to Marlene Perschnick for getting the teams lined up.

We had a great evening for our picnic on July 8. The food was delicious as always. Can't beat the fraternalism! President Shirley Holzhauser got together the guessing games: how many marbles in the jar (won by Nathan Hoegger), how many pieces of candy in the jar (won by Jeff Perschnick), how much did the watermelon weigh (won by Rick Kelly), how much did two cantaloupes weigh (won by Joanne Telford). Thanks officers for a good time!

There have been a few negative comments regarding the appearance of our plaque on the Gilkey Memorial Track Wall. Unfortunately, the DBIA does not have a metal die cast of its emblem thus not looking as impressive as some of the other organizations. What we want to remember is that our donation has contributed towards the completion of the track and our name will always be on the wall for future generations to see.

As your delegate to the National Convention in Portland, Shirley Holzhauser would like to know your feelings on the suggested

name change for our society. During the September meeting, she intends to advise you of the recommendations of the National Law Committee. She will need to know how to vote as your delegate.

Congratulations to the new Midwest District President, our own Virgil Holzhauser and to 2nd Trustee, Dick Perschnick. Delegate, Jim Lauritsen will present the convention report at the next meeting.

Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 15 of Milwaukee invites us to attend their 100th anniversary on Saturday, September 21, at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel. Margaret Goodwin has RSVP cards if you plan to attend.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — We had 75 members present at our July 26 meeting. Ray Nielsen stood in for Past President, Paul Sloth. Visitors welcomed included Debbie and Joe Norsworthy of Jessup, Maryland, and their children, Jenny and Joey.

Pihl's Five Star Travel has written from Oregon that he has discount fares for anyone attending the National Convention in Portland in October. Call 1-800-MEL-PIHL for further information.

Jim Johanson urged good attendance at the picnic and said his committee is hard at work planning for same. Woody Petersen informed us that the golf outing was fun and that our lodge will host the 1992 district golf outing. Arnie Aagesen thanked everyone for allowing him to be a delegate at the district convention in Wisconsin and said he thought it was a very successful convention. He gave a report on the highlights and talked about the main speaker, Leonard Thompson, a consultant for the DBIA who had given a sobering report on

the status of the DBIA. He emphasized that from 1970 to 1990, there has been a 31% drop in membership and a 19% drop in the number of lodges during the same period. He also informed us that there was discussion on the name change. He asked that we think about this and let our delegate, Ray Nielsen, know how we feel. Arnie said our lodge won the district president's award of \$25 for the best civic activity - our Care and Share program. John Jorgensen is now Vice President of the district and Henry Jepsen is Conductor. Our lodge will host the 1993 District Convention. Carl Christensen, our other delegate, thanked the lodge for sending him. He also thought it was a productive convention. Ray Nielsen thanked both of the delegates for their participation on behalf of the lodge and complimented Arnie on his very thorough report. Ray also brought up the fact that a name change will be quite expensive. Discussion followed regarding the name change.

Audrey Christiansen spoke about the very excellent Young Viking Life policy available and said the Brotherhood policies are very competitive. She encouraged members to think of the Brotherhood for their insurance needs. She introduced the Jim Johanson family and presented them with a Danish plate for being a 100% insured family.

Woody Petersen would like a change in policy as far as our attendance prize is concerned. Right now, if a name is drawn the first time and that person is present, he/she will receive the full amount that has accumulated. If he/she is not present, another name is drawn and \$3.00 is presented to that person, whether present or not. Woody would like the second draw

# 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
6-26-91	—Sven E. Larsen	62	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1946
6-8-91	—Marion F. Buchholz	77	Greenfield, Iowa	167	Portland, Oregon	1990
7-6-91	—Einer Ottesen	79	Hunter, North Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1936
7-15-91	—Gerard R. Rule	61	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1975
7-7-91	—Harvey L. Petersen	71	Plainview, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1947
7-24-91	—Hans C. Andersen	86	Menominee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1927
6-8-91	—Ross I. Haselton	75	Cadillac, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1979
7-5-91	—Harold O. House	66	Greenville, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1991
7-3-91	—Ellen M. Hansen	70	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1981
2-28-91	—Constance A. Steele	51	Boston, Massachusetts	95	Ferndale, California	1989
7-7-91	—Raymond P. Stevens	73	Cotesfield, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1989
6-30-91	—John Hansen	88	Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1958
6-30-91	—Hazel M. Hansen	75	Omaha, Nebraska	143	Petaluma, California	1979
5-13-91	—Alfred Olsen	95	Linum, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1964
7-12-91	—Rigmor, Pedersen	83	Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1979
6-23-91	—Hermine M. Schlager	89	Austria	164	New York, New York	1986
6-14-91	—Oliver R. Johnsen	85	Tyler, Minnesota	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1983
4-23-91	—Jerome A. Benson	78	Jamaica, New York	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1974
6-22-91	—Erma M. Miller	80	Hardy, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1985

to receive \$5.00 if present and \$3.00 sent to that person if not present. If present, \$5.00 would be added to next month's drawing and if not present, \$7.00.

Carl Christensen had most of the items on the scavenger hunt list and got first prize. Joyce Jensen was second, Shirley Gritzenbach was third and there was a tie for fourth by Erma Johnson and Freida Rau. Thanks committee!

A special thanks to Roger Larsen and Charlie Jespersen for the akvavit and case of beer in honor of their birthdays.

Quite a few of our members attended the district convention. The host lodges, DBIA No. 36 and DSS No. 15 in Milwaukee, did a fine job. The Country Inn at Waukesha was a lovely setting for the convention with good food, good music and a well-fun convention. Thanks to both lodges!

It was great seeing so many young people at our last meeting. Maybe we should think about letting our young people have their own meeting and program?

**Elsa Peterson, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — We thank Elsie Hein who served refreshments at our July 3 meeting.

On July 20-21, our lodge along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 15 hosted the 40th Midwest District Convention. A special thank you is given to chairperson, Sally M. Jorgensen, for all her concerns and work to help make the convention a success. Brotherhood registration was handled by Alice and Lars Andersen and Lillian. Alice Andersen did a commendable job as convention treasurer. Elsie Hein and Inga and Axel Hermansen took care of the morning and afternoon coffee breaks. Elsa Berlin and Carol and Al Larsen handled publicity and raffles. At the convention, attendees were able to pick up their orders of kringle and bread from the O&H Bakery in Racine. Inga and Axel Hermansen ordered and brought baked goods to the motel.

There were 12 raffle items including an afghan and pillow decorated by Agnes Cappelletti of Sisterhood Lodge No. 15; candle holders, a basket of Wisconsin items and bottle of wine from Brotherhood Lodge No. 35 in Chicago; a bottle of akvavit, baby quilt, bell pull, B&G figurine, and cordless screwdriver from Brotherhood Lodge No. 36; a windsock from the National Headquarters; and a "basket of booze" from the convention committee.

Sally M. Jorgensen, convention chairperson, crafted the table decorations as well as the corsages and boutonnieres given to banquet attendees. Alice and Lars Andersen donated 13 ivy plants as door prizes.

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Marcie Salisbury of Sisterhood Lodge No. 15 was banquet Mistress of Ceremonies.

Our delegates, Grace Gertz and Albert Larsen, attended all sessions. Alternate delegates were Paul and Sandra Sorensen.

Guests attending included Jennifer Denning, National Fraternal Director; Jerome Sonsalla, National Director; Leonard Thompson, Consultant; and Dennis Nissen, Director of Development of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Mange tak are extended to all who helped to make our 40th Midwest District Convention a memorable achievement.

**Albert Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — Our annual picnic was held at Riverside Park with Peter and Thyra Kroner as host and hostess. We were pleasantly surprised when Alice Bartlett and Sandra Johnson drove up from Alpharetta, Georgia, to be with us for the picnic. After a delicious potluck dinner, we had several guessing games with the remainder of the evening spent by visiting.

Dorte Kristensen of Brande, Denmark, one of the former exchange students that visited us earlier, together with her parents, Flemming and Anna Kristensen and friend Niels Hedegaard, spent several days visiting Melda and Henry Mortensen and also several other members of our lodge.



**Mighty Vikings of Lodge No. 343.**

Thanks go out to Kenneth Townsend, Leonard Yorkson and Henry Mortensen for seeing that the float was ready for the Home Town Parade on July 4. Also, thank you to Gene Spindt for providing the truck to pull it.

**Vera Yorkson, Cor.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

**Lodge #30, Muskegon, MI** — Our annual district picnic was held on Saturday, July 6, with 93 members and guests present. We had guests from Ludington, Greenville and Detroit. The picnic was held at Elks Park on the shores of Lake Michigan.

A pig roast (chicken for non-pig eaters) was great. Danish rolls and coffee were available all day.

In addition to eating, everyone enjoyed swimming, visiting and card playing. We also had games for everyone on the 16 children to the adults, with prizes for all games. Even the on-lookers had fun watching. An on-going horseshoe game was held by process of elimination all day. The winner was Don Boyd from Detroit Lodge No. 227. The door prize, a boom box, was won by Dawn Falkowski from Muskegon.

A grand time was had by all.

**David Weller, Sec.**

**Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH** — We held our annual picnic on July 14 at the lodge meeting hall. Members and guests totaled 39 happy and well fed Danes. It was a perfect day and many enjoyed their meal outside in the shade. We flew the American Flag and the Danish Flag on the flag pole. We signed up two new members.

**Richard Zaeger, Sec.**

## GCEL

**Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ** — The date was May 11, 1991, the occasion, DBIA Thor Lodge No. 46's 100th anniversary celebration.

Thor Lodge President, Eric Brown, and Thor Lodge Secretary, Kenneth Nielsen, acted as tour guides for the visiting national representatives: National Vice President, Woody Petersen, and National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen, on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

The evening began with cocktails, while members and guests arrived. The orchestra, Bert Stromholm, played old favorites from Denmark and the U.S.A.

The invocation was given by Reverend Henry Fossing, Danish Seaman's Church in Brooklyn. Carl Pedersen served as Master of Ceremonies, setting the pace with lodge history intermingled with speakers throughout the evening.



**Head table at our 100th anniversary.**

Speakers included Consul General Leif Donde, Danish General Consul; Jerome Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer; Woody Petersen, National First Vice President; and Eric Brown, Thor Lodge President.

Telegrams from the Queen of Denmark and various DBIA lodges and districts were presented and read to the guests.

The evening finished with a Viennese buffet and anniversary cake.

It was an evening that did our forefathers just and our present members proud. Congratulations members of Thor Lodge No. 46!  
**Kenneth Nielsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — In the past six months, President Niels Hansen and other members of our lodge have made great efforts to increase our membership by sending out hundreds of letters about our lodge and so far this campaign is going well.** The following three new members were initiated and welcomed into our lodge at our June 14 meeting: Nenitta and Nathan Zussblatt and Karl Olsen.

June 26 was the 65th anniversary of our lodge which will be celebrated with a dinner dance on November 2, 1991.

**Karen Witt, Sec.**

## ASF Awards

The American-Scandinavian Foundation offers a limited number of awards (usually at the graduate level) for Scandinavians to undertake study or research programs in the United States. Candidates for awards are recommended to ASF by the organizations in Scandinavia with which they cooperate:

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### The Norway-America Association

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**Deadline for fully-documented applications: November 1, 1991.**

## NFCA Celebrates Flag Day on Ellis Island



Nearly 1,000 fraternalists from throughout the United States gathered together on Ellis Island on June 14 to honor the nation's flag and to pay tribute to the

millions of immigrants who came to America pursuing dreams of freedom, opportunity and prosperity.

From 1892 until 1954, Ellis Island served as a processing center for more than 17 million immigrants. Almost half of all Americans today can trace their ancestry to someone who entered this country at Ellis Island.

Former U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell, who played a major role in saving the Island for restoration, was the featured speaker at the gathering. He addressed the importance of the Bill of Rights.

A salute to the Armed Forces followed by a sing along of patriotic songs concluded the official ceremony.

In addition, fraternalists toured the museum. For many, the Immigrant Wall of Honor was the first stop. This wall lists 200,000 names of immigrants, individuals or families who gave \$100 per name to the restoration fund. Fraternalists also viewed the commemorative plaques honoring NFCA member-societies and the Polish American Congress for their financial support of the restoration of Ellis Island.

Others paused at displays that traced the various stages of immigrant processing. They looked at cases filled with literary testing cards in a dozen languages. They admired the treasures the immigrants brought with them. Still others enjoyed a film entitled "Island of Hope, Island of Tears" about the immigration experience.

For dinner a stew, derived from a recipe used during peak immigration years, was served.

## Danish Canadian Conference Held

by Rolf Buschardt Christensen

The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada held its 10th annual conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, from June 23-26, 1991. It was the second time that the national umbrella organization of Danish Canadian associations held its conference in Denmark.

The conference began Sunday, June 23, at noon in the Congregational Hall of Trinitatis Church in Copenhagen, the tower of this church being the famous Round Tower. The three-day conference began by Peter Heering, Jr., the host of the conference and president of Dansk Samvirke, bidding everyone welcome. Then the Danish Canadian Federation held its Annual General Meeting. Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Martha Larsen and Esther Machacynski were re-elected respectively as president, secretary and treasurer of the Danish Federation.

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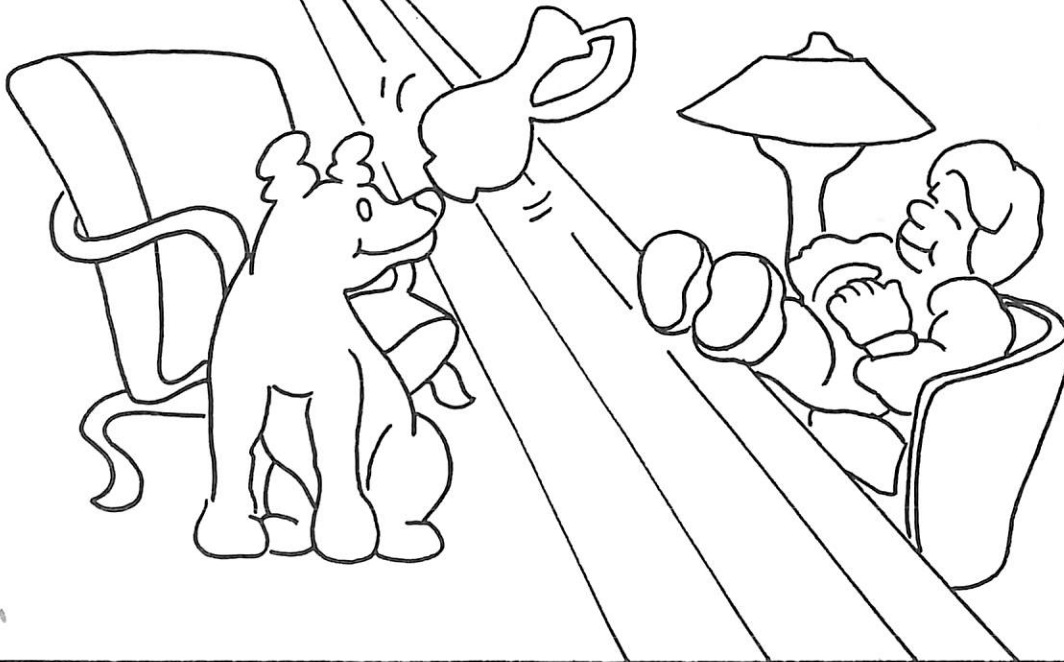
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Members failing to pay their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

# Jorgen's Rainbow



Danish designs and applied arts are famous the world over for their beauty and practicality. From furniture (mobler) to ceramic (keramic) products, glassware (glasting) to textiles (tekstilvarer), the fine tradition of Danish craftsmanship is appreciated by Jorgen who is relaxing after his vacation. Be careful Bansen!

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

August winners are: Joni Christensen, Erik Danko, Brandon Melzark.

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## Grandma's Kitchen Danish Glazed Potatoes (Brunede Kartoffler)



Gunild Ostergaard

½ cup sugar  
½ cup oleo  
1 ½ lb. potatoes or 1 lg. can

Melt sugar in pan until beginning to brown. Do not let burn. Remove from heat and add oleo. Stir until it melts then add drained, moist potatoes. Toss until evenly glazed and golden brown

# 1991 Joint National Convention

The 1991 Joint National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America and the Danish Sisterhood of America will be held October 3-5 in Portland, Oregon.

## Hotel Reservations

You are responsible for making your own arrangements. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate at the **Red Lion Inn/Janzen Beach (503) 283-4466**. When booking your rooms please tell the reservationist that you are with the Danish Brotherhood in America Convention. Room rates are \$80 for single and \$90 for double.

Additional housing is available with other establishments at discounted rates. **Inn at the Meadows, toll free reservations (800) 448-5544**. Rate includes a complimentary gourmet continental breakfast from 5:00 to 10:00 a.m. They are located about one mile from the Red Lion where the convention is going to be held. They will provide a scheduled shuttle service.

Discounted rates are also available at **Vancouver Lodge, in Vancouver, Washington (206) 693-3668**. The Vancouver Lodge is about five minutes by car to the Red Lion.

## Meals

There will be a continental style breakfast available with the

purchase of tickets, the hotel also has a coffee shop; there are also restaurants in the immediate area. Lunches and dinner Thursday evening are "on your own." Dinner on Friday and Saturday evening will be at the Red Lion with dancing to follow.

## Other Items of Interest

**Souvenirs** — Special items have been selected by both Portland lodges to make this trip to the Pacific Northwest memorable for you. There will be cups, hats, sweatshirts, aprons, jackets, and much more.

**Exhibits** — Exhibits of the history of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood of America will be available on display throughout the convention.

**Disabled Persons** — Any person with a disability attending this convention will be accommodated. There will be easy access to all functions.

**Child Care** — Children Welcome! Information available upon request.

**Orientation/Group Photos** — Orientation will be an important event to attend, please arrive promptly Thursday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m. One photo will be taken of all conventioners, available for purchase. A group picture of your lodge will be available at an extra charge.

## DBIA Names Travel Agent of Record

The Danish Brotherhood in America has appointed PIHL's FIVE STAR TRAVEL as its Travel Agent of Record for the Portland, Oregon National Convention, October 2-6, 1991.

**Low air fares** are available for everyone attending the 1991 National Convention in Portland, Oregon. This includes delegates, officers, staff, DBIA members and spouses, children and friends.

PIHL's Five Star Travel has arranged special discount air fares.

Please observe the following:

Know the travel dates. Lowest fares are No Refund/No Change, requiring a Saturday night stay.

Call toll-free 1-800-635-7445 to PIHL's Five Star Travel or write to: PIHL's Five Star Travel, 382 N. State Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034-3112.

All travel for discount is on United Airlines.

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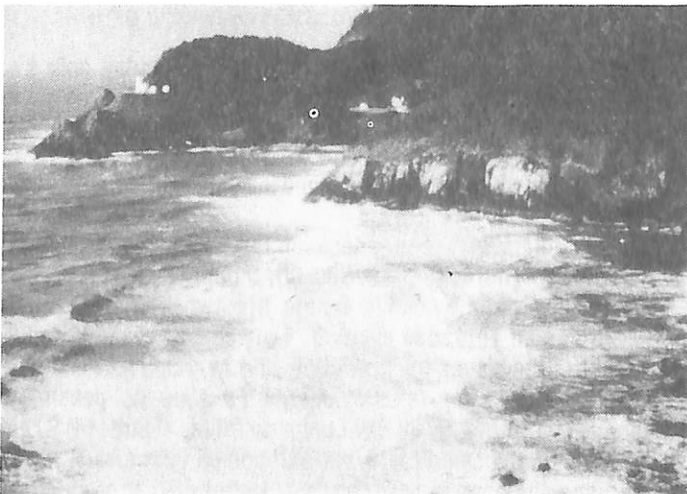
For air fares which are personal expenses (self, spouse, family, etc.) give PIHL's Five Star Travel the credit card account number to be charged, expiration date and precise name on the card.

PIHL will mail tickets with the appropriate charge slip if tickets are billed to a

credit card. For those charged to DBIA, tickets and itinerary will be mailed to the traveler.

Payment by check to PIHL for air fares, is agreeable.

NOTE: Cancellation insurance is available from PIHL for refund. There is no penalty by the airline if passenger promptly gives PIHL a letter from a doctor stating passenger(s) may NOT fly. Photocopy of any obituary of the deceased also results in a no penalty. PIHL will then issue a Credit Card Refund Notice to the credit card to which ticket(s) were charged. A refund check will be issued if payment had been by check.



The Oregon coast and the Columbia Gorge — Two of the many sights to see in the Pacific Northwest.

# “Velkommen” to the City of Roses and the Pacific Northwest

**Our 33rd National Convention** is just around the corner. We feel it is time the hosting lodges in Portland wish you VELKOMMEN to our beautiful state and city.

We know you will love it here. There is so much to see, just check our tour program. Even if some of us will be tied up in meetings, there will still be a chance for the delegates to do some sightseeing on Saturday afternoon as well as Sunday.

The Red Lion Inn at Jantzen Beach will be our beautiful headquarters. A perfect place for a convention, located right at the Columbia River. Elegant, yet cozy, bright and cheerful. Many of the rooms have a straight view of the river, even the meeting rooms, so if you should get bored at any time, just look out the window, watch the sailboats for a few seconds — and you will feel refreshed again. **Red Lion/Jantzen Beach provides shuttle service to and from the Portland airport every 30 minutes.**

**Wednesday, October 2** — Our registration desk will open at 10 a.m. and we will be there to greet you and see that you are well taken care of. Take the afternoon to look everything over, maybe rest a little after your trip or take a swim in the outdoor pool. At 8 p.m. that evening we have arranged a “Rose City Social” which is a casual no-host get-together. Come say hi to your old friends, meet new ones and give your hosts a chance to welcome you to Portland.

**Thursday, October 3** — Our registration desk will be open again for any “late-comers” and at 8:30 a.m. we have our Joint Grand Opening. It will be a colorful event with dignitaries from our city and state welcoming our convention. Following the opening will be a coffee break — and the traditional group picture will be taken. The DBIA meetings will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. After the meetings you will have a chance to relax, visit the hospitality rooms, shop in our gift shop, etc. Be sure you are ready for the 8 p.m. “President’s Reception” where we will honor past and present presidents and give them a few surprises. This is also a no-host evening.

**Friday, October 4** — A work-day again for the delegates, tours for those who are free to do so. But Friday night spells FUN for all of us: “Harvest Moon on the Columbia” — an entire Northwest theme with a lot of Oregon tied in. We can guarantee you a fun evening; a tiny bit of education about Oregon, a lot of laughing over crazy things, beautiful fall decorations and dancing to Stan Borreson’s Scandinavian orchestra (the ONLY Scandinavian feature all evening). Just a “let your hair down and enjoy” time. Come “casual.”

**Saturday, October 5** — A back-to-work day with meetings at 8:30 a.m. - noon. Here is a chance for the delegates to take a tour in the afternoon, if you so desire.

Don’t run out of steam, because our theme for Saturday night dinner is “An Evening in Tivoli.” Tivoli in Denmark has closed the gates at that time, but we will make you feel like we took the whole thing, stuck it in boxes and shipped it over here from Copenhagen, except “Rutsjebanen” (the roller coaster). We would love to tell you a lot more about all the surprises we have in store for you, but it would be a shame to do that. Those who come will see for themselves, and we are sure those who don’t

will hear a lot about it afterwards. Tivoli, music, gorgeous decorations and dancing to one of Portland’s top bands. Tonight is the more elegant evening so if you want to dress up a little more than the night before, you will help us “put the dot over the i.”

Our tour programs cover the mountains, the coast lines, wineries, the beautiful city and the rivers. But maybe you like to shop? No problem, we have shopping centers galore, or you can stay right at our souvenir shop at the hotel and shop to your heart’s content. There will be a little bit of everything, but always a touch of Denmark.

Be sure you check our bulletin board in the lobby every morning for the events of the day. Our registration desk will be open almost all the time to answer your questions, give directions and assist with any problems. If we don’t have help at our fingertips, we will find a way to get it.

We have worked hard to show you a GREAT TIME — and now we are really looking forward to seeing everyone. We will do all we can to help you enjoy your stay. It will be **business**, it will be **fun**, it will be **interesting**. It will be a time to meet old friends and make new friends.

**Paa gensyn og god fornøjelse** in the City of Roses next month. We are all ready and waiting for your arrival. You did make your reservation, didn’t you? Otherwise, **Hurry!**

**Lisa Mortensen, President**  
Lodge #167, Portland, Oregon

## Changes in Convention Tours

Due to a minimum requirement of 40 persons per tour, the following changes in our tour program have been made necessary:

### Canceled Tours:

**#2 Central Oregon Coast Tour on Friday.** Persons signed up for this tour might want to change to Tour #1 the “**Northern Oregon Coast Tour**” on Thursday for an additional \$3.00. (Total \$20.00) The price for this tour includes admission to the Maritime Museum at Fort Clatsop. Please see #1 below.

**#3 Winery Tour on Saturday**

**#4 Mt. Hood Loop Tour on Friday.** Please see #C below.

**#6 Alternate Family Dinner Cruise on Wednesday.** Please see #5 below.

### Changes:

**#C Mt. Hood Loop Tour will be offered on Sunday only from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Price \$16.00. Space available.

**CP City of Portland Tour on Saturday.** Time has been changed. The tour will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (instead of the morning). Price \$11.00. Space available.

### Still Open:

**#1** We still have space available on the **Northern Oregon Coast Tour on Thursday.** Cost \$20.00. 9 hours. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**#5** Space is still available on the **Sternwheeler Rose Dinner Cruise on Thursday evening.** Time changed to 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bus leaves the hotel at 5:30 p.m. Price \$28.95.

Kindly send in for re-assignments **as soon as possible** to Ingeborg MacHaffie, 9700 SW Lakeside Drive, Tigard, OR 97224.

Refunds for canceled tours will be made on your arrival. Please check with the special tour counter located next to the convention registration desk in the hotel lobby.

# Viking Adventures

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Working Together — Success

## 33rd Joint National Convention, Portland, Oregon

### DBIA Agenda

#### Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00 Registration/Check-in
- 8:00 Rose City Social (Washington Room)

#### Thursday, October 3

- 7:30 Early Registration
- 8:30 Joint Grand Opening
- 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:30 Group Picture
- 11:00 DBIA Meetings
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 1:30 Meetings
- 3:00 Coffee Break
- 3:30 Meetings
- 8:00 Presidents' Reception  
(Multnomah Clackamas Room)

#### Friday, October 4

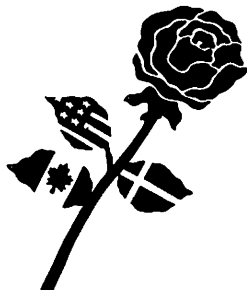
- 8:30 DBIA Meetings
- 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:30 Meetings
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 1:30 Meetings
- 3:00 Coffee Break
- 3:30 Meetings
- 6:30 "Harvest Moon on the Columbia"  
Dinner/Dance/East Ballroom

#### Saturday, October 5

- 8:30 DBIA Meetings
- 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:30 Meetings
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 1:30 DBIA - Free Afternoon
- 6:30 "An Evening in Tivoli"  
Dinner/Dance/West Ballroom

#### Sunday, October 6

Check Out



### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Number/Age) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Delegate? \_\_\_\_\_ An Alternate? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Lodging:

Will you stay at the Red Lion Motor Inn at  
Jantzen Beach? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you stay at the Heyden Island RV Park? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Special Events:

##### Number of People:

\_\_\_\_\_ Will be attending Rose City Social

\_\_\_\_\_ Will be attending Thursday Night's Presi-  
dents' Reception

\_\_\_\_\_ Will be attending Friday Night's Harvest  
Moon on the Columbia

\_\_\_\_\_ Will be attending Saturday Night's An Eve-  
ning in Tivoli

Please inform us if special food arrangements need to  
be made: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Convention Fee: \$87.50 per person

Includes all registration fees and the above special  
events — Additional dinner tickets available at \$45  
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Please fill out this form and return to:

Elaine Jensen  
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Make check payable to: DBIA/DSS 1991 Convention  
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