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Annual Board Meeting

The National Board of Directors will meet for the annual Board meeting, Thursday, November 14 - Saturday, November 16 at the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE.

Scenes from Portland, Oregon National Convention, October 3-5, 1991

Tusinde Tak...

The Portland Convention Committee would like to say **THANK YOU** to each and everyone who came to our "City of Roses" for the 33rd National Joint Convention.

We sincerely enjoyed having you here. So many of you took the time to come and let us know that you were having a great time — and needless to say, we certainly loved to hear your comments.

We had a wonderful time ourselves — and for that we can thank you. We feel that we got to see many of our old friends — and that we also made many new friends. We will look forward to get together with everybody again in 1995 in Milwaukee.

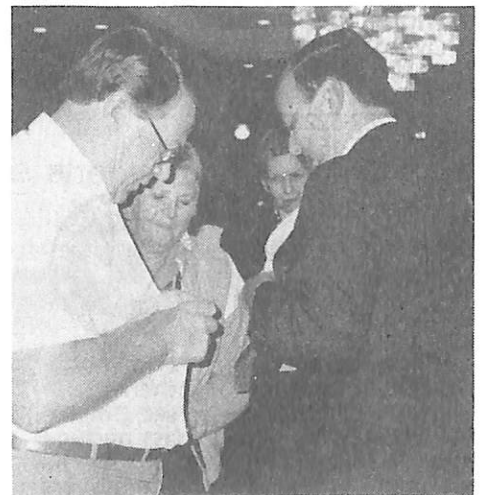
Tusinde tak.

Helene Hirsch Lisa Mortensen
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The pictures below are just a few of the faces present at the National Convention. More National Convention pictures can be found on pages 21 and 23.

Below top, National President, Clyde R. Langsted, addresses the convention on opening day; **below bottom**, The National Board of Directors during the opening ceremony.

Right top to bottom, National Past President George Jacobsen, gives a speech in memory of all DBIA members who have died since the last National Convention; Past National Presidents, Robert Ibsen and George Jacobsen, visit with Earl Hansen during the **Rose City Social**; Geert and Ulla Pedersen, and National Director Barry Edmonds try to master the trickery of Bill Jensen; and DBIA members visit with old acquaintances.



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3	0	0	228	456	228	456
4	645	1,290	365	730	1,010	2,020
5	1,355	2,710	519	1,038	1,874	3,748
10	5,411	10,822	1,764	3,528	7,175	14,350
15	10,313	20,626	4,226	8,452	14,539	29,078
20	16,048	32,096	9,250	18,500	25,298	50,596
Age 60	38,319	76,638	51,014	102,028	89,333	178,666
Age 65	47,024	94,048	81,686	163,372	128,710	257,420
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Good Deed Peder

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a boy named Peder who lived with his father and stepmother.

She was very spiteful, his stepmother, who scolded young Peder all day and all night.

Every time he was outdoors, she called him in; and when he was indoors, she called him out. She begrudged him the very food and drink he ate and drank.

Peder was very surprised one day when his stepmother actually set a bowl of soup in front of him. He was hungry so he sat down right away and picked up his spoon.

As he opened his mouth to eat, he saw a branch of a bush poking its way toward him. (The bush had been planted outside the window by his own mother.) Suddenly, the branch began to speak. "Do not eat the soup, Peder," it said. "It will make you ill. Leave the house and go away!"

Peder closed his mouth and dropped the spoon. He got up and without saying a word to anyone, left the house. He walked fast, not stopping for a moment, fearing his stepmother would come after him.

Later as he walked along the banks of a stream, someone called his name.

"Peder, Peder, come here!"

Peder turned around and saw a little fish on the grass.

"Throw me back into the stream, Peder," said the fish. "Your good deed will be rewarded one day."

And so, Peder threw the little fish back into the water and he swam happily away.

That night Peder met some shepherds who gave him some milk and bread to eat.

The next morning, Peder went on his way when he heard someone again call his name.

"Peder, Peder, come here!"

Peder turned around and saw a little bird lying on the ground too weak to fly. He asked Peder to put him back into the tree.

And so he did.

"Your good deed will be rewarded one day," said the bird.

Peder continued on his journey. He traveled aimlessly, and once again he heard someone call his name.

"Peder, Peder, come here!"

Peder looked around and saw that this time it was a bush calling for his help. The poor bush was withering away from lack of water. Peder ran to a brook, filled his hat with water and sprinkled the roots of the little bush.

"Your good deed will be rewarded one day," said the bush.

"I was not thinking of a reward," said Peder, honestly.

"All the same," said the bush, "I shall give you some advice: Have no fear when danger comes near; your good fortune is found where the worst threats abound!"

Peder thought that was indeed very strange advice, but continued on his way.

One day, he came upon a big city. There was a crowd of people at the palace gate. When they saw Peder they came running toward him.

"Come here, come here!" they shouted. "Ninety-nine have gone to the gallows before you and you will be the hundredth!"

Peder didn't have a clue as to what they were talking about, but the prime minister came out and told Peder that he must face a test.

Peder shrugged and listened: It seemed that the king had a daughter who wanted to get married and so he sent for a dozen princes so that she could make up her mind, but she refused all of them. The king sent for earls and lords but she didn't like any of them, either.

The king became very angry. "If you refuse to marry anyone whom you have seen with your own eyes," growled the king, "you must marry someone you have not seen! Let me tell you this, daughter. You shall only marry a man who can hide himself three times in a row and whom you can't find. If you do find him every time, he must go to prison!"

The princess burst into tears. "That's unfair!" she cried. "You are positively mean!"

But the king was adamant. He advertised the conditions and ninety-nine men came forward and failed the test.

Peder had now come forward as the hundredth man.

He was led into the palace and given plenty of food and drink. Eventually, he was left alone so that he could work out a good hiding place for the next day.

Peder spent the whole night thinking, but he didn't have the slightest idea where he could hide.

The next morning, he was told to hide and he wandered around looking for such a place when he came to a river. He sat down and looked into the water.

Suddenly, Peder saw the little fish whom he had thrown back into the stream awhile before.

"Your good deed is now rewarded," said the fish, as he opened his mouth and urged Peder to climb in. Peder did so and the fish swam to the bottom of the river and hid in the sand.

The princess watched Peder as he did this and called for Peder to climb out of the mouth of the fish that hid in the river.

The next morning, Peder had to find another hiding place and went into the woods. Suddenly, he heard, "Your good deed is now rewarded." Peder looked up and saw the bird he had lifted and placed back in a tree some time before.

"I'll spread my wings and you can hide yourself beneath them," offered the bird to Peder. As he did this, the princess watched him from her room.

She came outside and called for Peder to come forth from beneath the wings of the bird that hid on a branch.

The next day, Peder had to find yet another hiding place, but lost confidence in finding one. The princess found him at the bottom of the sea and in a tree — where else could he hide.

Just then, Peder heard, "Your good deed is now rewarded."

Peder turned around and saw the bush that he revived earlier with some water.

"Hide among my branches with all of my blossoms and new leaves," said the bush. Peder did.

This time, when the princess came out of the palace she looked around and said, "I do not see him," Father!"

"Look again!" insisted the king. "Do you see him now?"

She did see Peder hiding in the bush, but she did not say a word. She knew only too well that if she did, Peder would go to prison and she loved him too much for that to happen.

Finally, she said, "Peder, Peder come forth from wherever you are hiding. I cannot find you! My heart is yours!"

Peder sprang forth from the bush and raced to the princess whereupon they married and lived happily ever after.

An Outfit for the Moon

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME the moon was sad because during the winter time it was always cold.

So it called upon some tailors in a small village to make it an outfit, but after much discussion the tailors came to a conclusion that it would be impossible to make a garment that would fit.

The moon called upon many tailors from far away places to see if anyone amongst them could make it an outfit, but no one could solve the problem.

Then one day, someone told an old tailor in another land about the plight of the moon and the tailor said, "I heard that there is a fabric that responds to light. This fabric becomes larger if the object is large and becomes smaller if the object is small!"

When the other tailors heard this they said, "This is amazing! That is just the kind of fabric we've been looking for so that it will keep the moon nice and warm! But where do we find this unusual fabric?"

The old tailor wasn't really sure, as he had only heard about it; but he said that he would try to find it no matter how long it would take and bring it back.

Every village he stopped at he asked about the fabric and everyone laughed and thought that he was a fool; but he was determined to keep going until he found this magical material so that the moon could be kept warm.

One day, when the tailor came to a river he asked the boat man to take him across to the other side. While this was happening, he asked the boat man if he knew where this fabric could be found.

The boat man told him that he would find what he was looking for on the other side of the mountain.

The tailor could hardly believe that he was getting closer to his destination and he asked the boat man if he knew anything more about the fabric.

The boat man nodded. "The queen who lives on the other side of the mountain has a gown woven out of this magical material," he said, helpfully.

The tailor who was poor wondered how he could afford to buy this fabric if only a queen could afford it.

He thanked the boat man and traveled over the mountains until he reached the city. Everyone he saw had a sad face and finally the tailor stopped a woman and asked her why this was.

"Everyone is sad," began the woman, "because our lovely queen is sad."

The tailor was sorry to hear this because he hoped the queen would help him, but what chance would he have if she wasn't happy.

"Why is the queen sad?" asked the tailor.

"Because," replied the woman, "her gown which is woven out of light has become frayed. Now she doesn't have anything to wear to her son's wedding."

Suddenly, the tailor began to smile. After all, he was a tailor and could repair clothes; but then he thought of all the tailors in the city who could do the same thing and asked about it.

"Yes," said the same woman. "We have expert tailors, but none of them know how to work with cloth woven out of light. The secret to this kind of weaving was lost long ago!"

The old tailor thought, "If none of these tailors can mend the gown, then how can I?"

Still he felt that he shouldn't give up.

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He went to the queen and told her that he was willing to try and mend her gown so that she could wear it to her son's wedding.

The queen sighed and said, "I wish it was as simple as that, but you see the gown began to fray because it was woven out of light and when it frays it simply turns to light again and vanishes. It is necessary to create new material, but the secret has long been lost."

The tailor thought about that and hoped that he would learn the secret so that he could produce the fabric needed to weave an outfit for the moon.

He told the queen that he did not know of such magical material, but he was willing to look for the secret no matter how long it would take.

The queen was pleased with his determination and told him she would help him in any way she could for she desperately wanted to attend the wedding of her son, but she could only do so wearing the gown woven out of light.

The tailor asked to see the gown and he was astonished at its beauty and fragility. When he touched it, it would stretch as far as he pulled it and then it would shrink back to its original form.

He thought to himself, "This would be the ideal fabric to make an outfit for the moon."

Quickly, the old tailor looked for a loose end of the thread of light and when he found it he saw that as soon as the thread unraveled it turned to light and disappeared.

Then he became afraid to even touch it for fear the gown would unravel even more and disappear before his eyes. If the queen was sad now, what would she become if she didn't have the gown at all.

While he studied the gown, the full moon came up in the sky

and cast its light inside the palace.

When the light of the moon hit the gown something special happened. The gown began to glow with a lovely, pale light.

The old tailor jumped back for it seemed as if the gown had a life of its own.

The loose ends of the gown which had become frayed started to grow larger again in the light of the moon. The weaving of light was happening right before him and he couldn't believe his eyes.

Instantly, he snipped off a small piece of the gown and held it up to the moonlight. As he watched, the piece began to grow until it was one hundred times larger than it was before.

The old tailor had accidentally stumbled upon the secret of the material. It was Woven-Out-Of-Moonlight.

In the meantime, the light of the moon continued to restore the queen's garment and by the next day the gown was completely repaired.

The old tailor showed the gown to the queen who was most grateful for his courage and help.

She asked him how she could ever repay him for this miracle and he asked her if he could keep the piece of cloth he had cut from the gown.

The queen gladly told him that he could and after she thanked him again he packed his things and started his journey back to his village.

When he finally reached his town and showed the tailors the fabric, they were overjoyed and they quickly began sewing an outfit for the moon.

When it was finished it fit perfectly and the moon was now warm in the winter time because it was made out of its own radiance.

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — At our Veterans night meeting on September 4, President Frank Poulsen welcomed everyone present and introduced the slate of Veteran officers appointed for the night: Past President, Kris Jorgensen; President, Clyde Langsted; Vice President, Jens Nielsen; 1st Trustee, Martin Rasmussen; 2nd Trustee, Flemming Sorensen; 3rd Trustee, Paul Hansen.

After introductions, President Clyde opened the meeting. A membership application was received from Thomas Forogl.

The membership decided to give \$250 to the District Hospitality room at the National Convention.

This year's picnic was again a success with over 400 people attending at the beautiful Nile Country Club.

Fifty-seven persons attended the brunch cruise on August 25 and everybody seemed to enjoy the good food and sunshine.

After our regular business meeting, we joined with the Sisterhood for sandwiches, beer and snaps. During our social hour, National President, Clyde Langsted presented Brother Axel Nielsen with a 50 year pin and Hans Kirkebjerg and Hans Pedersen with 60 year membership pins.

The Board of Directors of Lodge #29 will meet a week prior to the regular meeting in order to take care of a lot of business and make recommendations on matters to the membership in order to shorten our meetings and have more time for the social aspect of the get-together.

Due to the loss of our chairman of trustees, Hans Nielsen, President Frank Poulsen appointed Clyde Langsted to fill the void for the remainder of the year.

Frank Poulsen, Pres.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Attending the Joint National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood was Merle Kinder from our lodge as delegate. A report of convention proceedings will be on the agenda for the November 7 meeting. Also at the November meeting, a committee will

The best idea for November goes to Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA. See page 13.

draw up a slate of officers for 1992. A traditional Danska dinner will also be served.

We need ideas for the Christmas meeting.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Our September 4 meeting came to order at 8:00 p.m. with 33 persons present. All officers with the exception of Kris Roley, Young Viking chairperson, were present. Frank Dally led the Pledge of Allegiance; Past President, Larry West explained the symbols; Frank undraped the charter in memory of our former trustee, Marion Buchholz.

A big appreciation was given to all our men who prepared the Danish sandwiches. Even our guest from Eugene, Mo Pedersen, Regional Manager for the Northwest, gave his best. We were so impressed with their work that the lodge would like the men to alternate with the women every other month. Jan Christensen was volunteered to chair the women in November. The guys will do December.

Minutes for the August meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. Correspondence was read, among which were several thanks to our lodge. Bills were read and authorized to be paid, the treasurer also read his report for August, and it was approved.

Asbjorn Fisker gave the law committee report to prepare the lodge for what will be discussed at the National Convention. There are 49 proposals turned in, all delegates will get a book at the convention. There are 32 yes, 13 no and 4 remain the same. Some examples are the procedure for the election of a national board member, a raise in the dues for members, lodge insurance-umbrella insurance for all lodges, name change. In regards to the name change, if anyone has input let Lisa Mortensen know, as she is our delegate

from the law committee.

Ingeborg MacHaffie, representative for the National Convention Tours, reported that there was some room left on the tours, a sign up sheet went around.

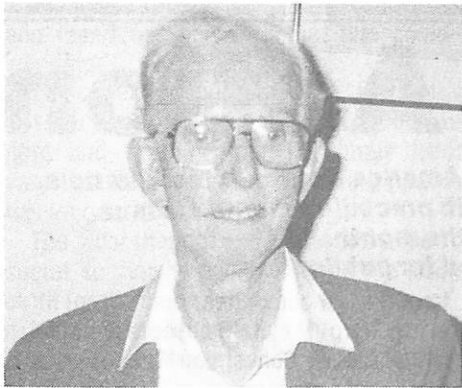
The Christmas party will again be chaired by John and Bodel Hansen. Bo gave us some of her ideas, which sound great. It will be held at the Norse Hall on December 8 starting around 3:00. There will be decoration making, sandwiches for adults, hot dogs for children, decorating the tree, dancing around the tree, with a visit from Santa. We will try and be finished around 7:30. Give feedback to Bo on these ideas or any other that you may have. This is extended to all ages. Bo will invite the Sisterhood to join us.

Mo Pedersen was extended a warm welcome from Lisa and spoke to us. He so appreciated the open faced sandwiches and visiting with our lodge members during supper. He spoke of his experiences as a soldier in the Queen's Army in Denmark, and his residence in the Eastern Bloc nations. One of the things he has learned was, "you can't base a country or yourself on lies, it will collapse. Build your life as well as society on a sound basis." The Danish Brotherhood is striving for this and for our families. Please come back anytime Mo, as you were a real inspiration to our members.

The National Directors of the DBIA sent us a plaque to present to Silvano Hansen in recognition of his involvement as a member of the Brotherhood for 64 years. Jens Jensen had the privilege of making this presentation. Silvano reported that his long



Silvano Hansen receives a certificate for his years of service to the DBIA.



Upton Hansen transfers to Lodge No. 167. Velkommen!

life was attributed to married life. A big thank you to the Hungerfords for contributing a rose to each delegate's room at the convention. Betty Hungerford introduced her husband Bob, the florist. Jens Jensen introduced a new transfer, Upton Hansen, from a Los Angeles lodge to our lodge. He started in Detroit and has been a member for 48 years.

Lisa read correspondence from headquarters regarding a blanket insurance policy covering activity for our members and guests. Discussion followed, a survey will be completed on our lodge at the discretion of the lodge and returned to Omaha. Lisa introduced new business which included selecting a nomination committee for the 1992 officers. The following were nominated from the floor: Jens Jensen, Don Bogh, Larry West declined as a current board member, George Larsen was the final selection. Nominations were moved and seconded to be closed. Jens Jensen informed the lodge that Norse Hall's back staircase is handicap accessible. Asbjorn will look into the failure of our P.A. system. He was authorized to get the present one repaired, or if necessary, purchase a new system. The meeting closed in the usual manner.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — On Saturday, September 21, at 10:30 a.m., the Brotherhood had their annual soccer game against teams from Seattle.

The Over 35B team played a very good game; but, in the end, Vancouver won with a score of 3-2. The guys put on a great show with some pretty good goals. When the ladies began, it was an exciting game before they even started playing. Neither team had enough players, so they both drafted a few new questionable players. Their game could not have been more fun, but in the end, it was the new and improved (questionable players) Seattle team that won with a score of 2-1. The Over 35A played next. The Seattle team out

played and out scored Vancouver. Seattle won the game with a score of 6-1.

In the evening it was party time. There were 75 party makers in the Elks Club Hall, in New Westminster. It started with 6:30 p.m. cocktails. At 7:30 p.m. dinner was served. It was a wonderful catered buffet.

At our last meeting there were 48 Brothers attending. We began the meeting by installing Renwick E. Baber. We accepted two applications, Hans Jorgen Solgaard and Karsten Lebir.

It was requested that we bring the Brotherhood flags to the church for installation of the new pastor. Villy Andersen was to bring them.

There was a discussion that our new hall might be too small to hold our meetings. There were different suggestions made and Tommy Johannsen promised to look into other halls.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — We met September 12 at the Sons of Norway Hall for a potluck dinner and our monthly meeting. Vice President Glen Matson presided over the meeting.

Guests introduced were Else and Kristian Nielsen from Denmark, Lene Alexandersen, Gloria and Joshua Bandegaard and Ernie Kersgaard. The Bandegaards and Ernie Kersgaard are applying for membership. They will be initiated at the next meeting.

The question of a possible name change of DBIA was discussed. The membership voted in favor of keeping the present name, with women as well as men against a change.

Mogens Pedersen gave information on our table at the Scandinavian Festival in Junction City. It was shared with Junction City lodge. Members were on hand to represent the DBIA and visitors were encouraged to enter a free drawing. Out of 900 people entering, 104 indicated an interest in learning more about our Danish lodges. It was a worthwhile endeavor which should be repeated.

Two of our members paid a farewell visit. Vera and Carl Nynge are moving to California. Our best wishes go with them. Phyllis and Walt Reinhard served as chairpersons for the evening with able assistance from LaVanne and George Petersen and Connie and Hanne Jensen. We then watched a movie "Denmark '43" shown and narrated by Verner Meyers. Meyers grew up in Germany and fled the Nazis in the early '40s. The movie told about how the Danes helped Jews escape to Sweden. A very interesting and informative presentation.

Birgit Sand, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

California-Nevada District

The 70th annual convention of the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood in America was held August 15-17, 1991, in Petaluma, California. All business was conducted in order according to the bylaws of the district. President Sue Patterson brought the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, August 15. The convention was opened with a moment of silence for our dearly departed brothers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Patterson introduced three national guests, Paul Carlsen, National Director; Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer; and Leonard Thompson, Consultant to the Danish Brotherhood. The three guests were escorted by the Conductor to the front of the room and seated next to the President, who then introduced the National Director from California, Ebba Norby of Ripon Lodge No. 332.

President Patterson introduced her Parliamentarian, Karen Rowse of Alhambra Lodge No. 323, who was seated next to the President. Roll call of officers found all officers present.

The trustees reported that Francis Holm of San Francisco Lodge No. 49 did not have his delegate certificate and that Henning Jensen, also of Lodge No. 49, be seated in place of Knud Ove Knudsen who was sick. The delegates with certificates voted to seat the two delegates. The trustees also noted that there were two youth delegates present, Tina Hogan of San Diego Lodge No. 306 and Jamie Gossett of Orange County Lodge No. 345. Roll call of accredited delegates was taken. Voting members included 9 officers, 4 honorary life members and 36 delegates for a total of 49 voting members.

President Patterson then introduced the District Past Presidents and honorary life members who were present. She also appointed the Resolutions Committee and the Bylaw Committee.

The minutes of the previous annual convention were distributed to the delegates along with the financial report for the current year and a list of the donors to the Scholarship Fund. The Treasurer's report for the current year was reviewed. All lodges' dues are current making it easy to balance the books. The Secretary-Treasurer informed the delegates that the revised pages for the bylaw book were

available for distribution for those that have the book. The minutes were approved.

Secretary-Treasurer, Owen Miller, thanked all the treasurers for their assessments being on time. He also reminded the delegates that if there is a change in secretary or treasurer in their lodge to be sure and send the change to him so he can update his records.

President Patterson reported on her travels throughout the state to install the new officers. She related some of the high points in her travels throughout the state. She thanked all the lodges for their hospitality and the district officers that assisted at the installations.

Trustee Ed Madsen reported that the trustees had audited the treasurer's books and found everything in order.

Secretary Miller read the following communications: greetings from the National Headquarters, thank you notes for donations from the district that had been received from the National Headquarters for the Axel Skelbeck Fund, Solvang Lutheran Home, Bethel Lutheran Home and Aldersly. Letters were received from National Convention Committee in Portland regarding an ad in the convention book; Lodge Nos. 39 and 49 regarding changes in their meeting locations; Inger Dix thanking the district for the Hans M. Andersen Award she received last year; Vernon Olsen and Ebba Norby expressing thanks for the donations to the Scholarship Fund in the name of Bessie Olsen.

Secretary Miller presented a bill for stamps and supplies in the amount of \$107.82. A motion to pay the bill was approved.

Johannes Jaeger of Solvang Lodge No. 299 reported on the museum in Solvang. He indicated that the museum needed gifts of Danish items that they can put on display. The only place they can get them is from the Danes.

Harvey Rasmussen of Petaluma Lodge No. 143 reported that there were 61 bowlers from five lodges that reported scores. There were 41 men, 15 ladies and 5 Young Vikings (Ferndale Lodge No. 95).

Jim A. Larsen of Petaluma Lodge No. 143 indicated that there were over 30 golfers that played in the tournament.

Gary Gossett of Orange County Lodge No. 345 reported that on February 16 a meeting was held in Solvang to develop a youth program for our district. Those in attendance were Vikki Garrison, Ed Madsen, Brian Olesen, Sue Patterson, Ken and Gerry Olsen, Lillian Suda, Bill Jensen, Soren Christensen, Toni Olsen Gossett and Gary Gossett. A plan was formulated for the youth participation program form that

describes the responsibilities of the youth delegates and youth representatives, a tentative youth program schedule that was sent to Petaluma for incorporation into their program and a youth participation form that was sent to all the lodges for a response. Thirteen forms were returned but only Orange County and San Diego were going to be able to participate.

All the delegates need to bring their children or grandchildren to the convention to make it work. Al Tunsen of Ripon Lodge No. 332 questioned what the involvement of the youth would be. Gary indicated that the youth would join in the opening of the convention, have their own meetings and elect their own officers, discuss the area of participation and other issues and then come into the meeting and report on their activities. Their involvement in the convention would be dependent on the number of youths, and as they got more organized, they would become more involved.

President Patterson asked District Fraternal Coordinators Ken and Gerry Olsen of Orange County and Jim P. Larsen of Petaluma to inform the delegates of their activities the past year. They indicated that they had visited most of the lodges in the district.

National Director Ebba Norby introduced National Consultant Leonard Thompson. His long and successful career working with the Sons of Norway makes him an ideal person to give an address on the state of the Danish Brotherhood in America. He

was hired by the National Board to access how he sees our organization, review what has been happening within the DBIA, what he feels the future holds for the organization if we continue to operate as we have been, and offer recommendations on changes that need to be made.

He believes the DBIA has a serious problem and in order to rectify the situation, we must thoroughly understand the circumstances which created the problem and the situation as it now stands. We have to do something immediately or there will not be a Danish Brotherhood in the year 2000. He has made 68 recommendations for change. Of those recommendations, some changes are major and some are minor, some can be fixed by the Board and some must be fixed at the National Convention in Portland. We must generate fraternal income.

He added that the future still holds promise for us with the hiring of full-time insurance people to increase the insurance sales. We would not have these problems today if we had some more insurance in the past years. We must rethink our position on the requirement for insurance, we must take care of our finances, and we must be enthusiastic about moving ahead. There are three keys for successfully turning this problem around: enthusiasm, determination and leadership.

President Patterson then called upon Jerry Christensen to say a few words. He informed the convention that he has been working on the problem of liability insur-

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
Paul Trombino	14	Kenosha, WI	Santo Principe
Edward L. McHenry	14	Kenosha, WI	Dean E. Hansen
Jason R. Stierle	35	Chicago, IL	Eric R. Jensen
George L. Nielsen	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond L. Nielsen
Betty Nielsen	35	Chicago, IL	Raymond L. Nielsen
Rita E. Neesby	126	Los Angeles, CA	Anne G. Kofod
Dena W. Orton	126	Los Angeles, CA	Anne G. Kofod
Alice D. Kampfner	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Karen H. Satterthwaite	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud O. Koefoed
Ole B. Hansen	183	Troy, NY	Harry B. Jensen, Jr.
Anders A. Christiansen	294	Barre, VT	Harry Mikkelsen
Charles M. McCluer	299	Solvang, CA	William J. Allids
Mae L. Munck	325	Nassau Co., NY	Birgit H. Jacobsen
Ellen N. Smith	345	Orange Co., CA	James O. Dwyer
Hertha C. Weiseth	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Marcia E. Allen	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Sigrid M. Rasmussen	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Richard E. Mathison	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Norma J. Rider	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Janice E. Freeberg	600	Omaha, NE	Eigil M. Andersen
Cathern N. Christensen	600	Omaha, NE	Jens P. Ericksen
Veronica Christensen	600	Omaha, NE	Jens P. Ericksen

ance for the lodges. He indicated that through the National Fraternal Congress of America, they have been looking at a blanket liability policy. All lodges would have to participate and it would give \$1 million in coverage. The cost would be between \$0.75 and \$1.50. Liquor and sports liability would be extra. A questionnaire was mailed to all lodges regarding their current activities and needs.

President Patterson then asked Paul Carlsen to say a few words. He complimented Ebba Norby as being a real asset to the Danish Brotherhood. The two had worked together on the Scholarship Committee. He indicated that for the first time in Brotherhood history, three scholarships were given to three members in one lodge. They were Charles, Chris and Craig Hokanson from Lodge No. 184. He indicated that it is most important that the scholarship application be submitted by February 15 of each year. Late requests will not be considered. He also said not to be discouraged if your applicant for the Howard Christensen Award did not win, but to try again. He also indicated that the California-Nevada District had three lodges in the top 20; namely Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, Solvang Lodge No. 299 and Orange County Lodge No. 345.

Ed Madsen spoke briefly on the Scholarship Fund and that all the lodges should have their fund raisers to support the fund. He reported that \$2,080 was donated and an additional \$1,800 was pledged. When all the pledges are received, the Scholarship Fund will have \$9,564.56.

A motion was passed that the President be instructed to vote against any proposal for a name change for the Danish Brotherhood at the National Convention in Portland.

Ebba Norby requested financial help for the hospitality room that the district will have at the National Convention in Portland. A motion was passed to provide \$300 to her for this purpose.

A motion was passed to have the minutes from the previous convention available for the delegates at the time of registration. Secretary Miller indicated that



Officers and dignitaries take a break for a photo.

they would be available from the time of registration for the convention.

A motion was made and passed to pay bills.

Solvang Lodge No. 299 informed the delegates that the 1992 convention will be held on July 30, 31 and August 1, 1992. There were no offers to host the 1993 convention.

The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Jim P. Larsen; Vice President, Johannes Jaeger; Secretary-Treasurer, Owen Miller; Trustees, Jim A. Larsen, Ebba Norby and Ed Madsen; Conductor, Karl Duus; Inner Guard, Gary Gossett; and Outer Guard, Bill Jensen.

The lot drawing results for the Bylaws Committee for the coming year were Lodge Nos. 49, 306, 39, 184 and 67.

President Patterson announced that Walt Miller of Petaluma had been selected by the officers to receive the Honorary Life Member Award for his many years of service and dedication to the California-Nevada District.

President Patterson announced that there were two people that were worthy of receiving the Hans M. Andersen Award for service to their local lodge. The recipients are Vernon Olsen of Ripon Lodge No. 332 and Peter Breum of Los Angeles Lodge No. 126.

The District President's Awards were presented as follows: Best Single Social Activity, Orange County Lodge No. 345; Best Single Civic Activity, Ferndale Lodge No. 95; Best Annual Activity Schedule, Riverside Lodge No. 346; and Best Newsletter, Los Angeles Lodge No. 126.

Brian Olesen of Solvang Lodge No. 299 introduced Johannes Jaeger as the 1991 recipient of the Howard Christensen Award from the National Headquarters.

Al Tunsen of Ripon Lodge No. 332 spoke briefly on his activities in the Brotherhood and the number of times that the subject of getting the Brotherhood off dead center and get it moving with new members. He indicated that Leonard Thompson's assessment was not new and the fact that we must do something is also not new. He felt that we must all help by supporting the organization with new members. He indicated his support for the youth and recom-

mended we should all listen to what they had to say as they will be the future of the Danish Brotherhood.

Bent Olsen of Solvang Lodge No. 299 reported that Peter Weber, Past National Board Member, was now in a home in Ventura as that is the closest place that can care for him.

Gary Gossett of Orange County Lodge No. 345 asked the two youth delegates and 14 youth representatives to come to the front and introduce themselves. At a meeting they held the night before, Tina Hogan of San Diego Lodge No. 306 was elected President and DaNeil Gossett of Orange County Lodge No. 345 was elected Secretary for the youth. Tina spoke briefly on their meeting and some of the things that they would like to see happen at the convention.

Kaj Kristensen announced that San Francisco Lodge No. 49 would be celebrating their 100th anniversary on Saturday, November 9, and that all are invited to attend.

The Resolution Committee was called upon to give their report.

Paul Carlsen, National Director, was the installing officer with the assistance of Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, as Conductor.

A drill team from the Danish Sisterhood assisted in the installation.

The new president, Jim P. Larsen, closed a successful convention.

Owen Miller, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA — December 13 is the date of our joint Christmas party with members of Odin and Dagmar lodges. It will be strictly a social evening with old Yuletide joy. The evening starts with happy hour at 6 p.m. followed by potluck supper.

The new slate of officers for the coming year have been elected and will be installed at a joint installation with Hayward Lodge No. 184 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 17. It will take place on January 3, 1992 at our meeting hall, 16490 Kent Street, San Lorenzo. Cocktails will be served, followed by Danish sandwiches and dessert.

Aage Lundquist, Cor.

Payment to Board Members

SEPTEMBER

Erling C. Braumann, Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, \$436.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, Nebraska District Convention, \$263.00.

Semi-Annual expense allowance: Robert E. Ibsen, \$250.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$250.00; Erling C. Braumann, \$250.00; Paul Carlsen, \$250.00; Ebba L. Norby, \$250.00; Barry F. Edmonds, \$250.00; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$250.00.

OCTOBER

Woodrow T. Petersen, salary, \$238.05.



Many youth participated in our district convention.

Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA — We will celebrate our 100th anniversary on Saturday, November 9, 1991 with a dinner-dance. All members and friends are invited from near and far to join us in this once in a lifetime event.

Our lodge was founded on November 1, 1891. Since then we have had some wonderful and active years by preserving and sharing our Danish culture with our adopted country.

The dinner-dance will be held at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco, Saturday, November 9. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. The evening begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Music provided by the famous Gary Pacini Band until midnight. Call Ken Larsen (415) 537-2019 or Kaj Kristensen (415) 924-0628. **Kaj Kristensen, Pres.**

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The district convention in Petaluma is over now and the delegates brought back much information of interest to all of us. The program of the convention activities was a very exciting one and enjoyed by all who attended. We know that the Petaluma lodges put out every effort to have a great convention and we thank them for an outstanding event.

Our September 5 meeting was opened at 8 p.m. by President Doris Christensen with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the roll call. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Betty Seale and accepted as read.

Our guest, Captain Delores Williamson of the Salvation Army was introduced and gave a little history on the organization. It has been in existence for 111 years and makes its home in 92 countries, including Denmark. After a 68 year ban, the Salvation Army has now reopened in Russia. She informed us that each year the need for food, clothing, toys, etc. is growing

greater and greater as more and more people lose their jobs and more and more people move to Southern California to the warmer climate. Our project, Operation: H.O.P.E., is simply an extension of the former project, Operation Care and Share. **After listening to Captain Williamson and hearing the statistics of the number of needy people in our area, we have embarked on Operation: H.O.P.E. Our President is asking everyone to bring a can of fruit, vegetables, juices or any canned foods like soup, meat and beans. We will also have a container for any spare change.** Ask your friends to help with our project. If there are members that would like to contribute but cannot get to the meetings, call another member in your area to stop by and pick up your contribution. Every little bit helps!

Two new applications were turned in for membership and an investigating committee of Peter Breum, Lars Westerskov and Paul Andersen approved the applications. After a favorable balloting, we accepted the applicants into the lodge. Their applications have now been sent on to the Home Office for approval.

A new member, Henry Sorensen, was initiated and we officially welcomed him into our lodge.

Secretary Betty Seale read a letter from the Danish Lutheran Church thanking the lodge for the contributions in memory of Inga Pedersen and Herluf Rasmussen. She also reported on the liability insurance that is being studied by the Home Office available to DBIA lodges. Betty is looking into what we have a need to carry.

It was voted on and unanimously passed to contribute \$100 to the district hospitality room at the National Convention in Portland.

We concluded our evening with refreshments hosted by the lodge.

We will have a fish dinner and bingo on Friday, November 22 at the Alamo. No-host

cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. A donation for dinner which includes one beer, one snaps and two cards is \$15.50. Please call for reservations before November 16 to Doris Christensen or Hal Mathiasen.

Congratulations to Peter Breum who received the Hans M. Andersen Award and to Anne Kofod who received an award for the best newsletter for the district.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #332, Ripon, CA — On September 20, 1991, Modesto had surprise visitors from Minden, Nebraska. Bill and Merrie Jorgensen attended on their way to Portland for the National Convention. It was also a special evening with special guest Scott Blom, from the Modesto Police Department with his drug-sniffing dog, Kirov, from Denmark. Scott enlightened everyone on his trip to Denmark and the procedures Denmark uses to train these special dogs. Some drugs were hidden in the room and a demonstration was given on how Kirov finds the drugs. Scott had to learn a little Danish to be able to communicate with Kirov. It was very interesting and fun for all who attended.

On November 9, 1991, San Francisco will hold their 100th anniversary party and the members from Modesto have chartered a bus to attend in force. We have also invited the members from Fresno to join us. This will be a special event for San Francisco members and we want to show our support for this special achievement.

At the November 14, 1991, meeting we will hold our second annual Thanksgiving dinner. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.

Modesto has new officers and hope to generate new activities and fun things to do for a full schedule of events. We have a good start and hope everyone will participate in our events.

Ebba Norby, Pres.

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
8-19-91	—Frede I. Nielsen	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1936
8-23-91	—Andrew G. Rasmussen	75	Fillmore, Nebraska	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1945
8-18-91	—George Jorgensen	95	Marstal, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1917
8-20-91	—Alvin M. Paulsen	88	Hutchinson, Minnesota	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1941
8-28-91	—Svend O. Bengtsson	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1946
9-4-91	—Arved Rasmussen	87	Elba, Nebraska	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1943
8-23-91	—Donald Bromley	73	Denver, Colorado	43	Denver, Colorado	1957
6-5-91	—Clayton Dow	91	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1958
7-2-91	—Erich Stockmann	54	Ukrain, Russia	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1991
9-15-91	—Agnes M. Nielsen	88	Springville, Iowa	347	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1979
9-23-91	—Mathias J. Fosbinder	79	Conrath, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1974
9-16-91	—John I. Bransen	67	Petaluma, California	143	Petaluma, California	1990

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Our last lodge meeting was our Hawaiian Luau on September 14 held at the Kessler's home. Many thanks to Patty and Ike for opening up their home for this event. We had a nice group of 35 in attendance which included one visitor, Inga Griffin.

Following dinner President Jim Wiegandt conducted the business meeting from the patio. There was one application for membership given out to Ellen Smith. We voted to pay convention delegate fees and our lodge would like to thank Ken Olsen, Jim Wiegandt, and Jim Dwyer who donated their entire delegate fee to the District Scholarship Fund in the name of Holger Danske Lodge No. 345.

Convention reports were given starting with Jim Dwyer who spoke about the well-being of the DBIA as an organization. He talked about the need for National to start charging dues to the members. As it is now, social members pay \$5 per year and insured members pay nothing. Experts seem to think that the problem would be solved or at least greatly helped if Omaha charged dues.

Delegate Ken Olsen said that there is a hope that National will be able to charge \$10 annual dues for insured members and \$20 annual dues for social members. These amounts may vary but Ken informed us that the National Board needs to have the power to be able to raise dues as they see fit. We voted to have our delegate, Ken Olsen, place a vote in favor of a bylaw change at the National Convention, to allow the National Board to raise dues. Realizing that our organization could be close to failure, the majority of our members felt this is the only choice available.

Delegate Jim Wiegandt also added statistics about our organization's well-being in addition to reporting about the national name change which our district unanimously voted down. He talked about the youth program and those youth that attended the convention saying that they presented themselves in a favorable way. Jim also presented us with the District President's Award we received at the convention for Best Social Activity which included a \$25.00 check.

Lastly youth delegate, Jamey Gossett, gave his report on the youth meeting and their activities. He reported that the district had two youth delegates and fourteen youth representatives at the convention. At their meeting they discussed the National name change, involvement at district conventions, and participation in local lodge meetings. He explained this was their first meeting and hoped for more participation from the lodges in the future

Following the delegate reports Jim presented the Spencer Nielsen Award to a very well deserving winner, Helga Bjorn.

President Jim Wiegandt appointed Ken Olsen to the office of vice president for the remainder of the year to fill the vacancy.

Many thanks to Kaj Bjorn who made new signs for our lodge.

President Wiegandt appointed a nomination committee of Gary Gossett, Ardythe Wiegandt, and Ozzie Schuette. If you are contacted by the nomination committee, please keep an open mind and remember our lodge needs YOU!

Voting will take place at the November meeting.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

MONTANA

Lodge #273, Dillon, MT — On Sunday, August 10, our lodge had their annual summer picnic. It was potluck with the lodge furnishing the drinks. A lot of visiting and fun was had by all.

On September 2, we had a float in the Labor Day parade. The theme was "God Bless America." Our float was the United States decorated as a flag. The float committee had their potluck supper on September 8 to just relax and visit.

Helen Tommerup, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

A special thank you to Ruskin Lodge No. 161 for hosting the Nebraska District Convention. Friday night's "Lil Ed Sullivan Shoo" was fantastic. It proved there's hidden talent in our small towns.

Leonard Thompson, our consultant hired by the National Board of Directors, spoke on the financial condition of the Danish Brotherhood. He recommended a number of changes to be brought before the National Convention. It wasn't exactly what we wanted to hear, but as he said, "without changes, the Danish Brotherhood may not be here by the year 2000. It's as simple as that."

The Lincoln Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges will host the 1992 annual picnic. Minden Lodge No. 16 will host the district convention. Dates have not been set as yet and will be announced later. Jerry Christensen, representing Blair Lodge No. 206, committed their lodge to host the convention in 2010.

Woodrow Petersen, National First Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood, represented the National Board of Directors at the convention. He also won \$50 in the

Ruskin raffle drawing which he donated to the Nebraska District Scholarship Fund. On behalf of the district, Woody, I express a sincere thank you!

Election of district officers resulted in the following: Past President, Soren Thomsen; President, James Christiansen; Vice President, Glen Haselbarth; Secretary-Treasurer, Ginny Schultz; Trustees, Edward Krause, Robert Johnson and Erik Hansen; Conductor, Quentin Johnson; Inner Guard, Eugene Schultz; and Outer Guard, Kenneth Pedersen.

District President's Awards were awarded as follows: Best Local Lodge Social Activity, Omaha Lodge No. 1; Best Local Lodge Civic Activity, Minden Lodge No. 16; Best Local Lodge Activity Schedule, Grand Island Lodge No. 211; and Best Local Lodge Newsletter, Ruskin Lodge No. 161.

The Monarch King and Queen for 1991 are Soren Thomsen of Ruskin Lodge No. 161 and Edith Thomsen of Minden Lodge No. 16.

The Nebraska Visitation and Activity Plaques go to Blair Lodge No. 206, first place; Ruskin Lodge No. 161, second place; Omaha Lodge No. 1, third place. Omaha Lodge No. 1 is a winner for three years in a row so they keep the plaque permanently.

Congratulations to the scholarship winners, Brenda Nielsen, Minden Lodge No. 16, and Heather Due, Cordova Lodge No. 177.

Everyone who attended the convention found it to be informative, as well as a lot of fun.

James Christiansen, Pres.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Thank you to Ruth Nielsen, her accompanist, Bruce Nissen, and Edna DeFreece and all her helpers, for the sing-along.

The Nebraska District Convention was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thanks Ruskin Lodge No. 161 for hosting a successful event! **Annette Andersen, Cor.**

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met for the Harvest Fest, Thursday, September 19, at the Community Center at 8:00 p.m. with 26 in attendance and one visitor. Garden produce was on display. For the program, Donna Davidson played the piano and sang several numbers and Violet Nielsen read a couple poems and readings. All enjoyed the program very much.

President Herbert Nielsen called the meeting to order, roll call was taken. Secretary's minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted as read. A thank

you was read from the Art Workshop which was held in Minden for the first time at the 4-H building. The lodge received \$25.00 for the District President award for the Best Single Civic Activity, this being for the program by Darrol Larsen portraying Hans Christian Andersen during his visit in Minden, it reached over 600 people.

Operation: H.O.P.E. was discussed.

A motion was made for us to host the state convention next year, 1992, seconded and carried.

The program committee was: Wesley and Violet Nielsen, Herb and Helen Binder-up and Elmer and Dorothy Davidson.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — We met September 14 at the Ruskin Community Hall with a fish fry. President Schultz conducted the business meeting. A report was given about the convention.

The Nominating Committee was elected. The results were Arnold and Betty Smith, Howard and Elaine Madsen and Charlotte Christensen. Also, the Yearbook Committee was elected. The results were Al and Shirley Jorgensen, Harley and Carla Jensen, LeVonne Petersen, and Willard and Glennis McCutcheon. The committee for the evening consisted of Walt and Margaret Williams and Soren and Grace Thomson.

Glennis McCutcheon, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Duane and Deloris Hansen, District Fraternal Coordinators, were present at our August meeting to bring us up-to-date on the happenings at the state convention and also to present our lodge with a first place award plaque for our activities and visitation program. Thanks to those who made this award possible.

Robert Johnson, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Iowa-Minnesota District

Danes from across Iowa, Minnesota, and Luck, Wisconsin, gathered in the quaint Danish town of Askov, Minnesota, for their recent District Convention held on September 6-8, 1991. This convention was jointly hosted by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 263 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 154.

The joint meetings were at the Askov American Legion Hall.

Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 3, Davenport, Iowa, had the very impressive memorial service for all departed brothers and sisters since the last convention.

Special guests in attendance were: National Second Vice President, Erling Braumann; National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen; National Director, Jerry Sonsalla; National Sales Director, Andy Andersen; former National Directors, Kenneth Pedersen and Byron Petersen; National Consultant, Leonard Thompson; and District Fraternal Coordinators, David and Judie Nealson and Herluf Pedersen.

Special awards in the district went to the following lodges: Best Single Social Activity, Atlantic Lodge No. 349; Best Single Civic Activity, Clear Lake Lodge No. 219; Best Annual Activity Schedule, Humboldt Lodge No. 217; Best Newsletter, Des Moines Lodge No. 15, and the traveling "Super Lodge Rug" award, Albert Lea Lodge No. 75.

A special "certificate of merit" award went to Byron Petersen, Askov Lodge No. 263, for all he had done for the Danish Brotherhood, his work as a former National Director and for printing the "American Dane." Byron was "speechless!"

Scholarship recipients for 1991-1992 were: Amy Rasmussen and Melissa George, both of Des Moines Lodge No. 15; and Susan Mikkelsen, Atlantic Lodge No. 349.

Officers elected for 1991-1992 are as follows: Past President, Melvin Boose; President, Howard Christensen; Vice President, Gordon Sloth; Secretary, Deloris Ross; Treasurer, Harlan Johnsen; 1st Trustee, Steven Sorensen; 2nd Trustee, Judie Nealson; 3rd Trustee, Harvey Andersen; and Conductor, Ed Melzark.

An invitation was extended from Dike Brotherhood Lodge No. 144 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 176, to come to the Red Fox Inn, Waverly, Iowa, for the weekend after Labor Day in September 1992. Thanks, Dike, for your invitation.

And, a long range invitation was extended from Luck Lodge No. 186, to host the 1993 District Convention in September 1993, weekend to be selected later. Thanks, Luck for the invitation.

On Saturday evening, about 115 delegates, guests and local members attended the banquet at the Partridge Cafe in Askov. The room was decorated in typical Danish fashion of red and white, with the food absolutely delicious. Raffle and door prizes were given away, and dancing following. An interesting "style show" skit, presented styles simply "out of this world."

All delegates and guests had a "fun weekend," some making new friends, others getting re-acquainted with friends they had not seen since the last convention.

Mange tak to Askov Brotherhood Lodge

No. 263 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 154, for jointly hosting a good and successful convention.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — Several local persons attended the Iowa-Minnesota Convention in Askov, MN September 6, 7, and 8. Curt Sorensen served as Chair of the "Good of the Order" Committee. Harvey Andersen was elected 3rd Trustee.

Almost 90 members and guests enjoyed a lunch on the evening of September 9, for our regular business meeting. "Tales From Hans Christian Andersen told by D.C. Lassen" was presented by special guest Darrol Larsen from Cordova, NE. Among special guests were five who recently came to the Des Moines area from Denmark. We hope to gain several new members from the 40 guests who attended, which included several small children.

Carol Christiansen and Ellen Bruns were initiated as lodge members. Applications were approved for Cleo Williamson, wife of lodge president Wilber Williamson, and two young brothers, Matthew and Christopher McCollom of Rochester, MN, grandsons of members Arnold and Fern Faaborg.

Lodge #15 was well represented at the National Convention in Portland, OR by delegate Svend Christensen, alternate Ed Harris and insurance representative Harvey Andersen also attended. Our lodge treasurer, Edith Paulsen, was the Des Moines Sisterhood Lodge #102 delegate. District President Linda Christensen, Elly Christensen, Hanne Harris and Hanne's sister Bente from Denmark, also enjoyed the convention and attractions of the Portland area. The Portland lodges really went all out to host a first class entertaining event featuring "Harvest Moon on the Columbia" dinner-dance on Friday evening, and "An Evening in Tivoli" dinner-dance Saturday night. Ask those who attended for details.

We are looking forward to having Des Moines Register reporter Dave Yepsen at our regular meeting November 11.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Our lodge, along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 60, enjoyed a potluck supper for the first meeting of the new season at the Senior Citizens Center. After supper, President Alton Neve called the meeting to order. Don Levisen, of the Mermaid Statue committee, reported on their progress and signatures and forms are being prepared for the Department of Natural Resources. The committee is now searching for a large rock to

be used as a foundation for the Mermaid.

President Neve appointed Cliff Petersen, Don Levisen, Harlan Nelson, and Richard Jensen on the committee for the November couple's anniversary banquet.

The question of the name change of the Danish Brotherhood in America was presented to the members and responded with a unanimous vote for the name to remain as it is now. President Neve, our delegate to the National Convention, was instructed to present our thoughts at that time.

Our lodge's bowling team was presented the third place bowling award and a check for participation in the National Handicap Bowling Tournament. Marcella Minear was the recipient of the Women's Individual High Series Award.

Operation: H.O.P.E. (Helping Others and Protecting Our Environment) was discussed. It is a program initiated for the coming year by the DBIA to participate in food drives, park beautification, recycling and environmental clean-up with each member reporting the number of hours contributed.

A ballot was cast indicating that we wish to be a sponsor of the proposed Mermaid Statue being proposed for placement in Fountain Lake near the Danish Immigrant Statue in Lincoln Park in Albert Lea.

Bingo, called by Harlan Nelson, provided entertaining fun for the evening, after which Danish apple cake and coffee were served by Helen and Norval Nelson, Margret and Fred Jacobsen and Beverly and Harlan Nelson. **Grace Tomson, Sec.**

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — Mr. and Mrs. Herluf Pedersen of Newell were our guests at our "eat out" supper in August. Herluf is the District Fraternal Coordinator for our lodge and spoke on the aspects of his office and his willingness to assist us when needed.

Marvin Christensen, our delegate to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held September 6-8, brought us an interesting report of the meeting. We were pleased to have been awarded \$25 for the Best Annual Activity Schedule for the district.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — Fifty-two members and two guests attended the September 9 meeting at the Rolling Hills Bank meeting room. Gladys McCrory introduced her guest, Aleen Weaver and Harvey and Priscilla Hansen introduced June Sampson, our guest and speaker. President Ken Hoegh opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Harvey Hansen announced our bowling teams placed 11th and 20th in the 1991

DBIA Tournament.

John and Lucille Neelson presented pins to Darrell and Bertha Schroder who have joined our lodge. We welcome them.

June Sampson showed slides of the progress of building the Danish Museum in Elk Horn. She gave a very informative presentation and answered many questions.

Members of the lodge brought about \$35.00 worth of canned food to the meeting for the Food Pantry — a project for Operation: H.O.P.E. **Doris J. Bell, Sec.**

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — We have one more meeting this year and that is on November 13. John Mollerskov will report on the National Convention. There will be no meeting in December, as that will be our combined Christmas party with the Sisterhood, on December 11, 1991.

Our steak fry was canceled due to the lack of participation, so let's all try to make it up on the Torsk Dinner. The Torsk Dinner will be November 9, 1991 at D.D.R.'s Pub, 1814 Taylor Ave. Tickets are available at D.D.R.'s Pub. Otherwise call 637-4521 to make reservations. Tickets are \$11.00 per person. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are a must by November 4, 1991. Call and leave a message. **Jeff Christiansen, Pres.**

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — We thank Todd, Jeff and Chris Bernhardt, John Hosmanek, Annette Sopata, Jeff Niemi and Todd Barnett who worked on the Bowlathon which was a fund raiser for the Danish Immigrant Museum. It was a small turnout but at least we got another activity started. Thanks to all who attended and to A & B Hardware for their generous support.

Lodge Policy — Drink prices at DBIA parties are cheaper than an outside party. If you are attending a wedding at the hall or other non-DBIA functions do not expect to pay the lower prices. Meeting prices are cheaper yet! If you sign up for a party and don't cancel in a reasonable time you must pay for your reservation. Please be considerate of your committees.

We want to thank Ron Zieth, Todd Bernhardt and Todd Barnett who worked hard on the Shawn Eddy Benefit held at the hall. With this event plus Lutheran Brotherhood, \$5,000 was raised for this young man.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — President Shirley Holzhauer telephoned Secretary Margaret Goodwin from the National Convention in

Portland, Oregon, on Saturday, October 5. She said the weather was great, the hospitality overwhelming and many bylaw changes were voted on; it was a very busy time. There will not be a name change. The National Board of Directors had been selected and election of officers was yet to take place. Shirley will have more to fill in at the next meeting.

The last meeting was such a fun evening as we held an "I remember when" for Jim and Genny Andreasen. A bulletin board had many pictures of the past. The "gifts" were great and what really topped things off was our special guests from Lodge Nos. 14, 35 and 92 and DBIA Consultant, Leonard Thompson. Jim and Genny will not be forgotten and maybe they'll be back for a visit.

Our Viking boat float and "Hagar and Helga" looked terrific in their new costumes. No word on the sale of the buttons. **Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our lodge has enjoyed many years of fine association with the International Institute of Wisconsin. Our meetings and many Torsk and pork dinners were held at this facility. The time has arrived for our lodge to meet at a different site. We will be meeting the 4th Monday of each month at Nativity Lutheran Church, 6905 West Bluemound, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The November 25 meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

The September 3 meeting was held at the home of Sally and Elmer Jorgensen. After discussion, the members voted that, beginning January 1992, membership dues will be \$20.00 per person. We thank Grace E. Gertz for the refreshments served.

Our September 23 meeting was held at Nativity Lutheran Church. Elsie Hein and Grace E. Gertz were refreshment servers; we thank them.

President Grace E. Gertz appointed three members to the Nominating Committee: Reverend Ernest O. Norquist, chairman; Albert L. Larsen and Elsie Hein. President Gertz also asked Reverend Norquist and Al Larsen to plan our 1992 programs.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — It took one hundred years to get here, but sure seemed to pass in a hurry when it came to celebrating our 100th anniversary. Golf in the morning was invigorating to start, but warmed up midway through the round. Then it was down to the Danish Hall for

brats and beer, an afternoon nap, and finally dinner and dancing which went on late into Saturday night.

We would like to thank all the committees and their workers for making this special occasion so enjoyable for those who came to celebrate. A special "thanks" to Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, and Paul Carlsen, National Director for their words of encouragement and for the gifts of money from other lodges.

Now that it is over we look forward to the next 100 years and can only wonder what the future has in store for "Dannebrog" Lodge #51 and the Danish Brotherhood in America.

A very special "Thank You" to Gary (Bucky) Rogers for volunteering to be the new American Dane correspondent.

Rob Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On September 11 we held our first dinner meeting after the summer break. The property committee gave their report on the guidelines to which the next appointed committee may purchase a new home or invest into vacant land.

At the September 25 social night we had a presentation by our young people who went to Skovsøen. Carl Hansen, Tom Andersen, Rebecca Jorgensen and Jennifer Ridley couldn't say enough about their adventure and can't wait for next year.

On September 29, 15 brothers had a good time at our annual bird shoot at Multi-Lakes Conservation Club. This year's bird king was George Peterson who also brought the beautiful bird, and "phew," it didn't take all day to bring down.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

GCEL District

The meeting started Saturday afternoon, August 31, 1991. The President of Lodge 294, Stanley Christensen, and Sharon Lunde, President of the GCEL District, welcomed us to Barre. Thereafter, we joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short silence in memory of our departed brothers and sisters.

Sharon called on our guests from the Home Office, Clyde Langsted, National President; Leonard Thompson, Consultant to the DBIA; Andy Andersen, National Sales Director; Barry Edmonds, National Director; and George Jacobsen, Past National President. Each said a few words of greetings.

Leonard Thompson then spoke of the

future of the Danish Brotherhood. He is a very knowledgeable man and he was instrumental in getting the Sons of Norway back on the right financial track. It is the same thing that he has been asked to do for us. He feels that if we want to be around in the next century, we must put our "financial house" in order. He has recommended 68 changes that the National Board has to consider. He feels that they are imperative. Some have already been implemented by the Board, the others will take place in the future. Some can't be done by the Board but only by having National Convention delegates vote for the changes.

Andy Andersen spoke next on the 5-year (60-month) plan, which was set up because we have experienced a big decline in membership. In the 1920s we had 321 lodges and 21,000 members and today we have less than 10,000 members and 127 lodges. He talked about the new fraternal benefits for our members and the other interesting things available to us. But the key words are still; we need more insured members. When you compare different insurance companies, he is sure you will find that DBIA is competitive, so why not use our own organization.

Roll call was next and it showed that Lodges 37, 41, and 102 were not represented.

Vice President, Eric Brown read a letter from Erling Braumann regarding the scholarship funds. Everything is still frozen in the Credit Union. The two recipients from last year have not been paid. Erling proposed that the GCEL pay them out of their own funds, and then we can be reimbursed when the funds become available, which he hoped would be in October/November. Erling also mentioned that there was one application for a scholarship this year, and that is John Patrick of Barre, Vermont. He is going to attend a vocational school full-time. Since our bylaws are not clear on who can receive scholarships, we had a discussion on the subject. Hartford Lodge No. 314 donated \$1,000 again this year and that will be a great help. We voted yes, to lay out the money from our general funds for the two scholarships from last year and also for the scholarship for this year. It was decided to clarify the guidelines for giving out the GCEL scholarships to let it be understood that youngsters who want to go to vocational and trade school can also apply.

The secretary read the minutes from the 1990 Convention and they were accepted.

The President then appointed the following committees: auditing, Janet and Poul Iversen; credentials, Joseph Leis and

Knud Koefoed; recognition, Poul Nielsen and Carl Sorensen; bylaw, Niels Hansen and Stanley Kofod; new motions, Winnie Edmonds and Berit Mann.

Correspondence was next and the Secretary read the minutes from the April board meeting. They were accepted.

The Treasurer's financial report was accepted as read.

The new motions committee reported that there was a proposal to move the GCEL Convention to a date in May/June to get away from the holiday travel and to pave the way for the National Convention to be held during the summer vacation time so that more families can attend. The voting showed that there was no support for the motion.

Next, the delegates gave their reports on lodge activities, and there has been quite a variety. Thor Lodge had a great 100th anniversary dinner-dance with many representatives from the different lodges and from the Home Office. The lodges also reported on loss and gains in memberships.

The Board reported next on their activities. The Secretary reported on the Harvest Festival to be held on September 8, 1991 at the Danish Old Peoples Home in Edison, NJ. It is going to be quite an affair, and she hopes that as many as possible will attend. Since the Home belongs to the lodges of the GCEL, we should do our best to support it.

Norman Hansen reported on the District Fraternal Coordinator's Program. The average age of the members of the lodges is very high, therefore, it is very important that the lodges try to get some younger people interested in joining the lodges or we will die out in the near future.

Clyde Langsted, the National President, spoke to us next. He told a little bit about himself and his years in the Danish Brotherhood so far. He said he was very happy to have Leonard Thompson on the team, and that he was sorry that he had to miss Thor Lodge's 100th anniversary party due to prior commitments. Clyde reported on the National Law Committee which met in the Spring at the Home Office, and that they had done a good job. On the name change proposal, he said that there had been a lot of interest from the lodges. More than 1,200 responses had been received on the subject, both for and against. He was happy to see so many people taking an interest. The President had a lot of praise for Secretary-Treasurer, Jerome Christensen, and said, that he is a very dedicated man.

Andy Andersen was invited to say a few words. He reminded us that there is an 800

number to the Home Office and that we should use it.

Barry Edmonds told about his four years on the National Board and what he has been doing. He said that the Home Office staff is a great asset. He feels that it has been great working with Leonard Thompson, and that he looks forward to doing so in the future. Barry hopes that he will be elected to the National Board for the next four years.

George Jacobsen, Past National President, spoke next. He thought that it was interesting to hear what everybody had to say. He suggested that the two scholarships from last year be paid right now, as the parents of the recipients were here. George also talked a little bit about the upcoming National Convention and what we have to do to be ready for it.

The auditing committee reported that all was in order, but that for the last 5-6 years the entries in the ledgers have been made in pencil, and that is not the right way to do it. It shall be changed.

The credentials committee reported that all was in order, but that some of the lodges did not use their seal, which they should do.

As stated earlier, Lodge No. 32 would like to move the GCEL Convention to the spring. They also felt that two days should be enough. A discussion followed and the result was that the proposal was voted down. This then brings us to the proposal to move the National Convention traditionally held after the other conventions.

Kenneth Nielsen from Lodge No. 46 will take care of publishing our yearbook.

A district delegate to the National Convention was found, it was Chris Simonsen, Past President. Lodge No. 172 has proposed two changes to the National Bylaws, one concerns scholarships and the other is about transferring members to other lodges. The GCEL delegate is to support these changes. Regarding the name change, he should vote no.

Stocking the hospitality room was discussed next and it was decided that up to \$500 could be spent on liquor and other amenities. As to support for Barry Edmonds and Erling Braumann in running for the National Board, it was decided to support both in their efforts.

There were no bylaw changes.

The Resolutions Committee thanked the host lodge for their hospitality and the representatives from the Home Office and the National Board for coming and giving us their expert advice and comments.

Election of new officers followed. The new Board is as follows: Past President, Sharon Lunde; President, Eric Brown; Vice

President, Robert E. Nelson; Secretary, Helen Kofod; Treasurer, Rick Trust; Trustee, Winnie Edmonds; Alternate Secretary, Stanley Kofod; Alternate Treasurer, Geert Pedersen.

Lodge No. 46 extended their invitation to come to Perth Amboy, New Jersey, for the 1992 GCEL District Convention.

Installation of officers took place in the evening during the banquet and Clyde Langsted and Barry Edmonds did the honors.

The next morning during breakfast Sharon Lunde presented the following awards: Best Single Social Activity, Lodge No. 342; Best Civic Activity, Lodge No. 342; Best Annual Activity Schedule, Lodge No. 342; and Best Newsletter, Lodge No. 325.

Helen Kofod, Sec.

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — We hope everyone had a safe and happy summer.

On September 13 we had a regular business meeting. Discussed were the happenings this summer as well as the Labor Day convention news.

The two delegates to the District Convention, Berit Mann and Winnie Edmonds, gave their report on the Labor Day convention in Barre, VT. They made a motion to move the convention to a weekend in May and away from all holidays. It needed a two-thirds majority to pass but was defeated. We will try again next year.

It was decided that this year the Yearbook would be done by Ken Nelsen, in Perth Amboy.

At the convention, Leonard Thompson, a consultant hired by the National Board to help us increase our membership, spoke on the future of the Brotherhood.

Alicia Mann received her \$1,000 college scholarship from last year. The GCEL also awarded a scholarship this year to a student for a vocational school. The money for all the scholarships is being held in the Rhode Island Credit Union. We hope to have access to the money soon.

Our lodge was awarded \$25.00 for having the Best Civic Activity this year. We received it for the food we gave the Food Bank and for the gifts we gave the Battered Women's Shelter.

The new slate of officers for the GCEL are as follows: Past President, Sharon Lunde; President, Erik Brown; Vice President, Robert Nelson; Secretary, Helen Kofod; Treasurer, Rick Trust; Trustee, Winnie Edmonds, New Haven.

The convention next year will be held in Perth Amboy. From what we hear they are really planning great things for us.

President Barbara Larsen drew up a calendar of events for the coming year.

November 8 will be a turkey dinner. Barbara is chairperson for this evening. December 13 will be our annual Christmas party. Please bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres to serve with coffee and cake. It is very important that if you are bringing a child or grandchild under the age of 12 that you give the names and ages of the children to Berit Mann at 932-1019 or Winnie Edmonds at 267-6226 as soon as possible. Santa's elves need a little time to get ready for this big day. Gerda Sorensen would also like to have a grab-bag box that evening. Any small new gifts you would like to donate, please get in contact with Gerda at the November meeting or call 933-2316.

January 10 we are planning to have installation of lodge officers.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — There was a Past President's meeting at John Jensen's home on April 13, 1991. Everyone who attended had a great time. Thanks to Virginia and John.

There are a few copies of the GCEL 1991 yearbook available. If you want one, come to the next meeting or contact Donald Heckmann.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — Our September meeting was held at the Danish Athletic Club with thirty-seven members in attendance. We initiated three new members, Aage and Margaret Christiansen, and Florina Lund. Velkommen!

President Ray Leth happily conferred a 25-year pin on Past President Robert Rasmussen. Congratulations, Bob!

The picnic at the Home in Edison, NJ, early in September was a huge success with over 1,000 people in attendance. Again, plaudits must go to Helen Kofod of Lodge 325 for her organizational skills.

Maggie Cull, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — Our lodge will participate in Operation: H.O.P.E., sponsored by the National Headquarters, bringing help to our needy people in the area. Canned goods will be collected at our November meeting and we ask everybody to bring these items to the meeting. John Keegan will be in charge of collecting and the final distribution of food.

December 20 is the date for our annual joint Christmas party hosted by Bucks County Lodge No. 342. It will be held at the Sons of Norway Hall. The evening will be catered with dance music following. The cost is \$28 for prime rib, open bar and all the trimmings.

Geert Pedersen requests that you make

your reservations by November 15 to ensure a seat. After that date, it will be open to non-members.

Knud Koefoed and Joe Leis represented our lodge at the recent GCEL District Convention held over Labor Day weekend. Knud Koefoed reported that they returned with the feeling of accomplishment and that they received useful information that will benefit the future of the DBIA.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — This year our lodge decided not to hold meetings for the months of July and August.

Attendance was great when President Niels B. Hansen welcomed everyone back after the summer at the meeting held September 13.

John Hjulmand, who is a representative for the Danish Home in Metuchen, New Jersey, reported that the Harvest Festival held for the first time at The Home on September 8 was an overwhelming success. Many more people showed up than had been expected and a nice sum of money was raised for The Home. He praised Vice President Helen Kofod, who was the chairperson, and other members of our lodge, for a very successful event. Helen extended her thanks to everyone who had participated.

We finished the evening with some very lively and enjoyable folk dancing led by Carol and John Rasmussen.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — Maren Novotnie and Mary Linton again ask you to bring non-perishables and other useful items for donations to the needy at Christmas. Please help these gallant ladies make our contribution a meaningful one. Donations of personal care items, writing paper, cards, puzzles, stamps, etc. would be very helpful. There are currently seven residents of the home who will appreciate the small things that we can do for them.

We are sorry to be losing Bob and Bert Lindemann. They have decided to spend their retirement years in Elizabethville, Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg.

The first annual Harvest Festival at the Home for the Aged in Edison, New Jersey, on Sunday, September 8, turned out to be a huge success with an attendance far exceeding expectations. Hayrides, craft booths, food booths and the swinging German band made for a fine afternoon.

Participating in the fund raising event were a number of Philadelphia area people representing both the Danish Brotherhood lodges. Cafe Denmark, staffed by Ulla Pedersen, Tove Bobman and Loretta Trust,

quickly sold out of the more than 500 frikadeller and potato salad they had prepared and were deluged with long lines with every batch of aebleskiver that was made.

Our thanks and appreciation to these lovely ladies for their time and hard work. A job well done!

Lodge No. 172's fruit and vegetable stand, managed by Mary Gottliebsen and Ruth Christensen, sold bushels of a fine crop ranging from peppers to pickles.

Managing the ticket sales were Geert Pedersen and Rick Trust, both of our lodge.

The lines for the hot dogs and hamburgers were endless and kept Home President, Eric Brown, and his staff busy all afternoon.

Our lodge had twelve members attend the recent GCEL District Convention held over Labor Day weekend. Geert Pedersen and Rick Trust were our delegates. We came home with three District President's Awards: Best Single Social Activity, Best Single Civic Activity, and Best Annual Activity Schedule. Rick Trust was installed as the new district treasurer.

We will host the annual joint Christmas party this year at the Sons of Norway on the third Friday of December. The evening will be catered and there will be dance music. The cost per person will be \$28 for prime rib, open bar and all the trimmings.

In order to assure members of both lodges a seat at the party, Geert Pedersen requests that you make your reservation by November 15. After that date, it will be open to non-members. So please plan your participation now.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Contributed by Helen Kofod,
Lodge No. 325

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just content that
Your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd,
Or would you rather stay at home
And complain both long and loud?

Do you give a little time
And help to make things tick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled;
That means success if done
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.

So come to all the meetings
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just another member,
But take an active part.

Think it over, member,
Are you right or wrong,
Are you an active member
or do you just belong?

—Author Unknown

NOVEMBER ASSESSMENT 1109

is Due and Payable to the Lodge Treasurer

November 1, 1991

and Must Be Paid Before

December 1, 1991

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

Dana College Offers a Taste of Denmark at Annual Sights and Sounds of Christmas

On Sunday, December 8, Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, will present its annual Sights and Sounds of Christmas event: a day-long celebration of Christmas customs and traditions as celebrated around the world with a special emphasis on those of Denmark and other Scandinavian countries.

Established by Danish pioneers in the late 1800s, tradition runs deep at the small liberal arts college. And every year, thousands of guests travel from throughout the Midwest to enjoy entertainment, a Danish smorgasbord, music of the season and much more. All events, with the exception of the smorgasbord, are offered at no charge. The cost for the smorgasbord is \$10.50 for adults and \$7.75 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required.

The campus is decorated with festive live evergreen boughs and garland and red ribbon.

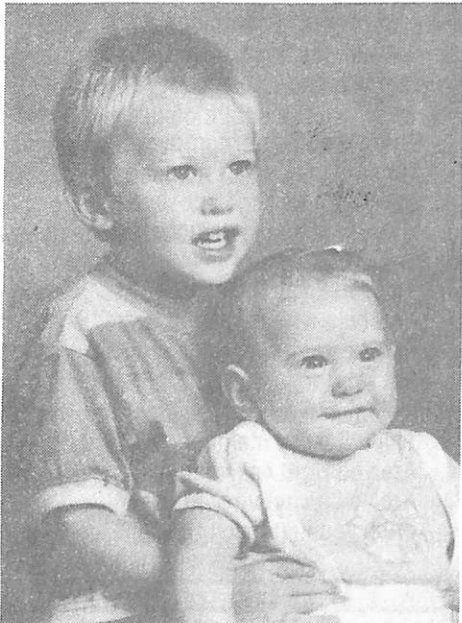
In keeping with its Danish heritage, a special effort is made during the Sights and Sounds of Christmas to feature the Christmas customs of Denmark. Craft demonstrations and the Jule Markedsplads, or Christmas Marketplace, will be available to visitors.

Additional information and reservations are available by calling or writing the Dana College Public Relations Office, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008, telephone (402) 426-7216.

Introducing . . .

Bradley and Katie Morrison, two of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 139 in Viborg, South Dakota. Bradley has this to say:

"Hi, my name is Bradley Morrison and this is my sister Katie. I am 2½ years old and Katie is 6 months old. We joined the Danish Brotherhood in America because our Dad is a member and has been for a long time."

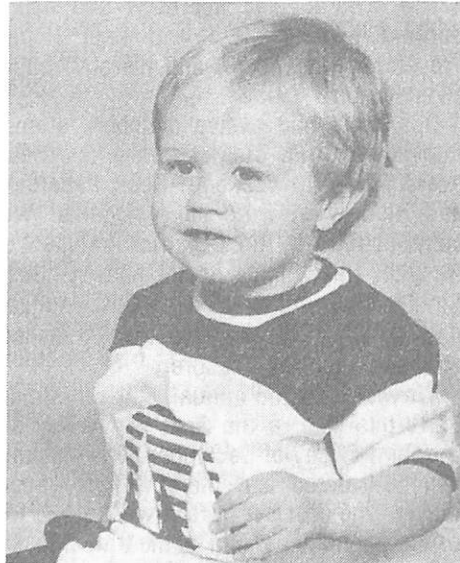


and

Julian A. Jastrowski, another new Young Viking, who joined Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, Nebraska, and has this to say:

"Hi, my name is Julian Jastrowski. I just had my 2nd birthday in September. I'm one of the new members, so you'll probably see more of me in the future.

My mom is Danish and my dad is of Polish descent. My mom works for United Airlines and my dad is a police-



man. My grandparents were born in Denmark (Mors) and my great-grandparents still live there (Mors). My great-grandpa plays both the violin and the accordion and sometimes great-grandma sings along so they send us a tape to listen to. I know how to operate a tape recorder. I dance around with my Bedstemor. One week I'm by my Bedstemor and Bedstefar and the other week by my grandma and grandpa.

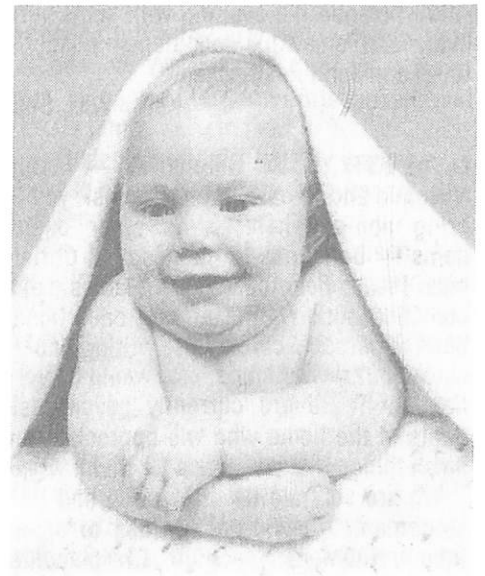
I just had a hair cut a few days ago. I look even better now than in this picture."

and

Joshua Schnitzer, another new Young Viking, who joined Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, Nebraska, and has this to say:

"Hi, my name is Joshua Schnitzer. I am 6 months old and I live in Long Beach, California, with my family. I have a 5 year old brother named Jason and a sister, Rachael, who is 3 years old. They keep me pretty busy. I like to play with my toys; especially the ones I can chew, because I'm busy getting some teeth.

My grandpa and grandma who live in Kenosha, Wisconsin, sponsored my membership in the Danish Brotherhood."



These Young Vikings are members of Lodge No. 268 in Eugene, Oregon; Linsie Olsen, 6; Jodi Reel, 8; Brian Reel, 9; and Amanda Olsen, 10. They were chosen to draw the winning tickets for the Junction City and Eugene DBIA Lodges' Scandinavian Festival prizes.

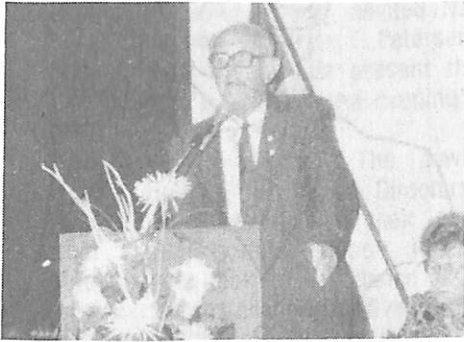
Welcome Bradley, Katie, Julian, Linsie, Jodi, Brian and Amanda!

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

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Delegates, guests and members enjoyed several socials throughout the National Convention. There were ample opportunities to get re-acquainted with old friends and to meet new ones. **Harvest Moon on the Columbia**, was a casual evening, the convention committee furnished a party hat for each person that evening. **An Evening in Tivoli** was a more formal occasion. Everyone enjoyed themselves both evenings.



Portland National Convention Video

Dear Danish Family,

It was our great pleasure to be our lodges' delegate to our 33rd Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood National Convention.

We took 3 video tapes of our outstanding events and edited them into one 4-hour LP VHS format tape:

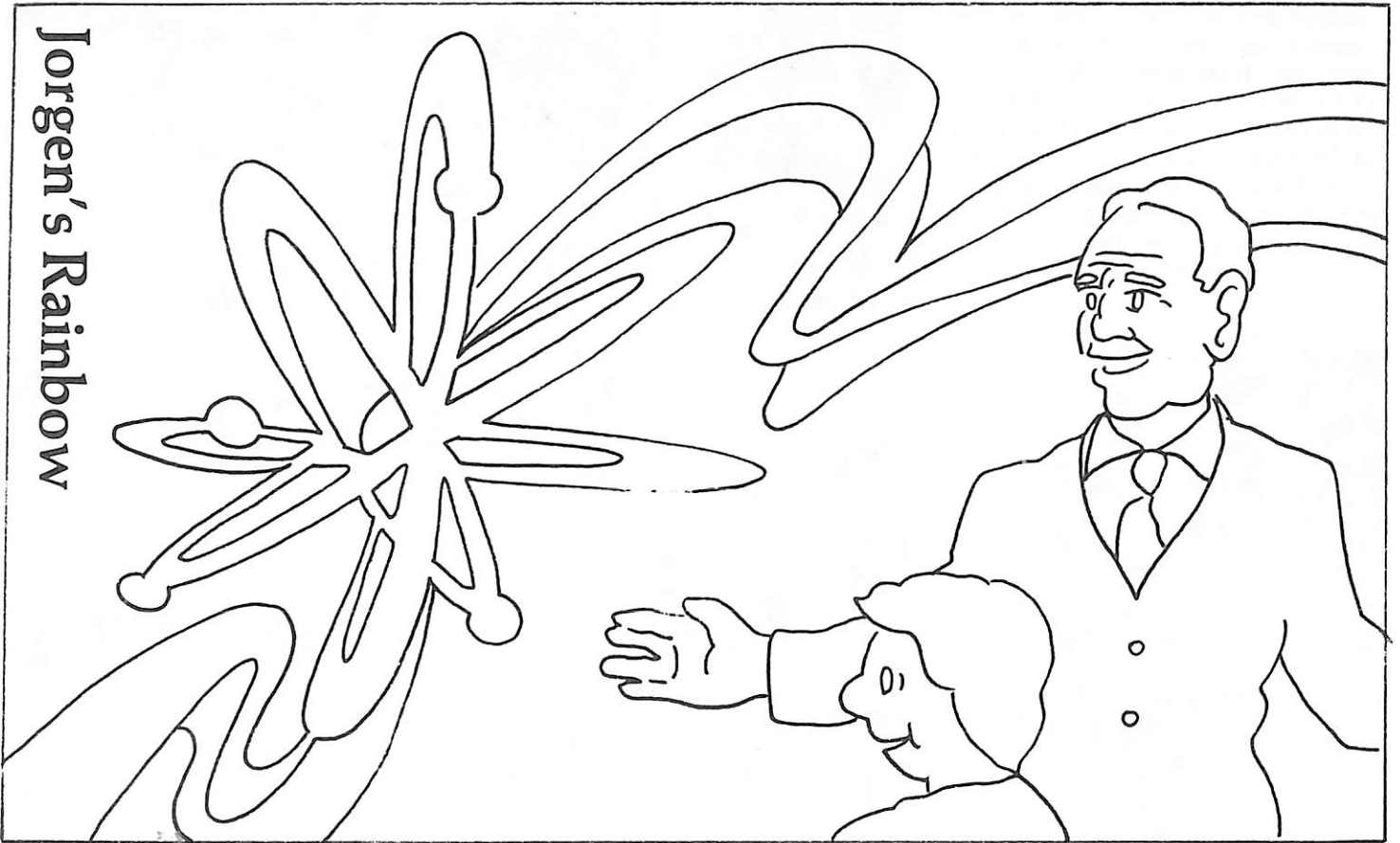
- Oct. 2 — Welcome by Lisa Mortensen and Helene Hirsch, Scandinavia Dancers
- Oct. 3 — Welcome by Oregon and lodge officials, memorial service and vocal by Jerome Christensen
P.M. — Past President's reception and Portland Rain Makers
- Oct. 4 — Evening — Oregon History Lesson
- Oct. 5 — Evening in Tivoli, Danish Soldiers, Installation of new officers, Challenge and Invitation for 1995 National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The video equipment used was amateur and the photographer more so! Any resemblance of professionalism is purely coincidental. If you would like your heart thrilled by fond memories of our convention, please mail a check for \$20.00 along with **printed** return address to: 1321 N. Mt. Vernon, Colton, CA 92324 or fax to (714) 825-0102 and we'll send UPS/COD.

Trust we'll see you all again at our 1995 Milwaukee, Wisconsin Convention.

Pete and Darlene Petersen
Chaplain, Kodan Lodge 346
Riverside, CA "The Fun Chapter"

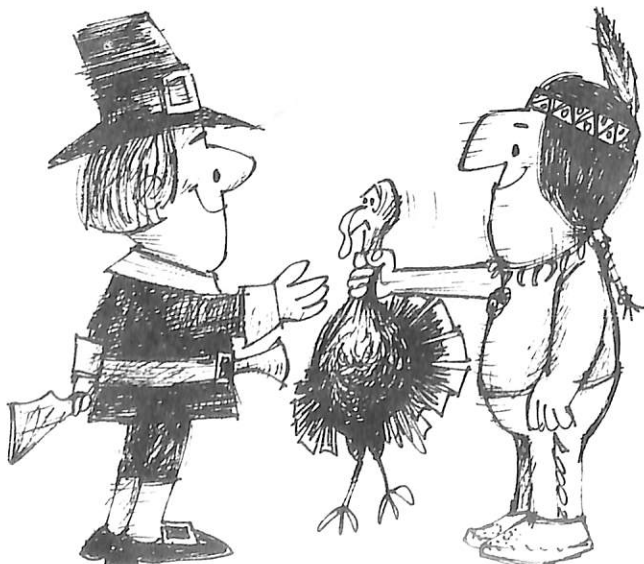
Jorgen's Rainbow



Back in the 1920's physicist Niels Bohr demonstrates with Bifrost's help, the structure of the atom. Jorgen knows that an atom is the smallest unit of an element. Bohr was not only well known in his native Denmark but became world famous when in 1922 he won the Nobel Prize in physics. Next month be here for a wonderful "helligdag" or holiday!

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.

October winners are: Shea LaRoe, Chelsea Hubbard, Niel Danko.



Grandma's Kitchen

Red Cabbage (Rødkål)



Gunild Ostergaard

- 1 med. sized red cabbage (approx. 2-3 lb.)
- 2 med. sized cooking apples
- 1 oz. butter
- 6-8 tbsp. wine vinegar
- 6-8 tbsp. water
- salt
- pepper
- 4 tbsp. red currant jelly (optional)
- sugar to taste (approx. 1-2 tbsp.)

Remove and discard the outer coarse leaves of the cabbage, cut it in half, remove the stalk and shred the cabbage very finely. Peel, core and grate the apples. Melt the butter in a large saucepan over low heat, add the cabbage and apples and toss for 5 minutes, taking care not to scorch. Add the vinegar, water, salt and pepper to taste, cover with a lid and cook over low heat until cabbage is tender. Add jelly and sugar to taste. The cabbage should be sweet-sour. Bring to boil again and serve. (Red cabbage actually improves, if kept for a day before serving; just reheat it slowly, stirring from time to time; it also freezes well.)

Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning Keeping Together — Progress
Working Together — Success

The installation of the newly elected Board took place during **An Evening in Tivoli**. **Below**, Past President, Clyde R. Langsted; **middle**, Newly elected National President, Woodrow T. Petersen; **bottom**, Two young men present the Danish flags as part of the evening's program.

Right top to bottom: The newly elected National Board of Directors; National Directors receive their pins from Past President, Robert Ibsen; Many people took to the dance floor following the installation; **An Evening in Tivoli** entertainment was exceptional.



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